

# CHAPTER 31

## ADVANCED JAVAFX AND FXML

### Objectives

- To specify styles for UI nodes using JavaFX CSS (§31.2).
- To create quadratic curve, cubic curve, and path using the `QuadCurve`, `CubicCurve`, and `Path` classes (§31.3).
- To translate, rotate, and scale to perform coordinate transformations for nodes (§31.4).
- To define a shape's border using various types of strokes (§31.5).
- To create menus using the `Menu`, `MenuItem`, `CheckMenuItem`, and `RadioMenuItem` classes (§31.6).
- To create context menus using the `ContextMenu` class (§31.7).
- To use `SplitPane` to create adjustable horizontal and vertical panes (§31.8).
- To create tab panes using the `TabPane` control (§31.9).
- To create and display tables using the `TableView` and `TableColumn` classes (§31.10).
- To create JavaFX user interfaces using FMXL and the visual Scene Builder (§31.11).



## 31.1 Introduction



*JavaFX can be used to develop comprehensive rich Internet applications.*

Chapters 14–16 introduced basics of JavaFX, event-driven programming, animations, and simple UI controls. This chapter introduces some advanced features for developing comprehensive GUI applications.

## 31.2 JavaFX CSS



*JavaFX cascading style sheets can be used to specify styles for UI nodes.*

JavaFX cascading style sheets are based on CSS with some extensions. CSS defines the style for webpages. It separates the contents of webpages from its style. JavaFX CSS can be used to define the style for the UI and separates the contents of the UI from the style. You can define the look and feel of the UI in a JavaFX CSS file and use the style sheet to set the color, font, margin, and border of the UI components. A JavaFX CSS file makes it easy to modify the style without modifying the Java source code.

A JavaFX style property is defined with a prefix `-fx-` to distinguish it from a property in CSS. All the available JavaFX properties are defined in <http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/api/javafx/scene/doc-files/cssref.html>. Listing 31.1 gives an example of a style sheet.

### LISTING 31.1 `mystyle.css`

```
.plaincircle {
    -fx-fill: white;
    -fx-stroke: black;
}
.circleborder {
    -fx-stroke-width: 5;
    -fx-stroke-dash-array: 12 2 4 2;
}
.border {
    -fx-border-color: black;
    -fx-border-width: 5;
}
#redcircle {
    -fx-fill: red;
    -fx-stroke: red;
}
#greencircle {
    -fx-fill: green;
    -fx-stroke: green;
}
```

A style sheet uses the style class or style id to define styles. Multiple style classes can be applied to a single node, and a style id to a unique node. The syntax `.styleclass` defines a style class. Here, the style classes are named `plaincircle`, `circleborder`, and `circleborder`. The syntax `#styleid` defines a style id. Here, the style ids are named `redcircle` and `greencircle`.

Each node in JavaFX has a `styleClass` variable of the `List<String>` type, which can be obtained from invoking `getStyleClass()`. You can add multiple style classes to a node and only one id to a node. Each node in JavaFX has an `id` variable of the `String` type, which can be set using the `setID(String id)` method. You can set only one id to a node.

The `Scene` and `Parent` classes have the `stylesheets` property, which can be obtained from invoking the `getStyleSheets()` method. This property is of the



`ObservableList<String>` type. You can add multiple style sheets into this property. You can load a style sheet into a `Scene` or a `Parent`. Note that `Parent` is the superclass for containers and UI control.

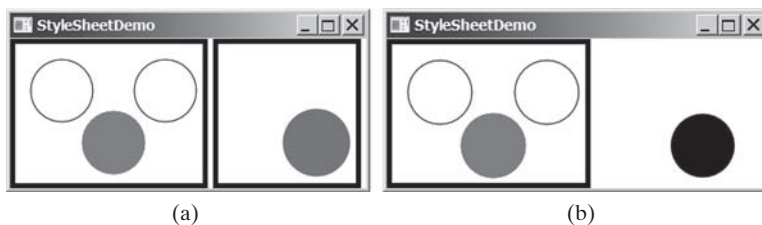
Listing 31.2 gives an example that uses the style sheet defined in Listing 31.1.

### LISTING 31.2 `StyleSheetDemo.java`

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
4  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
5  import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
6  import javafx.stage.Stage;
7
8  public class StyleSheetDemo extends Application {
9      @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
10     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
11         HBox hBox = new HBox(5);
12         Scene scene = new Scene(hBox, 300, 250);
13         scene.getStylesheets().add("mystyle.css"); // Load the stylesheet
14
15         Pane pane1 = new Pane();
16         Circle circle1 = new Circle(50, 50, 30);
17         Circle circle2 = new Circle(150, 50, 30);
18         Circle circle3 = new Circle(100, 100, 30);
19         pane1.getChildren().addAll(circle1, circle2, circle3);
20         pane1.getStyleClass().add("border");
21
22         circle1.getStyleClass().add("plaincircle"); // Add a style class
23         circle2.getStyleClass().add("plaincircle"); // Add a style class
24         circle3.setId("redcircle"); // Add a style id
25
26         Pane pane2 = new Pane();
27         Circle circle4 = new Circle(100, 100, 30);
28         circle4.getStyleClass().addAll("circleborder", "plainCircle");
29         circle4.setId("greencircle"); // Add a style class
30         pane2.getChildren().add(circle4);
31         pane2.getStyleClass().add("border");
32
33         hBox.getChildren().addAll(pane1, pane2);
34
35         primaryStage.setTitle("StyleSheetDemo"); // Set the window title
36         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
37         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
38     }
39 }

```



**FIGURE 31.1** The style sheet is used to style the nodes in the scene.

The program loads the style sheet from the file `mystyle.css` by adding it to the `stylesheets` property (line 13). The file should be placed in the same directory with the source code for it to run correctly. After the style sheet is loaded, the program sets the style class `plaincircle` for `circle1` and `circle2` (lines 22 and 23) and sets the style id `redcircle` for `circle3` (line 24). The program sets style classes `circleborder` and `plaincircle` and an id `greencircle` for `circle4` (lines 28 and 29). The style class `border` is set for both `pane1` and `pane2` (lines 20 and 31).

The style sheet is set in the scene (line 13). All the nodes inside the scene can use this style sheet. What would happen if line 13 is deleted and the following line is inserted after line 15?

```
pane1.getStylesheets().add("mystyle.css");
```

In this case, only `pane1` and the nodes inside `pane1` can access the style sheet, but `pane2` and `circle4` cannot use this style sheet. Therefore, everything in `pane1` is displayed the same as before the change, and `pane2` and `circle4` are displayed without applying the style class and id, as shown in Figure 31.1b.

Note the style class `plaincircle` and id `greencircle` both are applied to `circle4` (lines 28 and 29). `plaincircle` sets `fill` to white and `greencircle` sets `fill` to green. The property settings in id take precedence over the ones in classes. Thus, `circle4` is displayed in green in this program.



- 31.2.1** How do you load a style sheet to a `Scene` or a `Parent`? Can you load multiple style sheets?
- 31.2.2** If a style sheet is loaded from a node, can the pane and all its containing nodes access the style sheet?
- 31.2.3** Can a node add multiple style classes? Can a node set multiple style ids?
- 31.2.4** If the same property is defined in both a style class and a style id and applied to a node, which one has the precedence?



## 31.3 QuadCurve, CubicCurve, and Path

*JavaFX provides the `QuadCurve`, `CubicCurve`, and `Path` classes for creating advanced shapes.*

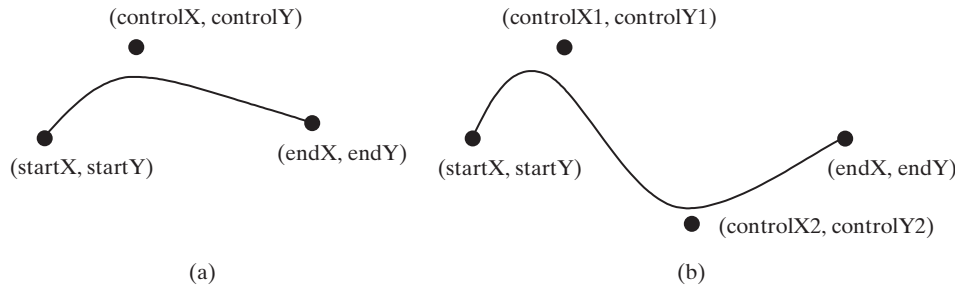
Section 14.11 introduced drawing simple shapes using the `Line`, `Rectangle`, `Circle`, `Ellipse`, `Arc`, `Polygon`, and `Polyline` classes. This section introduces drawing advanced shapes using the `CubicCurve`, `QuadCurve`, and `Path` classes.

### 31.3.1 QuadCurve and CubicCurve

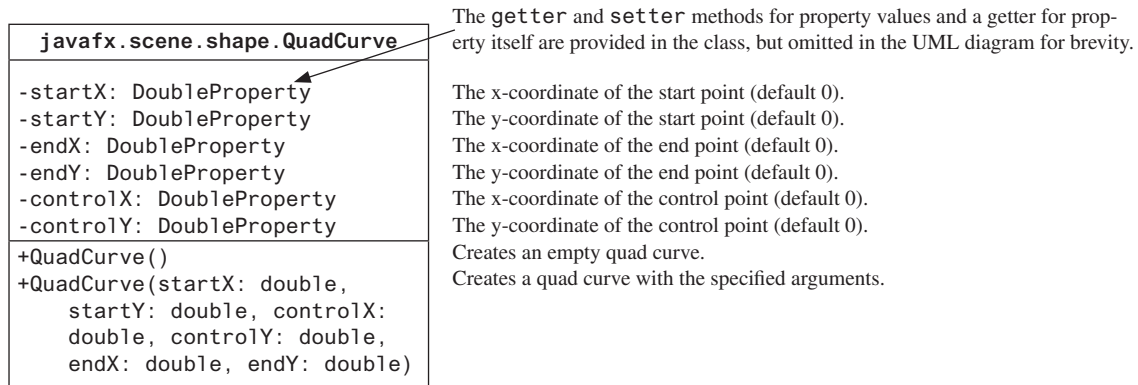
JavaFX provides the `QuadCurve` and `CubicCurve` classes for modeling quadratic curves and cubic curves. A quadratic curve is mathematically defined as a quadratic polynomial. To create a `QuadCurve`, use its no-arg constructor or the following constructor:

```
QuadCurve(double startX, double startY,  
          double controlX, double controlY, double endX, double endY)
```

where `(startX, startY)` and `(endX, endY)` specify two endpoints and `(controlX, controlY)` is a control point. The control point is usually not on the curve instead of defining the trend of the curve, as shown in Figure 31.2a. Figure 31.3 shows the UML diagram for the `QuadCurve` class.



**FIGURE 31.2** (a) A quadratic curve is specified using three points. (b) A cubic curve is specified using four points.



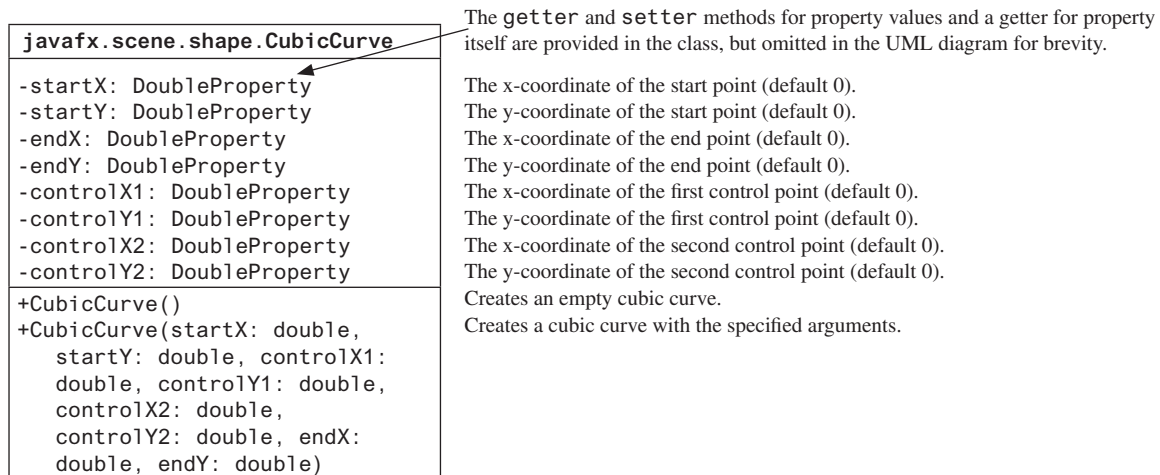
**FIGURE 31.3** QuadCurve defines a quadratic curve.

A cubic curve is mathematically defined as a cubic polynomial. To create a **CubicCurve**, use its no-arg constructor or the following constructor:

```

CubicCurve(double startX, double startY, double controlX1,
            double controlY1, double controlX2, double controlY2,
            double endX, double endY)
    
