Packages and Jars

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Introduction to Java

See Also

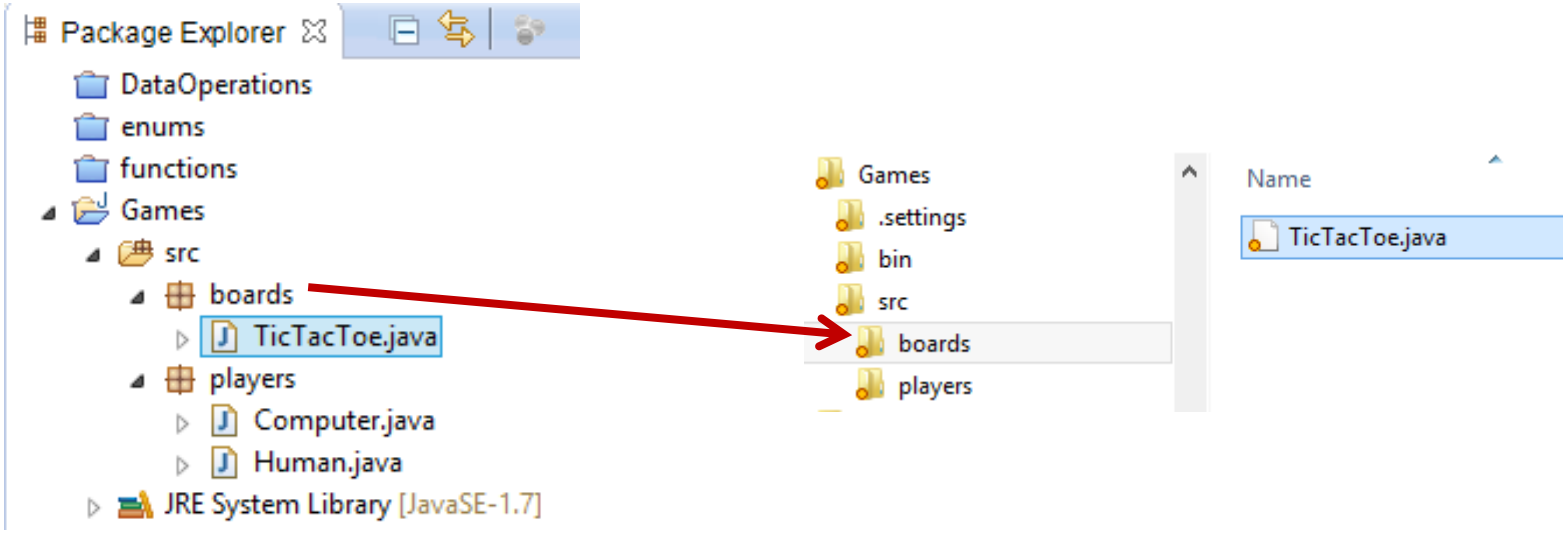
https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/package/packages.html

https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/package/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5SviD48vOQ

Packages Are Directories

- Organize related classes into packages
- Class names must be unique within a package
- A package is a directory



Packages

- A class in a package must have a "package" statement at the top
- Use of the "default" package is strongly discouraged
- Convention: use all lower-case names

```
package players;

public class Computer {

    public static void main(String [] args) {


    }

}
```

Imports

- The compiler can locate classes that are in the same package
- Classes in another package must be imported

```
package players;

import boards.TicTacToe;
import boards.*;

public class Computer {

    public static void main(String [] args) {
        Human hum = new Human();
        TicTacToe t = new TicTacToe();
    }

}
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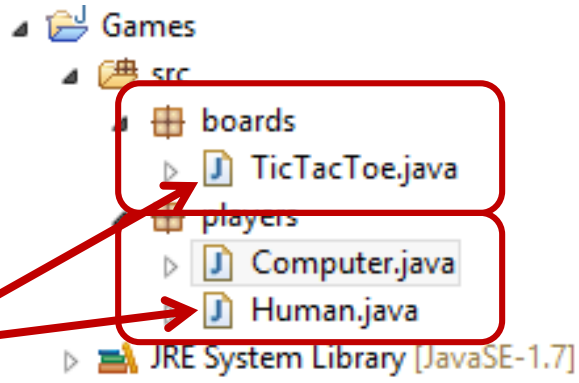

Nested Packages

- It is common to nest packages. These become nested directories.
- Use dots "." in the package statements and imports.
- There is NO special relationship between parents and children. It is strictly organizational.

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package players.algorithms.text;

import players.algorithms.WeightedScore;

public class MapReducer {

}
```

