INFO1113 Object-Oriented Programming

Week 6B: Default Methods and Polymorphism

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We saw interfaces in last lecture and now we will be visiting default methods with java and their utility. This is a new feature in **Java** that allows methods to be defined in an interface.

Prior to Java 8, interfaces just specified the method declaration and never a default method.

Default methods are a feature of java 8 and can be difficult to see their use case. In particular, interfaces do not have access to any instance variables and therefore, it may be difficult to see how a default method can be used for reducing complexity of classes.

We are able to depend on the implementation of interface methods that have been declared in the interface. We are then able to utilise the definition given by the concrete type.

Syntax of a default method

Simply we are able to define a default method by using the **default** keyword.

Syntax:

```
[modifier] default < returntype > MethodName([parameters])
```

Example:

```
private default void swim();
```

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Example:

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```

Note: the **default** keyword presence is only noted in default methods and **switch** statements.

```
interface LiquidContainer {
                                  public void pour(double litres);
                                  public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres);
                                  public void fill(double litres);
public class CoffeeShot implements LiquidContainer {
                                                                   public class CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
   private double litres = 0;
                                                                       private double litres = 0;
   public void pour(double litres) {
                                                                       public void pour(double litres) {
       this.litres -= litres;
                                                                           this.litres -= litres;
   public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                                                                       public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                         double litres) {
                                                                           double litres) {
       if(container != null) {
                                                                           if(container != null) {
            pour(litres);
                                                                               pour(litres);
           container.fill(litres);
                                                                               container.fill(litres);
        } else {
                                                                           } else {
            pour(litres);
                                                                               pour(litres);
                                                                           }
   public void fill(double litres) {
                                                                       public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres;
                                                                           this.litres += litres;
```

```
interface LiquidContainer {
   public void pour(double litres);
   public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres);
   public void fill(double litres);
```

Liquid container behaviour allows us to fill the container or pour the liquid out of it.

```
public class CoffeeShot implements Liqu
                                                                                CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
   private double litres = 0;
                                                                       private double litres = 0;
   public void pour(double litres) {
                                                                       public void pour(double litres) {
       this.litres -= litres;
                                                                           this.litres -= litres;
   public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                                                                       public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                         double litres) {
                                                                           double litres) {
       if(container != null) {
                                                                           if(container != null) {
            pour(litres);
                                                                               pour(litres);
           container.fill(litres);
                                                                               container.fill(litres);
                                                                           } else {
        } else {
            pour(litres);
                                                                               pour(litres);
                                                                           }
   public void fill(double litres) {
                                                                       public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres;
                                                                           this.litres += litres;
```

```
interface LiquidContainer {
    public void pour(double litres);
    public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres);
    public void fill(double litres);
}
```

```
public class CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
    private double litres = 0;
    public void pour(double litres) {
        this.litres -= litres;
    }
    public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
        double litres) {
        if(container != null) {
            pour(litres);
            container.fill(litres);
        } else {
            pour(litres);
        }
    }
    public void fill(double litres) {
        this.litres += litres;
    }
}
```

Both **CoffeeShot** and **CoffeeCup** implement this behaviour through the interface.

So where's the default method?

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                                  public void fill(double litres);
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                                                                   public class CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
   private double litres = 0;
                                                                       private double litres = 0;
   public void pour(double litres) {
                                                                       public void pour(double litres) {
                                                                           this.litres -= litres;
       this.litres -= litres;
    public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                                                                       public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                         double litres) {
                                                                           double litres) {
       if(container != null) {
                                                                           if(container != null) {
                                                                               pour(litres);
            pour(litres);
           container.fill(litres);
                                                                               container.fill(litres);
       } else {
                                                                           } else {
            pour(litres);
                                                                               pour(litres);
                                                                       public void fill(double litres) {
   public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres:
                                                                           this.litres += litres;
```

We can observe that **pour** and **fill** interact with **instance** variables and this makes them a very poor candidate in being generalised to a **default method**.

