

# Well-behaved objects



# Code snippet of the day

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   int sum = 1;

for (int i = 0; i <= 4; i++); {
     sum = sum + 1;
   }

System.out.println("The result is: " + sum);
System.out.println("Double result: " + sum+sum);
}</pre>
```

What is the output?



#### Results

The result is: 5

The result is: 6

The result is: 2

The result is: 11

Double result: 10

Double result: 12

Double result: 22

Double result: 66

Which ones are printed?



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#### We have to deal with errors

- Early errors are usually syntax errors.
  - The compiler will spot these.
- Later errors are usually logic errors.
  - The compiler cannot help with these.
  - Also known as bugs.
- Some logical errors have no immediately obvious manifestation.
  - Commercial software is rarely error free.



# What is the output?

```
public void doSomething() {
    int a;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        a += i;
    }
    System.out.println(a);
}</pre>
```

**Compile error?** 



#### Java Default Values

- Fields that are declared but not initialized will be set to a reasonable default by the compiler.
  - The default will be zero or null, depending on the data type.
- Local variables are slightly different; the compiler never assigns a default value to an uninitialized local variable.
  - Accessing an uninitialized local variable will result in a compiletime error.
- A floating-point literal is of type float if it ends with the letter F or f.
- Java automatically initializes the elements of arrays to the default values.
  - Java does not initialize non-array local variables



# Prevention vs Detection (Developer vs Maintainer)

- We can lessen the likelihood of errors.
  - Use software engineering techniques, like encapsulation
  - Pay attention to cohesion and coupling
- We can improve the chances of detection.
  - Using software engineering practices, like modularization and documentation.
- We can develop detection skills.



# Testing and Debugging

- Crucial skills in software engineering.
- Testing is the activity of finding-out whether a piece of code produces the intended behavior.
- Debugging is the attempt to pin-point and fix the source of an error.
  - The manifestation of an error may well occur some 'distance' from its source.



# Testing

- Testing means running the program using a set of test-cases, and examining the results.
- A test-case is a pair of (inputs, outputs) that are designed to verify program functionality.
- Designing effective test-cases is the art of good software-testing.

#### **Test Cases?**

```
public char gradeRank(double studentGrade) {
    char grade;
    if (studentGrade >= 90) {
        grade = 'A';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 80) {
        grade = 'B';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 70) {
        grade = 'B';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 60) {
        grade = 'D';
    } else {
        grade = 'F';
    return grade;
```

Input	Output
100	Α
85	В
73	С
68	D
55	F



# Testing Fundamentals

- How to design effective test-cases?
- Understand the "contract": what the program should, and shouldn't do.
- Test boundaries.
  - Zero, One, Full.
    - Search an empty collection.
    - Add to a full collection.
- Use positive tests and negative tests.

# **Boundary Value Testing**

```
public char gradeRank(double studentGrade) {
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        grade = 'B';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 70) {
        grade = 'C';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 60) {
        grade = 'D';
    } else {
        grade = 'F';
    return grade;
```



- Positive testing is the testing of cases that are expected to succeed.
- Negative testing is the testing of cases that are expected to fail.
- A common pitfall for inexperienced testers is to conduct only positive tests! Negative tests are crucial for a good test procedure.

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        grade = 'D';
    } else {
                                  Input
                                          Positive vs Negative
        grade = 'F';
                                   55
                                                Positive
                                   85
                                                Positive
    return grade;
                                               Negative
                                   -50
                                   110
                                               Negative
```

```
public char gradeRank(double studentGrade) {
    char grade;
    if (studentGrade > 100 || studentGrade < 0) {</pre>
        grade = '-';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 90) {
        grade = 'A';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 80) {
        grade = 'B';
    } else if (studentGrade >= 70) {
        grade = 'C';
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```

```
public int convertAdd(String num) {
    int intValue = Integer.parseInt(num) + 1;
    return intValue;
}
```

Input	Positive vs Negative
5	Positive
158	Positive
+10	Positive
-8	Positive
20	Negative
Α	Negative
25.8	Negative



#### Assertions

- An assertion is an expression that states a condition that we expect to be true.
- If the condition is false, we say that the assertion fails.
  - This indicates an error in our program.
- Some programming languages (like Java) have special statements for assertion.

#### **Assertions**

