Introducing Java

Module: When Things Fail

What could go wrong?

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Figure 1. Perhaps more appropriate for the concurrency module

If something can go wrong, it will go wrong

- Unexpected input
- Configuration bugs
- System resource problems
- Network failures
- File encoding or formatting issues

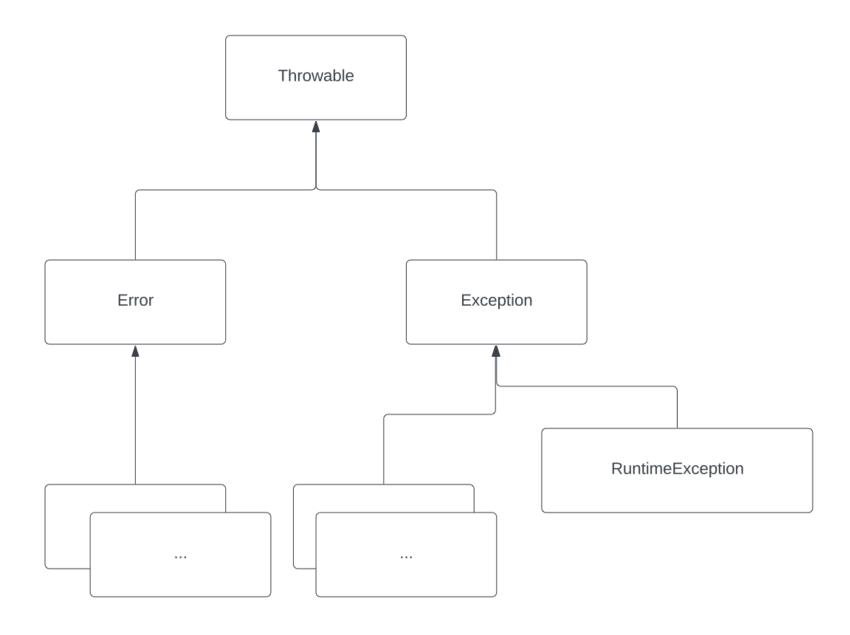
What are exceptions?

- When an exceptional condition arises at runtime
- Exceptions are objects that inherit from Throwable, and describe the problem that occurred
- They may be generated by the Java runtime or manually created and *thrown* from application code

Why do I have to work with exceptions?

- If an exception is thrown and your code doesn't handle it correctly, it will reach the default exception handler and your program will terminate
- When abnormal situations occur, you may want to throw exceptions from your code

Throwable



Throwable

- All exceptions and errors inherit from Throwable
- Error represents abnormal, usually system-related problems that we normally don't have to deal with
- Exception objects indicate exceptional conditions that we should be prepared for in application code

Common Exceptions

NullPointerException

When we try to perform an operation on a null value, e.g. a method call

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException

When we try to access an element in an array using an index that exceeds the array's length

NumberFormatException

Often seen when attempting to parse a String as a number

IllegalArgumentException

If the input to a method is invalid or out of accepted bounds

You will encounter many more built-in exceptions

Working with exceptions

• Five keywords: try, catch, finally, throw, and throws

- Exceptions are thrown and can be caught
- Statements that may throw an exception can be wrapped in a try block, and the exception can then be handled in a catch block

Try/Catch/Finally

```
try {
   // statement that may throw an exception
} catch (SomeException e) {
   // code that executes if a SomeException is thrown
} finally {
   // code that executes whether an exception was thrown or not
}
```

Try/Catch/Finally

• Try-blocks can be nested, and multiple catch blocks are allowed (be careful with the order)

```
String userInput = "fourty-two";
try {
  int x = Integer.parseInt(userInput);
  int y = Integer.parseInt("0");
  try {
    return x / y;
  } catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    log.error("Did you try to divide by zero?");
  }
} catch (NumberFormatException e) {
  log.error("Unable to parse an integer from '{}'", userInput);
} catch (Exception e) {
  log.error("Something else went wrong");
```

