Lab04: Skills - Using a Debugger

Getting Ready: Before going any further, you should:

1. Setup your development environment.

2. Download the following files:
   `PhoneDriver.java`
   `PhoneCard.java`
   to an appropriate directory/folder. (In most browsers/OSs, the easiest way to do this is by right-clicking/control-clicking on each of the links above.)

3. If you don't already have one from earlier in the semester, create a project named eclipseskills.

4. Drag the file `PhoneCard.java` and `PhoneDriver.java` into the default package (using the "Copy files" option).

5. Open `PhoneCard.java` and `PhoneDriver.java`.

Part 1. Review: This part of the lab will review a few topics related to object-oriented programming in Java.

1. In the `main()` method in the `PhoneDriver` class, what kind of objects are end, now, and start?

   They are all Date objects.

2. In the `main()` method in the `PhoneDriver` class, what kind of object is card?

   Card is a PhoneCard object.

3. Where is the code for the `PhoneCard` class?

   The code for the PhoneCard class is within PhoneCard.java

4. Where is the code for the `Date` class?

   The code comes from java.util.Date

5. Read the documentation for the `Date` (https://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/util/Date.html). Make sure you find the documentation for the `Date` class that is in `java.util`. (There are several `Date` classes in the Java library.)

6. When you construct a `Date` object using the default constructor (i.e., the constructor that has no parameters), what properties will it have?

   "Allocates a `Date` object and initializes it so that it represents the time at which it was allocated, measured to the nearest millisecond."

7. When you construct a `Date` object using the default constructor (i.e., the constructor that has no parameters), what properties will it have?

   Allocates a `Date` object and initializes it so that it represents the time at which it was allocated, measured to the nearest millisecond.

Part 2. Setting a Breakpoint: One of the nice things about running an application in a debugger is that you can stop the execution at one or more pre-defined locations (called *breakpoints*). This part of the lab will teach you how.

1. Click on the tab containing `PhoneDriver.java` to make sure that it has the focus.
2. Right-click in line 33 of `PhoneDriver.java` and pull down to Toggle Breakpoint.
3. What happened?

A little blue circle shows up on line 37

```
20      now   = new Date();
21      card  = new PhoneCard(10.00, 2, 0.10);
22      start = new Date(now.getTime());
23      end   = new Date(start.getTime() + 600000);
24
25
26      // Get the status of the card
27      availableMillis = card.getAvailableMilliseconds()
28      // Make a call if possible
29      if (availableMillis > 0)
30      {
31        card.startCall("540-568-1671", start);
32        card.endCall(end);
33      }
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36      // Get the status of the card
37      availableMillis = card.getAvailableMilliseconds()
38      // Make a call if possible
39      if (availableMillis > 0)
40      {
41        start = new Date(end.getTime() + 1200000);
42        card.startCall("540-568-1667", start);
43        end   = new Date(start.getTime() + 2400000);
44        card.endCall(end);
45      }
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48      // Get the status of the card
49      availableMillis = card.getAvailableMilliseconds()
50      // Make a call if possible
51      if (availableMillis > 0)
52      {
53        start = new Date(end.getTime() + 60000);
54        card.startCall("540-568-8771", start);
55        end   = new Date(start.getTime() + 90000);
```

