Lecture 18

Even more object-oriented thinking
Primitive data types

• Not objects in Java for performance reasons

• But lots of methods expect an object (and not a primitive data type)

• One can “wrap” up these primitive data types into an object and use them like other objects
Primitive data type wrappers

- Wrappers included in Java.lang:
  - Boolean
  - Character
  - Double
  - Float
  - Byte
  - Short
  - Integer
  - Long

Mostly just the same name as the primitive data type, but with a capital letter, except for Integer (int) and Character (char)
Primitive data type wrappers

- Numeric wrapper classes have `<class>Value()` methods, like `doubleValue()`, `floatValue()`, `intValue()` that you can use to convert the object into different primitive types.
Primitive data type wrappers

- Can construct using either a value, or a string of a value:
  - new Integer("17")
  - new Double(7.8)
- No no-arg constructor and are immutable
Primitive data type wrappers

- Each have constants for the MAX\_VALUE and MIN\_VALUE
- compareTo() method as well for comparing numbers
Primitive data type wrappers

- The wrapper classes also have static methods that are super helpful
  - `valueOf(String s)`
  - Parsing methods
Primitive data type wrappers

- Converting a primitive value to an object is called **boxing**, the reverse is called **unboxing**.

- Java will do this *automagically*, called **autoboxing** and **autounboxing** *(Not convinced that’s really a word)*.
Primitive data type

autoboxing
BigInteger and BigDecimal

• any guesses on what these classes are?
BigInteger and BigDecimal

- Super big integers, or super precise decimals
- add, subtract, multiply, divide and remainder
import java.math.*;
public class BigNumbers {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println(factorial(50));
    }

    public static BigInteger factorial(int n) {
        BigInteger result = BigInteger.ONE;

        for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++){
            result = result.multiply(new BigInteger(i+""));
        }
        return result;
    }
}
String class

- 13 constructors and 40+ methods!
- Can construct with a string literal, for example “hello”
- Can also construct with a char array

```java
char[] charArray = {'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'};
```
String class

- Remember that Strings are immutable and are really only holding a reference to a string. So when you assign a different value to a string, it’s just pointing to a different object in memory.
String class

String s = "Java";
s = "HTML";

After executing String s = "Java";

After executing s = "HTML";

String object for "Java"

Contents cannot be changed

String object for "Java"
This string object is now unreferenced

String object for "HTML"
Interned string

Remember how we don’t use `==` for strings? THIS is why:

```java
String s1 = "Welcome to Java";
String s2 = new String("Welcome to Java");
String s3 = "Welcome to Java";
System.out.println("s1 == s2 is " + (s1 == s2));
System.out.println("s1 == s3 is " + (s1 == s3));
```

display

```
s1 == s2 is false
s1 == s3 is true
```
Splitting and replacing strings

• Methods to replace and split strings
public class StringWork {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        String s1 = "Hello, my most favorite class!";

        // s1 = s1.replace("most", "least"); // Just kidding!
        s1 = s1.replace("favorite", "excellent");
        s1 = s1.replace('H', 'h');

        System.out.println(s1);

        String[] stringArray = s1.split(" ");
        System.out.println(stringArray[0]);
    }
}
• Regular expressions (or regex) can be used for searching, replacing and splitting strings

• You define patterns that you can use to find, replace or split stuff in strings

• the matches() method lets you use these patterns for searching

• These can get very complex. We’ll stick to simple cases outlined in the book for now
boolean itMatches = false;
itMatches = "440-02-4534".matches("\d{3}-\d{2}-\d{4}");
System.out.println(itMatches);
Converting between strings and arrays

- strings and arrays can be converted into each other
- `String.toCharArray()`
- `String.getChars()` method to copy parts of a string into an existing array
- to convert an array of chars to a string, use the constructor or `valueOf()` method
StringBuilder, StringBuffer

- Can be used (for the most part) where strings are used.
- More flexible than strings
- add, insert and append, delete
- StringBuffer for synchronization
# StringBuilder, StringBuffer

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<td>Appends a subarray in data into this string builder.</td>
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<td><code>+append(v: aPrimitiveType)</code>: StringBuilder</td>
<td>Appends a primitive type value as a string to this builder.</td>
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<td><code>+delete(startIndex: int, endIndex: int)</code>: StringBuilder</td>
<td>Deletes characters from startIndex to endIndex-1.</td>
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<td>Deletes a character at the specified index.</td>
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<td>Replaces the characters in this builder from startIndex to endIndex-1 with the specified string.</td>
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<td><code>+reverse()</code>: StringBuilder</td>
<td>Reverses the characters in the builder.</td>
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<td><code>+setCharAt(index: int, ch: char)</code>: void</td>
<td>Sets a new character at the specified index in this builder.</td>
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StringBuilder, StringBuffer

- The contents of the actual string are changed, instead of creating another string in memory.

- Especially useful for inserting, deleting, reversing

- Mostly used for making programs more efficient