}

Try/Catch/Finally

• You can specify multiple exception types in one catch block

```
String userInput = "fourty-two";
try {
  int x = Integer.parseInt(userInput);
  int y = Integer.parseInt("0");
  return x / y;
} catch (NumberFormatException | ArithmeticException e) {
  log.error("Something went wrong");
}
```

Checked and unchecked exceptions

- Exceptions that inherit from RuntimeException are unchecked
- Other exceptions are checked
- Checked exceptions *must* be caught or declared in the signature of the method from which they are thrown

```
public InputStream openFile(String location) throws FileNotFoundException {
  return new FileInputStream(new File(location));
}
```

Throwing exceptions

• The throw keyword is used to throw a new exception

```
public void setPrice(int price) {
  if (price <= 0) {
    throw new IllegalArgumentException("Price must be greater than zero");
  }
  this.price = price;
}</pre>
```

Custom exceptions

• You can define your own exceptions by subclassing Exception, RuntimeException, or any existing exception

```
public class CoffeeTemperatureTooLowException extends RuntimeException {
  public CoffeeTemperatureTooLowException(String message, Throwable cause) {
    super(message, cause);
  }
}
```

Error messages

- When an exception is thrown and not handled, the default handler will print the exception message and stack trace
- The message and stack trace should help you identify where the exception was thrown

```
public class ExceptionHandling {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
String text = null;
System.out.println(text.length());
}
```

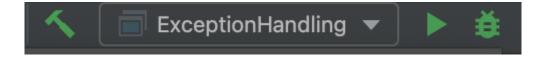
```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException: Cannot invoke "String.length()" because "text" is
null
    at ExceptionHandling.main(ExceptionHandling.java:4)
```

Using a debugger

- Powerful way to investigate problems and validate behaviour
- Pause execution at runtime with breakpoints, inspect object values, and step through code
- Works in the command line with jdb, but much easier to use your IDEs tools

Running code in debug mode

• You can run your program or tests in debug mode by clicking on the 'bug' icon in the toolbar, or selecting the option from the 'play' button beside the main method



• If no breakpoints are enabled, the program will execute the same way as when you run it normally

Setting breakpoints

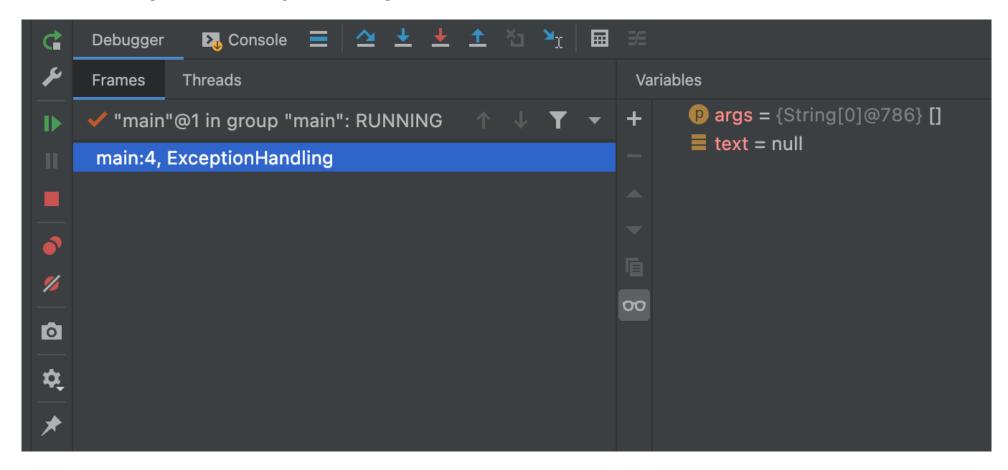
- When a breakpoint is set on a line of code, by default execution will be suspended when that line is reached
- To set a breakpoint, click on the gutter on the left side of the code editor. When it's set you'll see a circle