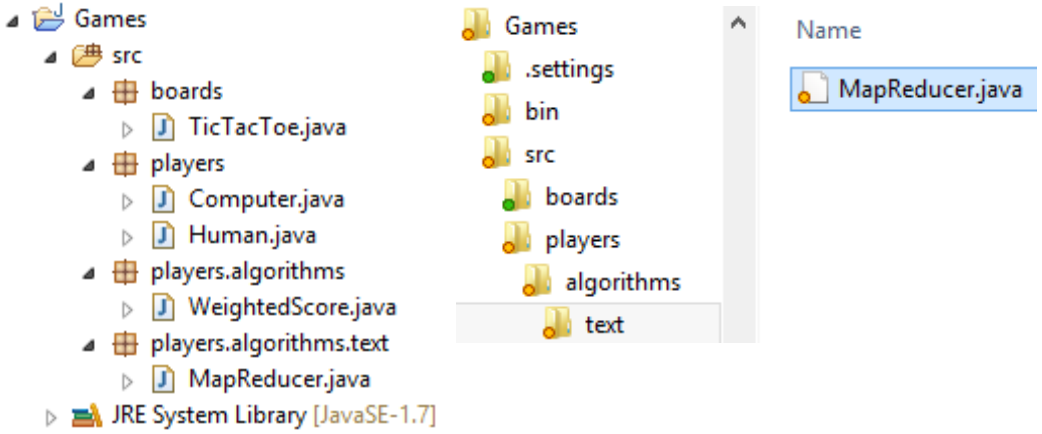

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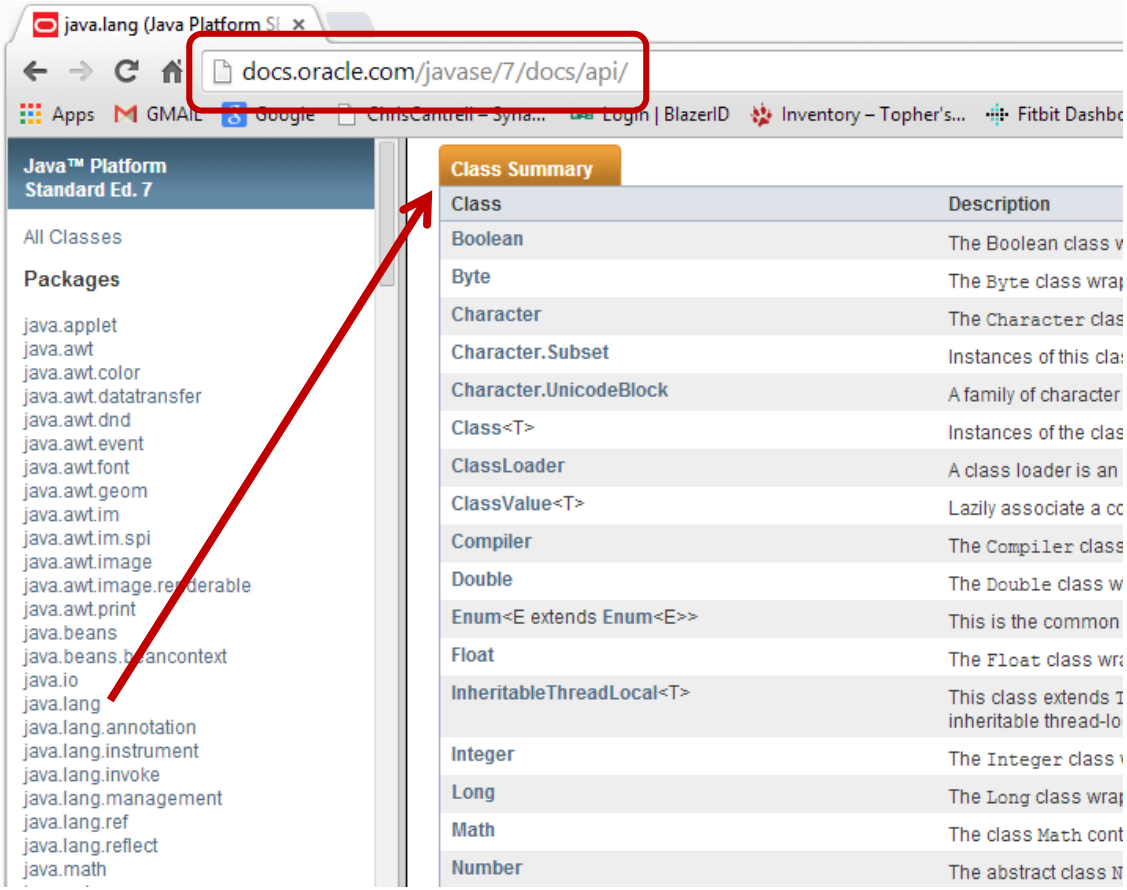

