

Java 105/200

3 - Advanced object oriented programming





Designing a standard access to multiple classes

INTERFACES



Definition

- An interface is a set of abstract method signatures and constants
- An interface is a data type that acts like a superclass.
- Use an interface when you've already used inheritance.
 - Java does not support multiple inheritance, the ability to inherit from two or more classes.



Internal vs. external

- An internal interface
 - Combines shared behavior into a datatype
 - Is implemented by Java's interface type
- An external interface
 - Are the public methods exposed by a component
 - Are published as the javadocs of the component
 - Is said to be the API of the component



Typical discovery

- Interfaces are found during analysis often when two or more classes exhibit the same behavior
- A common name is defined
 - I<noun> or I<verb>
- The interface is created
- The classes declare the interface
- The interface is used as a reference type



Creating an interface

- The name of the interface describes an ability to do something
 - Clone**able**, Compar**able**, Serializ**able**, Runn**able**
 - IProcess, IMove, IMessage, ISortReverse
- The class-like declaration is
 - `public interface <name> { }`



Interfaces as markers

- Approval only, no method implementation required
- Common interfaces
 - Serializable
 - Cloneable
 - EventListener
- Better as an annotation for new markers
 - Needs backwards compatibility for old markers



Writing interface methods

- Interface methods are always by default
 - `public abstract`
- Interface fields are always by default
 - `public static final`
- End methods with `;` and not a code block.
 - `Object clone();`
 - `void read();`



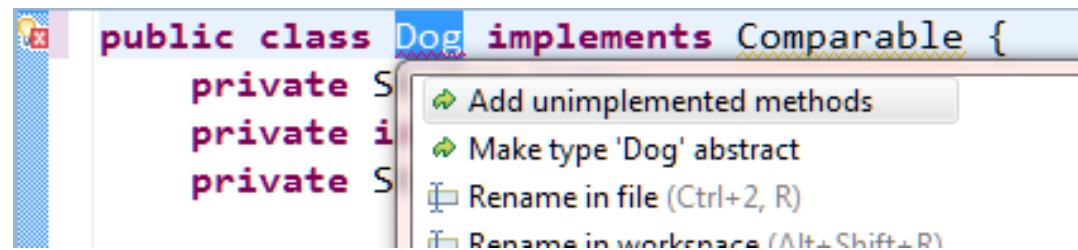
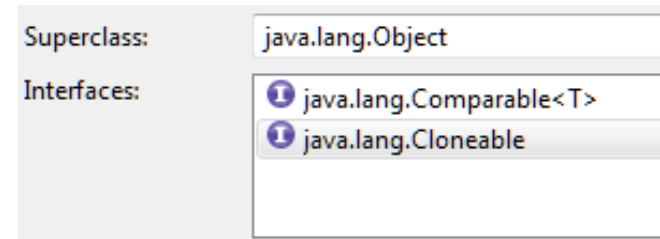
Implementing interfaces

- Interfaces can be used with or without superclasses
- Interfaces use the keyword **implements**
 - `public class Bird implements IFly { }`
- Classes can implement multiple interfaces
 - `public class Bird implements IFly, ICommunicate, INest { }`



IDEs and interfaces

- Can ask for interfaces on class creation
- Adding an interface after class creation creates a light bulb which will implement methods.





Exercise (200)

- Write an interface `IMotorized` with methods
 - `startMotor()`, `stopMotor()`
- Add classes and implement interfaces
 - `GoCart`, `Canoe`, `Speedboat`, `Lawnmower`, `RidingLawnmower`, `ReelMower`
 - Optionally, other methods like `mow()`
- Write other interfaces and apply
 - `IControlMotion`, `IControlDirection`, `ISubmerge`, `ITransport`
- Use inheritance where useful
- Start motors, move them all, stop moving, stop



Static imports (1.5)

- Static imports make code more readable.
- Constants usually defined in interfaces
- Imports all constants without need to preface with class name



