Java Reflection

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What is reflection?

- When you look in a mirror:
 - You can see your reflection
 - You can act on what you see, for example, straighten your tie
- In computer programming:
 - Reflection is infrastructure enabling a program can see and manipulate itself
 - It consists of metadata plus operations to manipulate the metadata
- Meta means self-referential
 - So metadata is data (information) about oneself

Introduction to Java Reflection, Ciaran McHale.

What is reflection?

Reflection

 "Reflection is the ability of a program to manipulate as data something representing the state of the program during its own execution." [Demers and Malenfant]

Java Tutorials

- "Reflection is commonly used by programs which require the ability to examine or modify the runtime behavior of applications running in the Java virtual machine."
- "... advanced feature ... a powerful technique ... can enable applications to perform operations which would otherwise be impossible."

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Java looking at Java

 Reflection permite que um programa se examine a si mesmo.

Podemos:

- Determinar a classe de um objecto
- Descobrir toda a informação associada a determinada classe:
 - access modifiers, superclass, fields, constructors, and methods
- Obter informação relativa ao conteúdo de uma interface.
- Mesmo sem saber o nome (classes, métodos,...) podemos:
 - Criar uma instância de uma classe
 - ler/modificar variáveis
 - Invocar métodos
 - Criar e manipular vectores de objectos

Utilização de Java Reflection

- JavaBeans (component architectures)
- Database applications
- Serialization
- Scripting applications
- Runtime Debugging/Inspection Tools
- etc

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Acesso a metadados

- Java armazena metadados em classes
 - Metadata for a class: java.lang.Class
 - Metadata for a constructor: java.lang.reflect.Constructor
 - Metadata for a field: java.lang.reflect.Field
 - Metadata for a method: java.lang.reflect.Method
- Podemos aceder à Class de um objecto de duas formas:

```
Class<?> cl1 = Class.forName("java.util.Properties");
ou
Object obj = ... // e.g. new StringBuffer("Teste");
Class<?> cl2 = obj.getClass();
```

- As classes do package Reflection são inter-dependentes
 - Exemplos a seguir...

Metadata de tipos primitivos e vectores

• Java associa uma instância de Class a cada tipo primitivo:

```
Class<?> c1 = int.class;
Class<?> c2 = boolean.class;
Class<?> c3 = void.class;
```

 Podemos usar Class.forName() para aceder à classe de um vector

Encoding scheme utilizado por Class.forName()

```
B \rightarrow byte; C \rightarrow char; D \rightarrow double; F \rightarrow float; I \rightarrow int; J \rightarrow long; Lclass-name \rightarrow class-name[]; S \rightarrow short; Z \rightarrow boolean Use as many "["s as there are dimensions in the array
```

Reflection API - Class

Reflection API - Field

```
public final class Field
extends AccessibleObject
implements Member

Object get(Object obj);
  void set(Object obj, Object val);
  getType(), getDeclaringClass(),
  setDouble(...), setInt(...), .....

Field[] flds = someObject.getClass().getFields();
for (Field f: flds)
  System.out.println(f.getName());
```

Reflection API - Method

```
public final class Method
extends AccessibleObject
implements GenericDeclaration, Member

   Object invoke(Object obj, Object... args);
   Class<?> getReturnType();
   Class<?>[] getParameterTypes(),

   getExceptionTypes(), getDeclaringClass(),...

Method methods[] = someClass.getMethods();
for (Method m: methods)
        System.out.println(m);
```

Reflection API - others...

class Constructor<T>

class AccessibleObject

- ← Constructor,
- ← Field,
- ← Method

class Array;

class Proxy;

Class Modifier

java.lang.reflect

Interfaces

AnnotatedElement GenericArrayType GenericDeclaration InvocationHandler

Member

ParameterizedType

Туре

TypeVariable WildcardType

Classes

AccessibleObject

Array Constructor

Field Method

Modifier

Proxy ReflectPermission

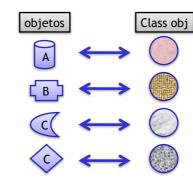
Exceptions

InvocationTargetException
MalformedParameterizedTypeException UndeclaredThrowableException

