CSSE 220 Day 3

API Documentation, Unit Tests, and Object References

Implementing Classes in Java, using Documented Stubs, Test-First Programming

Check out *JavadocsAndUnitTesting* and *WordGames* from SVN

Java Documentation

- API Documentation, Docs in Eclipse, Writing your own Docs

Java API Documentation

- What's an API?
  - Application Programming Interface
- The Java API on-line
  - Google for: java api documentation 6
  - Or go to: http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/
  - Also hopefully on your computer at C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.6.0_14\docs\api\index.html

You need the 6 to get the current version of Java

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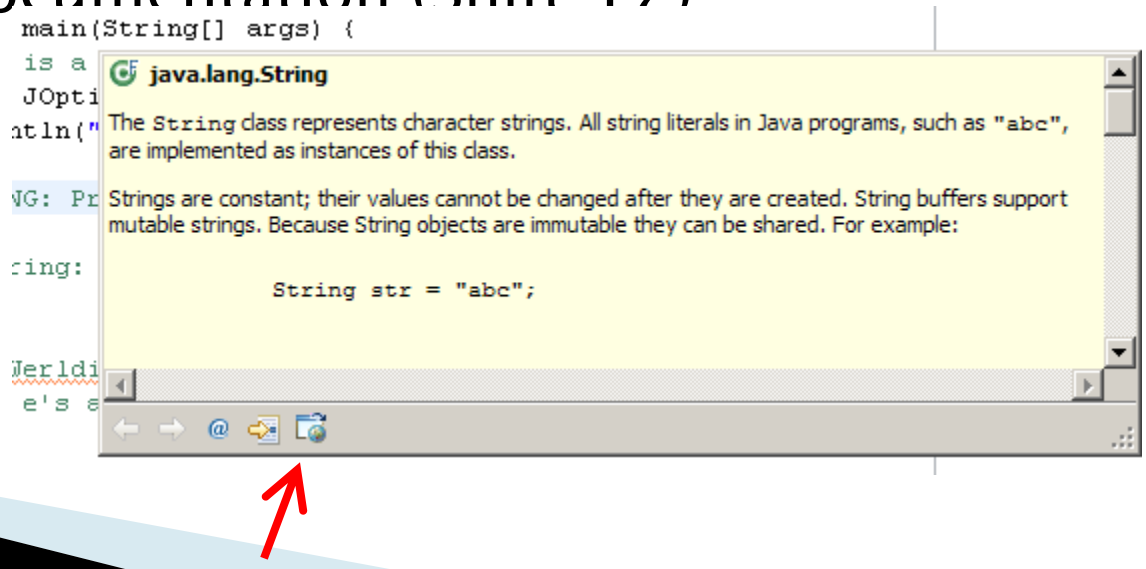
Java Documentation in Eclipse

- Setting up Java API documentation in Eclipse
  - Should be done already,
  - If the next steps don't work for you, instructions are in today's homework
- Using the API documentation in Eclipse
  - Hover text
  - Open external documentation (Shift-F2)



Review: Writing Javadocs

- Written in special comments: /** … */
- Can come before:
  - Class declarations
  - Field declarations
  - Constructor declarations
  - Method declarations
- Eclipse is your friend!
  - It will generate Javadoc comments automatically
  - It will notice when you start typing a Javadoc comment

Exercise

- Add javadoc comments to StringMethodsPractice
  - Use Quick Fix!
    (click on light bulb)

Javadocs: Key Points

- Don't try to memorize the Java libraries
  - Nearly 9000 classes and packages!
  - You'll learn them over time

- Get in the habit of writing the javadocs **before** implementing the methods
  - It will help you think before doing, a vital software development skill
  - This is called programming with ***documented stubs***
  - I'll try to model this. If I don't, call me on it!

Writing Code to Test Your Code

- Test-driven Development, unit testing and JUnit

Unit Testing

- Using code that you write to test other code
  - Focused on testing individual pieces of code (units) in isolation
    - Individual methods
    - Individual classes

- Why would software engineers do unit testing?

Q2

Unit Testing With JUnit

- JUnit is a unit testing *framework*
  - A *framework* is a collection of classes to be used in another program.
  - Does much of the work for us!
- JUnit was written by
  - Erich Gamma
  - Kent Beck
- Open-source software
- Now used by **millions** of Java developers

Q3

JUnit Example

- `MoveTester` in Big Java shows how to write tests in plain Java
- Look at `JUnitMoveTester` in today's repository
  - Shows the same test in JUnit
  - Let's look at the comments and code together…

Interesting Tests

Important Slide: Use this as a reference!

