



Dates and Times in Java

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Summary

- Libraries and History
- The "old" Date/Calendar classes
- The new (≥Java8) java.time package
 - Basic concepts
 - Main classes
 - Date operations
- Dealing with SQL dates



Libraries and History

Dates and Times in Java

A common problem

- Most software programs need to deal with dates and/or times
- ▶ The human calendar system is extremely complex
 - Uneven months, Leap years, Leap seconds
 - Time zones, Daylight savings time
 - Localized representations
 - Time instants vs. time intervals vs. recurring instants
 - Different calendar systems
- Available libraries, in all languages, are often oversimplified or over-engineered

Falsehoods programmers believe about time

All of these assumptions are wrong

- 1. There are always 24 hours in a day.
- 2. Months have either 30 or 31 days.
- 3. Years have 365 days.
- 4. February is always 28 days long.
- Any 24-hour period will always begin and end in the same day (or week, or month).
- 6. A week always begins and ends in the same month.
- 7. A week (or a month) always begins and ends in the same year.
- The machine that a program runs on will always be in the GMT time zone.
- Ok, that's not true. But at least the time zone in which a program has to run will never change.
- Well, surely there will never be a change to the time zone in which a program hast to run in production.
- 11. The system clock will always be set to the correct local time.
- 12. The system clock will always be set to a time that is not wildly different from the correct local time.
- If the system clock is incorrect, it will at least always be off by a consistent number of seconds.
- 14. The server clock and the client clock will always be set to the same time.
- 15. The server clock and the client clock will always be set to around the same time.
- Ok, but the time on the server clock and time on the client clock would never be different by a matter of decades.
- 17. If the server clock and the client clock are not in synch, they will at least always be out of synch by a consistent number of seconds.
- 18. The server clock and the client clock will use the same time zone.
- 19. The system clock will never be set to a time that is in the distant past or the far future.
- 20. Time has no beginning and no end.
- One minute on the system clock has exactly the same duration as one minute on <u>any other clock</u>
- 22. Ok, but the duration of one minute on the system clock will be pretty close to the duration of one minute on most other clocks.
- Fine, but the duration of one minute on the system clock would never be more than an hour.

- 24. You can't be serious.
- The smallest unit of time is one second.
- 26. Ok. one millisecond.
- 27. It will never be necessary to set the system time to any value other than the correct local time.
- 28. Ok, testing might require setting the system time to a value other than the correct local time but it will never be necessary to do so in production.
- Time stamps will always be specified in a commonly-understood format like 1339972628 or 133997262837.
- Time stamps will always be specified in the same format.
- 31. Time stamps will always have the same level of precision.
- A time stamp of sufficient precision can safely be considered unique.
- 33. A timestamp represents the time that an event actually occurred.
- Human-readable dates can be specified in universally understood formats such as 05/07/11.

UPDATED: There's more! Read the rest of the falsehoods...

http://infiniteundo.com/post/25326999628/false hoods-programmers-believe-about-time

Two ways at representing time

Machine time

- A given number of seconds (ms, ns) measured starting from a known reference point
 - ▶ Fixed reference (Epoch): absolute time
 - Variable reference: time intervals

Human time

- The passing of time, as we humans measure it
- Dates: day, month, year, week, weekday, century, ...
- ▶ Times: hours, minutes, seconds, ms, ...
- Takes into account local culture
 - Gregorian Calendar, localization, time zones, DST

What we want to represent

- Exact time instants: Now. The moment of moon landing.
- ▶ **Days** (without times): The date I was born. The discovery of Americas.
- ▶ **Times** (without dates): Office hours are 9-17.
- Recurring dates: Wedding anniversary. Christmas day.
 (date without year)
- ▶ Date intervals: One week. Seven Days. 30 working days.
- ▶ **Relative dates**: next Thursday. By the end of next month.
- ...

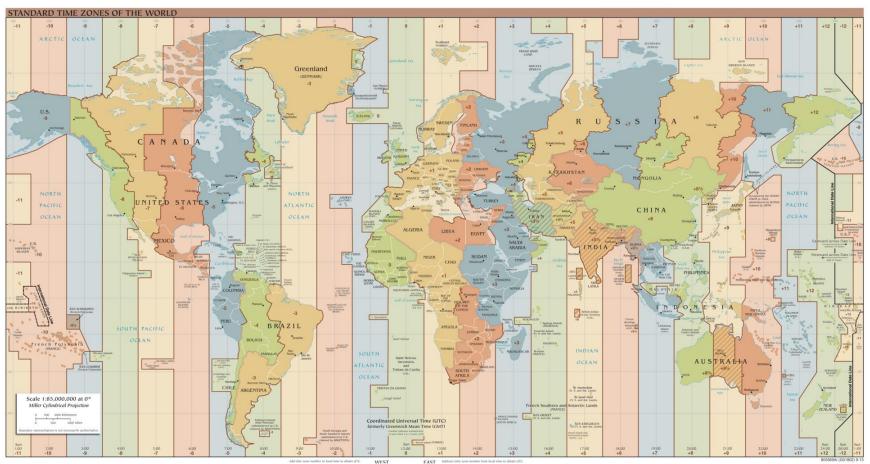
Basic operations

- Parsing: convert a string into a date/time object
- Formatting: covert a date/time object into a string
- **Building**: create a date/time object starting from its components
- Analyzing: extracting date/time components from an object
- Arithmetic: sum or subtract a quantity from a date/time; compute the difference between two dates/times; equality or majority comparing