GenericSignatureFormatError

A Classe Class

- Para cada objecto carregado pela JVM, existe um objecto do tipo Class associado.
 - Os tipos primitivos também são representados por objectos Class.
- As instâncias do tipo Class armazenam informações sobre a classe:
 - Nome da classe
 - Herança
 - Interfaces Implementadas
 - Métodos
 - Atributos
- Permite invocar métodos e referenciar atributos



Métodos de java.lang.Class - 1

- public static Class<?> forName(String className)
 - returns a Class object that represents the class with the given name
- public String getName()
 - returns the full name of the Class object, such as "java.lang.String".
- public int getModifiers()
 - returns an integer that describes the class modifier: public, final or abstract
- public T newInstance()
 - creates an instance of this class at runtime

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Exemplo - newInstance

```
public class ReflectionNew {
   public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
          Class<?> sc = Class.forName("aula5_1.Circulo");
          System.out.println("Name = " + sc.getName());
          System.out.println("SimpleName = " + sc.getSimpleName());
         System.out.println("CanonicalName = " + sc.getCanonicalName());
          Class<?>[] paramTypes = { Double.TYPE, Double.TYPE };
          Constructor<?> cons = sc.getConstructor(paramTypes);
          Object ar[] = \{ 2, 4, 10 \};
          Object theObject = cons.newInstance(ar);
          System.out.println("New object: " + theObject);
          Constructor<?> cs = sc.getConstructor(new Class<?>[]{Double.TYPE});
         System.out.println("New object: " + cs.newInstance(new Object[]{20}));
   }
                       Name = aula5_1.Circulo
SimpleName = Circulo
}
                       CanonicalName = aula5_1.Circulo
New object: Circulo de Centro (2.0,4.0) e de raio 10.0
New object: Circulo de Centro (0.0,0.0) e de raio 20.0
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```

Exemplo - Modifiers

```
public class SampleModifier {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        printModifiers(new String());
        printModifiers(new SampleModifier());
   public static void printModifiers(Object o) {
        Class<?> c = o.getClass(); // returns the Class object of o
         System.out.print("***** Class " + c.getName()+" : ");
         int m = c.getModifiers(); // return the class modifiers
         if (Modifier.isPublic(m)) // checks if is public
                  System.out.print("public ");
         if (Modifier.isAbstract(m)) // checks if it is abstract
                  System.out.print("abstract ");
         if (Modifier.isFinal(m)) // checks if it is final
                  System.out.print("final "); System.out.println();
}
                      ** Class java.lang.String: public final
                      *** Class reflection.SampleModifier: public
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```

Métodos de java.lang.Class - 2

- public Class[] getClasses()
 - returns an array of all inner classes of this class
- public Constructor getConstructor(Class[] params)
 - returns all public constructors of this class whose formal parameter types match those specified by params
- public Constructor[] getConstructors()
 - returns all public constructors of this class

Exemplo - Construtores

Métodos de java.lang.Class - 3

- public Field getField(String name)
 - returns an object of the class Field that corresponds to the instance variable of the class that is called name
- public Field[] getFields()
 - returns all accessible public instance variables of the class
- public Field[] getDeclaredFields()
 - returns all declared fields (instance variables) of the class

Exemplo - Fields

public static final java.util.Comparator java.lang.String.CASE_INSENSITIVE_ORDER

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Exemplo - Fields

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
  Class<?> sc = Class.forName("aula5_1.Circulo");
System.out.println("\n******* Fields *****
  Field fields[] = sc.getFields();
  for (Field f: fields)
       System.out.println(f);
  System.out.println("\n****** Declared Fields ************\n");
  Field dfields[] = sc.getDeclaredFields();
  for (Field f: dfields)
       System.out.println(f);
  System.out.println("\n****** raio Field
                                                     **************\n");
  Field field = sc.getField("raio"); // deve usar-se getDeclaredField
   System.out.println(field);
     ****** Fields
     ******* Declared Fields
    private double aula5_1.Circulo.raio
       **** raio Field
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```