- Test “boundary conditions”
  - Intersection points: -40℃ == -40℉
  - Zero values: 0℃ == 32℉
  - Empty strings
- Test known values: 100℃ == 212℉
  - But not too many
- Tests things that might go wrong
  - Unexpected user input: “zero” when 0 is expected
- Vary things that are “important” to the code
  - String length if method depends on it
  - String case if method manipulates that

Exercise

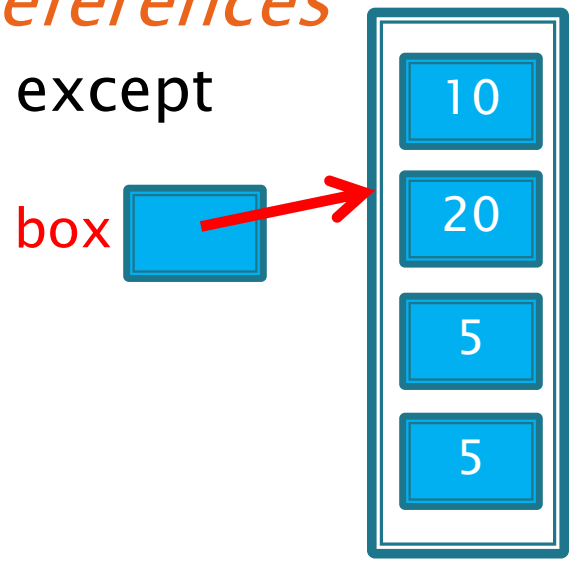
- Unit test *shout*, *whisper*, and *holleWerld* using “interesting” test cases

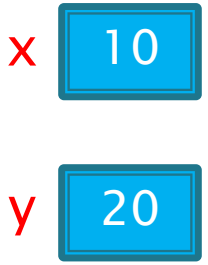
Object References

- Differences between primitive types and object types in Java

What Do Variables Really Store?

- Variables of number type store *values*
- Variables of class type store *references*
  - A reference is like a pointer in C, except
    - Java keeps us from screwing up
    - No & and * to worry about (and the people say, "Amen")
- Consider:



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1. int x = 10;
2. int y = 20;
3. Rectangle box = new Rectangle(x, y, 5, 5);
```

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Assignment Copies Values

- Actual value for number types
- Reference value for object types
  - The actual **object is not copied**
  - The **reference value** ("the pointer") **is copied**
- Consider:

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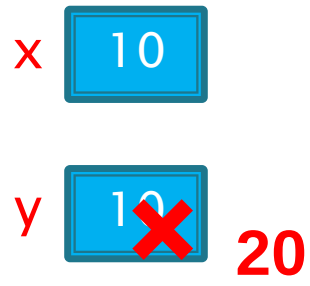
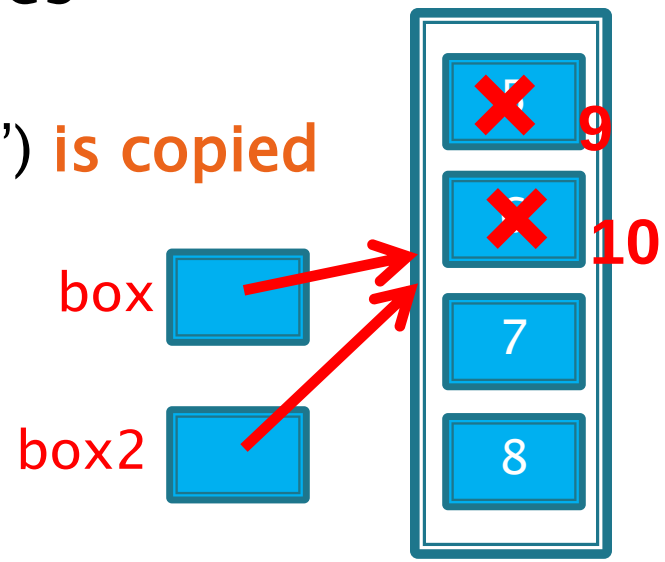
2. int y = x;
3. y = 20;
```



