Tutorial 5: Debugging

CSE1100 - Introduction to Programming

1 Checkstyle

You are given a HomeApplication. This software is supposed to manage a smart home application, but for now, it will just print when a connected appliance is supposed to do something. Although the application is functional, not much care was put into code quality. Checkstyle will complain quite a bit. Use the provided checkstyle.xml file to find the problems and fix them.

1.1 Installing Checkstyle

If you have not installed Checkstyle before, you can do so by going to 'Settings \rightarrow Plugins' and installing the 'CheckStyle-IDEA' plugin. The provided checkstyle file should be configured automatically, but if it is not you can configure it as follows:

- Go to 'Settings → Tools → Checkstyle'
- Click the '+' button under 'Configuration File'
- Add a name and point to the local 'checkstyle.xml' file
- Check the 'Active' checkbox for the new configuration
- Click 'Apply' and 'OK'

2 Simple Debugging

You are given a programme that calculates the primes from 0 to 100 and prints them. The printPrimes function contains no bugs. The calculatePrimes function however contains some bugs. Use the debugger to figure out what is wrong and fix the method. Feel free to rewrite some parts to make it more clear what is happening.

3 Container Class

You are given a FruitApplication. There is a FruitBasket that contains Fruits. Fruits have a name and a price. A FruitBasket has an additional discount you get when you buy the entire basket. The application adds some Fruits to a FruitBasket and prints the calculated price. Try to run the application.

3.1 :(

You will note that a NullPointerException is thrown. Use the debugger to figure out why and fix the problem.

3.2 Discount

Now that the exception is fixed, we can run the application. It seems that the discount is not applied to the basket however. Use the debugger to figure out why and fix the problem.

4 Complex Debugging

You are given a UniversityApplication. A Year contains Quarters, which in turn contain Courses. It reads a file located in resources called curriculum.txt. The file is structured as follows. Every Year starts with a line containing only $Year\ n$. Where n is the number of the Year, but this will be ignored by the reader. Then there are 4 lines of Quarters. The Courses in a Quarter are separated by semicolons. Every Course is a comma separated string consisting of 3 parts: the name, abbreviation and code.

4.1 It's broken

The reading however, does not seem to work. Use the debugger to figure out what is going wrong and fix it. You can assume the file is found and the contents of the file are correct.

4.2 Testing

Uncomment part two of the main method. In part two of the main method, the names of all mathematics Courses are printed. (A mathematics Course is a Course that has a 2 as the second character of the numeric part of its code, e.g. CSE1205.) As you might expect, this also contains bugs. Write tests for getAllMathematicsCourseNames in UniversityApplication, for getAllCourses is Year, and for isMathematics in Course. Try to use your tests to find where the problems lie and fix them.