

Assignment #2

General Assignment Requirements

The purpose of this assignment is to design and implement an Object-Oriented program with multiple classes to play a text based version of the board game called **Mastermind**. You are free to use whatever classes and methods from the JAVA library you wish to use.

First thing to do: Read the Wikipedia article on the game of Mastermind at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mastermind_\(board_game\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mastermind_(board_game))

Here is a good example of what an interactive GUI for Mastermind would look like:

<http://www.web-games-online.com/mastermind/index.php>

The version of the game you implement will have the following properties:

- The computer will randomly generate the secret code.
- The player will try to guess the secret code.
- The player has 12 guesses to guess the code correctly. This number should be easily changeable by modifying your code.
- If the player does not guess the code correctly in 12 or fewer guesses they lose the game.
- The secret code consists of 4 colored pegs in specific position order.
- The valid colors for the pegs are blue, green, orange, purple, red, and yellow. Capital letters will be used in the examples to indicate colors. B for blue, R for red, and so forth. The number of colors should be changeable for full credit. The selection of the number of colors, like the number of guesses and the number of pegs, should be changeable through the provided class `GameConfiguration.java`, by changing the code and re-building.
- The results of a guess are displayed with black and white pegs. The Wikipedia article refers to the results as feedback.
- A black peg indicates one of the pegs in the player's guess is the correct color and in the correct position.
- A white peg indicates one of the pegs in the player's guess is the correct color, but is out of position.
- A peg in the guess will generate feedback of either: 1 black peg, 1 white peg, or no pegs. A single peg in the guess cannot generate more than 1 feedback peg.
- The order of the feedback does not give any information about which pegs in the guess generated which feedback pegs. In your feedback, you must give the number of black pegs (if any) first, and then the number of white ones, if any.
- The player's guesses must be error checked to ensure that they are of the correct length and only contain valid characters.

The output of the game should be a simple text based display on the console, as shown in the following example:

Sample user dialogue

Console output is in typewriter font, and user input is **bold-underlined**. Do not change the text or format:

Initial greeting.

Welcome to Mastermind. Here are the rules.

This is a text version of the classic board game Mastermind.

The computer will think of a secret code. The code consists of 4 colored pegs. The pegs **MUST** be one of six colors: blue, green, orange, purple, red, or yellow. A color may appear more than once in the code. You try to guess what colored pegs are in the code and what order they are in. After you make a valid guess the result (feedback) will be displayed.

The result consists of a black peg for each peg you have guessed exactly correct (color and position) in your guess. For each peg in the guess that is the correct color, but is out of position, you get a white peg. For each peg, which is fully incorrect, you get no feedback.

Only the first letter of the color is displayed. B for Blue, R for Red, and so forth. When entering guesses you only need to enter the first character of each color as a capital letter.

You have 12 guesses to figure out the secret code or you lose the game. Are you ready to play? (Y/N): **Y**

Generating secret code ...(for this example the secret code is YRBY)

You have 12 guesses left.

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: **OOOO**

OOOO -> Result: 0B_0W

You have 11 guesses left.

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: **oooo**

oooo -> INVALID GUESS

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: kkkk

kkkk -> INVALID GUESS

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: RRRR

RRRR -> INVALID GUESS

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: *(no text or spaces)*

-> INVALID GUESS

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: RRRR

RRRR -> Result: 1B_0W

You have 10 guesses left.

What is your next guess?

(Etc. etc.,...)

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: YRBY

YRBY -> Result: 4B_0W - You win !!

(Alternately: (Sorry, you are out of guesses. You lose, boo-hoo.)

Are you ready for another game (Y/N): N

In correctly guessing the code, it is helpful for you to be able to review the history of the guesses and replies. This represents the state of the Board. Therefore, you should implement a way to have the program output the history in order from the beginning whenever you want to see it. So, when the user types in "HISTORY" for the guess, the program would then display that history.

What is your next guess?

Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.

Enter guess: HISTORY

The history of all guesses and replies for this game are displayed in tabular format – first the guess, then two tabs, and then the computer's reply, and then a new line. Blank lines will be ignored. The guess is the peg colors like RGRY, and the reply should be 2B_0W, for example, to show 2 blacks and no whites. Only valid guesses must be stored and displayed.

Part of the assignment grade will be determined by how easily your program could be altered to allow a different maximum number of guesses, or a different number of pegs in the code and how easily new colors could be added, assuming they start with a different letter than other existing colors (up to 10). For example how easily would it be to change the code to have 5 pegs and allow pegs to be the color Maroon? (However, you do not have to worry about changing the following sentence from the intro if the colors change: "The pegs MUST be one of six colors: blue, green, orange, purple, red, or yellow.")

