

Object Oriented Programming

(CSC 302)

Lecture Note 3

Exceptions Handling

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► How to use the three-tier architecture

(to be discussed later)

How to work with continue and break in loops

- ▶ When you code loops, you usually want them to run to completion. Occasionally, though, you may need to jump to the end of a loop and exit the loop. To do that, you can use the **break** statement. Conversely, you may need to jump to the top of a loop and continue the loop. To do that, you can use the **continue** statement.
- ▶ A break statement that exits the loop

```
while (true) {  
  
    int random = (int) (Math.random() * 10);  
  
    System.out.println(random);  
  
    if (random == 7) {  
  
        System.out.println("value found - exit loop!");  
  
        break;  
  
    }  
  
}
```

- ▶ To skip the rest of the statements in the current loop and jump to the top of the current loop, you can use the continue statement.
- ▶ A continue statement that jumps to the beginning of a loop

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    int random = (int) (Math.random() * 10);  
    if (random > 7) {  
        System.out.println("invalid value - continue loop!");  
        continue;  
    }  
    System.out.println(random);  
}
```

How to catch and Handle Exception

- ▶ To prevent your applications from crashing, you can write **try/catch** statements that handle exceptions when they occur. This is known as *exception handling*, and it plays an important role in most applications.
- ▶ How to work with exception
- ▶ An **exception** is an object that contains information about an error that has occurred. When an error occurs in a method, the method throws an exception.
- ▶ If an exception is thrown when you're testing a console application, some information about the exception, including its name and *stack trace*, is displayed at the console.
- ▶ A stack trace is a list of the methods that were called before the exception occurred. The list appears in reverse order, from the last method called to the first method called.
- ▶ All exceptions are subclasses of the **Exception** class. The Exception class represents the most general type of exception. Each successive layer of subclasses represents more specific exceptions.
- ▶ The **RuntimeException** class represents exceptions that occur at runtime. All of the exceptions described in this lesson are runtime exceptions.

► Some of the classes in the Exception hierarchy

Exception

RuntimeException

NoSuchElementException

InputMismatchException

IllegalArgumentException

NumberFormatException

ArithmeticException

NullPointerException

► Four methods that might throw an exception

Class	Method	Exception
Scanner	nextInt()	InputMismatchException
Scanner	nextDouble()	InputMismatchException
Integer	parseInt(string)	NumberFormatException
Double	parseDouble(string)	NumberFormatException

► How to catch exceptions

- ❖ In a try statement (or try/catch statement), you code any statements that may throw an exception in a try block. Then, you can code a catch block that handles any exceptions that may occur in the try block.
- ❖ When an exception occurs, any remaining statements in the try block are skipped and the statements in the catch block are executed.
- ❖ Any *variables* or *objects* that are used in both the try and catch blocks must be declared before the try and catch blocks so both the try and catch blocks can access them.
- ❖ If you use a catch block to catch a specific type of exception, you should also **import** the **package** that contains that exception class.
- ❖ The syntax for a simple try/catch statement
 - ❖ **try** { statements }
 - ❖ **catch** (ExceptionClass exceptionName) { statements }

- Code that catches a `NumberFormatException`

```
String choice = "y";
while (!choice.equalsIgnoreCase("n")) {
    // get the input from the user
    System.out.print("Enter monthly investment: ");
    double monthlyInvestment;
    try {
        String line = sc.nextLine();
        monthlyInvestment = Double.parseDouble(line);
    } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
        System.out.println("Error! Invalid number. Try again.\n");
        continue; // jump to the top of the loop
    }
    // see if the user wants to continue
    System.out.print("Continue? (y/n): ");
    choice = sc.nextLine();
    System.out.println();
}
```


- The Console class (a utility class for working with console applications)

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Console {
    private static Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
    public static void displayLine() {
        System.out.println();
    }
    public static void displayLine(String s) {
        System.out.println(s);
    }
    public static String getString(String prompt) {
        System.out.print(prompt);
        String s = sc.nextLine();
        return s;
    }
}
```

```
public static int getInt(String prompt) {  
    int i = 0;  
    while (true) {  
        System.out.print(prompt);  
        try {  
            i = Integer.parseInt(sc.nextLine());  
            break;  
        } catch (NumberFormatException e) {  
            System.out.println("Error! Invalid integer. Try again.");  
        }  
    }  
    return i;  
} // closes the getInt method  
} // closes the main class
```

