Course Assessment Information for Intro to Java Programming

This document is intended for students enrolled in the [full course](#) for Intro to Java Programming. If you are taking the free courseware, you are encouraged to complete the questions in the course assessment, but please understand that you will not submit your assessment for evaluation by the Udacity Coach team.

If you are enrolled in the full course, you can earn a verified certificate by successfully completing the course assessment according to the rubric included in this document and then passing an exit interview to authenticate your work on the assessment as our own. Feel free to try each question on the assessment as many times as you would like - just be sure that your answers are genuinely your own work.

In this document, you will find:

- **Rubric** - This is what your assessment evaluator will use to determine whether or not your responses to the assessment questions meet our specifications.

- **Submission Instructions** - This will tell you how to submit your assessment to the Udacity Coach team.

- **Assessment Summary Questions** - You will include answers to these questions when you submit your assessment to the Udacity Coach team.

The Rubric

How Evaluation Works
The purpose of the evaluation process is to give you feedback to help you to take your programming skills to the next level. Your assessment evaluator will read through your responses to the assessment questions and compare them to the specifications listed in the rubric below. Your grade will simply be "meets specifications" or "does not meet specifications."
- If you receive a "meets specifications" for **every** criterion listed in the rubric, then your assessment as a whole will receive a "meets specifications".
- If you receive a "does not meet specifications" in **any** of the criteria in the rubric, then your assessment as a whole will receive a "does not meet specifications". You will, however, be able to make changes and re-submit. Please note that it is perfectly normal to have to submit the course assessment more than once.

How to Use the Rubric
- Once you have answered all questions in the course assessment, go through each criteria item and do your best to honestly evaluate where you think your responses fall.
- If you think your assessment "does not meet specifications" for **any** criteria item, then you should make changes accordingly.
- Once you're confident that your assessment "meets specifications," go ahead and follow the assessment submission instructions to submit!

Criteria	Does Not Meet Specifications	Meets Specifications
Code Functionality		
Submitted responses for all graded questions in the course assessment pass the autograder.		

Code Readability		
Code follows an intuitive, easy-to-follow logical structure.		
Code is commented as necessary.		
Code follows the best practices outlined in the Java Language Coding Guidelines.		
Conceptual Understanding		
Answers to free response questions demonstrate a solid grasp of the course material.		

Assessment Submission and Re-submission Instructions

Review the rubric above for the assessment. Iterate on your responses to each question until you feel that they meet our specifications.

 When you feel confident that you have successfully completed the assessment, send an email to: introjava-assessment@udacity.com containing your answers to the Assessment Summary Questions below. You will receive a confirmation email from support@udacity.com that your message was received.

Within 7 business days, you will receive an email from your assessment evaluator (who will not be your Udacity Coach) with a completed evaluation and instructions for next steps.

If your assessment was evaluated as meeting our specifications, you will schedule an exit interview. The purpose of this interview is to talk to you about the assessment and to verify that you are the person who created the responses you submitted. In preparation for this interview, please look back at each question on the assessment and make sure that you can explain the logic behind your responses and your thought process in crafting them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email your Coach!

Assessment Summary Questions

Please include answers to the following questions when you submit your assessment to the Udacity Coach team:

> What is your name?
> > Joe Schmo
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> What E-mail address do you use to sign in to Udacity?
> > joeisthebest@example.com
>
> Is there any other important information that you would want your assessment evaluator to know?
> > Use this space to communicate with your assessment evaluator. Is there anything you would like to share? Feedback or suggestions?