

Chapter 3: Using Classes and Objects . Lab Exercises

Viktigt att läsa och testa exemplen i boken innan du börjar med uppgifterna

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Prelab Exercises

Sections 3.2-3.5

These exercises focus on the `String`, `Random`, and `Math` classes defined in the Java Standard Class Library. The main concepts are in the text in sections 3.2-3.5. The goals of the lab are for you to gain experience with the following concepts:

- Declaring a variable to be a reference to an object—for example, the following declares the variable *quotation* to be a reference to a `String` object:

```
String quotation;
```

- Declaring a variable to be a reference to an object and creating the object (*instantiating* it) using the *new* operator—for example,

```
String quotation = new String("I think, therefore I am.");  
Random generator = new Random();
```

- Invoking a method to operate on an object using the *dot operator*—for example,

```
quotation.length()
```

invokes the `length` method which returns the length of the `quotation` `String` or

```
quotation.toLowerCase()
```

quotation except all letters are lower case. These invocations would be used in a program in a place appropriate for an integer (in the first case) or a `String` (in the second case) such as an assignment statement or a `println` statement.

- Invoking *static* or *class* methods—these are methods that are invoked using the class name rather than an object name. The methods in the `Math` class are static methods (basically because we don't need different instances of `Math` whereas there are lots of different `String` objects). Examples are

```
Math.sqrt(2)    (which returns the square root of 2)
```

and

```
Math.pow(3, 2) (which returns 32)
```

- Importing the appropriate packages—usually when you use classes from a library you need to put the *import* declaration at the top of your program. The exception is for classes defined in the `java.lang` package (this includes `String` and `Math`) which is automatically imported into every Java program.

2. The following program should read in the lengths of two sides of a right triangle and compute the length of the hypotenuse (recall that the length of the hypotenuse is the square root of side 1 squared plus side 2 squared). Complete it by adding statements to read the input from the keyboard and to compute the length of the hypotenuse (you need to use a `Math` class method for that).
3. In many situations a program needs to generate a random number in a certain range. The Java `Random` class lets the programmer create objects of type `Random` and use them to generate a stream of random numbers (one at a time). The following declares the variable `generator` to be an object of type `Random` and instantiates it with the `new` operator.

```
Random generator = new Random();
```

The `generator` object can be used to generate either integer or floating point random numbers using either the `nextInt` method (either with no parameter or with a single integer parameter) or `nextFloat` (or `nextDouble`) methods, respectively. The integer returned by `nextInt(t)` could be any valid integer (positive or negative) whereas the number returned by `nextInt(n)` is a random integer in the range 0 to $n-1$. The numbers returned by `nextFloat()` or `nextDouble()` are floating point numbers between 0 and 1 (up to but not including the 1). Most often the goal of a program is to generate a random integer in some particular range, say 30 to 99 (inclusive). There are several ways to do this:

- **Using `nextInt()`:** This way we must use the `%` operator to reduce the range of values—for example,

```
Math.abs(generator.nextInt()) % 70
```

will return numbers between 0 and 69 (because those are the only possible remainders when an integer is divided by 70 - note that the absolute value of the integer is first taken using the `abs` method from the `Math` class). In general, using `% N` will give numbers in the range 0 to $N - 1$. Next the numbers must be shifted to the desired range by adding the appropriate number. So, the expression

```
Math.abs(generator.nextInt()) % 70 + 30
```

will generate numbers between 30 and 99.

- **Using `nextInt(70)`:** The expression

```
generator.nextInt(70)
```

will return numbers between 0 and 69 (inclusive). Next the numbers must be shifted to the desired range by adding the appropriate number. So, the expression

```
generator.nextInt(70) + 30
```

will generate numbers between 30 and 99.

