Generics & Exceptions

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1 AltList

A normal generic linked list contains objects of only one type. But we can imagine a generic linked list where entries alternate between two types.

```
public class AltList<X,Y> {
    private X item;
    private AltList<Y,X> next;
    AltList(X item, AltList<Y,X> next) {
        this.item = item;
        this.next = next;
    }
}

AltList<Integer, String> list =
    new AltList<Integer, String>(5,
        new AltList<String, Integer>("cat",
        new AltList<Integer, String>(10,
        new AltList<String, Integer>("dog", null))));
```

This list represents [5, cat, 10, dog]. In this list, assuming indexing begins at 0, all even-index items are Integers and all odd-index items are Strings.

Write an instance method called pairsSwapped() for the AltList class that returns a copy of the original list, but with adjacent pairs swapped. Each item should only be swapped once. This method should be non-destructive: it should not modify the original AltList instance. Assume that the list has an even, non-zero length.

For example, calling pairsSwapped() on the list [5, cat, 10, dog] should yield the list [cat, 5, dog, 10].

```
public class AltList<X,Y> {
    public AltList<Y,X> pairsSwapped() {
        AltList<Y,X> ret = new AltList<Y,X>(next.item, new AltList<X,Y>(item, null));
        if (next.next != null) {
            ret.next.next = next.next.pairsSwapped();
        }
        return ret;
    }
}
```

2 Mercantilism

Let's model a feudal society where managers, merchants, and workers cooperate to deliver goods. What happens when we call new Manager().work()?

```
class Manager {
    Merchant merchant = new Merchant();
    Worker worker = new Worker();
    String[] goods = new String[1];
    void work() {
        try {
            merchant.trade(goods);
        } catch (RuntimeException e) {
            worker.produce("apple pie", goods);
            merchant.trade(goods);
            worker.produce("cornbread", goods);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            merchant.trade(goods);
        } finally {
            System.out.println("All in a day's work");
        }
    }
}
class Merchant {
    void trade(String[] goods) {
        try {
            for (String good : goods) {
                if (good != null) {
                    System.out.println("Traded 1 " + good);
                    return;
                }
            throw new RuntimeException("Not enough goods");
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Oops");
            throw e;
        } finally {
            System.out.println("I love trading");
        }
    }
}
class Worker {
    void produce(String item, String[] goods) {
        int i = 0;
        while (goods[i] != null) {
            i += 1;
        }
        goods[i] = item;
        System.out.println("Done making 1 " + item);
    }
}
```

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I love trading Done making 1 apple pie Traded 1 apple pie I love trading All in a day's work ${\tt ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException}$