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Definition of software engineering: The application of a systematic disciplined quantifiable approach to the development , operation and maintenance of software . e.g. Tom takes 12 hrs, ben takes 8 hrs. how long to both paint house tom and ben collected data on the one they will paint (data collection of programmer output is inherently subjective). 2) homeowner wont change mind halfway thru painting (software requirements can and will change quickly). tom and ben have enough resources to never share it (shared software assets must be shared and maintained across multiple developers). 3) tom and ben will never do anything to slow each other down (never painting same thing twice, never going to pain another into a corner, ensuring most efficient circumstances) 4) if needed, changes and product not required (software requirements are bad) Predicting errors before they manifest. Software and we know that software has bugs, but errors can be hard to predict. But engineering principles concepts rules ideas to be kept in mind while solving an engineering problem. no magic list, engineering principles are followed, engineering principles and failure modes can change in light of new challenges. SE is still being discovered. Bridge building example, they are becoming larger and more complex. Tacoma narrows bridge before collapse, builders thought lighter and narrower stuff was better for suspension in the 1930s aerodynamics was poorly understood. forgot to consider vertical wind → destruction of tacoma narrows bridge. Software principles: use modern programming suites, when using 3rd party software, have contingency plans, ensure good modularizations, always document critical safety decisions. existing software is less risky than new custom software, use independent test teams when possible, code review can detect defects, always tes complete system within target environment e.g gandhi bit overflow (-2 modifier to aggression normally, but when -1 overflows to 255 super aggressive). modern compilers prevent this, heartbleed, navy social security leak. **Assessing risk** when you rely on third party software have risk assessment plan, should be identified and addressed via *avoidance, mitigation, having a contingency esp w/regards to security*, mars climate was lbs/sec vs newton/sec. NATS old software can be costly (newer tech is cheaper and reduces error rates), as code ages, harder to maintain, **this is what software entropy is**, combat it with refactoring, **effort** refers to the time and money required to produce a piece of software, predicting effort is difficult, effort estimation research provides models to predict time and cost of software production, most use historical data and have wide margin of error. Therae-25 (no indep code review, unhelpful error messages, not testing with hardware and software together until in hospital). **importance of testing** is the best way to catch software failure is to find it in testing, can never be exhaustive, should mimic the end environment as much as possible, code reviews are often encouraged in conjunction with testing, nothing caused by malicious intent, no criminal mastermind. well

intentioned programmers who made mistakes, didn't check thoroughly and didn't assess risk. **learn why did failure occur, what was the risk and how it could have been avoided, what can we change so it never happens again.** SE is about developing and utilizing engineering principles to produce software, learning from mistakes and enacting systemic change to avoid or mitigate risk. *SEs concerned with process over product, tools to help with software development, improving development efficiency.* **LECTURE 2** Standish Group CHAOS Report 1995: 16.2%of software projects are successful: On time, on budget; 52.7% of software challenged: Over budget and/or over time, Fewer features than specified; 31.1%Failure; 189 percent initial cost, twice as long as expected. Only 61 percent of features Properties of good software: work as specified, does what the customer asked for, stable/predictable (bug free), maintainable, cost effective. Six major steps of software: specification, design, development, testing, deployment, maintenance, **ad-hoc** building and fix, cowboy coding: 1) build first version 2) modify until customer is happy. Software life cycle models: constructs that dictate life cycles models. disclaimer, no one adheres to a model perfectly and hybrid models exist. Waterfall theory: each phase (req gathering, system design, implementation, testing, deployment, maintenance) falls into the next (e.g. fully complete requirements and design before any code is written, no new features after coding starts). Simple model, easy to manage, clear deliverables, process don't overlap, disadvantage of series design flaws may not be discovered until testing, no working code until late in the model, iterative waterfall requirement changes. Inflexible waterfall model: overcomes some of the inflexibility of waterfall, but going back phases is expensive and time consuming, should be avoided. Incremental model: build 1.2,3. build on a system incrementally (consumers get to see product as it is constructed) doesn't offset need for heavy planning than waterfall. problems with earlier versions can arise later. Iterative prototyping: building prototypes of features get short term feedbacks in gaming. Prototypes