Classes – Part II

- Generic classes
- ❖Inner classes
 - Ordinary inner class
 - Local inner class
 - Anonymous inner class
 - Event handling with Lambda expression

Generic Programming

- Allows us to write code that can be reused for objects of many different types.
- Old style of Generic programming: Using polymorphism
 - For example, the same class ArrayList can be reused for storing String and File objects.
 - Assume that ArrayList.add(Object o)

```
// Usage #1: storing String objects
ArrayList stringList = new ArrayList();
stringList.add("str1"); // String is a descent of Object
stringList.add("str2");
```

```
// Usage #2: storing File objects
ArrayList fileList = new ArrayList();
fileList.add(new File("...")); // String is a descent of Object
fileList.add(new File("..."));
```

Generic Programming Using Polymorphism before Java 5(Oct. 2004)

• We can write a code that can allow different types with Object and casts

```
public class ArrayList {
  public Object get(int i) {...}
  public void add(Object o) {...}
  ...
  private Object[] elementData;
}
```

```
ArrayList filenames = new ArrayList();
filenames.add(new String("a.txt"));
String filename = (String) filenames.get(0);
filenames.add(new File("..."));
```

- What are the problems with the code?
 - 1. Object type **should be casted into** the proper type; Object → String
 - 2. Some problematic codes CANNOT be checked by the compiler It may be a problem for the ArrayList to hold String and File at the same time!
- What can be a solution to these problems?
 - → Generic Programming by Generic class (Template class)

Generic Programming Using Generic Class after Java 5

- Generics are similar to template in C++.
- They make your programs easier to read and safer.

```
// after Java 5
public class ArrayList <T> {
  public T get(int i) {...}
  public void add(T o) {...}
  ...
  private T[] elementData ;
}

ArrayList < String > filenames = new ArrayList < String > () ;
```

```
ArrayList < String > filenames = new ArrayList < String > (); filenames.add(new String("a.txt")); String filename = filenames.get(0); // casting is not necessary!

filenames.add(new File("...")); // compile-time error is issued!

// The method add(String) in the type ArrayList < String > is not applicable

// for the arguments (File)
```

Generic Class: Another Example

```
class Pair<T> {
  public Pair() { first = null; second = null; } // Actually, this body is not necessary!
  public Pair(T first, T second) { this.first = first; this.second = second; }
  public T getFirst() { return first; }
  public T getSecond() { return second; }
  public void setFirst(T newValue) { first = newValue; }
  public void setSecond(T newValue) { second = newValue; }
  private T first, second;
public class PairTest1 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     Pair<String> strPair = new Pair<String>();
     strPair.setFirst("Name");
     strPair.setSecond("Value");
     System.out.println( strPair.getFirst() + " " + strPair.getSecond()) ;
     Pair<Rectangle4> recPair = new Pair<Rectangle4>();
     recPair.setFirst(new Rectangle4(0, 0, 10, 10));
     recPair.setSecond(new Rectangle4(0, 0, 100, 100));
     System.out.println( recPair.getFirst() + " " + recPair.getSecond());
```

Generic Methods

You can define generic methods inside an ordinary class.

```
class ArrayAlg {
  public static <T> T getMiddle( T[] a) {
    return a[a.length/2]);
  }
  The type variable T is inserted between the modifiers and the return type
```

When you call a generic method, you can place the actual type before the method name.

```
String [] names = {"John", "Q", "Public"};

String middle = ArrayAlg. < String > getMiddle(names);

// simplely, when the actual type can be inferred

String middle = ArrayAlg.getMiddle(names);
```

Bounds for Type Variable

```
class ArrayAlg {
  public static Pair < String > minmax(String[] a) {
    String min = a[0];
    String max = a[0];
                                                      Assume that String provides
    for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)
                                                           compareTo(String)
       if (\min.compareTo(a[i]) > 0) min = a[i];
       if (max.compareTo(a[i]) < 0) max = a[i];
    return new Pair < String > (min, max);
public class PairTest2 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] words = { "cd", "ab", "lm", "ef" };
    Pair < String > mm = ArrayAlg.minmax(words);
    System.out.println("min = " + mm.getFirst());
    System.out.println("max = " + mm.getSecond());
```

Bounds for Type Variable

You can restrict the actual types.

```
class XYZ {}
public class Pair < T extends Number > { // T should be a subclass of java.lang.Number
    private T v1, v2;
    public Pair(T v1, T v2) { this.v1 = v1; this.v2 = v2; }
    public T first() { return v1; }
                                                                            Number
    public T second() { return v2; }
    public static void main(String args[]) {
       Pair<Integer> si = new Pair<Integer>(3, 4); // OK
       // java.lang.Integer extends java.lang.Number
                                                                         Integer
                                                                Byte
                                                                                  000
                                                                                          Double
       System.out.println(si.first());
       Pair < Double > sd = new Pair < Double > (3.0, 4.0); // OK
       System.out.println(sd.second());
       Pair<XYZ> sx = new Pair<XYZ>(new XYZ(), new XYZ()); // ERROR
       // XYZ is not a subclass of Number
```

```
import java.util.*;
public class PairTest2 {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   GregorianCalendar[] birthdays = {
    // java.util.GregorianCalender extends java.util.Calender
    // java.util.Calender implements Comparable<Calender>
       new GregorianCalendar(1906, Calendar.DECEMBER, 9),
       new GregorianCalendar(1815, Calendar.DECEMBER, 1/0),
       new GregorianCalendar(1903, Calendar.DECEMBER, 3),
       new GregorianCalendar(1910, Calendar.JUNE, 22)
   Pair<GregorianCalendar> mm = ArrayAlg.minmax(birthdays);
   System.out.println("min = " + mm.getFirst().getTime());
   System.out.println("max = " + mm.getSecond().getTime());
class ArrayAlg {
 // interface java.lang.Comparable<T>
 // int compareTo(T o)
 public static <T extends Comparable> Pair<T> minmax(T[] a) {
   if (a == null || a.length == 0) return null;
   T min = a[0];
   T \max = a[0];
   for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++) {
     if (\min.compareTo(a[i]) > 0) \min = a[i];
     if (max.compareTo(a[i]) < 0) max = a[i];
   return new Pair<T>(min, max);
```

No problem!
Because GregorianCalender implements Comparable

Inner Classes

* An inner class is a class that is defined inside another class

```
class OuterClass {
...
private class InnerClass {
...
}
```

Logical grouping of classes—If a class is useful to only one other class, then it is logical to embed it in that class and keep the two together.

inner class can be hidden from the outside world.

