CS61B Lecture #13

Reminders:

- Please use bug-submit for submitting any programming problems you have with homework and projects.
- You have started Project #1, right? It's due in a week.
- Unlike homeworks, we don't autograde projects continuously until
 they are due. However, we will run the autograder once a day or
 so before the due date so that those who have kept ahead can get
 some additional help getting it right.

Today's Topics:

- Modularization facilities in Java.
- Wrapping up more loose ends and leaving explicit material on Java for now.

Readings for next week: Assorted Materials on Java, chap. 3 (already assigned) and 5; Head First Java, chap. 16; Data Structures (Into Java), (Reader #2) chap. 1.

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Access Modifiers

- Access modifiers (private, public, protected) do not add anything to the power of Java.
- Basically allow a programmer to declare what classes are supposed to need to access ("know about") what declarations.
- In Java, are also part of security—prevent programmers from accessing things that would "break" the runtime system.
- Accessibility always determined by static types.
 - To determine correctness of writing x.f(), look at the definition of f in the static type of x.
 - Why? Because the rules are supposed to be enforced by the compiler, which only knows static types of things (static types don't depend on what happens at execution time).

Package Mechanics

- Classes correspond to things being modeled (represented) in one's program.
- Packages are collections of "related" classes and other packages.
- Java puts standard libraries and packages in package java and javax.
- By default, a class resides in the anonymous package.
- To put it elsewhere, use a package declaration at start of file, as in package database; or package ucb.util;
- Sun's javac uses convention that class C in package P1.P2 goes in subdirectory P1/P2 of any other directory in the class path.
- Unix example:

```
nova% setenv CLASSPATH .:$HOME/java-utils:$MASTERDIR/lib/classes/junit.jar nova% java junit.textui.TestRunner MyTests
```

Searches for TestRunner.class in ./junit/textui, ~/java-utils/junit/textui and finally looks for junit/textui/TestRunner.class in the junit.jar file (which is a single file that is a special compressed archive of an entire directory of files).

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The Access Rules

 Suppose we have two packages (not necessarily distinct) and two distinct classes:

- The access x.M is
 - Legal if \mathcal{A} is **public**;
 - Legal if A is protected and P1 is P2;
 - Legal if ${\cal A}$ is package private (default—no keyword) and P1 is P2;
 - Illegal if ${\mathcal A}$ is **private**.
- Furthermore, if C3 is C1, then y.M is also legal under the conditions above, or if A is **protected** (i.e., even if P1 is not the same as P2).

What May be Controlled

- Classes and interfaces that are not nested may be public or package private (we haven't talked explicitly about nested types yet).
- Members—fields, methods, constructors, and (later) nested types—may have any of the four access levels.
- May override a method only with one that has at least as permissive an access level.
 - Reason: avoid inconsistency:

- That is, there's no point in restricting C2.f, because access control depends on static types, and C1.f is public.

Quick Quiz

```
// Anonymous package
                                    class A2 {
                                     void g (SomePack.A1 x) {
                                       x.f1 (): // OK?
package SomePack;
                                       x.v1 = 3; // OK?
public class A1 {
                                     }
 int f1() {
   A1 a = ...
   a.x1 = 3: // OK?
                                    class B2 extends A1 {
                                     void h (SomePack.A1 x) {
 protected int y1;
                                       x.f1 (); // OK?
 private int x1;
                                       x.y1 = 3; // OK?
                                       f1(); // OK?
                                       v1 = 3; // OK?
                                       x1 = 3; // OK?
```

• Note: Last three lines of h have implicit this.'s in front. Static type of this is B2.

Intentions of this Design

- **public** declarations represent *specifications*—what clients of a package are supposed to rely on.
- package private declarations are part of the implementation of a class that must be known to other classes that assist in the implementation.
- protected declarations are part of the implementation that subtypes may need, but that clients of the subtypes generally won't.
- **private** declarations are part of the implementation of a class that only that class needs.