```
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                                 public void pour(double litres);
                                 public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres);
                                 public void fill(double litres);
public class CoffeeShot implements LiquidContainer {
                                                                           public class CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
    private double litres = 0;
                                                                               private double litres = 0;
    public void pour(double litres) {
                                                                               public void pour(double litres) {
       this.litres -= litres;
                                                                                   this.litres -= litres;
    public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                                                                               public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                         double litres) {
                                                                                                      double litres) {
        if(container != null) {
                                                                                   if(container != null) {
            pour(litres);
                                                                                       pour(litres);
           container.fill(litres);
                                                                                       container.fill(litres);
        } else {
                                                                                   } else {
            pour(litres);
                                                                                       pour(litres);
    public void fill(double litres) {
                                                                               public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres;
                                                                                   this.litres += litres;
```

However, **pourInto** containers certain properties that allow it be ideal in this event. **Why?**

```
public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres);
                                 public void fill(double litres);
public class CoffeeShot implements LiquidContainer {
    private double litres = 0;
    public void pour(double litres) {
       this.litres -= litres;
    public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                         double litres) {
        if(container != null) {
            pour(litres);
            container.fill(litres);
        } else {
            pour(litres);
    public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres;
```

interface LiquidContainer {

public void pour(double litres);

However, **pourInto** containers certain properties that allow it be ideal in this event. **Why? It doesn't interact with instance methods directly and uses interface methods.**

```
interface LiquidContainer {
                                 public void pour(double litres);
                                 public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres);
                                 public void fill(double litres);
public class CoffeeShot implements LiquidContainer {
                                                                           public class CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
    private double litres = 0;
                                                                               private double litres = 0;
    public void pour(double litres) {
                                                                               public void pour(double litres) {
       this.litres -= litres;
                                                                                   this.litres -= litres;
    public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                                                                               public void pourInto(LiquidContainer container,
                         double litres) {
                                                                                                      double litres) {
        if(container != null) {
                                                                                   if(container != null) {
            pour(litres);
                                                                                       pour(litres);
           container.fill(litres);
                                                                                       container.fill(litres);
        } else {
                                                                                   } else {
            pour(litres);
                                                                                       pour(litres);
    public void fill(double litres) {
                                                                               public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres;
                                                                                   this.litres += litres;
```

We can also see the logic is duplicated between the two classes. Considering we want to eliminate duplication, the way we can remove this is through a **default method**.

```
interface LiquidContainer {
                                  public void pour(double litres);
                                  public default void pourInto(LiquidContainer container, double litres) {
                                      if(container != null) {
                                          pour(litres);
                                          container.fill(litres);
                                      } else {
                                          pour(litres);
                                                                                  We can move it to the interface and
                                                                                  the method is implemented and can
                                                                                  be used by each class that
                                                                                  implements LiquidContainer.
                                  public void fill(double litres);
public class CoffeeShot implements LiquidContainer {
                                                                  public class CoffeeCup implements LiquidContainer {
   private double litres = 0;
                                                                      private double litres = 0;
                                                                      public void pour(double litres) {
   public void pour(double litres) {
       this.litres -= litres;
                                                                          this.litres -= litres;
                                                                      public void fill(double litres) {
   public void fill(double litres) {
       this.litres += litres;
                                                                          this.litres += litres;
```

Let's demo this

Overriding

Overriding allows us to specify a subtype implementation of a method.

Overriding applies for **Classes**, **Abstract Classes** and **Interfaces**. We are able to have a specific implementation that will **always** refer to the subtype implementation, or narrow down to the **last** type that implemented it in the hierarchy.

We are able to override inherited methods and replace them with a subtype specific definition.

Polymorphism

Polymorphism allows us to assert the use of methods specified in an **inherited** type through other types. We saw in previous lecture the use of polymorphism through interfaces and abstract classes.

However we have already seen a number of ways that polymorphism has been employed already.

- Method overloading
- Method overriding

We are able to infer what methods we have access through the type information associated with the object.

```
public class Cat {
                                              public class DomesticCat extends Cat {
    private String name;
                                                  public DomesticCat(String name) {
                                                      super(name);
    public Cat(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
    public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Meow!");
                                              public class Lion extends Cat{
                                                  public Lion(String name) {
                                                      super(name);
                                                  }
                                                  public void makeNoise() {
                                                      System.out.println("Roar!");
```

```
public class Cat {
    private String name;
    public Cat(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Meow!");
   We have already defined the
   makeNoise() method that majority of
    cats will make.
```

```
public class DomesticCat extends Cat {
    public DomesticCat(String name) {
        super(name);
public class Lion extends Cat {
    public Lion(String name) {
        super(name);
    public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Roar!");
```

```
public class Cat {
    private String name;

public Cat(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Meow!");
    }
}
```

We can see that the **DomesticCat** does not attempt to override this as it is appropriate for the class.

```
public class DomesticCat extends Cat {
   public DomesticCat(String name) {
      super(name);
   }
}
```

```
public class Lion extends Cat {

   public Lion(String name) {
       super(name);
   }

   public void makeNoise() {
       System.out.println("Roar!");
   }
}
```

they make should be different.

