St Valentine's Day!

It's Valentine's Day, and so fine!
Good wishes to you I consign.*
But since you're my students,
I have to show prudence.
I won't call you my Valentine.

Today is Valentine's Day. According to Wikipedia, it originated as a day honoring two saints named Valentinus, but around the years 1000..1250 it became associated with a tradition of courtly love. The day first became associated with romantic love within Geoffrey Chaucer’s circle in the 14th century. Later, in 18th century England, it evolved into what it is today: an occasion in which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, confectionery, greeting cards, or whatever.

To ask you all to "be my Valentine" wouldn't be prudent. It might cause us problems, given our teacher-student relationship. But I can and do wish you a happy day. And I and the CS2110 will continue to serve you, attempting to give you the best course possible. gries

*consign: commit forever, commit irrevocably.

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Announcements

A2 is due tonight (15 February)
Get started on A3 – a method every other day. You have two weeks.
A3 asks you to learn about an interesting data structure, the linked list, by reading on your own.
Don't be concerned with applications of the linked list. You'll see many uses of linked lists in the rest of the course!

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About A3. linked list data structure

This is a linked list containing the list of integers (6, 7, 3).

header, containing size of list and pointer to first node
Each node (N@1, N@8, N@2) contains a value of the list and a pointer to next node (null if none)

Why use linked list? Can insert a value at beginning of list with just a few instructions ---constant time

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A3 introduces generics

Generic programming: a style of computer programming in which algorithms are written in terms of types to be specified later, which are then instantiated when needed for specific types.

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/** An instance maintains a set of some max size. */
public class TimeSet <E> {  // E is a type parameter
    private Entry[] s;  // The set elements are in s[0..n-1]
    private int n;  // size of set.

    new TimeSet(10)
    This set can contain any values, e.g. {6, "xy", 5.2, 'a'}

    new TimeSet<String>(10)
    This set can contain only Strings, e.g. {"xy", "a"}
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}
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A3 introduces inner classes

```java
/** An instance represents a linked list … */
public class TimeSet <E> {  // E is a type parameter
    private Node first;  // first node of list (null if size 0)
    private int size;  // Number of values.

    private Entry {  // E is a type parameter
        private E val;  // the element of type E
        private long t;  // the time at which entry was created.

        Note how type parameter E is used
        new TimeSet<String>  // E will be String
    }
}
```

A Little Geometry!

- Position of a rectangle in the plane is given by its upper-left corner
- Position of a circle in the plane is given by the upper-left corner of its bounding box

PROBLEM

Since an object of Shape is not really a shape, don’t want to allow creation of objects of class Shape!

Solution

```java
public abstract class Shape {
    …
}
```

Syntactic rule: if a class C is abstract, the new-expression new C(...) cannot be used!

Problem: Don’t like creation of Shape objects

```java
class Shape contains the coordinates of a shape in the plane. Each subclass declares the fields to contain the size and function area
```

Attempt at writing function sumAreas

```java
/** Return sum of areas of shapes in s */
public static double sumAreas(Shape[] s) {
    double sum= 0;
    for (int k= 0; k < s.length; k= k+1)
        sum= sum + s[k].area();
    return sum;
}
```

Problem:

Don’t want to check type of s[k] and cast down.
A Partial Solution:

Add method area to class Shape:

```java
public double area() {
    return 0;
}
```

**Problem:** a subclass might forget to override area().

Good solution:

In abstract class Shape, to require all subclasses to override function area, make it abstract:

```java
public abstract class Shape {
    /** Return the area of this shape */
    public abstract double area();
}
```

Syntax:
If a method has keyword `abstract` in its declaration, use a semicolon instead of a method body.

Abstract Summary

1. To make it impossible to create an instance of a class C, make C abstract:

   ```java
   public abstract C {...}
   ```

2. In an abstract class, to require each subclass to override method m(...), make m abstract:

   ```java
   public abstract int m(...);
   ```

Abstract class used to “define” a type
(abstract data type — ADT)

Type: set of values together with operations on them

Suppose we want to define type Stack (of ints). It’s operations are:

- `isEmpty()` -- return true if the stack is empty
- `push(k)` -- push integer k onto the Stack
- `pop()` -- pop the top stack element

Naturally, need specifications

This defines an ADT. We have the syntax of operations. Javadoc comments will describe values and operations.