Official definitions

- UTC: Coordinated Universal Time
 - "artificial" time reference
 - Derived from GMT (Greenwitch Mean Time)
 - Within I second of "solar" time at longitude 0
- Time zones, expressed as positive or negative offsets from UTC (usually, whole hour or half hours)
 - Example: Italy is in UTC+01:00
 - Many time zones also have a mnemonic name
 - Example: CET (Central European Time)
- DST: Daylight Saving Time

Time Zones



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ISO 8601

Date: 2017-05-28

Combined date

and time in UTC: 2017-05-28T16:37:18+00:00

▶ 2017-05-28T16:37:18Z

20170528T163718Z

• Week: 2017-W21

Date with week number: 2017-W21-7

Date without year: --05-28

Ordinal date: 2017-148

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_8601

In Java (<=7)

java.util.Date (and related)

- Since the first version of Java (JDK 1.0)
- Oversimplified, incomplete
- Most of it was deprecated in JDK 1.1
- But still alive today

java.util.Calendar (and related)

- Code donated by IBM to Sun
- Supports nearly all time and date details
- Overengineered, complex
- Unexpected behaviors
- Cannot completely replace Date (need to convert back&forth)

In Java (>=8)

- New java.time package
 - Inspired by the «JodaTime» library
- Cleaner structure, easier usage
- Optimized on common use cases
 - While supporting the more complex ones
- Explicit distinction between machine time and human time





The "old" Date/Calendar classes

Dates and Times in Java

java.util.Date

- ▶ The Date object is really just a wrapper around a long integer
 - ▶ The number of milliseconds since January 1, 1970 (at 00:00 UTC).
 - It represents a date and a time (the name is wrong!)
 - Works in UTC time, but not perfectly (leap seconds)
 - Most methods are deprecated, now, in favor of Calendar or DataFormatter objects

Date constructors

- Date() Allocates a Date object and initializes it so that it represents the time at which it was allocated, measured to the nearest millisecond.
- Date (long date) Allocates a Date object and initializes it to represent the specified number of milliseconds since the standard base time known as "the epoch", namely January 1, 1970, 00:00:00 GMT.

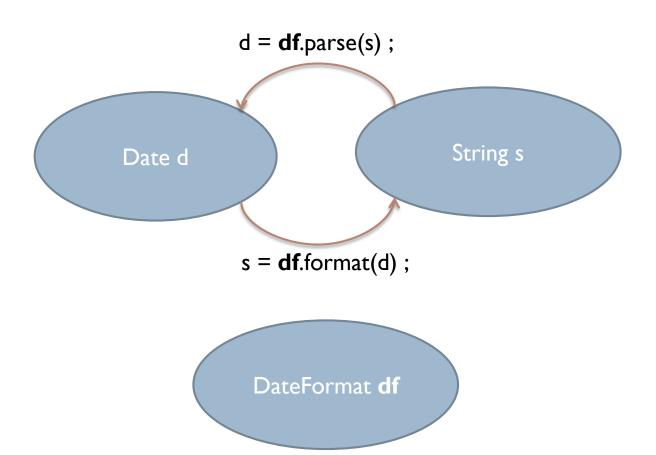
Date methods (non-Deprecated)

boolean	after(Date when) Tests if this date is after the specified date.
boolean	before(Date when) Tests if this date is before the specified date.
long	getTime() Returns the number of milliseconds since January 1, 1970, 00:00:00 GMT represented by this Date object.
void	<u>setTime</u> (long time) Sets this Date object to represent a point in time that is time milliseconds after January 1, 1970 00:00:00 GMT.
String	toString() Converts this Date object to a String of the form: dow mon dd hh:mm:ss zzz yyyy (example:Thu May 21 10:07:28 CEST 2015)
boolean	equals(Object obj) Compares two dates for equality.
int	hashCode() Returns a hash code value for this object.
<u>Object</u>	clone() Return a copy of this object.
int	compareTo(Date anotherDate) Compares two Dates for ordering.