are vertical (fully demonstrates small subset of features, lacks features not shown completely) or horizontal (show overview of system, ui prototypes are great examples). Different types of prototypes: throw-away (costly but prevents long term instability, evolutionary reduces long term cost, but less maintainable, incremental, extreme. Incremental vs iterative (incremental is parts of mona lisa painting, iterative is outlines and filling it in further and further). Agile isn't a method: it is a collection of methods that fits the agile manifesto. Individuals and interactions over Processes and tools Working software over Comprehensive documentation Customer collaboration over Contract negotiation Responding to change over Following a Plan That is, while there is value in the plans on the right, we value the items on the left more. Scrum: product backlog, sprint backlog, 2-4 week period (24 hrs scrum), potentially shippable product increment. Short, information-based, not problem-solving (problem-solving and questions-often did it accomplish). Three questions: what will i do today? What obstacles are impeding my progress? Benefits of agile: open to design changes, response to requirements changes more easily than planned methods, large amount of

high detailed list of requirements for keep customers informed and happy, fixed time scales of releases, has a better track record in code quality and speed of development. disadvantages: collaboration is time consuming, requires heavy customer interaction, evolving requirements mak predicting effort difficult, scalability concerns, code quality can degrade over sprints, turnover, BEST APPROACH IS AGILE. LEAN IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE TO AGILE (about learning eliminating waste). **Requirements engineering** (hardest thing is deciding what to build). cost of change increases over time. Two types: HIGH LEVEL (business requirements); what benefits will cust. get and users get. LOW LEVEL: what will system do, how well? Steps: Find problem to solve, do concept exploration to determine if software is a good solution, determine a set of requirements to solve the problem, specify the requirements specifically, validate requirements. Goals: definit the problem, explore constraints, understand operation environment, address high level details of solution, determine feasibility **3 questions to ask** should system be built, must it be built, can it be built. should it be built (is problem important, how frequent is the problem, is the market for the problem large enough to justify the cost, would automated solution be better). must a system be built (is the solution already out there). can a system be built (what is the feasibility, two types: technical and political e.g. workforce, management, finances, resources. feasibility is fin flux. technology improves, companies change. **requirements engineeringp rocess:** elicitation, specification, validation. elicitation: find a consumer with problem, get list of requirements, asking what you want doesn't work, need specifics. stakeholders don't know anything, devs may not understand system requirements, diff stakeholders describe same thing different ways. reqs change. **INTERVIEW** (close interviews, open interviews, jargon heavy, obvious info not obvious, avoid preconceived ideas about the software, visual prototypes for interfaces). **ETHANOGRAPHY** (observe day to day use, with a task will be completed or by, narrative). Scenarios: initial assumption, description of natural flow of events, description of what can go wrong, other activities, description of end result. User stories, guidelines: e.g. as a student user, i can create a new question and specify the folders, summary, a details. needs to be discrete, but not precise, estimable (possible to estimate work needed), traceable (possible to know which parts of system satisfy the requirement), testable(so you know its done). **requirements are features, function, capability, property a software product must have and it must be testable:** eliciting requirements by close ended (specific and detailed) open ended, scenario (lets customer talk thru seq. of interactions), and probing (forces customer to think about justification for each requirements). requirements spec is much more specific than concept exploration, concept exploration determines what software CAN do, req specs are what software will do. 2 stakeholders, user reqs (consumer), system reqs(developers). User Requirements are requirements designed for review by end user, but may often lack details. Use broad statements to convey intent. These have to be turned into System Requirements. System Requirement high detailed list of requirements for