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System.out.println(text.length());
```

Setting breakpoints

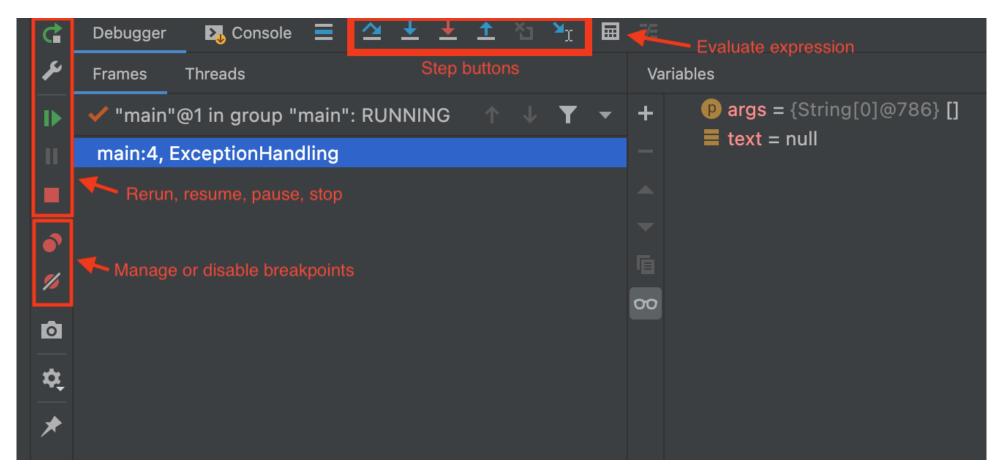
• When a breakpoint is hit, the debug window will open



Inspecting the suspended program

• The variables window will show you the values of any variables in scope, such as instance variables, argument values, and local variables

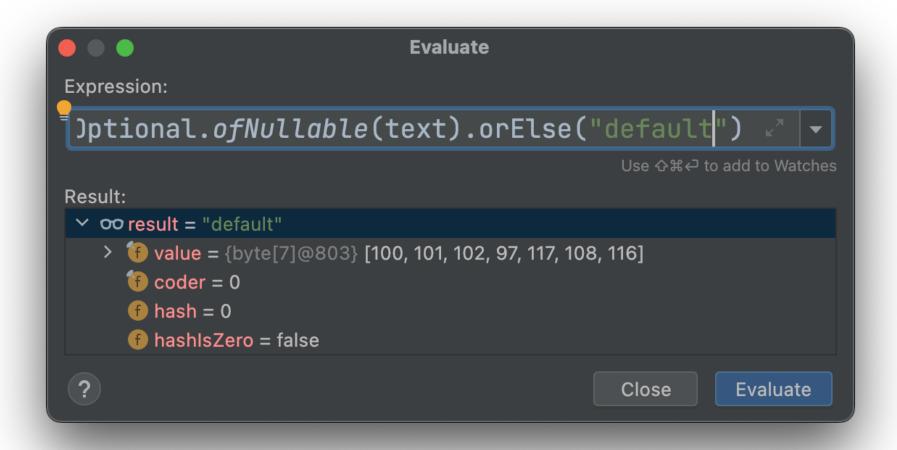
• The Frames panel allows you to look through the stack frames that led to this point, and navigate between them



• On the top and side of the debug window are various controls for controlling the suspended code

Evaluate expression

• A useful feature in the debug window is the 'Evaluate expression' dialog, giving you a REPL-like interface for testing expressions when a program is suspended



Exercises

- Open a text file from the resources directory, catch and handle the exceptions that can occur when opening and reading a file. If successful, print the first line from the file, otherwise print an error message
- Run your code in debug mode and set breakpoints. Experiment with the step controls (step in, step over etc.), and get familiar with the variables panel

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- Looking things up
- Asking a question online
- Exercises

Introduction

- What to do when you're stuck?
- Ask your colleague ... AGAIN!?
- Or ... RTFM

Where to find docs

- Search engine
- Java Version Almanac
- Javadoc.io

Search engine

- Will find anything
- May find too much
- May find *almost* what you need, but not quite

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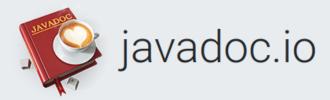
