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import java.lang.reflect.*;
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/** A program that displays a class synopsis for the named class */
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public class ShowClass {
    /** The main method. Print info about the named class */
    public static void main(String[] args) throws ClassNotFoundException {
        Class c = Class.forName(args[0]);
        print_class(c);
    }

    /** Display the modifiers, name, superclass and interfaces of a class
     * or interface. Then go and list all constructors, fields, and methods. */
    public static void print_class(Class c)
    {
        // Print modifiers, type (class or interface), name and superclass.
        if (c.isInterface()) {
            // The modifiers will include the "interface" keyword here...
            System.out.print(Modifier.toString(c.getModifiers()) + c.getName());
        }
        else
            System.out.print(Modifier.toString(c.getModifiers()) + " class " +
                c.getName() +
                " extends " + c.getSuperclass().getName());

        // Print interfaces or super-interfaces of the class or interface.
        Class[] interfaces = c.getInterfaces();
        if ((interfaces != null) && (interfaces.length > 0)) {
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        if (c.isInterface()) System.out.println(" extends ");
        else System.out.print(" implements ");
        for(int i = 0; i < interfaces.length; i++) {
            if (i > 0) System.out.print(", ");
            System.out.print(interfaces[i].getName());
        }
    }
    System.out.println(" "); // Begin class member listing.
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// Now look up and display the members of the class.
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System.out.println(" // Constructors");
Constructor[] constructors = c.getDeclaredConstructors();
for(int i = 0; i < constructors.length; i++) // Display constructors.
    print_method_or_constructor(constructors[i]);

System.out.println(" // Fields");
Field[] fields = c.getDeclaredFields(); // Look up fields.
for(int i = 0; i < fields.length; i++) // Display them.
    print_field(fields[i]);

System.out.println(" // Methods");
Method[] methods = c.getDeclaredMethods(); // Look up methods.
for(int i = 0; i < methods.length; i++) // Display them.
    print_method_or_constructor(methods[i]);

System.out.println("}"); // End class member listing.
}
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/** Return the name of an interface or primitive type, handling arrays. */
public static String typename(Class t) {
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String brackets = "";
while(t.isArray()) {
    brackets += "[]";
    t = t.getComponentType();
}
return t.getName() + brackets;
}

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*/\*\* Return a string version of modifiers, handling spaces nicely. \*/*

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public static String modifiers(int m) {
    if (m == 0) return "";
    else return Modifier.toString(m) + " ";
}

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*/\*\* Print the modifiers, type, and name of a field \*/*

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public static void print_field(Field f) {
    System.out.println(" " +
        modifiers(f.getModifiers()) +
        typename(f.getType()) + " " + f.getName() + ";");
}

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*/\*\* Print the modifiers, return type, name, parameter types and exception  
\* type of a method or constructor. Note the use of the Member interface  
\* to allow this method to work with both Method and Constructor objects \*/*

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public static void print_method_or_constructor(Member member) {
    Class returnType=null, parameters[], exceptions[];
    if (member instanceof Method) {
        Method m = (Method) member;
        returnType = m.getReturnType();

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        parameters = m.getParameterTypes();
        exceptions = m.getExceptionTypes();
    } else {
        Constructor c = (Constructor) member;
        parameters = c.getParameterTypes();
        exceptions = c.getExceptionTypes();
    }

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System.out.print(" " + modifiers(member.getModifiers()) +
    ((returnType!=null)? typename(returnType)+" " : "") +
    member.getName() + "(");

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for(int i = 0; i < parameters.length; i++) {
    if (i > 0) System.out.print(", ");
    System.out.print(typename(parameters[i]));
}

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System.out.print(")");

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if (exceptions.length > 0) System.out.print(" throws ");

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for(int i = 0; i < exceptions.length; i++) {
    if (i > 0) System.out.print(", ");
    System.out.print(typename(exceptions[i]));
}

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System.out.println(";");

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}
}

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