

Objectives

- Collections
 - Maps
- Traversing
- Exceptions

On my Twitter feed:

“Rather than teach everyone to code,
let's teach them to think.
The coding can come later; it's easier.”
- @rob_pike

Analysis of equals methods

```
public boolean equals(Object o){
    if(((Birthday) o).getDay() != this.getDay())
        return false;

    if( ((Birthday) o).getMonth() != this.getMonth())
        return false;
    return true;
}
```

```
public boolean equals(Object o) {
    Birthday other = (Birthday) o;
    if (this.month == other.month && this.day ==
        other.day)
        return true;
    else
        return false;
}
```

Using booleans in if statements

```
if( this.equals(that) == true ) {  
    System.out.println("equal!");  
}
```

```
if( this.equals(that) ) {  
    System.out.println("equal!");  
}
```

Review

- What are the 3 components of the Java Collection Framework?
- What data types can collections hold?
- How can we convert a primitive type into its respective Wrapper Object type?
- What is the syntax to say what type the collection holds?
- Why did I wait until now to show you Eclipse?

Eclipse

- Very helpful – *after* you know what you're doing
 - Gives suggestions for fixes
 - You need to think through what the appropriate fix is

Eclipse Hints

- After you have written a method, type
`/**`
before the method, and then hit enter and the Javadocs template will be automatically generated for you
- Use command-spacebar for possible completions

Eclipse Discussion

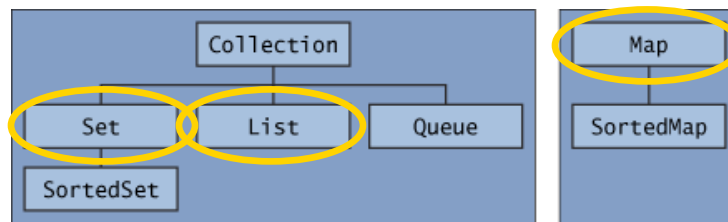
- **Helpful hints**
 - Control-spacebar
 - Format the file
 - Auto-templates for Javadocs

Review: Collections Framework

- **Interfaces**
 - Abstract data types that represent collections
 - Collections can be manipulated *independently* of implementation
- **Implementations**
 - Concrete implementations of collection interfaces
 - Reusable data structures
- **Algorithms**
 - Methods that perform useful computations on collections, e.g., searching and sorting
 - Reusable functionality
 - **Polymorphic**: same method can be used on many different implementations of collection interface

Review: Core Collection Interfaces

- Encapsulate different types of collections



MAPS

Maps

- Maps keys (of type $\langle K \rangle$) to values (of type $\langle V \rangle$)
- No duplicate keys
 - Each key maps to at most one value

Map Interface

- $\langle V \rangle$ `put($\langle K \rangle$ key, $\langle V \rangle$ value)`
- Returns old value that key mapped to
- $\langle V \rangle$ `get(Object key)`
 - Returns value at that key (or null if no mapping)
- `Set $\langle K \rangle$ keySet()`
 - Returns the set of keys

And more ...

A few Map Implementations

- **HashMap**

- Fast

- **TreeMap**

- Sorting
- Key-ordered iteration

- **LinkedHashMap**

- Fast
- Insertion-order iteration

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Declaring Maps

- Declare types for both keys and values

- `class HashMap<K, V>`

```
Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
```

Keys are Strings
Values are Integers

```
Map<String, List<String>> map  
= new HashMap<>();
```

Keys are Strings
Values are Lists of Strings

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ALGORITHMS

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Collections Framework's Algorithms

- *Polymorphic algorithms*
- Reusable functionality
- Implemented in the `Collections` class
 - Static methods, 1st argument is the collection
 - Similar to `Arrays` class, which operates on arrays

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Overview of Available Algorithms

- **Sorting** – optional Comparator
 - **Shuffling**
 - **Searching** – binarySearch
 - **Routine data manipulation**: reverse*, copy*, fill*, swap*, addAll
 - **Composition** – frequency, disjoint
 - **Finding min, max**
- * Only Lists

TRAVERSING COLLECTIONS

Traversing Collections: For-each Loop

- For-each loop:

```
for (Object o : collection)
    System.out.println(o);
```

Or whatever data type is appropriate

- Valid for all Collections

➤ Maps (and its implementations) are not Collections

- But, Map's `keySet()` is a Set and `values()` is a Collection

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Iterator: Like a Cursor

- Always between two elements



```
Iterator<Integer> i = list.iterator();
while( i.hasNext()) {
    int value = i.next();
    ...
}
```

