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Name of Exercise

Exercise 2

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Lab Structure

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Material

- Computer
- Logbook / Pen

Assignment

CodePad

1. Open BlueJ and find the CodePad. Use it to test your predictions for P4 and record where you were correct and where you made mistakes.

Making a Book

2. Download the [BookExercise](#) project from Moodle. Add two accessor methods to the class—`getAuthor` and `getTitle`—that return the author and title fields as their respective results. Test your class by creating some instances and calling the methods.
3. Add two methods, `printAuthor` and `printTitle`, to the Book class. These should print the author and title fields, respectively, to the terminal window.
4. Add a further field, `pages`, to the Book class to store the number of pages. This should be of type `int`, and its initial value should be passed to the single constructor, along with the author and title strings. Include an appropriate `getPages` accessor method for this field.

5. Add a method, `printDetails`, to the `Book` class. This should print details of the author, title, and pages to the terminal window. It is your choice how the details are formatted. You might want to include some explanatory text.
6. Add a further field, `refNumber`, to the `Book` class. This field can store a reference number for a library, for example. It should be of type `String` and initialized to the zero-length string in the constructor. Define a mutator for it with the following signature:
`public void setRefNumber (String ref)`
 The body of this method should assign the value of the parameter to the `refNumber` field. Add the corresponding accessor `getRefNumber`.
7. Modify your `printDetails` method to include printing the reference number. However, the method should print the reference number only if it has been set. Hint: use a conditional! Note that `Strings` have a `length` method.
8. Modify your `setRefNumber` mutator so that it sets the `refNumber` field only if the parameter is a string of at least three characters. If it is less than three, then print an error message and leave the field unchanged.
9. (For the bored) Create a new project, `heater-exercise`, within `BlueJ`. Edit the details in the project description — the text note you see in the diagram. Create a class `Heater`, that contains a single integer field, `temperature`. Define a constructor that takes no parameters. The `temperature` field should be set to the value 15 in the constructor. Define the mutators `warmer` and `cooler`, whose effect is to increase or decrease the value of `temperature` by 2 degrees respectively. Define an accessor method to return the value of `temperature`.
10. (For the bored) Modify your `Heater` class to define three new integer fields: `min`, `max` and `increment`. The values of `min` and `max` should be set by parameters passed to the constructor. The value of `increment` should be set to 2 in the constructor. Modify the definitions of `warmer` and `cooler` so that they use the value of `increment` rather than an explicit value. Check that everything works as before. Now modify the `warmer` method so that it will not allow the `temperature` to be set to a value greater than `max`. Similarly, modify `cooler` so that it will not allow `temperature` to be set to a value less than `min`. Check that the class works properly. Now add a method, `setIncrement`, that takes a single integer parameter and uses it to set the value of `increment`. Add a check to prevent a negative number being used here!

Lab Report

Expectation & Goals

Anh Pham Viet:

After doing the Pre-Lab I expected to work more with strings and learn more about the different operators we had to write down in P3.

Pavel Tsvyatkov:

In this lab exercise I expect to learn more about the Java language and use different methods from the Java API.

Assignment

We had the usual “driver” & the “navigator” role-switching during the laboratory session.

1. Task

We were both right up until `9 + 3 + "cat"`.

There Anh had the value: `93cat`. The right value according to the notepad was: `12cat`.

He thought that a string in a concatenation would make numbers to be a string as well hence there would be no addition operated. That only seems to apply though when the string is in the beginning of the expression as you can see in the next expression:

"cat" + 3 + 9 "fish".

This time we were both right. The value according to the notepad was: cat39fish.

We both had all the types right. Our first substring was correct, but we were not sure what exactly would happen with the second one. The EndIndex was set too high on this one, thus the following exception appears:

```
"catfish". substring(3,8)
Exception: java.lang.StringIndexOutOfBoundsException (begin 3, end 8, length 7)

java.lang.StringIndexOutOfBoundsException: begin 3, end 8, length 7
    at java.base/java.lang.String.checkBoundsBeginEnd(String.java:3319)
    at java.base/java.lang.String.substring(String.java:1874)
```

We were not sure whether an Exception is an error or not. So we put the String into our code and used the System.out.print method and it actually compiled, but it didn't print out the string.