► The future value application

How to work with strings

- ▶ You can initialize a String variable by assigning a String literal or another variable that refers to a String object.
- ▶ To join (or concatenate) one string with another string or another data type, you can use the + operator.
- ▶ To append a string or another data type to a string, you can use the += operator.
- ▶ When you *join* or *append* other data types to a String object, Java automatically converts the other data types to String objects so they can be used as part of the string.
- ▶ How to compare strings
- ▶ The String class provides methods that you can use to compare strings.
- ▶ The equality operator (==) checks whether two strings refer to the same String object. It's possible for two strings to contain the same characters, but to refer to different String objects. As a result, you should not use this operator to check whether two strings contain the same characters.

isEmpty() - Returns a true value if this string contains an empty string. This method was introduced with Java 1.6.

startsWith(String) - Returns a true value if this string starts with the specified string.

endsWith(String) - Returns a true value if this string ends with the specified string.

► How to use the isEmpty method

```
if (productCode.isEmpty()) {  
    System.out.println("You must enter a product code.");  
}
```

► How to use the startsWith method

```
if (productDescription.startsWith("Amazon")) {  
    System.out.println("This book is a Amazon book.");  
}
```

► How to use the endsWith method

```
if (productDescription.endsWith("Programming")) {  
    System.out.println("This book is about programming.");  
}
```

- ▶ **How to work with string indexes**
- ▶ You can use an **index** to refer to each character within a string where 0 is the first character, 1 is the second character, and so on.
- ▶ **length()** - Returns an int value for the number of characters in this string.
- ▶ **indexOf(String)** - Returns an int value for the index of the first occurrence of the specified string in this string. If the string isn't found, this method returns -1.
- ▶ **indexOf(String, startIndex)** - Returns an int value for the index of the first occurrence of the specified string starting at the specified index. If the string isn't found, this method returns -1.
- ▶ **lastIndexOf(String)** - Returns an int value for the index of the last occurrence of the specified string in this string.
- ▶ **lastIndexOf(String, startIndex)** - Returns an int value for the index of the last occurrence of the specified string in this string starting at the specified index.
- ▶ **charAt(index)** - Returns the char value at the specified index.

- ▶ How to get the length of a string

```
String productCode = "java";  
int length = productCode.length();
```

- ▶ How to use the length method to check for an empty string

```
if (productCode.length() == 0){  
    System.out.println("You must enter a product code.");  
}
```

- ▶ Code that gets the index values for the two spaces

```
String name = "Martin Van Buren";  
int index1 = name.indexOf(" ");  
index2 = name.indexOf(" ", index1+1);
```

- ▶ Another way to get the index values for the two spaces

```
String name = "Martin Van Buren";  
int index1 = name.lastIndexOf(" ");  
int index2 = name.lastIndexOf(" ", index1-1);
```

► Code that gets the index of a string

```
String name = "Martin Van Buren";  
int index = name.indexOf("Van");
```

► Code that gets the character at the specified index

```
String name = "Martin Van Buren";  
char char1 = name.charAt(0);  
char char2 = name.charAt(1);  
char char3 = name.charAt(2);
```

► How to modify strings

trim() - Returns a String object with any spaces removed from the beginning and end of this string.

substring(startIndex) - Returns a String object that starts at the specified index and goes to the end of the string.

substring(startIndex, endIndex) - Returns a String object that starts at the specified start index and goes to, but doesn't include, the end index.

- ▶ Code that removes spaces from the start and end of a string

```
String choice = " y ";  
choice = choice.trim();
```

- ▶ Code that parses a first name and last name from a string

```
String name = "Muhammad Salisu";  
int index = name.indexOf(" ");  
String firstName = name.substring(0, index);  
String lastName = name.substring(index + 1);
```

- ▶ Code that adds dashes to a credit card number

```
String ccNumber = "4012888888881881";  
String part1 = ccNumber.substring(0,4);  
String part2 = ccNumber.substring(4,8);  
String part3 = ccNumber.substring(8,12);  
String part4 = ccNumber.substring(12,16);  
ccNumber = part1 + "-" + part2 + "-" + part3 + "-" + part4;
```

