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## **Practices for Lesson 1: Introduction**

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Practices for Lesson 2: What Is a Java Program?

### **Practices for Lesson 2**

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**Practices for Lesson 3:** Creating a Java Main Class

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Practices for Lesson 6: Describing Objects and Classes

### **Practices for Lesson 6**

### **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will create the classes needed to represent the data for the soccer application and write code to instantiate these classes.

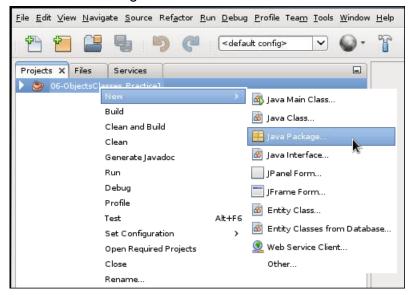
### **Practice 6-1: Creating Classes for the Soccer League**

### Overview

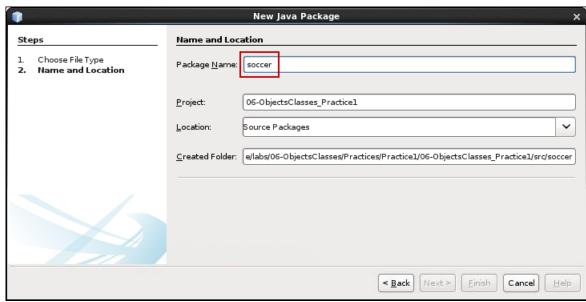
In this practice, you create the five classes required for the soccer application (Goal, Game, Player, Team, and League).

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the project for this practice in NetBeans.
  - a. Start NetBeans by double-clicking the NetBeans icon on the desktop.
  - b. Open the project **06-ObjectsClasses\_Practice1** by clicking the Open Project icon, and then navigate to
    - ~/labs/06-ObjectsClasses/Practices/Practice1/06-ObjectsClasses\_Practice1 and click Open Project.
- 2. Create a package named soccer in the **06-ObjectsClasses\_Practice1** project.
  - In NetBeans, right-click the project named 06-ObjectsClasses\_Practice1, and select New > Java Package.



b. In the New Java Package dialog box, enter soccer as the Package Name, and click Finish.



- 3. The initial version of the soccer application comprises five main data classes: Player, Team, Game, Goal, and League. Create the Player class.
  - a. Right-click the soccer package and select New > Java Class.
  - b. In the New Java Class dialog box, enter Player as the Class Name and click Finish.
  - c. In the most basic version of the soccer application, the Player class has only one attribute, a String called playerName. Add this attribute now.
  - d. The code of the Player class should now look like this:

```
package soccer;
public class Player {
    public String playerName;
}
```

- 4. Create the Team class.
  - a. Right-click the soccer package and select New > Java Class.
  - b. In the New Java Class dialog box, enter Team as the Class Name and click Finish.
  - c. In the most basic version of the soccer application, the Team class has two attributes: a String named teamName and a Player array named playerArray. Add these attributes now.
  - d. The code of the Team class should now look like this:

```
package soccer;
public class Team {
    public String teamName;
    public Player[] playerArray;
}
```

5. Create the Goal class with the following attributes.

Туре	Name
Team	theTeam
Player	thePlayer
double	theTime

The code of the Goal class should look like this.

```
package soccer;
public class Goal {
    public Team theTeam;
    public Player thePlayer;
    public double theTime;
}
```

6. Create the Game class with the following attributes:

Туре	Name
Team	homeTeam
Team	awayTeam
Goal[]	goals

The code of the Game class should look like this.

```
package soccer;
public class Game {
    public Team homeTeam;
    public Team awayTeam;
    public Goal[] goals;
}
```

- 7. Now that you have created the required classes, you create one more class called League, which will use these classes to run a set of games. This class needs to have a method main so that it can be run as a console application.
  - a. Right-click the soccer package and select New > Other.
  - b. In the New File dialog box, select Categories > Java, then select File Types: > Java Main Class, and click Next.
  - c. In the New Java Class dialog box, enter League as the Class Name and click Finish. Your new class should look like this (there will be other comments in your code that are not shown here).

```
package soccer;
public class League {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
      // TODO code application logic here
    }
}
```

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- 8. Using the classes that you have created means populating them with data. So you need to:
  - Instantiate a number of Player objects for each Team.
  - Instantiate some Team objects to play games.
  - Instantiate some Game objects to represent those games.
  - For each goal in a game, instantiate a Goal object and add it to the Goal array in the appropriate Game object.

In the main method of League, you now create two teams, each with two players. To help remember which player plays for which team, player names and their team names start with the same letter. For example *G*eorge Eliot plays for The *G*reens; *R*obert Service plays for the *R*eds.

a. At the top of the main method (below where it says TODO code application logic here), declare and instantiate a Player object.

```
Player player1 = new Player();
```

b. Set the  ${\tt playerName}$  attribute of the  ${\tt player}$  object to "George Eliot".

```
player1.playerName = "George Eliot";
```

c. Declare and instantiate a new Player object and set its playerName attribute to "Graham Greene".

```
Player player2 = new Player();
player2.playerName = "Graham Greene";
```

d. Declare and instantiate a third Player object and set its playerName attribute to "Geoffrey Chaucer".

```
Player player3 = new Player();
player3.playerName = "Geoffrey Chaucer";
```

e. Create a Player array called the Players that comprises the three Player objects that you just instantiated.

```
Player[] thePlayers = { player1, player2, player3 };
```

f. Declare and instantiate a Team object.

```
Team team1 = new Team();
```

g. Set the teamName attribute of the Team object to "The Greens".

```
team1.teamName = "The Greens";
```

h. Set the playerArray attribute of the Team object to the Player array the Players.

```
team1.playerArray = thePlayers;
```

- 9. Print out the players in the team "The Greens".
  - a. Create a for loop that iterates through the array in team1.

```
for (Player thePlayer: team1.playerArray) {
    System.out.println(thePlayer.playerName);
}
```

b. Run the project by clicking the green arrow.

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              player1.playerName = "George Eliot";
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              Player player2 = new Player();
              player2.playerName = "Graham Greene";
```

c. The output should look like the following. Notice that the output begins with a line that indicates that the project was run (as opposed to debugged, which you will learn about later). Then comes the three lines output by System.out.println. Finally, there is a line indicating that the project built successfully.

```
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run:
George Eliot
Graham Greene
Geoffrey Chaucer
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 1 second)
```

From now on, in these instructions, the output will show just the lines output by the code that you write. Here is what that would look like for the project that you just ran:

```
George Eliot
Graham Greene
Geoffrey Chaucer
```

10. Just above the *for* loop, add a statement to set player1.playerName to "Robert Service".

```
player1.playerName = "Robert Service";
```

a. Now run the class again. What do you expect the output to be?

```
Robert Service
Graham Greene
Geoffrey Chaucer
```

b. Remove or comment out the line that changes the name to Robert Service.

### **Technical Note:**

Think about what has happened in this step. In your code, there are two references to "Robert Service" (the String that used to be "Graham Greene"). One of the references is player1.playerName; the other is Team.playerArray[0].playerName. Because both point to the same String in memory, if you use either reference to replace the old String with a new String, both references will now point to this new String.

- 11. Now create a second team with the reference team2. However, this time don't use the temporary references player1, player2, player3. Instead, create the team, create a new Player array and assign it to the team, and then add players to the team and set their names.
  - a. Just above the for loop block, create a Team called team2 and name it "The Reds".

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```
Team team2 = new Team();
team2.teamName = "The Reds";
```

b. Create a three-element Player array and assign it to the playerArray reference of the Team object that you just created.

```
team2.playerArray = new Player[3];
```

c. Add a player named "Robert Service" to the first element of playerArray.

```
team2.playerArray[0] = new Player();
team2.playerArray[0].playerName = "Robert Service";
```

d. Add two new Player objects with playerName attributes set to "Robbie Burns" and "Rafael Sabatini" (or use names of your own choosing). Add these players to the second and third elements of the playerArray array. Copy and paste may save some time here.

```
team2.playerArray[1] = new Player();
team2.playerArray[1].playerName = "Robbie Burns";
team2.playerArray[2] = new Player();
team2.playerArray[2].playerName = "Rafael Sabatini";
```

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e. Copy and paste the **for** loop so that the second loop now prints out the names of the players on team2 (for the second loop change the reference to the Team object to team2). Run the application. Your output should look like this.

George Eliot
Graham Greene
Geoffrey Chaucer
Robert Service
Robbie Burns
Rafael Sabatini

This is the end of this practice. Shut down any NetBeans tabs that contain Java code.

### **Practice 6-2: Creating a Soccer Game**

### Overview

In this practice, you use the classes that you have created and populated to create a new Game object and add some goals.

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the project **06-ObjectsClasses\_Practice2**.
- 2. Create a game and add some goals.
  - In the League class, delete the two for loops that print out the names of the players on team1 and team2.
  - b. At the bottom of the method, create a Game and populate the homeTeam and awayTeam attributes.

```
Game currGame = new Game();
currGame.homeTeam = team1;
currGame.awayTeam = team2;
```

Create a Goal object to give the home team a 1–0 lead.

```
Goal goal1 = new Goal();
goal1.thePlayer = currGame.homeTeam.playerArray[2];
goal1.theTeam = currGame.homeTeam;
goal1.theTime = 55;
```

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d. Put this Goal object in a Goal array, and then assign this Goal array to the goals attribute of the Game object.

```
Goal[] theGoals = {goal1};
currGame.goals = theGoals;
```

Print out the score of the game (if there was more than one goal, you would need to e. use a loop)

```
System.out.println("Goal scored after
currGame.goals[0].theTime + " mins by " +
currGame.goals[0].thePlayer.playerName + " of " +
currGame.goals[0].theTeam.teamName);
```

f. When you run the code you should see this output.

```
Goal scored after 55 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of the Greens
```

This is the end of this practice. Shut down any NetBeans tabs that contain Java code.

Practices for Lesson 7: Manipulating and Formatting the Data in Your Program

### **Practices for Lesson 7**

### **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will use Javadocs to find useful methods for String manipulation and then work with these methods.

# Practice 7-1: Manipulating Text Overview In this practice, you write code to search for a particular player and print out player details. You also reverse player names so that the family name is printed first.

**Tasks** 

- 1. Open the **07-ManipulateFormat\_Practice1** project.
- 2. Suppose you want to find out whether the Blues have a player called Sabatini. Or is the name Sabatine or Sabadini? Look in the Javadocs for the String class to find a method that you can use to find a region of text.
  - a. Open the Javadocs and go to the String class. You can do this more easily by clicking java.lang to select the package, and then clicking String in the list of classes that are shown as being in java.lang.
  - b. You are looking for a method that tells you whether a playerName String contains a particular string. The first method that looks promising is contains. What does it return? A boolean type. That is what you want; you could write a simple *if* statement to do something when a particular family name is found.
  - c. Now look to see what parameter it takes. It takes a CharSequence type. This is a special type called an *interface*. This course has yet not covered interfaces, but they will be covered in the "Using Interfaces" lesson. So keep looking for another suitable method.
  - d. The next suitable method is possibly endsWith. This could work if you are looking for family name and are sure of the spelling, but may be less suitable if you are not sure of the spelling and only know a region in the middle of the name.