```

where (startX, startY) and (endX, endY) specify two endpoints and (controlX1, controlY1) and (controlX2, controlY2) are two control points. The control points are usually not on the curve, instead define the trend of the curve, as shown in Figure 31.2b. Figure 31.4 shows the UML diagram for the **CubicCurve** class.



**FIGURE 31.4** CubicCurve defines a quadratic curve.

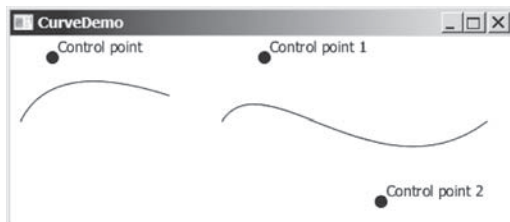
Listing 31.3 gives a program that demonstrates how to draw quadratic and cubic curves. Figure 31.5a shows a sample run of the program.

### LISTING 31.3 CurveDemo.java

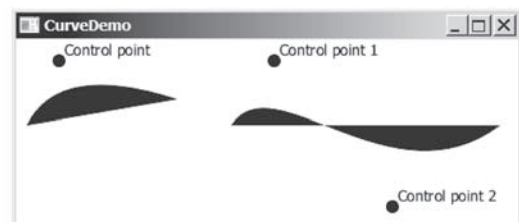
```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
4  import javafx.scene.text.Text;
5  import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
6  import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
7  import javafx.scene.shape.*;
8  import javafx.stage.Stage;
9
10 public class CurveDemo extends Application {
11     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
12     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
13         Pane pane = new Pane();
14
15         // Create a QuadCurve
16         QuadCurve quadCurve = new QuadCurve(10, 80, 40, 20, 150, 56);
17         quadCurve.setFill(Color.WHITE);
18         quadCurve.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
19
20         pane.getChildren().addAll(quadCurve, new Circle(40, 20, 6),
21             new Text(40 + 5, 20 - 5, "Control point"));
22
23         // Create a CubicCurve
24         CubicCurve cubicCurve = new CubicCurve
25             (200, 80, 240, 20, 350, 156, 450, 80);
26         cubicCurve.setFill(Color.WHITE);
27         cubicCurve.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
28
29         pane.getChildren().addAll(cubicCurve, new Circle(240, 20, 6),
30             new Text(240 + 5, 20 - 5, "Control point 1"),
31             new Circle(350, 156, 6),
32             new Text(350 + 5, 156 - 5, "Control point 2"));
33
34         Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 300, 250);
35         primaryStage.setTitle("CurveDemo"); // Set the window title
36         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
37         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
38     }
39 }

```



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 31.5** You can draw quadratic and cubic curves using `QuadCurve` and `CubicCurve`.

The program creates a `QuadCurve` with the specified start, control, and end points (line 16) and places the `QuadCurve` to the pane (line 20). To illustrate the control point, the program also displays the control point as a solid circle (line 21).

The program creates a **CubicCurve** with the specified start, first control, second control, and end points (lines 24 and 25) and places the **CubicCurve** to the pane (line 29). To illustrate the control points, the program also displays the control points in the pane (lines 29–32).

Note the curves are filled with color. The program sets the color to white and stroke to black in order to display the curves (lines 17 and 18, 26 and 27). If these code lines are removed from the program, the sample run would look like the one in Figure 31.5b.

### 31.3.2 Path

The **Path** class models an arbitrary geometric path. A path is constructed by adding path elements into the path. The **PathElement** is the root class for the path elements **MoveTo**, **HLineTo**, **VLineTo**, **LineTo**, **ArcTo**, **QuadCurveTo**, **CubicCurveTo**, and **ClosePath**.

You can create a **Path** using its no-arg constructor. The process of the path construction can be viewed as drawing with a pen. The path does not have a default initial position. You need to set an initial position by adding a **MoveTo(startX, startY)** path element to the path. Adding a **HLineTo(newX)** element draws a horizontal line from the current position to the new *x*-coordinate. Adding a **VLineTo(newY)** element draws a vertical line from the current position to the new *y*-coordinate. Adding a **LineTo(newX, newY)** element draws a line from the current position to the new position. Adding an **ArcTo(radiusX, radiusY, xAxisRotation, newX, newY, largeArcFlag, sweepArcFlag)** element draws an arc from the previous position to the new position with the specified radius. Adding a **QuadCurveTo(controlX, controlY, newX, newY)** element draws a quadratic curve from the previous position to the new position with the specified control point. Adding a **CubicCurveTo(controlX1, controlY1, controlX2, controlY2, newX, newY)** element draws a cubic curve from the previous position to the new position with the specified control points. Adding a **ClosePath()** element closes the path by drawing a line that connects the starting point with the end point of the path.

Listing 31.4 gives an example that creates a path. A sample run of the program is shown in Figure 31.6.

#### LISTING 31.4 PathDemo.java

```

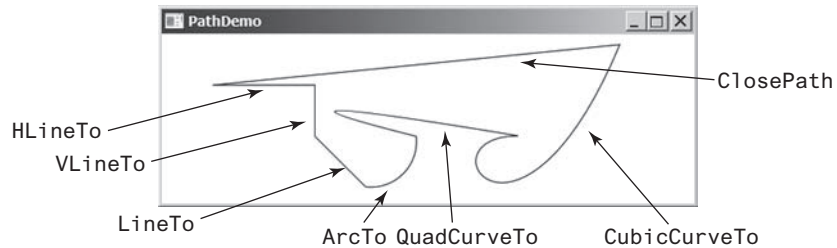
1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
4  import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
5  import javafx.scene.shape.*;
6  import javafx.stage.Stage;
7
8  public class PathDemo extends Application {
9      @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
10     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
11         Pane pane = new Pane();
12
13         // Create a Path
14         Path path = new Path();
15         path.getElements().add(new MoveTo(50.0, 50.0));
16         path.getElements().add(new HLineTo(150.5));
17         path.getElements().add(new VLineTo(100.5));
18         path.getElements().add(new LineTo(200.5, 150.5));
19
20         ArcTo arcTo = new ArcTo(45, 45, 250, 100.5,
21             false, true);
22         path.getElements().add(arcTo);
23
24         path.getElements().add(new QuadCurveTo(50, 50, 350, 100));
25         path.getElements().add(
26             new CubicCurveTo(250, 100, 350, 250, 450, 10));

```

```

27
28     path.getElements().add(new ClosePath());
29
30     pane.getChildren().add(path);
31     path.setFill(null);
32     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 300, 250);
33     primaryStage.setTitle("PathDemo"); // Set the window title
34     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
35     primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
36 }
37 }

```



**FIGURE 31.6** You can draw a path by adding path elements.

The program creates a **Path** (line 14), moves its position (line 15), and adds a horizontal line (line 16), a vertical line (line 17), and a line (line 18). The `getElements()` method returns an **ObservableList<PathElement>**.

The program creates an **ArcTo** object (lines 20 and 21). The **ArcTo** class contains the **largeArcFlag** and **sweepFlag** properties. By default, these property values are **false**. You may set these properties to **true** to display a large arc in the opposite direction.

The program adds a quadratic curve (line 24) and a cubic curve (lines 25 and 26) and closes the path (line 28).

By default, the path is not filled. You may change the **fill** property in the path to specify a color to fill the path.



**31.3.1** Create a **QuadCurve** with starting point (100, 75.5), control point (40, 55.5), and end point (56, 80). Set its **fill** property to white and **stroke** to green.

**31.3.2** Create **CubicCurve** object with starting point (100, 75.5), control point 1 (40, 55.5), control point 2 (78.5, 25.5), and end point (56, 80). Set its **fill** property to white and **stroke** to green.

**31.3.3** Does a path have a default initial position? How do you set a position for a path?

**31.3.4** How do you close a path?

**31.3.5** How do you display a filled path?



## 31.4 Coordinate Transformations

*JavaFX supports coordinate transformations using translation, rotation, and scaling.*

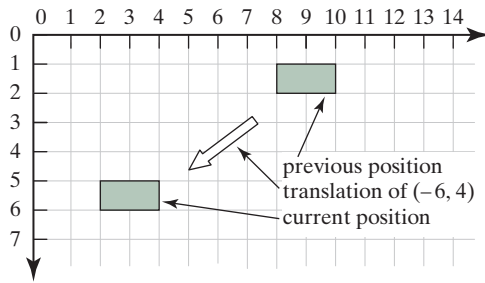
You have used the **rotate** method to rotate a node. You can also perform translations and scaling.

### 31.4.1 Translations

You can use the **setTranslateX(double x)**, **setTranslateY(double y)**, and **setTranslateZ(double z)** methods in the **Node** class to translate the coordinates for a



node. For example, `setTranslateX(5)` moves the node 5 pixels to the right and `setTranslateY(-10)` 10 pixels up from the previous position. Figure 31.7 shows a rectangle displayed before and after applying translation. After invoking `rectangle.setTranslateX(-6)` and `rectangle.setTranslateY(4)`, the rectangle is moved 6 pixels to the left and 4 pixels down from the previous position. Note the coordinate transformation using translation, rotation, and scaling does not change the contents of the shape being transferred. For example, if a rectangle's *x* is 30 and width is 100, after applying transformations to the rectangle, its *x* is still 30 and width is still 100.



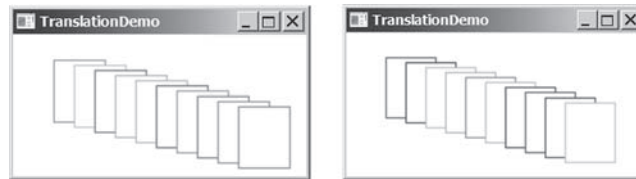
**FIGURE 31.7** After applying translation of  $(-6, 4)$ , the rectangle is moved by the specified distance relative to the previous position.

### LISTING 31.5 TranslationDemo.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
4  import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
5  import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
6  import javafx.stage.Stage;
7
8  public class TranslationDemo extends Application {
9      @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
10     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
11         Pane pane = new Pane();
12
13         double x = 10;
14         double y = 10;
15         java.util.Random random = new java.util.Random();
16         for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
17             Rectangle rectangle = new Rectangle(10, 10, 50, 60);
18             rectangle.setFill(Color.WHITE);
19             rectangle.setStroke(Color.color(random.nextDouble(),
20             random.nextDouble(), random.nextDouble()));
21             rectangle.setTranslateX(x += 20);
22             rectangle.setTranslateY(y += 5);
23             pane.getChildren().add(rectangle);
24         }
25
26         Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 300, 250);
27         primaryStage.setTitle("TranslationDemo"); // Set the window title
28         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
29         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
30     }
31 }

```

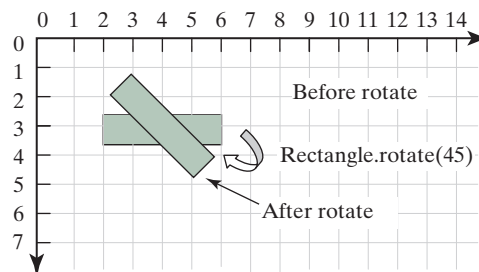


**FIGURE 31.8** The rectangles are displayed successively in new locations.

The program repeatedly creates 10 rectangles (line 17). For each rectangle, it sets its `fill` property to white (line 18) and its `stroke` property to a random color (lines 19 and 20), and translates it to a new location (lines 21 and 22). The variables `x` and `y` are used to set the `translateX` and `translateY` properties. These two variable values are changed every time it is applied to a rectangle (see Figure 31.8).

### 31.4.2 Rotations

Rotation was introduced in Chapter 14. This section discusses it in more depth. You can use the `rotate(double theta)` method in the `Node` class to rotate a node by `theta` degrees from its pivot point clockwise, where `theta` is a double value in degrees. The pivot point is automatically computed based on the bounds of the node. For a circle, ellipse, and a rectangle, the pivot point is the center point of these nodes. For example, `rectangle.rotate(45)` rotates the rectangle 45 degrees clockwise along the eastern direction from the center, as shown in Figure 31.9.



**FIGURE 31.9** After performing `rectangle.rotate(45)`, the rectangle is rotated in 45 degrees from the center.

Listing 31.6 gives a program that demonstrates the effect of rotation of coordinates. Figure 31.10 shows a sample run of the program.

#### LISTING 31.6 RotateDemo.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
4  import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
5  import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
6  import javafx.stage.Stage;
7
8  public class RotateDemo extends Application {
9      @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
10     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
11         Pane pane = new Pane();
12         java.util.Random random = new java.util.Random();

```

```

13 // The radius of the circle for anchoring rectangles
14 double radius = 90;
15 double width = 20; // Width of the rectangle
16 double height = 40; // Height of the rectangle
17 for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
18     // Center of a rectangle
19     double x = 150 + radius * Math.cos(i * 2 * Math.PI / 8);
20     double y = 150 + radius * Math.sin(i * 2 * Math.PI / 8);
21     Rectangle rectangle = new Rectangle(
22         x - width / 2, y - height / 2, width, height);
23     rectangle.setFill(Color.WHITE);
24     rectangle.setStroke(Color.color(random.nextDouble(),
25         random.nextDouble(), random.nextDouble()));
26     rectangle.setRotate(i * 360 / 8); // Rotate the rectangle
27     pane.getChildren().add(rectangle);
28 }
29
30 Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 300, 300);
31 primaryStage.setTitle("RotateDemo"); // Set the window title
32 primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
33 primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
34 }
35 }

```

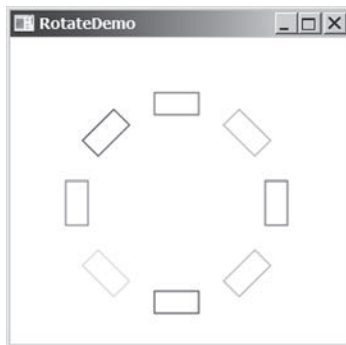
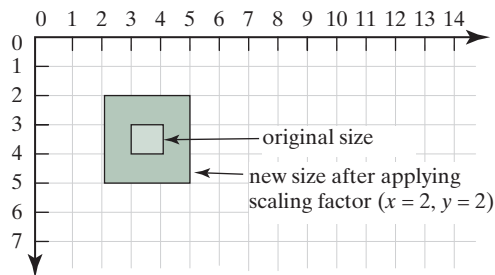


FIGURE 31.10 The `rotate` method rotates a node.

The program creates eight rectangles in a loop (lines 17–28). The center of each rectangle is located on the circle centered as (150, 150) (lines 19 and 20). A rectangle is created by specifying its upper left corner position with width and height (lines 21 and 22). The rectangle is rotated in line 26 and added to the pane in line 27.

### 31.4.3 Scaling

You can use the `setScaleX(double sx)`, `setScaleY(double sy)`, and `setScaleY(double sy)` methods in the `Node` class to specify a scaling factor. The node will appear larger or smaller depending on the scaling factor. Scaling alters the coordinate space of the node such that each unit of distance along the axis is multiplied by the scale factor. As with rotation transformations, scaling transformations are applied to enlarge or shrink the node around the pivot point. For a node of the rectangle shape, the pivot point is the center of the rectangle. For example, if you apply a scaling factor ( $x = 2, y = 2$ ), the entire rectangle including the stroke will double in size, growing to the left, right, up, and down from the center, as shown in Figure 31.11.



**FIGURE 31.11** After applying scaling ( $x = 2$ ,  $y = 2$ ), the node is doubled in size.

Listing 31.7 gives a program that demonstrates the effect of using scaling. Figure 31.12 shows a sample run of the program.

### LISTING 31.7 ScaleDemo.java