- Code that removes dashes from a credit card number

```
String ccNumber = "4012-8888-8888-1881";  
String temp = "";  
for(int i = 0; i < ccNumber.length(); i++) {  
    if (ccNumber.charAt(i) != '-') {  
        temp += ccNumber.charAt(i);  
    }  
}  
ccNumber = temp;
```

How to work with the StringBuilder

- ▶ String objects are **immutable**. As a result, they can't grow or shrink.
- ▶ **StringBuilder** objects are **mutable**, which means you can modify the characters in the string. The capacity of a StringBuilder object is automatically increased if necessary.
- ▶ The StringBuilder class was introduced with Java 5. It's designed to replace the older **StringBuffer** class.
- ▶ The StringBuffer class has identical constructors and methods as the StringBuilder class. As a result, you can use it to accomplish the same tasks.
- ▶ The StringBuffer class isn't as efficient as the StringBuilder class, but it is **thread-safe**. As a result, you can use it instead of the StringBuilder class whenever you need to make sure your code is thread-safe.

- ▶ The StringBuilder class

`java.lang.StringBuilder;`

- ▶ Constructors of the StringBuilder class

StringBuilder() - Creates an empty StringBuilder object with an initial capacity of 16 characters.

StringBuilder(capacity) - Creates an empty StringBuilder object with an initial capacity of the specified number of characters.

StringBuilder(String) - Creates a StringBuilder object that contains the specified string plus an additional capacity of 16 characters.

- ▶ Some starting methods of the StringBuilder class

append(data) - Adds a string for the specified primitive type or object to the end of the string.

capacity() - Returns an int value for the capacity of this StringBuilder object.

length() - Returns an int value for the number of characters in this StringBuilder object.

- ▶ Code that creates a credit card number
- ▶ Code that shows how capacity automatically increases

```
StringBuilder ccNumber = new StringBuilder();
```

```
ccNumber.append("4012");
```

```
ccNumber.append("8888");
```

```
ccNumber.append("8888");
```

```
ccNumber.append("1881");
```

```
StringBuilder name = new StringBuilder(8);
```

```
int capacity1 = name.capacity();
```

```
name.append("Raymond R. Thomas");
```

```
int length = name.length();
```

```
int capacity2 = name.capacity();
```

► More methods of the `StringBuilder` class

`insert(index, data)` - Inserts a string for the specified primitive type or object at the specified index pushing the rest of the string back.

`replace(startIndex, endIndex, String)` - Replaces the characters from the start index to, but not including, the end index with the specified string.

`delete(startIndex, endIndex)` - Removes the substring from the start index to, but not including, the end index. This moves the rest of the string forward.

`deleteCharAt(index)` - Removes the character at the specified index.

`setCharAt(index, character)` - Replaces the character at the specified index with the specified character.

`charAt(index)` - Returns a `char` value for the character at the specified index.

`substring(index)` - Returns a `String` object for the characters starting at the specified index to the end of the string.

`substring(startIndex, endIndex)` - Returns a `String` object for the characters from the start index to, but not including, the end index.

`toString()` - Returns a `String` object for the string that's stored in the `StringBuilder` object.

- ▶ Code that adds dashes to a credit card number

```
ccNumber.insert(4, "-");  
ccNumber.insert(9, "-");  
ccNumber.insert(14, "-");
```

- ▶ Code that removes dashes from a credit card number

```
for(int i = 0; i < ccNumber.length(); i++) {  
    if (ccNumber.charAt(i) == '-') {  
        ccNumber.deleteCharAt(i);  
        i--;  
    }  
}
```

- ▶ Code that parses a credit card number

```
String part1 = ccNumber.substring(0,4);  
String part2 = ccNumber.substring(4,8);  
String part3 = ccNumber.substring(8, 12);  
String part4 = ccNumber.substring(12);
```

► The Product Lister application

► The StringUtil class

```
public class StringUtil {  
    public static String pad(String s, int length) {  
        if (s.length() < length) {  
            // append spaces until the string is the specified length  
            StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(s);  
            while (sb.length() < length) {  
                sb.append(" ");  
            }  
            return sb.toString();  
        } else {  
            // truncate the string to the specified length  
            return s.substring(0, length);  
        }  
    }  
}
```