2. Task

An accessor always starts with the keyword **public** and since author is declared in the fields as String, we wrote the following method:

```
/*
 * Method to print the author
 */
public String getAuthor()
{
    return author;
}
```

Screenshot 1: getAuthor Method

```
/*
 * Method to print the title
 */
public String getTitle()
{
    return title;
}
```

Screenshot 2: getTitle Method

We accidentally wrote **String** with a lower-case character and it did not compile, hence we learned that the type String has to be written with a capital letter in the beginning unlike other primitive types like int. As this is an accessor method, we have to **return** the value as well.

3. Task

Since we want to print the author and title fields, we will need the keyword **void** in our method. We used System.out.println and put the field names into the brackets.

```
/*
 * Method to print the author to the terminal
 */
public void printAuthor()
{
    System.out.println(author);
}
```

Screenshot 1: printAuthor Method

```
/*
 * Method to print the author to the terminal
 */
public void printTitle()
{
    System.out.println(title);
}
```

Screenshot 2: printTitle Method

4. Task

As instructed we created a new field called pages and set its type to int. We both came to an agreement that it would only make sense if the initial value for pages would be set to 1.

```
// The fields.
private String author;
private String title;
private int pages;
private String refNumber;
/**
 * Set the author and title fields when this object
 * is constructed.
 */
public Book(String bookAuthor, String bookTitle)
{
    author = bookAuthor;
    title = bookTitle;
    pages = 1;
    refNumber = "";
}
```

Respectively the `getPages` method which returns the page number.

```
/*
 * Method to print the number of pages
 */
public int getPages()
{
    return pages;
}
```

5. Task

Since this is another print method, we used the keyword **void** again and `System.out.println` to print the method. We did the exact same thing as in Task 3 and put the fields in the `System.out.println` brackets.

However it didn't look very pleasing, so we added a concatenation string for each field to make it more clear what is printed exactly.

```
/*
 * Method to print details about Book
 */
public void printDetails()
{
    System.out.println("Author: " + author);
    System.out.println("Title: " + title);
    System.out.println("Pages: " + pages);
    if ( refNumber.length() > 0 ) {
        System.out.println("Reference Number: " + refNumber); }
}
```

6. Task

For this task we needed to check in internet about how to go and initialize our `refNumber` string to the zero-length string and we found a picture about this task, which helped usⁱ:

Empty Strings

- An empty String has no characters. It's length is 0.


```
String word1 = "";
String word2 = new String();
```

← Empty strings
- Not the same as an uninitialized String.


```
private String errorMsg;
```

← errorMsg is null

The first thing to do was to add a new field to the `Book` class.

```
class Book
{
    // The fields.
    private String author;
    private String title;
    private int pages;
    private String refNumber;
}
```

Then in the constructor we decided to use the second example from the picture and wrote `String refNumber = new String();` so it will be initialized as a zero-length String. Here we were wrong and our program was not working correctly.

```
public Book(String bookAuthor, String bookTitle)
{
    author = bookAuthor;
    title = bookTitle;
    pages = 1;
    String refNumber = new String();
}
```

After thinking about it for a while, we couldn't get our program to work, so we called Prof. Weber-Wulff for help. She told us that we overloaded the `refNumber` in the constructor and then we changed it to just `refNumber = ""`. That was the correct way here to initialize `refNumber` to the zero-length String.

```
public Book(String bookAuthor, String bookTitle)
{
    author = bookAuthor;
    title = bookTitle;
    pages = 1;
    refNumber = "";
}
```

As the task was saying, we defined a mutator `setRefNumber()` and assigned `refNumber` to `ref` in its body. After that we added an accessor method called `getRefNumber()`, which should return the value stored in `refNumber`.

```
/*
 * Method to store the reference number
 */
public void setRefNumber(String ref)
{
    refNumber = ref;
}
```

```
/*
 * Accessor to get the reference number
 */
public String getRefNumber()
{
    return refNumber;
}
```

Screenshot 1: *setRefNumber Method*

Screenshot 2: *getRefNumber Method*

Our first mistake was that we assumed, because `refNumber` has "number" in its name, it should be of type `int` and it didn't work, since `refNumber` is declared as a `String`. Then we both discussed it and changed it to `String`. Then we were able to compile without any problems.

