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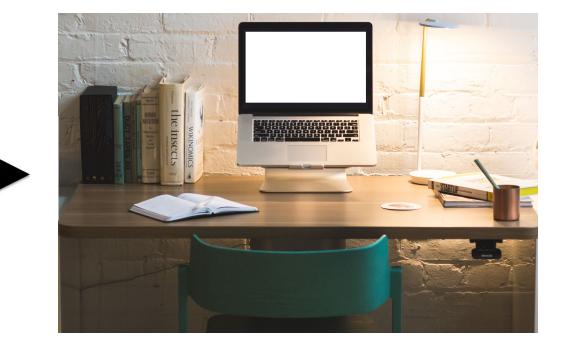


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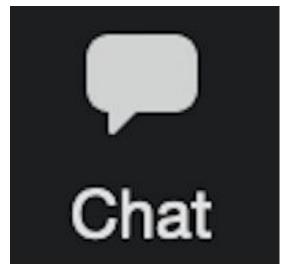




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Prerequisites



Solid understanding of the Java programming language to Java 11



Objectives



At the end of this course you will be able to:

- Write code using switch expressions
- Create multi-line text blocks
- Write code using the pattern matching feature for instanceof
- Describe the benefits of, and write code using, sealed classes
- Implement records and correlate them with equivalent class declarations
- Explain the significance of value types, and why warnings are needed for certain uses of core Java types



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- What you hope to learn
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Improved switch syntax



Java 14 introduces a new case label format using an arrow instead of a colon:

case
$$0 \rightarrow$$

- The right hand side of this must be an expression, a block, or a throw
- This rule ensures that it's only possible to declare variable in a block, which forces a more reasonable scope for such variables
- This form does not "fall through", and does not need or use break
- Multiple labels are provided as a comma-separated list

case 1, 2, 3
$$\rightarrow$$



switch expressions



Java 14 introduces an expression form of switch which yields a value rather than simply having side-effects

If switch is used where an expression value is needed, then it becomes an expression

- for example:
 - value to be assigned in an assignment
 - operand in another expression
 - actual parameter to method invocation
 - return value from a method

A switch expression must produce a value (or throw an exception) for all possible input values, otherwise a compiler error occurs



Producing a value from a switch expression



If a switch uses the arrow label form:

- an expression to the right of the arrow is the value produced by that case
- a block to the right of the arrow produces the value to the right of a yield statement

If a switch uses the colon label form:

produces the value to the right of a yield statement

In the colon label form, fall through still occurs, even with the expression form of switch



Text blocks



Java 15 added multi-line string literals, referred to as "text blocks"

- these are not "raw" strings, some processing is applied
- surround text with triple-quotes
 - opening quotes must be at the end of the line that contains them (except for whitespace)
 - closing quotes may be on the end of a line of text
 - if closing quotes on a line by themselves produce a string that ends with a newline character
- consistent leading whitespace is removed



Text block compiler processing



Text blocks span multiple lines, but all newlines are normalized to \u000A regardless of the source platform

the escape literals \n, \r are not affected by this

Leading and trailing whitespace on each line is cleaned up

- leading whitespace is that which is present in every line (though blank lines other than the last are ignored for this)
- String.indent(int n) can insert spaces at the start of every line if desired



Text block compiler processing



Escape sequences (e.g. \n) are interpreted

- consequently \ should be represented as \ \ as with regular string literals
- a single \ can be used at the end of the line to indicate that no newline is desired (as with Unix shell scripts)
- an escaped double quote does not form part of the closing """ delimiter
 - this can be used to assemble three or more double quotes in succession that are intended to be part of the string literal, rather than to terminate it



Pattern matching with instanceof



Java 16 provides pattern matching with instance of

 this simplifies the situation of "test variable for type, and then cast" into a single operation

If expressions with instance of can now create a context-sensitive new, initialized, variable

```
if (o instanceof String s) {
   out.println(s.length());
}
```



Extended boolean logic



The scope of a variable created by pattern matching is carefully computed

```
if (!(o instanceof String s)) { /* s NOT in scope */}
else { System.out.println(s.length()); }
and short-circuit conditional expressions work properly here too
if (o instanceof String s && s.length() > 3) {
   System.out.println("it's a long string!");
}
this fails, s is not in scope after the || operator
if (o instanceof String s || s.length() > 3)
```



Extended boolean logic



The boolean logic approach is not restricted to an if condition, but is valid in its own right

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {
  return obj instanceof Customer c
    && this.name == c.name
    && this.credit == c.credit;
}
```



Pattern matching with switch



```
Java 17 gives a preview of pattern matching with switch
switch (o) {
  case Integer i -> System.out.println("Integer " + i);
  case String s -> System.out.println("String " + s);
  default -> System.out.println("something else");
}
```

The type for the switch in this form cannot be primitive, but can be any object or array type



Guard conditions with switch patterns



Switch patterns allow a boolean test to form a "guard" condition

