

## Study Guide — Midterm Exam

The Midterm Exam will be *closed book, closed notes*, except that you will be allowed to use a single ***hand-written*** sheet of 8.5x11" paper. Note that the sheet must be ***hand-written*** (by you); computer-printed or photocopied notes are not allowed. If you use a note sheet you will be required to put your name on it and to hand it in along with your exam.

To be well prepared for the Midterm Exam, you should have completed all the reading and programming assignments due so far. In addition, you should be able to answer questions based on the topics listed below.

### Object-Oriented Concepts

- (1) Understand and correctly use the basic Java elements that we have utilized in class such as objects, access modifiers, constructors, references, arrays, vectors, parameter passing, etc. Understand relevant aspects of the compile-execute environment such as built-in frameworks (e.g. AWT and Swing).
- (2) Explain the difference between a class and an object (note that this is not Java-specific).
- (3) List the four components generally recognized as comprising the "Object-Oriented" (OO) programming paradigm. Give a general description of their meaning and be able to give examples of their application.
- (4) Explain what is meant by "information hiding" and "bundling", and give an example.
- (5) Understand the definitions of association, aggregation, composition and dependency, and give an example of each. Explain the similarities and differences between composition and aggregation.
- (6) Explain and use the elements of a UML class diagram, including general associations (using names, directions, and multiplicities), aggregation and composition, dependency, inheritance, and interfaces. Given a description of a program (set of classes), be able to draw the corresponding UML class diagram, and vice-versa.
- (7) Explain the notion of "accessor" (including "mutators"), and how they relate to the OO notions of abstraction and encapsulation. Be able to explain why providing public accessor methods is not equivalent to making fields public.
- (8) Show how to construct a set of classes which have associations between them so that fields are private and yet the classes can reference each other and use accessors appropriately.
- (9) Explain what is meant by *overloading* a method, and give an example. Explain why constructors are commonly overloaded.

## **Inheritance**

- (10) Describe the purpose of inheritance (in the OO sense), and give an example. Include a description of the notions *superclass* and *subclass*. Tell how inheritance is expressed in Java code, and explain the meaning and purpose of the keyword *super* in Java.
- (11) Give examples of the “is-a” and “has-a” relationships, and explain their difference.
- (12) List three major uses (purposes) of inheritance and give an example of each.
- (13) Explain what is meant by *overriding* a method, including how it differs from *overloading*.
- (14) Explain what is meant by *multiple inheritance*, including its advantages and disadvantages.
- (15) Explain the OO notion of separation of interface from implementation. Describe how this is carried out in Java, and its relationship to multiple inheritance.
- (16) Explain what is meant by an *abstract class* in the general OO sense. Describe how abstract classes are implemented in Java and what constraints exist on such classes and on other related classes.
- (17) Explain what is meant by an *abstract method* in the general OO sense. Describe how abstract methods are implemented in Java, and what constraints exist on such methods, on the classes which contain them, and on other related classes.

## **Polymorphism and Interfaces**

- (18) Give examples of both predefined Java interfaces and user-specified interfaces.
- (19) Explain what is meant by polymorphism in a programming language. Give examples of the application of polymorphism in a program.
- (20) Explain the meaning of the term “*dynamic (late) binding*”, and how it applies in Java.
- (21) Explain the difference between the *apparent type* and *actual type* of an object, and be able to use and explain each of those notions correctly in Java code.
- (22) Explain the difference between an abstract class and an interface in Java, and how Java interfaces provide support for increased polymorphism in a program.

## **Displays and Color**

- (23) Describe how the abstraction “color” is implemented in Java. Include a description of the notion of the “RGB color cube”.
- (24) Give a general description of the operation of at least two different types of display devices. Include a description of the meaning of the terms “pixel”, “raster”, “screen resolution”, and “frame buffer”.
- (25) Explain what is meant by *double buffering* in a graphics system and why it is important.

## **Design Patterns**

- (26) Explain what is meant by the term “design pattern”. List the three major categories of design patterns, and give an example of each.
- (27) Explain the organization, purpose and context of each of the design patterns which have been discussed in class and in the assigned reading (these include *command*, *composite*, *iterator*, *observer*, *singleton* and *strategy*). Give a specific example of using each design pattern. Give appropriate UML describing each design pattern and, for those design patterns which appear as part of the Java language definition, be able to explain the relevant Java interfaces and/or classes and how they are used.
- (28) Know how to implement each of the design patterns used in homework assignments.
- (29) Explain what is meant by the “MVC architecture”. Include an explanation of the difference between an *architecture* and a *design pattern*.

## **Graphical User Interfaces and Event-Driven Programming**

- (30) Explain what is meant by a *framework*. Give an example of a framework defined in the Java language specification.
- (31) Be able to write Java code showing the basic steps involved in building a Graphical User Interface consisting of components such as menus, buttons, and panels.
- (32) Explain the purpose of a “Layout Manager”, and be able to describe the general operation of at least two Java layout managers.
- (33) Be familiar with the event-driven operations of basic GUI components which have been discussed in class, including how the “listener interfaces” for Action, and Key events generated by those components are used. Describe two listener approaches: (i) a container which is an “event listener” for its own components, and (ii) separate listener object(s).
- (34) Explain what is meant by “keyboard focus” and how it affects code listening for key events.
- (35) Explain what key bindings are and how they work.
- (36) Explain the relationship between the Java **Action** and **AbstractButton** types and the elements of the Command design pattern.