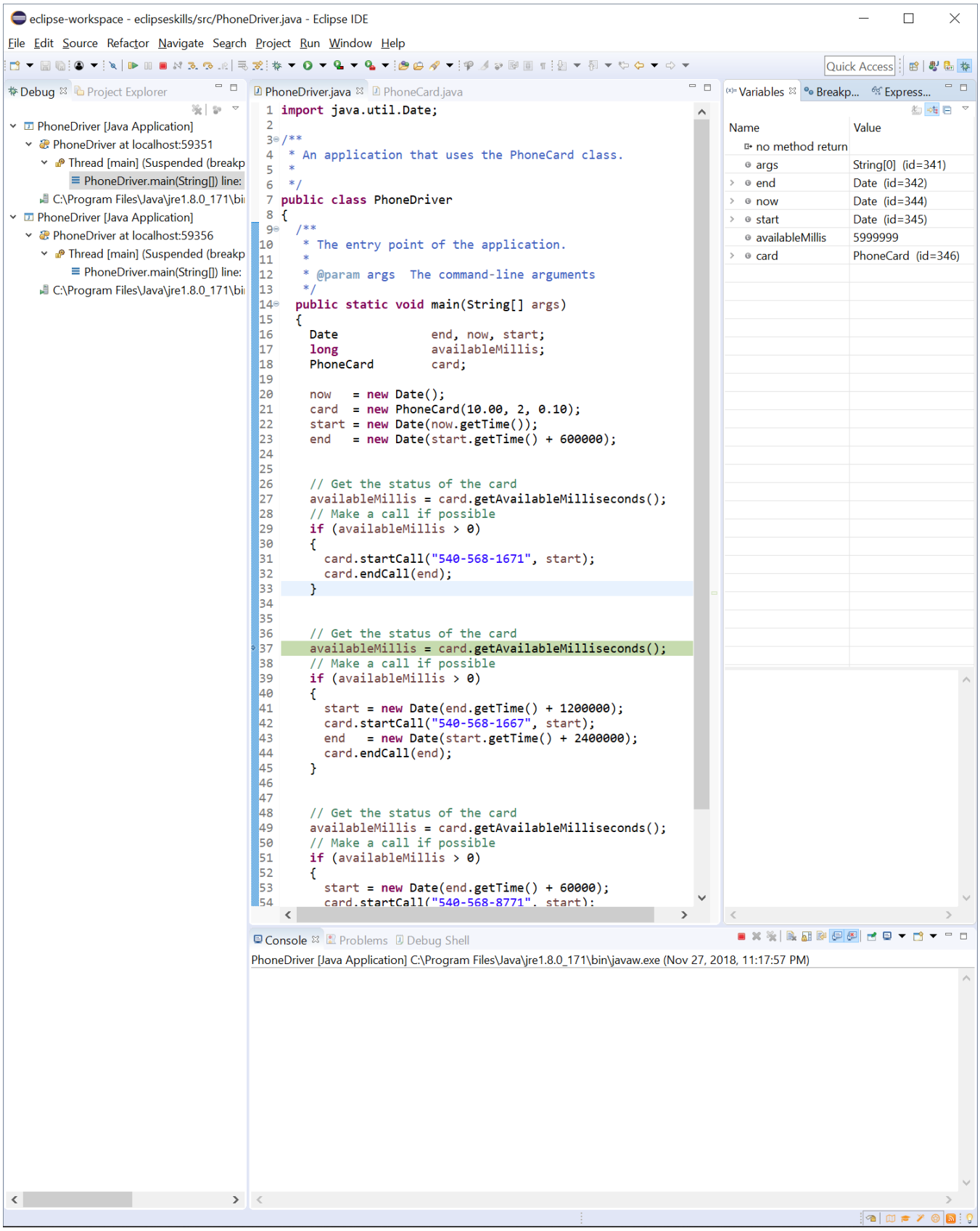
4. Click on  . This will run `PhoneDriver` and stop the execution at the breakpoint (i.e., line 33). Note: If prompted, allow Eclipse to enter the "Debug Perspective".
5. What happened?

   The debug perspective opened up and line 37 is now highlighted in green. Everytime I toggle breakpoint in line 33, it toggles line 37 instead.

Part 3. Checking State Information: Another nice thing about running an application in a debugger is that, once you stop the execution at a breakpoint, you can check state information (e.g., the value of attributes and variables). This part of the lab will teach you how.

1. Click on the "Variables" tab on the left side of the debug window.
2. Click on the "tree icon" next to "Locals" to expand it.