7. Task

We both discussed what we should do exactly in this exercise. At first, we weren't sure how to write the conditional statement correctly, so that it checks the length of `refNumber`. We were trying different things, but nothing was working. Then we read the exercise again and we both came up with the idea to use the `length()` method on `refNumber` and set it so that it checks if the length is bigger than 0.

```
/*
 * Method to print the details about the book
 */
public void printDetails()
{
    System.out.println("Author: " + author);
    System.out.println("Title: " + title);
    System.out.println("Page: " + pages);

    if (refNumber.length() > 0){
        System.out.println("Refnumber: " + refNumber);
    }
    else {
    }
}
```

We thought there should always be an else statement following after the if statement, but Prof. Dr. Weber-Wulff told us that it is not mandatory for the code to work. In this situation we did not need an else statement.

```
/*
 * Method to print details about Book
 */
public void printDetails()
{
    System.out.println("Author: " + author);
    System.out.println("Title: " + title);
    System.out.println("Pages: " + pages);
    if ( refNumber.length() > 0) {
        System.out.println("Reference Number: " + refNumber); }
}
```

8. Task

For this exercise we had to exchange ideas at home and discuss it, because we couldn't manage to get to it in the laboratory. We both agreed that we should use an if statement in the mutator again, because it should check if the reference number has been set or not. This time we had to include an else statement, which should print an error message when the reference number was not set.

```
/*
 * Mutator that sets the reference number
 */
public void setRefNumber(String ref)
{
    if (ref.length() > 2) {
        refNumber = ref; }
    else { System.out.println("Error! Wrong RefNumber!"); }
}
```

We tested the program by creating a new book, setting the reference number to "A1" and it was printing an error message to the terminal, which was correct. Then we tried to set it to "A12" and it didn't give us an error. After that we invoked the printDetails() method and we saw that the reference number was included, because the condition has been met and it was longer than three characters. We were then assured that our program was working correctly.

BlueJ: Terminal Window - Book-Exercise-Done

Options

Author: StephenKing
Title: ES
Pages: 1
Reference Number: A12

After the lab

We agreed that one group member will send the text notes from the laboratory to the other group member and one of us will begin writing the PDF file. We did not have time in the lab for Task 8, so we met later in the library in the week and solved the task together.

What we learned from the assignment / reflection

Pavel:

From this lab exercise i learned that when we concatenate in Java, if the expression starts with a string, then Java outputs the whole expression as a string, like how we saw in P4 from the pre-lab exercises. I also learned that we get an OutOfBound error when the end index of the substring method is bigger than the length of the string we are trying to invoke the method on. Another thing that I learned and got more practice on was how to correctly add a new field to the class, initialize it in the constructor and then use different methods with it, without any problems so far. It was also

interesting to learn how to initialize a String to the zero-length string. In the end of the exercise I learned how to correctly write an if statement that checks if a string's length is bigger than a certain value and in case it wasn't, then how to properly add the needed else statement to it. We also both learned that it is not always necessary to have an „else“ if we are using an „if“ statement.

