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Structured Programming

COMP1110/6710



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Admin

- Class representatives (COMP6710) – apply by today COB
- Reminder: Follow the Design Recipe!
- gitlab-CI file available for P1
- We're working on increasing drop-in capacity
- P1 Submission
 - We're hoping to get CWAC available soon (check Ed for announcements)
 - Otherwise, use Office form, and we'll release some way of using assignment variables if necessary
 - By default, latest pushed commit before deadline will be tested and used for code walks



The Testing Interface

Two kinds of tests: yours and ours

You can imagine that our test assertions look like:

```
testEqual(new Nothing<Date>(),  
          nextSalaryIncrease(  
            makeStudent("Jen", getDate(2005, 4, 4))));
```



Finishing up: World Program Start

[Live Demo]



Practice

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Input/Output

Part 2 – Reading from the Standard Input



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Input/Output

```
/** Prints given value to standard output  
 * (usually: the console) */
```

```
void println(Object)
```

has a sibling:

```
/** Prints a prompt to the standard output and waits for  
 * input on standard input (usually: the console). Returns  
 * next line of input. */
```

```
String readln(String)
```



Abstraction

Value Abstraction

Type Abstraction

Function Abstraction



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DRY - Don't Repeat Yourself (in code)

Copying code is bad!

- It duplicates bugs
- Changes might not be applied everywhere
- Larger code base → harder to understand

Abstraction is about finding and making use of commonalities.



Value Abstraction

```
String dogInfo(String name, int age) {  
    if(age < 3) { return name+" is a young dog"; }  
    else { if(age < 10) { return name + "is a dog"; }  
          else { return name+" is an old dog"; }  
    }  
}
```

```
String catInfo(String name, int age) {  
    if(age < 4) { return name+" is a young cat"; }  
    else { if(age < 12) { return name + "is a cat"; }  
          else { return name+" is an old cat"; }  
    }  
}
```



Value Abstraction

```
String petInfo(String name, int age, int young,
               int old, String type) {
    if(age < young) { return name+" is a young "+type; }
    else { if(age < old) { return name + "is a "+type; }
          else { return name+" is an old "+type; }
    }
}

String catInfo(String name, int age) {
    return petInfo(name, age, 4, 12, "cat");
}

String dogInfo(String name, int age) {
    return petInfo(name, age, 3, 10, "dog");
}
```



Java Generics

Type Abstraction

A Brief User's Guide



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Maybe

Maybe<T> is for cases where there may or may not be a result.

For example:

```
/** Tries to turn a String into an int if possible
 * ... */
```

```
Maybe<Integer> tryStringToInt(String str) {
    if(isIntString(str)) {
        return new Something<>(StringToInt(str));
    } else {
        return new Nothing<>();
    }
}
```



Maybe

Maybe<T> is for cases where there may or may not be a result.

This actually comes up a lot, and the patterns are always the same.
Except for the type of the result.

But for the pattern, that does not matter.



Don't Repeat Yourself (in code)

```
sealed interface MaybeInt permits NoInt, SomeInt {}  
record NoInt() implements MaybeInt {}  
record SomeInt(int i) implements MaybeInt {}
```

```
sealed interface MaybeString permits NoString, SomeString {}  
record NoString() implements MaybeString {}  
record SomeString(String s) implements MaybeString {}
```

...



Don't Repeat Yourself (in code)

```
sealed interface Maybe<T> permits Nothing, Something {}  
record Nothing<T>() implements Maybe<T> {}  
record Something<T>(T elem) implements Maybe<T> {}
```

Much better! T can stand for (almost) anything!

➔ This is just a general itemization, albeit with lots of specializations.



Almost anything

The primitive types (those whose name starts with a lowercase letter) can't be used with generics 😞.

That's why it's `Maybe<Integer>` and not `Maybe<int>`

`int` ↔ `Integer`

`long` ↔ `Long`

`float` ↔ `Float`

`double` ↔ `Double`

`boolean` ↔ `Boolean`

`char` ↔ `Character`

You can freely convert between the two.
Just don't use `==` near the capitalized versions.
Use `Equals` instead.



How to use Maybe<T>

Step 1: replace the T with something concrete.