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- e. The next suitable method is matches. It returns a boolean, so that is good. Look to see what parameters it requires. It takes a String, a type you already know about.
- f. Click the matches link for further information.
- g. You can see here that the String that you pass into matches should be something called a *regular expression*. You may already know what this is, but if you do not, just click the regular expression link.
- h. This is a slightly daunting screen, because regular expressions are very powerful. However, you need to do a very simple match. Assume that you are looking for a player with a family name that starts with the letters "Sab". This will be after the first name but not stretch all the way to the end of the string. Therefore, the regular expression will be this exact string plus some additional special characters to "skip over" the first name and then to "skip over" the end of the string. A single dot matches any character, but you do not know how many you need. But if you follow a single dot with a \*, this will give you the regular expression that you need—.\*Sab.\*

```
for (Player thePlayer: team2.playerArray) {
    System.out.println( thePlayer.playerName);
}
```

b. Add an *if* statement below the System.out.println statement to test whether a match is found for "Sab". Use the regular expression from step 1h. Move the System.out.println statement inside the *if* clause so that you can tell whether the name "Sab" has been found.

```
for (Player thePlayer: team2.playerArray) {
  if (thePlayer.playerName.matches(".*Sab.*")) {
    System.out.println("Found " + thePlayer.playerName);
}
```

c. Run the application. The output should be:

```
Goal scored after 55.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens Found Rafael Sabatini
```

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4. Assuming that the name is found, print out just the last name of the player that has been found.

### Technical discussion:

In an exercise during the lesson, you used the <code>indexOf</code> and <code>substring</code> methods to return part of a name. You could do that again, but perhaps it might be worth first checking whether there is a single method that can accomplish this. What about <code>split</code>? It returns a <code>String</code> array that is split around a regular expression. Because there is a space between a player's first and second names, you can split around a space and then the second index of the array returned will be the player's last name.

a. Within the *if* block, add the following line of code to split the String around a space and return a String array:

```
thePlayer.playerName.split(" ");
```

b. You could now assign this to a newly declared array. However, why not just modify this statement so that it returns the second element of the array? All you need to do is add the square brackets (with the index) at the end. Do this now. You will see an error but do not worry about it.

```
thePlayer.playerName.split(" ")[1];
```

c. Pass the above statement into a System.out.println method to print out the second name.

```
System.out.println("Last name is " +
thePlayer.playerName.split(" ")[1]);
```

d. Test the code.

```
Goal scored after 55.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
Found Rafael Sabatini
Last name is Sabatini
```

- 5. Display all players of team1 in the format lastname, firstname. Again, you can use the split method to split playerName into two separate Strings.
  - a. Create a loop that iterates through the players in team1. Inside a loop, split the String into two separate Strings in a String array.

```
for (Player thePlayer: team1.playerArray) {
    String name[] = thePlayer.playerName.split(" ");
}
```

### Technical discussion:

You use a <code>StringBuilder</code> to build up the name in the new format. Note that you could use <code>String</code> concatenation for this. While this may only create a few extra <code>String</code> objects, this could make quite a difference when reformatting a lot of <code>String</code> objects. Look at the <code>Javadocs</code> for <code>StringBuilder</code>.

b. Just before the *for* loop, instantiate a new StringBuilder object. Note that if you instantiate the StringBuilder within the loop, it will be instantiated on every iteration of the loop!

```
StringBuilder familyNameFirst = new StringBuilder();
```

c. Within the loop (after the String has been split), use the append method to add the second element of the name array because that is the player's family name.

```
familyNameFirst.append(name[1]);
```

d. Use the append method to add a comma and a space.

```
familyNameFirst.append(", ");
```

e. Use the append method to add the player's first name.

```
familyNameFirst.append(name[0]);
```

f. Print out the full family name. Note that you can pass a StringBuilder into the System.out.println method.

```
System.out.println(familyNameFirst);
```

The output will look like this (output new to this step is bolded).

```
Goal scored after 55.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
Found Rafael Sabatini
Last name is Sabatini
Eliot, George
Eliot, GeorgeGreene, Graham
Eliot, GeorgeGreene, GrahamChaucer, Geoffrey
```

g. This is not quite right. You need to empty the <code>StringBuilder</code> each time after <code>System.out.println</code> is invoked. Look at the Javadocs to find a suitable method. You can use the <code>delete</code> method, but it requires an index to the start and end of the String in the <code>StringBuilder</code>. Fortunately, the beginning index is zero, and the end index can be found with the <code>length</code> method. Add the following code immediately below the <code>System.out.println</code> statement.

```
familyNameFirst.delete(0, familyNameFirst.length());
```

h. Run the project again. This time you should get a list of the names of the players in team1 with the family name listed first. (Output new to this step is bolded.)

Goal scored after 55.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
Found Rafael Sabatini
Last name is Sabatini
Eliot, George
Greene, Graham
Chaucer, Geoffrey

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**Practices for Lesson 8:** Creating and Using Methods

### **Practices for Lesson 8**

### **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will create and use methods.

### **Practice 8-1: Using Methods**

### Overview

In this practice, you tidy up your code so that it uses methods. You will create individual methods createTeams, createGames, playGames, and showResults. Eventually, the main method will only have calls to these individual methods.

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the **08-Methods\_Practice1** project.
- 2. Create a createTeams static method. It will require no parameters and return a Team array. Think about what it means for this to be a static method. You will revisit this question later.
  - a. Go down to the end of the main method of League. After the closing brace of the main method, add a new static method, createTeams, that returns a Team array. Notice that NetBeans temporarily shows an error because the new method declares that it returns an array of type Team but there is no code to do that yet.

```
public static Team[] createTeams() {
}
```

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- b. Find the existing code in League that creates the Team array (there are comments at the beginning and end of this block of code to help you find it).
- c. Highlight this code, and then cut (not copy) and paste it into the createTeams method.
- d. At the end of createTeams, add a line to put the two Team references into a Team array, and then add a return statement to return this array.

```
Team[] theTeams = {team1, team2};
return theTeams
```

- 3. Immediately below the createTeams method, create another static method, createGames. You will pass in an array of type Team, and receive back an array of type Game.
  - a. Create a new method, createGames, just below createTeams. This too will show an error until later when you add the return statement.

```
public static Game[] createGames(Team[] theTeams) {
}
```

b. Now add code to create just one game (so you will be returning an array with one element).

```
Game theGame = new Game();
```

c. This Game object needs to have homeTeam and awayTeam set; therefore, do this now using two teams from the Team array that has been passed into the method.

```
theGame.homeTeam = theTeams[0];
theGame.awayTeam = theTeams[1];
```

d. Create a Game array with the Game as its only element, and return it.

```
Game[] theGames = {theGame};
return theGames;
```

- 4. Add code to call these new methods.
  - a. At the beginning of the main method, add a call to the createTeams method.

```
Team[] theTeams = createTeams();
```

b. Immediately after the call to the createTeams method, add a call to the createGames method.

```
Game[] theGames = createGames(theTeams);
```

c. Now you have an array of type Game (albeit with just one element), but the remaining code in the main method works with a single Game, currGame. Modify the line that currently creates a Game by instantiating a new Game object so that instead it now gets the Game object from the currGame array.

```
Game currGame = theGames[0];
```

d. Delete these three lines from the main method of League.

```
Game currGame = new Game();
currGame.homeTeam = team1;
currGame.awayTeam = team2;
```

(These are the lines that create a new Game and assigned teams to currGame.homeTeam and currGame.awayTeam. They are no longer needed, because that is now done in the createTeams method. This should clear all the NetBeans syntax errors.)

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e. Run the main method. The lines of code that creates the goals and reports the result should now give you the following output:

```
Goal scored after 55.0 mins by Rafael Sabatini of the Reds
```

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### **Practice 8-2: Creating Game Data Randomly**

### Overview

In this practice, you use a provided utility class to create code that will create Goal objects with randomly set attributes. This will help with testing, allowing multiple games to be played, and so model a real league.

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the **08-Methods Practice2** project.
- 2. The code that currently creates a Goal is hard-coded (meaning it is the same every time the method runs). Replace this code with a call to a method of a utility class that returns a played game. You will write the code to determine how many goals, and the utility method will randomly determine which player scores each goal.

### Technical discussion:

You can use the random method of the Math class to determine how many elements to put in a Goal array that will represent the goals scored in the game. If you look up the Math class in the Java documentation, you will see that it has a random method. This method returns a double that is greater than or equal to 0.0 and less than 1.0. But you will need to turn this into an int that you can use to create the Goal array.

Suppose you decide that there should be a maximum of six goals. To randomly decide how many goals should be in a particular game, you can use Math.random().

Math.random() \* 7 will produce a double that is greater than or equal to 0.0 and less than 7.0. Now, how can you turn this result into an int that is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6?

How about Math.round()? That looks promising; however, it returns a long and not an int, and you need an int to initialize the array. You would have to cast the returned value to an int. But wait, if you are casting to an int anyway, there should be no need to use Math.round(); the cast will ensure that the result is an int.

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- a. Delete the current code that creates a Goal and assigns it to a Team and a Game.
- b. Comment out (do not delete) the System.out.println statement that prints out the goal details.
- c. Just after the line that assigns currGame, add the code to create a random number of goals between 0 and 6. Also add System.out.println to print out the result. Note the parentheses around Math.random() \* 7. Without these, the cast would operate on the double returned by Math.random() and, therefore, numberOfGoals would always be zero.

```
int numberOfGoals = (int)(Math.random() * 7);
System.out.println(numberOfGoals);
```

d. Run the project a few times to make sure that numberOfGoals is a random number between 0 and 6.

- 3. Now create the Goal array.
  - Below the code that you just added, create a Goal array using numberOfGoals to give it the correct number of elements. Note that it is not incorrect code to create an array with zero elements! Put your line of code before the System.out.println statement and modify System.out.println to print out the length of the array.

```
Goal[] theGoals = new Goal[numberOfGoals];
System.out.println(theGoals.length);
```

b. Run the project a few times to make sure that it is working correctly and that the array length is randomly between 0 and 6.

### Technical discussion:

Now that you have a Goal array, you can use the special utility class to populate the Goal array with Goal objects (or strictly speaking with references to Goal objects). Each goal will be randomly created with a random time, one or the other of the teams, and a player. The utility class that you need is called GameUtils and it is in the utility package. It has a static method called addGameGoals that takes a Game as a parameter.

c. Delete the System.out.println statement that prints the length of the Goal array and, in its place, add code to assign theGoals array to the Game object created earlier.

```
currGame.goals = theGoals;
```

d. Now call the addGameGoals method of the GameUtils class.

```
GameUtils.addGameGoals(currGame);
```

NetBeans will show an error. Click the red question mark in the left margin, and select add import for utility. GameUtils.

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- e. Run the application. It should run without error, but there will not be any output.
- 4. Add another for loop that reports on the goals in the current game.
  - a. Just below the call to the addGameGoals method add a **for** loop to iterate through each of the goals of the current game.

```
for (Goal currGoal: currGame.goals) {
}
```

b. Now add a System.out.println statement to list each goal, when it was scored, by which team, and by which player. Something similar to the following.

```
System.out.println("Goal scored after " +
   currGoal.theTime + " mins by " +
   currGoal.thePlayer.playerName +
   " of " + currGoal.theTeam.teamName);
```

c. Run the code. Here is some typical output, but the output will be different each time the application is run:

```
Goal scored after 29.0 mins by Graham Greene of The Greens
Goal scored after 36.0 mins by Robbie Burns of The Reds
Goal scored after 47.0 mins by Robbie Burns of The Reds
Goal scored after 77.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
```

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# Creating a playGame Method 5. Examine the code that you created for creating a random result for a game. Even though it is only four lines, it seems like a block of code that should be in its own method. But where should the method go? It could, of course, be in the League class. However, the data it needs is a Game object and its goals attribute, so it makes sense that it should be in the

a. Go to the Game class and create a new method playGame. Does it need any parameters passed in? Or returned? It would seem not, because it can get its data from the Game object itself and modify the Game object. However, it should not be static. Why not?

```
public void playGame() {
}
```

b. Now cut the code that plays a game from League, and paste it into the playGame method of Game. That will be the four lines starting just after:

```
Game currGame = theGames[0];
to just above the loop that prints out the game result (including the line below).
GameUtils.addGameGoals(currGame);
```

As you paste it into Game, NetBeans will recognize that you need an import for GameUtils. Click OK in the Import Classes dialog box.

c. Does it need any modifications to run? Do you see any errors in the code in NetBeans? NetBeans indicates that it cannot find the variable currGame. Should you pass it into the method after all? No, because you are actually in the Game class! Therefore, just replace currGame with this, and the code should be fine.

