

CSCI 136

Data Structures & Advanced Programming

Lecture 4

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Last Time

- Control structures
 - Branching: if – else, switch, break, continue
 - Looping: while, do – while, for, for – each
- Object oriented programming Basics (OOP)
- Strings and String methods

Today's Outline

- More on Class Types
- Extending Classes & Abstract Classes
- Technique: Randomizing an array
- Miscellaneous Java
 - Static variables and methods
 - Memory management
 - Access control: public, protected, private

Using Strings

- Application: Parsing an XML file of a CD collection

- XML = eXtensible Markup Language
- XML is used for many things
- CD info:

```
<CD>
  <TITLE>Big Willie style</TITLE>
  <ARTIST>Will Smith</ARTIST>
  <COUNTRY>USA</COUNTRY>
  <COMPANY>Columbia</COMPANY>
  <YEAR>1997</YEAR>
</CD>
```

- How can we find and print just the titles?

- See CDTitles.java
- `java CDTitles < cds.xml`

Classes: An Extended Example

- Idea: Implement a class that describes a single playing card (e.g., “Queen of Diamonds”)
- Start simple: a single class – BasicCard
- Think about alternative implementations
- Use an *interface* to allow implementation independent coding
- Factor out common features using *abstract classes*
- Use above to create a card deck
- Let’s look at BasicCard

Enum Types are Class Types

```
enum Rank { TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN,  
          EIGHT, NINE, TEN, JACK, QUEEN, KING, ACE;  
}
```

Notes

- Creates an ordered sequence of named constants
- Can find position of an enum value in sequence
 - `int i = r.ordinal(); // r is of type Rank`
- Can get an array of all values in the enum
 - `Rank[] allRanks = Rank.values();`
- Can use in **for** loops
 - `for (Rank r : Rank.values()) { ... }`
- Can have its own instance variables and methods

Implementing a Card Object

- Think before we code!
- Many ways to implement a card
 - An index from 0 to 51; a rank and a suit, ...
- Start general.
 - Build an *interface* that advertises all public features of a card
 - Not an implementation (define methods, but don't include code)
- Then get specific.
 - Build specific implementation of a card using our general card interface

Start General: Card: An Interface

- What data do we have to represent?
 - Properties of cards
 - How can we represent these properties?
 - There are often multiple options—name some!
- What methods do we need?
 - Capabilities of cards
 - Do we need *accessor* and/or *mutator* methods?

A Card Interface

```
public interface Card {  
  
    // Methods - must be public  
    public Suit getSuit();  
    public Rank getRank();  
}
```

Notes

- It seems sketchy to allow a card to change its value
 - Only make accessor methods
- We could make a tediously long enum for all 52 cards, but we won't

Get Specific: Card Implementations

- Now suppose we want to build a specific card object
- We want to use the properties/capabilities defined in our interface
 - That is, we want to *implement* the interface

```
public class CardRankSuit implements Card {  
    . . .  
}
```

The Enums for Cards

```
public enum Suit {  
    CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES; // the values  
  
    public String toString() {  
        switch (this) {  
            case CLUBS : return "clubs";  
            case DIAMONDS : return "diamonds";  
            case HEARTS : return "hearts";  
            case SPADES : return "spades";  
        }  
        return "Bad suit!";  
    }  
}
```

A similar declaration is defined for Rank

A First Card Implementation

```
public class CardSuitRank implements Card {
// instance variables
    protected Suit suit;
    protected Rank rank;
// Constructors
    public CardSuitRank( Rank r, Suit s)
        {suit = r; rank = s;}
// returns suit of card
    public Suit getSuit() { return suit;}
// returns rank of card
    public Rank getRank() { return rank;}
// create String representation of card
    public String toString() {
        return getRank() + " of " + getSuit();}
}
```

A Second Card Implementation

```
public class Card52 implements Card {
// instance variables
    protected int code; // 0 <= code < 52;
// suit is code/13 and rank is code%13
// Constructors
    public Card52( int index ) {code = index;}
// returns suit of card
    public Suit getSuit() {/* see sample code */}
// returns rank of card
    public Rank getRank() {/* see sample code */}
// create String representation of card
    public String toString() {
        return getRank() + " of " + getSuit();
    }
}
```

Improvements to Card52

Add back a constructor with Rank/Suit parameters

```
public class Card52v2 implements Card {  
    ...  
    public Card52v2(Rank theRank, Suit theSuit) {  
        code = theSuit.ordinal() * 13 + theRank.ordinal();  
    }  
}
```

Replace switch statements in “get” methods...

```
public Suit getSuit() {  
    return Suit.values()[ code / 13 ];  
}  
public Rank getRank() {  
    return Rank.values()[ code % 13 ];  
}
```

...by using values() method to get array of enum values

Demo: PokerDeck.java

Interfaces: Worth Noting

- Interface methods **are always** public
 - Java does not allow non-public methods in interfaces
- Interface instance variables are always **static final**
 - static variables are shared across instances
 - final variables are constants: they can't change value
- Most classes contain constructors; interfaces do not!
- Can *declare* interface objects (just like class objects) but cannot instantiate (“new”) them