Maybe<String>, Maybe<Image>, Maybe<Maybe<String>>, ...

Step 2A: create new Maybe values

```
new Something<>("Hello")
```

```
new Nothing<>()
```

```
new Nothing<String>()
```



You can leave out the type argument when it is clear from context (according to Java). It doesn't hurt to have it, though.

Step 2B: apply Maybe's template to distinguish between values



Pair<S,T>

```
/**  
 * Represents a pair of two values of given types.  
 * Examples:  
 * - Pair(5, "Hello")  
 * - Pair(16.0, 32.5)  
 * - Pair(Pair("", true), 0)  
 * @param first The first value in the pair  
 * @param second The second value in the pair  
 */
```

```
record Pair<S, T>(  
    S first,  
    T second) {}
```



Calling Generic Functions

This just says that this is a generic function with one type parameter T. You have to pick exactly one T when you use it. Java usually does this for you based on the arguments.



```
<T> T Default(Maybe<T> maybe, T else);
```

Essentially, if you give this a `Maybe<String>`, the second argument also has to be a `String`, and the return type will also be `String`



Java Generics

Creating Generic Data Types and Functions

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Generic Types

```
/** ... New!  
 * @param <T> the type of things that should be named  
 * ... */
```

```
record NamedSomething<T>(T thing, String name) {}
```

```
sealed interface NTuple<T> permits Single, Tuple, Triple {}
```

```
record Single<T>(T t) implements NTuple<T> {}
```

```
record Tuple<T>(T t1, T t2) implements NTuple<T> {}
```

```
record Triple<T>(T t1, T t2, T t3) implements NTuple<T> {}
```



Generic Functions

```
<T, ...> [returnType] [functionName]([argType1] [argName1], ...) {  
    ...  
}
```

Can use Type Arguments in:

- ✓ return type
- ✓ argument types
- ✓ local variable types
- ✓ type arguments in code



Constructors
e.g. `new T(...)`



casts, instanceof,
typecase, static member access
(not available right now anyway)



Lambdas

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Function Abstraction in Java



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Recall: Function References

```
runAsTest(this::testSumExample1);
```

These are references to functions you wrote

```
BigBang("test", 0, this::draw);
```

In turn, `runAsTest` and `BigBang` abstract over many possible functions.



Function Types

Java allows arbitrary ones, but in Functional Java, we have:

`Supplier<T>` - zero-argument functions that return values of type T

`Function<S, T>` - one-argument functions that take an argument of type S and return something of type T

`BiFunction<S, T, R>` - two-argument functions that take arguments of types S and T, respectively, and return an R

`Predicate<T>` - one-argument functions that take a T, return a boolean

`BiPredicate<S, T>` - two-argument functions that take arguments of types S and T, respectively, and return a boolean

`runAsTest` accepts a `Runnable`, the type of void functions with no arguments.



Currying

Need more arguments?

Use `Function<S, Function<T, R>>`, etc.

See Standard Library for some helper functions around this.



Lambdas

Create an anonymous function

Can use values from context


```
Function<Integer, Integer> makeAdder(int amount) {  
    return x -> x + amount;  
}
```



Lambdas

Need context

var fun = x -> x;  Don't know type of function.

Function<Integer, Integer> fun = x -> x;  Context tells us x is an Integer, so result is an Integer



Using Function Values

General form:

```
[funVal].[call]([arg1],...)
```

[call] depends on function type

Supplier	↔	get
Function	↔	apply
BiFunction	↔	apply
Predicate	↔	test
BiPredicate	↔	test

```
Function<Integer, Integer> fun = ...;
```

```
fun.apply(5);
```



Debugging

Part 1:

Reading error messages

Part 2:

Using `println` to figure out where things go wrong



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Recap: Evaluation Order

This time for real!

[Live Demo]

I'm going to use IntelliJ here. Don't use it on your own until Week 6!



Finding Bugs

Questions to ask:

- What should actually happen?
- In order for that to happen, what path should the program take?
- Does that match the path that is taken?
- Where on the path do things go wrong?

Is the reason there that

- We are taking the wrong path?
- We are getting a wrong value?



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