I don’t see Locals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4 * An application that uses the PhoneCard class.
5 *
6 */
7 public class PhoneDriver
8 {
9 /**
10 * The entry point of the application.
11 *
12 * @param args The command-line arguments
13 */
14 public static void main(String[] args)
15 {
16 Date end, now, start;
17 long availableMillis;
18 PhoneCard card;
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20 now = new Date();
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3. What is the current value of `availableMillis`?

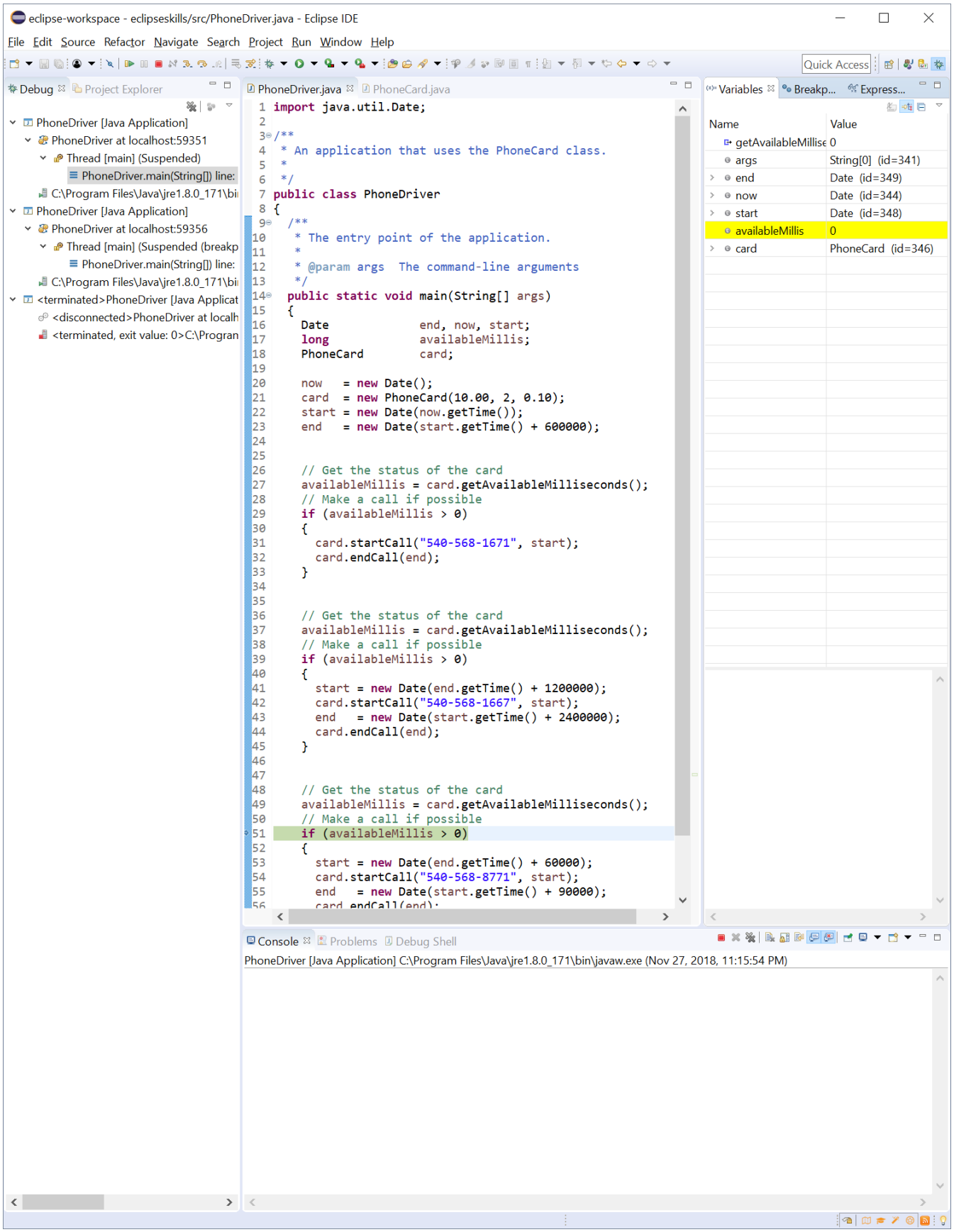
The current value of availableMillis is 5999999

Part 4. Stepping Over Lines: When running an application in a debugger, once you stop the execution at a breakpoint, you can continue the execution one "step" at a time. This part of the lab will teach you how.