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Iterator API

- `<E> next()`
 - Get the next element
- `boolean hasNext()`
 - Are there more elements?
- `void remove()`
 - Remove the previous element
 - **Only safe way** to remove elements during iteration
 - Not known what will happen if remove elements in for-each loop

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Polymorphic Filter Algorithm

```
static void filter(Collection c) {
    Iterator i = c.iterator();
    while( i.hasNext() ) {
        // if the next element does not
        // adhere to the condition, remove it
        if ( ! condition(i.next()) ) {
            i.remove();
        }
    }
}
```

Polymorphic: works regardless of Collection implementation

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Traversing Lists: ListIterator

- Methods to traverse list backwards too
 - `hasPrevious()`
 - `previous()`
- To get a `ListIterator`:
 - `listIterator(int position)`
 - Pass in `size()` as position to get at end of list



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How Not to Iterate

- Don't use `get` to access `List`
 - If implementation is a `LinkedList`, performance is reeeeeeally slow

```
for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    count += list.get(i); // do something
}
```

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Benefits of Collections Framework

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Benefits of Collections Framework

- **Provides common, well-known interface**
 - Allows interoperability among unrelated APIs
 - Reduces effort to learn and to use new APIs for different implementations
- **Reduces programming effort:** provides useful, reusable data structures and algorithms
- **Increases program speed and quality:** provides high-performance, high-quality implementations of data structures and algorithms; interchangeable implementations → tuning
- **Reduces effort to design new APIs:** use standard collection interface for your collection
- **Fosters software reuse:** New data structures/algorithms that conform to the standard collection interfaces are reusable

EXCEPTIONS

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Errors

- Programs encounter errors when they run
 - Users may enter data in the wrong form
 - Files may not exist
 - Program code has bugs!*
- When an error occurs, a program should do one of two things:
 - Revert to a stable state and continue
 - Allow the user to save data and then exit the program gracefully

* (Of course, not *your* programs)

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Java Method Behavior

- **Normal/correct case:** return specified return type
- **Error case:** does not return anything, **throws** an **Exception**
 - An **exception** is an event that occurs during execution of a program that disrupts normal flow of program's instructions
 - **Exception:** object that encapsulates error information

Similar to Python

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Printing Stack Trace Example

```
java.io.FileNotFoundException: fred.txt
  at java.io.FileInputStream.<init>(FileInputStream.java)
  at java.io.FileInputStream.<init>(FileInputStream.java)
  at ExTest.readMyFile(ExTest.java:19)
  at ExTest.main(ExTest.java:7)
```

How helpful is this output?
How user friendly is it?

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How helpful is this output?
How user friendly is it?

- Useful for debugging your code
- Generate/display user-friendly errors in finished product
 - Often requires “higher-level code” to handle exception

Exception Classification: **Error**

- An internal error
- Strong convention: reserved for JVM
 - JVM-generated when resource exhaustion or an internal problem
 - Example: Out of Memory error
- Program’s code should not and can not throw an object of this type
- *Unchecked* exception

When can that happen in Java?

