**Programming** **Lab Exercise 8a**

Before you start:

Create a folder called **lab8** inside your personal **java** folder you created at the start. Save all your work for lab 8 in this folder. As usual name your files according to the question e.g. **lab8aq1.java** unless otherwise requested in the question.

Using eclipse:

Your understanding of the classes and methods in Java is tested. In particular:

* Write class and method definitions
* Write driver programs to test these definitions by instantiating objects
* Differentiate between static and non-static methods and variables
* Differentiate between public and private access modifiers

Complete each question (successfully!) before you move on to the next one.

**Exercises:**

**Q1.**

The definition for a class Time is contained in Time.java on Blackboard. There is also a driver program called TimeTest.java. Copy both these files to your folder. Compile them and run the driver program. Can you follow what is happening? If not, ask for help.

Provide another driver program Clock.java that will create a Time object - you should pass to the Time constructor method the current time in hours and minutes. Hint: use java.util.Calendar to create the time object as follows:

Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance();

Time t = new Time (cal.get(Calendar.HOUR\_OF\_DAY), cal.get(Calendar.MINUTE));

Next, write a loop that calls method tick() every second and then prints the stored time. The loop (and program) should terminate when the stored time advances to the next minute.

Hint: to find out when a second has passed you will need to use System.currentTimeMillis() which returns the number of milliseconds elapsed since January 1, 1970. There are 1000 milliseconds in 1 second.

**Q2.**

Create a class SavingsAccount. Each SavingsAccount should have a unique account number that is automatically assigned by the constructor method, i.e. the number is not to be passed as a parameter to the constructor. The account numbers should start at 1 and count upwards in increments of 1.

Use a static class variable to store the annualInterestRate for each of the savers.

Each object of the class should contain a private instance variable savingsBalance indicating the amount the saver currently has on deposit. Provide a method calculateMonthlyInterest() to calculate the monthly interest by multiplying the balance by annualInterestRate divided by 12; this interest should then be added to savingsBalance. Provide a static method modifyInterestRate() that sets the annualInterestRate to a new value.

Driver program: Write a driver program to test class SavingsAccount. Instantiate two different savingsAccount objects, saver1 and saver2, with balances of €2,000.00 and €3,000.00, respectively. Set annualInterestRate to 4%, then calculate the monthly interest and print the new balances for each of the savers. Then set the annualInterestRate to 5% and calculate the next month's interest and print the new balances for each of the savers.