Topic 15
boolean methods and random numbers

"It is a profoundly erroneous truism, repeated by all the copybooks, and by eminent people when they are making speeches, that we should cultivate the habit of thinking of what we are doing. The precise opposite is the case. Civilization advances by extending the number of operations which we can perform without thinking about them. Operations of thought are like cavalry charges in a battle:
-they are strictly limited in number, they require fresh horses, and must only be made at decisive moments."

-Alfred North Whitehead

Programming Terminology

- Binary digit, 1 or 0
- Byte, 8 bits
- kilobyte, 1024 bytes ($2^{10} = 1024$)
- megabyte, $2^{20}$ bytes, 1,048,576
  - 1,000,000 bytes in some contexts
- gigabyte, $2^{30}$ bytes, 1,073,741,824
  - 1,000,000,000 bytes in some contexts

More While Loops

- What is the base 2 representation of $67_{10}$?
  A. 100011
  B. 111111
  C. 1000000
  D. 2111
  E. None of A-D are correct

- Write a method to convert a base 10 int to a base 2 String
The keyword list thus far:

- Complete list of Java keywords:
  abstract  default  if  private  this
  boolean do implements protected throw
  break double import public throws
  byte else instanceof return transient
  case extends int short try
  catch finally interface static void
  char for long strictfp volatile
  class float native switch while
  const goto package synchronized
  continue if new try
  assert enum package synchronized

Methods that are tests

- Some methods return logical values (true or false).

  - A call to such a method is used as a `<test>` in a loop or if.

    ```java
    Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
    System.out.print("Type your first name: ");
    String name = console.next();
    if (name.startsWith("Dr.")) {
        System.out.println("Med school or PhD?");
    } else if (name.endsWith("Esq.") {  
        System.out.println("And I am Ted 'Theodore' Logan!");
    }
    ```

String test methods

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<td>ignoring upper vs. lower case</td>
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<td>startsWith(&lt;str&gt;)</td>
<td>whether one contains other's characters at start</td>
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<td>contains(&lt;str&gt;)</td>
<td>whether the given string is found within this one</td>
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```java
String name = console.next();
if (name.contains("Prof"); {
    System.out.println("When are your office hours?");
} else if (name.equalsIgnoreCase("mavErIcK") {  
    System.out.println("You're grounded, young man!");
}
```

Strings question

- Prompt the user for two words and report whether they:
  - "rhythm" (end with the same last two letters)
  - alliterate (begin with the same letter)

  - Example output: (run #1)
    Type two words: car STAR
    They rhyme!

    (run #2)
    Type two words: bare bear
    They alliterate!

    (run #3)
    Type two words: sell shell
    They alliterate!

    (run #4)
    Type two words: extra strawberry
**Strings answer**