```
public class Cat {
                                               public class DomesticCat extends Cat {
    private String name;
                                                   public DomesticCat(String name) {
                                                       super(name);
    public Cat(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Meow!");
                                               public class Lion extends Cat {
                                                   public Lion(String name) {
                                                       super(name);
                                                   public void makeNoise() {
                                                       System.out.println("Roar!");
   However, Lions do not "meow" and
   "roar" instead and therefore the noise
```

```
public class Cat {
    private String name;

public Cat(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Meow!");
    }
}
```

However, we could treat all 3 classes under the **Superclass**.

```
public class DomesticCat extends Cat {
    public DomesticCat(String name) {
        super(name);
public class Lion extends Cat {
    public Lion(String name) {
        super(name);
    public void makeNoise() {
        System.out.println("Roar!");
```

Polymorphism with regular classes

```
private String name;
           public Cat(String name) {
               this.name = name;
           public void makeNoise() {
               System.out.println("Meow!");
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Cat[] cats = {new Cat("Felix"),
        new DomesticCat("Garfield"),
        new Lion("Simba")
    };
    for(Cat c : cats) {
        c.makeNoise();
```

public class Cat {

```
public class DomesticCat extends Cat {
    public DomesticCat(String name) {
        super(name);
    }
}

public class Lion extends Cat {
```

```
> java CatProgram
Meow!
Meow!
Roar!
```

We have the power to inherit from classes but potentially this can open our code up for abuse by other inheriting from classes that shouldn't be.

We will be introducing a way of stopping classes from being inherited and methods from being overridden.

Syntax of a final method

We are able to use the **final** keyword as part of the method declaration. This infers that the method cannot be overridden.

Syntax:

```
[modifier] final <returntype> MethodName([parameters])
```

Example:

```
private final void swim();
```

When assembling a library we want to ensure that users of the library cannot break it in way that may induce undefined behaviour. This allows us to also differentiate between an errors within a library and user's code.

```
public class Person {
    private String name;

public Person(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
}
```

```
public class FakePerson extends Person {
    public FakePerson(String name) {
        super(name);
    }

    public String getName() {
        System.out.println("Infinite Loop! Yeah");
        int i = 0;
        while(i < 10) {}
        return null;
    }
}</pre>
```

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    }

public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
}
```

```
public class FakePerson extends Person {
    public FakePerson(String name) {
        super(name):
    }

    public String getName() {
        System.out.println("Infinite Loop! Yeah");

        int i = 0:

We have defined two classes,
    Person and FakePerson where
the latter overrides getName().
```

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                                                   public FakePerson(String name) {
    public Person(String name) {
                                                       super(name);
        this.name = name;
                                                   public String getName()
    public String getName() {
                                                       System.out.println("Infinite Loop! Yeah");
        return name;
                                                       int i = 0;
                                                       while(i < 10) {}
                        We can see that FakePerson has
                                                       return null;
                        overridden getName() method
                        with its own implementation.
```

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                                                   public FakePerson(String name) {
    public Person(String name) {
                                                        super(name);
        this.name = name;
                                                   public String getName() {
    public String getName() {
                                                       System.out.println("Infinite Loop! Yeah");
        return name;
                                                        int i = 0;
                                                       while(i < 10) {}
                 However we can see the
                                                        return null;
                 implementation is malicious and
                 can allow for execution of
                 arbitrary code.
```

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```
public class Person {
    private String name;

public class PersonProgram {
    public static void sayName(Person p) {
        String name = p.getName();
        System.out.println(name);
    }

public static void main(String[] args) {
        Person p = new Person("Jimmy");
        FakePerson f = new FakePerson("Mr Evil");
        sayName(p);
        sayName(f);
    }
}
```

```
public class FakePerson extends Person {
```

```
> java PersonProgram
Jimmy
Infinite Loop! Yeah
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}
```

```
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Jimmy
Infinite Loop! Yeah
```

sub-types method it will call the

infinite loop that has been

written.

Don't let them override the method!

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```
public class Person {
                                               public class FakePerson extends Person {
    private String name;
                                                   public FakePerson(String name) {
    public Person(String name) {
                                                       super(name);
        this.name = name;
                                                   public String getName() {
   public final String getName()
                                                       System.out.println("Infinite Loop! Yeah");
        return name;
                                                       int i = 0;
                                                       while(i < 10) {}
                        We are able to prevent overriding
                                                       return null;
                        of the method by the subtype by
                        using final.
```