java.text.DateFormat

- Abstract class for date/time formatting subclasses which formats and parses dates or time in a languageindependent manner
 - Subclasses: SimpleDateFormat
 - ▶ allows for formatting (i.e., date \rightarrow text), parsing (text \rightarrow date), and normalization
 - The formatting styles include <u>FULL</u>, <u>LONG</u>, <u>MEDIUM</u>, and <u>SHORT</u>
- A formatter is generated by a .getXxxInstance static factory method
 - DateFormat.getDateInstance()
 - DateFormat.getTimeInstance()
 - DateFormat.getDateTimeInstance()

Operations in DateFormat



Examples

Date today = new Date(); System.out.println(today.toString());	Thu May 21 10:14:33 CEST 2015
DateFormat format = DateFormat.getDateInstance(); System.out.println(format.format(today));	21-mag-2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL).format(today));	giovedì 21 maggio 2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.LONG).format(today));	21 maggio 2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.MEDIUM).format(today));	21-mag-2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.SHORT).format(today));	21/05/15

Format localization

System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL, Locale.FRANCE) .format(today));	jeudi 21 mai 2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL, Locale.GERMANY).format(today));	Donnerstag, 21. Mai 2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL, Locale.US).format(today));	Thursday, May 21, 2015
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL, Locale.CHINA).format(today));	2015年5月21日 星期四
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL, Locale.JAPAN).format(today));	2015年5月21日
System.out.println(DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL, new Locale("AR")) .format(today));	211 مايو, 2015

Custom formats

- Use SimpleDateFormat
 - new SimpleDateFormat(String pattern)
- Defines a «pattern» for representing dates/times
- May format or parse according to the pattern

```
SimpleDateFormat sdf = new SimpleDateFormat("yyyy-MM-dd"); 2015-05-21

System.out.println(sdf.format(today));

SimpleDateFormat sdf2 = new SimpleDateFormat("hh:mm:ss"); 10:38:52

System.out.println(sdf2.format(today));
```

Formatting Patterns

Lette	r Date or Time Component	Presentation	Examples
G	Era designator	Text	AD
У	Year	Year	1996; 96
Υ	Week year	Year	2009; 09
M	Month in year (context sensitive)	Month	July; Jul; 07
L	Month in year (standalone form)	Month	July; Jul; 07
W	Week in year	Number	27
W	Week in month	Number	2
D	Day in year	Number	189
d	Day in month	Number	10
F	Day of week in month	Number	2
Е	Day name in week	Text	Tuesday; Tue
u	Day number of week (1 = Monday,, 7 = Sunday)	Number	1
a	Am/pm marker	Text	PM
Н	Hour in day (0-23)	Number	0
k	Hour in day (1-24)	Number	24
K	Hour in am/pm (0-11)	Number	0
h	Hour in am/pm (1-12)	Number	12
m	Minute in hour	Number	30
S	Second in minute	Number	55
S	Millisecond	Number	978
Z	Time zone	General time zone	Pacific Standard Time; PST; GMT-08:00
Z	Time zone	RFC 822 time zone	-0800
Χ	Time zone	ISO 8601 time zone	-08; -0800; -08:00

Examples

Date and Time Pattern	Result		
"yyyy.MM.dd G 'at' HH:mm:ss z"	2001.07.04 AD at 12:08:56 PDT		
"EEE, MMM d, ''yy"	Wed, Jul 4, '01		
"h:mm a"	12:08 PM		
"hh 'o''clock' a, zzzz"	12 o'clock PM, Pacific Daylight Time		
"K:mm a, z"	0:08 PM, PDT		
"yyyyy.MMMMM.dd GGG hh:mm aaa" 02001.July.04 AD 12:08 PM			
"EEE, d MMM yyyy HH:mm:ss Z"	Wed, 4 Jul 2001 12:08:56 -0700		
"yyMMddHHmmssZ"	010704120856-0700		
"yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSSZ"	2001-07-04T12:08:56.235-0700		
"yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSSXXX"	2001-07-04T12:08:56.235-07:00		
"YYYY-'W'ww-u"	2001-W27-3		

