Announcements

- We're pleased with how many people are already working on A1, as evidenced by Piazza activity
  - Please be sure to look at Piazza note @54 every day for frequently asked questions and answers
  - **Groups:** Forming a group of two? Do it **well before** you submit — at least one day before. **Both members must act:** one invites, the other accepts. Thereafter, only **one** member has to submit the files.

- A2: Practice with strings
  - We will give you our test cases soon!
References to text and JavaSummary.pptx

- A bit about testing and test cases
- Class Object, superest class of them all.
  Text: C.23 slide 30
- Function toString() C.24 slide 31-33
- Overriding a method C15–C16 slide 31-32
- Static components (methods and fields) B.27 slide 21, 45
- Java application: a program with a class that declares a method with this signature:

  ```java
  public static void main(String[])
  ```
Homework

1. Read the text, about applications: Appendix A.1–A.3
2. Read the text, about the if-statement: A.38–A.40
3. Visit course website, click on Resources and then on Code Style Guidelines. Study
   2. Format Conventions
   4.5 About then-part and else-part of if-statement
A bit about testing

**Test case**: Set of input values, together with the expected output.

Develop test cases for a method from its specification --- even before you write the method’s body.

```java
/**
 * return the number of vowels in word w.
 * Precondition: w contains at least one letter and nothing but letters */
public int numberOfVowels(String w) {
    ...
}
```

How many vowels in each of these words?
- creek
- syzygy
- yellow

Developing test cases first, in “critique” mode, can prevent wasted work and errors.
/** Constructor: worker with last name n, SSN s, boss b (null if none).
   Prec: n not null, s in 0..999999999 with no leading zeros. */
public W(String n, int s, W b)

/** = worker's last name */
public String getLname()

/** = last 4 SSN digits */
public String getSsn()

/** = worker's boss (null if none) */
public W getBoss()

/** Set boss to b */
public void setBoss(W b)

Contains other methods!
Java: Every class that does not extend another extends class Object. That is,

```
public class W {...}
```

is equivalent to

```
public class W extends Object {...}
```

We often omit this partition to reduce clutter; we know that it is always there.
A note on design

- Don’t use `extends` just to get access to hidden members!

- A should extend B if and only if A “is a” B
  - A PhDTester is not a PhD Student!
  - An elephant is an animal, so Elephant `extends` Animal
  - A car is a vehicle, so Car `extends` Vehicle
  - An instance of any class is an object, so AnyClass `extends` java.lang.Object

- The inheritance hierarchy should reflect modeling semantics, not implementation shortcuts
What is “the name of” the object?

The name of the object below is

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It contains a pointer to the object –i.e. its address in memory, and you can call it a pointer if you wish. But it contains more than that.

Variable e, declared as

PhD e;

contains not the object but the name of the object (or a pointer to the object).

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**Method toString**

**toString() in Object** returns the name of the object: \( W@af \)

**Java Convention**: Define `toString()` in any class to return a representation of an object, giving info about the values in its fields.

New definitions of `toString()` **override** the definition in `Object.toString()`

In appropriate places, the expression `c` automatically does `c.toString()`

`c.toString()` calls this method
**Method toString**

`toString()` in `Object` returns the name of the object:  `W@af`

```java
public class W {
    ...

    /** Return a representation of this object */
    public String toString() {
        return "Worker " + lname
            + " has SSN ???-??-" + getSsn()
            + (boss == null ? "" : " and boss " + boss.lname);
    }
}
```

c.toString() calls this method
Another example of toString()

/** An instance represents a point (x, y) in the plane */
public class Point {
    private int x; // x-coordinate
    private int y; // y-coordinate
    ...
    /** = repr. of this point in form “(x, y)” */
    public String toString() {
        return "(" + x + "", " + y + ")";
    }
}

Function toString should give the values in the fields in a format that makes sense for the class.
What about **this**

- **this** keyword: **this** evaluates to the name of the object in which it occurs
- Makes it possible for an object to access its own name (or pointer)
- Example: Referencing a shadowed class field

```java
class Point {
    public int x = 0;
    public int y = 0;

    // constructor
    public Point(int x, int y) {
        x = x;
        y = y;
    }
}
```

```java
class Point {
    public int x = 0;
    public int y = 0;

    // constructor
    public Point(int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

Inside-out rule shows that field x is inaccessible!
Intro to static components

/** = “this object is c’s boss”.
   Pre: c is not null. */

```java
public boolean isBoss(W c) {
    return this == c.boss;
}
```

Spec: return the value of that true-false sentence.
True if this object is c’s boss, false otherwise

Keyword `this` evaluates to the name of the object in which it appears.
Intro to static components

/** = “b is c’s boss”. Pre: b and c are not null. */
public boolean isBoss(W b, W c) {
    return b == c.getBoss();
}

/** = “this object is c’s boss”. Pre: c is not null. */
public boolean isBoss(W c) {
    return this == c.boss;
}
Intro to static components

```java
/** = “b is c’s boss”. 
   Pre: b and c are not null. */
public static boolean isBoss(W b, W c) {
    return b == c.getBoss();
}
```

**static**: there is only one copy of the method. It is not in each object.

Box for W (objects, static components)

```
x.isBoss(x, y)
y.isBoss(x, y)
Preferred: W.isBoss(x, y)
```

```
W@b4
W@af

x

W@b4
W@af

W

Iname “Jo”
boss W@af
ssn 21
isBoss(W)

W

Iname “Om”
boss null
ssn 35
isBoss(W)

isBoss(W,W)
```
Good example of static methods

- `java.lang.Math`

  [http://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/Math.html](http://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/Math.html)
Java application

Java application: bunch of classes with at least one class that has this procedure:

```java
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ...
}
```

Type String[]: array of elements of type String.
We will discuss later

Running the application effectively calls method `main`
Command line arguments can be entered with `args`
Use of static variables: Maintain info about created objects

```java
public class W {
    private static int numObs; // number of W objects created

    /** Constructor: */
    public W(...) {
        ...
        numObs = numObs + 1;
    }
}
```

To have `numObs` contain the number of objects of class `W` that have been created, simply increment it in constructors.
public class Singleton {
    private static final Singleton instance = new Singleton();

    private Singleton() { }  // ... constructor

    public static Singleton getInstance() {
        return instance;
    }

    // ... methods
}
An instance of class Color describes a color in the RGB (Red-Green-Blue) color space. The class contains about 20 static variables, each of which is (i.e. contains a pointer to) a non-changeable Color object for a given color:

```java
public static final Color black = ...;
public static final Color blue = ...;
public static final Color cyan = new Color(0, 255, 255);
public static final Color darkGray = ...;
public static final Color gray = ...;
public static final Color green = ...;
...```

Class `java.awt.Color` uses static variables