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        sayName(p);
        sayName(f);
    }
}
```

```
\textbf{public class FakePerson extends} \ \ \textbf{Person} \ \ \{
```

Final classes and methods

When assembling a library we want to ensure that users of the library cannot break it in way that may induce undefined behaviour. This allows us to also differentiate between an errors within a library and user's code.

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```
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    private String name;

public class PersonProgram {
    public static void sayName(Person p) {
        String name = p.getName();
        System.out.println(name);
    }

public static person p
    FakePerson p
    FakePerson p
    sayName() sayName() method is prevented by the compiler.
    sayName()
}
```

public class FakePerson extends Person {

Final classes and methods

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Let's look at the following example:

```
public class Person {
    private String name;

public Person(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    public final String getName() {
        return name;
    }
}

public class FakePerson extends Person {
        super(name);
    }

public FakePerson(String name) {
        super(name);
    }
}
```

We are able to prevent overriding of the method by the subtype by using **final**.

Syntax of a final class

It is best to not be confused with a **constant** class and consider that all attributes are **read-only** once initialised. The **final** qualifier specifies that the class is a **leaf** class (An endpoint to the hierarchy chain).

Syntax:

[modifier] **final class** <u>ClassName</u>

Example:

public final class Person

Let's take a look at leaf classes

Organising your application

A classpath defines a set of directories exposed to our program. It will allow us to use libraries constructed by others.

We are able to cleanly separate and structure our code into different directories and refer to different segments as if it was in the same directory.

Given a directory that will allow us to store our class file, we will be able to use them directly within our project.

```
> javac -cp .:<Your directory or jar file here>[:<more>]
```

You will need to ensure when running your application that your program has access to any class it depended on during compilation.

```
> java -cp .:<Your directory or jar file here>[:<more>]
```

Otherwise your application will not have access to the class files required.

What problems could we encounter when we start importing classes?

Potentially two classes can exist with the same name. If this is the case, we have conflicting classes and we will be unable to compile the program with this ambiguity.

For small programs, this is not typically a problem.

It is rare we only work on small programs.

Demo, using multiple location of class files

Java defines a package keyword which will outline to the class which part of the package it resides in. It will self verify on compilation if it exists within the package.

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```

Example:

```
package com.whiteboard;
package com.whiteboard.render;
```

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Syntax:

```
package <identifier>[.<nested ident>[...]]
```

Typically set at the top of your java file, specifies directory it is in.

Example:

```
package com.whiteboard;
```

package com.whiteboard.render;

However, there is a drawback with this. As noted before we do not have the ability to distinguish between locations that may have classes of the same name.

This is because these packages are being considered under the **default** package name.

Let's look at the layout of a package



./src/whiteboard/render/Drawable.java



./src/whiteboard/render/PositionData.java













./src/whiteboard/input/Keyboard.java





./src/whiteboard/input/Pen.java



./src/whiteboard/Whiteboard.java



Given the current package layout, what would be the package name of each class?

Let's look at the layout of a package



./src/whiteboard/render/Drawable.java



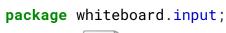
./src/whiteboard/render/PositionData.java