Static imports (1.5)

- before
 - `import java.awt.Color;`
 - `class Employee {`
 - `... Color.BLUE ... }`
- after
 - `import static java.awt.Color.*;`
 - `class Employee {`
 - `... BLUE ... }`



Packages, import, CLASSPATH

CLASS ORGANIZATION



Packages

- A package logically organizes classes into groups
 - A Dog class in two different packages will not be confused
 - monday.Dog
 - tuesday.Dog
- A package physically organizes class files into a directory



Declaring a package

- Putting a class in a package requires one line at the top of the file before the class declaration.
 - **package** monday;
 - **public class** Dog { }



Nested packages

- Packages can be nested when convenient
 - `monday.exercises;`
 - `java.lang`
 - `java.util`
 - `java.util.zip`
- `javax` packages refer to classes from 1.2 on
 - `javax.net`
 - `javax.print`
 - `javax.sql`



Qualified class names

- A class is fully named with its package name
 - monday.Dog
 - java.lang.String
 - java.util.zip.ZipFile



Troubleshooting steps

| scope | Limiting factor |
|---|--|
| Java tool in OS → | PATH |
| java → | PATH |
| package.class in OS → package.class in IDE → package.class in java → class | CLASSPATH reference in IDE <code>import</code> (optional) access modifier |
| method | access modifier |

Providing access to package classes



- You must first provide physical access (project reference) to a class you want to use
 - java.lang classes are available by default
- Use the keyword **import** above the class declaration
 - `import java.util.Date;`
 - `import java.math.BigDecimal;`

Providing access to package classes



- Provide access to all package classes with `*`
 - `import java.math.*;`
 - This is a search help only, it will not physically copy the code so there is no inefficiency.
 - `BigDecimal price = new BigDecimal("39.95");`
- Provide access to a package class without import by using qualified name.
 - `java.math.BigDecimal price = new java.math.BigDecimal("39.95");`



Package access keywords

- `<none>` - restricts access to package only
- **protected** – same as `<none>` but allows access by subclasses
 - Used for access into a library only after extending the code
- Access modifiers must be compatible with overriding methods.



Exercise - protected

- Change a get method in Person from public to
 - Package access
 - Private
 - Protected
- And see if you can access it from your package



Exercise – using external jars

- Go to apache.org and get a jar file from the Commons library
 - Projects > Language > Java
 - Choose a project like
 - Apache Commons Lang
 - Apache Commons Math
 - Apache Commons Net
 - Choose download site (and mirror)
 - Download binaries and source (and docs if separate).



Eclipse external jars

- Project Properties > Java Build Path > Libraries > Add External JARs...
 - Choose location of JAR
- Add source code
 - Select JAR file > click outline arrow on left
 - Select Source attachment > Edit...
 - Choose External File.. Location
- Add Javadocs if available.



Eclipse external jars

- Confirm under project > Referenced Libraries
- Easy method:
 - Drag and drop file from Explorer window to project folder.



Exercise – external jars

- Import package
- Use classes



Try-catch, throw, throws, finally

EXCEPTION HANDLING



Old school

- try some code
- if (rule is broken) {
 - if(first type of error) handle this error
 - else if (second type of error) handle it
 - ...
 - else do the default error handling thing
- }
- try some more code
- if (...



OO school

- write error handling code **FIRST**
- try {
 - code
 - code
 - code
- }
- the JVM routes you to a kind of **case** structure you write



OO error handling

- Benefits
 - reusable error handling
 - customized error types
 - simple structure creates easy to read code
- Not benefits
 - writing the same amount of code
 - nesting structures creates hard to read code



try and catch

- `try` {
 - code that can fail
- }
- `catch` (ExceptionDatatype objectCaught) {
 - do something about it
- }



Catching what?

