

Specifications: Grade

In addition to the obvious specifications illustrated in the UML class diagram, the Grade class must satisfy the following specifications.

- 1. Grade objects must be immutable.
- 2. If a constructor is passed a key that is null or empty (i.e., "") then the constructor must throw an IllegalArgumentException.
- 3. The Grade (String key) constructor must construct a Grade object with a value attribute of 0.0.
- 4. The compareTo(Grade other) method must return the result of comparing this.value and other.value accounting for missing (i.e., null) values appropriately.
 - 4.1. If this .value is null and other .value is non-null then it must return -1.
 - 4.2. If this .value is null and other .value is null then it must return 0.
 - 4.3. If this .value is non-null and other .value is null then it must retun 1.
 - 4.4. If both this.value and other.value are non-null then it must return the result of calling compareTo() on this.value and passing it other.value (though it need not be implemented this way).
- 5. The toString() method must return a String representation of the Grade object.
 - 5.1. If the value attribute is not null then the String must contain the key attribute, followed by the String literal ":", followed by a single space, followed by the value attribute (in a field of width 5 with 1 digit to the right of the decimal point).
 - 5.2. If the value attribute is null then the String must contain the key attribute, followed by by the String literal ":", followed by a single space, followed by the String literal " NA" (which is also a field of width 5).

Note that, while null key attributes are invalid (i.e., every Grade object must have a non-null, non-empty key attribute), null value attributes are valid (and are used to indicate that the Grade is missing).