1. Click on  . This will run `PhoneDriver` again and stop the execution at the breakpoint (i.e., line 33).
2. Click on the  button.
3. What happened?

availableMillis turned yellow and is now showing 5399999

4. Click on the  button until the next if statement is highlighted.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5. What is the current value of `availableMillis`? (Hint: Look in the "Variables" tab. You may beed to scroll.)

   The current value of availableMillis is 0.

6. Click on the  button to run to the end of the application.

Part 5: Stepping Into Lines: So far, all of the "stepping" you have done has been in one method in one class. This is called "stepping over". You can also "step into" a line of code to see what happens there. This part of the lab will teach you how.

1. Click on  . This will run `PhoneDriver` and stop the execution at the breakpoint (i.e., line 33).
2. Click on the  button.
3. What happened?

   It jumped to line 70.

4. Click on the  button again.
5. What happened?

It jumped to the if statement in line 71

6. Look at the call stack in the "Debug" tab. It tells you what class and method you are in and where this method was called from.

7. What method is currently being executed (and what class is it in)?

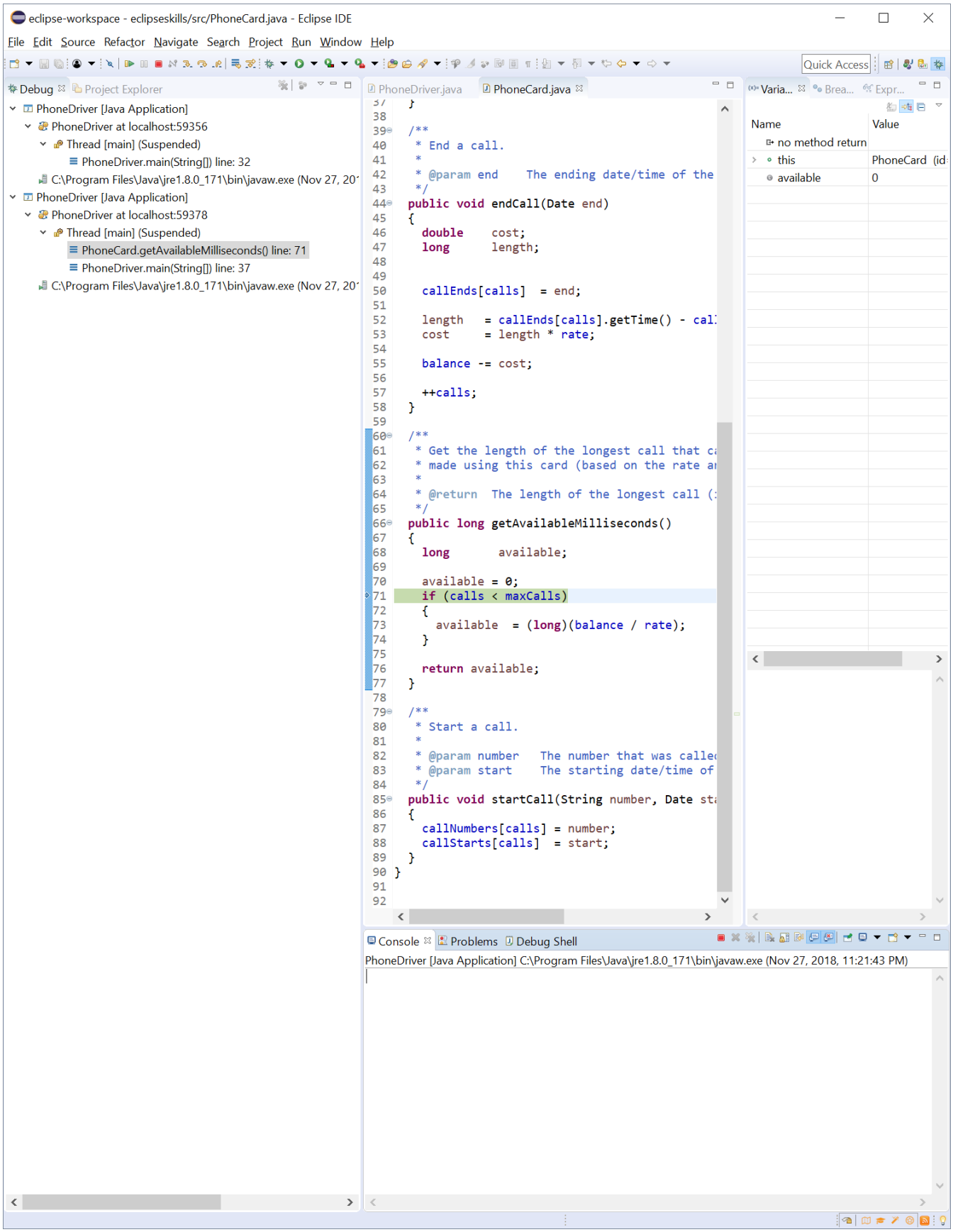
   getAvailableMilliseconds is being executed from Class PhoneCard