- Three kinds of inner classes
 - Ordinary Inner class
 - Local (inner) class
 - Anonymous (inner) class

```
public class IntArray {
   private final static int SIZE = 15;
   private int[] arrayOfInts = new int[SIZE];
   public IntArray() {
      for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) arrayOfInts[i] = i;
   public void printEven() { // print out values of even indices of the array
      InnerEvenIterator iterator = this.new InnerEvenIterator();
      while (iterator.hasNext())
                                                            An instance of InnerClass exist only
         System.out.println(iterator.getNext() + " ");
                                                            within an instance of OuterClass
  // inner class implements the Iterator pattern
   private class InnerEvenIterator {
      // start stepping through the array from the beginning
      private int next = 0;
      public boolean hasNext() { return next <= SIZE - 1; }</pre>
      public int getNext() {
         final int retValue = arrayOfInts[next];
                                                         An instance of InnerClass has direct
         next += 2;
                                                         access to the methods and fields of its
         return retValue;
                                                         enclosing instance.
   public static void main(String s[]) {
      // fill the array with integer values and print out only values of even indices
      IntArray ia = new IntArray();
      ia.printEven(); // 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14
```

Inner Class: An Example

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import java.util.*;
import javax.swing.*;
import javax.swing.Timer;
public class OrdinaryInnerClass {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     TalkingClock clock = new TalkingClock (1000, true);
    clock.start();
    // keep program running until user selects "Ok"
    JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Quit program?");
    System.exit(0);
```

```
class TalkingClock { // non-public class
  public TalkingClock(int interval, boolean beep) { this.interval = interval; this.beep = beep; }
  public void start() {
    ActionListener listener = new TimePrinter(); // create TimePrinter Object
    Timer t = new Timer(interval, listener);
                                                           An instance of InnerClass exist only
   // javax.swing.Timer(int delay, ActionListener listener)
                                                          within an instance of OuterClass
    t.start();
                                 TimePrinter is defined inside TalkingClock
  private int interval;
  private boolean beep;
                                TimePrinter cannot be used outsideTalkingClock
  // ordinary inner/class
  private class TimePrinter implements ActionListener {
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
      Date now = new Date();
      System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + now);
      if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
                                          An instance of InnerClass has direct access to
                                          the methods and fields of its enclosing instance.
                                          beep is equivalent to TalkingClock.this.beep
```

ActionListener Interface

- The timer needs to know what method to call.
- The timer requires that you specify an object of a class that implements the **ActionListener** interface of the java.awt.event package.

```
public interface ActionListener {
   void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event);
}
```

The timer calls the actionPerformed method when the time interval has expired

```
private class TimePrinter implements ActionListener {
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
        Date now = new Date();
        System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + now);
        if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
    }
}
```

Inner Class

* An inner class object has a reference to an outer class object

```
class TalkingClock { // outer class
  public TalkingClock(int interval, boolean beep) { this.interval = interval; this.beep = beep; }
  public void start() {
                                                         TimePrinter
  private int interval;
                                                        outer =
  private boolean beep;
                                                                                       TalkingClock
  // ordinary inner class
  private class TimePrinter implements ActionListener {
                                                                                   interval =
                                                                                             1000
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
                                                                                    beep =
                                                                                             true
        System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + new Date());
        if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
```

Local Inner Classes

- You can define a class locally inside a single method.
- A local inner class can access the fields of their outer classes.

```
class TalkingClock {
 public void start(int interval, final boolean beep) {
    class TimePrinter implements ActionListener { // local inner class
       public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
         Date now = new Date();
         System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + now);
         if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
    ActionListener listener = new TimePrinter();
    Timer t = new Timer(interval, listener);
    t.start();
    private int interval;
    private boolean beep;
```

Local Inner Classes

In addition, a local inner class can access local variables, but they must be final.

```
class TalkingClock {
 public void start(int interval, final boolean beep) {
   class TimePrinter implements ActionListener {
     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
       Date now = new Date();
       System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + now);
       if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
   ActionListener listener = new TimePrinter();
   Timer t = new Timer(interval, listener);
   t.start();
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

You can define a local inner class without name

```
Create a new object of a class
class TalkingClock {
                                                         that implements the
                                                         ActionListener interface
 public void start(int interval, final boolean beep) {
    ActionListener listener = new ActionListener() {
     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
       Date now = new Date();
       System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + now);
       if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
    Timer t = new Timer(inverval, listener);
   t.start();
```

Event Handling with Lambda Expression

The implementation of a single method interface
ActionListener interface is specified by a lambda expression

```
class TalkingClock {
 public void start(int interval, final boolean beep) {
   Timer t = new Timer(1000,
       (ActionEvent event) -> {
           Date now = new Date();
           System.out.println("At the tone, the time is " + now);
           if (beep) Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
   t.start();
                                             Implementation of actionPerformed()
                                             of interface ActionListener
```