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Access Control Static Only

"Public" and "private" don't apply to dynamic types; it is possible to call methods in objects of types you can't name:

```
package utils;
                                               package mystuff;
  /** A Set of things. */
  public interface Collector {
                                             | class User {
    void add (Object x);
                                                  Collector c =
                                                    utils.Utils.concat ();
                                                  c.add ("foo"); // OK
  package utils;
  public class Utils {
                                                  ... c.value (); // ERROR
    public static Collector concat () {
                                                  ((utils.Concatenator) c).value ()
      return new Concatenator ();
                                                                   // ERROR
  }
  /** NON-PUBLIC class that collects strings. */
  class Concatenater implements Collector {
    StringBuffer stuff = new StringBuffer ();
    int n = 0:
    public void add (Object x) { stuff.append (x); n += 1; }
    public Object value () { return stuff.toString (); }
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```

Loose End #1: Importing

- Writing java.util.List every time you mean List or java.lang.regex.Pattern every time you mean Pattern is annoying.
- The purpose of the **import** clause at the beginning of a source file is to define abbreviations:
 - import java.util.List; means "within this file, you can use List as an abbreviation for java.util.List.
 - import java.util.*; means "within this file, you can use any class name in the package java.util without mentioning the package."
- Importing does not grant any special access; it only allows abbreviation.
- In effect, your program always contains import java.lang.*;

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Loose End #3: Nesting Classes

- Sometimes, it makes sense to *nest* one class in another. The nested class might
 - be used only in the implementation of the other, or
 - be conceptually "subservient" to the other
- Nesting such classes can help avoid name clashes or "pollution of the name space" with names that will never be used anywhere else.
- Example: Polynomials can be thought of as sequences of terms.
 Terms aren't meaningful outside of Polynomials, so you might define a class to represent a term inside the Polynomial class:

```
class Polynomial {
  methods on polynomials
  private Term[] terms;
  private static class Term {
    ...
  }
}
```

Loose End #2: Static importing

- One can easily get tired of writing System.out and Math.sqrt. Do you really need to be reminded with each use that out is in the java.lang.System package and that sqrt is in the Math package (duh)?
- Both examples are of *static* members. New feature of Java allows you to abbreviate such references:
 - import static java.lang.System.out; means "within this file, you can use out as an abbreviation for System.out.
 - import static java.lang.System.*; means "within this file, you can use any static member name in System without mentioning the package.
- Again, this is only an abbreviation. No special access.
- Alas, you can't do this for classes in the anonymous package.

Inner Classes

- Last slide showed a static nested class. Static nested classes are just like any other, except that they can be private or protected, and they can see private variables of the enclosing class.
- Non-static nested classes are called inner classes.
- Somewhat rare (and syntax is odd); used when each instance of the nested class is created by and naturally associated with an instance of the containing class, like Banks and Accounts:

```
account
                                   account
                         Bank
                                                     Bank
       account
                                   account
class Bank {
                                       | Bank e = new Bank(...);
 private void connectTo (...) {...}
                                       | Bank.Account p0 =
 public class Account {
                                             e.new Account (...);
   public void call (int number) {
                                       | Bank.Account p1 =
      Bank.this.connectTo (...); ... |
                                             e.new Account (...);
   } // Bank.this means "the bank that |
    // created me"
```

Loose End #4: Using an Overridden Method

- Suppose that you wish to add to the action defined by a superclass's method, rather than to completely override it.
- The overriding method can refer to overridden methods by using the special prefix super.
- For example, you have a class with expensive functions, and you'd like a memoizing version of the class.

```
class ComputeHard {
   int cogitate (String x, int y) { ... }
   ...
}

class ComputeLazily extends ComputeHard {
   int cogitate (String x, int y) {
      if (already have answer for this x and y) return memoized result;
      else
        int result = super.cogitate (x, y);
        memoize (save) result;
      return result;
   }
}
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```

Loose End #5: instanceof

• It is possible to ask about the dynamic type of something:

```
void typeChecker (Reader r) {
  if (r instanceof TrReader)
    System.out.print ("Translated characters: ");
  else
    System.out.print ("Characters: ");
    ...
}
```

• However, this is seldom what you want to do. Why do this:

```
if (x instanceof StringReader)
  read from (StringReader) x;
else if (x instanceof FileReader)
  read from (FileReader) x;
...
```

when you can just call x.read()?!

• In general, use instance methods rather than instanceof.

Trick: Delegation and Wrappers

- Not always appropriate to use inheritance to extend something.
- Homework gives example of a TrReader, which contains another Reader, to which it delegates the task of actually going out and reading characters.
- Another example: an "interface monitor:"

• So now, you can instrument a program:

```
// ORIGINAL // INSTRUMENTED
Storage S = something; Monitor S = new Monitor (something);
f (S);
f(S);
System.out.println (S.gets + " gets");
```

• Monitor is called a wrapper class.

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