```

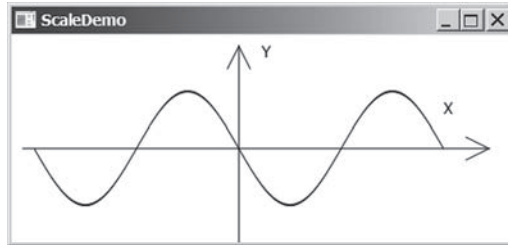
1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
4  import javafx.scene.shape.Line;
5  import javafx.scene.text.Text;
6  import javafx.scene.shape.Polyline;
7  import javafx.stage.Stage;
8
9  public class ScaleDemo extends Application {
10     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
11     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
12         // Create a polyline to draw a sine curve
13         Polyline polyline = new Polyline();
14         for (double angle = -360; angle <= 360; angle++) {
15             polyline.getPoints().addAll(
16                 angle, Math.sin(Math.toRadians(angle)));
17         }
18         polyline.setTranslateY(100);
19         polyline.setTranslateX(200);
20         polyline.setScaleX(0.5);
21         polyline.setScaleY(50);
22         polyline.setStrokeWidth(1.0 / 25);
23
24         // Draw x-axis
25         Line line1 = new Line(10, 100, 420, 100);
26         Line line2 = new Line(420, 100, 400, 90);
27         Line line3 = new Line(420, 100, 400, 110);
28
29         // Draw y-axis
30         Line line4 = new Line(200, 10, 200, 200);
31         Line line5 = new Line(200, 10, 190, 30);
32         Line line6 = new Line(200, 10, 210, 30);
33
34         // Draw x, y axis labels
35         Text text1 = new Text(380, 70, "X");
36         Text text2 = new Text(220, 20, "Y");
37
38         // Add nodes to a pane
39         Pane pane = new Pane();
40         pane.getChildren().addAll(polyline, line1, line2, line3, line4,
41             line5, line6, text1, text2);
42

```

```

43     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 450, 200);
44     primaryStage.setTitle("ScaleDemo"); // Set the window title
45     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
46     primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
47 }
48 }

```



**FIGURE 31.12** The `scale` method scales the coordinates in the node.

The program creates a polyline (line 13) and adds the points for a sine curve into the polyline (lines 14–17). Since  $|\sin(x)| \leq 1$ , the  $y$ -coordinates are too small. To see the sine curve, the program scales the  $y$ -coordinates up by 50 times (line 21) and shrinks the  $x$ -coordinates by half (line 20).

Note scaling also causes the stroke width to change. To compensate it, the stroke width is purposely set to  $1.0 / 25$  (line 22).

- 31.4.1** Can you perform a coordinate transformation on any node? Does a coordinate transformation change the contents of a `Shape` object?
- 31.4.2** Does the method `setTranslateX(6)` move the node's  $x$ -coordinate to 6? Does the method `setTranslateX(6)` move the node's  $x$ -coordinate 6 pixel right from its current location?
- 31.4.3** Does the method `rotate(Math.PI / 2)` rotate a node 90 degrees? Does the method `rotate(90)` rotate a node 90 degrees?
- 31.4.4** How is the pivot point determined for performing a rotation?
- 31.4.5** What method do you use to scale a node two times on its  $x$ -axis?



## 31.5 Strokes

*Stroke defines a shape's border line style.*

JavaFX allows you to specify the attributes of a shape's boundary using the methods in Figure 31.13.



javafx.scene.shape.Shape	
<code>+setStroke(Paint paint): void</code>	Sets a paint for the stroke.
<code>+setStrokeWidth(double width): void</code>	Sets a width for the stroke (default 1).
<code>+setStrokeType(StrokeType type): void</code>	Sets a type for the stroke to indicate whether the stroke is placed inside, centered, or outside of the border (default: CENTERED).
<code>+setStrokeLineCap(StrokeLineCap type): void</code>	Specifies the end cap style for the stroke (default: BUTT).
<code>+setStrokeLineJoin(StrokeLineJoin type): void</code>	Specifies how two line segments are joined (default: MITER).
<code>+getStrokeDashArray(): ObservableList&lt;Double&gt;</code>	Returns a list that specifies a dashed pattern for line segments.
<code>+setStrokeDashOffset(double distance): void</code>	Specifies the offset to the first segment in the dashed pattern.

**FIGURE 31.13** The `Shape` class contains the methods for setting stroke properties.

The `setStroke(Paint paint)` method sets a paint for the stroke. The width of the stroke can be specified using the `setStrokeWidth(double width)` method.

The `setStrokeType(type)` method sets a type for the stroke. The type defines whether the stroke is inside, outside, or in the center of the border using the constants `StrokeType.INSIDE`, `StrokeType.OUTSIDE`, or `StrokeType.CENTERED` (default), as shown in Figure 31.14.



**FIGURE 31.14** (a) No stroke is used. (b) A stroke is placed inside the border. (c) A stroke is placed in the center of the border. (d) A stroke is placed outside of the border.

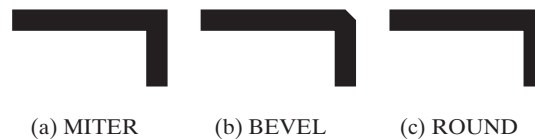
Note for the centered style, the stroke is applied by extending the boundary of the node by a distance of half of the `strokeWidth` on either side (inside and outside) of the boundary.

The `setStrokeLineCap(capType)` method sets an end cap style for the stroke. The styles are defined as `StrokeLineCap.BUTT` (default), `StrokeLineCap.ROUND`, and `StrokeLineCap.SQUARE`, as illustrated in Figure 31.15. The `BUTT` stroke ends an unclosed path with no added decoration. The `ROUND` stroke ends an unclosed side of a path with an added half circle whose radius is half of the stroke width. The `SQUARE` stroke ends an unclosed side of a path with an added square that extends half of the stroke width.



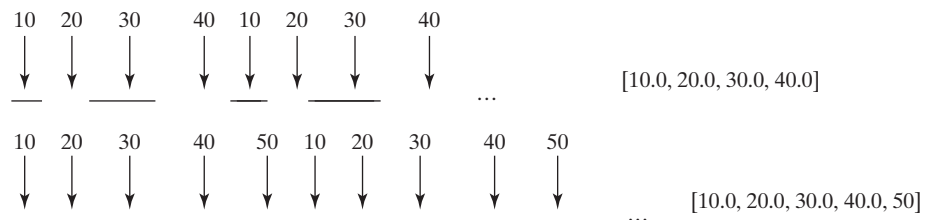
**FIGURE 31.15** (a) No decoration for a BUTT line cap. (b) A half circle is added to an unclosed path. (c) A square with half of the stroke width is extended to an unclosed path.

The `setStrokeLineJoin` method defines the decoration applied where path segments meet. You can specify three types of line join using the constants `StrokeLineJoin.MITER` (default), `StrokeLineJoin.BEVEL`, and `StrokeLineJoin.ROUND`, as shown in Figure 31.16.



**FIGURE 31.16** Path segments can be joined in three ways: (a) MITER, (b) BEVEL, and (c) ROUND.

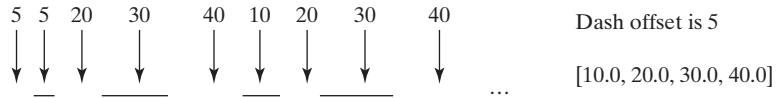
The `Shape` class has a property named `strokeDashArray` of the `ObservableList<Double>` type. This property is used to define a dashed pattern for the stroke. Alternate numbers in the list specify the lengths of the opaque and transparent segments of the dashes. For example, the list `[10.0, 20.0, 30.0, 40.0]` specifies a pattern as shown in Figure 31.17.



**FIGURE 31.17** The numbers in the list specify the opaque and transparent segments of the stroke alternately.



The `setStrokeDashOffset(distance)` method defines the offset to the first segment in the dash pattern. Figure 31.18 illustrates the offset 5 for the dash list `[10.0, 20.0, 30.0, 40.0]`.



**FIGURE 31.18** The dash offset specifies an offset for the first segment.

Listing 31.8 gives a program that demonstrates the methods to set attributes for a stroke. Figure 31.19 shows a sample run of the program.

### LISTING 31.8 StrokeDemo.java

```

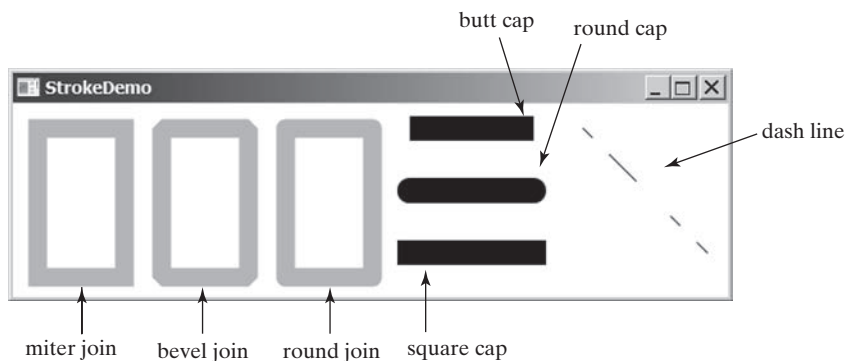
1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
4  import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
5  import javafx.stage.Stage;
6  import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
7  import javafx.scene.shape.*;
8
9  public class StrokeDemo extends Application {
10     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
11     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
12         Rectangle rectangle1 = new Rectangle(20, 20, 70, 120);
13         rectangle1.setFill(Color.WHITE);
14         rectangle1.setStrokeWidth(15);
15         rectangle1.setStroke(Color.ORANGE);
16
17         Rectangle rectangle2 = new Rectangle(20, 20, 70, 120);
18         rectangle2.setFill(Color.WHITE);
19         rectangle2.setStrokeWidth(15);
20         rectangle2.setStroke(Color.ORANGE);
21         rectangle2.setTranslateX(100);
22         rectangle2.setStrokeLineJoin(StrokeLineJoin.BEVEL);
23
24         Rectangle rectangle3 = new Rectangle(20, 20, 70, 120);
25         rectangle3.setFill(Color.WHITE);
26         rectangle3.setStrokeWidth(15);
27         rectangle3.setStroke(Color.ORANGE);
28         rectangle3.setTranslateX(200);
29         rectangle3.setStrokeLineJoin(StrokeLineJoin.ROUND);
30
31         Line line1 = new Line(320, 20, 420, 20);
32         line1.setStrokeLineCap(StrokeLineCap.BUTT);
33         line1.setStrokeWidth(20);
34
35         Line line2 = new Line(320, 70, 420, 70);
36         line2.setStrokeLineCap(StrokeLineCap.ROUND);
37         line2.setStrokeWidth(20);
38
39         Line line3 = new Line(320, 120, 420, 120);
40         line3.setStrokeLineCap(StrokeLineCap.SQUARE);
41         line3.setStrokeWidth(20);
42
43         Line line4 = new Line(460, 20, 560, 120);
44         line4.getStrokeDashArray().addAll(10.0, 20.0, 30.0, 40.0);
45

```

```

46     Pane pane = new Pane();
47     pane.getChildren().addAll(rectangle1, rectangle2, rectangle3,
48         line1, line2, line3, line4);
49
50     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 610, 180);
51     primaryStage.setTitle("StrokeDemo"); // Set the window title
52     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
53     primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
54 }
55
56 // Launch the program from command-line
57 public static void main(String[] args) {
58     launch(args);
59 }
60 }

```



**FIGURE 31.19** You can specify the attributes for strokes.

The program creates three rectangles (lines 12–29). Rectangle 1 uses default miter join, rectangle 2 uses bevel join (line 22), and rectangle 3 uses round join (line 29).

The program creates three lines with butt, round, and square end cap (lines 31–41).

The program creates a line and sets dash pattern for this line (line 44). Note the `strokeDashArray` property is of the `ObservableList<Double>` type. You have to add `Double` values to the list. Adding a number such as 10 would cause an error.



**31.5.1** Are the methods for setting a stroke and its attributes defined in the `Node` or `Shape` class?

**31.5.2** How do you set a stroke width to 3 pixels?

**31.5.3** What are the stroke types? What is the default stroke type? How do you set a stroke type?

**31.5.4** What are the stroke line join types? What is the default stroke line join type? How do you set a stroke line join type?

**31.5.5** What are the stroke cap types? What is the default stroke cap type? How do you set a stroke cap type?

**31.5.6** How do you specify a dashed pattern for strokes?

## 31.6 Menus

*You can create menus in JavaFX.*



Menus make selection easier and are widely used in window applications. JavaFX provides five classes that implement menus: `MenuBar`, `Menu`, `MenuItem`, `CheckMenuItem`, and `RadioButtonMenuItem`.

**MenuBar** is a top-level menu component used to hold the menus. A menu consists of menu items that the user can select (or toggle on or off). A menu item can be an instance of **MenuItem**, **CheckMenuItem**, or **RadioButtonMenuItem**. Menu items can be associated with nodes and keyboard accelerators.

### 31.6.1 Creating Menus

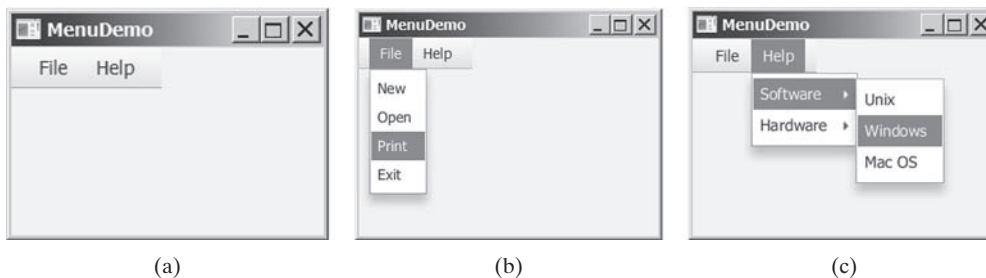
The sequence of implementing menus in JavaFX is as follows:

1. Create a menu bar and add it to a pane. For example, the following code creates a pane and a menu bar, and adds the menu bar to the pane:

```
MenuBar menuBar = new MenuBar();
Pane pane = new Pane();
pane.getChildren().add(menuBar);
```

2. Create menus and add them under the menu bar. For example, the following creates two menus and adds them to a menu bar, as shown in Figure 31.20a:

```
Menu menuFile = new Menu("File");
Menu menuHelp = new Menu("Help");
menuBar.getMenus().addAll(menuFile, menuHelp);
```



**FIGURE 31.20** (a) The menus are placed under a menu bar. (b) Clicking a menu on the menu bar reveals the items under the menu. (c) Clicking a menu item reveals the submenu items under the menu item.

3. Create menu items and add them to the menus.