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d. Back in League, just above the loop to print the result of the game, add a call to the playGame method. Note that currGame is already there and points to the Game object; therefore, all you need is:

```
currGame.playGame();
```

Game class.

- e. Run the code. It should work exactly as before.
- 6. Move the code that describes the game into its own method. Where should that go? Again, look at the data it requires, data that is held on the Game object.
  - a. Create a new method on the Game class to return a description of the game. This will need to return a String. (When you create the method, you will see a NetBeans error until later when you add the line to return a String).

```
public String getDescription(){
}
```

b. Now cut the *for* loop from League and paste it in the getDescription method. Your code will look like this (there will be NetBeans errors):

```
for (Goal currGoal: currGame.goals) {
   System.out.println("Goal scored after " +
      currGoal.theTime + " mins by " +
      currGoal.thePlayer.playerName +
      " of " + currGoal.theTeam.teamName);
}
```

d. Look at the remaining error: no return statement. The method needs to return a String. What String should be returned? A String that is made up of each line that is currently passed into the System.out.println method. You can use a StringBuilder and its append method for this. Instantiate a StringBuilder before the start of the loop.

```
StringBuilder returnString = new StringBuilder();
```

e. Previously, each iteration of the loop passed a String to the System.out.println method to print. Instead, this now needs to be appended to the StringBuilder.

Replace System.out.println with a returnString.append method—like this:

```
returnString.append ("Goal scored after " +
   currGoal.theTime + " mins by " +
   currGoal.thePlayer.playerName +
   " of " + currGoal.theTeam.teamName);
```

f. Add a return after the loop to return the entire <code>StringBuilder</code>. Notice that because a <code>StringBuilder</code> is not a <code>String</code> and, therefore, not the correct type, you must call the <code>toString</code> method on <code>returnString</code>.

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```
return returnString.toString()
```

g. Back in the League class, at the bottom of the main method, add a System.out.println statement to print out the game description.

```
System.out.println(currGame.getDescription());
```

Can you see what is happening here? The statement currGame.getDescription() is being called and returns a String to the System.out.println method, which prints it to the console.

h. Run the code a few times to see whether it is working correctly. What did you see? System.out.println puts each line of text about each goal on a new line but the append method did not add any newlines. Go back to the getDescription method and add "\n" at the end of the line appended to returnString.

```
returnString.append ("Goal scored after " +
    currGoal.theTime + " mins by " +
    currGoal.thePlayer.playerName +
    " of " + currGoal.theTeam.teamName +
    "\n");
```

i. Run the code again. Each goal should now be described on a new line.

You may notice that the <code>getDescription</code> method could use the <code>append</code> method more extensively by replacing every concatenation operator with an <code>append</code> method. For now, though, it is probably more readable as is, and you will make changes to this method later in the course.

# **Practice 8-3: Creating Overloaded Methods**

# Overview

In this practice, you create an overloaded method. At the moment the playGame method automatically creates a random set of goals for a game with a maximum of 6. This may be a good default number, but it might be useful to call the playGame method and pass in the maximum number of goals. To allow for either accepting the default (maximum six goals), or specifying a different maximum, you need to overload the playGame method in Game. This means that there will be two methods, one that receives no parameters, and one that receives the parameter specifying the maximum number of goals.

### Tasks

- Open the **08-Methods\_Practice3** project. 1.
- The first step is to modify the current playGame method of Game to work with an int parameter passed in as maxGoals. Why not create a brand new version of the playGame method? The reason should become apparent as you complete this section.
  - In League, change the line that calls the playGame method of Game so that it passes an int of value 3. The line will now look like this (note that this will temporarily show as an error because no method with this signature currently exists). currGame.playGame(3);
  - b. Go to the playGame method of Game and change its signature to: void playGame(int maxGoals)
  - Modify the line in the playGame method that determines the number of goals in the game by replacing the literal 7 with (maxGoals + 1) —and do not forget the parentheses!

```
int numberOfGoals = (int)(Math.random() * (maxGoals + 1));
Why + 1? Remember that casting to an int will round down to the nearest int value.
```

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- This should fix the error in League. Run the application a few times. It should run as before but after a few tries you should see that it now never goes over 3 goals per game.
- Now add a no parameter playGame method.
  - Add another playGame method to Game. It should return nothing and receive no parameters.

```
public void playGame() {
```

- You now have a playGame method that is overloaded. However, the no parameter version does not do anything yet. How to code this method? Simply call the parameter version of the playGame method with your chosen default maxGoals.
- c. Add this line to the no parameter playGame method: playGame(6);
- d. Go back to League and change the line that calls the playGame method of Game so that it passes no parameters.
- Run the application a few times. You should now see that the maximum number of goals is now 6.

f. Why do you think it is better to have the no parameter version of the playGame method call the parameterized version of the playGame method? The answer is code duplication. As far as possible you do not want to have two pieces of code do the same job. Later if a bug is discovered in the playGame method, there will be only one playGame method to fix.

# Making League an Instance

In this section, you will instantiate League and run the various methods as instance methods. This would allow League to represent more than one tournament or league.

- 4. Modify League so that it is instantiated and the methods are called on the instantiated League object.
  - a. For the method createGames, remove the static keyword. The createGames method now becomes an instance method, while the createTeams method remains a static method.

# Technical discussion:

At this point, you will see an error in the main method. If you hover the mouse over the error, you can see what it is. The non-static method is createGames. What is meant by the term static context? Because the main method is a static method, it is running on the League class, NOT on a League object. Therefore, a call to the createGames method is interpreted as a call to a static method, createGames. If instead you specify a reference to a League object, the method call will work.

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b. Just below the main method signature, instantiate a new League object with a reference, theLeague.

```
League theLeague = new League();
```

c. Modify the call to the createGames method so that it calls the createGames method on this new object.

```
Game[] theGames = theLeague.createGames(theTeams);
```

- d. Run the application. It should work fine even though the <code>createTeams</code> method is still a static method. This is not a recommended approach. It is just to illustrate that the static method <code>main</code> can call other static methods such as <code>createTeams</code>; however, to access a non-static method, the reference must precede the method name (using the dot notation).
- e. Make createTeams an instance method also, and modify the call to it so that it works in the same way as the createGames method.

# **Practices for Lesson 9: Using Encapsulation**

Chapter 9

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# **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will modify all classes to encapsulate all the attributes and add constructors.

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# **Practice 9-1: Encapsulating Attributes**

### Overview

In this practice, you use the NetBeans refactor feature to encapsulate all the classes in your application.

# **Tasks**

- 1. Open the **09-EncapConstructors-Practice1** project.
- 2. Encapsulate the Player class and ensure that the code in League now accesses the encapsulated class correctly.
  - a. Right-click Player and select Refactor > Encapsulate Fields.
  - b. In the Encapsulate Fields dialog box, select playerName as the field to encapsulate (it will be selected by default), and check the boxes to create the getPlayerName method and the setPlayerName method. The options should be as follows (these are the defaults).

Option	Choices or Values		
Insert Point	Default		
Sort By	Getter/Setter pairs		
Javadoc	Create default commands		
Fields Visibility	private		
Accessor's Visibility	public		

- c. Click Refactor (accepting the other options).
- d. Run the project a few times. It should run as before.

# Technical discussion:

Look at the code of the Player class. You should see that the playerName attribute is now marked private, and that two new methods getPlayerName and setPlayerName have been added. But if the playerName attribute is now private (unable to be accessed other than within the Player class), how will the createTeams method of League function?

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Examine the createTeams method of League. You will see that all the code in this method that previously accessed playerName of Player directly, now does so using the setPlayerName method. NetBeans is capable of not only modifying Player to encapsulate its fields, but also of modifying any code that uses Player to ensure that it now complies with the new encapsulated version of Player.

- 3. Use NetBeans' refactor feature to encapsulate the remaining classes; Team, Game and Goal.
  - a. As you did for the Player class, encapsulate the Team class. Encapsulate both fields, creating setter and getter methods.
  - b. Examine the Team class to see that the fields have been made private and that the getter and setter methods have been created.
  - c. Test that the application is running as before.
  - d. Encapsulate the Game class. Encapsulate all three fields, creating setter and getter methods (you can use Select All for this).

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- e. Click **Save All** to save your changes.
- f. Examine the changes that have taken place and ensure the application still runs correctly.
- g. Encapsulate the Goal class. Encapsulate all three fields, creating setter and getter methods (you can use Select All for this).
- h. Examine the changes that have taken place and ensure the application still runs correctly.

# **Practice 9-2: Adding Constructors**

# Overview

In this practice, you add constructors to the classes so that objects can be instantiated and have their data populated in a single line.

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the **09-EncapConstructors-Practice2** project.
- 2. Add a constructor to the Player class that accepts a String parameter for the player's name.
  - a. After the playerName attribute, add a constructor that returns void and accepts a String parameter name. (You will see an error appear in League. Ignore it for the now.)

```
public Player(String playerName) {
}
```

b. Add a line to this constructor method that sets the playerName attribute to the String that has been passed in. Notice that the parameter name passed in is the same as the attribute name, but go ahead and add the following code anyway. (This will cause a problem later but leave it like this for now so you will see what can happen.)

```
playerName = playerName;
```

- 3. Fix the errors that appear in the League class. (The fix might not be to the League class.)
  - a. Examine the createTeams method. You will see some errors. Why does the code no longer work? After all, you did not remove any code from Player; you only added a constructor that takes a String parameter. If you look more closely, you will see that it is the statement that creates a new Player that is now the problem.

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### Technical discussion:

Because there was no explicit constructor in the Player class previously, Java assumed that a default no-argument constructor was required, and the Player class behaved as if it were there. That is why previously the new keyword worked correctly when no arguments were passed.

However, now that you have added a constructor with a parameter, Java no longer assumes that you require a no-argument default constructor. Therefore, all the code that requires a no-argument constructor fails.

b. Below the constructor that you just added, add an explicit no-argument constructor to the Player class. You can do this in one line.

```
public Player() { }
```

- c. Click Save All.
- d. Examine the createTeams method of League. You will see that there are now no problems and that the application runs correctly.

- 4. Modify the League class to use the Player constructor.
  - a. Modify the first line of the createTeams method to work with the new parameterized constructor of Player. The current line is:

```
Player player1 = new Player();
Change it to:
Player player1 = new Player("George Eliot");
```

- b. Delete the next line. It should no longer be necessary to explicitly set the player name.
- c. Run the application a few times and look out for George Eliot to ensure that the player name is being set correctly.
- d. Did you see George Eliot as a scorer any time? No? How about null—did the player name come up as null at all? If so, you should suspect that there is something wrong with the constructor you created.
- e. Go to the constructor in Player. Notice that NetBeans has marked the line that sets playerName with a warning. Hover over the line to see what NetBeans reports. The value is never used, because it is assigned to itself. Any use of playerName within the constructor method means the local variable of the constructor method. Therefore, the playerName reference passed into the constructor is assigned to itself. How can you instead assign this value to the attribute playerName of the object currently being executed?

You need a reference to this object—remember what the keyword is? It is this. So the following will work correctly. Make this modification now.

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this.playerName = playerName;

### Technical discussion:

this is a reference to the Player object and, therefore, this.playerName refers to the playerName attribute of the object created by this constructor. playerName refers to the local variable playerName passed into the method. Only within the method does playerName refer to the local variable. Outside the method (and, therefore, outside the scope of the local variable playerName), the name playerName reverts to the attribute of the object.

You can see this clearly by looking at the (automatically created) getter and setter methods. In the setPlayerName method, where a parameter playerName is passed in, playerName becomes a local variable and, therefore, the attribute playerName must be qualified with the reference this. However, in the getPlayerName method, playerName refers to the object attribute playerName.

Note that it is also possible to get around this scoping problem by ensuring that the name of the parameter in the method signature is different that the attribute name.

- f. Modify the remainder of the createTeams method so that all Player objects are instantiated with the player name and remove all the (now unnecessary) setPlayerName methods. Notice how the code is shortened and simplified.
- g. Test to make sure that everything still works correctly.

- 5. Add two constructors to the Team class—the first for setting the team name and the second to pass in the array of players.
  - a. Open the Team class and add a constructor that sets the Team name (just as you did for Player).

