

## Task 1

### a) match Java format strings

The regex is located in `java.util.Formatter` source code <https://github.com/openjdk/jdk/blob/master/src/java.base/share/classes/java/util/Formatter.java>. The variable is called `FORMAT_SPECIFIER`.

```
"%(\\d+\\$)?([-#+ 0,(\\<]*)?(\\d+)?(\\.\\d+)?([tT])?([a-zA-Z%])"
```

To get the output, I will collect all match begin and end positions in a `Queue` data structure. Then pass the queue and the entire text into a function. Each iteration will get the head of the queue. The first `if` is for the case when there is text after the last match left. The second `if` exists so that it will not add `TEXT` when `FORMAT` is the first part of the string or when two of them are next to each other.

```
public static void print(Queue<Format> lst, String text) {
    var strBuilder = new StringBuilder();
    var index = 0;
    while (index < text.length()) {
        var format = lst.poll();
        if (format == null) {
            strBuilder.append(String.format("TEXT(%s)",
                text.substring(index, text.length())));
            break;
        }
        if (format.begin != 0 && format.begin != index) {
            strBuilder.append(String.format(
                "TEXT(%s)", text.substring(index, format.begin)));
        }
        strBuilder.append(String.format("FORMAT(%s)",
            text.substring(format.begin, format.end)));
        index = format.end;
    }
    System.out.println(strBuilder);
}
```

### b) writing ANTLR4 lexer rules for 12-hour clock

From reading the Wikipedia entry [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12-hour\\_clock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12-hour_clock). I came up with following lexer rules:

```
lexer grammar Aufgabe2Lexer;
```

```
Clock: WORD
      | TIME
      ;
```

```
fragment WORD: 'Midnight'
              | 'Noon'
              | '12' WS 'midnight'
              | '12' WS 'noon'
              ;
```

```
fragment TIME: HOUR SEPARATOR MINUTE WS UNIT;
```

```
fragment UNIT: 'a.m.'
              | 'p.m.'
              ;
```

```
fragment SEPARATOR: ':';
```

```
fragment HOUR: [1-9]
              | '1'[0-2]
              ;
```

```
fragment MINUTE: [0-9]
                | [0-5][0-9]
                ;
```

```
WS: [ \t\r\n]+ -> channel(HIDDEN);
```

Having the rules as fragment hides them in the output.

I also made a tree-sitter grammar just for fun:

```
module.exports = grammar({
  name: "Clock",
  extras: ($) => [/\\s|\\\\r?\\n/],
  rules: {
    clock: ($) => choice($_word, $_time),
    _word: (_) =>
      choice("Midnight", "Noon", seq("12", choice("midnight", "noon"))),
    _time: ($) => seq($_hour, ":", $_minute, " ", $_unit),
    _hour: (_) => choice(/[1-9]/, /1[0-2]/, "12"), // need literal 12 otherwise it
will go to _word.
    _minute: (_) => choice(/[0-9]/, /[0-5][0-9]/),
    _unit: (_) => choice("a.m.", "p.m."),
  },
});
```

Having the rules prefixed with a `_` also hides them in the output. The only difference between these two grammars is that the tree-sitter one does not care about whitespace ex.: 12noon works with it.