- Automatically imported
- Use the online docs
- java, javax, and org

Eclipse and Imports

- Eclipse will add the import statement for you

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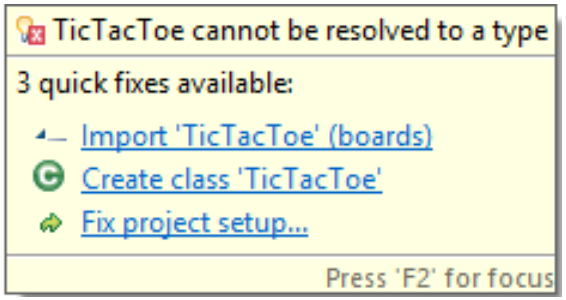


Static Imports

- Use to import the static members of another class
- Very useful for constants

```
package players;

import static java.lang.Math.PI;
import static java.lang.Math.E;
import static java.lang.Math.atan;

import static java.lang.Math.*;

public class Computer {

    public static void main(String [] args) {

        double d = Math.PI + Math.E * Math.atan(Math.PI);

        double e = PI + E * atan(PI);

    }

}
```

Unique Package Names

- Libraries come from lots of sources
- Must be unique to avoid name collision
- Most adopt a namespace based on their URL, which is unique (by domain registration)
- Use as much as you need (be ready for the future)

```
package org.eclipse.jetty.client;
```

```
package org.apache.log4j.jdbc;

import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.DriverManager;
```

```
package backtype.storm.clojure;

import backtype.storm.coordination.CoordinatedBolt.FinishedCallback;
```

The "CLASSPATH"

- Difficult to keep all the source files for a program together in one directory
- You'll have different projects and 3rd party libraries
- The "CLASSPATH" environment variable points to "roots"

```
D:\>set CLASSPATH=d:\downloads\utils;d:\db;d:\onlineIntro\TicTacToe\src
```

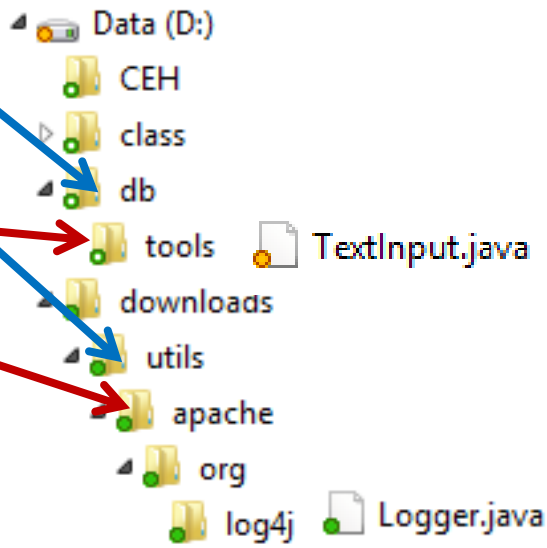
```
import apache.org.log4j.Logger;

import tools.TextInput;

public class Game {

    public static void main(String [] args) {

    }
}
```



Jar Files

- Difficult to deliver a directory of files
- Java can read directories from ZIP files
- Use the extension ".jar"
- The "jar" tool does the zipping and unzipping
- Add jar files to the CLASSPATH too (individually)