```
public Team(String teamName) {
   this.teamName = teamName;
}
```

b. Below this constructor, add another constructor that receives the teamName and an array of Player objects.

```
public Team (String teamName, Player[] players) {
}
```

c. Add a line to set the attribute playerArray to the Player array that has been passed in. Note that the this keyword is not necessary in this case, because the names are different, but it aids readability.

```
public Team (String teamName, Player[] players) {
   this.playerArray = players;
}
```

d. Add another line to set the teamName attribute—but wait, could you just call the previously written constructor? Yes! Again, this helps ensure that there is no code duplication and is common in constructors. Notice how the call is made—again by using this. Also notice that it must be the first line of the constructor.

```
public Team (String teamName, Player[] players) {
   this(teamName);
   this.playerArray = players;
}
```

- e. Add a default no-argument constructor below this constructor.
- f. Modify the createTeams method of League so that, for the first team (team1), the team name and the Player array are passed into the Team constructor. Currently the code looks like this:

```
Team team1 = new Team()
```

Modify this line to.

```
Team team1 = new Team("The Greens", thePlayers);
```

g. Remove the following two lines, because they are no longer necessary.

```
team1.setTeamName("The Greens");
team1.setPlayerArray(thePlayers);
```

- h. team2 is created a little differently, but, because there is a no-argument constructor in Team, you can leave it as is.
- i. Test the application to ensure that it still works as before. Notice how much neater the code for creating team1 now is.

- 6. Add constructors for the Game class.
  - a. Add a constructor that receives two Team parameters.

```
public Game (Team homeTeam, Team awayTeam) {
   this.homeTeam = homeTeam;
   this.awayTeam = awayTeam;
}
```

b. Modify the code in the createGames method of League to use this constructor. The entire method will now be much shorter.

```
public Game[] createGames(Team[] theTeams) {
   Game theGame = new Game(theTeams[0], theTeams[1]);
   Game[] theGames = {theGame};
   return theGames;
}
```

- c. Run the application to ensure that it still works properly.
- 7. Modify the createGames method to add some more games to the Game array so that four games are played in total. Because there are only two teams, the teams will play each other four times.
  - a. Copy the line of code that instantiates a new Game. Paste it immediately below. You will see errors because the Game is now repeated.
  - b. Correct the errors by using the name theGame2 in the new line of code. In addition, reverse the order of the parameters to reverse which team is home and which one is away.
  - c. Add the new Game to the Game array. The entire createGames method will now look like this (with the new lines and modifications shown in bold):

```
public Game[] createGames(Team[] theTeams) {
   Game theGame = new Game(theTeams[0], theTeams[1]);
   Game theGame2 = new Game(theTeams[1], theTeams[0]);

   Game[] theGames = {theGame, theGame2};
   return theGames;
}
```

d. Copy and paste the two lines that instantiate Game objects and modify the names to the Game 3 and the Game 4. Add these new games to the Game array. The method now looks like this.

```
public Game[] createGames(Team[] theTeams) {
   Game theGame = new Game(theTeams[0], theTeams[1]);
   Game theGame2 = new Game(theTeams[1], theTeams[0]);
   Game theGame3 = new Game(theTeams[0], theTeams[1]);
   Game theGame4 = new Game(theTeams[1], theTeams[0]);
   Game[] theGames = {theGame, theGame2, theGame3, theGame4};
   return theGames;
}
```

are now played. It will look like this:

```
for (Game currGame: theGames) {
   currGame.playGame();
   System.out.println(currGame.getDescription());
}
```

b. Run the application a few times. You will see something like the following. Each block of code represents a different game. (What do you think it means if there are less than four blocks? The answer is in the next practice!)

```
Goal scored after 29.0 mins by Graham Greene of The Greens
Goal scored after 36.0 mins by Robbie Burns of The Reds
Goal scored after 48.0 mins by Robbie Burns of The Reds
Goal scored after 77.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens

Goal scored after 29.0 mins by Bertrand Russell of the Blues
Goal scored after 79.0 mins by Robert Service of the Reds

Goal scored after 19.0 mins by George Eliot of The Greens
Goal scored after 31.0 mins by Robert Service of The Reds
Goal scored after 56.0 mins by Rafael Sabatini of The Reds

Goal scored after 59.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
Goal scored after 77.0 mins by Robbie Burns of The Reds
```

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# **Practices for Lesson 10: More on Conditionals**

Chapter 10

# **Practices for Lesson 10**

# **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will work with various combinations of *if* and *else* and you will also use the *ternary* operator. You will also use the debugger to see what is happening in an *if-else* clause.

# **Practice 10-1: Using Conditionals**

# Overview

In this practice, you enhance the <code>getDescription</code> method of the <code>Game</code> class in order to announce the name of the winning team. One way to do this is to iterate through the <code>Goal</code> array for the <code>Game</code>, incrementing <code>int</code> variables for either the home team or the away team.

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the **10-Conditions\_Practice1** project.
- 2. Set up variables to hold the number of goals scored for each team.
  - a. At the start of the getDescription method in the Game class, declare two int variables to hold the score for each team. The variables should be called homeTeamGoals and awayTeamGoals.

```
int homeTeamGoals = 0;
int awayTeamGoals = 0
```

b. Inside the *for* loop that iterates through the Goal array, before the returnString.append() statement, write a test to determine which team scored each goal. Consider the Team in element zero of the Team array to be the homeTeam.

```
if (currGoal.getTheTeam() == homeTeam) {
   homeTeamGoals++;
}
else {
   awayTeamGoals++;
}
```

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c. After the *for* loop, write another block that determines the following: if the game was a draw or, if there was a winner, who the winner was.

```
if (homeTeamGoals == awayTeamGoals) {
    ...// No code here yet;
}
else if (homeTeamGoals > awayTeamGoals) {
    ...// No code here yet;
}
else {
    ...// No code here yet;
}
```

d. Within each branch of the *if* statement, add appropriate text to the String returnString. The entire if block will now look something like this.

e. Add another line after the *if-else* block to print the score.

```
returnString.append(" ("+ homeTeamGoals + " - " +
   awayTeamGoals + ") \n");
```

f. Immediately below the line that instantiates the returnString StringBuilder add a line that appends text to returnString to show which teams are playing.

```
returnString.append
  (homeTeam.getTeamName() +
    " vs. " + awayTeam.getTeamName() + "\n");
```

g. Test the application. The lines below that are new output are bolded.

```
The Greens vs. The Reds
Goal scored after 17.0 mins by Rafael Sabatini of The Reds
Goal scored after 32.0 mins by Robert Service of The Reds
Goal scored after 35.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
The Reds win (1 - 2)
The Reds vs. The Greens
Goal scored after 21.0 mins by Rafael Sabatini of The Reds
Goal scored after 24.0 mins by George Eliot of The Greens
Goal scored after 29.0 mins by George Eliot of The Greens
The Greens win (1 - 2)
The Greens vs. The Reds
Goal scored after 36.0 mins by George Eliot of The Greens
The Greens win (1 - 0)
The Reds vs. The Greens
Goal scored after 4.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
Goal scored after 15.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
```

# **Determine the League Winner**

### Technical discussion:

To determine the winner of the League, you need to award points to the winning team of each game. As you iterate through each game you will need to increment a variable for each team to add to this points score if they win. The obvious place for this variable is on the Team object and that is where you will store it. However, there are drawbacks to this approach. The number of points scored by a team can be derived from the data stored in the Game array, so having this stored separately on each Team object needs some care. What if the score of a game is changed after the points have already been awarded to the winner? Therefore, it is best to ensure that the number of points is calculated anew each time. There is also a strong case for storing the number of points a team scores on a separate class, perhaps called TeamDisplay; then you could ensure that only the Team class gets persisted to a database.

In this practice, you will use the approach that stores the points score on the  $\mathtt{Team}$  object.

- 3. Add an int field on Team to store the number of points scored in the League.
  - a. Add the following int field to Team. private int pointsTotal;
    - Use the refactor feature of NetBeans to create getter and setter methods for this field.

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c. Add a further method that increments the pointsTotal field by the value passed in.

```
public void incPointsTotal(int pointsTotal) {
this.pointsTotal += pointsTotal;
}
```

```
if (homeTeamGoals == awayTeamGoals) {
    returnString.append("It's a draw!");
    homeTeam.incPointsTotal(1);
    awayTeam.incPointsTotal(1);
} else if (homeTeamGoals > awayTeamGoals) {
    returnString.append(homeTeam.getTeamName() + " win");
    homeTeam.incPointsTotal(2);
} else {
    returnString.append(awayTeam.getTeamName() + " win");
    awayTeam.incPointsTotal(2);
}
```

- 5. Create a new method in League to show the points scored by each team.
  - a. Create a method called showBestTeam that receives a Team array and returns void.

```
public void showBestTeam(Team[] theTeams) {
}
```

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b. Within this method, add a System.out.println to print "Team Points" to the console.

```
System.out.println("\nTeam Points");
```

c. Add a loop that iterates through the Team array and prints out the number of points that each team scores.

d. At the bottom of the main method of League, add a call to the showBestTeam method.

```
theLeague.showBestTeam(theTeams);
```

 Try the application. The output will now show each team and the number of points they scored.

```
Team Points
The Greens: 2
The Reds: 4
```

- Now add an if/else clause to determine which team actually won the league.
  - a. Declare a variable to store the best team at the first line of the showBestTeam method. In the example code below, you arbitrarily set the Team at the first element of the Team array to be the currBestTeam initially. This will be replaced by a new best Team as the loop iterates through the Team array.

```
Team currBestTeam = theTeams[0];
```

b. Within the loop, check whether currTeam has more points than currBestTeam. If it does, set currBestTeam to currTeam. Put this line below the System.out.println statement in the code. Use the ternary operator for this operation.

```
currBestTeam = currTeam.getPointsTotal() >
   currBestTeam.getPointsTotal()?currTeam:currBestTeam;
```

c. After the *for* loop, add a System.out.println to write out the name of the winning team to the console.