```
switch (o) {
  case Integer i -> System.out.println("Integer " + i);
  case String s && s.length() > 3 ->
        System.out.println("it's a longish String " + s);
  case String s -> System.out.println("String " + s);
  default -> System.out.println("something else");
}
```



Guard conditions with switch patterns



More general cases should follow more specific cases

- if two cases with guards both match, only the first will be applied
- if two cases are such that one can be shown to completely include the entirety of the other, the more specific *must* come after the more general
 - this is typically one unguarded match by type and one guarded version
 - the more general is said to "dominate" the less general version



Using null in switch patterns



In the switch pattern form, a null value is allowed

• previously a null pointer in the switch expression immediately caused a NullPointerException

```
switch (o) {
  case null -> System.out.println("it's a null!");
  case String s -> System.out.println("String " + s);
  default -> System.out.println("something else");
}
```



Colon form switch with patterns and guards



The colon label form of switch can also use patterns and guards

• in this situation, fall-through to a pattern is prohibited and will cause compilation failure

All the break statements in this (partial) example are essential

```
switch (o) {
  case null:
    System.out.println("it's a null!"); break;
  case Integer i:
    System.out.println("it's an integer " + i); break;
  case String s && s.length() > 3:
    System.out.println("it's a longish String " + s);
```



Scope of pattern variables



Pattern variables have a scope limited to their particular case

- even in the situation that fall through occurs
 - remember that fall-through cannot happen to another pattern



Record types



Java 16 introduces record types. These represent "data carrier" types public record Customer (String name, long credit) {}
This example provides:

- private final fields name and credit
- simple accessor methods for name () and credit ()
 - but no mutators; name and credit are final fields
- a constructor with name and credit arguments
- equals and hashCode methods
 - equals returns true if all fields pass the equals (Object o) test
- a toString method
- Immutability is intended for these types, but is impossible to enforce in Java as fields themselves can be mutable types



Specializing record types



Records can be specialized with

- static fields
- static initializers
- user defined methods, instance or static
- modifications to the canonical accessor methods
 - and can use @Override for these methods

The parent class of a record is always java.lang.Record

- they cannot carry an extends clause
- however, a record can implement interfaces in the normal way



Constructors for record types



Records permit user-provided code to be executed prior to running the canonical constructor

This has a special syntax that does not declare arguments

```
public record Customer(String name, long credit) {
  public Customer { ...
```

- the implicit fields of the record cannot be assigned in this constructor, but the *actual parameters* can be modified
- the user-provided code runs before the canonical constructor
- this can be useful for validation and normalization

User-defined constructors can also be added, but they must delegate to the canonical constructor using this (...) calls



More rules for record types



Record types

- are implicitly final (and cannot be abstract)
- cannot have additional instance fields, nor instance initializers
- can be top-level, nested, local, and generic
- can implement a sealed interface
- can contain nested types
- cannot declare native methods.
- can implement java.io.Serializable
- but the serialization mechanism cannot be customized
- a nested class is implicitly static



The need for sealed types



Java 17 adds sealed classes and interfaces to the language

- Prior to sealed types, a class could only control its subtypes in limited ways
 - use final to prevent subclassing entirely
 - declare only private constructors, restricting subtypes to nested types
 - use default access to restrict subtypes to existing in the same package

A sealed type has the effect of controlling the possible subtypes in a manner analogous to how an enum controls the possible instances of that type

 this improves over package access, since with a sealed class the base type can be public, and therefore fully accessible in client code

Sealed types are a good addition to pattern matching in switch statements, since they make it possible to know that all possible matches have been listed



Sealed types



A sealed type can control what subtypes can be created directly

- All subtypes must be either in the same module, or in the same package if non-modular
- a permits clause enumerates all the types that can be subtypes
 - if all subtypes are declared in the same compilation unit as the parent class, the permits clause can be omitted
 - all permitted types must be immediate subtypes of the parent
- subtypes must be marked final, or sealed, or non-sealed
- a sealed type must have subclasses
- a non-sealed type can have arbitrary subtypes, so "breaks open" the hierarchy again



Sealed class example



```
The parent:
public sealed class Kingdom
  extends Object implements Serializable
  permits Animal, Plant/*, Fungi, Protist, Monera*/ {
Note that permits follows any extends and/or implements clauses
An example child:
public final class Animal extends Kingdom {
```



Additional notes for sealed types



Subtypes of sealed types must be exactly one of final, sealed, or non-sealed

A permits clause must not be empty (a final class is equivalent to a sealed class with no permitted children)

sealed and non-sealed (but not final) types may be abstract

Subtypes do not have to be equally accessible as their parents, which might prevent exhaustive switching with patterns

instanceof tests that represent situations that are impossible within the rules of sealed types will cause compilation errors