```
int sum = 1;
for (int i = 0; i <= 4; i++)
    sum = sum + 1;
assert (sum == 6);</pre>
```

assert list != null && list.size() > 0 : "list is null or empty";

- If the assert condition is true, then nothing happens.
- If the assert condition is false, an exception is raised:
  - java.lang.AssertionError
  - NOTE: must be run using: java -ea to "enable assertions".

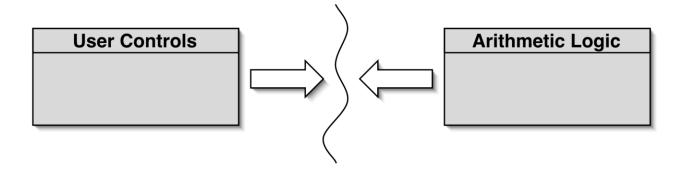


#### Modularization & Interfaces

- Applications often consist of different modules.
  - E.g. so that different teams can work on them.
- The *interface* between modules must be clearly specified.
  - Supports independent concurrent development.
  - Increases the likelihood of successful integration.



#### Modularization in a calculator



- Each module does not need to know implementation details of the other.
  - User controls could be a GUI or a hardware device.
  - Logic could be hardware or software.

# Method signatures as Interfaces

```
// Return the value to be displayed.
public int getDisplayValue();
// Call when a digit button is pressed.
public void numberPressed(int number);
// Call when a plus operator is pressed.
public void plus();
// Call when a minus operator is pressed.
public void minus();
// Call to complete a calculation.
public void calculate();
// Call to reset the calculator.
public void clear();
```

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Calculator



# **Unit Testing**

- By far the most common testing strategy.
- Application testing can only be done after entire application is completed
- Unit testing of any single unit can be done once written and compiled
- Each unit of an application may be tested.
  - method, class, module (package in Java).
- Should be done during development.
  - Finding and fixing early, lowers development costs (e.g. programmer time).
  - A test suite is built up.



# Unit Testing - Example

Consider the following calculation:

$$-y = \sqrt{\sin\frac{x}{3}}$$

- We can create test-case pairs

- 
$$(x = 0, y = 0), (x = \frac{\pi}{2}, y = 0.7071067), ...$$

- Two (or three?) main operations
  - Test each separately -> unit testing
  - sin(x),  $\sqrt{x}$



#### **JUnit**

- JUnit is a Java test framework
- Test cases are methods that contain tests
- Test classes contain test methods
- Assertions are used to assert expected method results
- Fixtures are used to support multiple tests



#### **Test Automation**

- Good testing is a creative process, but ...
  thorough testing is time consuming and
  repetitive.
- Regression testing involves re-running a set of tests.
- Use of a *test rig* or *test harness* can relieve some of the burden.
  - Classes are written to perform the testing.
  - Creativity focused in creating these.



# Choosing a test strategy

- Be aware of the available strategies.
- Choose strategies appropriate to the point of development.
- Automate whenever possible.
  - Reduces tedium.
  - Reduces human error.
  - Makes (re)testing more likely.



# Debugging Skills

- It is important to develop code-reading skills.
  - Debugging will often be performed on others' code.
- Techniques and tools exist to support the debugging process.



# Debugging Techniques

Manual walkthroughs

Print statements

Debuggers



#### Manual walkthroughs

- Relatively underused.
  - A low-tech approach.
  - More powerful than appreciated.
- Get away from the computer!
- 'Run' a program by hand.
- High-level (Step) or low-level (Step into) views.



# Tabulating object state

- An object's behavior is usually determined by its state.
- Incorrect behavior is often the result of incorrect state.
- Tabulate the values of all fields.
- Document state changes after each method call.



## Verbal walkthroughs

- Explain to someone else what the code is doing.
  - They might spot the error.
  - The process of explaining might help you to spot it for yourself.
- Group-based processes exist for conducting formal walkthroughs or *inspections*.



#### Print statements

- The most popular technique.
- No special tools required.
- All programming languages support them.
- Only effective if the right methods are documented.
- Output may be voluminous!
- Turning off and on requires forethought.



# Debuggers

- Debuggers are both language- and environment-specific.
  - IDEs usually have an integrated debugger.
- Support breakpoints.
- Step and Step-into controlled execution.
- Call sequence (stack).
- Object state.



#### Review

- Errors are a fact of life in programs.
- Good software engineering techniques can reduce their occurrence.
- Testing and debugging skills are essential.
- Make testing a habit.
- Automate testing where possible.
- Practice a range of debugging skills.



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