Ler atributos

```
class SampleGet {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Rectangle r = new Rectangle(100, 325);
      printHeight(r);
   static void printHeight(Rectangle r) {
      Field heightField; //declares a field
      Integer heightValue;
      Class<?> c = r.getClass(); //get the Class object
      try {
          heightField = c.getField("height"); //get the field object
          heightValue = (Integer)heightField.get(r); //get the value of the
   field
          System.out.println("Height: " + heightValue.toString());
      } catch (Exception e) {
          e.printStackTrace();
     Height: 325
}
```

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Modificar atributos

```
class SampleSet {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Rectangle r = new Rectangle(100, 20);
      System.out.println("original: " + r.toString());
      modifyWidth(r, new Integer(300));
      System.out.println("modified: " + r.toString());
   static void modifyWidth(Rectangle r, Integer widthParam ) {
      Field widthField; //declare a field
      Integer widthValue;
      Class<?> c = r.getClass(); //get the Class object
      try {
           widthField = c.getField("width"); //get the field object
           widthField.set(r, widthParam); //set the field to widthParam =300
      } catch (Exception e ) {
           // . . .
      }
              original: java.awt. Rectangle[x=0,y=0,width=100,height=20]\\
   }
}
              modified: java.awt.Rectangle[x=0,y=0,width=300,height=20]
```

Métodos de java.lang.Class - 4

- public Method getMethod(String name, Class[] params)
 - returns an object Method that corresponds to the method called name with a set of parameters params
- public Method[] getMethods()
 - returns all accessible public methods of the class
- public Method[] getDeclaredMethods()
 - returns all declared methods of the class.
- public Package getPackage()
 - returns the package that contains the class
- public Class getSuperClass()
 - returns the superclass of the class

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Exemplo - Métodos

Manipulação de vectores

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Manipulação de vectores

```
public class ArrayNew {
   public static void main(String[] args) throws ClassNotFoundException {
        System.out.println(createNativeArray("int", 12).getClass());
        System.out.println(createNativeArray("boolean", 10, 10).getClass());
        System.out.println(createNativeArray("double", 5, 5, 5).getClass());
   public static Object createNativeArray(String typeName, int... dim)
   throws ClassNotFoundException {
        Class<?> clazz = null;
        if ("int".equals(typeName)) {
                 clazz = Integer.TYPE;
                                                             class [[Z
        } else if ("boolean".equals(typeName)) {
                                                             class [[[Ljava.lang.Double;
                 clazz = Boolean.TYPE;
        } else if ("double".equals(typeName)) {
                 clazz = Double.class;
                 // All other native types: short, long, float ......
        } else {
                 throw new ClassNotFoundException(typeName);
        return Array.newInstance(clazz, dim);
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   }
```

```
Utilização de Plugins
public interface IPlugin {
                                                             IPlugin.java
  public void metodo();
public class Plugin1 implements IPlugin {
                                                             Plugin1.java
  public void metodo() {
        System.out.println("Plugin1: metodo invocado");
  }
}
public class Plugin2 implements IPlugin {
                                                             Plugin2.java
  public void metodo() {
        System.out.println("Plugin2: metodo invocado");
}
public class Plugin3 implements IPlugin {
                                                             Plugin3.java
  public void metodo() {
        System.out.println("Plugin3: metodo invocado");
   }
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}
```

```
Utilização de Plugins
package reflection;
                                                                          Plugin.java
import java.io.File;
abstract class PluginManager {
   public static IPlugin load(String name) throws Exception {
      Class<?> c = Class.forName(name);
     return (IPlugin) c.newInstance();
}
public class Plugin {
   public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
     File proxyList = new File("reflection/plugins");
      for (String f: proxyList.list()) {
         try {
   IPlugin obj =
PluginManager.load("reflection."+f.substring(0,f.lastIndexOf('.')));
           obj.metodo();
                                                Plugin1: metodo invocado
                                                Plugin2: metodo invocado
         catch (Exception e) {
           e.printStackTrace();
                                                Plugin3: metodo invocado
        }
     }
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```

Padrões: Fábrica sem reflection

