

CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II



Object-Oriented Programming & Java Language Constructs

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Review of Java Language Constructs

■ Basic elements

- Primitive types, variables, constants, operators
- If-else, switch, while, for

■ Classes

- Object instances
 - Creating objects with **new**
- Object references
 - The **null** reference
- Instance data, class (static) data
- Methods
 - Parameters, return values, polymorphism

Review of Java Language Constructs

■ Inheritance

- Base class, derived class, **super**
- Method overriding (vs. overloading)
- Abstract methods
- Up- and down-casting, **getClass()**, **instanceof**
 - **avoid overuse of these... leads to bad designs**
- Interfaces

■ 1D Arrays

- Creating, indexing

■ Exceptions

- Try-catch blocks

New Java Language Constructs

- **Autoboxing**
- **Enumerated types**
- **Generics**
- **Enhanced for loop**
 - **Iterator interface**
- **Stream input & output**
- **Scanner class**

Enumerated Types

- You can create your own type with a finite number of values:

```
public enum Color { Black, White } // new enumeration  
Color myC = Color.Black;
```

- New type of variable with set of fixed values
 - Supports values(), valueOf(), name(), compareTo()...
 - Can add fields and methods to enums
- When to use enums
 - Sets where you know all possible values
- **EXAMPLE: EnumerationExample**

Generics – Motivating Example

■ Before Generics...

- Collections using Object class:

- `List x = new ArrayList();`

- `x.add(new Foo());`

- `Foo f = (Foo) x.get(0);`

- Objects must be cast back to actual class

■ Problem:

- `x.add(new Bar());`

- `Foo f = (Foo) x.get(1);` **// compiles, but...**
// throws ClassCastException

Solution – Generic Types

■ Generic types

- `List<Foo> x = new ArrayList<Foo>();`

- `x.add(new Bar());` // won't compile

■ Improves

- Readability & robustness

■ Used in Java Collections Framework

Autoboxing & Unboxing

- Recall: Wrapper classes available for primitives.
- Java will automatically convert back-and-forth:

```
List<Integer> a = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

```
a.add(72);           // auto-boxing
```

```
int x = a.get(0);    // auto-unboxing
```

Also see example in `SortValues.java`

Comparable Interface

■ Comparable

- `public int compareTo(Object o)`

- `A.compareTo(B)` returns

 - **Negative** if $A < B$, **0** if $A == B$, **positive** if $A > B$

■ Properties

- Referred to as the class's *natural ordering*

- Used by `Collections.sort()` & `Arrays.sort()`

- Will be used implicitly in certain Collections

- Consistency w/ `equals()` strongly recommended

 - `x.equals(y)` if and only if `x.compareTo(y) == 0`

■ Also see Example: `ComparableExample`

Comparator Interface

■ Comparator

- Use to define orderings beyond the “natural order”
- Write a separate class for each ordering
- Classes implement the Comparator Interface:
 - `int compare(Object a, Object b)`

■ Properties

- Supports generics
 - Example: `class myC implements Comparator<Foo>{ ... }`
- Used in many places in Collections Framework:
 - Example: `Collections.sort(myFooList, new myC( ) );`

■ EXAMPLE: ComparatorExample

Iterator Interface

■ Iterator

- Common interface for all Collection classes
- Used to process all elements in collection

■ Properties

- Can remove current element during iteration
- Works for any collection

Iterator Interface

■ Interface

```
public interface Iterator {  
    boolean hasNext( );  
    Object next( );  
    void remove( );    // optional, called once per next( )  
}
```

■ EXAMPLE: IteratorExample

Iterable Interface

- Includes just one prototype:
`Iterator<T> iterator();`
- Most collections in the Java Collections Framework implement Iterable

Enhanced For Loop

- Works for arrays and any class that implements the **Iterable** interface, including all Collections
- For loop handles Iterator automatically

EXAMPLE: IterableExample

Enhanced For Loop

- Also works with arrays:

```
String[ ] roster = {"John", "Mary", "Alice", "Mark"};  
for (String student : roster)  
    System.out.println(student);
```

Standard Input/Output

■ Standard I/O

- Provided in `System` class in `java.lang`

- `System.in`

 - An instance of `InputStream`

- `System.out`

 - An instance of `PrintStream`

- `System.err`

 - An instance of `PrintStream`

Scanner Class

■ Scanner

- Read primitive types & strings from input stream
 - Including `System.in` (standard input)
- Provides methods to treat input as `String`, `Integer`...
- Supports `String nextLine( )`, `int nextInt( )`...
- Throws `InputMismatchException` if wrong format

Scanner Class Examples

■ Example 1

// old approach to scanning input

```
BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader( new  
    InputStreamReader(System.in));
```

```
String name = br.readLine( );
```

// new approach using scanner

```
Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
String name = in.nextLine( ); int x = in.nextInt( );
```

■ Example 2

- See ScannerExample.java

- Note use of printf

2-D Arrays of Primitives

- Each row in two-dimensional array is an array
- Rows can have different lengths
- Defining a primitive array where rows have the same length

```
int [ ][ ] data = new int[3][4];
```

- Defining a primitive data array where rows have different lengths (ragged array)

```
int [ ][ ] ragged = new int[2][ ];  
ragged[0] = new int[3];  
ragged[1] = new int[1];
```

2-D Arrays of Objects

- Each row in two-dimensional array is an array
- Rows can have different lengths
- Defining an array where rows have the same length

`String [ ][ ] data = new String[3][4];`

- Important – Note we have created a 2-D array of **references** to String objects; no String objects yet exist
- Can also create ragged arrays of objects
- Example (See Roster.java)