a system. Functional: Describe the services/ features/ operation of the system. (user should be able to search for all clinics. system will generate daily report listing all appointments f the day) Non-functional: Constraints (user should be able to use after 1 hr of training. list should load within 0.5 s) Godo requirements: complete, testable, traceable, consistent, concise, feasible, traceable, changeable What is good software: ISO 9126: functionality (satisfies needs), reliable (correctly operates), usability (effort needed to use software), efficiency, relation between performance and amount of resources, portability (can be transferred from 1 env to another). Internal quality of maintainability (can be understood), changeability (can be easily modified), stability, and testability. **how to we achieve internal quality DESIGN.** What is system modeling: process of developing abstract model presents a system. each abstract model presents a different view of system. system modeling often involves diagramming interaction and processes. system model isn't complete rep of system, it is an abstraction not a translation. Can be used during design, implementation, and after implementation. external perspective is to model the content or environment of the system and how it gets used by the user. interaction between system and environment... **structural** model the organization of system and data, **behavioral** model the dynamic behavior of system and how it responds to events. UML diagrams (unified modeling language). activity diagrams show all activities in process. use case diagrams show interactions between system and environment. state diagrams show how system reacts to events. class diagrams show object classes and relationships. sequence diagram shows interactions between actors and components in the system. details advantages and disadvantages. **monolithic** single module or small number of tightly coupled modules, simple to develop/scale/deploy. larger code base is intimidating, difficult to learn, and dev is difficult. **component based** is the collection of off the shelf modules that provide various services. these modules are glued together. having multiple components in the same view is difficult. **client-server** system is presented as a set of services. service is represented by a separate server. multiple clients access each server to use the service. service access backend data structure. some network is used to access these services. used when data in shared db needs to be accessed from multiple locations and if the load on the system is variable. allows for dist of services across net work. general functionalities can be available to add clients and doesn't need to be implemented on all services. Individuals' services can be modified independently. disadvantages, limited by network and unpredictable (security stuff also). **software as a service** client-server + component based. growing use of web based interfaces makes the market potentially large and system agnostic. all problems of model manages data. view manages model manages data. view controller. information for the user. controller manages user interactions. separates presentation and interaction from data. 3 models interact to control, view, and manipulate data. allow multiple ways to view data, useful when requirements are unknown. Advantages allow the data to be indep of the representation. supports using data in diff ways. **disadvantages** means more code though. **layered architecture** has presentation layer

(UI), application service/interface layer (ui management), business logic layer that enforces real world limitations on data, data access layer interface with db, and system later OS interfaces. In theory same separation and indep of MVC, can change each layer without changing other ones. users are the top, low level bottom. interactions have to travel up and down a layer. use when building on otp of existing system of services or data (good for dist dev as each team can work on a layer, good for sec). advantage is replacement of layers, redundant actions are in all layer. disadvantage is that making diff between layers is hard, interface pass thru is hard. requirements changes may be needed. more code, public class StudentMVCDemo { public static void main(String[] args) { Student model = retrieveStudentFromDatabase(); StudentView view = new StudentView(); StudentController controller = new StudentController(model, view); controller.updateView(); controller.setStudentName("John"); static Student retrieveStudentFromDatabase() { Student student = new Student(); student.setName("Robert"); student.setNumber(10); return student; } } } **Groups of design patterns** Creation patterns: handle object creation and instantiation. Structural patterns bring existing objects together. behavioral patterns give a way to manifest flexible behavior. **Iterators** allow you to visit all elements of a collection one at a time. if you implement a collection, must have iterator. has functional independence and information hiding (don't have to know how collection is structured, just need to know if it works) it is a MEME. Creational patterns used that hide or limit constructor usage. Singleton: only one instance at a single time. that instance can be shared across multiple modules (e.g. logger). never use singleton if you need multiple. **Factory pattern** is when you might need to use a class on the flight by combining existing pieces. Interchangeable pieces of a system and put them together! Abstract factory pattern, having independent factories is bad, more classes = more complexity so the solution is to build several factories where the programmer can "order" the class they want. have all the factories share an interface so ordering is simple. // SINGLTON public class Logger { private static BufferedWriter logWriter; Logger(){ logWriter = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter("log.txt")); } public static Logger getInstance(){ if (instance == null) { instance = new Logger(); } return instance; } public void writeToFile(String s) { } } public class SomeOtherClass { } public static void logExample(){ Logger log = Logger.getInstance(); log.writeToFile("Inside some other class"); } } // ABSTRACT FACTORY public abstract class AbstractFactory { abstract Color getColor(String colorType); abstract Shape getShape(String shapeType); } public class AbstractFactoryDemo { public static void main(String[] args) { web dev. MVC Model view controller. FactoryProducer.getFactory("SHAPE") = FactoryProducer.getFactory("CIRCLE"); Shape shape = FactoryProducer.getShape("RECTANGLE"); shape1.draw(); Shape shape2 = shape2.draw(); } } AbstractFactoryProducer.getFactory("COLOR"); Color color1 = colorFactory.getColor("RED"); Color color2 = colorFactory.getColor("BLUE");