```
System.out.println("Winner of the league is " +
currBestTeam.getTeamName());
```

- d. Run the application a few times to see whether the team with the most points gets reported as the best team. Does it work correctly?
- e. You should see that it works correctly as long as the two teams do not have the same number of points. In those cases, it simply reports the first one found. How could this be improved? One way would be to use the number of goals scored by a team to differentiate between two teams which are otherwise equal. You will explore this further in Practice 10-2.

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# **Practice 10-2: Debugging**

# Overview

In this practice, you will enhance the showBestTeam method to differentiate between teams that have the same number of points. Because this is some of the more complex code so far, it is a good time to look at some of the debugging features of NetBeans. In particular, you will step through the code line by line, seeing how each line modifies various attributes.

### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the 10-Conditions\_Practice2 project.
- 2. Use the debugger to follow the execution of the showBestTeam method.
  - a. Set a breakpoint in the showBestTeam method (in League). You can do this by clicking any of the line numbers. Set the breakpoint at the System.out.println just before the *for* loop. The breakpoint will look like this.

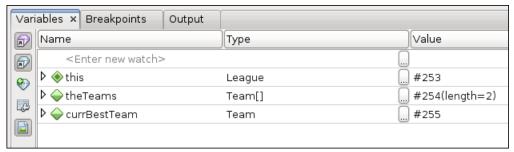
```
public void showBestTeam(Team[] theTeams) {
66
              Team currBestTeam = theTeams[0];
System.out.println("\nTeam P
68
              for (Team currTeam: theTeams){
69
                    * Practice 10-2, Modify the line below to print out the
70
                  System.out.println(currTeam.getTeamName() + " : " + curr
71
                  currBestTeam = currTeam.getPointsTotal() > currBestTeam.
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73
                     Practice 10-2, Remove ternary statement above then ac
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76
              System.out.println("Winner of the League is " + currBestTeam
77
78
```

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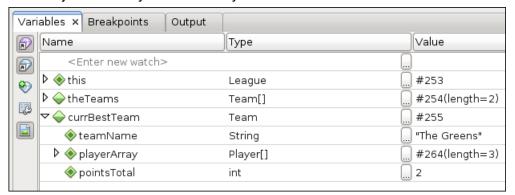
b. Run the application by clicking the Debug button.

```
<default config>
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                                             Debug Project (10-Conditions Practice2) (Ctrl+F5)
 Source
 54
 55
           public Game[] createGames(Team[] theTeams) {
 56
    57
               Game theGame = new Game(theTeams[0], theTeams[1]);
 58
               Game theGame2 = new Game(theTeams[1], theTeams[0]);
 59
               Game theGame3 = new Game(theTeams[0], theTeams[1]);
 60
               Game theGame4 = new Game(theTeams[1], theTeams[0]);
 61
               Game[] theGames = {theGame, theGame2, theGame3, theGame4};
 62
               return theGames:
```

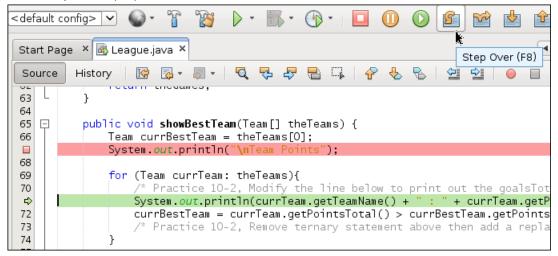
c. The code will run until it hits the breakpoint and stop there. Look at the bottom panel. This shows the relevant variables; this (the League object), the Team array passed into the method), and currBestTeam (a local variable in the method).



d. Try expanding the variables. For example, notice how you can see the attributes of the Team object currently referenced by currBestTeam.



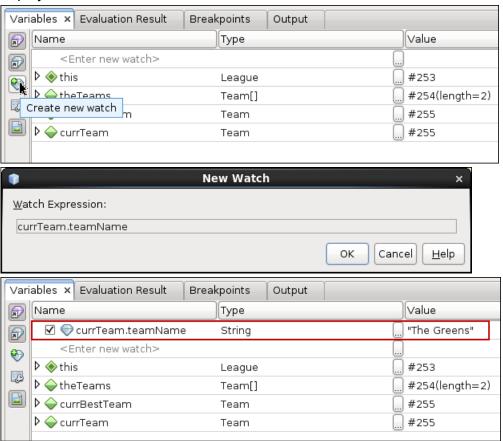
e. Click Step Over (F8) twice.



f. The program is now within the *for* loop and you see a new variable, currTeam, in the debugging pane.

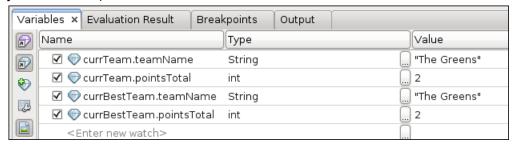
Because the code next does a comparison between the pointsTotal attribute of currTeam and currBestTeam, you might want to look at these values as you step through the code. However, to do that, you would have to expand these variables each time to see what they contain. Fortunately, NetBeans allows you to specify certain variables to watch, called Watch variables.

- 3. Set Watch variables for currTeam.pointsTotal and currBestTeam.pointsTotal.
  - a. Click Create New Watch and, in the dialog box, type in currTeam.teamName. Then click OK. Notice that the team name for the Team referred to by currTeam is now displayed.



b. Set up three more Watch Variables for currTeam.pointsTotal, currBestTeam.teamName, and currBestTeam.pointsTotal. (The values for currTeam.pointsTotal and currBestTeam.pointsTotal may be different on your machine.)

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- c. Remember that, on this first iteration, currTeam and currBestTeam point to the Team at element 0 of the array theTeams.
- d. Use F8 (Step Over) to single step through each line in the *for* loop. Keep going until the green line (showing the line being executed) jumps back up to the start of the *for* loop.

Notice that there is now no currTeam variable, because it is a local variable that only exists inside the loop.

"currTeam" is not a known variable in the current context...

e. Stop the run of the debugger by clicking the stop icon.



- f. Start debugging again and check the value of currBestTeam.pointsTotal. If the value is 3 or less than 3, continue with (g) below; otherwise, stop and start the debugger until currBestTeam.pointsTotal is 3 or less than 3. (You are doing this because you want the value of currBestTeam.pointsTotal to be 3 or less than 3 because that means it cannot possibly be the winning team and, therefore, you will see it change as you iterate through the loop.)
- g. Use F8 to iterate through the loop. As you do this, notice how currBestTeam changes when it is compared against a currTeam with better pointsTotal.
- h. Notice that, when it gets to the end of the *for* loop, it will either iterate again or exit. After it exits the loop, you can click Continue (the green arrow) or press F5.



The application will now complete, although it will not automatically go to the Output screen.

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4. Add code to the showBestTeam method to differentiate between teams that have the same number of points. You will make the determination based on the total number of goals scored by the team.

You will add a new field to Team to store the goals total, and then modify the code in the getDescription method of Game so that it will increment each team's total number of goals as it iterates through the Game array.

a. Just as you did for the pointsTotal field in Team, add a new goalsTotal int to Team, and use NetBeans to create getter and setter methods for it (use the Refactor utility).

```
private int goalsTotal;
```

b. As you did when creating the pointsTotal attribute, add an incTotalGoals method.

```
public void incGoalsTotal(int goals) {
   this.goalsTotal = this.goalsTotal + goals;
}
```

c. Incrementing the <code>goalsTotal</code> for each goal scored requires a minor change to <code>getDescription</code> in the Game class. First find the <code>if/else</code> clause that increments the goals in a game (and is used to determine who won the game). The code looks like this:

```
if (currGoal.getTheTeam() == homeTeam) {
   homeTeamGoals++;
}
else {
   awayTeamGoals++;
}
```

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d. Now just add a line to increment the Team object with each goal scored by each team. It will now look like this (newly added code bolded).

```
if (currGoal.getTheTeam() == theTeams[0]) {
   homeTeamGoals++;
   theTeams[0].incGoalsTotal(1);
}
else {
   awayTeamGoals++;
   theTeams[1].incGoalsTotal(1);
}
```

- 5. Add code to the showBestTeam method of League so that, if two teams have the same number of points, you check to see which has the most total goals.
  - a. Now that you need a more complex *if/else* if block, rewrite the ternary statement in the showBestTeam method in the form of an *if* statement. (The code below replaces the single line ternary statement.)

```
if (currTeam.getPointsTotal() >
   currBestTeam.getPointsTotal()) {
   currBestTeam = currTeam;
}
```

b. After the *if* block that you just added, add an *else if* to test whether currTeam.pointsTotal and currBestTeam.pointsTotal are equal. (New code is bolded.)

```
if (currTeam.getPointsTotal() >
    currBestTeam.getPointsTotal()) {
    currBestTeam = currTeam;
}
else if (currTeam.getPointsTotal() ==
    currBestTeam.getPointsTotal())
}
```

c. Within the *else if*, check to see whether currTeam scored more total goals than currBestTeam and, if they did, make currBestTeam now reference currTeam. The entire *else if* clause now looks like this:

```
else if (currTeam.getPointsTotal() ==
   currBestTeam.getPointsTotal()) {
   if (currTeam.getGoalsTotal() >
        currBestTeam.getGoalsTotal()) {
        currBestTeam = currTeam;
   }
}
```

d. Modify the System.out.println statement that prints the pointsTotal for each Team so that it now prints the goalsTotal as well. (New code is bolded.)

```
System.out.println(currTeam.getTeamName() + ":" +
   currTeam.getPointsTotal() + ":" + currTeam.getGoalsTotal());
```

- 6. Test your new code.
  - a. Run the project a number of times so that you can see what happens when two teams have the same number of points. Eventually you should see something like this, where (in this case) the Reds win the league because, although they scored the same number of points, they scored more goals.

```
<-- earlier lines of output omitted -->
Team Points
The Greens:3:6
The Reds:3:7
Winner of the League is The Reds
```

b. If you would like to try some more debugging, add Watch Variables for currTeam.goalsTotal and currBestTeam.goalsTotal and single-step through the code so you can what is happening as the *if* block executes.

Of course there is still a problem if two teams score the same points total and the same goals total. How might you address this? One way would be to add another *else if*, this time to check for goals conceded. Or the code could allow for more than one winner, or perhaps put all team names with the same score into a playoff set of games. But for now, this is all you will do. In practices 13-2 and 13-3, you will create more elegant code to list all the teams in rank order.

Practices for Lesson 11: Working with Arrays, Loops, and Dates

Chapter 11

# **Practices for Lesson 11**

# **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will use an ArrayList to iterate through data.

# **Practice 11-1: Iterating Through Data**

# Overview

In this practice, you will write code to allow teams of any size to be created from a commaseparated list of names stored in a String. You will find a new PlayerDatabase class in the utility package. At the moment, it contains only a String with a comma-separated list of names.

# Tasks

- 1. Close any open code tabs, and open the **11-ArraysLoopsDates\_Practice1** project.
- 2. In the PlayerDatabase class in the utility package, create an ArrayList and populate it with the names in the String authorList.
  - a. Open the PlayerDatabase class and declare an ArrayList of type Player. Name it players.

```
private ArrayList <Player> players;
```

b. Click the red error icon in the margin. You will see that you need to import java.util.ArrayList. Do this, and then modify the java.util.ArrayList import so that it now imports java.util.\* (all classes in java.util). The import statement will now look like this.

```
import java.util.*;
```

c. Add another import for soccer. Player.

```
import soccer.Player;
```

- d. You need to find some way to iterate through the names and add each to the ArrayList. Look up StringTokenizer in the Javadocs. Notice that it is also in the java.util package.
- e. Create a no-argument constructor for the PlayerDatabase class.

```
public PlayerDatabase() {
}
```

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f. Within the constructor, create a StringTokenizer authorTokens that is built on the authorList String.

```
StringTokenizer authorTokens =
  new StringTokenizer(authorList, ",");
```

g. Instantiate the ArrayList players.

```
players = new ArrayList();
```

h. Create a *while* loop to iterate through the StringTokenizer. On each iteration, add a new Player to the ArrayList. Notice how easy it is to do this. With an array, you would have to find out the number of players in authorList and then add each player to consecutive elements of the array. Using an array is possible, but not as easy as using an ArrayList.

