Extra Lab Sheet 7:

Constructors, Arrays and ArrayLists

The following exercises are based on Book class of last week's Exercise 3 (Lab Sheet 5).

The source-code of all exercises will be available to you after the end of the today's lab.

Exercise 1

Perform the following changes to Book class:

- ISBN attribute is only set once (and can never change) when creating a Book object. (Hint: Use of Constructor)
- Title and Author attributes are also set when creating a Book object, but can be changed later.

Exercise 2

In TestBook.java main method, create an array of five Book objects and add the two Java books at position 0 and 1 of the array.

Try to print position 2 of the array. What is this "null"?

Exercise 3

Replace the array you created in Exercise 2 with an ArrayList. Finally, print all books that the array list contains.

Hint 1: Don't forget to add "import java.util.*;".

Hint 2: Check how an ArrayList is used in the lecture notes available in QM+.

Exercise 4

Create a Bookshelf class that uses an ArrayList to store Book objects. The size of the bookshelf (maximum number of books that it can store) is defined when initialising the object. If a size is not specified, a default value of 10 is set.

A Bookshelf should also support the following three operations:

- void printBooks()
- void addBook(String isbn, String title, String author)
- Book findBookWithIsbn(String isbn)

If the bookshelf is full and you try to add another book, the class should print an error message. When you search for a book that is not available, the class should return "null" using the command "return null;". Otherwise, it should return the correct Book object.

Create TestBookshelf class and test the implementation in its main method. (You don't need a TestBook class anymore)