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4. Rectangle box = new Rectangle(5, 6, 7, 8);
5. Rectangle box2 = box;
6. box2.translate(4, 4);
```

Q5 - Q6

Encapsulation

- Separating implementation details from how an object is used

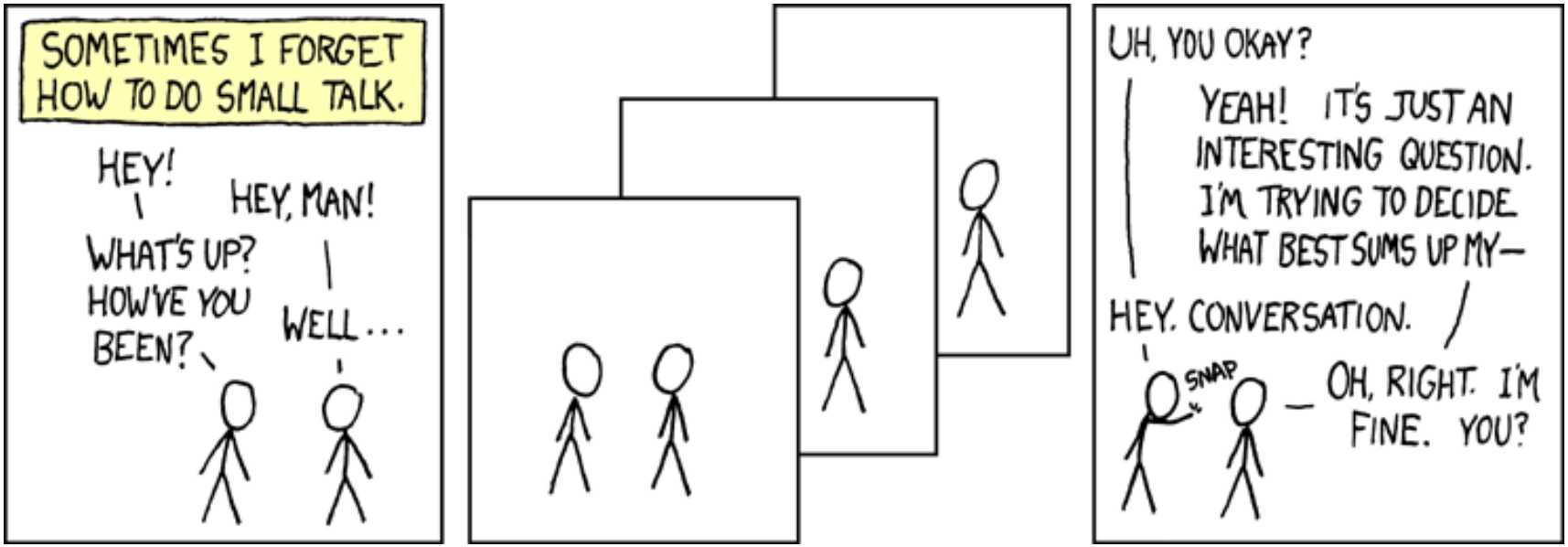
Encapsulation in Object-Oriented Software

- *Encapsulation*—separating implementation details from how an object is used
  - Client code sees a *black box* with a known *interface*
  - Implementation can change without changing client

	Functions	Objects
Black box exposes	Function signature	Constructor and method signatures
Encapsulated inside the box	Operation implementation	**Data storage** and **operation implementation**

Q7 – Q8

How To: Do Small Talk



But surely I owe you an accurate answer!

How to: implement an interface

- An **interface** is a real construct in OOP languages
  - It's just a list of method signatures (no implementations)
- If a class implements an interface, it **must** implement all those methods

- We'll use them in today's assignment

How To: Implement a Class

1. **Create the** (initially empty) **class**
   - File ⇒ New ⇒ Class
2. Write ***documented stubs*** for the public interface of the class
3. **Implement the class:**
   - Determine and implement instance fields
   - Implement constructors and methods, adding private methods and additional instance fields as needed
4. **Test the class**

3. Test and implement each constructor and method
   - Write the test cases BEFORE implementing the constructor/method

Live Coding

- WordGames Shouter

Q9 – Q10

Censor

- **Censor**: given a string *inputString*, produces a new string by replacing each occurrence of **charToCensor** with a "*" (an asterisk).

- How do you deal with **charToCensor** ?
  - Can it be a parameter of *transform*?
    - No, that violates the StringTransformable interface
  - Can it be a local variable of *transform*?
    - No, it needs to live for the entire lifetime of the Censor.
  - What's left?
    - Answer: It is a ***field*** ! (What is a sensible name for the field?)

- How do you initialize the field for **charToCensor** ?
  - Answer: by using Censor's constructors!

Live Coding

- WordGames Censor

Q11 – Q18

Wrap up Quiz

- Continue with homework if time permits

  We will make additional slides with sample code available to you after class

Q19 – Q20