- Exception type objects are managed by JVM
- Objects are created by JVM when
 - code fails to pass explicit tests
 - code fails for other reasons
- Objects are routed to the **catch** block by the JVM
- Code is run by matching object to catch parameter type just like a method



Two exception types

- Compile time (checked)
 - Running code that can create an exception **must** be in a **try** block
 - Code will not compile otherwise
- Runtime (unchecked)
 - Exceptions can be caught and handled if wanted
 - Exceptions not caught cause program failure.



Unchecked exceptions - IDEs

- You can always wrap code in a try/catch
- Surround with try-catch

```
byte[] emptyArray = new byte[0];  
System.out.println(emptyArray[0]);
```





Unchecked exceptions

- Remove comment, print the message
- Always initialize variables outside of try/catch so they are in scope in or out of those blocks.

```
byte[] emptyArray = new byte[0];  
try {  
    System.out.println(emptyArray[0]);  
} catch (Exception e) {  
    System.out.println(e);  
}
```



Exercise

- Create an array and access an element that is not in range. Add a println statement before and after access.
- Wrap the access statement in a try/catch and run again.
- Try dividing by zero.
- Wrap in a try/catch and print out the exception object.



Checked exceptions - IDEs

- Checked exceptions will show a light bulb error.



```
System.out.println("before sleeping");  
Thread.sleep(4321);  
System.out.println("after sleeping");
```

- Click on light bulb to show options



Unhandled exception type InterruptedException

- Add throws declaration
- Surround with try/catch

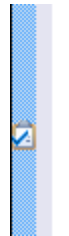
```
...  
public class Exceptions {  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws  
        System.out.println("before sleeping");  
}
```

- Add throws declaration (defer error handling)
- Surround with try/catch (handle error now - **BEST**)



Checked exceptions

- Output can be better.



```
try {  
    Thread.sleep(4321);  
} catch (InterruptedException e) {  
    // TODO Auto-generated catch block  
    e.printStackTrace();  
}
```

- Trim comment, show just message.

```
try {  
    Thread.sleep(4321);  
} catch (InterruptedException e) {  
    System.out.println(e);  
}
```

Exercise



- Do the `Thread.sleep(####)` example



Multiple catch blocks

- `try {...}`
- `catch (MinorExceptionType e) { ... }`
- `catch (AnotherMinorType e) { ... }`
- `catch (MajorExceptionType e) { ... }`
- `catch (Exception e) { ... }`
 - will catch anything else



Defining your own error states

- Reusing Java's exception classes
 - if (you don't like something) {
 - `throw` new Exception("I didn't like it");
 - }
 - if (it's a new kind of Arithmetic problem) {
 - `throw` new ArithmeticException("My arithmetic error #3543");
 - }

Defining your own error states



- Creating your own class of error types
 - class MySpecialException extends Exception { }
 - void myLogic() throws MySpecialException {
 - if (it's a special case) {
 - throw new MySpecialException("I especially didn't like it");
 - }



Rethrowing

- Not common
 - try { ... }
 - catch (Exception e) {
 - System.out.println("Exception was caught.");
 - **throw** e;
 - }
- Method that calls this code **must** be in a try block.



finally

- Code block to execute when try **OR** catch has executed.
- Must be after catch blocks
- Used for
 - cleaning up resources
 - close database connections
 - close file handles
 - finalizing processes



Defer error handling

```
try { Aclass.doA( ); } catch (AnException a) {...}
```

```
class Aclass {  
    static void doA ( ) throws AnException {  
        BClass.doB( ); } }  
    ↗
```

```
class Bclass {  
    static void doB() throws AnException {  
        throw AnException( ); } }  
    ↗
```



Throwable

- Exception extends Throwable
- Methods to use in **catch** block on object caught
 - `e.getMessage();`
 - `e.toString();`
 - `e.printStackTrace();`