```
menuFile.getItems().addAll(new MenuItem("New"),
    new MenuItem("Open"), new MenuItem("Print"),
    new MenuItem("Exit"));
```

This code adds the menu items New, Open, Print, and Exit, in this order, to the File menu, as shown in Figure 31.20b.

#### 3.1. Creating submenu items.

You can also embed menus inside menus so the embedded menus become submenus. Here is an example:

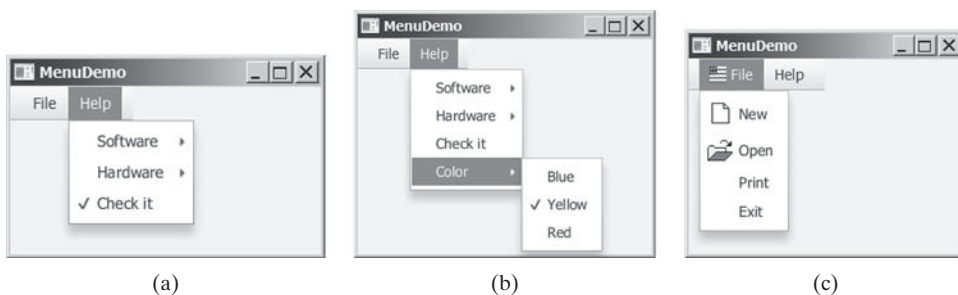
```
Menu softwareHelpSubMenu = new Menu("Software");
Menu hardwareHelpSubMenu = new Menu("Hardware");
menuHelp.getItems().add(softwareHelpSubMenu);
menuHelp.getItems().add(hardwareHelpSubMenu);
softwareHelpSubMenu.getItems().add(new MenuItem("Unix"));
softwareHelpSubMenu.getItems().add(new MenuItem("Windows"));
softwareHelpSubMenu.getItems().add(new MenuItem("Mac OS"));
```

This code adds two submenus, `softwareHelpSubMenu` and `hardwareHelpSubMenu`, in `MenuHelp`. The menu items `Unix`, `NT`, and `Win95` are added to `softwareHelpSubMenu` (see Figure 31.20c).

### 3.2. Creating check-box menu items.

You can also add a `CheckMenuItem` to a `Menu`. `CheckMenuItem` is a subclass of `MenuItem` that adds a Boolean state to the `MenuItem` and displays a check when its state is true. You can click a menu item to turn it on or off. For example, the following statement adds the check-box menu item `Check it` (see Figure 31.21a).

```
menuHelp.getItems().add(new CheckMenuItem("Check it"));
```



**FIGURE 31.21** (a) A check box menu item lets you check or uncheck a menu item just like a check box. (b) You can use `RadioMenuItem` to choose among mutually exclusive menu choices. (c) You can set image icons and keyboard accelerators in menus.

### 3.3. Creating radio menu items.

You can also add radio menu items to a menu, using the `RadioMenuItem` class. This is often useful when you have a group of mutually exclusive choices in the menu. For example, the following statements add a submenu named `Color` and a set of radio buttons for choosing a color (see Figure 31.21b):

```
RadioMenuItem rmiBlue, rmiYellow, rmiRed;
colorHelpSubMenu.getItems().add(rmiBlue =
    new RadioMenuItem("Blue"));
colorHelpSubMenu.getItems().add(rmiYellow =
    new RadioMenuItem("Yellow"));
colorHelpSubMenu.getItems().add(rmiRed =
    new RadioMenuItem("Red"));

ToggleGroup group = new ToggleGroup();
rmiBlue.setToggleGroup(group);
rmiYellow.setToggleGroup(group);
rmiRed.setToggleGroup(group);
```

4. The menu items generate `ActionEvent`. To handle `ActionEvent`, implement the `setOnAction` method.
5. **Image Icons and Keyboard Accelerators**

The `Menu`, `CheckMenuItem`, and `RadioMenuItem` are the subclasses of `MenuItem`. The `MenuItem` has a `graphic` property for specifying a node to be displayed in the menu item. Usually, the graphic is an image view. The classes `Menu`, `MenuItem`, `CheckMenuItem`, and `RadioMenuItem` have another constructor that you can use to specify a graphic. For example, the following code adds an image to the menu, menu item, check menu item, and radio menu item (see Figure 31.21c).

```

Menu menuFile = new Menu("File",
    new ImageView("image/usIcon.gif"));
MenuItem menuItemOpen = new MenuItem("New",
    new ImageView("image/new.gif"));
CheckMenuItem checkMenuItem = new CheckMenuItem("Check it",
    new ImageView("image/us.gif"));
RadioMenuItem rmiBlue = new RadioMenuItem("Blue",
    new ImageView("image/us.gif"));

```

6. A key accelerator lets you select a menu item directly by pressing the CTRL and the accelerator key. For example, by using the following code, you can attach the accelerator key CTRL+N to the Open menu item:

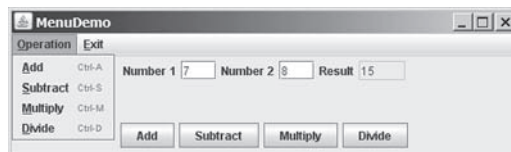
```

menuItemOpen.setAccelerator(
    KeyCombination.keyCombination("Ctrl+O"));

```

### 31.6.2 Example: Using Menus

This section gives an example that creates a user interface to perform arithmetic. The interface contains labels and text fields for Number 1, Number 2, and Result. The Result text field displays the result of the arithmetic operation between Number 1 and Number 2. Figure 31.22 contains a sample run of the program.



**FIGURE 31.22** Arithmetic operations can be performed by clicking buttons or by choosing menu items from the Operation menu.

Here are the major steps in the program (Listing 31.9):

1. Create a menu bar and add it into a **VBox**. Create the menus Operation and Exit, and add them to the menu bar. Add the menu items Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide under the Operation menu and add the menu item Close under the Exit menu.
2. Create an **HBox** to hold labels and text fields and place it into the **VBox**.
3. Create an **HBox** to hold the four buttons labeled Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide and place it into the **VBox**.
4. Implement the handlers to process the events from the menu items and the buttons.

#### LISTING 31.9 MenuDemo.java

```

1 import javafx.application.Application;
2 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
3 import javafx.scene.Scene;
4 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
5 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
6 import javafx.scene.control.Menu;
7 import javafx.scene.control.MenuBar;
8 import javafx.scene.control.MenuItem;
9 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
10 import javafx.scene.input.KeyCombination;

```

```

11 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
13 import javafx.stage.Stage;
14
15 public class MenuDemo extends Application {
16     private TextField tfNumber1 = new TextField();
17     private TextField tfNumber2 = new TextField();
18     private TextField tfResult = new TextField();
19
20     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
21     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
22         MenuBar menuBar = new MenuBar();
23
24         Menu menuOperation = new Menu("Operation");
25         Menu menuExit = new Menu("Exit");
26         menuBar.getMenus().addAll(menuOperation, menuExit);
27
28         MenuItem menuItemAdd = new MenuItem("Add");
29         MenuItem menuItemSubtract = new MenuItem("Subtract");
30         MenuItem menuItemMultiply = new MenuItem("Multiply");
31         MenuItem menuItemDivide = new MenuItem("Divide");
32         menuOperation.getItems().addAll(menuItemAdd, menuItemSubtract,
33             menuItemMultiply, menuItemDivide);
34
35         MenuItem menuItemClose = new MenuItem("Close");
36         menuExit.getItems().add(menuItemClose);
37
38         menuItemAdd.setAccelerator(
39             KeyCombination.keyCombination("Ctrl+A"));
40         menuItemSubtract.setAccelerator(
41             KeyCombination.keyCombination("Ctrl+S"));
42         menuItemMultiply.setAccelerator(
43             KeyCombination.keyCombination("Ctrl+M"));
44         menuItemDivide.setAccelerator(
45             KeyCombination.keyCombination("Ctrl+D"));
46
47         HBox hBox1 = new HBox(5);
48         tfNumber1.setPrefColumnCount(2);
49         tfNumber2.setPrefColumnCount(2);
50         tfResult.setPrefColumnCount(2);
51         hBox1.getChildren().addAll(new Label("Number 1:"), tfNumber1,
52             new Label("Number 2:"), tfNumber2, new Label("Result:"),
53             tfResult);
54         hBox1.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
55
56         HBox hBox2 = new HBox(5);
57         Button btAdd = new Button("Add");
58         Button btSubtract = new Button("Subtract");
59         Button btMultiply = new Button("Multiply");
60         Button btDivide = new Button("Divide");
61         hBox2.getChildren().addAll(btAdd, btSubtract, btMultiply, btDivide);
62         hBox2.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
63
64         VBox vBox = new VBox(10);
65         vBox.getChildren().addAll(menuBar, hBox1, hBox2);
66         Scene scene = new Scene(vBox, 300, 250);
67         primaryStage.setTitle("MenuDemo"); // Set the window title
68         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
69         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
70

```



```

71     // Handle menu actions
72     menuItemAdd.setOnAction(e -> perform('+'));
73     menuItemSubtract.setOnAction(e -> perform('-'));
74     menuItemMultiply.setOnAction(e -> perform('*'));
75     menuItemDivide.setOnAction(e -> perform('/'));
76     menuItemClose.setOnAction(e -> System.exit(0));
77
78     // Handle button actions
79     btAdd.setOnAction(e -> perform('+'));
80     btSubtract.setOnAction(e -> perform('-'));
81     btMultiply.setOnAction(e -> perform('*'));
82     btDivide.setOnAction(e -> perform('/'));
83 }
84
85 private void perform(char operator) {
86     double number1 = Double.parseDouble(tfNumber1.getText());
87     double number2 = Double.parseDouble(tfNumber2.getText());
88
89     double result = 0;
90     switch (operator) {
91         case '+': result = number1 + number2; break;
92         case '-': result = number1 - number2; break;
93         case '*': result = number1 * number2; break;
94         case '/': result = number1 / number2; break;
95     }
96
97     tfResult.setText(result + "");
98 }
100 }

```

The program creates a menu bar (line 22), which holds two menus: **menuOperation** and **menuExit** (lines 24–36). The **menuOperation** contains four menu items for doing arithmetic: Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide. The **menuExit** contains the menu item Close for exiting the program. The menu items in the Operation menu are created with keyboard accelerators (lines 38–45).

The labels and text fields are placed in an **HBox** (lines 47–54) and four buttons are placed in another **HBox** (lines 56–62). The menu bar and these two **HBoxes** are added to a **VBox** (line 65), which is placed in the scene (line 66).

The user enters two numbers in the number fields. When an operation is chosen from the menu, its result, involving two numbers, is displayed in the Result field. The user can also click the buttons to perform the same operation.

The program sets actions for the menu items and buttons in lines 72–82. The private method **perform(char operator)** (lines 85–98) retrieves operands from the text fields in Number 1 and Number 2, applies the binary operator on the operands, and sets the result in the Result text field.

- 31.6.1** How do you create a menu bar, menu, menu item, check menu item, and radio menu item?
- 31.6.2** How do you place a menu into a menu bar? How do you place a menu item, check menu item, and radio menu item into a menu?
- 31.6.3** Can you place a menu item into another menu item or a check menu or a radio menu item into a menu item?
- 31.6.4** How do you associate an image with a menu, menu item, check menu item, and radio menu item?
- 31.6.5** How do you associate an accelerator CTRL+O with a menu item, check menu item, and radio menu item?





## 31.7 Context Menus

*You can create context menus in JavaFX.*

A *context menu*, also known as a *popup menu*, is like a regular menu, but does not have a menu bar and can float anywhere on the screen. Creating a context menu is similar to creating a regular menu. First, you create an instance of `ContextMenu`, and then you can add `MenuItem`, `CheckMenuItem`, and `RadioMenuItem` to the context menu. For example, the following code creates a `ContextMenu`, then adds `MenuItems` into it:

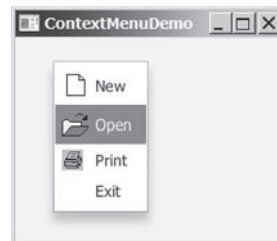
```
ContextMenu contextMenu = new ContextMenu();
ContextMenu.getItems().add(new MenuItem("New"));
ContextMenu.getItems().add(new MenuItem("Open"));
```

A regular menu is always added to a menu bar, but a context menu is associated with a parent node and is displayed using the `show` method in the `ContextMenu` class. You specify the parent node and the location of the context menu, using the coordinate system of the parent like this:

```
contextMenu.show(node, x, y);
```

Customarily, you display a context menu by pointing to a GUI component and clicking a certain mouse button, the so-called popup trigger. Popup triggers are system dependent. In Windows, the context menu is displayed when the right mouse button is released. In Motif, the context menu is displayed when the third mouse button is pressed and held down.

Listing 31.10 gives an example that creates a pane. When the mouse points to the pane, clicking a mouse button displays a context menu, as shown in Figure 31.23.



**FIGURE 31.23** A context menu is displayed when the popup trigger is issued on the pane.

Here are the major steps in the program (Listing 31.10):

1. Create a context menu using `ContextMenu`. Create menu items for New, Open, Print, and Exit using `MenuItem`.
2. Add the menu items into the context menu.
3. Create a pane and place it in the scene.
4. Implement the handler to process the events from the menu items.
5. Implement the `mousePressed` handler to display the context menu.

### LISTING 31.10 ContextMenuDemo.java

