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
  - Nibble, half a byte, 4 bits
- kilobyte, $2^{10}$ 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

Programming Terminology

- compile
- syntax error, compile error, runtime error, logic error
- high level language
- class
- object

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- 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, boolean, break, byte, case, catch, char, class, const, continue, default, double, do, else, enum, extends, final, finally, float, for, goto, if, implements, import, instanceof, int, interface, long, native, new, package, private, protected, public, return, short, static, strictfp, super, switch, transient, throws, try, void, while, this, throw, throws

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.

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!");
}

Strings question

- **Prompt the user for two words and report whether they:**
  - "rhyme" (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!
They rhyme!

(run #4)
Type two words: extra strawberry

### String test methods

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<td>whether two strings contain the same characters</td>
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<td>whether two strings contain the same characters, 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>endsWith(&lt;str&gt;)</td>
<td>whether one contains other's characters at end</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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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 answer

// 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

The Random class

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

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<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

```
int n = rand.nextInt(20) + 1; // 1-20 inclusive
```

- To get a number in arbitrary range [min, max] inclusive:

```
<name>.nextInt(<size of range>) + <min>
```

- Where <size of range> is (<max> - <min> + 1)

- Example: A random integer between 4 and 10 inclusive:

```
int n = rand.nextInt(7) + 4;
```
Random questions

Given the following declaration, how would you get:

```java
Random rand = new Random();
```

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

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

- A random even number between 4 and 12 inclusive?
  ```java
  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:
  ```java
  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:
  ```java
  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

```java
// 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
3 + 1 + 7 + 2 = 13
4 + 2 + 10 + 9 + 7 = 42
Wrong! The answer was 32
You earned 4 total points.

// 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++;
            } else {
                points++;
            }
        }
        System.out.println("You earned " + points + " total points.");
    }
}

...