Inheritance structure

- java.lang.Throwable
 - **Error** – serious problems, don't try to **catch**.
 - IOException, ThreadDeath, VirtualMachineError...
 - doesn't require **throws**
 - Exception
 - [AclNotFoundException](#), [ActivationException](#), [AlreadyBoundException](#), [ApplicationException](#), [AWTException](#), [BackingStoreException](#), [BadAttributeException](#), [BadBinaryOpValueExpException](#), [BadLocationException](#), [BadStringOperationException](#), [BrokenBarrierException](#), [CertificateException](#), [ClassNotFoundException](#), [CloneNotSupportedException](#), [DataFormatException](#), [DatatypeConfigurationException](#), [DestroyFailedException](#), [ExecutionException](#), [ExpandVetoException](#), [FontFormatException](#), [GeneralSecurityException](#), [GSSEException](#), [IllegalAccessException](#), [IllegalClassFormatException](#), [InstantiationException](#), [InterruptedException](#), [IntrospectionException](#), [InvalidApplicationException](#), [InvalidMidiDataException](#), [InvalidPreferencesFormatException](#), [InvalidTargetObjectTypeException](#), [InvocationTargetException](#), [IOException](#), [JAXBException](#), [JMEException](#), [KeySelectorException](#), [LastOwnerException](#), [LineUnavailableException](#), [MarshalException](#), [MidiUnavailableException](#), [MimeTypeParseException](#), [MimeTypeParseException](#), [NamingException](#), [NoninvertibleTransformException](#), [NoSuchFieldException](#), [NoSuchMethodException](#), [NotBoundException](#), [NotOwnerException](#), [ParseException](#), [ParserConfigurationException](#), [PrinterException](#), [PrintException](#), [PrivilegedActionException](#), [PropertyVetoException](#), [RefreshFailedException](#), [RemarshalException](#), [RuntimeException](#), [SAXException](#), [ScriptException](#), [ServerNotActiveException](#), [SOAPException](#), [SQLException](#), [TimeoutException](#), [TooManyListenersException](#), [TransformerException](#), [TransformException](#), [UnmodifiableClassException](#), [UnsupportedAudioFileException](#), [UnsupportedCallbackException](#), [UnsupportedFlavorException](#), [UnsupportedLookAndFeelException](#), [URISyntaxException](#), [UserException](#), [XAException](#), [XMLParseException](#), [XMLSignatureException](#), [XMLStreamException](#), [XPathException](#)



Try-with-resources – JDK 7

- Use with resources implementing `AutoCloseable`
- Used in i/o
- Will close opened resources
- `try (managed resource) {`
 - ...
- `} // managed resource is closed`



Multi-catch – JDK 7

- separate exception types with | (OR operator)
- `catch(ArithmeticException |
ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException) {`
 - `...`
- `}`



Exercise – custom exceptions

- CreditCardProcessor
 - setNumber
 - main() – call process
- CreditCardException
 - String creditCard
 - All constructors from superclass
- on process error
 - create object, set creditCard, throw object



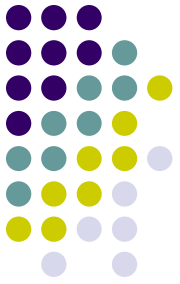
javadoc tags

- @throws, @param, @return
- @author, @see, @since, @version
- {@code}, {@docroot}, {@inheritDoc}, {@link},
{@linkplain}, {@literal}, {@value}
- @deprecated



javadoc - Eclipse

- Project > Generate javadoc
 - Generate javadoc command
 - Point to a JDK bin directory location of the javadoc utility program
 - Select packages
 - Select visibility
 - Select doclet (formatter: standard = html)



END TASKS



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- Zip files and save/mail
- Certificate
- Evaluation



.jar files

- File > Export...
- Java > JAR file > Next
 - JAR file is self-executing if you choose
 - Runnable JAR file - for self-executing jars with GUIs using a launch configuration
- Select the project (src only)
- Check: Export Java source files and resources
- Select export destination: name of .jar file
- Options: compress