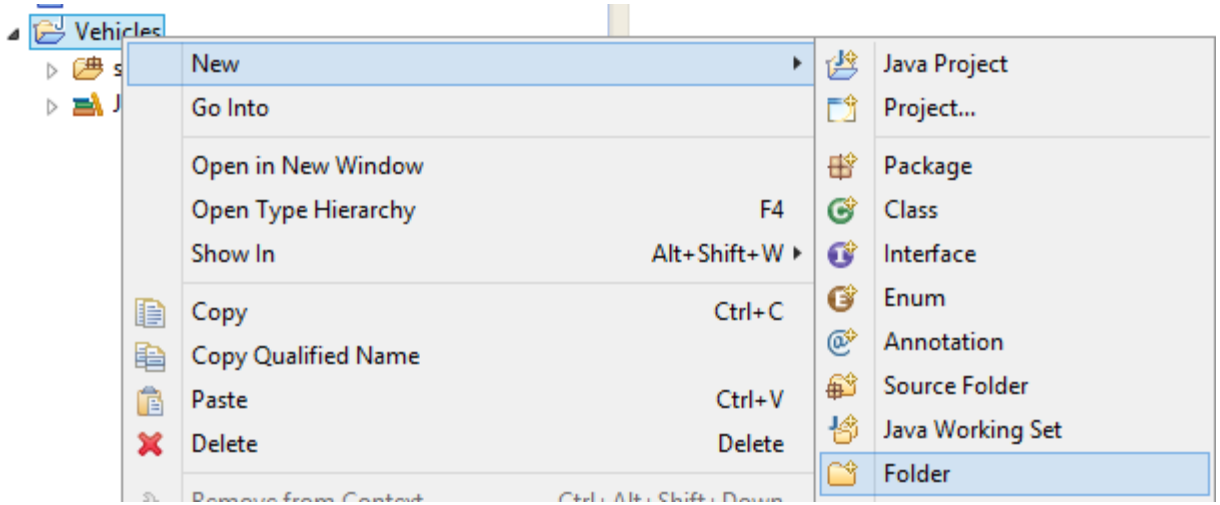
```
D:\onlineIntro\TicTacToe\bin>jar -cf ttt.jar *.class

D:\onlineIntro\TicTacToe\bin>dir ttt.jar
02/25/2014  07:11 PM             2,665 ttt.jar

D:\onlineIntro\TicTacToe\bin>jar -tf ttt.jar
META-INF/
META-INF/MANIFEST.MF
Board.class
Game.class
Player.class
```

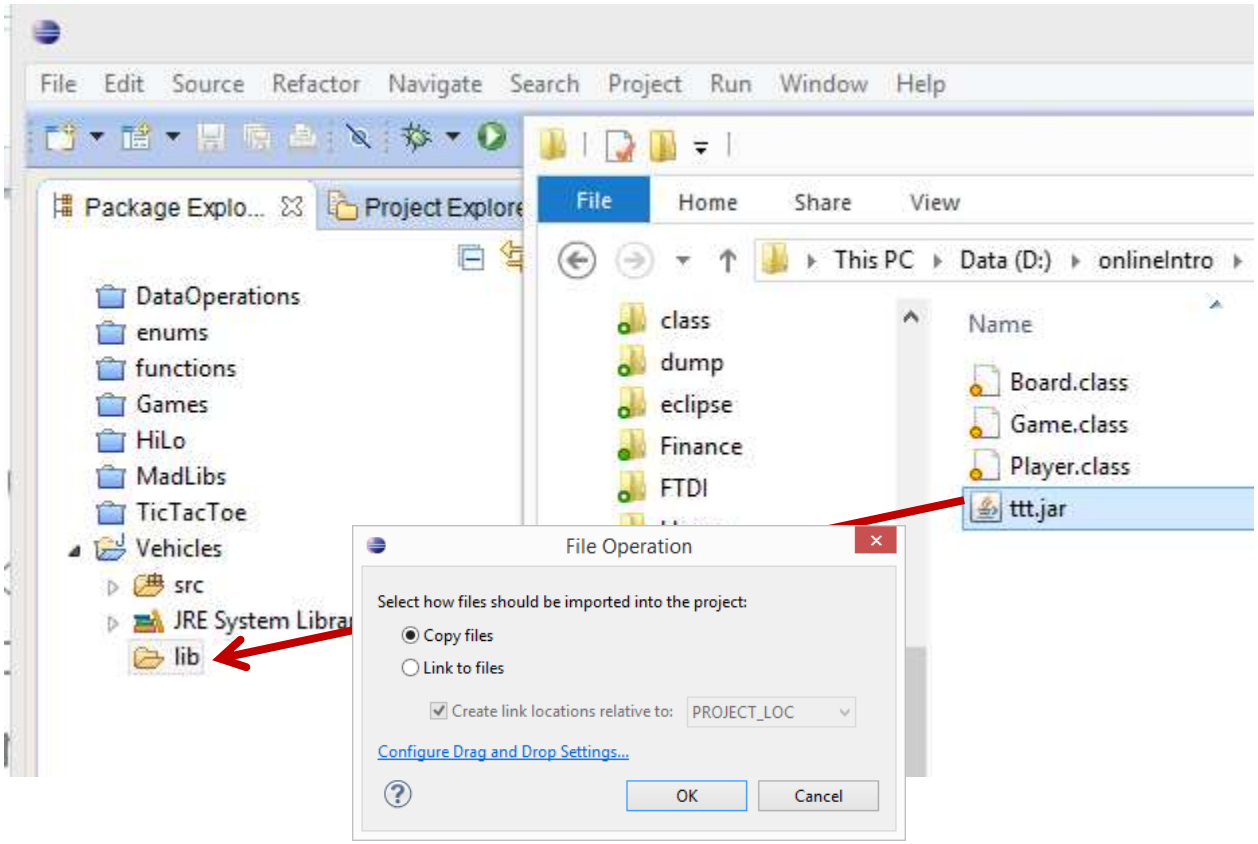
Eclipse and Jars

- You can keep JARs anywhere
- I like to drop 3rd party JARs right into the projects that use them
- I create a "lib" directory in my project