```
class Viveiro {
  public static Arvore factory(String pedido) {
    if (pedido.equalsIgnoreCase("Figueira"))
      { return new Figueira(); }
    if (pedido.equalsIgnoreCase("Pessegueiro"))
      { return new Pessegueiro(); }
    if (pedido.equalsIgnoreCase("Nespereira"))
      { return new Nespereira(); }
    else
      throw new IllegalArgumentException("Árvore não existente!");
}
```

Padrões: Fábrica com reflection

```
class Viveiro {
  public static Arvore factory(String pedido) {
        Arvore arv = null;
        try {
            arv =
        (Arvore) Class.forName("patterns."+pedido).newInstance();
        }
        catch(Exception e) {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Arvore nao existente!");
        }
        return arv;
}
```

java.lang.reflect.Proxy

- Proxy provides static methods for creating dynamic proxy classes and instances, and it is also the superclass of all dynamic proxy classes created by those methods.
- To create a proxy for some interface Foo:

```
InvocationHandler handler = new MyInvocationHandler(...);
Class proxyClass = Proxy.getProxyClass(
   Foo.class.getClassLoader(), new Class[] { Foo.class });
Foo f = (Foo) proxyClass.
   getConstructor(new Class[] { InvocationHandler.class }).
   newInstance(new Object[] { handler });
```

or more simply:

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Criação de proxies

- Podemos criar dinamicamente um proxy usando o método Proxy.newProxyInstance(). Este métodos aceita 3 parâmetros:
 - 1. O ClassLoader que "carrega" dinamicamente a class proxy
 - 2. Um vector das interfaces implementadas
 - 3. Um InvocationHandler para reencaminhar as chamadas aos métodos
- Exemplo:

- A variável proxy passa a referenciar uma implementação dinâmica da interface MyInterface.
- Todas as invocações ao proxy serão passadas à implementação do handler (do tipo InvocationHandler)

Proxy - utilização

- Database Connection and Transaction Management
- Dynamic Mock Objects for Unit Testing
- Adaptation of DI Container to Custom Factory Interfaces
- AOP-like Method Interception
- ..

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Dynamic Proxy Classes

```
package reflection;
import java.lang.reflect.InvocationHandler;
import java.lang.reflect.Method;
import java.lang.reflect.Proxy;

interface MyInterface {
    void method();
}

class MyInterfaceImpl implements MyInterface {
    public void method() {
        System.out.println("method");
    }
}

class MyInterfaceImpl2 implements MyInterface {
    public void method() {
        System.out.println("outro método");
    }
}
```

Dynamic Proxy Classes

```
class ProxyClass implements InvocationHandler {
   Object obj;
   public ProxyClass(Object o) {
        obj = o;
   public Object invoke(Object proxy, Method m, Object[] args) throws Throwable
        Object result = null;
        try {
                 System.out.println("before the method is called ");
                 result = m.invoke(obj, args);
        } catch (Exception eBj) {
        } finally {
                 System.out.println("after the method is called");
        return result;
   }
}
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```

Dynamic Proxy Classes

```
public class ProxySample {
   public static void main(String[] argv) throws Exception {
      MyInterface myintf =
      (MyInterface) Proxy.newProxyInstance(MyInterface.class.getClassLoader(),
      new Class[] { MyInterface.class },
      new ProxyClass(new MyInterfaceImpl()));
      myintf.method();
      myintf =
      (MyInterface) Proxy.newProxyInstance(MyInterface.class.getClassLoader(),
      new Class[] { MyInterface.class },
      new ProxyClass(new MyInterfaceImpl2()));
      myintf.method();
                                                      before the method is called
   }
}
                                                      method
                                                      after the method is called
                                                      before the method is called
                                                      outro método
                                                      after the method is called
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```