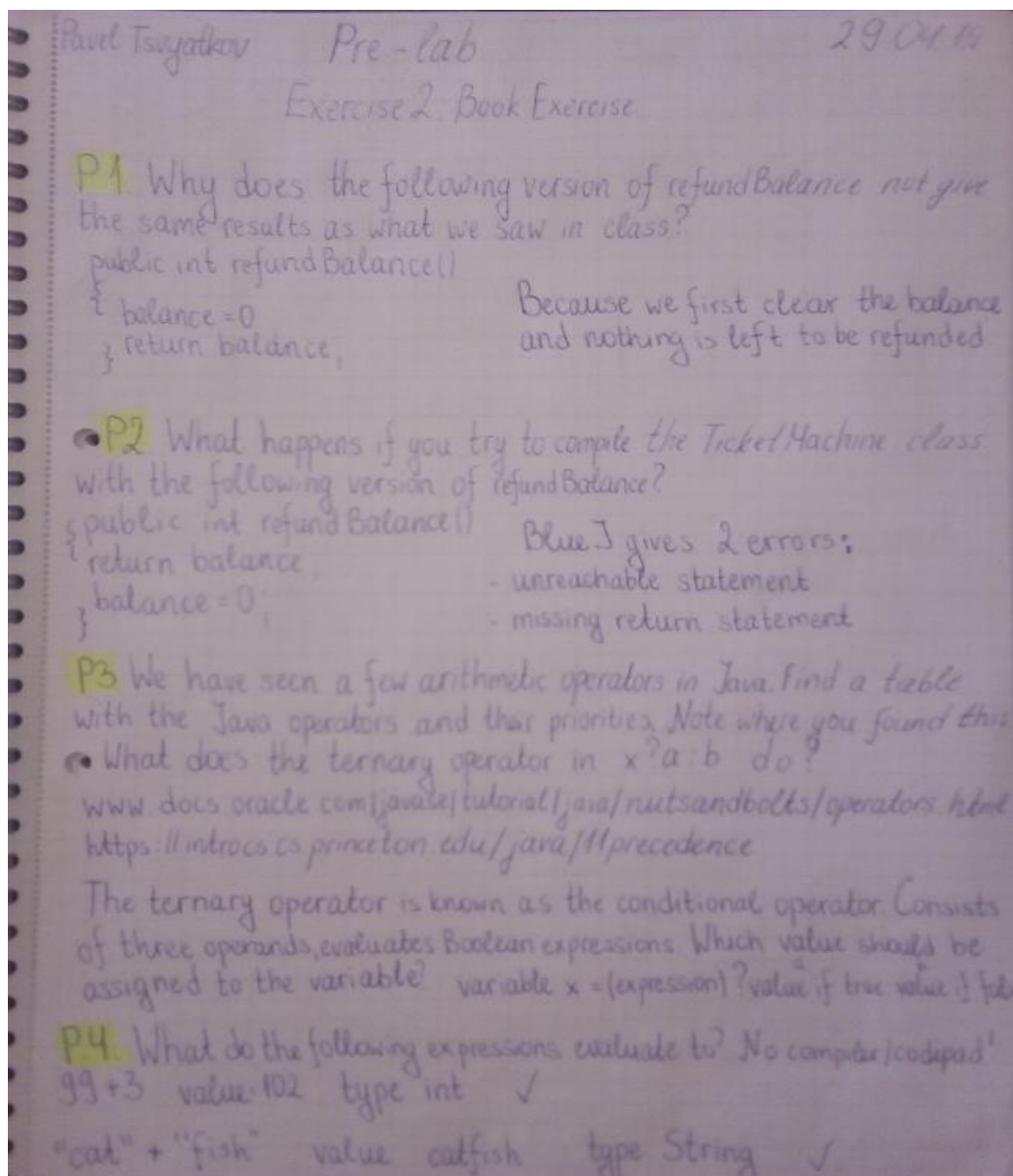
Anh:

This time we downloaded a code which was almost empty, so I got to experience how to write a code from the scratch. I noticed that I got more fluent with the setter methods, printing out concatenation strings with variables is also non-problematic. It is easier to see the patterns like when to set parameters in the head of the method and when not.

Moreover we learned more about the type string, that it is written with an initial capital letter and that a string in the beginning of a concatenation makes numbers to be a string too. We also had an if-statement again and I am starting to see that learning how to set up loops properly is vital in programming.

Appendix

- Pre-lab Pavel




"cat" + 9 value cat9 type String ✓
 9 + 3 + "cat" value 12cat type String ? ✓ Reflection
 "cat" + 3 + 9 + "fish" value cat39fish type String ✓
 "catfish".substring(3,4) value f type String ✓
 "catfish".substring(3,8) value fish? type String ?
 Out Of Bound error.

- Pre-lab Anh

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Laboratory 2: Book Exercise

Pre-lab

This week's lab work is intended to acquaint you with the use of methods and values.

What to Bring to Lab

Please bring these exercises printed out or written out with you to lab. Please have your name on your page.

P1. Why does the following version of `refundBalance` not give the same results as what we saw in class?

```
public int refundBalance()
{
    balance = 0;
    return balance;
}
```

If only zero out the balance first then return the balance. Customer doesn't get the money even though

P2. What happens if you try to compile the `TicketMachine` class with the following version of `refundBalance`?

```
public int refundBalance()
{
    return balance;
    balance = 0;
}
```

not "unreachable statement" message

P3. We have seen a few arithmetic operators in Java. Find a table with the Java operators and their priorities. Note down where you found this. What does the ternary operator in `x ? a : b` do?