```
while (authorTokens.hasMoreTokens()) {
   players.add(new Player(authorTokens.nextToken()));
}
```

Now you have an ArrayList of eligible players that you can use to populate teams.

- 3. Create a method to return an arbitrarily sized team.
  - a. Create a method, getTeam, that takes an int (numberOfPlayers) and returns an array of Players.

```
public Player[] getTeam(int numberOfPlayers){
}
```

b. Within the getTeam method, create a Player array named teamPlayers.

```
Player[] teamPlayers = new Player[numberOfPlayers];
```

c. Now create a **for** loop to iterate through this array.

```
for (int i = 0; i < numberOfPlayers; i++) {
}</pre>
```

d. On each iteration of the loop, randomly select a Player from the players ArrayList and add that player to the teamPlayers array.

```
int playerIndex = (int) (Math.random()*players.size());
teamPlayers[i] = players.get(playerIndex);
```

e. Remove the player just selected from the players ArrayList (this is to ensure that the same player cannot play for more than one team). Notice how this is easy to do with an ArrayList; it would be much more difficult if using an array.

```
players.remove(playerIndex);
```

f. Just after the *for* loop, return the teamPlayers array.

```
return teamPlayers;
```

- 4. Modify the createTeams method to use the PlayerDatabase class.
  - a. Go to the createTeams method of League and remove all code that creates a Player object or a Player array. The following code should remain (do not worry that it has errors).

```
Team team1 = new Team("The Greens", thePlayers1);
Team team2 = new Team("The Reds", thePlayers2);
Team[] theTeams = {team1, team2};
return theTeams;
```

b. Instantiate a new PlayerDatabase object at the start of the createTeams method. You will need to import it also.

```
PlayerDatabase playerDB = new PlayerDatabase();
```

c. Modify the lines that instantiate team1 and team2 so that they now use playerDB for the players. The lines will now look like this.

```
Team team1 = new Team("The Greens", playerDB.getTeam(3));
Team team2 = new Team("The Reds", playerDB.getTeam(3));
```

- d. Run the application a few times to test it. It should work as before, except now the players will be randomly assigned to each team.
- 5. Make the createTeams method more general-purpose by passing in team names and team sizes.
  - a. Change the createTeams method signature to receive a String with the team names and an int for the number of players in each team.

```
public Team[] createTeams(String teamNames, int teamSize) {
```

b. Because the team names will be passed in as a comma-separated list, you must (as before) use a StringTokenizer to set up a **for** loop to iterate through however many teams have been specified. Create the StringTokenizer now (you may need to click the red dot to import it). Put this line just below the line that instantiates the PlayerDatabase object.

```
StringTokenizer teamNameTokens = new
StringTokenizer(teamNames, ", ");
```

c. Create a Team array called the Teams. It will have one element for each team name passed in.

```
Team[] theTeams = new Team[teamNameTokens.countTokens()];
```

d. Write a **for** loop that iterates through the array and creates a new Team for each element. You can use the StringTokenizer method nextToken to get the team name, and the PlayerDatabase method getTeam to get the array of type Player.

```
for (int i = 0; i < theTeams.length; i++) {
   theTeams[i] = new Team(teamNameTokens.nextToken(),
      playerDB.getTeam(teamSize));
}</pre>
```

- e. Remove the remainder of the method except for the return statement.
- 6. Modify the call to getTeams in the main method of League to pass in team names and team size.
  - a. Replace the current call to the createTeams method with the following:
     Team[] theTeams = theLeague.createTeams("The Robins,The
     Crows,The Swallows", 3);
  - b. Run the application a few times. It should work as before.
  - c. The method createGames is currently hard-coded; otherwise you could change the number of teams by changing the call to createTeams. However, you can change team size, so try making your league 5 per side.

# Rewrite createGames to Generate All-Play-All Set of Games

- 7. Create a nested loop in createGames to return an array of Games that ensures that all teams play each of their competitors.
  - a. Delete everything in the createGames method except the return statement.
  - b. Instantiate an ArrayList to hold the games that you will create. (You may need to import ArrayList.)

```
ArrayList<Game> theGames = new ArrayList();
```

c. Create a **for** loop to iterate through all the teams in the Team array.

```
for (Team homeTeam: theTeams) {
}
```

d. For each Team you need to create a Game matching that Team against one of their competitors. Therefore, create another *for* loop within the one you just created. Use awayTeam as the local variable name this time.

```
for (Team awayTeam: theTeams) {
}
```

e. All you need to do now is to create a Game for each iteration of the inner loop. However, that means that "The Crows" could end up playing "The Crows." Therefore, write an *if* statement to exclude this possibility. The entire nested loop will look like this.

```
for (Team homeTeam: theTeams) {
   for (Team awayTeam: theTeams) {
     if (homeTeam!=awayTeam) {
        theGames.add(new Game(homeTeam,awayTeam));
     }
   }
}
```

- f. Finally, you need to return an array, not an ArrayList. Therefore, you must use the toArray method of ArrayList. Just use the following code; it will be explained later: return (Game[]) theGames.toArray( new Game[1] );
- g. Test the application. It should work as before except that there are now more games than before (the Swallows get a chance!). The way it is set up now, teams play each other twice, once at home and once away.

#### Overview

In this practice, you work with the LocalDateTime object so that games have a LocalDateTime attribute.

#### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the 11-ArraysLoopsDates\_Practice2 project in NetBeans.
- 2. Add a new attribute to the Game object.
  - a. Add a LocalDateTime attribute, theDateTime, just below the goals attribute. private LocalDateTime theDateTime;
  - b. You will see an error because this class is not in java.lang. Add the java.time.\* package as an import by clicking the red dot and selecting the first option Add import...
  - c. You will see that the import is only for LocalDateTime. Therefore, replace LocalDateTime in the import statement with a \* (now all classes in this package will be available to you). The import statement will now look like this:

```
import java.time.*;
```

- d. Use the NetBeans refactor feature to create getter and setter methods for this attribute.
- e. Modify the constructor of the Game class to set this LocalDateTime attribute. The constructor will now look like this (new code is bolded):

```
public Game(Team homeTeam, Team awayTeam,
   LocalDateTime theDateTime) {
   this.homeTeam = homeTeam;
   this.awayTeam = awayTeam;
   this.theDateTime = theDateTime;
}
```

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- 3. Modify the getDescription method of the Game class to work with this new attribute.
  - a. Modify the getDescription method of Game so that it now returns the date and time of the game. The line that you need to modify currently is:

```
returnString.append(this.getHomeTeam().getTeamName() + " vs. " +
    this.getAwayTeam().getTeamName() + "\n" );
```

After you modify it, it will be (with new code in bold):

```
returnString.append(this.getHomeTeam().getTeamName() + " vs. " +
    this.getAwayTeam().getTeamName() + "\n" +
    "Date " +
    this.theDateTime.format
    (DateTimeFormatter.ISO_LOCAL_DATE) + "\n");
```

You may have to import DateTimeFormatter.

b. In the createGames method of League, modify theGames.add method inside the *if* block to pass a new LocalDateTime object to the constructor of Game. Use LocalDateTime.now() to instantiate the LocalDateTime object (new code is bolded). You will have to import LocalDateTime.

```
theGames.add(new Game(homeTeam, awayTeam, LocalDateTime.now()));
```

- 4. Modify the createGames method to increment the date that each game is scheduled to be played.
  - a. In the createGames method of League, add a line at the start of the method to declare an int variable, daysBetweenGames, and initialize it to 0.

```
int daysBetweenGames = 0;
```

b. At the start of the *if* block (inside the inner loop) add a line to increment the daysBetweenGames variable by 7.

```
daysBetweenGames += 7;
```

c. Modify the call to the Game constructor so that each Game is now scheduled seven days later than the previous one. Look in the Javadocs for LocalDateTime to see what method to use (new code is bolded below).

```
theGames.add(new Game(homeTeam, awayTeam,
LocalDateTime.now().plusDays(daysBetweenGames)));
```

- d. Run the application again. You should now see that each game is now set for seven days later than the previous game. Of course, now it is a little strange because you also see the game result even though that is in the future! (But remember the random game generator is principally for testing and would not be used in the real world operation of the application).
- 5. Write a getLeagueAnnouncement method that calculates how long the League lasts.
  - a. At the bottom of the League class, add a new method, getLeagueAnnouncement.

```
public String getLeagueAnnouncement(Game[] theGames) {
}
```

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- b. Because you will need the Period class, look it up in the Javadocs now. Can you see which method you will need to create a Period object? You will need the static method between that takes two LocalDate parameters and returns a Period object.
- c. In addition, you need to deal with the fact that the attribute you used on Game is LocalDateTime not LocalDate. How can you convert LocalDateTime to LocalDate? Look in the Javadocs for LocalDateTime. Examine the method toLocalDate.
- d. Add a line that creates a Period object based on the dates of the first and last games. You will need to use NetBeans to import the java.time package for Period.

```
Period thePeriod =
   Period.between(theGames[0].getTheDateTime().toLocalDate(),
   theGames[theGames.length - 1].getTheDateTime().toLocalDate());
```

e. Use String concatenation (or a StringBuilder and the append method) to return a String that describes the length of the League tournament. For example:

```
return "The League is scheduled to run for " +
   thePeriod.getMonths() + " month(s), and " +
   thePeriod.getDays() + " day(s)\n";
```

- 6. Test the application.
  - a. Just before the for loop in the main method of League, add a System.out.println to print the description of the league based on the getGamesAnnouncement method. System.out.println(theLeague.getLeagueAnnouncement(theGames));
  - b. Run the application. Scroll up to the top of the output. You will see something like the following.

```
The League is scheduled to run for 1 month(s), and 4 day(s)

The Greens vs. The Reds
Goal scored after 17.0 mins by Rafael Sabatini of The Reds
Goal scored after 32.0 mins by Robert Service of The Reds
Goal scored after 35.0 mins by Geoffrey Chaucer of The Greens
The Reds win (1 - 2)

The Reds vs. The Greens
Goal scored after 21.0 mins by Rafael Sabatini of The Reds
Goal scored after 24.0 mins by George Eliot of The Greens

--- Further output omitted -->
```

c. Try changing the value of the daysBetweenGames variable to see whether the length of time required to run the league changes.

This is the end of this practice. Shut down any tabs containing Java code.

# **Practices for Lesson 12: Using Inheritance**

Chapter 12

# **Practices for Lesson 12**

## **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will work with class hierarchies. Remember that class hierarchies give you a way of sharing like behaviors in different classes but they also allow you to use a common reference type for a set of objects of related but different types. In the next lesson, you will see how powerful this can be.

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## Overview

In this practice, you will rewrite the playGame method. Now that you have learned how to use the *for* loop with an increment, you can iterate through a game from the beginning until the end 90 minutes later. This way, you can add various events at the point in the game when they take place. The code you write here will replace utility. GameUtils.

- 1. Open the 12-UsingInheritance Practice1 project.
- 2. Modify the call to the current playGame method.
  - a. Open the League class and, within the *for* loop in the main method, comment out the System.out.println statement that calls the getDescription method.
  - b. In the same method, add a break command after the call to the playGame method. This will ensure that only one game is played and that no description is generated.
  - c. Comment out the League. show Best Team just below the for loop.
  - d. Check that the loop and line just below looks like this (your changes—the /'s and the break statement—are shown bolded).