Example of subclasses of Stack

```java
public abstract class Stack {
    public abstract boolean isEmpty();
    public abstract void push(int k);
    public abstract int pop();
}
```

```java
public class ArrayStack extends Stack {
    private int n; // stack elements are in private int[] b; // b[0..n-1]; b[0] is bottom
    /** Constructor: An empty stack of max size s. */
    public ArrayStack(int s) {b= new int[s];}
    public boolean isEmpty() {return n == 0;}
    public void push(int v) { b[n]= v; n= n+1;}
    public int pop() {n= n-1; return b[n];}
}
```

Missing lots of tests for errors! Missing specs!
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public class LinkedListStack extends Stack {
    private int n;
    // number of elements in stack
    private Node first;
    // top node on stack
    /** Constructor: An empty stack */
    public LinkedListStack() {} 
    public boolean isEmpty() {
        return n == 0; }
    public void push(int v) { prepend v to list }
    public int pop() { ... }
}

Flexibility!

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 /** A class that needs a stack */
 public class C {
    Stack st= new ArrayStack(20);
    public void m() {
        ... 
        st.push(5); 
        ... 
    }
}

Want to use a linked list instead of an array? Just change the new-expression!

Interfaces

An interface is like an abstract class all of whose components are public abstract methods. Just have a different syntax

public abstract class Stack {
    public abstract boolean isEmpty();
    public abstract void push(int k);
    public abstract int pop();
}

Here is an abstract class. Contains only public abstract methods

public interface Stack {
    public abstract boolean isEmpty();
    public abstract void push(int k);
    public abstract int pop();
}

Here is how we declare it as an interface

Extend a class

class StackArray extends Stack {
    ... 
}

Implement an interface

class StackArray implements Stack {
    ... 
}

Since methods have to be public and abstract, we can leave off those keywords.

We don’t tell you immediately WHY Java has this feature, this construct. First let us define the interface and see how it is used. The why will become clear as more and more examples are shown.

(an interface can have a few other kinds of components, but they are limited. For now, it is easiest to introduce the interface by assuming it can have only public abstract methods and nothing else. Go with that for now!)
A start at understanding use of interfaces

Have this class hierarchy:

```java
class Animal { ... }
class Mammal extends Animal { ... }
class Bird extends Animal { ... }
class Human extends Mammal { ... }
class Dog extends Mammal { ... }
class Parrot extends Bird { ... }
```

Humans and Parrots can whistle. Other Animals cannot.
“listenTo” is given as a whistling method:

```java
public void listenTo(String w) { System.out.println(w); }
```

We need a way of indicating that classes Human and Parrot have this method

```java
public interface Whistle {
    void listenTo(String w);
}
```

public class Human extends Mammal implements Whistle {
...
public void listenTo(String w) {
    System.out.println(w);
}
}

(similarly for Parrot)

Here’s what an object of class Human looks like

```java
public interface Whistle {
    void listenTo(String w);
}
```

public class Human extends Mammal implements Whistle {
...
public void listenTo(String w) { ... }
}

Usual drawing of object

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A dimension for each class that is extended and interface that is implemented

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Here’s what an object of class Human looks like

```java
Human h= new Human();
Object ob= h;
Animal a= (Animal) ob;
Mammal m= h;
Whistle w= h;
```

h, ob, a, m, and w all point to the same object.

The object can be (and is) cast to any “partition” in it: h, ob, a, m, and w.

Upward casts: can be implicit; inserted by Java

Downward casts: must be explicit
A real use of interface: sorting
Consider an array of Shapes: want to sort by increasing area
Consider an array of ints: want to sort them in increasing order
Consider an array of Dates: want to put in chronological order
We don’t want to write three different sorting procedures!
The sorting procedure should be the same in all cases. What differs is how elements of the array are compared.
So, write ONE sort procedure, tell it the function to be used to compare elements. To do that, we will use an interface.

Real example: Comparable<T>
We implement Comparable<T> in class Shape

```java
public abstract class Shape implements Comparable<Shape> { 
    /** Return the area of this shape */
    public abstract double area();
    /** Return negative number, 0, or a positive number depending on whether this area is <, =, or > c’s area */
    public int compareTo(Shape c) {
        double diff = area() - c.area();
        return diff == 0 ? 0 : (diff < 0 ? -1 : 1);
    }
}
```

```java
Shape implements Comparable, so we can write
// Store an array of values in shapes
Shape[] shapes = ...;
Arrays.sort(shapes);
```

What an object of subclasses look like

```
Object      Comparable
Shape       |
Circle      |
```

```
Object      Comparable
Shape       |
```

```
Object      Comparable
Shape       |
Rectangle   |
```

Arrays.sort has this method.

```java
/** Sort array b. Elements of b must implement interface Comparable<T>. Its method compareTo is used to determine ordering of elements of b. */
Arrays.sort(Object[] b)
```

Abstract Classes vs. Interfaces

- Abstract class represents something
- Share common code between subclasses
- Interface is what something can do. Defines an “abstract data type”
- A contract to fulfill
- Software engineering purpose

Similarities:
- Can’t instantiate
- Must implement abstract methods
- Later we’ll use interfaces to define “abstract data types”
  - (e.g. List, Set, Stack, Queue, etc)