CMSC 131
Object-Oriented Programming I

String/Math API, break, continue

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Overview

- break, continue
- String, Math class
src/bin folders

- We can create Eclipse projects with src/bin folder
- Let’s see an example
- Note: use of default package is discourage
Break from Loops

- break can also be used to exit immediately from any loop
  - while
  - do-while
  - for
- e.g. “Read numbers from input until negative number encountered”
  - **Example**: Break.java
  - Loop only terminates when break executed
  - This only happens when value < 0
  - Always breaks to first enclosing loop
  - Notice that break only works in loops and in the switch statement

How about breaking from nested loops?
- You can have a flag in both loops that controls when to stop
Warning About Breaks

- Undisciplined use of break can make loops impossible to understand
  - Termination of loops without break can be understood purely by looking while, for parts
  - When break included, arbitrary termination behavior can be introduced
- Rule of thumb: use break only when loop condition is always true (i.e. break is only way to terminate loop)
- When you use it, make sure it has a good comment explaining what is happening
continue Statement

- continue can also be used to affect loops
  - while
  - do-while
  - for
    - continue jumps to bottom of loop body
- Following prints even numbers between 0 and 10
  ```java
  for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i++){
    if (i % 2 == 1) {
      continue;
    }
    System.out.println(i);
  }
  ```
  - Effect of continue statement is to jump to bottom of loop immediately when i is odd
  - This bypasses println!
  - **Example**: Continue.java
- continue should be avoided
  - Confusing
  - Easy equivalents exist (e.g. if-else)
  - Included in Java mainly for historical reasons
- When you use it, make sure it has a good comment explaining what is happening
String API & Math API

- **Java API**
  - [http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/](http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/)
  - You should have this in your bookmarks
  - You can even download it to your computer
  - Extremely helpful

- **String API**
  - [http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/index.html](http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/index.html)
  - Implements lots of string functions

- **Math API**
  - [http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/index.html](http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/index.html)
  - Implements lots of Math functions
  - **Example:** MathExamples.java
Keep in mind that concatenation of strings is not cheap
  ◦ We will see an alternative called StringBuffer later on
Let’s explore some String methods through examples
  ◦ length()
  ◦ equalsIgnoreCase
  ◦ compareTo
  ◦ compareToIgnoreCase
  ◦ charAt
  ◦ toLowerCase → creates new object
  ◦ toUpperCase → creates new object
  ◦ Others ...

Example: StringExamples.java
Math

- Remember, part of java.lang
- Note: there is a separate package called java.math
- For java.lang.Math
  - Provides “static services”
  - We do not create a Math object (let’s try 😊)
- Let’s explore some methods
  - Math.abs
  - Math.ceil
  - Math.floor
  - Math.pow
  - Math.random ➔ random value between 0 and less than 1
- **Example:** MathExamples.java
Moving Rectangle (Honors)

- Example: MovingRectangle.java