```
for (Game currGame: theGames) {
   currGame.playGame();
   break;
   //System.out.println(currGame.getDescription
}
//theLeague.showBestTeam(theTeams);
```

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e. Open the Game class and remove the line in the no parameter playGame method. The playGame method that takes an int (maxGoals) can remain for now, because you will be able to copy some code from it. The no parameter playGame method should now look like this:

```
public void playGame() {
}
```

- Rewrite the playGame method to add goals at various (randomly generated) intervals in a game.
  - a. Within the (now empty) playGame method, add a **for** loop that iterates through the game where i (the index) represents the minutes passed in the game. Put a System.out.println inside the loop to tell you the minutes passed.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 90; i++) {
    System.out.println(i);
}</pre>
```

b. Run the application. You should see a printout of the index from 1 to 90 in the console (plus the league announcement and results).

```
1
2
...< lines omitted>...
89
90
```

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c. Because you will be adding Goal objects randomly as you iterate through the loop, an ArrayList will be very useful. Create an ArrayList inside the playGame method but before the for loop. Use the <Goal> notation to ensure that its type is Goal. (You will also need an import for ArrayList.)

```
ArrayList <Goal> eventList = new ArrayList();
```

Note the use of eventList as the name for the ArrayList of type Goal. This is because later you will modify your code to work with different events and not just goals.

d. Just below this, declare a Goal named currEvent (again, currEvent, not currGoal).

```
Goal currEvent;
```

e. Within the **for** loop, add an **if** block to (randomly) add a Goal. You should set the randomness so that you do not have an unreasonable number of goals (try testing for the double returned by Math.random() being greater than 0.95).

```
if (Math.random() > 0.95) {
}
```

f. Move the System.out.println statement so that it is within the if block as shown below:

```
if (Math.random() > 0.95) {
   System.out.println(i);
}
```

g. Now run the application a few times so you can get a feel for the likely number of goals per game. You should see that the number of goals is rarely more than 8 (probably realistic) but feel free to change the probability if you would like. (Note that the numbers will represent the minute in which the goal is scored.)

```
17295571
```

- h. Comment out the System.out.println statement.
- i. Immediately below the System.out.println statement, add code to create a new Goal.

```
currEvent = new Goal();
```

j. Set the Team for that Goal. Notice how convenient the ternary operator is for this purpose.

```
currEvent.setTheTeam(Math.random() > 0.5?homeTeam:awayTeam);
```

k. Set the Player for that Goal. Notice how (int) Math.random() is used to select which player on that team is chosen.

```
currEvent.setThePlayer(currEvent.getTheTeam().
    getPlayerArray()[(int) (Math.random()*
    currEvent.getTheTeam().getPlayerArray().length)]);
```

I. Set the time attribute for currEvent. This will be the index, i.

```
currEvent.setTheTime(i);
```

m. Add the Goal to the eventList ArrayList.

```
eventList.add(currEvent);
```

n. To complete the method, you must copy the Goal references in the ArrayList to an array. Therefore, you need to create the array (and now you know the size based on the size of the ArrayList.), and then use the toArray method of ArrayList to copy over the elements from the ArrayList to the array. Here are the two lines—they need to go at the end of the method, after the end of the **for** loop.

```
this.goals = new Goal[eventList.size()];
eventList.toArray(goals);
```

- 4. Test your new playGame method.
  - a. In the main method of the League class, uncomment the lines that you had previously commented out (System.out.println and the call to the showBestTeam method), and remove the break statement.
  - b. Run the application. It should work exactly as it did previously.
  - c. Remove the playGame method that takes the parameter (int maxGoals). Be careful not to remove the one you just created!

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d. Delete the GameUtils class in the utility package. You will not need it any more.

This is the end of this practice. Close any open Java code tabs.

# Practice 12-2: Add a GameEvent Hierarchy

## Overview

In this practice, you will make the application more flexible by adding other event types (currently there is only the <code>Goal</code> class). You already have <code>Goal</code> as one type of event, and you will create <code>Possession</code> as another type of event. <code>Possession</code> will be used to represent the time that one or other of the teams has possession of the ball and as such would need to store <code>Team</code> and <code>Player</code> just like <code>Goal</code> does. Both Goal and Possession will extend a new abstract <code>GameEvent</code> class that you will also create.

#### **Tasks**

- Open the 12-UsingInheritance\_Practice2 project.
- 2. It is time to create an event type hierarchy. In this new hierarchy, Goal will be one of many game events that are recorded.
  - a. Create a GameEvent class in the soccer package. Make it abstract, because a GameEvent object will not be instantiated—only GameEvent subclasses like Goal, Kickoff, Pass, Dribble, Tackle, Foul, and similar objects will be instantiated. You will need to add the abstract modifier to the class added by NetBeans. The class declaration will look like the following:

```
package soccer;
public abstract class GameEvent {
}
```

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b. Modify the Goal class so that it extends GameEvent. The class declaration in Goal will now be:

```
public class Goal extends GameEvent {
...lines omitted>...
}
```

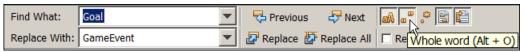
- c. Look at the code in Goal. The attributes of Goal (and their getters and setters) will be required for all GameEvent types, so all of the code currently in Goal can be moved up to the superclass, GameEvent. Press Ctrl + X to cut all the code in Goal (not including the class declaration), and press Ctrl + V to paste it into the new GameEvent class.
- d. Run the application to make sure that it still works exactly as before.
- 3. You need to modify all the code in your application so that instead of working with Goal references, it works with GameEvent references. The only code that will still use Goal will be the creation of the Goal object.

**Note**: Follow the instructions very carefully in this step.

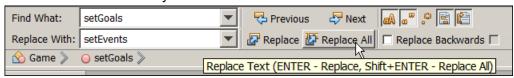
a. Go to the Game class and find the following line:

```
private Goal[] goals;
```

b. You need to replace all occurrences of Goal with GameEvent. Click Edit > Replace. In the Find What field, enter Goal, and in the Replace With field, enter GameEvent. Make sure to check Whole Word.



- c. Click Next, and then click Replace for each occurrence of Goal **EXCEPT** for the occurrence immediately after **new**, where a Goal object is instantiated. On this occasion, click Next, then continue to replace all subsequent occurrences of Goal with GameEvent. In particular, make sure that the instantiation of a Goal array does change to the instantiation of a GameEvent array.
- d. Double-check to ensure that there are no errors. For example, if you accidentally replaced new Goal() with new GameEvent() this will cause an error because GameEvent is abstract and cannot be instantiated. Note that there should be only one occurrence of Goal in the code.
- e. Run the project. It should run fine but the text will report goals as "GameEvent.". You will improve the output later.
- f. As you did replacing Goal with GameEvent, use Find/Replace to find and replace the following text in the Game class. You can use **Replace All** for these, but make sure that Whole Word is still checked. Note that these changes are only for readability and do not affect the functionality of the code.



Find	Replace
goals	gameEvents
currGoal	currEvent
getGoals	getEvents
setGoals	setEvents

- 4. Now you can add a new type of event. You will add a Possession class that will represent which team (and player) has possession of the ball at various times in the game.
  - a. Create a new class called Possession. Modify its signature so that it extends GameEvent.

```
public class Possession extends GameEvent {
}
```

#### Technical discussion:

At this point, you may note that both Possession and Goal have no code in them and are essentially the same, other than that they represent different events in a soccer game. However, many enhancements could be made to either one that could make them very different. In the next practice, you will add a method to each subclass that has a different implementation.

b. Go to the playGame method of Game. Replace the current line that instantiates a Goal. Use Math.random() with a ternary operator to determine whether the event should be Goal or Possession.

```
currEvent = Math.random() > 0.6?new Goal():new Possession();
```

c. Modify the <code>getDescription</code> method of <code>Game</code> so that, instead of printing "GameEvent scored after" for each event, it prints the <code>currEvent</code> object. You can do this by modifying the text "GameEvent scored after" that is appended to <code>returnString</code> to the bolded text below (the entire <code>append</code> method call is shown).

```
returnString.append (currEvent + "after " +
    currEvent.getTheTime() + " mins by " +
    currEvent.getThePlayer().getPlayerName() +
    " of " + currEvent.getTheTeam().getTeamName() +
    "\n");
```

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d. Run the application. What do you see? System.out.println is calling the toString method on currEvent and, because currEvent does not have a toString method, it is being called on Object (the parent of all objects). The toString method on Object tells us the name of the class (fully qualified plus a hex value). This is not very useful to a user; therefore, in the next practice you will see how to override the toString method on Object in each of the GameEvent subclasses.

You may also notice that Possession Game Events are being counted as goals.

You will deal with both of these issues in the next practice.

This is the end of this practice. Close any open Java code tabs.

# Practices for Lesson 13: Using Interfaces

Chapter 13

# **Practices for Lesson 13**

## **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will work with class hierarchies and interfaces. Interfaces do not allow code reuse of methods as do superclasses, but they do allow you to use a common reference for a group of related classes, thus allowing polymorphic code. Interfaces also are not part of the class hierarchy; therefore, classes in different hierarchies can implement the same interface.

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# Practice 13-1: Overriding the tostring Method

## Overview

In the practice for the previous lesson, you created a new class hierarchy with a <code>GameEvent</code> superclass and two subclasses <code>Possession</code> and <code>Goal</code>. One of the advantages of this approach is that common code can be put in the superclass and code specific to either <code>Possession</code> or <code>Goal</code> can be put in the class itself. Then, by using <code>GameEvent</code> as the reference to objects of either subclass, polymorphism ensures that the method will be called on the actual object.

#### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the 13-UsingInterfaces\_Practice1 project.
- 2. Implement the toString method on Possession and Goal.
  - a. Run the application. What do you see? System.out.println is calling the toString method on currEvent and, because currEvent does not have a toString method, it is being called on Object (the parent of all objects). The toString on Object tells us the name of the class (fully qualified plus a hex value). Because this is not very useful to a user, you will override the Object's toString method on Possession and Goal.
  - b. Add the following method to the Possession class:

```
public String toString() {
   return "Possession";
}
```

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c. Add the following method to the Goal class:

```
public String toString() {
   return "Goal scored";
}
```

d. Run the application again. This time the output should be more readable—something like what is shown below:

You have now written two simple methods that are called polymorphically!

- 3. Modify the getDescription method in the Game class so that it correctly totals only Goal objects as goals.
  - a. Look at the output again. Is there anything wrong with it? Yes, a Possession event is being counted as a goal.
  - b. Find the *for* loop in the getDescription method. Within this loop, find the *if/else* block that checks which Team is responsible for a GameEvent. Wrap this *if/else* block in a new *if* statement that checks the GameEvent type (shown bolded below).

```
if (currEvent instanceof Goal) {
   if (currEvent.getTheTeam() == homeTeam) {
      homeTeamGoals++;
      homeTeam.incGoalsTotal(1);
   }
   else {
      awayTeamGoals++;
      awayTeam.incGoalsTotal(1);
   }
}
```

- c. Retest the application. Goals should now be identified correctly. However, because Goal or Possession are only being chosen 95% of the time, games are rather low scoring.
- d. Go to the playGame method. Modify the *if* clause within the *for* loop so that the *if* expression is true when a number greater than 0.8 is randomly chosen, and modify the ternary operator to make goals a little less likely, say also 0.8.
- e. Retest the application. It should now show more realistic game scores.
- f. Have a look at the output. You should be able to see the "story" of the game. The Possession object and its attributes show where a player passes the ball to another player or where the ball is lost to the opposing side. Now you can see how it would be relatively easy to extend the application to include other events (for example, Penalty, Throw-in, FreeKick, Corner, and any other events relevant to a game of soccer).

This is the end of this practice. Close any open Java code tabs.

# Practice 13-2: Implementing an Interface

## Overview

In this practice, you implement the Comparable interface so that you can order the elements in an array.

