

Object-Oriented Programming (CS F213)

Module I: Object-Oriented and Java Basics

CS F213 RL 6.3: Creating Packages in Java

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Creating Your Own Packages in Java

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Packages Introduction

- Packages enable grouping of functionally related classes
- Package names are dot separated, e.g., java.lang.
- Package names have a correspondence with the directory structure
- Packages Avoid name space collision. There can not be two classes with same name in a same Package. But two packages can have a class with same name.
- Exact Name of the class is identified by its package structure. << Fully Qualified Name>>

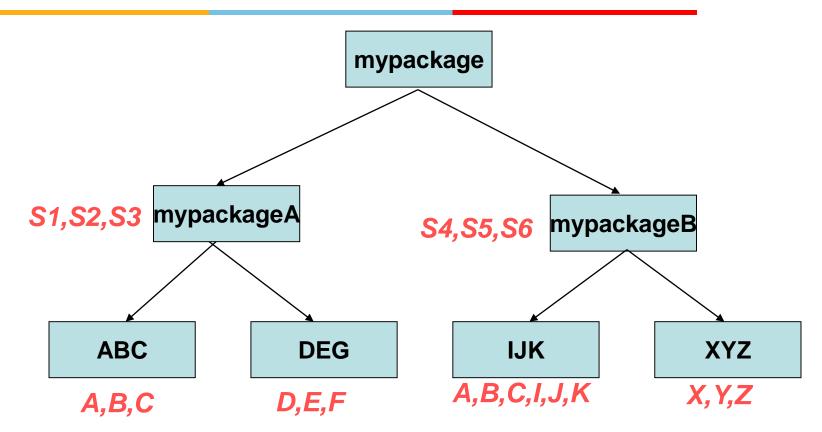
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java.lang.String; java.util.Arrays; java.io.BufferedReader; java.util.Date
```



Creating Your Own Packages

- Packages are mirrored through directory structure.
- To create a package, First we have to create a directory /directory structure that matches the package hierarchy.
- To make a class belongs to a particular package include the <<package>> statement as the first statement of source file.
- Note that Outer classes can have public or packageprivate scope. Nested Classes can have any scope
- A source .java file can have only one <<package>>
 statement. Also note that only one class be public in
 a source .java file.





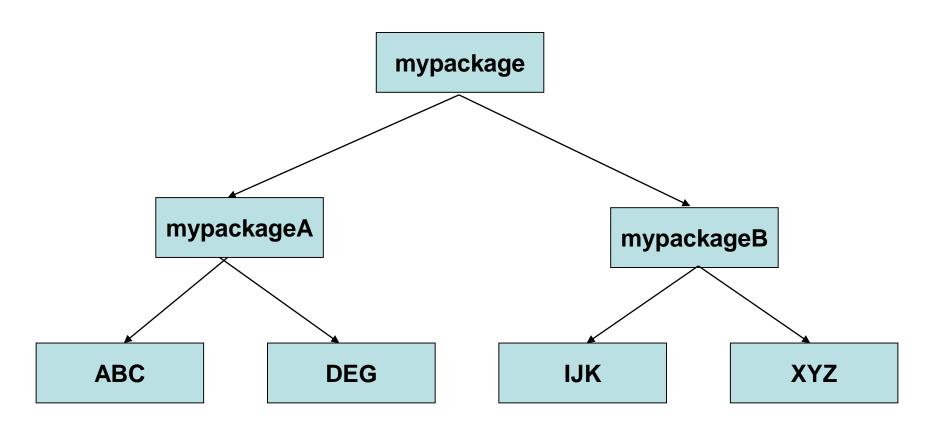
Package ABC and IJK have three classes (A,B and C) with same name.

A class in ABC has name mypackage.mypackageA.ABC.A

A class in IJK has name mypackage.mypackageB.IJK.A



Step 1: Create a Directory Structure That Matches Your Package Structure





Make class S1 belongs to mypackageA with public scope

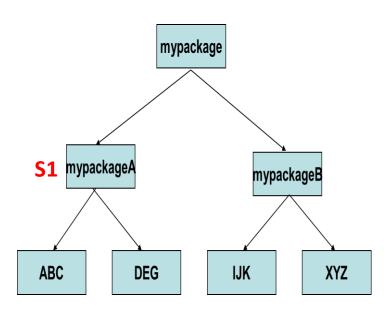
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// File Name : S1.java

package mypackage.mypackageA;

public class S1
{

    public S1()
    {

       System.out.println("This is Class S1");
    } // End of Constructor
} // End of class S1
```



Name the source file as \$1.java and compile it.

Store the generated \$1.class file in mypackageA directory



Make class S2 belongs to mypackageA with public scope

```
// File Name : S2.java

package mypackage.mypackageA;

public class S2
{

    public S2()
    {
        System.out.println("This is Class S2");
        } // End of Constructor
} // End of class S2
```

Name the source file as \$2.java and compile it.

Store the generated \$2.class file in mypackageA directory



Make class A belongs to IJK with public scope

Name the source file as A.java and compile it. Store the generated A.class file in IJK directory

<< Repeat the Same Procedure for Other classes >>



Importing the Packages

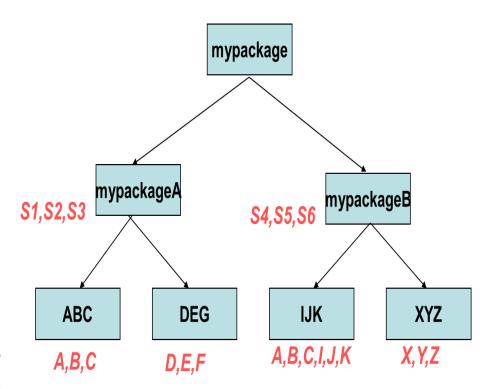
- import statement allows the importing of package
- JRE looks at two places for user created packages
 - 1. Under the current working directory from where you are executing your program
 - 2. At the location specified by CLASSPATH environment variable
- Most ideal location for compiling/executing a program is immediately above the package structure.



Importing the Packages

Suppose you want to use the classes A and B from ABC package

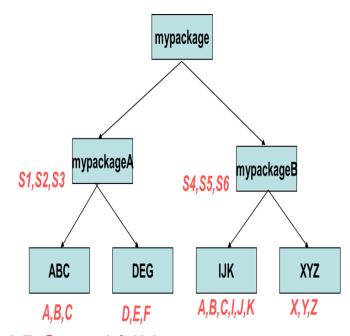
Store the Test.java File in a location that is immediately above the package structure i.e. in a folder above mypackage. Compile and Execute it from there.



What is the Error in the Following Code?



```
import mypackage.mypackageA.ABC.*;
Import mypackage.mypackageB.IJK.*;
class Test
{
     public static void main(String args[])
     {
        A a1 = new A();
     } // End of Method
} // End of class Test
```



class A is present in both the imported packages ABC and IJK. So class A has to referred via its fully qualified name.

```
mypackage.mypackageA.ABC.A a1 = new mypackage.mypackageA.ABC.A();
OR
mypackage.mypackageB.IJK.A a1 = new mypackage.mypackageB.IJK.A();
```

Thank You