Parsing

public <u>Date</u> parse(<u>String</u> text) Parses text from a string to produce a Date.

```
try {
    String nataleString = "25/12/2015";

SimpleDateFormat sdf_it = new SimpleDateFormat("dd/MM/yyyy");
    Date nataleDate = sdf_it.parse(nataleString);

System.out.println(nataleDate.toString());
} catch (ParseException e) {
    // TODO Auto-generated catch block
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

Date operations?

- The class Date is **not** able to do **any** computation on dates
- Only methods are:
 - date1.before(date2)
 - b date1.after(date2)
 - date1.compareTo(date2)
- For all the rest, you must use Calendar.

java.util.Calendar

- Abstract class that provides methods for
 - converting between a specific instant in time and a set of <u>calendar fields</u> (YEAR, MONTH, DAY_OF_MONTH, HOUR, ...)
 - manipulating the calendar fields, such as getting the date of the next week.
- An instant in time can be represented by a millisecond value that is an offset from the *Epoch*, January 1, 1970 00:00:00.000 GMT (Gregorian).
- May obtain a localized instance:
 - Calendar rightNow = Calendar.getInstance();

Setting a date / time

- calendar.setTime(Date date)
 - Will store in the calendar the same value of the Date object
- calendar.set(int field, int value)
 - Sets or modifies one specific field
 - Fields may be calendar-specific, we use GregorianCalendar

Gregorian Calendar fields

Field	Default Value
ERA	AD
YEAR	1970
MONTH	JANUARY
DAY_OF_MONTH	1
DAY_OF_WEEK	the first day of week
WEEK_OF_MONTH	0
DAY_OF_WEEK_IN_MONTH	1
AM_PM	AM
HOUR, HOUR_OF_DAY, MINUTE, SECOND, MILLISECOND	0

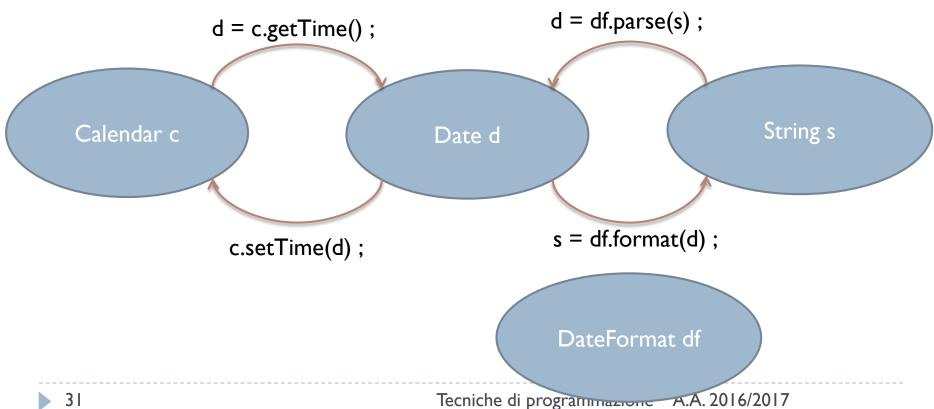
Setting a date / time

Set full dates in one call

- set(int year, int month, int date) Sets the values for the calendar fields YEAR, MONTH, and DAY_OF_MONTH.
- set(int year, int month, int date, int hourOfDay, int minute) Sets the values for the calendar fields YEAR, MONTH, DAY_OF_MONTH, HOUR_OF_DAY, and MINUTE.
- set(int year, int month, int date, int hourOfDay, int minute, int second) Sets the values for the fields YEAR, MONTH, DAY_OF_MONTH, HOUR_OF_DAY, MINUTE, and SECOND.

Formatting/Parsing calendars

- ▶ No methods available in Calendar
- Must use DateFormat objects
- This implies converting to/from Date objects



Date arithmetics with Calendar

void

add(int field, int amount) Adds or subtracts the specified amount of time to the given calendar field, based on the calendar's rules.

boolean

after(Object when) Returns whether this Calendar represents a time after the time represented by the specified Object.

boolean

<u>before</u>(<u>Object</u> when) Returns whether this Calendar represents a time before the time represented by the specified Object.



The new java.time package

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Good introductions

http://www.slideshare.net/sual eh/java-8-date-and-time-api

> Java 8 Date and Time API

> > Sualeh Fatehi





Main principles (1/4)

▶ Clear

- The methods in the API are well defined and their behavior is clear and expected.
- For example, invoking a Date-Time method with a null parameter value typically triggers a NullPointerException.

Main principles (2/4)

Immutable

- Most of the classes in the Date-Time API create objects that are **immutable**.
- To alter the value of an immutable object, a **new** object must be constructed as a modified copy of the original.
- Methods to create date/time objects are prefixed with of, from, or with, rather than constructors, and there are no set methods. For example:
 - LocalDate dateOfBirth = LocalDate.of(2012, Month.MAY, 14);
 - LocalDate firstBirthday = dateOfBirth.plusYears(I);

Main principles (3/4)

Fluent

- "Fluent" interface, code easy to read.
- Most methods do not allow null parameters and do not return null → method calls can be safely chained
- For example:
 - LocalDate today = LocalDate.now();
 - LocalDate payday =
 today.with(TemporalAdjusters.lastDayOfMonth()).minusDays(2);

Main principles (4/4)

Extensible

The Date-Time API is extensible wherever possible (you can define your own time adjusters and queries, or build your own calendar system).

A variety of Temporal Classes

Class or Enum	Year	Month	Day	Hours	Minutes	Seconds*	Zone Offset	Zone ID	toString Output
Instant						✓			2013-08-20T15:16:26.355Z
LocalDate	✓	✓	✓						2013-08-20
LocalDateTime	~	✓	✓	~	✓	✓			2013-08-20T08:16:26.937
ZonedDateTime	~	~	✓	~	~	✓	✓	~	2013-08-21T00:16:26.941+09:00[Asia/Tokyo]
LocalTime				~	~	~			08:16:26.943
MonthDay		✓	✓						08-20
Year	✓								2013
YearMonth	✓	✓							2013-08
Month		•							AUGUST
OffsetDateTime	~	~	~	~	✓	✓	✓		2013-08-20T08:16:26.954-07:00
OffsetTime				✓	✓	✓	✓		08:16:26.957-07:00
Duration			**	**	**	~			рт20н (20 hours)
Period	~	v	✓				***	***	P10D (10 days)

Consistent Method Naming Conventions

Prefix	Method Type	Use
of	static factory	Creates an instance where the factory is primarily validating the input parameters, not converting them.
from	static factory	Converts the input parameters to an instance of the target class, which may involve losing information from the input.
parse	static factory	Parses the input string to produce an instance of the target class.
format	instance	Uses the specified formatter to format the values in the temporal object to produce a string.
get	instance	Returns a part of the state of the target object.
is	instance	Queries the state of the target object.