features, maintenance fixing feedbacks reducing technical debt. Incremental change process (before writing code). Initiation (analyze user stores and change requirements and extract concepts). concept location is locating concepts in the source code. impact analysis is the set of classes/methods likely to be affected by teh change. prefactoring is to refactor to make changes easier. DURING THE CODE actualization is the implementation by writing new code and incorporating it into the system. propagation is to propagate the changes thru the system. post factoring, new baseline is toe commit the changes. Modularity. split interface pass thru is hard. requirements changes may be needed. more code, public class StudentMVCDemo { public static void main(String[] args) { Student model = retrieveStudentFromDatabase(); StudentView view = new StudentView(); StudentController controller = new StudentController(model, view); controller.updateView(); controller.setStudentName("John"); static Student retrieveStudentFromDatabase() { Student student = new Student(); student.setName("Robert"); student.setNumber(10); return student; } } } **Groups of design patterns** Creational patterns: handle object creation and instantiation. Structural patterns bring existing objects together. behavioral patterns give a way to manifest flexible behavior. **Iterators** allow you to visit all elements of a collection one at a time. if you implement a collection, must have iterator. has functional independence and information hiding (don't have to know how collection is structured, just need to know if it works) it is a MEME. Creational patterns used that hide or limit constructor usage. Singleton: only one instance at a single time. that instance can be shared across multiple modules (e.g. logger). never use singleton if you need multiple. **Factory pattern** is when you might need to use a class on the flight by combining existing pieces. Interchangeable pieces of a system and put them together! Abstract factory pattern, having independent factories is bad, more classes = more complexity so the solution is to build several factories where the programmer can "order" the class they want. have all the factories share an interface so ordering is simple. // SINGLTON public class Logger { private static BufferedWriter logWriter; Logger(){ logWriter = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter("log.txt")); } public static Logger getInstance(){ if (instance == null) { instance = new Logger(); } return instance; } public void writeToFile(String s) { } } public class SomeOtherClass { } public static void logExample(){ Logger log = Logger.getInstance(); log.writeToFile("Inside some other class"); } } // ABSTRACT FACTORY public abstract class AbstractFactory { abstract Color getColor(String colorType); abstract Shape getShape(String shapeType); } public class AbstractFactoryDemo { public static void main(String[] args) { web dev. MVC Model view controller. FactoryProducer.getFactory("SHAPE") = FactoryProducer.getFactory("CIRCLE"); Shape shape = FactoryProducer.getShape("RECTANGLE"); shape1.draw(); Shape shape2 = shape2.draw(); } } AbstractFactoryProducer.getFactory("COLOR"); Color color1 = colorFactory.getColor("RED"); Color color2 = colorFactory.getColor("BLUE");

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} } Bridge pattern is decoupling
an abstraction from its implement-
ation so that the two can vary
independently, maintain separate in-
heritance hierarchies that ally a
client to assume combinations as
needed, have an abstract implementor
that selects a concrete implementor.
Shapes. List <Shape> shapes = . . .
shapes.add(new Circle(50, 50, 20, new
GrayscaleRenderer())); shapes.add(new
Rectangle(80,80,120,120, new Color-
s.draw()); // for (Shape s : shapes
Renderer { void drawCircle(int x, int
y, int radius); void drawRectangle(int
x1, int x2, int y1, int y2); } class
ColorRenderer implements Renderer
{ . . . } class GrayscaleRenderer
implements Renderer { . . . }
// DECORATOR abstract class
Ingredient implements Drinkable{
protected Drinkable b; base = b; } double
price { return base.price(); } String
toString { return base.toString(); }
} bid ball of mud is software that
lacks clear structure or architecture,
system are appended haphazardly and
expedientiously. Internal software qual
deteriorates. God class sucks. Review:
Creational Patterns handle object
creation and instantiation Singleton -
only one instance can exist at a time,
shared by multiple modules without
those modules being aware of each
other Factory - defer instantiation to
subclass, define interface for creating
object, but let subclasses decide which
class to instantiate Abstract Factory -
have several factories share interface
to make 'ordering' simple. Struc-