```
1 import javafx.application.Application;
2 import javafx.scene.Scene;
3 import javafx.scene.control.ContextMenu;
4 import javafx.scene.control.MenuItem;
5 import javafx.scene.image.ImageView;
6 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
7 import javafx.stage.Stage;
8
```

```

9 public class ContextMenuDemo extends Application {
10     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
11     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
12         ContextMenu contextMenu = new ContextMenu();
13         MenuItem menuItemNew = new MenuItem("New",
14             new ImageView("image/new.gif"));
15         MenuItem menuItemOpen = new MenuItem("Open",
16             new ImageView("image/open.gif"));
17         MenuItem menuItemPrint = new MenuItem("Print",
18             new ImageView("image/print.gif"));
19         MenuItem menuItemExit = new MenuItem("Exit");
20         contextMenu.getItems().addAll(menuItemNew, menuItemOpen,
21             menuItemPrint, menuItemExit);
22
23         Pane pane = new Pane();
24         Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 300, 250);
25         primaryStage.setTitle("ContextMenuDemo"); // Set the window title
26         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
27         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
28
29         pane.setOnMousePressed(
30             e -> contextMenu.show(pane, e.getScreenX(), e.getScreenY()));
31
32         menuItemNew.setOnAction(e -> System.out.println("New"));
33         menuItemOpen.setOnAction(e -> System.out.println("Open"));
34         menuItemPrint.setOnAction(e -> System.out.println("Print"));
35         menuItemExit.setOnAction(e -> System.exit(0));
36     }
37 }

```

The process of creating context menus is similar to the process for creating regular menus. To create a context menu, create a `ContextMenu` as the basis (line 12) and add `MenuItems` to it (lines 13–21).

To show a context menu, use the `show` method by specifying the parent node and the location for the context menu (lines 29 and 30). The `show` method is invoked when the context menu is triggered by a mouse click on the pane (line 30).

**31.7.1** How do you create a context menu? How do you add menu items, check menu items, and radio menu items into a context menu?



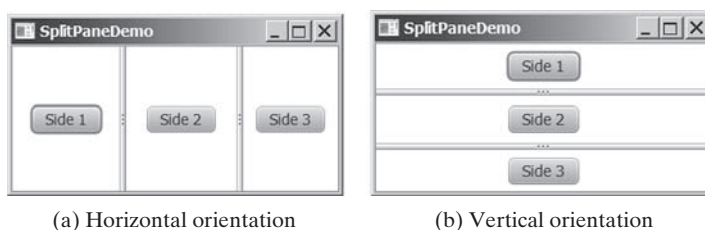
**31.7.2** How do you show a context menu?

## 31.8 SplitPane

The `SplitPane` class can be used to display multiple panes and allow the user to adjust the size of the panes.



The `SplitPane` is a control that contains two components with a separate bar known as a divider, as shown in Figure 31.24.

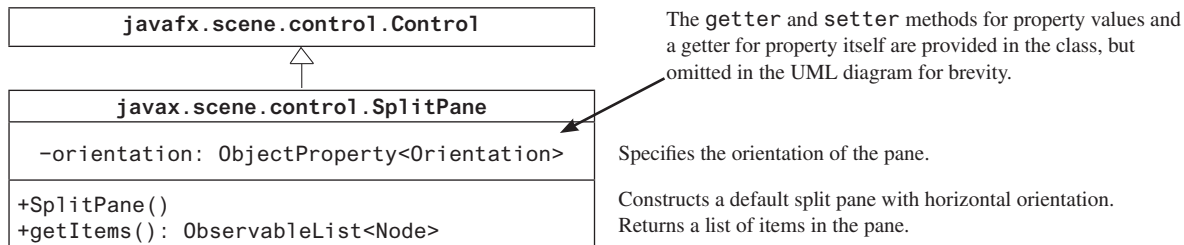


(a) Horizontal orientation

(b) Vertical orientation

**FIGURE 31.24** `SplitPane` divides a container into two parts.

The two sides separated by the divider can appear in horizontal or vertical orientation. The divider separating two sides can be dragged to change the amount of space occupied by each side. Figure 31.25 shows the frequently used properties, constructors, and methods in `SplitPane`.



**FIGURE 31.25** `SplitPane` provides methods to specify the properties of a split pane and for manipulating the components in a split pane.

Listing 31.11 gives an example that uses radio buttons to let the user select a country and displays the country's flag and description in separate sides, as shown in Figure 31.26. The description of the currently selected layout manager is displayed in a text area. The radio buttons, buttons, and text area are placed in two split panes.

### LISTING 31.11 `SplitPaneDemo.java`

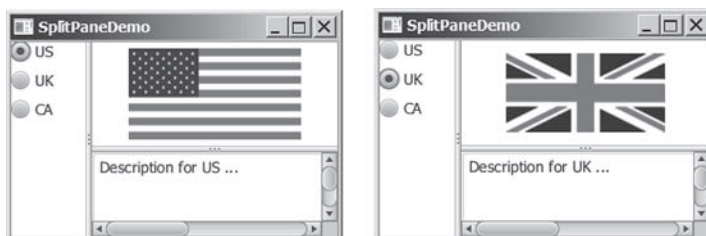
```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.geometry.Orientation;
3  import javafx.scene.Scene;
4  import javafx.scene.control.RadioButton;
5  import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
6  import javafx.scene.control.SplitPane;
7  import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
8  import javafx.scene.control.ToggleGroup;
9  import javafx.scene.image.Image;
10 import javafx.scene.image.ImageView;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
13 import javafx.stage.Stage;
14
15 public class SplitPaneDemo extends Application {
16     private Image usImage = new Image(
17         "http://www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/common/image/us.gif");
18     private Image ukImage = new Image(
19         "http://www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/common/image/uk.gif");
20     private Image caImage = new Image(
21         "http://www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/common/image/ca.gif");
22     private String usDescription = "Description for US ...";
23     private String ukDescription = "Description for UK ...";
24     private String caDescription = "Description for CA ...";
25
26     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
27     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
28         VBox vbox = new VBox(10);
29         RadioButton rbUS = new RadioButton("US");
  
```

```

30  RadioButton rbUK = new RadioButton("UK");
31  RadioButton rbCA = new RadioButton("CA");
32  vbox.getChildren().addAll(rbUS, rbUK, rbCA);
33
34  SplitPane content = new SplitPane();
35  content.setOrientation(Orientation.VERTICAL);
36  ImageView imageView = new ImageView(usImage);
37  StackPane imagePane = new StackPane();
38  imagePane.getChildren().add(imageView);
39  TextArea taDescription = new TextArea();
40  taDescription.setText(usDescription);
41  content.getItems().addAll(
42      imagePane, new ScrollPane(taDescription));
43
44  SplitPane sp = new SplitPane();
45  sp.getItems().addAll(vBox, content);
46
47  Scene scene = new Scene(sp, 300, 250);
48  primaryStage.setTitle("SplitPaneDemo"); // Set the window title
49  primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
50  primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
51
52  // Group radio buttons
53  ToggleGroup group = new ToggleGroup();
54  rbUS.setToggleGroup(group);
55  rbUK.setToggleGroup(group);
56  rbCA.setToggleGroup(group);
57
58  rbUS.setSelected(true);
59  rbUS.setOnAction(e -> {
60      imageView.setImage(usImage);
61      taDescription.setText(usDescription);
62  });
63
64  rbUK.setOnAction(e -> {
65      imageView.setImage(ukImage);
66      taDescription.setText(ukDescription);
67  });
68
69  rbCA.setOnAction(e -> {
70      imageView.setImage(caImage);
71      taDescription.setText(caDescription);
72  });
73 }
74 }

```



**FIGURE 31.26** You can adjust the component size in the split panes.

The program places three radio buttons in a **VBox** (lines 28–32) and creates a vertical split pane for holding an image view and a text area (lines 34–42). Split panes can be embedded. The program creates a horizontal split pane and places the **VBox** and the vertical split pane into it (lines 44 and 45).

Adding a split pane to an existing split pane results in three split panes. The program creates two split panes (lines 34, 42) to hold a panel for radio buttons, a panel for buttons, and a scroll pane.

The program groups radio buttons (lines 53–56) and processes the action for radio buttons (lines 59–72).



**31.8.1** How do you create a horizontal **SplitPane**? How do you create a vertical **SplitPane**?

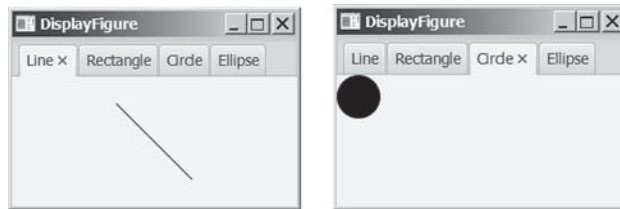
**31.8.2** How do you add items into a **SplitPane**? Can you add a **SplitPane** to another **SplitPane**?

### 31.9 TabPane



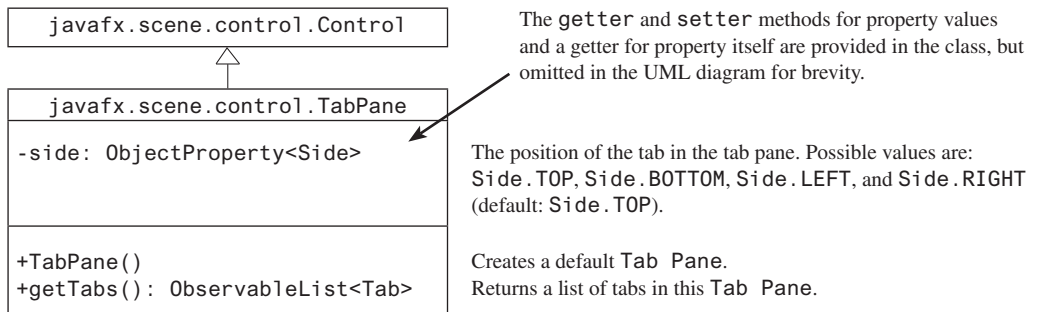
*The **TabPane** class can be used to display multiple panes with tabs.*

**TabPane** is a useful control that provides a set of mutually exclusive tabs, as shown in Figure 31.27. You can switch between a group of tabs. Only one tab is visible at a time. A **Tab** can be added to a **TabPane**. Tabs in a **TabPane** can be placed in the position top, left, bottom, or right.



**FIGURE 31.27** **TabPane** holds a group of tabs.

Each tab represents a single page. Tabs are defined in the **Tab** class. Tabs can contain any **Node** such as a pane, a shape, or a control. A tab can contain another pane. Therefore, you can create a multilayered tab pane. Figures 31.28 and 31.29 show the frequently used properties, constructors, and methods in **TabPane** and **Tab**.



**FIGURE 31.28** **TabPane** displays and manages the tabs.



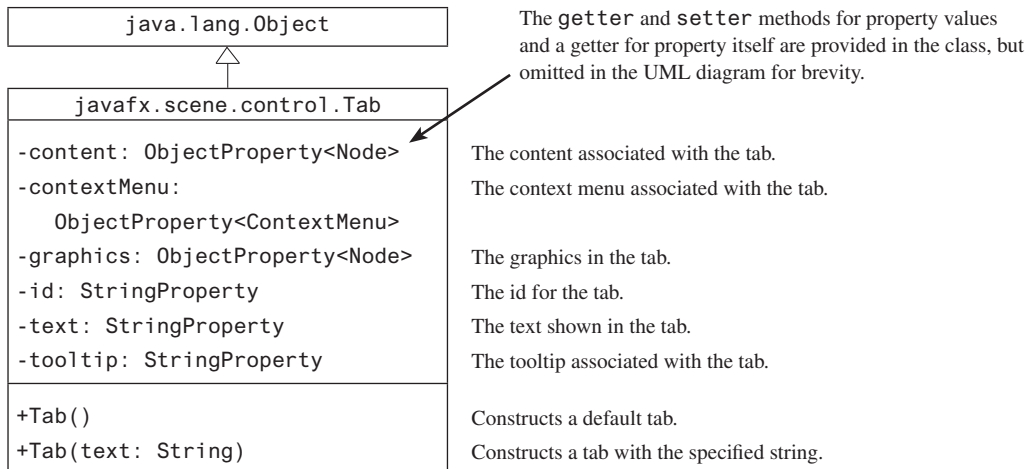


FIGURE 31.29 Tab contains a node.

Listing 31.12 gives an example that uses a tab pane with four tabs to display four types of figures: line, rectangle, rounded rectangle, and oval. You can select a figure to display by clicking the corresponding tab, as shown in Figure 31.27.

### LISTING 31.12 TabPaneDemo.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.control.Tab;
4  import javafx.scene.control.TabPane;
5  import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
6  import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
7  import javafx.scene.shape.Ellipse;
8  import javafx.scene.shape.Line;
9  import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
10 import javafx.stage.Stage;
11
12 public class TabPaneDemo extends Application {
13     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
14     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
15         TabPane tabPane = new TabPane();
16         Tab tab1 = new Tab("Line");
17         StackPane pane1 = new StackPane();
18         pane1.getChildren().add(new Line(10, 10, 80, 80));
19         tab1.setContent(pane1);
20         Tab tab2 = new Tab("Rectangle");
21         tab2.setContent(new Rectangle(10, 10, 200, 200));
22         Tab tab3 = new Tab("Circle");
23         tab3.setContent(new Circle(50, 50, 20));
24         Tab tab4 = new Tab("Ellipse");
25         tab4.setContent(new Ellipse(10, 10, 100, 80));
26         tabPane.getTabs().addAll(tab1, tab2, tab3, tab4);
27
28         Scene scene = new Scene(tabPane, 300, 250);
29         primaryStage.setTitle("DisplayFigure"); // Set the window title
30         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
31         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
32     }
33 }

```

The program creates a tab pane (line 15) and four tabs (lines 16, 20, 22, and 24). A stack pane is created to hold a line (line 18) and placed into `tab1` (line 19). A rectangle, circle, and oval are created and placed into `tab2`, `tab3`, and `tab4`. Note the line is centered in `tab1` because it is placed in a stack pane. The other shapes are directly placed into the tab. They are displayed at the upper left corner of the tab.