with	instance	Returns a copy of the target object with one element changed ; this is the immutable equivalent to a set method on a JavaBean.
plus	instance	Returns a copy of the target object with an amount of time added.
minus	instance	Returns a copy of the target object with an amount of time subtracted.
to	instance	Converts this object to another type.
at	instance	Combines this object with another.

Examples

LocalDateTime now = LocalDateTime.now();	now.toString() = 2015-05-21T11:36:48.008	Defaults to ISO 8601 format
LocalDate natale = LocalDate.of(2015, 12, 25);	natale.toString() = 2015-12-25	A Date has no Time component
LocalDate natale = LocalDate.of(2015, Month.DECEMBER, 25);		

Accessing fields

- In general: get(TemporalField field)
- In detail:
 - petDayOfMonth()
 - petDayOfWeek()
 - petDayOfYear()
 - getHour()
 - petMinute()
 - getMonth()
 - petMonthValue()
 - petNano()
 - getSecond()
 - petYear()

Machine time

- The Instant class, represents the start of a nanosecond on the timeline. It counts time beginning from the first second of January 1, 1970 (1970-01-01T00:00:00Z) the *Epoch*.
- The Instant class does not work with human units of time, such as years, months, or days
- If you want to perform calculations in those units, you can convert an Instant to another class, such as LocalDateTime
 - LocalDateTime ldt =
 LocalDateTime.ofInstant(instant,
 ZoneId.systemDefault());

Parsing and Formatting

- Methods .parse() and .format() in all date and time classes
- By default, work with ISO formats
- May use a DateTimeFormatter to customize the format
 - Many commonly used DateTimeFormatter isntances are pre-defined

Predefined formatters

Formatter	Description	Example
ofLocalizedDate(dateStyle)	Formatter with date style from the locale	'2011-12-03'
ofLocalizedTime(timeStyle)	Formatter with time style from the locale	'10:15:30'
ofLocalizedDateTime(dateTimeStyle)	Formatter with a style for date and time from the locale	'3 Jun 2008 11:05:30'
of Localized Date Time (date Style, time Style)	Formatter with date and time styles from the locale	'3 Jun 2008 11:05'
BASIC_ISO_DATE	Basic ISO date	'20111203'
ISO_LOCAL_DATE	ISO Local Date	'2011-12-03'
ISO_OFFSET_DATE	ISO Date with offset	'2011-12-03+01:00'
ISO_DATE	ISO Date with or without offset	'2011-12-03+01:00'; '2011-12-03'
ISO_LOCAL_TIME	Time without offset	'10:15:30'
ISO_OFFSET_TIME	Time with offset	'10:15:30+01:00'
ISO_TIME	Time with or without offset	'10:15:30+01:00'; '10:15:30'
ISO_LOCAL_DATE_TIME	ISO Local Date and Time	'2011-12-03T10:15:30'
ISO_OFFSET_DATE_TIME	Date Time with Offset	2011-12-03T10:15:30+01:00'
ISO_ZONED_DATE_TIME	Zoned Date Time	'2011-12-03T10:15:30+01:00[Europe/Paris]'
ISO_DATE_TIME	Date and time with ZoneId	'2011-12-03T10:15:30+01:00[Europe/Paris]'
ISO_ORDINAL_DATE	Year and day of year	'2012-337'
ISO_WEEK_DATE	Year and Week	2012-W48-6'
ISO_INSTANT	Date and Time of an Instant	'2011-12-03T10:15:30Z'
RFC_1123_DATE_TIME	RFC 1123 / RFC 822	'Tue, 3 Jun 2008 11:05:30 GMT'

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ofLocalizedDateTime(dateStyle,timeStyle)	Formatter with date and time styles from the locale	'3 Jun 2008 11:05'
BASIC_ISO_DATE	Basic ISO date	'20111203'
ISO_LOCAL_DATE	ISO Local Date	'2011-12-03'
ISO_OFFSET_DATE	ISO Date with offset	'2011-12-03+01:00'
ISO_DATE	ISO Date with or without offset	'2011-12-03+01:00'; '2011-12-03'
ISO_LOCAL_TIME	Time without offset	'10:15:30'
ISO_OFFSET_TIME	Time with offset	'10:15:30+01:00'

DateTimeFormatter.ISO_DATE.format(natale)

DateTimeFormatter.ofLocalizedDate(FormatStyle.LONG).format(natale)

Custom formatters

Symbol	Meaning	Presentation	Examples
G	era	text	AD; Anno Domini; A
u	year	year	2004; 04
У	year-of-era	year	2004; 04
D	day-of-year	number	189
M/L	month-of-year	number/text	7; 07; Jul; July; J
d	day-of-month	number	10
Q/q	quarter-of-year	number/text	3; 03; Q3; 3rd quarter
Υ	week-based-year	year	1996; 96
W	week-of-week-based-year	number	27
W	week-of-month	number	4
E	day-of-week	text	Tue; Tuesday; T
e/c	localized day-of-week	number/text	2; 02; Tue; Tuesday; T
F	week-of-month	number	3
a	am-pm-of-day	text	PM
h	clock-hour-of-am-pm (1-12)	number	12
K	hour-of-am-pm (0-11)	number	Θ
k	clock-hour-of-am-pm (1-24)	number	0
Н	hour-of-day (0-23)	number	0
m	minute-of-hour	number	30
S	second-of-minute	number	55
S	fraction-of-second	fraction	978
Α	milli-of-day	number	1234
n	nano-of-second	number	987654321
N	nano - of - day	number	123400000
V	time-zone ID	zone-id	America/Los_Angeles; Z; -08:30
Z	time-zone name	zone-name	Pacific Standard Time; PST
0	localized zone-offset	offset-0	GMT+8; GMT+08:00; UTC-08:00;
X	zone-offset 'Z' for zero	offset-X	Z; -08; -0830; -08:30; -083015; -08:30:15;
X	zone-offset	offset-x	+0000; -08; -0830; -08:30; -083015; -08:30:15;
Z	zone-offset	offset-Z	+0000; -0800; -08:00;
p	pad next	pad modifier	1
	escape for text	delimiter	
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Custom formatters

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Symbol Meaning
                             Presentation
                                            Examples
       era
                              text
                                            AD: Anno Domini: A
       year
                              year
                                            2004; 04
u
                                            2004; 04
       year-of-era
                              year
D
       day-of-year
                                             189
                              number
       month-of-year