tural Patterns bring existing objects
together Bridge maintain separate in-
heritance hierarchies that ally a client
to assemble combinations as needed,
abstract 'implementer' selects a con-
crete 'implementer' Decorator on the fly
object creation Adaptor adapt existing
class/object to new interface without
changing underlying class (useful to
update interfaces while minimizing
side effects/propagation of changes)
Facade hide a complicated interface or
set of interfaces with a single interface
that is hard to use correctly). Behavioral
Patterns give a way to manifest flexible
behavior Iterator allow you to visit all
elements of collections one at a time,
functional independence, information
hiding Observer Objects need to notify
various list of objects that some event
has occurred (variable change method
called), possible that you'll want to link
objects to notify each other at runtime
Strategy class that represents the
strategy and pass instance to method
that implements rest of algorithm
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indicate which data is more important and attract users eyes to appropriate place. **EVALUATING USABILITY:** **HEURISTICS:** general guidelines or widely accepted best practices, **USABILITY STUDIES:** observe ppl using the system under normal circumstances. **METRICS:** measure quantitative aspects such as time to complete task, error rate, memorability. **NIELSEN USABILITY HEURISTICS:** 1. Match b/w system and real world consistency and standards 3. Help and documentation 4. user control and freedom. 5. Visibility of system status. 6. Flexibility and efficiency of use. 7. Error prevention 8. Recognition rather than recall. 9. Recognize/diagnose errors 10. aesthetic and minimalist design. Usability studies: Focus groups (few ppl), surveys (many). Observation (few doing in controlled setting), ethnography (many doing field obs in nat setting). **USER METRICS:** **HUMAN RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT:** error rate - how often does user keep in their mind during a task. memorability -how much does the user remember What makes usability important -> therac-25, how do you make usable software? user-centered design. Info vis? metaphors. Evaluating usability: Heuristics, studies, metrics. **INTEGRATION:** what order do we implement our systems in -> consider hwl. **userInterface -uses -> processor - uses -> TweetReader. TweetReader - implements Tweet-Reader. Everything uses Tweet, User Interface has a processor. processor has a tweetReader. tweetReader is extended by tweetFileReader. WHAT BROAD STRATEGIES CAN WE IMPLEMENT? BIG BANG INTEGRATION: integrate all components as they are completed. BOTTOM UP INTEGRATION: implement and test modules without dependencies, then implement things that only depend on implemented things. TOP DOWN INTEGRATION: Implement and test modules on which nothing depends. Then implement and test modules on which nothing unimplemented depends. **BIG BANG ->**basically ad hoc. code may lead to "integration hell", code may not even compile without significant interface. Difficult to test. If the output is incorrect, which system or tier is responsible? **BOTTOM UP:** Write TweetFileReader first. Advantages: do development and integration together, clearer indication of responsibility errors. Disadvantages: Assumes no cyclic dependencies, design modules are easy to implement/test. If implementation finds necessary design changes, that can be time consuming. **TOP DOWN:** First implement UserInterface. Use STUBS to simulate dependencies. Advantages: tested product is consistent because testing is performed basically in the environment, stubs are quick and easy to write. **STUB EXAMPLE:** String state = getState(); List<Tweet> result = processor.getTweetsForState(state); for (Tweet tweet : result) { sys-tem.out.println(tweet); } sys-tem.out.getTweetsForState(state); // testing the UI: What that would look like: List<Tweet> getTweetsForState(String state) { List<Tweet> tweets = new ArrayList<Tweet>(); tweets.add(new Tweet(. . .)); // add dummy data; return tweets; } THE GOAL OF A STUB: stimulate just enough functionality so that other modules can be tested. Write stubs when stubs are simpler than underlying processes. **POJOs:** Plain Old Java Ob-**

jects; Technically a subset of javaBeans with fewer results. Generally a collection of data + getters/setters. There are do things, just stores things. Doesnt easier to implement than write stubs for so we just implement them . **TOP DOWN INTEGRATION CONTINUED:** we've implemented user interface using "Processor" that is all stubs. No we implement Processor, suing stubs for its dependencies (Tweet Reader). **HOW SHOULD WE CREATE DEPENDENCIES?** Option #1: hardcode them: In UserInterface. TweetReader tr = new TweetFileReader(); processor = new Processor (new TweetFileReader()); Option # 3: factory method pattern: Processor process = new TweetFileProcessor() // a factory that generates a processor, which is given TweetFileReader(); Option # 4: Singleton Pattern. TweetReader tr = TweetFileReader.getInstance(); **SOFTWARE TESTING:** Bridge test- ing, less obvious when software fails. Intention plays a big role in whether or not software is "correct" correctness is domain specific. Intention plays a big role in whether or not software is correct. correctness is domain specific. How did you know you program worked? How do you know the program you generated was the best one? You'll never know if your code is correct. Even trivial software can have theoretically infinite input, cannot test all input. Testing CANNOT prove code is correct. **SOFTWARE TESTING:** Executing a piece of software with intention of finding defects/faults/bugs. **SOFTWARE TESTING:** Software testing is intended to ensure the program behaves correctly. Testing is useful for discovering defects before delivery. Testing typically involves executing a program artificially. If you want to test a bridge you fail. However, software can be hard to test because. 