By default, the tabs are placed at the top of the tab pane. You can use the `setSide` method to change its location.



**31.9.1** How do you create a tab pane? How do you create a tab? How do you add a tab to a tab pane?

**31.9.2** How do you place the tabs on the left of the tab pane?

**31.9.3** Can a tab have a text as well as an image? Write the code to set an image for `tab1` in Listing 31.12.



## 31.10 TableView

*You can display tables using the `TableView` class.*

`TableView` is a control that displays data in rows and columns in a two-dimensional grid, as shown in Figure 31.30.

Country	Capital	Population (million)	Is Democratic?
USA	Washington DC	280.0	true
Canada	Ottawa	32.0	true
United Kingdom	London	60.0	true
Germany	Berlin	83.0	true
France	Paris	60.0	true

**FIGURE 31.30** `TableView` displays data in a table.

`TableView`, `TableColumn`, and `TableCell` are used to display and manipulate a table. `TableView` displays a table. `TableColumn` defines the columns in a table. `TableCell` represents a cell in the table. Creating a `TableView` is a multistep process. First, you need to create an instance of `TableView` and associate data with the `TableView`. Second, you need to create columns using the `TableColumn` class and set a column cell value factory to specify how to populate all cells within a single `TableColumn`.

Listing 31.13 gives a simple example to demonstrate using `TableView` and `TableColumn`. A sample run of the program is shown in Figure 31.31.

### LISTING 31.13 `TableViewDemo.java`

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleBooleanProperty;
3  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
4  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleStringProperty;
5  import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
6  import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
7  import javafx.scene.Scene;
8  import javafx.scene.control.TableColumn;
9  import javafx.scene.control.TableView;
10 import javafx.scene.control.cell.PropertyValueFactory;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;

```

```

13
14 public class TableViewDemo extends Application {
15     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
16     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
17         TableView<Country> tableView = new TableView<>();
18         ObservableList<Country> data =
19             FXCollections.observableArrayList(
20                 new Country("USA", "Washington DC", 280, true),
21                 new Country("Canada", "Ottawa", 32, true),
22                 new Country("United Kingdom", "London", 60, true),
23                 new Country("Germany", "Berlin", 83, true),
24                 new Country("France", "Paris", 60, true));
25         tableView.setItems(data);
26
27         TableColumn countryColumn = new TableColumn("Country");
28         countryColumn.setMinWidth(100);
29         countryColumn.setCellValueFactory(
30             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, String>("country"));
31
32         TableColumn capitalColumn = new TableColumn("Capital");
33         capitalColumn.setMinWidth(100);
34         capitalColumn.setCellValueFactory(
35             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, String>("capital"));
36
37         TableColumn populationColumn =
38             new TableColumn("Population (million)");
39         populationColumn.setMinWidth(200);
40         populationColumn.setCellValueFactory(
41             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, Double>("population"));
42
43         TableColumn democraticColumn =
44             new TableColumn("Is Democratic?");
45         democraticColumn.setMinWidth(200);
46         democraticColumn.setCellValueFactory(
47             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, Boolean>("democratic"));
48
49         tableView.getColumns().addAll(countryColumn, capitalColumn,
50             populationColumn, democraticColumn);
51
52         Pane pane = new Pane();
53         pane.getChildren().add(tableView);
54         Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 300, 250);
55         primaryStage.setTitle("TableViewDemo"); // Set the window title
56         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
57         primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
58     }
59
60     public static class Country {
61         private final SimpleStringProperty country;
62         private final SimpleStringProperty capital;
63         private final SimpleDoubleProperty population;
64         private final SimpleBooleanProperty democratic;
65
66         private Country(String country, String capital,
67             double population, boolean democratic) {
68             this.country = new SimpleStringProperty(country);
69             this.capital = new SimpleStringProperty(capital);
70             this.population = new SimpleDoubleProperty(population);
71             this.democratic = new SimpleBooleanProperty(democratic);
72         }

```

```

73
74     public String getCountry() {
75         return country.get();
76     }
77
78     public void setCountry(String country) {
79         this.country.set(country);
80     }
81
82     public String getCapital() {
83         return capital.get();
84     }
85
86     public void setCapital(String capital) {
87         this.capital.set(capital);
88     }
89
90     public double getPopulation() {
91         return population.get();
92     }
93
94     public void setPopulation(double population) {
95         this.population.set(population);
96     }
97
98     public boolean isDemocratic() {
99         return democratic.get();
100    }
101
102    public void setDemocratic(boolean democratic) {
103        this.democratic.set(democratic);
104    }
105    }
106 }

```

The program creates a `TableView` (line 17). The `TableView` class is a generic class whose concrete type is `Country`. Therefore, this `TableView` is for displaying `Country`. The table data is an `ObservableList<Country>`. The program creates the list (lines 18–24) and associates the list with the `TableView` (line 25).

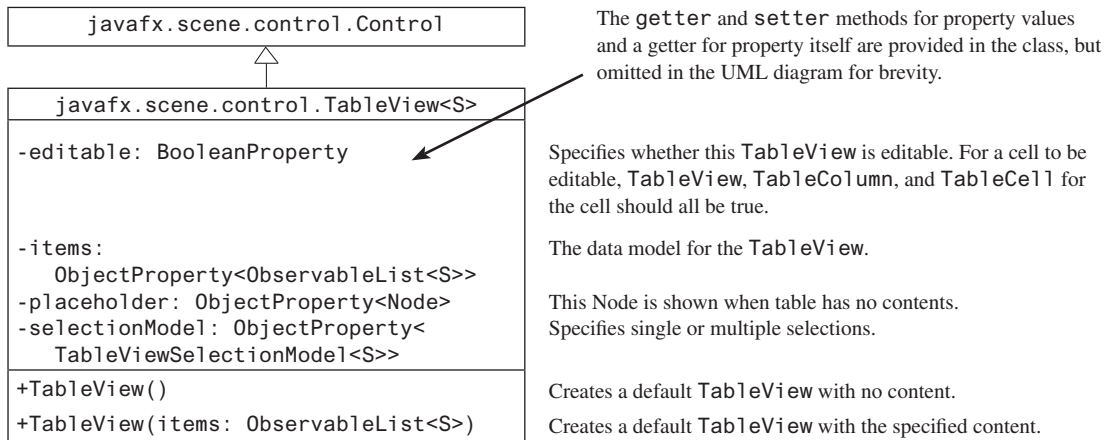
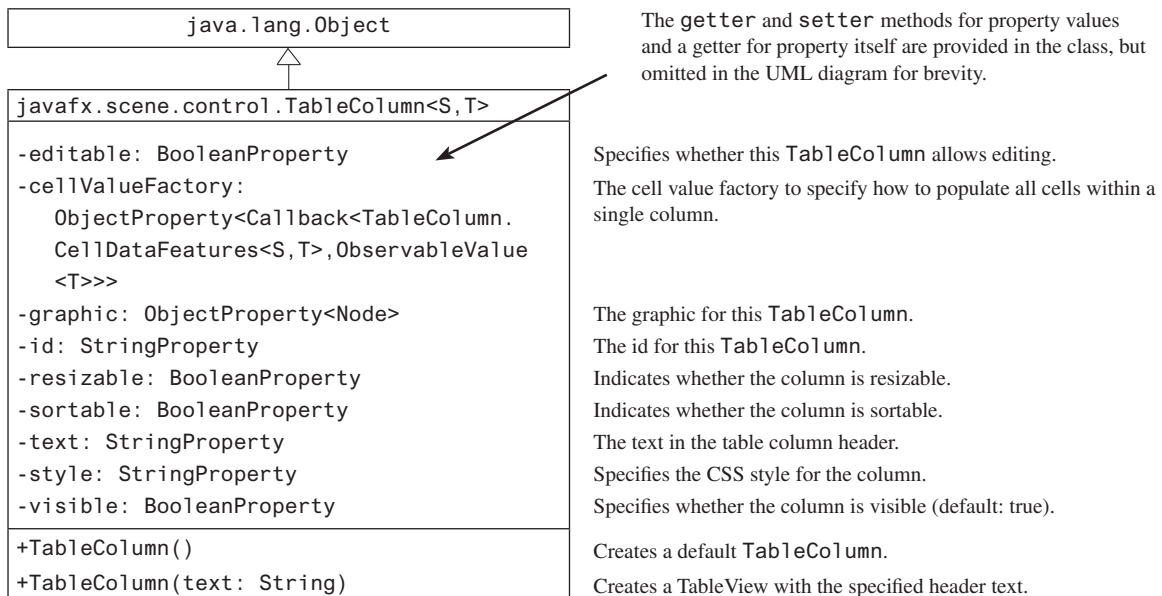
The program creates a `TableColumn` for each column in the table (lines 27–47). A `PropertyValueFactory` object is created and set for each column (line 30). This object is used to populate the data in the column. The `PropertyValueFactory<S, T>` class is a generic class. `S` is for the class displayed in the `TableView` and `T` is the class for the values in the column. The `PropertyValueFactory` object associates a property in class `S` with a column.

When you create a table in a JavaFX application, it is a best practice to define the data model in a class. The `Country` class defines the data for `TableView`. Each property in the class defines a column in the table. This property should be defined as binding property with the getter and setter methods for the value.

The program adds the columns into the `TableView` (lines 49 and 50), adds the `TableView` in a pane (line 53), and places the pane in the scene (line 54). Note line 31 can be simplified using the following code:

```
new PropertyValueFactory<>("country");
```

From this example, you see how to display data in a table using the `TableView` and `TableColumn` classes. The frequently used properties and methods for the `TableView` and `TableColumn` classes are given in Figures 31.32 and 31.33.

FIGURE 31.31 `TableView` displays a table.FIGURE 31.32 `TableColumn` defines a column in the `TableView`.

You can create nested columns. For example, the following code creates two subcolumns under `Location`, as shown in Figures 31.33.

```

TableColumn locationColumn = new TableColumn("Location");
locationColumn.getColumns().addAll(new TableColumn("latitude"),
    new TableColumn("longitude"));
  
```

Country	Capital	Population...	Is Democr...	Location	
				latitude	longitude
USA	Washington DC	280.0	true		
Canada	Ottawa	32.0	true		
United Kingdom	London	60.0	true		
Germany	Berlin	83.0	true		
France	Paris	60.0	true		

FIGURE 31.33 You can add subcolumns in a column.

The `TableView` data model is an observable list. When data is changed, the change is automatically shown in the table. Listing 31.14 gives an example that lets the user add new rows to the table.

### LISTING 31.14 AddNewRowDemo.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleBooleanProperty;
3  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
4  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleStringProperty;
5  import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
6  import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
7  import javafx.scene.Scene;
8  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
9  import javafx.scene.control.CheckBox;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
11 import javafx.scene.control.TableColumn;
12 import javafx.scene.control.TableView;
13 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
14 import javafx.scene.control.cell.PropertyValueFactory;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
16 import javafx.scene.layout.FlowPane;
17 import javafx.stage.Stage;
18
19 public class AddNewRowDemo extends Application {
20     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
21     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
22         TableView<Country> tableView = new TableView<>();
23         ObservableList<Country> data =
24             FXCollections.observableArrayList(
25                 new Country("USA", "Washington DC", 280, true),
26                 new Country("Canada", "Ottawa", 32, true),
27                 new Country("United Kingdom", "London", 60, true),
28                 new Country("Germany", "Berlin", 83, true),
29                 new Country("France", "Paris", 60, true));
30         tableView.setItems(data);
31
32         TableColumn countryColumn = new TableColumn("Country");
33         countryColumn.setMinWidth(100);
34         countryColumn.setCellValueFactory(
35             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, String>("country"));
36
37         TableColumn capitalColumn = new TableColumn("Capital");
38         capitalColumn.setMinWidth(100);
39         capitalColumn.setCellValueFactory(
40             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, String>("capital"));
41
42         TableColumn populationColumn =
43             new TableColumn("Population (million)");
44         populationColumn.setMinWidth(100);
45         populationColumn.setCellValueFactory(
46             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, Double>("population"));
47
48         TableColumn democraticColumn =
49             new TableColumn("Is Democratic?");
50         democraticColumn.setMinWidth(100);
51         democraticColumn.setCellValueFactory(
52             new PropertyValueFactory<Country, Boolean>("democratic"));
53
54         tableView.getColumns().addAll(countryColumn, capitalColumn,

```

```

55     populationColumn, democraticColumn);
56
57     FlowPane flowPane = new FlowPane(3, 3);
58     TextField tfCountry = new TextField();
59     TextField tfCapital = new TextField();
60     TextField tfPopulation = new TextField();
61     CheckBox chkDemocratic = new CheckBox("Is democratic?");
62     Button btAddRow = new Button("Add new row");
63     tfCountry.setPrefColumnCount(5);
64     tfCapital.setPrefColumnCount(5);
65     tfPopulation.setPrefColumnCount(5);
66     flowPane.getChildren().addAll(new Label("Country: "),
67     tfCountry, new Label("Capital"), tfCapital,
68     new Label("Population"), tfPopulation, chkDemocratic,
69     btAddRow);
70
71     btAddRow.setOnAction(e -> {
72     data.add(new Country(tfCountry.getText(), tfCapital.getText(),
73     Double.parseDouble(tfPopulation.getText()),
74     chkDemocratic.isSelected()));
75     tfCountry.clear();
76     tfCapital.clear();
77     tfPopulation.clear();
78     });
79
80     BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
81     pane.setCenter(tableView);
82     pane.setBottom(flowPane);
83
84     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 500, 250);
85     primaryStage.setTitle("AddNewRowDemo"); // Set the window title
86     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the window
87     primaryStage.show(); // Display the window
88 }
89
90 public static class Country {
91     private final SimpleStringProperty country;
92     private final SimpleStringProperty capital;
93     private final SimpleDoubleProperty population;
94     private final SimpleBooleanProperty democratic;
95
96     private Country(String country, String capital,
97     double population, boolean democratic) {
98     this.country = new SimpleStringProperty(country);
99     this.capital = new SimpleStringProperty(capital);
100    this.population = new SimpleDoubleProperty(population);
101    this.democratic = new SimpleBooleanProperty(democratic);
102 }
103
104 public String getCountry() {
105     return country.get();
106 }
107
108 public void setCountry(String country) {
109     this.country.set(country);
110 }
111
112 public String getCapital() {
113     return capital.get();
114 }