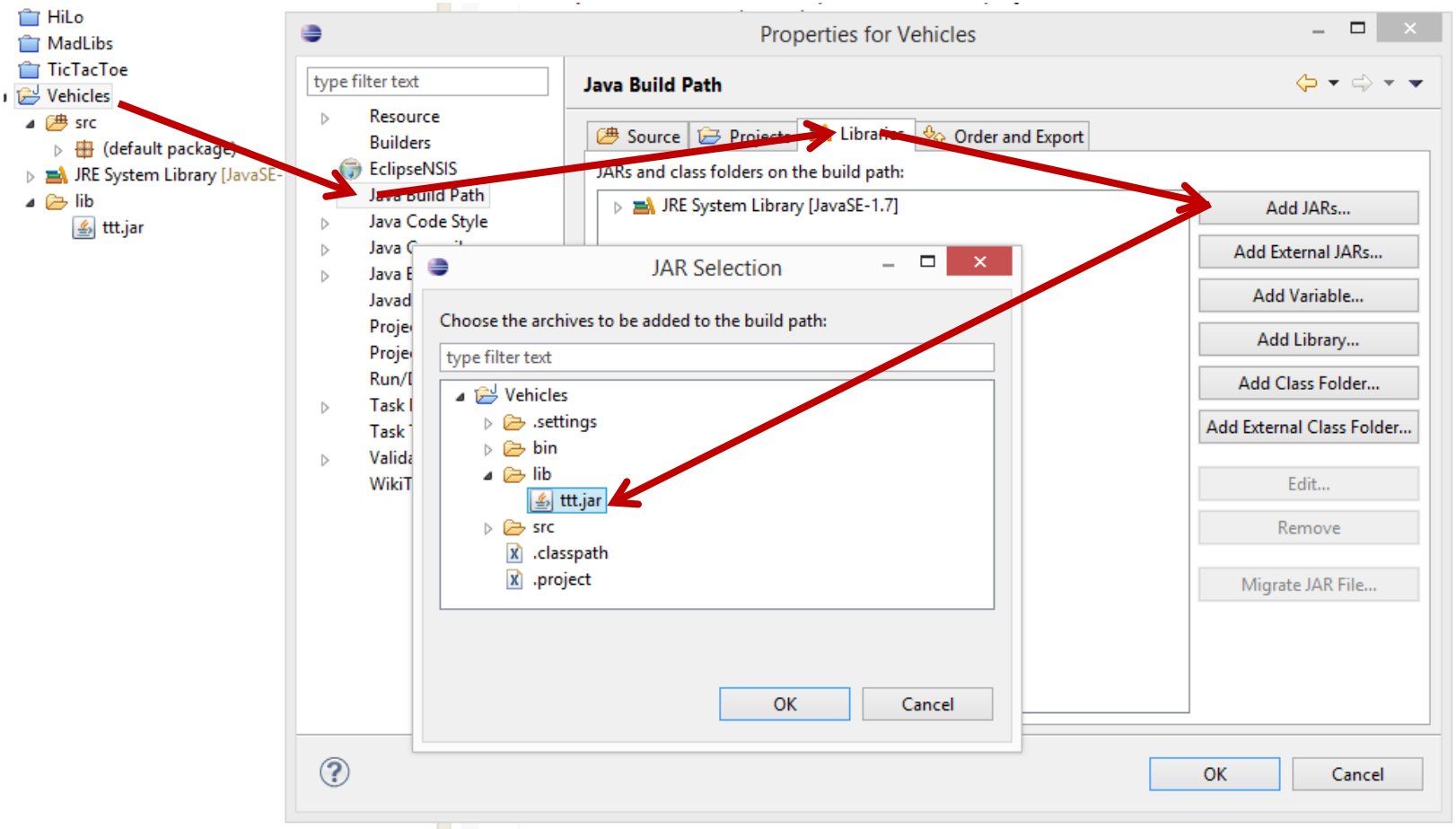
Eclipse and Jars

- Then copy the jars to the "lib" directory



Eclipse and Jars

- Right click on the project and add JARs to the path



Your Turn

- Google “Apache String Utils”. Download the jar and add it to a project.
- Use Eclipse to “surf” the contents.
- Try using some of the utilities:
  - isNumeric
  - Repeat

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