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- Most important: "API"

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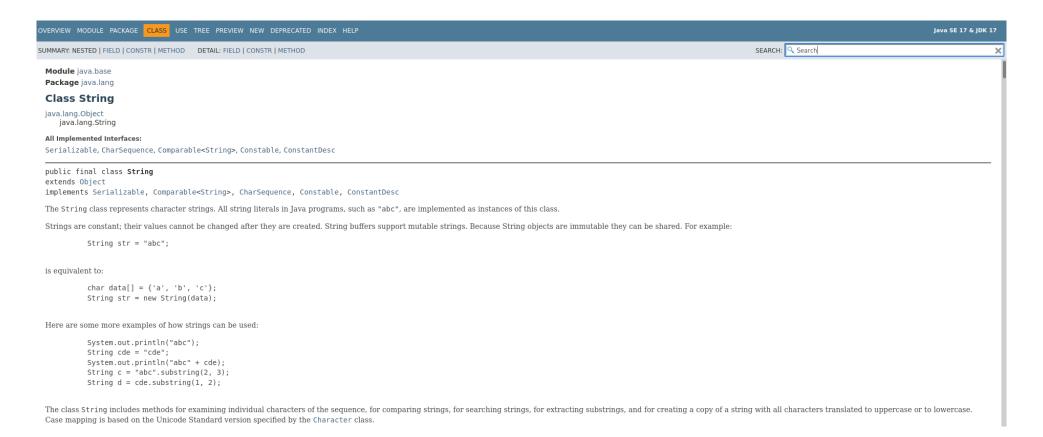
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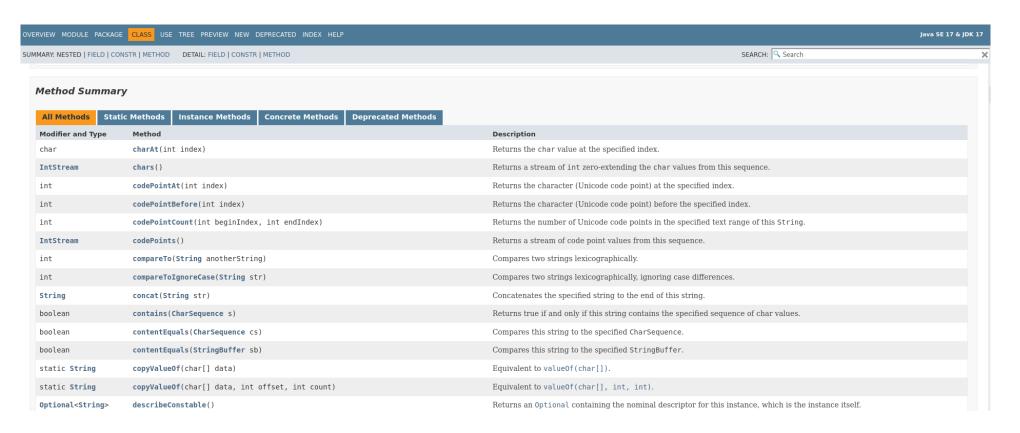
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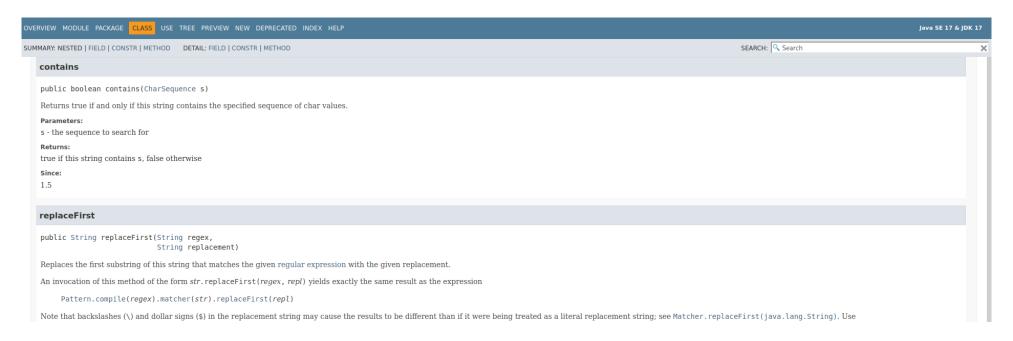
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| Module | Description |
| java.base | Defines the foundational APIs of the Java SE Platform. |
| java.compiler | Defines the Language Model, Annotation Processing, and Java Compiler APIs. |
| java.datatransfer | Defines the API for transferring data between and within applications. |
| java.desktop | Defines the AWT and Swing user interface toolkits, plus APIs for accessibility, audio, imaging, printing, and JavaBeans. |
| java.instrument | Defines services that allow agents to instrument programs running on the JVM. |
| java.logging | Defines the Java Logging API. |
| java.management | Defines the Java Management Extensions (JMX) API. |
| java.management.rmi | Defines the RMI connector for the Java Management Extensions (JMX) Remote API. |
| java.naming | Defines the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) API. |
| java.net.http | Defines the HTTP Client and WebSocket APIs. |
| java.prefs | Defines the Preferences API. |
| java.rmi | Defines the Remote Method Invocation (RMI) API. |
| java.scripting | Defines the Scripting API. |







How to use JavaDoc

- Everything is cross-referenced
- Works the same way for Java APIs and thrid party projects

JavaDoc from source