- **Using `nextFloat`:** In this case, we must multiply the result of `nextFloat` to expand the range—for example,

```
generator.nextFloat() * 70
```

returns a floating point number between 0 and 70 (up to but not including 70). To get the integer part of the number we use the cast operator:

```
(int) (generator.nextFloat() * 70)
```

The result of this is an integer between 0 and 69, so

```
(int) (generator.nextFloat() * 70) + 30
```

Working with Strings

The following program illustrates the use of some of the methods in the String class, <http://www.doc.hh.se/java1.5/api/> (How to find it ??) . Study the program to see what it is doing.

```
// *****  
// StringManips.java  
//  
// Test several methods for manipulating String objects  
// *****  
  
import java.util.Scanner;  
  
public class StringManips  
{  
    public static void main (String[] args)  
    {  
        String phrase = new String ("This is a String test.");  
        int phraseLength; // number of characters in the phrase String  
        int middleIndex; // index of the middle character in the String  
        String firstHalf; // first half of the phrase String  
        String secondHalf; // second half of the phrase String  
        String switchedPhrase; // a new phrase with original halves switched  
  
        // compute the length and middle index of the phrase  
        phraseLength = phrase.length();  
        middleIndex = phraseLength / 2;  
  
        // get the substring for each half of the phrase  
        firstHalf = phrase.substring(0,middleIndex);  
        secondHalf = phrase.substring(middleIndex, phraseLength);  
  
        // concatenate the firstHalf at the end of the secondHalf  
        switchedPhrase = secondHalf.concat(firstHalf);  
  
        // print information about the phrase  
        System.out.println();  
        System.out.println ("Original phrase: " + phrase);  
        System.out.println ("Length of the phrase: " + phraseLength +  
            " characters");  
        System.out.println ("Index of the middle: " + middleIndex);  
        System.out.println ("Character at the middle index: " +  
            phrase.charAt(middleIndex));  
        System.out.println ("Switched phrase: " + switchedPhrase);  
  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
}
```

The file *StringManips.java* contains this program. Save the file to your directory and compile and run it. Study the output and make sure you understand the relationship between the code and what is printed. Now modify the file as follows:

1. Declare a variable of type String named *middle3* (put your declaration with the other declarations near the top of the program) and use an assignment statement and the *substring* method to assign *middle3* the substring consisting of the middle three characters of *phrase* (the character at the middle index together with the character to the left of that and the one to the right – use variables, not the literal indices for this particular string). Add a *println* statement to print out the result. Save, compile, and run to test what you have done so far.

Exercises

FunnyStrings *

Write a program called “FunnyString” that asks the user to enter a favourite color, food, animal and the first name of a friend. Use a Scanner object and read one thing per line.

The program should then print the following:

For example if the user entered **blue** for color, **hamburger** for food, **dog** for the animal and **Jake** for the friend the output will be:

*I had a dream that Jake ate a blue dog
and said it tasted like hamburger !*

Date *

Write a program that reads a string for a date in the format month/day/year and displays it as in the format day.month.year, which is a typical format used in Europe.

For example if the input is 06/17/08 the output should be 06.17.08 .

Hint: Search in the class String for the appropriate method to solve this problem.

PigLatin *

Write a program that starts with the string variable *first* set to your first name and the string variable *last* set to your last name. Both names should be at lowercase. Your programme should then create a new string that contains your full name but in **pig latin**. The first letter both for first and last name should be capitalized.

To convert to **pig latin** you move the first letter to the end of the word and then add “ay”.

Use the substring () and toUpperCase() methods to construct the new name.

Output the new name to the screen. For example if:

first = " walt"

last = "savitch"

the programme should output “Altway Avitchsay”

Change the programme so programme will be more general means that the user will input his own name and get it in **pig latin**.

SumOfDigits*

Write a program that reads a four-digit number (such 1998) as a String and then display it one digit per line like so:

1
9
9
8

(Use `charAt()` method from String, Think about the right type for the variables you use).

b. Now continue and print the sum of the digits.

Hint: Use `Integer.parseInt()` to convert digits to integers.

c. A character, the data type **char**, 'a', 'r', etc, is represented internally as codes (sequences of 1 and 0) which in the end is a numerical value. For example the char 'a' has the numerical value 97 and 'F' has 70.

That was not the case in the early days of computing, different computers used different coding schemes and character sets.

To avoid this problem, U.S. standardized some coding schemes, one of these is ASCII (American Standard Code Information Interchange). The ASCII table contains 128 both printable and non-printable characters. To accommodate the character symbols of non-English languages, a new standard was established, the Unicode Worldwide Character Standard.