## **Tasks**

- 1. Open the 13-UsingInterfaces\_Practice2 project.
- 2. Implement the Comparable interface for the Team class.
  - a. In Javadocs, look up the sort method of the Arrays class. Notice that it is an overloaded method. Because the arrays that you have worked with have various kinds of objects in them (Player, Team, and Goal), look at the sort method that takes an Object array (sort (Object[] a)).
    - Click the link to the Comparable interface. In order for the sort method to be able to determine the correct order for, say, the Team array, you must implement the Comparable interface in the Team class.
  - b. Add implements Comparable to the class declaration for Team. It will now look like the following (new text bolded). Notice that NetBeans will show an error because you have not yet implemented the compareTo method.

```
public class Team implements Comparable {
```

c. Create the compareTo() method of the comparable interface. Notice that it takes one parameter—the object being compared to the this object.

```
public int compareTo(Object theTeam) {
}
```

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d. Declare an int that will hold the return value and initialize it to -1. You will see an error as you do not have a return statement yet.

```
int returnValue = -1;
```

e. Add an *if* statement block that does the comparison between the "this" Team, and the one passed into the method. If the Team represented by the "this" reference has fewer points than the Team passed in, you should set returnValue to 1. Otherwise the returnValue will be equal to -1 (its initialized value). (The code below will show an error, but do not worry; you will deal with this later.)

```
if (this.getPointsTotal() < theTeam.getPointsTotal()) {
   returnValue = 1;
}</pre>
```

Notice that there is still an error in the method. Why do you think the <code>getPointsTotal</code> method can be found on the "this" object, but not on theTeam object? The answer is that theTeam is not a Team reference, it is an <code>Object</code> reference. And even though it is referencing a Team object, it cannot access the <code>getPointsTotal</code> method because there is no such method on the reference (of <code>Object</code> type).

g. You need to cast the Object reference the Team to a Team reference. You do this by putting (Team) in front of the the Team reference. However, you need to ensure that the casting command and the Team are also parenthesized, so that the casting is on the the Team reference, and not on whatever is returned from the getPointsTotal method.

```
if (this.getPointsTotal() < ((Team)theTeam).getPointsTotal()) {
   returnValue = 1;
}</pre>
```

h. Go to the showBestTeam method of League. If you now insert an Arrays.sort() command at the beginning of the method, the teams will be listed in rank order. (You will need to import java.util.Arrays.)

```
Arrays.sort(theTeams);
```

i. Run the application. You should see the teams listed in rank order by the number of points. However, if you run the application a few times, you will notice that sometimes when two teams scored the same number of points they are not then ordered by goals scored. For example, given the scores below, the Crows should be listed first.

```
Team Points
The Swallows:4:3
The Crows:4:6
The Robins:4:5
Winner of the League is The Crows
```

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- 3. Enhance the compareTo method in Team so that it compares goals scored in the situation when points scored are equal.
  - a. In the compareTo method in Team, add an **else if** that deals with the situation when both teams have the same number of points. Inside this **else if**, add another **if** that compares the number of goals scored by each team. The **if** block will now look like this (new code bolded):

```
if (this.getPointsTotal() < ((Team)theTeam).getPointsTotal()) {
    returnValue = 1;
} else if (this.getPointsTotal() ==
    ((Team)theTeam).getPointsTotal()) {
    if (this.getGoalsTotal() < ((Team)theTeam).getGoalsTotal()) {
        returnValue = 1;
    }
}</pre>
```

b. Run the code a few times so that you can see that the ordering is correct.

- 4. Now most of the code in the showBestTeam method is unnecessary and can be removed. In general, you do not want different blocks of code that do the same or similar things.
  - a. Remove all the conditional code in the showBestTeam method. This includes the ternary statement and the entire *if* block.
  - b. Run the project a few times to ensure that it is working correctly. Notice that the winner is still printed correctly because after sorting, the Team at index zero of the array is the winner.

This is the end of this practice. Close all open Java code tabs.

# Practice 13-3: Using a Lambda Expression for Sorting (Optional Practice)

## Overview

In this practice, you order the players based on their goal scoring. However, instead of having Player implement compare To, you will use a lambda expression.

## **Tasks**

- 1. Open the 13-UsingInterfaces\_Practice3 project.
- Modify the Player class to support ordering players by goals scored.
  - a. Add an int goalsScored to Player. private int goalsScored;
  - b. Use NetBeans to add getter and setter methods for goalsScored.
  - c. Add a method incGoalsScored that increments the goals scored by a player.

```
public void incGoalsScored() {
this.goalsScored++;
```

Modify the getDescription method in Game to increment goalsScored for a player when they score. At the end of the *if* block that tests whether currEvent is an instance of a Goal. add:

```
currEvent.getThePlayer().incGoalsScored();
```

- Create a new method, showBestPlayers, in the League class.
  - a. Add a method, showBestPlayers, that displays players in order by how many goals they scored.

```
public void showBestPlayers(Team[] theTeams)
```

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Write code to create a single ArrayList containing all the players in the various teams. There are a number of ways to do this. Here is some code that uses the addAll method of ArrayList and the asList method of Arrays:

```
ArrayList <Player> thePlayers = new ArrayList();
for (Team currTeam: theTeams) {
    thePlayers.addAll(Arrays.asList(currTeam.getPlayerArray()));
```

Add a System.out.println to print a heading.

```
System.out.println("\n\nBest Players");
```

d. Add a **for** loop that iterates through the Players ArrayList and prints out each player and the goals scored by that player.

```
for (Player currPlayer: thePlayers) {
    System.out.println(currPlayer.getPlayerName() + " : " +
        currPlayer.getGoalsScored());
}
```

e. At the bottom of the main method of League, add a call to the showBestPlayers method.

```
theLeague.showBestPlayers(theTeams);
```

f. Run the application. You should see something like this—the players are listed but not yet ranked in order of scoring.

```
<-- output omitted -->

Best Players
Brian Moore : 3
Sean O'Casey : 1
Oscar Wilde : 4
Boris Pasternik : 2
Emile Zola :
<-- output omitted -->
```

- 5. Write a lambda expression to pass into the Collections.sort method.
  - a. You will need the Collections class, so first import java.util.Collections.
  - b. Put the following code between the two *for* loops in the showBestPlayers method. As mentioned earlier you do not have to implement the Comparable interface in the Team class. Why? Because with lambda expressions you are passing data to the sort method, but you are also passing in functionality.

```
Collections.sort(thePlayers, (p1, p2) ->
  Double.valueOf(p2.getGoalsScored()).compareTo
  (Double.valueOf(p1.getGoalsScored())));
```

c. Run the application again. You should now see the players listed correctly based on the number of goals they scored.

This is the end of this practice. Close any open Java code tabs.

# Practices for Lesson 14: Handling Exceptions

Chapter 14

# **Practices for Lesson 14**

## **Practices Overview**

In these practices, you will modify your code to catch an exception

# **Practice 14-1: Overview – Adding Exception Handling**

## Overview

In this practice, you will investigate how the code of the soccer application can break under certain circumstances, and modify your code to handle this gracefully.

#### **Tasks**

- 1. Open the **14-Exceptions\_Practice1** project.
- 2. Modify the code in the League class so that more teams are requested than can currently be produced from the pool of players.
  - a. Modify the parameters passed to the createTeams method in the main method of League so that four teams are created with eleven players in each.

```
Team[] theTeams =
   theLeague.createTeams
   ("The Robins,The Crows,The Swallows,The Owls", 11);
```

b. Run the project. What happened? Even though the project built successfully, an Exception was raised.

```
java.lang.IndexOutOfBoundsException: Index: 0, Size: 0
...at java.util.ArrayList.rangeCheck(ArrayList.java:638)
...at java.util.ArrayList.get(ArrayList.java:414)
...at utility.PlayerDatabase.getTeam(PlayerDatabase.java:36)
...at soccer.League.createTeams(League.java:57)
...at soccer.League.main(League.java:31)
```

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This java.lang.IndexOutOfBoundsException is a RuntimeException and, therefore, unchecked, meaning that you did not have to check for it in your code that called the getTeam method of PlayerDatabase.

- 3. Write a *try/catch* block in the main method of League to catch this Exception.
  - a. After the instantiation of League, and before the call to the createTeams method, add a try statement and an opening left brace.

```
try {
```

b. Because the entire remainder of the main method is dependent on theTeams array being populated, place the closing right brace of the try block after the last method call in the main method.

```
<... code omitted ...>
theLeague.showBestTeam(theTeams);
} // Closing brace for try block here
```

c. Indent the code within the try block to make it more readable.

d. Add a *catch* block after the closing brace of the *try* block. For now, just catch an Exception.
catch (Exception e) {
}

- e. Now you will use the Exception reference, e, to print out a stack trace. Look in Javadocs for the Exception method that prints a stack trace—printStackTrace looks promising! Notice that it requires a PrintStream to be passed to it. Where can you find a PrintStream? How about System.out or, better yet, System.err!
- f. Add a line to print the stack trace of the Exception to the error console.

```
e.printStackTrace(System.err);
```

- g. Run the application. Notice that NetBeans prints this to the output window, but in red to indicate that it is using the PrintStream in System.err.
- 4. This is all very well, but it is just giving us the default behavior we get if we allow the unchecked Exception to pass right up through the call stack. Now we could print out a message telling the user that an IndexOutOfBoundsException has been raised and omit the stack trace, but wouldn't it be much better if the user gets a message telling them that there is a specific problem with the PlayerDatabase class?
- 5. Create a custom Exception to report the exact problem with PlayerDatabase.
  - a. Create a class named PlayerDatabaseException in the utility package that extends Exception (and therefore it must be caught).

```
package utility;
public class PlayerDatabaseException extends Exception {
}
```

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b. Add a no parameter constructor, and also add a constructor that takes a String and calls the constructor on Exception (its superclass), passing the String message.

```
public PlayerDatabaseException() {}
public PlayerDatabaseException(String message) {
   super(message);
}
```

- 6. Add code to the createTeams method of PlayerDatabase to throw the PlayerDatabaseException when there is a problem. There are two approaches.
  - Try to figure out if the problem will occur. For example, analyze the number of teams requested and the size of each and throw a PlayerDatabaseException if there are not enough players available.
  - Check for an IndexOutOfBoundsException and, if caught, rethrow as a PlayerDatabaseException.

We will use the second approach here.

a. Look at the getTeam method of PlayerDatabase of the utility package. The problem we witnessed earlier is caused when no players remain in the ArrayList.

b. Add a try { immediately before the line that tries to get a Player reference from the ArrayList, and put the closing brace after the players.remove() method call. The try block will now look like this:

```
try {
   teamPlayers[i] = players.get(playerIndex);
   players.remove(playerIndex);
}
```

c. Add a catch block that checks for an IndexOutOfBoundsException and, if one is caught, rethrows a new PlayerDatabaseException with a suitable message (you will need to import utility.PlayerDatabaseException).

```
catch (IndexOutOfBoundsException ie) {
   throw new PlayerDatabaseException("Not enough players in the
   database for the teams requested.");
}
```

d. Notice that NetBeans shows an error. The PlayerDatabaseException is an Exception (not a RuntimeException) and thus it must be caught. However, because you have already written *try/catch* code in League, all you need do here is throw the PlayerDatabaseException on up the stack. Modify the getTeam method signature as shown below.

```
public Player[] getTeam(int numberOfPlayers)throws
PlayerDatabaseException {
```

- e. Now you will see another error, this time in League. You now need to modify the signature of the createTeams method in League in the same way so that it throws PlayerDatabaseException (you will also have to import PlayerDatabaseException).
- f. Run the project again. Now the Exception will be caught in the main method of League and will display the following message.

```
utility.PlayerDatabaseException: Not enough players in the database for the teams requested.

at utility.PlayerDatabase.getTeam(PlayerDatabase.java:39)
at soccer.League.createTeams(League.java:57)
at soccer.League.main(League.java:31)
```

Well done! You have now finished all the practices for this course. The next lesson will discuss some of the approaches used, how they could be improved, and how the application could be extended.

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