One of the criteria of the assignment is to break the problem up into smaller classes even if you think the problem could be solved more easily with ONE BIG CLASS. For this assignment you should have more than 1 class.

Program structure

You must have a class in your program called `Game`, **which is nearly at the top-level** (a `Driver` class with `main()` should call `Game`'s constructor, and is at the top level). It must have a constructor that takes a `boolean` value as its parameter. The `boolean` value is used for running the game in the testing mode until you are finished. If it is true, then the secret code is revealed for every game you play, as shown in the sample output. You should read in the first argument to `main`, and if the first argument is 1, you should set testing mode to true; otherwise testing mode is false. Look up documentation on how to use the `String[] args` part of `main`. For example, we will call your program with `java Driver 1` if we want to set the testing mode to true, and `java Driver` or `java Driver <something else>` if we want to set the testing mode to false.

Your program must have a `Scanner` object connected to the keyboard that is passed to any methods as necessary. It can be created once in `main()`, and passed to `Game` as an additional constructor parameter (in addition to the test mode), or created once in the `Game` class's constructor, if the `Game` object is created only once in your program. For example, if the user finishes a game and wishes to play again, a new `Scanner` object should not be created. Creation of multiple `Scanner` objects breaks our grading script's functioning.

The `Game` class must also have a method named `runGame` that carries out the actual games. Your main method could create and use a new `Game` object for each game played, or, what might be better, create one `Game` object that has a loop for multiple games. You must have only 1 `Scanner` object connected to the keyboard, and it should be created only once during your entire program.

To create the random code, use the provided code, rather than make your own. Import the `SecretCodeGenerator` class, and use it thus:

`SecretCodeGenerator.getInstance().getNewSecretCode()` to return a `String` code. Note that `SecretCodeGenerator` has a private constructor. For testing, you may modify this code to do whatever you want. Do not submit this class with your solution.

How to proceed

We will be evaluating your solution in large part based on your object-oriented design. Recall that when designing a program in an object-oriented way, you should consider implementing a class for each type of entity you see in the problem. For example in Mastermind there is a game board, pegs, colors, codes (the secret code and the player's guesses can both be considered the same data type, a code), feedback results, a computer player, a human player, and an over-all game runner. Some things are so simple you may choose not to implement a class for them. For example, the computer player doesn't do anything more than pick the secret code and answer the guesses. Maybe that is simple enough for the Game or Board class to do. Also you may use some pre-existing type, primitive or a class, to represent things. E.g. the guesses and results could be `String` objects.

After deciding what classes you need, implement them one at a time, simplest ones first. Test a class thoroughly before going on to the next class. You may need to alter your design as you implement and test classes.

I recommend you work on this incrementally. Start with a design and try to get that to work. Have a working program at all times and add to it as you implement more features. This will avoid the assignment becoming an all or nothing affair. Even if you don't finish you will have a working version with some functionality ready to turn in.

Tips and Hints

The hardest thing algorithmically about this assignment is how to generate a result given a secret code and a guess. It is important to realize black pegs should be generated first and that a given peg from the secret code and the guess cannot be reused once matched.

Here are some examples:

Code: RRRR
Guess: BBBB

This one is easy. There aren't any B's in the code, so the guess of BBBB would generate a result with no pegs.

Code: RRRR
Guess: RBBY

The R in the first position of the guess matches up exactly with the R in the first position of the code. This generates one black peg. The key is once a peg has generated a peg it cannot be used to generate any more. So the R in the first position of the code and the first position of the guess cannot generate any more pegs. The guess of RBBY generates a result with 1 black peg and 0 white pegs.

Here is another example.

Code: RBYR
Guess: BBRG

This code and guess would give a result of 1 black peg and 1 white peg. Black pegs take precedence so the B in the second position of the code and guess result in a black peg. One useful way of solving this problem is to determine the black pegs and scratch out or replace the pegs that were used. So given the Code of RBYR and the Guess of BBRG there could be a temporary result of

Code: R-YR
Guess: B-RG

To get the number of white pegs in the result the remaining characters can be compared for matches, independent of position. If a match is found then those pegs should be scratched out as well. The B in the first position of the guess doesn't match any characters in the code. The "-" in the second position of the guess should be skipped. The R in the third position of the guess matches the R in the first position of the code. This is a peg in the guess that is the right color, but in the wrong position so it generates 1 white peg. Once used the R in the first position of the code and the R in the third position of the guess can be reused so they should be scratched out.

Code: --YR
Guess: B--G

The G in the fourth position of the guess doesn't match anything so the result would be 1 black peg and 1 white peg. To summarize

Code: RBYR
Guess: BBRG

generates a result of 1 black peg and 1 white peg.

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What is your next guess?
Type in the characters for your guess and press enter.
Enter guess: HISTORY

... (the history of all guesses and replies for this game are displayed in tabular format)