So, now print the ASCII code of your digit? **Confused?** To print the character 'a' I will write in my program `System.out.println((int) a);`

Email *

Write a program that reads a String from the input containing a name, and compute an email address with the first 3 letters of the first name, the 4 letters of the last name and of course the domain. If I run the program with my name Nicolina Mansson as input I will get the following email address

Nic_Mans@hotmail.com

Note: Use Scanner object to read input

Use methods from class String: **indexOf()** to delimitate the name, **substring()** to get the letters in the first name

and last name, **concat()** to put together the email address (you can concatenate by using + as well).

RightTriangle*

```
// *****
//   RightTriangle.java
//
//   Compute the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle
//   given the lengths of the sides
// *****
import java.util.Scanner;

public class RightTriangle
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        double side1, side2; // lengths of the sides of a right triangle
        double hypotenuse;   // length of the hypotenuse

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

        // Get the lengths of the sides as input
        System.out.print ("Please enter the lengths of the two sides");
        side1=
        side2=
        // Compute the length of the hypotenuse. Math.sqrt( ... ) för beräkning av kvadratroten.
        hypotenuse=
        // Print the result
        System.out.println ("Length of the hypotenuse: " + hypotenuse);
    }
}
```

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```
Random generator = new Random();
```

Now: Change the program so you create a **Random-object** instead of the **Scanner-object** as show it before. Use the **generator.nextInt(20)** to generate random numbers for the side1 and side2 variables than compute hypotenuse as before.

Rolling Dice*

Write a complete Java program that simulates the rolling of a pair of dice. For each die in the pair, the program should generate a random number between 1 and 6 (inclusive). It should print out the result of the roll for each die and the total roll (the sum of the two dice), all appropriately labeled. You must use the Random class.

The Random class is a part of the **java.util** package. D'ont forget to **import** it. Use the **Random class, nextInt(...)** method <http://www.doc.hh.se/java1.5/api/>.

Computing Distance*

The file *Distance.java* contains an incomplete program to compute the distance between two points. Recall that the distance between the two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is computed by taking the square root of the quantity $(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2$. The program already has code to get the two points as input. You need to add an assignment statement to compute the distance and then a print statement to print it out (appropriately labeled). Test your program using the following data: The distance between the points (3, 17) and (8, 10) is 8.6023... (lots more digits printed); the distance between (-33, 49) and (-9, -15) is 68.352.... Use **Math.sqrt(...)** method . See Math class in java api , java.lang package <http://www.doc.hh.se/java1.5/api/>

Invest*

If you invest P dollars at R percent interest rate compounded annually, in N years, your investment will grow to **$P(1+(R/100.0))^N$** dollars . Write an application that accepts P,R and N (P as double and R,N as integers) and compute the amount of money earned after N years. Use a scanner object for input. Use **Math.pow()** to compute power of. Use **DecimalFormat** to print the result with 2 decimal digits.

Formatting Output

File *Deli.java* contains a partial program that computes the cost of buying an item at the deli. Save the program to your directory and do the following:

1. Study the program to understand what it does.
2. Add the import statements to import the `DecimalFormat` and `NumberFormat` classes.
3. Add the statement to declare *money* to be a `NumberFormat` object as specified in the comment.
4. Add the statement to declare *fmt* to be a `DecimalFormat` object as specified in the comment.
5. Add the statements to print a label in the following format (the numbers in the example output are correct for input of \$4.25 per pound and 41 ounces). Use the formatting object *money* to print the unit price and total price and the formatting object *fmt* to print the weight to 2 decimal places.