1) Demonstrate that the software meets requirement for generic software one test for each system feature included in release. This is valued validation testing. Two goals of software testing: detects inputs or seq of input to create errors (defect testing). Validation: did we do it right? Defect: how broken is it? Testing: can only show presence of errors, not their absence. Exhaustive Testing: attempt a test w/every possible input. Random Testing: select random inputs. Black box testing: select inputs based on specific space. **CONTROLLABILITY:** easy to put into a state that you want to test. **OBSERVABILITY:** easy to observe external behavior of a system. **EQUIVALENCE PARTITIONING:** Assume similar inputs behave similarly. divide the space of inputs into smaller groups and pick a representative example. **ROBUSTNESS TESTING:** semantically not meaningful; but test inputs that are syntactically valid but semantically not meaningful; Test error handling. **BOUNDARY CONDITIONS:** Look for inputs on the boundaries b/w two equivalence classes. **WHITE BOX TESTING:** statement coverage: have at least one test covering every statement, condition coverage: have every boolean eval to both tru and false, **BRANCH COVERAGE:** for every if do eval normal tier, one pass, zero passes, you eval to t/f for every loop, do u want to cover every node and every infinit condits? Code is a graph, you want to cover every node and every edge w/one test. **WILLOW TREE:** Prod strat -> design -> architectural prep -> dev & QA -> launch. Prod business obj user centric approach (user interviews, personas, surveys, ethnographic research). Architecture, What can be built? client landscape. Product design: look and feel branding

usability. Architecture: How it should be implemented, class org, coding style, api access, inheritance vs composition. Analytics: g o thr each screen, find the trace sometimes. print statements are bad and assumes you have some- where to print. Debuggers: get famil- iar with them (variable watches, break- points, step into vs step over vs see re- turn vs resume). Advantages: see all the variables, not just you print. you can watch the state of the program change after each step. you don't have to make any code changes. Debug model imitations: significant cost, where to breakpoint isn't easy, no backtracking. debug can tell you that a variable is null but not why. **EFFICIENCY:** Rule 1: USE THE RIGHT DATA STRUCTURE AND ALGORITHM: arraylist vs linkedlist not equal. hashing saves a ton of time. Know linkedlist, arraylist (always better), vector/arraylist with synchronization). Sets: TreeSet is a balanced BST, HashSet uses hashing. HashMap also. NeedSpec uses hashing. Order? Lists or treeSets. Any other time? sets. LAZINESS dont do it un- til you actually have to. **SHORT CIR- CUTTING:** Use power of short circuit- ing to your advantage, execute in order of complexity. **MEMOIZATION:** Trade off b/w space & time complexity. LazyIni- tiation: don't instantiate until method call.

PARALLEL Embarrassingly Parallel: Something that is incredibly easy to make parallel. Example from class: applying an image filter line by line. **"COST" OF THREADS:** defined as CP(n) = p * TP(n), where p is the number of processors, T the process- ing time and n the input. Starting threads has a time value that could make parallelizing beyond a point inefficient. **CHEATING THREADS** Threads can be created through im- plementing runnable, which loosely couples with your choice of concurrency or through extending thread, which forces concurrency. Callable adds the ability to return results and also throw checked exceptions. Run executes a thread. Start because a ThreadJVM and calls the run method. Join waits for a thread to die, can specify time in milliseconds. Interrupt interrupts a thread Some methods that block such as Object.wait() may consume the interrupted status immediately and throw an appropriate exception (usually InterruptedException). Stop stops a thread and is deprecated. **EXECUTORS** Executors abstract the low-level details of how to manage threads. They deal with issues such as creating the thread objects, main- taining a pool of threads, controlling the number of threads that running, and graceful / less that graceful shutdown. **SYNCHRONIZATION** The synchronized keyword is all about different threads reading and writing to the same variables, objects and resources. **CRITICAL SECTION** are things that need to be synchronized. However, global things should not be synchronized. Strings should also not be synchronized since all strings with the same value will be synchronized due to how Java is built. However, **THREAD HANDLING** is best done by synchronizing classes that handle variables that multiple threads may be attempting to access. This is done through the synchronized keyword.