

OOP Data Structures and Algorithms Assignment 1

Problem:

Create a java program that allows the user to do a speed typing test by typing out the alphabet forwards or backwards and measuring the time it takes them.

Design Notes:

Assignment One

- Create alphabet speed test (forwards and backwards)
- figure out how to use scanner
- record time taken
- invalid / incorrect input
 - incorrect input for alphabet ignored
- iterate through array both directions
- test code multiple times

Scanner:

```
import java.util.Scanner;  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);  
    → to create a scanner that interacts with user through console
```

→ use `scan.next().charAt(0)` to pick out first character typed by user?
index 0 of input

- will still be correct if they type ab instead of a
- might do differently?

→ close scanner
`scan.close();`

Timer:

`System.nanoTime()` records time at one moment
`endTime - startTime = totalTime`

- convert to seconds from nanosec → $\div 1,000,000,000$

• need to start measuring time from first letter of speed test and end after last letter is inputted

CODE:

```
package assignment1;
import java.util.Scanner; //need to import the scanner class to use a scanner

public class Scan {

    static char alphabet[] = new char[] { 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g',
    'h', 'i', 'j', 'k', 'l', 'm', 'n', 'o', 'p', 'q', 'r', 's', 't', 'u', 'v', 'w',
    'x', 'y', 'z' };
    static char letters;
    static char testType;
    static long startTime;
    static long endTime;
    static long totalTime;
    static double finalTime;
    //I used static variables as I only needed to use them in this class

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in); //creates scanner

        System.out.println("Speed test for the letters of the alphabet.
        Would you like to go backwards or forwards? (b/f?)");
        testType = scan.next().charAt(0);
        //picks up on the first character that the user types. I decided to
        allow the user to type
        //more, incorrect letters after the first one and still be correct
        so this only takes the
        //character at index zero of input

        while(testType != 'f' && testType != 'b') {
            System.out.println("Invalid entry. Enter f or b to begin.");
            testType = scan.next().charAt(0);
            //this while loop runs until the user inputs an f or a b, ie
            chooses forwards or backwards
        }

        if(testType == 'f') {
            System.out.println("Forwards it is! You may begin with the
            letter a");

            letters = scan.next().charAt(0);
            startTime = System.nanoTime();
```

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letter, a //startTime saves the time at which the user inputs the first

for(int i=0; i<25; i++) {
    while(letters!=alphabet[i]) {
        letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
    }
    if(letters==alphabet[i]) {
        System.out.printf("Correct!\nType the letter
%c:\n", alphabet[i+1]);
    }
    letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
}
//the while and if loops here check the users input to see if
they are getting //the letters correct. It doesn't check the last letter as I
found it was easier //to do this separately. If the input is incorrect it is
ignored until a correct //answer is inputted

while(letters!='z') {
    letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
}

if(letters=='z') {
    endTime = System.nanoTime(); //the time at the end of the test
    totalTime = endTime - startTime; //the time taken to complete
the test in nanoseconds
    finalTime = (double) totalTime/1000000000; //the time taken
converted to seconds in double form
    System.out.println("Congratulations! You completed the speed
test in " +finalTime+ " seconds.");
}
//the while and if loops here check that the final input of z
is correct.
//if not the test continues until it is, if it is correct the
test ends
//and the time taken to do the test is displayed in the
console

}

else if(testType=='b') {
    System.out.println("Backwards it is! You may begin with
the letter z");
    letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
    startTime = System.nanoTime();
    //same format as the code for forwards

    for(int i=alphabet.length-1; i>0; i--) {
        //iterates backwards through array alphabet

        while(letters!=alphabet[i]) {
            letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
        }
    }
}

```

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        if(letters==alphabet[i]) {
            System.out.printf("Correct!\nType the
letter %c:\n", alphabet[i-1]);
        }
        letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
    }

    while(letters!='a') {
        letters=scan.next().charAt(0);
    }

    if(letters=='a') {
        endTime = System.nanoTime();
        totalTime = endTime - startTime;
        finalTime = (double) totalTime/1000000000;
        System.out.println("Congratulations! You completed the
speed test in " +finalTime+ " seconds.");
    }
}
}
scan.close();
//scanner is closed to avoid memory leak
}
}

```

Testing:

The first screenshot shows the console output for the initial part of the program:

```

Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:49:13)
Speed test for the letters of the alphabet. Would you like to go backwards or forwards? (b/f?)
X
Invalid entry. Enter f or b to begin.
W
Invalid entry. Enter f or b to begin.
f
Forwards it is! You may begin with the letter a

```

The second screenshot shows the full execution of the program, testing all letters from 'a' to 'k' and displaying the final time:

```

<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:44:02 - 14:44:32)
Speed test for the letters of the alphabet. Would you like to go backwards or forwards? (b/f?)
f
Forwards it is! You may begin with the letter a
a
Correct!
Type the letter b:
b
Correct!
Type the letter c:
c
Correct!
Type the letter d:
d
Correct!
Type the letter e:
e
Correct!
Type the letter f:
f
Correct!
Type the letter g:
g
Correct!
Type the letter h:
h
Correct!
Type the letter i:
i
Correct!
Type the letter j:
j
Correct!
Type the letter k:
k
Correct!
Type the letter l:
l
Correct!