```
/**
 * Returns true if and only if this string contains the specified
 * sequence of char values.
 *
 * @param s the sequence to search for
 * @return true if this string contains {@code s}, false otherwise
 * @since 1.5
```

```
*/
public boolean contains(CharSequence s) { ... }
```

JavaDoc from source

- @param
- @throws
- @return
- @since
- @code

Looking things up

- Baeldung
- StackOverflow
- GitHub
- Search engines

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1. Overview

In this tutorial, we're going to shed light on how to split a string every n characters in Java.

First, we'll start by exploring possible ways to do this using built-in Java methods. Then, we're going to showcase how to achieve the same objective using Guava.

2. Using the String#split Method

The *String* class comes with a handy method called *split*. As the name implies, it splits a string into multiple parts based on a given delimiter or regular expression.

Let's see it in action:

```
public static List<String> usingSplitMethod(String text, int n) {
   String[] results = text.split("(?<=\\G.{" + n + "})");
   return Arrays.asList(results);
}</pre>
```

As we can see, we used the regex $(? <= \ \ n + n + ")$ where n is the number of characters. It's a positive lookbehind assertion that matches a string that has the last match $(\ G)$ followed by n characters.

Now, let's create a test case to check that everything works as expected:

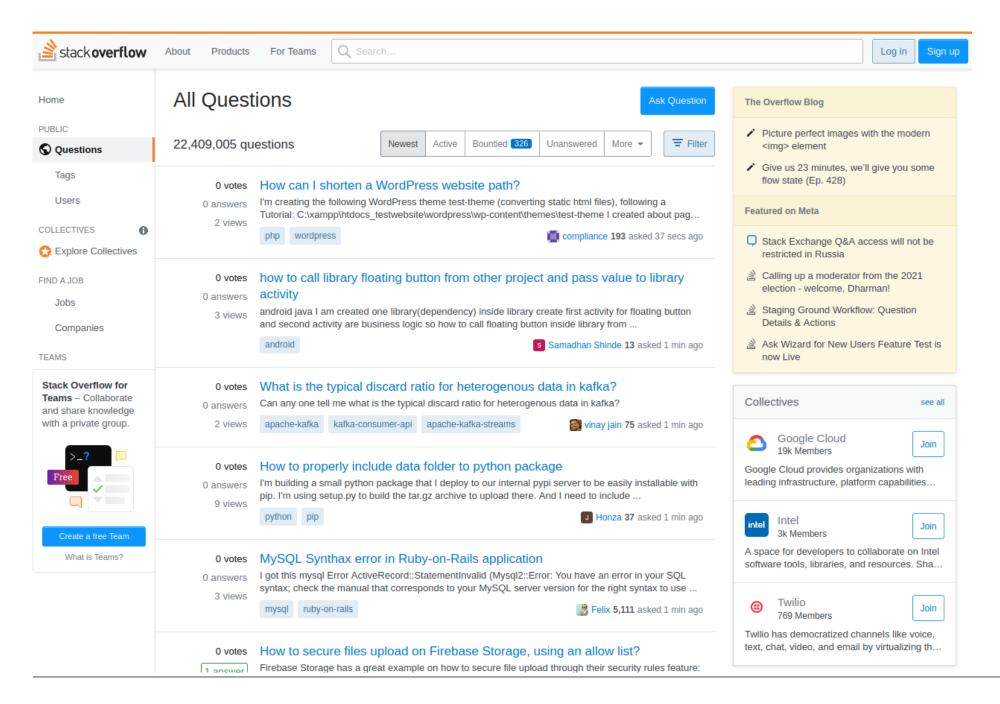
```
public class SplitStringEveryNthCharUnitTest {
    public static final String TEXT = "abcdefgh123456";