                                            7; 07; Jul; July; J
M/L
                              number/text
       day-of-month
                              number
       quarter-of-year
                              number/text
                                            3; 03; Q3; 3rd quarter
Q/q
Υ
       week-based-year
                                            1996; 96
                              year
       week-of-week-based-year
                              number
                                             27
       week-of-month
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                                            Tue; Tuesday; T
       localized day-of-week
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       clock-hour-of-a
       hour-of-am-pm
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       clock-hour-of-
                      DateTimeFormatter.ofPattern("yyyy MM dd");
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       minute-of-hour
       second-of-minut
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       fraction-of-sec
       milli-of-day
                         String text = date.toString(formatter);
       nano-of-second
       nano-of-day
       time-zone ID
                          LocalDate date = LocalDate.parse(text,
       time-zone name
Z
       localized zone
                                                     formatter);
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Х
       zone-offset
Z
       zone-offset
       pad next
р
       escape for text
                              delimiter
       single quote
                              literal
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Date/Time arithmetics

- The date and time classes already contain basic operations for adding/subtracting/comparing
- For more complex operations, you may use the TemporalAdjuster classes, as a parameter of the .with() method of date/time classes
 - Many predefinted TemporalAdjuster classes already defined as static instances of TemporalAdjusters

Arithmetic in LocalDateTime

- ▶ isAfter(other) isBefore(other)
 isEqual(other)
- minus(long amountToSubtract, TemporalUnit unit) minus(TemporalAmount amountToSubtract)
- minusDays(long days) minusHours(long hours) minusMinutes(long minutes) minusMonths(long months) minusNanos(long nanos) minusSeconds(long seconds) minusWeeks(long weeks) minusYears(long years)
- Same with plus XXX()

Computing differences

With LocalDate objects

- until(Temporal endExclusive, TemporalUnit unit)
- Calculates the amount of time until another date-time in terms of the specified unit.

With Instants and Duration.beteween

- ▶ Instant t1, t2;
- long ns = Duration.between(t1, t2).toNanos();

With Dates and Period.between

- LocalDate today = LocalDate.now();
- LocalDate birthday = LocalDate.of(1960, Month.JANUARY, 1);
- Period p = Period.between(birthday, today);

Temporal Adjusters

- dayOfWeekInMonth(int ordinal, DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) a new date in the same month with the ordinal day-of-week
- firstDayOfMonth() a new date set to the first day of the current month
- firstDayOfNextMonth() a new date set to the first day of the next month
- firstDayOfNextYear() a new date set to the first day of the next year.
- firstDayOfYear() a new date set to the first day of the current year.
- firstInMonth(DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) a new date in the same month with the first matching day-of-week
- lastDayOfMonth() a new date set to the last day of the current month
- lastDayOfYear() a new date set to the last day of the current year
- lastInMonth(DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) a new date in the same month with the last matching day-of-week.
- next(DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) adjusts the date to the first occurrence of the specified day-of-week after the date being adjusted
- nextOrSame(DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) adjusts the date to the first occurrence of the specified day-of-week after the date being adjusted unless it is already on that day in which case the same object is returned.
- previous(DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) adjusts the date to the first occurrence of the specified day-of-week before the date being adjusted
- previousOrSame(DayOfWeek dayOfWeek) adjusts the date to the first occurrence of the specified day-of-week before the date being adjusted unless it is already on that day in which case the same object is returned

Example

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LocalDate date = LocalDate.of(2000, Month.OCTOBER, 15);
DayOfWeek dotw = date.getDayOfWeek();
System.out.printf("%s is on a %s%n", date, dotw);
System.out.printf("first day of Month: %s%n",
                  date.with(TemporalAdjusters.firstDayOfMonth()));
System.out.printf("first Monday of Month: %s%n",
                  date.with (TemporalAdjusters.firstInMonth(DayOfWeek.MONDAY)));
System.out.printf("last day of Month: %s%n",
                  date.with(TemporalAdjusters.lastDayOfMonth()));
System.out.printf("first day of next Month: %s%n",
                  date.with(TemporalAdjusters.firstDayOfNextMonth()));
System.out.printf("first day of next Year: %s%n",
                  date.with(TemporalAdjusters.firstDayOfNextYear()));
System.out.printf("first day of Year: %s%n",
                  date.with(TemporalAdjusters.firstDayOfYear()));
```