8. What line is currently being executed?

   Line 71 is currently being executed

9. Where was this method called from?

   This method was called from main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}
/**
* End a call.
*
* @param end The ending date/time of the
*/
public void endCall(Date end)
{
double cost;
long length;
callEnds[calls] = end;
length = callEnds[calls].getTime() - cal
cost = length * rate;
balance -= cost;
++calls;
}
/**
* Get the length of the longest call that c
* made using this card (based on the rate a
*
* @return The length of the longest call (
*/
public long getAvailableMilliseconds()
{
long available;
available = 0;
if (calls < maxCalls)
{
available = (long)(balance / rate);
}
return available;
}
/**
* Start a call.
*
* @param number The number that was calle
* @param start The starting date/time of
*/
public void startCall(String number, Date st
{
callNumbers[calls] = number;
callStarts[calls] = start;
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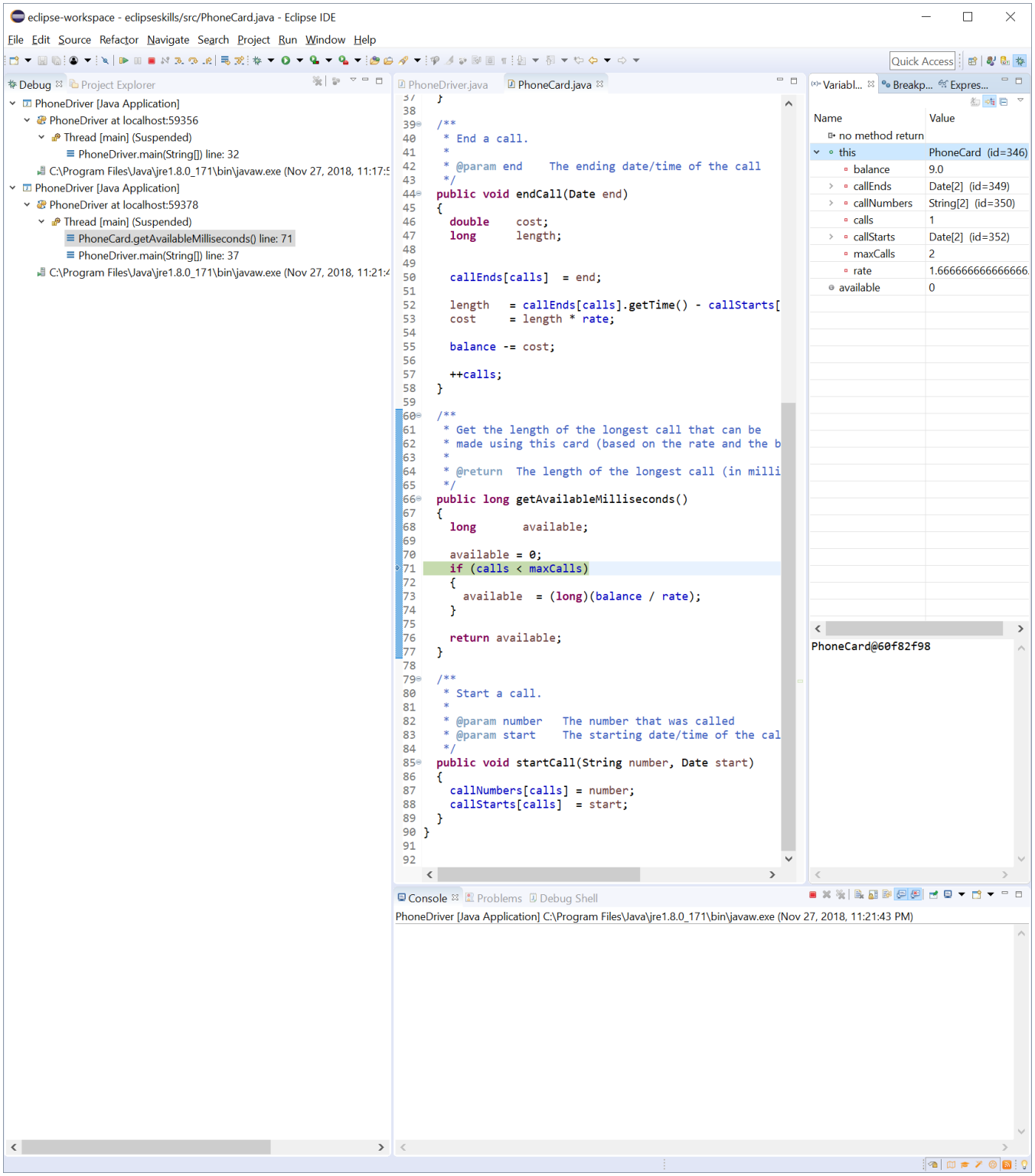
10. Click on the "triangle icon" next to this to expand it.



11. What is the current value of `balance`?

The current value of balance is 9.0

12. Click on the  button.
13. Click on the "triangle icon" next to callNumbers to expand it.
14. What is the current value of `callNumbers[0]`?

The current value of callNumbers[0] is 540-568-1671

15. Click on the "triangle icon" next to callStarts to expand it.
16. What is the current value of `callStarts[0]`?

The current value of callStarts[0] is "Date"