./src/whiteboard/input





./src/white board/input/Keyboard.java

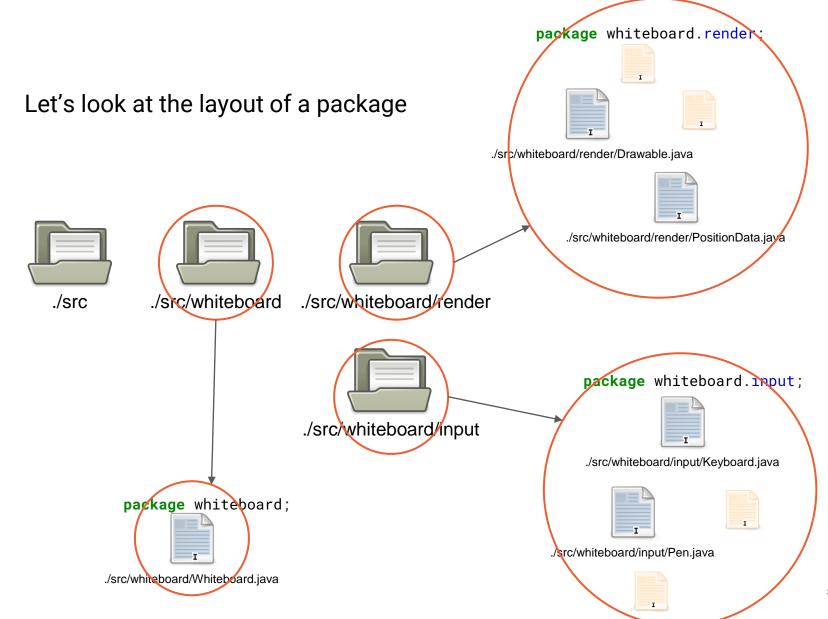




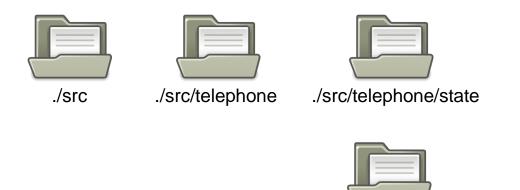
./src/whiteboard/input/Pen.java







So we have laid out the package as the following:



./src/telephone/exceptions

```
package telephone;
public class Telephone {
    private TelephoneState state;
    public Telephone() {
        state = new LineWaiting();
    public void dial(String phonenumber) {
        state = state.dial(phonenumber);
    public void hangup() {
        state = state.hangup();
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Telephone phone = new Telephone();
        phone.dial("12341234");
        phone.hangup();
```

We specify above our above classes and typically above majority of our code, the package name for the file. It is **best** practice to put the source file within a folder of the **same name**.

```
package telephone.state;
public abstract class TelephoneState {
    protected String numberDialed;
    public abstract TelephoneState dial(String phonenumber);
    public abstract TelephoneState hangup();
}
```

We specify the package name within each state class.

```
package telephone.state;
public class LineBusy extends TelephoneState {
    public LineBusy(String number) {
       super();
        numberDialed = number;
    public TelephoneState dial(String phonenumber) {
        throw new InvalidPhoneState();
    public TelephoneState hangup() {
        System.out.println("Hanging up: " + numberDialed);
        return new LineWaiting();
 package telephone.state;
 public class LineWaiting extends TelephoneState {
     public TelephoneState dial(String phonenumber) {
         System.out.println("Dialing: " + phonenumber);
         return new LineBusy(phonenumber);
     public TelephoneState hangup() {
         throw new InvalidPhoneState();
```

However! We now need to import these classes into our code so we are able to use them.

```
package telephone.state;
public abstract class TelephoneState {
    protected String numberDialed;
    public abstract TelephoneState dial(String phonenumber);
    public abstract TelephoneState hangup();
}
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```
package telephone.state;
public class LineBusy extends TelephoneState {
    public LineBusy(String number) {
        super();
        numberDialed = number;
    public TelephoneState dial(String phonenumber) {
        throw new InvalidPhoneState();
    public TelephoneState hangup() {
        System.out.println("Hanging up: " + numberDialed);
        return new LineWaiting();
 package telephone.state;
 public class LineWaiting extends TelephoneState {
     public TelephoneState dial(String phonenumber) {
         System.out.println("Dialing: " + phonenumber);
         return new LineBusy(phonenumber);
     public TelephoneState hangup() {
         throw new InvalidPhoneState();
```

```
package telephone;
import telephone.state.TelephoneState;
import telephone.state.LineWaiting;
public class Telephone {
    private TelephoneState state;
    public Telephone() {
        state = new LineWaiting();
    public void dial(String phonenumber) {
        state = state.dial(phonenumber);
    public void hangup() {
        state = state.hangup();
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Telephone phone = new Telephone();
        phone.dial("12341234");
        phone.hangup();
```

Our state classes exist is a different package space name, therefore it is unaware they exist.

We will need to import them into our application to utilise them in our code.

How could we create an archive?

Java provides an archiving format that allows you to compress the files you want to export and distribute to other.

This kind of format is similar to other OS/Package manager specific formats such as .dmg, .apk, .xdg and .deb.

.jar Manifest files provide a simple description of requirements your archive files needs.

A common setting is providing an Application Entry point for your .jar file.

By default, creating an archive file will only index the files you have added to it. It will not know what **.class** file you want to execute. You will need to specify that by hand.

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Specifies the create and file flag for the **jar** program.

We specify the Jar file to produce and input .class files to be included in the archive.

Let's generate a .jar file

Build Tools

Yes! Although they are outside the scope of this course, you can look into using the following:

Apache Ant



Each build system intends to make it easier to incorporate libraries, run tests and create multiple application builds.

See you next time!