Compatibility JDK7-JDK8

- Calendar.tolnstant() converts the Calendar object to an Instant.
- <u>GregorianCalendar.toZonedDateTime()</u> converts a GregorianCalendar instance to a ZonedDateTime.
- GregorianCalendar.from(ZonedDateTime) creates a GregorianCalendar object using the default locale from a ZonedDateTime instance.
- Date.from(Instant) creates a Date object from an Instant.
- <u>Date.tolnstant()</u> converts a Date object to an Instant.
- ► <u>TimeZone.toZoneld()</u> converts a TimeZone object to a Zoneld.

Summary

- ▶ The **Instant** class provides a machine view of the timeline.
- ▶ The LocalDate, LocalTime, and LocalDateTime classes provide a human view of date and time without any reference to time zone.
- The Zoneld, ZoneRules, and ZoneOffset classes describe time zones, time zone offsets, and time zone rules.
- ▶ The ZonedDateTime class represents date and time with a time zone. The OffsetDateTime and OffsetTime classes represent date and time, or time, respectively. These classes take a time zone offset into account.
- The **Duration** class measures an amount of time in seconds and nanoseconds.
- ▶ The **Period** class measures an amount of time using years, months, and days.



Dealing with SQL dates

Dates and Times in Java

Adding SQL into the picture

- How are dates and times represented in standard SQL?
- How are dates and times implemented in MySQL?
 - Differences, incompatibilities
- How are dates and times transferred over JDBC?

"Standard" SQL

- ▶ DATE: for date values (e.g. 2011-05-03)
- TIME: for time values (e.g. 15:51:36). The granularity of the time value is usually a *tick* (100 nanoseconds).
- TIMESTAMP: This is a DATE and a TIME put together in one variable (e.g. 2011-05-03 15:51:36).
- TIME WITH TIME ZONE or TIMETZ: the same as TIME, but including details about the time zone in question.
- TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE or TIMESTAMPTZ: the same as TIMESTAMP, but including details about the time zone in question.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL#Date_and_time

MySQL(1/2)

- DATE: values with a date part but no time part, in 'YYYY-MM-DD' format. Supported range '1000-01-01' to '9999-12-31'.
- ▶ DATETIME: values that contain both date and time parts, in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH: MM: SS' format. Supported range is '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'.
- TIMESTAMP: values that contain both date and time parts. Range of '1970-01-01 00:00:01' UTC to '2038-01-19 03:14:07' UTC. Internally represented as Unix milliseconds
- TIMESTAMP and DATETIME offer automatic initialization and updating to the current date and time:
 - Non-standard DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP column attribute

MySQL (2/2)

- TIME: values in 'HH:MM:SS' format (or 'HHH:MM:SS'). Values may range from '-838:59:59' to '838:59:59'. May represent the hour or the day, or an elapsed time interval (even >24hr)
- ▶ YEAR: a 1-byte type used to represent year values. It can be declared as YEAR or YEAR(4) and has a display width of four characters.
 - Year values in the range 00-69 are converted to 2000-2069.
 - Year values in the range 70-99 are converted to 1970-1999.