```java
// Determines whether two words rhyme and/or alliterate.
import java.util.*;
public class Rhyme {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Type two words: ");
        String word1 = console.next().toLowerCase();
        String word2 = console.next().toLowerCase();
        // check whether they end with the same two letters
        if (word2.length() >= 2 &&
            word1.endsWith(word2.substring(word2.length() - 2))) {
            System.out.println("They rhyme!");
        }
        // check whether they alliterate
        if (word1.startsWith(word2.substring(0, 1))) {
            System.out.println("They alliterate!");
        }
    }
}
```

**Random numbers**

**reading: 5.1**

**The Random class**

- A Random object generates pseudo-random numbers.
  - Class Random is found in the java.util package.

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import java.util.*;
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<td>nextInt(&lt;max&gt;)</td>
<td>returns a random integer in the range [0, max) in other words, 0 to max-1 inclusive</td>
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<td>nextDouble()</td>
<td>returns a random real number in the range [0.0, 1.0)</td>
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- Example:

  Random rand = new Random();
  int randomNumber = rand.nextInt(10); // 0-9

**Generating random numbers**

- Common usage: to get a random number from 1 to N
  ```java
  int n = rand.nextInt(20) + 1;
  // 1-20 inclusive
  ```

- To get a number in arbitrary range [min, max] inclusive:
  ```java
  <name>.nextInt(<size of range>) + <min>
  ```
  - Where `<size of range>` is (`<max> - `<min>` + 1)
  - Example: A random integer between 4 and 10 inclusive:
    ```java
    int n = rand.nextInt(7) + 4;
    ```
Random questions

- Given the following declaration, how would you get:
  Random rand = new Random();

  - A random number between 1 and 47 inclusive?
    int random1 = rand.nextInt(47) + 1;

  - A random number between 23 and 30 inclusive?
    int random2 = rand.nextInt(8) + 23;

  - A random even number between 4 and 12 inclusive?
    int random3 = rand.nextInt(5) * 2 + 4;

Random and other types

- nextDouble method returns a double between [0.0 - 1.0)

  - Example: Get a random GPA value between 1.5 and 4.0:
    double randomGpa
    = rand.nextDouble() * 2.5 + 1.5;

- Any set of possible values can be mapped to integers

  - code to randomly play Rock-Paper-Scissors:
    int r = rand.nextInt(3);
    if (r == 0) {
      System.out.println("Rock");
    } else if (r == 1) {
      System.out.println("Paper");
    } else {  // r == 2
      System.out.println("Scissors");
    }

Random question

- Write a program that simulates rolling of two 6-sided dice until their combined result comes up as 7.

  2 + 4 = 6
  3 + 5 = 8
  5 + 6 = 11
  1 + 1 = 2
  4 + 3 = 7

  You won after 5 tries!

Random answer

// Rolls two dice until a sum of 7 is reached.
import java.util.*;
public class Dice {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Random rand = new Random();
    int tries = 0;
    int sum = 0;
    while (sum != 7) {
      // roll the dice once
      int roll1 = rand.nextInt(6) + 1;
      int roll2 = rand.nextInt(6) + 1;
      sum = roll1 + roll2;
      System.out.println(roll1 + " + " + roll2 + " = " + sum);
      tries++;
    }
    System.out.println("You won after " + tries + " tries!");
  }
}
Write a program that plays an adding game.

- Ask user to solve random adding problems with 2-5 numbers.
- The user gets 1 point for a correct answer, 0 for incorrect.
- The program stops after 3 incorrect answers.

\[ 4 + 10 + 3 + 10 = 27 \]
\[ 9 + 2 = 11 \]
\[ 8 + 6 + 7 + 9 = 25 \]
Wrong! The answer was 30
\[ 5 + 9 = 13 \]
Wrong! The answer was 14
\[ 4 + 9 + 9 = 22 \]
\[ 3 + 1 + 7 + 2 = 13 \]
\[ 4 + 2 + 10 + 9 + 7 = 42 \]
Wrong! The answer was 32
You earned 4 total points.

Random answer

```java
// Asks the user to do adding problems and scores them.
import java.util.*;

public class AddingGame {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        Random rand = new Random();

        // play until user gets 3 wrong
        int points = 0;
        int wrong = 0;
        while (wrong < 3) {
            int result = play(console, rand); // play one game
            if (result == 0) { // wrong
                wrong++;
                points++;
            } else {
                System.out.println("You earned " + points + " total points.");
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Random answer 2

```java
// Builds one addition problem and presents it to the user.
// Returns 1 point if you get it right, 0 if wrong.
public static int play(Scanner console, Random rand) {
    // print the operands being added, and sum them
    int operands = rand.nextInt(4) + 2;
    int sum = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;
    System.out.print(sum);
    for (int i = 2; i <= operands; i++) {
        int n = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;
        System.out.print(" + " + n);
    }
    System.out.print(" = ");
    // read user's guess and report whether it was correct
    int guess = console.nextInt();
    if (guess == sum) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        System.out.println("Wrong! The answer was " + total);
        return 0;
    }
}
```