```
***** CS Deli *****
```

```
Unit Price: $4.25 per pound
```

```
Weight: 2.56 pounds
```

```
TOTAL: $10.89
```

```

// *****
// DeliFormat.java
//
// Computes the price of a deli item given the weight
// (in ounces) and price per pound -- prints a label,
// nicely formatted, for the item.
//
// *****

import java.util.Scanner;

public class Deli
{
    // -----
    // main reads in the price per pound of a deli item
    // and number of ounces of a deli item then computes
    // the total price and prints a "label" for the item
    // -----

    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        final double OUNCES_PER_POUND = 16.0;

        double pricePerPound; // price per pound
        double weightOunces; // weight in ounces
        double weight; // weight in pounds
        double totalPrice; // total price for the item

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

        // Declare money as a NumberFormat object and use the
        // getCurrencyInstance method to assign it a value

        // Declare fmt as a DecimalFormat object and instantiate
        // it to format numbers with at least one digit to the left of the
        // decimal and the fractional part rounded to two digits.

        // prompt the user and read in each input
        System.out.println ("Welcome to the CS Deli!!\n ");

        System.out.print ("Enter the price per pound of your item: ");
        pricePerPound = scan.nextDouble();

        System.out.print ("Enter the weight (ounces): ");
        weightOunces = scan.nextDouble();

        // Convert ounces to pounds and compute the total price
        weight = weightOunces / OUNCES_PER_POUND;
        totalPrice = pricePerPound * weight;

        // Print the label using the formatting objects
        // fmt for the weight in pounds and money for the prices
    }
}

```

Experimenting with the Integer Class

Wrapper classes are described on pages 138-140 of the text. They are Java classes that allow a value of a primitive type to be "wrapped up" into an object, which is sometimes a useful thing to do. They also often provide useful methods for manipulating the associated type. Wrapper classes exist for each of the primitive types: boolean, char, float, double, int, long, short, and byte.

Write a program `IntWrapper` that uses the constants and methods of the `Integer` class (page 140 for a short list, pages 819-820 for a complete list) to perform the following tasks. Be sure to clearly label your output and test your code for each task before proceeding.

1. Prompt for and read in an integer, then print the binary, octal and hexadecimal representations of that integer.
2. Print the maximum and minimum possible Java integer values. Use the constants in the `Integer` class that hold these values -- don't type in the numbers themselves. Note that these constants are static (see the description on page 140 and the signature on page 819).
3. Prompt the user to enter two decimal integers, one per line. Use the `next` method of the `Scanner` class to read each of them in. (The `next` method returns a `String` so you need to store the values read in `String` variables, which may seem strange.) Now convert the strings to ints (use the appropriate method of the `Integer` class to do this), add them together, and print the sum.

Nested Panels

The program NestedPanels.java is from Listing 3.8 of the text. Save the program to your directory and do the following:

1. Compile and run the program. Experiment with resizing the frame and observe the effect on the components.
2. Modify the program by adding a third subpanel that is twice as wide, but the same height, as the other two subpanels. Choose your own label and color for the subpanel (the color should not be red, green, or blue). Add the panel to the primary panel after the other two panels.
3. Compile and run the modified program. Again, experiment with resizing the frame and observe the effect on the components.
4. Now add a statement to the program to set the preferred size of the primary panel to 320 by 260. (What would be the purpose of this?). Compile and run the program to see if anything changed.
5. Now add another panel with background color blue and size 320 by 20. Add a "My Panels" label to this panel and then add this panel to the primary panel before adding the other panels. Compile and run the program. What was the effect of this panel?

```

//*****
//  NestedPanels.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Demonstrates a basic component hierarchy.
//*****
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class NestedPanels
{
    //-----
    //  Presents two colored panels nested within a third.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Nested Panels");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        // Set up first subpanel
        JPanel subPanel1 = new JPanel();
        subPanel1.setPreferredSize (new Dimension(150, 100));
        subPanel1.setBackground (Color.green);
        JLabel label1 = new JLabel ("One");
        subPanel1.add (label1);

        // Set up second subpanel
        JPanel subPanel2 = new JPanel();
        subPanel2.setPreferredSize (new Dimension(150, 100));
        subPanel2.setBackground (Color.red);
        JLabel label2 = new JLabel ("Two");
        subPanel2.add (label2);

        // Set up primary panel
        JPanel primary = new JPanel();
        primary.setBackground (Color.blue);
        primary.add (subPanel1);
        primary.add (subPanel2);

        frame.getContentPane().add(primary);
        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```