    @Test
    public void givenString_whenUsingSplit_thenSplit() {
        List<String> results = SplitStringEveryNthChar.usingSplitMethod(TEXT, 3);
        assertThat(results, contains("abc", "def", "gh1", "234", "56"));
    }
}
```



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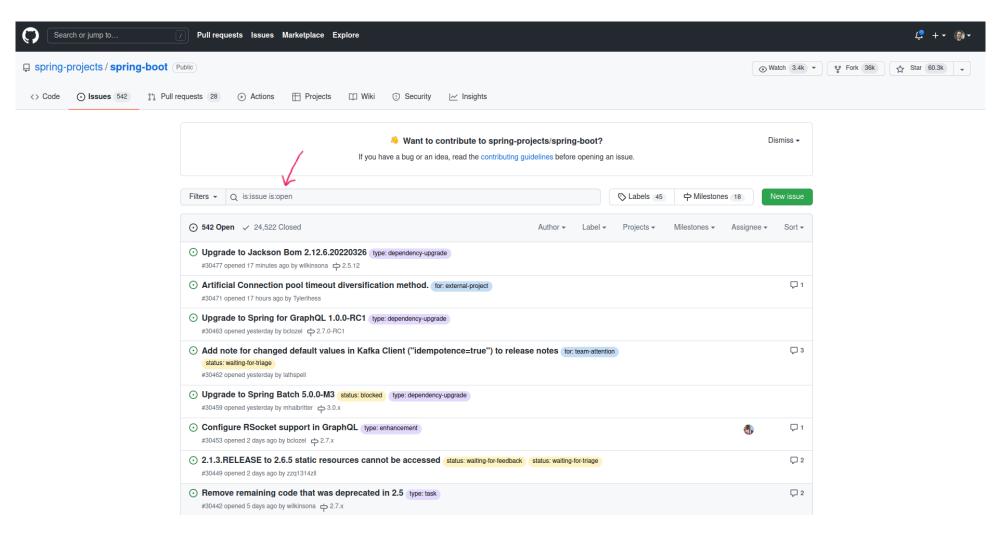
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- Q&A
- Understand before you copy-paste

GitHub Issues



GitHub Issues

- Reporting problems
- Use the search

• Remove is: open, because closed issues are the ones that are solved

Search engine

- Quality of results varies
- You can find things that you can't find elsewhere

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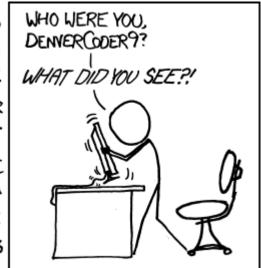
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Asking a question online

- On StackOverflow or GitHub Issues
- People answer in their spare time

• Respect their time

How to ask a question

- Research the issue
- Give as much information as possible
- Give a code example
 - As small as possible
 - Still shows the issue
- Answer your own question if possible!

The internet can be harsh

- StackOverflow questions can get closed
- People can be rude
- People may be bad at English
- People have bad days

Exercises

- 1. Use Baeldung to find how to sum the content of an array.
- 2. Use StackOverflow to find how to sum the content of an array.

| 3. Use GitHub to find why Semaphores don't work in version 3.7 of the EqualsVerifier project. | | | | | | | | |
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