```

```
Console Problems Debug Shell
<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:44:02 - 14:44:32)
1
Correct!
Type the letter m:
m
Correct!
Type the letter n:
n
Correct!
Type the letter o:
o
Correct!
Type the letter p:
p
Correct!
Type the letter q:
q
Correct!
Type the letter r:
r
Correct!
Type the letter s:
s
Correct!
Type the letter t:
t
Correct!
Type the letter u:
u
Correct!
Type the letter v:
v
Correct!
Type the letter w:
w
Correct!
Type the letter x:
x
Correct!
Type the letter y:
y
Correct!
Type the letter z:
z
Congratulations! You completed the speed test in 10.1372263 seconds.
```

```
Console Problems Debug Shell
<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:44:02 - 14:44:32)
1
Correct!
Type the letter p:
p
Correct!
Type the letter q:
q
Correct!
Type the letter r:
r
Correct!
Type the letter s:
s
Correct!
Type the letter t:
t
Correct!
Type the letter u:
u
Correct!
Type the letter v:
v
Correct!
Type the letter w:
w
Correct!
Type the letter x:
x
Correct!
Type the letter y:
y
Correct!
Type the letter z:
z
Congratulations! You completed the speed test in 10.1372263 seconds.
```

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Console Problems Debug Shell
<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:47:11 - 14:47:51)
Speed test for the letters of the alphabet. Would you like to go backwards or forwards? (b/f?)
f
Forwards it is! You may begin with the letter a
a
Correct!
Type the letter b:
b
Correct!
Type the letter c:
c
Correct!
Type the letter d:
d
Correct!
Type the letter e:
e
Correct!
Type the letter f:
f
Correct!
Type the letter g:
g
```

```
Console Problems Debug Shell
<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:48:25 - 14:48:46)
Type the letter q:
q
Correct!
Type the letter r:
r
Correct!
Type the letter s:
s
Correct!
Type the letter t:
t
Correct!
Type the letter u:
u
Correct!
Type the letter v:
v
Correct!
Type the letter w:
w
Correct!
Type the letter x:
x
Correct!
Type the letter y:
y
Correct!
Type the letter z:
z
Correct!
g
z
Congratulations! You completed the speed test in 16.1264454 seconds.
```

```
Speed test for the letters of the alphabet. Would you like to go backwards or forwards? (b/f?)
b
Backwards it is! You may begin with the letter z
z
Correct!
Type the letter y:
y
Correct!
Type the letter x:
x
Correct!
Type the letter w:
w
Correct!
Type the letter v:
v
Correct!
Type the letter u:
u
Correct!
Type the letter t:
t
Correct!
Type the letter s:
s
Correct!
Type the letter r:
r
Correct!
Type the letter q:
q
Correct!
Type the letter p:
p
Correct!
```

```
Console Problems Debug Shell
<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:50:12 - 14:50:53)
p
Correct!
Type the letter o:
o
Correct!
Type the letter n:
n
Correct!
Type the letter m:
m
Correct!
Type the letter l:
l
Correct!
Type the letter k:
k
Correct!
Type the letter j:
j
Correct!
Type the letter i:
i
Correct!
Type the letter h:
h
Correct!
Type the letter g:
g
Correct!
Type the letter f:
f
Correct!
Type the letter e:
e
Correct!
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```
Console Problems Debug Shell
<terminated> Scan [Java Application] C:\Users\Maria\p2\pool\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64_15.0.2.v20210201-0955\jre\bin\javaw.exe (24 Feb 2021, 14:50:12 - 14:50:53)
Type the letter k:
k
Correct!
Type the letter j:
j
Correct!
Type the letter i:
i
Correct!
Type the letter h:
h
Correct!
Type the letter g:
g
Correct!
Type the letter f:
f
Correct!
Type the letter e:
e
Correct!
Type the letter d:
d
Correct!
Type the letter c:
c
Correct!
Type the letter b:
b
Correct!
Type the letter a:
a
Congratulations! You completed the speed test in 34.5496459 seconds.
```