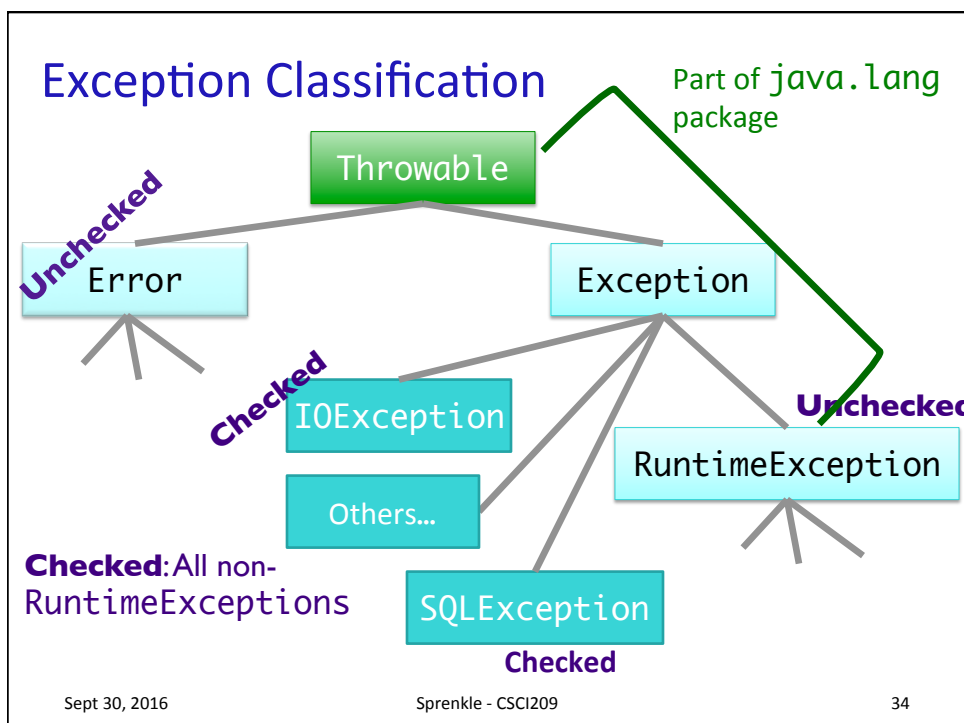
Exception Classification: **Exception**

1. **RuntimeException**: something that happens because of a programming error
 - **Unchecked** exception
 - Examples: `ArrayOutOfBoundsException`, `NullPointerException`, `ClassCastException`
2. **Checked** exceptions
 - A well-written application should anticipate and recover from
 - Compiler enforces
 - Examples: `IOException`, `SQLException`

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Types of Exceptions

Unchecked

- Any exception that derives from `Error` or `RuntimeException`
- Programmer does not create/handle
- Try to make sure that they don't occur
- Often indicates programmer error
 - E.g., precondition violations, not using API correctly

Checked

- Any other exception
- Programmer creates and handles checked exceptions
- Compiler-enforced checking
 - Improves *reliability**
- For conditions from which caller can reasonably be expected to recover

Types of Unchecked Exceptions

1. Derived from the class `Error`

- Any line of code can generate because it is an internal error
- Don't worry about what to do if this happens

2. Derived from the class `RuntimeException`

- Indicates a bug in the program
- Fix the bug
- Examples: `ArrayOutOfBoundsException`, `NullPointerException`, `ClassCastException`

Checked Exceptions

- Need to be handled by your program
 - Compiler-enforced
 - Improves reliability*
- For each method, tell the compiler:
 - What the method returns
 - What could possibly go wrong
 - *Advertise* the exceptions that a method throws
 - Helps users of your interface know what method does and lets them decide how to handle exceptions

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Discussion: Why Checked and Unchecked Exceptions?

- Why do we have exceptions that the compiler doesn't force the programmer to check?
 - Think about examples of unchecked exceptions (`ArrayOutOfBoundsException`, `NullPointerException`, `ClassCastException`) and when those exceptions can occur

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THROWING EXCEPTIONS

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Common Exceptions

| Name | Purpose |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <code>IllegalArgumentException</code> | When caller passes in inappropriate argument |
| <code>IllegalStateException</code> | Invocation is illegal because of receiving object's state. (Ex: closing a closed window) |

- Both inherit from `RuntimeException`
- May seem like these cover everything but only used for certain kinds of illegal arguments and exceptions
- Not used when
 - A null argument passed in; should be a `NullPointerException`
 - Pass in invalid index for an array; should be an `IndexOutOfBoundsException`

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Factorial Alternatives

```
public static double factorial( int x ) {
    if( x < 0 )
        return 0.0;
    double fact = 1.0;
    while( x > 1 ) {
        fact *= x;
        x--;
    }
    return fact;
}
```

Factorial Alternatives

```
public static double factorial( int x ) {
    if( x < 0 )
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("x" +
            "must be >= 0");
    double fact = 1.0;
    while( x > 1 ) {
        fact *= x;
        x--;
    }
    return fact;
}
```

Factorial Alternatives

Note, no `throws` clause in method signature. Why?

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    }
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}
```

`IllegalArgumentException`:
Thrown to indicate that a method has
been passed an illegal or inappropriate
argument

What are the pros and cons of these approaches?

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Goal: Failure Atomicity

- After an object throws an exception, the object should be in a well-defined, usable state
 - A failed method invocation should leave object in state prior to invocation
- Approaches:
 - Check parameters/state before performing operation(s)
 - Do the failure-prone operations first
 - Use recovery code to “rollback” state
 - Apply to temporary object first, then copy over values

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Practice

```
public void setBirthday(int month, int day) {  
}
```

- How should we implement this method?
- What are some problems we could face?

Practice

```
public void setBirthday(int month, int day) {  
}
```

- How should we implement this method?
 - Rule of thumb: Handle error checking first

CATCHING EXCEPTIONS

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Try/Catch Block

- The simplest way to catch an exception
- Syntax:

```
try {  
    code;  
    more code;  
}  
catch (ExceptionType e) {  
    error code for ExceptionType;  
}  
catch (ExceptionType2 e) {  
    error code for ExceptionType2;  
}  
...
```

Python equivalent?

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Try/Catch Block

```
try {
    code;
    more code;
}
catch (ExceptionType e) {
    error code for
    ExceptionType
}
```

- Code in **try** block runs first
- If **try** block completes without an exception, **catch** block(s) are not executed
- If **try** code generates an exception
 - A **catch** block runs
 - Remaining code in **try** block is not executed
- If an exception of a type other than **ExceptionType** is thrown inside **try** block, method exits immediately*

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Try/Catch Block

```
try {
    code;
    more code;
}
catch (ExceptionType e) {
    error code for
    ExceptionType
}
catch (ExceptionType2 e) {
    error code
    for ExceptionType2
}
```

- You can have more than one **catch** block
 - To handle > 1 type of exception
- If exception is not of type **ExceptionType1**, falls to **ExceptionType2**, and so forth
 - Run the first matching **catch** block

Can catch any exception with **Exception e** but won't have customized messages

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Try/Catch Example

```
public void read(BufferedReader in) {
    try {
        boolean done = false;
        while (!done) {
            String line=in.readLine();
            // above could throw IOException!
            if (line == null)
                done = true;
        }
    }
    catch (IOException ex) {
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

Prints out stack trace to method call
that caused the error

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Try/Catch Example

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    }
}
```

More precise **catch** may help pinpoint error
But could result in messier code

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The finally Block

- Optional: add a **finally** block after all **catch** blocks

- Code in **finally** block **always** runs after code in **try** and/or **catch** blocks

- After **try** block finishes or, if an exception occurs, after the **catch** block finishes

- Allows you to clean up or do maintenance before method ends (one way or the other)

- E.g., closing files or database connections

```
try {
    ...
}
catch (Exception e) {
    ...
}
finally { ←
```

FinallyTest.java

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Practice: try/catch/finally Blocks

```
try {
    statement1;
    statement2;
}
catch (EOFException e) {
    statement3;
    statement4;
}
finally {
    statement5;
}
```

- Which statements run if:

- Neither **statement1** nor **statement2** throws an exception
 - statement1** throws an **EOFException**
 - statement2** throws an **EOFException**
 - statement1** throws an **IOException**

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What to do with a Caught Exception?

- Dump the stack after the exception occurs
 - What else can we do?
- Generally, two options:
 1. Catch the exception and recover from it
 2. Pass exception up to whoever called it

Summary: Methods Throwing Exceptions

- API documentation tells you if a method can throw an exception
 - If so, you **must** handle it
- If your method could possibly throw an exception (by generating it or by calling another method that could), advertise it!
 - If you can't handle every error, that's OK...let whoever is calling you worry about it
 - However, they can only handle the error if you advertise the exceptions you can't deal with

Programming with Exceptions

- Exception handling is slow
- Use one big **try** block instead of nesting **try-catch** blocks
 - Speeds up Exception Handling
 - Otherwise, code gets too messy
- Don't ignore exceptions (e.g., **catch** block does nothing)
 - Better to pass them along to higher calls

```
try {
}
catch () {
}
try {
}
catch () {
}
```

```
try {
  try {
  }
  catch () {
  }
}
catch () {
}
```

```
try {
  ...
}
catch () {
}
```

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Benefits of Exceptions?

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Benefits of Exceptions

- Force error checking/handling
 - Otherwise, won't compile
 - Does not guarantee "good" exception handling
- Ease debugging
 - Stack trace
- Separates error-handling code from "regular" code
 - Error code is in catch blocks at end
 - Descriptive messages with exceptions
- Propagate methods up call stack
 - Let whoever "cares" about error handle it
- Group and differentiate error types

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Javadoc Guidelines about @throws

- Always report if throw **checked** exceptions
- Report any unchecked exceptions that the caller might reasonably want to catch
 - Exception: `NullPointerException`
 - Allows caller to handle (or not)
 - Document exceptions that are independent of the underlying implementation
- **Errors** should **not** be documented as they are unpredictable

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TODO

- Assignment 6: Due Wednesday
 - Modifying `MediaItem` classes
 - Adding implementation of `Comparable`
 - Using some `Collection` (of your choice) to maintain library
 - Justify/explain your choice

- Exam 1
 - Preparation document posted