JDBC (MySQL Connector/J)

- Supported SQL types are enumerated in java.sql.Types
 - http://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/sql/Types.html
- Represented in java as classes in java.sql
 - java.sql.Date (subclass of java.util.Date)
 - the millisecond values wrapped by a java.sql.Date instance must be 'normalized' by setting the hours, minutes, seconds, and milliseconds to zero
 - java.sql.Time (subclass of java.util.Date)
 - The date components should be set to the "zero epoch" value of January I, 1970 and should not be accessed.
 - java.sql.Timestamp (subclass of java.util.Date)
 - Supports fractional seconds. A composite of a java.util.Date and a separate nanoseconds value.
- ▶ Must be used in st.setXxx() and rs.getXXX() methods

MySQL to Java mappings

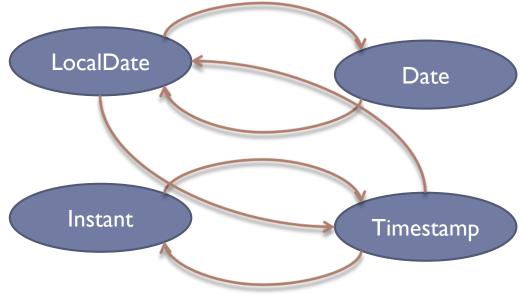
MySQL Type Name	Return value of GetColumn ClassName	Returned as Java Class
DATE	DATE	java.sql.Date
DATETIME	DATETIME	<pre>java.sql.Timestamp</pre>
<pre>TIMESTAMP[(M)]</pre>	TIMESTAMP	<pre>java.sql.Timestamp</pre>
TIME	TIME	<pre>java.sql.Time</pre>
YEAR[(2 4)]	YEAR	If yearIsDateType configuration property is set to false, then the returned object type is java.sql.Short. If set to true (the default), then the returned object is of type java.sql.Date with the date set to January Ist, at midnight.

http://dev.mysql.com/doc/connector-j/en/connector-j-reference-type-conversions.html

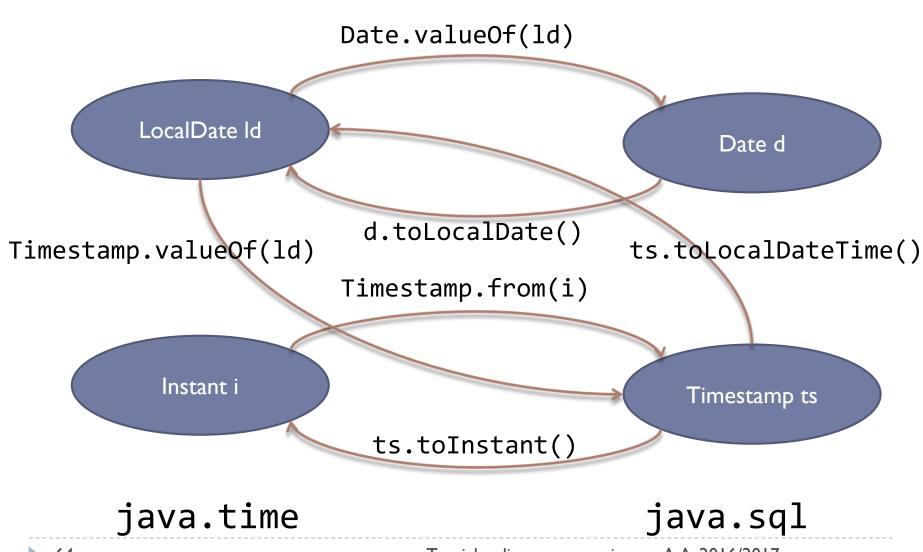
From SQL to Java 8

- java.sql.Timestamp
 supports
 - static Timestamp
 from(Instant instant)
 - Instant toInstant()
 - LocalDateTime
 toLocalDateTime()
 - > static Timestamp
 valueOf(LocalDateTime
 dateTime)

- java.sql.Date
 supports
 - LocalDate
 toLocalDate()
 - > static Date
 valueOf(LocalDate date)



From SQL to Java 8



Resources

JDK8 java.time

- Official tutorial http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/datetime/TOC.html
- JavaDoc https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/time/packagesummary.html

MySql Date and times

- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/date-and-timetypes.html
- MySQL Connector/J
 - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/connector-j/en/index.html
- Comparison of different SQL implementations
 - http://troels.arvin.dk/db/rdbms/

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