17. Why does it have that value?

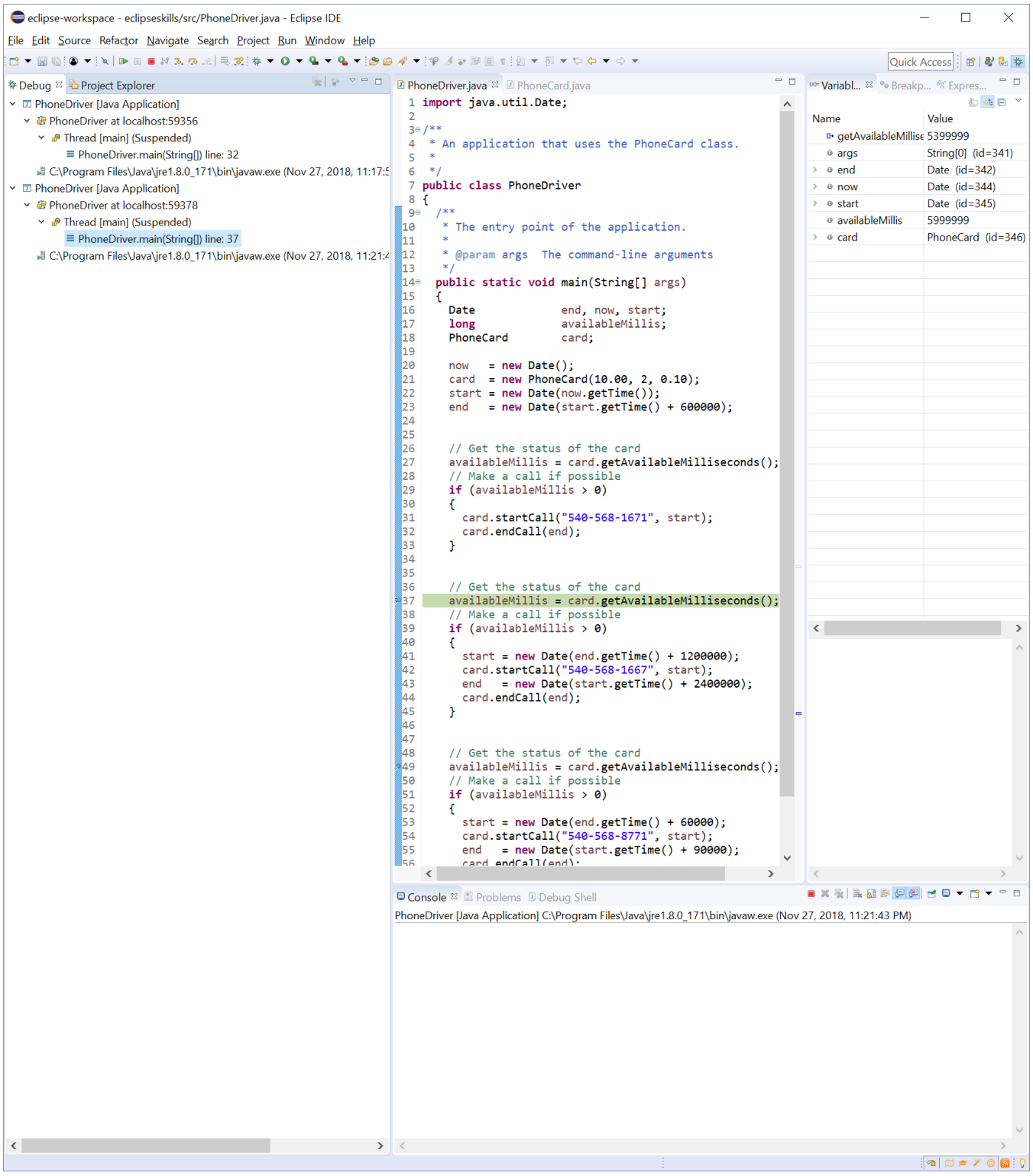
I'm assuming it has that value because the call should start at the current time?

18. Click on the  button twice.
19. What happened?

Line 37 is now highlighted green

20. Add a breakpoint at line 46 in `PhoneDriver.java` (i.e., the line that constructs a `Date`).
21. Click on the  button. This will run the application to the next breakpoint (i.e., line 46).

I tried to add a breakpoint to line 46 and it added it to line 49 instead. I think Eclipse hates me.



22. Click on the  button.

23. Why didn't the debugger step into the `Date` constructor?

    The debugger went to line 39. I don’t know why it didn’t step into the Date constructor.

24. Click on the  button to run to the end.

I don’t think it ran to the end because it went to line 49 and the debugger says “already running.”

25. Click on Window+Perspective+Close Perspective to close the "Debug Perspective".

Part 6: Advanced Topics: This part of the lab will help you use the debugger more efficiently.

1. How can you display all of the breakpoints?

   By opening the Breakpoints tab inside of the debug perspective.

2. What is a conditional breakpoint?

   It will stop at a line only if the Boolean value changes on it.

3. How can you see variable references while debugging?

   By opening the variables tab inside of the debug perspective.