** x is boolean, true or false. If true, a will be evaluated. If false, b will be evaluated. - Java is a right-to-left language*

P4. What do you expect the the following expressions to evaluate to? Do not use a compiler or the codepad, operator only your head!

Expression	Value	Type
99 + 3	102	int
"cat" + "fish"	catfish	String
"cat" + 9	cat9	String
9 + 3 + "cat"	12 cat 93 cat	String
"cat" + 3 + 9 + "fish"	cat39fish	String
"catfish".substring(3,4)	f	String

String first! don't every believe

https://people.f4.htw-berlin.de/~weberwu/info1/Labs/Lab2.shtml

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Our code

```
/**
 * A class that maintains information on a book.
 * This might form part of a larger application such
 * as a library system, for instance.
 *
 * @author (Insert your name here.)
 * @version (Insert today's date here.)
 */
class Book
{
    // The fields.
    private String author;
    private String title;
    private int pages;
    private String refNumber;
    /**
     * Set the author and title fields when this object
     * is constructed.
     */
    public Book(String bookAuthor, String bookTitle)
    {
        author = bookAuthor;
        title = bookTitle;
        pages = 1;
        refNumber = "";
    }
    /**
     * Method to print the author
     */
    public String getAuthor()
    {
        return author;
    }

    /**
     * Method to print the title
     */
    public String getTitle()
    {
```

```

return title;
}

/*
 * Method to print the author to the terminal
 */
public void printAuthor()
{
    System.out.println(author);
}

/*
 * Method to print the author to the terminal
 */
public void printTitle()
{
    System.out.println(title);
}

/*
 * Method to print the number of pages
 */

public int getPages()
{
    return pages;
}

/*
 * Method to print details about the Book
 */
public void printDetails()
{
    System.out.println("Author: " + author);
    System.out.println("Title: " + title);
    System.out.println("Pages: " + pages);
    if ( refNumber.length() > 0) {
        System.out.println("Reference Number: " + refNumber); }
}

/*
 * Mutator that sets the reference number

```

```
*/  
public void setRefNumber(String ref)  
{  
    if (ref.length() > 2) {  
        refNumber = ref; }  
  
    else { System.out.println("Error! Wrong RefNumber!");}  
}  
  
/*  
 * Accessor to get the reference number  
 */  
public String getRefNumber()  
{  
    return refNumber;  
}  
}
```

Documenation

Class Book

java.lang.Object
Book

class Book
extends java.lang.Object

A class that maintains information on a book. This might form part of a larger application such as a library system, for instance.

Version:

(Insert today's date here.)

Author:

(Insert your name here.)

Constructor Summary

Constructors

Constructor	Description
Book(java.lang.String bookAuthor, java.lang.String bookTitle)	Set the author and title fields when this object is constructed.

Method Summary

All Methods Instance Methods Concrete Methods

Modifier and Type	Method	Description
java.lang.String	getAuthor()	
int	getPages()	
java.lang.String	getRefNumber()	
java.lang.String	getTitle()	
void	printAuthor()	
void	printDetails()	
void	printTitle()	
void	setRefNumber(java.lang.String ref)	

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Object

clone, equals, getClass, hashCode, notify, notifyAll, toString, wait, wait, wait

Constructor Detail

Book

```
public Book(java.lang.String bookAuthor,  
            java.lang.String bookTitle)
```

Set the author and title fields when this object is constructed.

Method Detail

getAuthor

```
public java.lang.String getAuthor()
```

getTitle

```
public java.lang.String getTitle()
```

printAuthor

```
public void printAuthor()
```

printTitle

```
public void printTitle()
```

getPages

```
public int getPages()
```

printDetails

```
public void printDetails()
```

setRefNumber

```
public void setRefNumber(java.lang.String ref)
```

getRefNumber

```
public java.lang.String getRefNumber()
```

ⁱ Javarevisited – 3 Ways to check if string is null or empty in Java (2016/01/05) <https://javarevisited.blogspot.com/2016/01/how-to-check-if-string-is-not-null-and-empty-in-java-example.html> (retrieved on 30th may 2019)