```



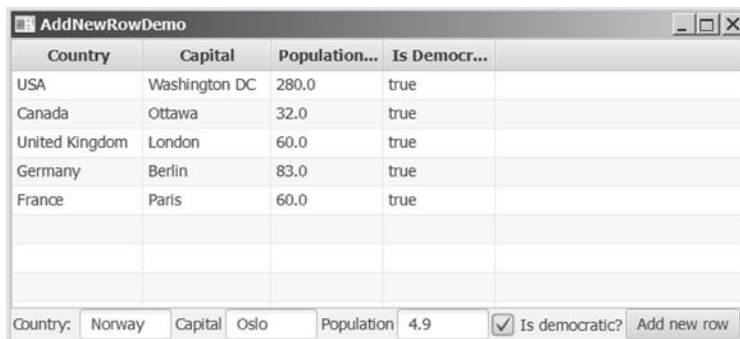
```

115
116     public void setCapital(String capital) {
117         this.capital.set(capital);
118     }
119
120     public double getPopulation() {
121         return population.get();
122     }
123
124     public void setPopulation(double population) {
125         this.population.set(population);
126     }
127
128     public boolean isDemocratic() {
129         return democratic.get();
130     }
131
132     public void setDemocratic(boolean democratic) {
133         this.democratic.set(democratic);
134     }
135 }
136 }

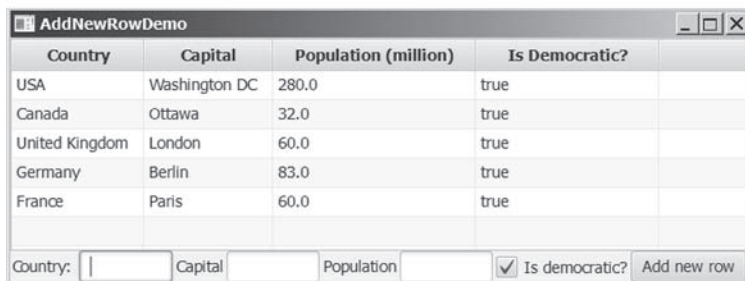
```

The program is the same in Listing 31.13 except that a new code is added to let the user enter a new row (lines 57–82). The user enters the new row from the text fields and a check box and presses the *Add New Row* button to add a new row to the data. Since data is an observable list, the change in data is automatically updated in the table.

As shown in Figure 31.34a, a new country information is entered in the text fields. After clicking the *Add New Row* button, the new country is displayed in the table view.



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 31.34** Change in the table data model is automatically displayed in the table view.

**TableView** not only displays data, but also allows data to be edited. To enable data editing in the table, write the code as follows:

1. Set the **TableView**'s **editable** to true.
2. Set the column's cell factory to a text field table cell.
3. Implement the column's **setOnEditCommit** method to assign the edited value to the data model.

Here is the example of enabling editing for the **countryColumn**.

```
tableView.setEditable(true);
countryColumn.setCellFactory(TextFieldTableCell.forTableColumn());
countryColumn.setOnEditCommit(
    new EventHandler<CellEditEvent<Country, String>>() {
        @Override
        public void handle(CellEditEvent<Country, String> t) {
            t.getTableView().getItems().get(
                t.getTablePosition().getRow())
                .setCountry(t.getNewValue());
        }
    }
);
```

**31.10.1** How do you create a table view? How do you create a table column? How do you add a table column to a table view?



**31.10.2** What is the data type for a **TableView**'s data model? How do you associate a data model with a **TableView**?

**31.10.3** How do you set a cell value factory for a **TableColumn**?

**31.10.4** How do you set an image in a table column header?

## 31.11 Developing JavaFX Programs Using FXML

*You can create JavaFX user interfaces using FXML scripts.*

There are two ways to develop JavaFX applications. One way is to write everything in Java source code as you have done so far. The other way is to use FXML. FXML is an XML-based script language for describing the user interface. Using FXML enables you to separate user interface from the logic of the Java code. JavaFX Scene Builder is a visual design tool for creating the user interface without manually writing the FXML script. You drag and drop the UI components to the content pane and set properties for the components in the Inspector. The Scene Builder automatically generates the FXML scripts for the user interface. This section demonstrates how to use the Scene Builder to create JavaFX applications.



### NOTE

It is important that you first learn how to write the JavaFX code without using FXML to grasp the fundamentals of JavaFX programming before learning FXML. Once you understand the basics of JavaFX, it is easy to create JavaFX programs using FXML. For this reason, FXML is introduced after you have learned the basics of JavaFX programming.

### 31.11.1 Installing JavaFX Scene Builder

You can use the JavaFX Scene Builder standalone or with an IDE such as NetBeans or Eclipse. This section demonstrates using the JavaFX Scene Builder with NetBeans. You can download the latest version of Scene Builder from <http://gluonhq.com/open-source/scene-builder/>.

### 31.11.2 Creating a JavaFX FXML Project

To use JavaFX FXML, you need to create a JavaFX FXML in NetBeans. Here are the steps of creating a JavaFX FXML project:

1. Choose *File, New Project* to display the New Project dialog box, as shown in Figure 31.35.
2. Choose *JavaFX* in the Categories and *JavaFX FXML Application* in the Projects. Click *Next* to display the New JavaFX Application dialog box, as shown in Figure 31.36.
3. Enter *Calculator* as the project name and click *Finish* to create the project. You will see the project created as shown in Figure 31.37.

Three files, `Calculator.java`, `FXMLDocument.fxml`, and `FXMLDocumentController.java`, are created in the project. Their source codes are shown in Listings 31.15, 31.16, and 31.17. From the perspective of the MVC architecture, these three files correspond to model, view, and controller. You can define data model in the `Calculator.java` class. The `.fxml` file describes the user interface. The controller file defines the actions for processing the events for the user interface.

#### LISTING 31.15 Calculator.java

```

1 package calculator;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader;
5 import javafx.scene.Parent;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.stage.Stage;
8
9 public class Calculator extends Application {
10     @Override
11     public void start(Stage stage) throws Exception {
12         Parent root =
13             FXMLLoader.load(getClass().getResource("FXMLDocument.fxml"));
14         Scene scene = new Scene(root);
15         stage.setScene(scene);
16         stage.show();
17     }
18
19     /**
20      * @param args the command line arguments
21      */
22     public static void main(String[] args) {
23         launch(args);
24     }
25 }

```

#### LISTING 31.16 FXMLDocument.fxml

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<?import java.lang.*?>
<?import java.util.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>

<AnchorPane id="AnchorPane" prefHeight="200" prefWidth="320"
    xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">

```

```

        fx:controller="calculator.FXMLDocumentController">
    <children>
        <Button layoutX="126" layoutY="90" text="Click Me!"
            onAction="#handleButtonAction" fx:id="button" />
        <Label layoutX="126" layoutY="120" minHeight="16" minWidth="69"
            fx:id="label" />
    </children>
</AnchorPane>

```

### LISTING 31.17 FXMLDocumentController.java

```

package calculator;

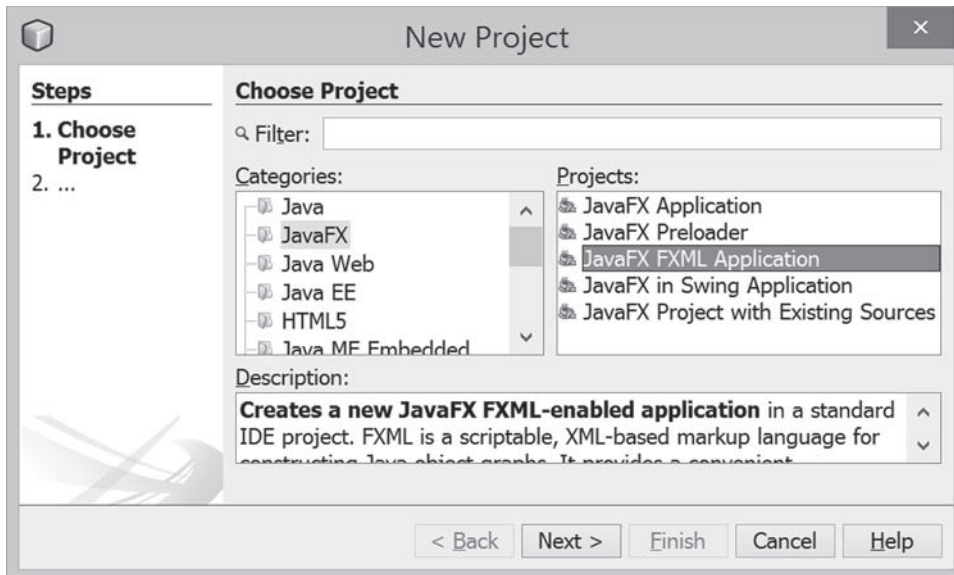
import java.net.URL;
import java.util.ResourceBundle;
import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
import javafx.fxml.FXML;
import javafx.fxml.Initializable;
import javafx.scene.control.Label;

public class FXMLDocumentController implements Initializable {
    @FXML
    private Label label;

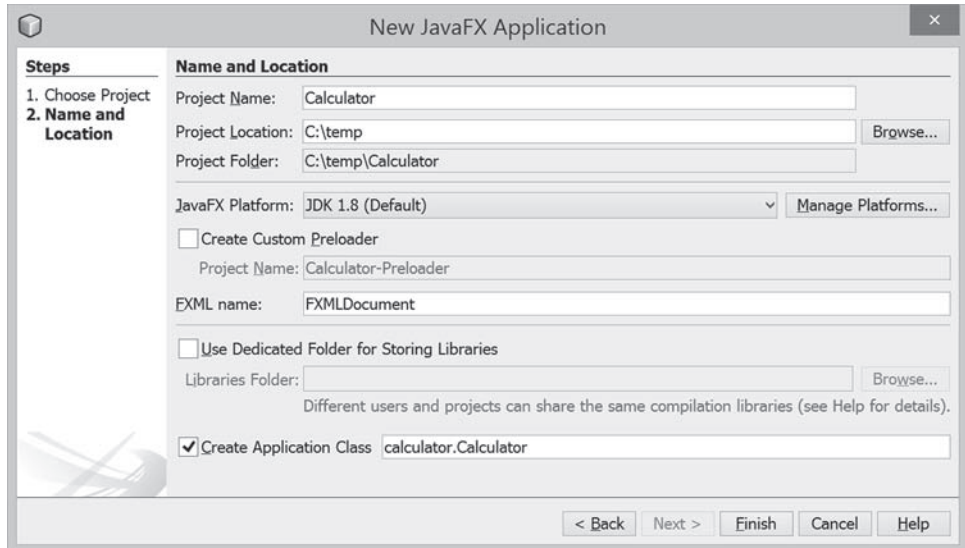
    @FXML
    private void handleButtonAction(ActionEvent event) {
        System.out.println("You clicked me!");
        label.setText("Hello World!");
    }

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL url, ResourceBundle rb) {
        // TODO
    }
}

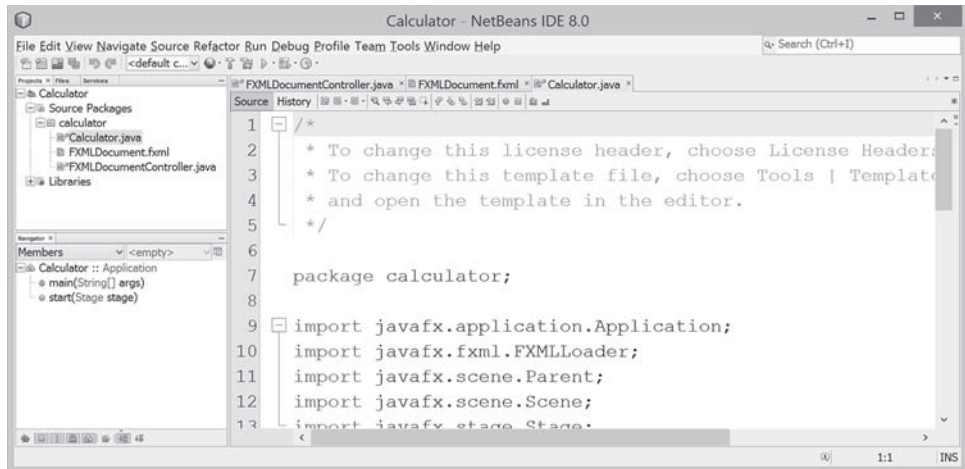
```



**FIGURE 31.35** You can choose JavaFX in the Categories and JavaFX FXML Application in the Project to create a FXML project.



**FIGURE 31.36** You can enter project information in the New JavaFX Application dialog.



**FIGURE 31.37** A FXML project is created.

### 31.11.3 Creating User Interfaces

We now turn our attention to developing a simple calculator as shown in Figure 31.38. The Calculator program enables the user to enter numbers and perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

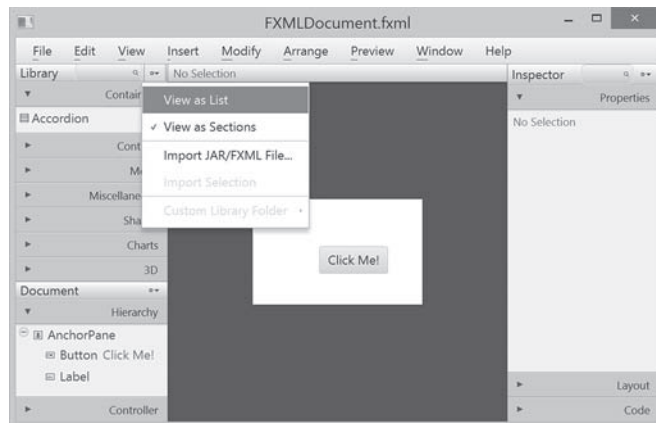


**FIGURE 31.38** The application performs arithmetic operations.

When you create a JavaFX FXML project, NetBeans creates a default .fxml file that contains the contents for a simple sample user interface. To view the user interface, double-click the .fxml file to open the Scene Builder, as shown in Figure 31.39. Note NetBeans can automatically detect the Scene Builder after it is installed on your machine.



**FIGURE 31.39** Double-click the .fxml file to open the Scene Builder.



**FIGURE 31.40** You can open the Library pane by clicking the Library icon and choose View as List.

To start a new user interface, delete the default user interface in the .fxml file from the content pane, as shown in Figure 31.41. Here are the steps to create a new user interface:

1. (Optional) On some systems, the components in the Library pane are not visible by sections. Click the Library icon to open the context menu as shown in Figure 31.40 and choose *View as List*.
2. Drag a **BorderPane** into the user interface and drag an **HBox** to the center of the **BorderPane** and another **HBox** to the bottom of the **BorderPane**. Set the alignment of both **HBox** to **CENTER** as shown in Figure 31.42. Set the **Spacing** property in the Layout section of the Inspector to 5. When you select a component in the visual layout, the properties of the component are displayed in the Inspector pane, where you can set the properties.

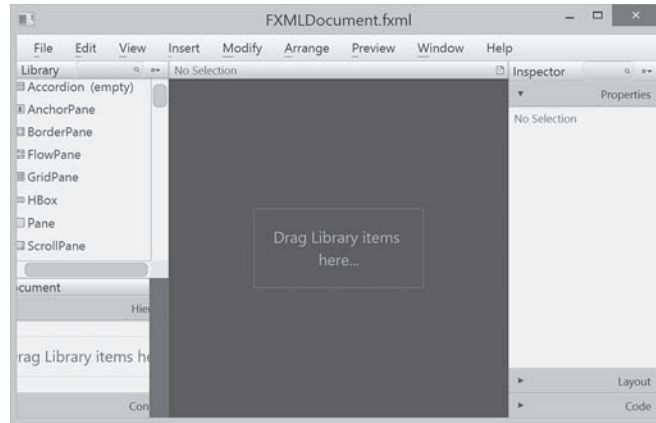


FIGURE 31.41 The UI is empty after deleting the default button in the pane.

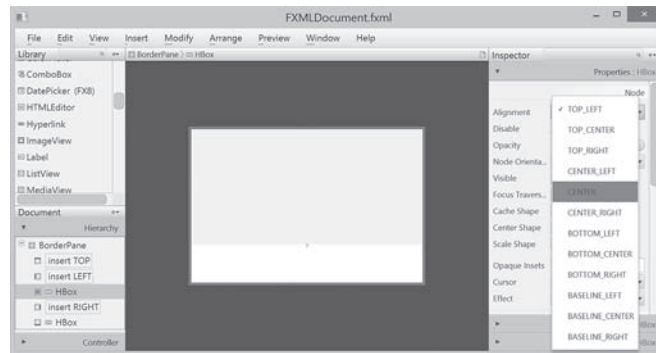


FIGURE 31.42 A BorderPane is dropped to the UI and an HBox is placed at the bottom of the BorderPane.

3. Drag and drop a **Label**, a **TextField**, a **Label**, a **TextField**, a **Label**, and a **TextField** and change the label's text to Number 1, Number 2, and Result, as shown in Figure 31.43. Set the Pref Column Count property for each text field to 2 in the Layout section of the Inspector. In the Code section of the Inspector, set the id for the text fields to `tfNumber1`, `tfNumber2`, and `tfResult`, as shown in Figure 31.44. These ids are useful to reference the text fields and obtain their values in the controller.
4. Drag and drop four **Buttons** to the second **HBox** and set their text property to Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide, as shown in Figure 31.45.

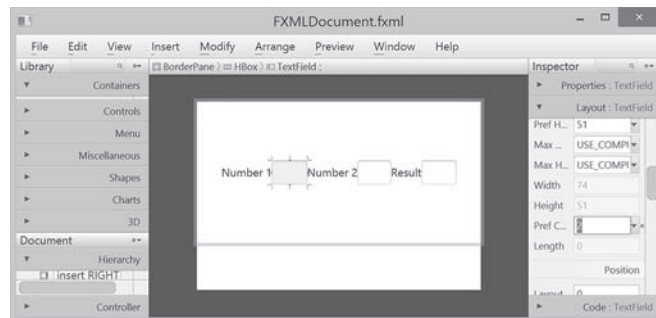


FIGURE 31.43 The labels and text fields are dropped to the UI.



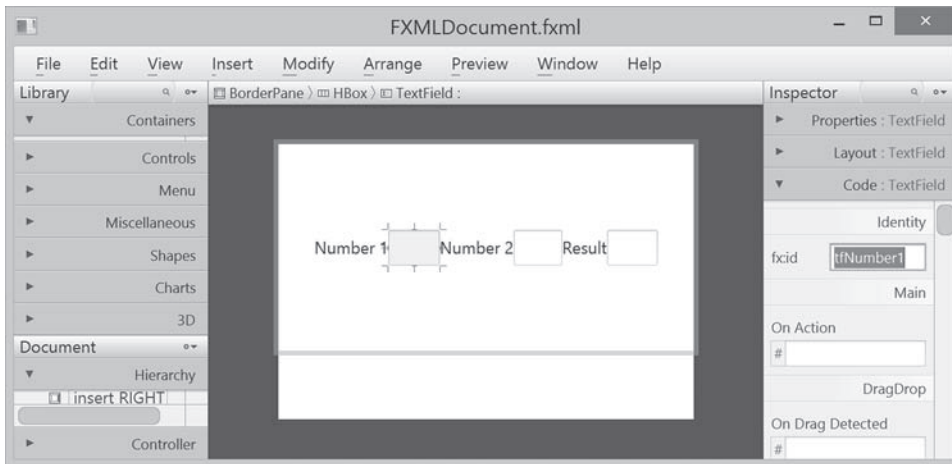


FIGURE 31.44 Set the appropriate id for the text fields.

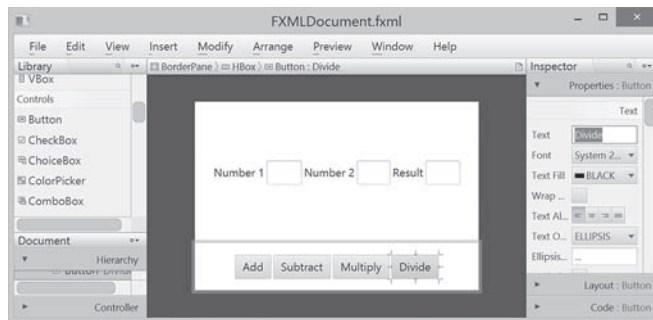


FIGURE 31.45 The buttons are dropped to the HBox.

After you create and make changes to the user interface in the content pane, you need to save the changes by choosing *File, Save* from the menu bar in the Scene Builder. The .fxml file is updated and synchronized with the changes in the content pane. You can view the contents in the .fxml file from NetBeans, as shown in Figure 31.46.

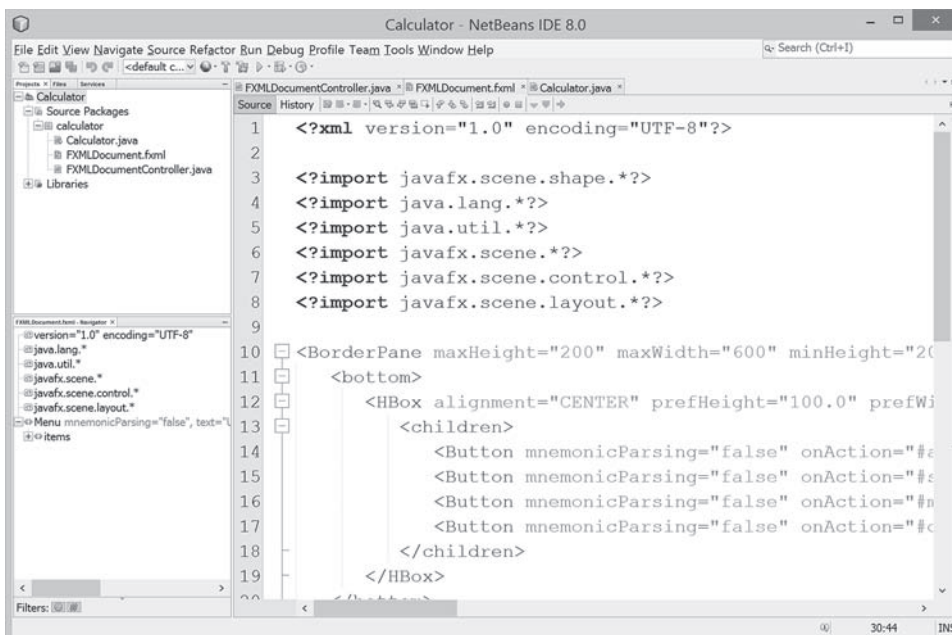


FIGURE 31.46 You can view the contents of the FXML file.

### 31.11.4 Handling Events in the Controller

The .fxml file describes the user interface. You write the code to implement the logic in the controller file, as shown in Listing 31.18.

#### LISTING 31.18 FXMLDocumentController.java

```

1  package calculator;
2
3  import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
4  import javafx.fxml.FXML;
5  import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
6
7  public class FXMLDocumentController {
8      @FXML
9      private TextField tfNumber1, tfNumber2, tfResult;
10
11     @FXML
12     private void addButtonAction(ActionEvent event) {
13         tfResult.setText(getResult('+') + "");
14     }
15
16     @FXML
17     private void subtractButtonAction(ActionEvent event) {
18         tfResult.setText(getResult('-') + "");
19     }
20
21     @FXML
22     private void multiplyButtonAction(ActionEvent event) {
23         tfResult.setText(getResult('*') + "");
24     }
25
26     @FXML
27     private void divideButtonAction(ActionEvent event) {
28         tfResult.setText(getResult('/') + "");
29     }
30
31     private double getResult(char op) {
32         double number1 = Double.parseDouble(tfNumber1.getText());
33         double number2 = Double.parseDouble(tfNumber2.getText());
34         switch (op) {
35             case '+': return number1 + number2;
36             case '-': return number1 - number2;
37             case '*': return number1 * number2;
38             case '/': return number1 / number2;
39         }
40         return Double.NaN;
41     }
42 }

```

The controller class declares three `TextFields`, `tfNumber1`, `tfNumber2`, and `tfResult` (line 9). The `@FXML` annotation denotes that these data fields are linked to the text fields in the user interface. Recall in the user interface, we set the id for the three text fields as `tfNumber1`, `tfNumber2`, and `tfResult`.

The codes for handling the events from the buttons are defined in the methods `addButtonAction`, `subtractButtonAction`, `multiplyButtonAction`, and `divideButtonAction` (lines 11–29). The `@FXML` annotation is used to denote that these methods will be tied to the button actions in the view.

Through the `@FXML` annotation, the data fields and methods in the controller are linked to the components and actions defined in the .fxml file.

### 31.11.5 Linking View with Controller

You can now link the actions from the components in the view with the processing methods in the controller. Here are the steps to accomplish it:

1. Add the following attribute in the `<BorderPane>` tag for using a controller with the view.

```
fx:controller="calculator.FXMLDocumentController"
```

2. Double-click the `.fxml` file in the project to display the visual layout window. In the Inspector for the `Add` button, choose `addButtonAction` from a list of action processing methods, as shown in Figure 31.47. The complete code for the `.fxml` file is shown in Listing 31.19.

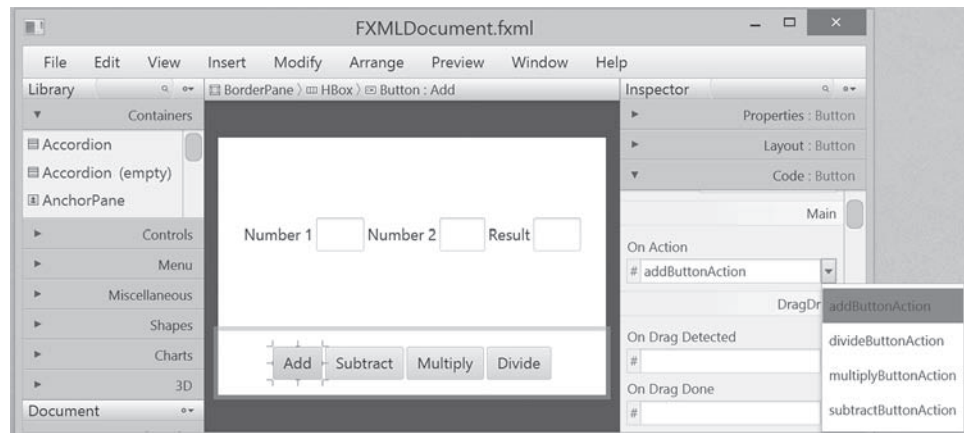
#### LISTING 31.19 FXMLDocument.fxml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?import java.lang.*?>
<?import java.util.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>

<BorderPane maxHeight="200" maxWidth="600" minHeight="200"
  minWidth="600" prefHeight="400.0" prefWidth="600.0"
  xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8"
  xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1"
  fx:controller="calculator.FXMLDocumentController">
  <bottom>
    <HBox alignment="CENTER" prefHeight="100.0" prefWidth="200.0"
      spacing="5.0" BorderPane.alignment="CENTER">
      <children>
        <Button mnemonicParsing="false"
          onAction="#addButtonAction" text="Add" />
        <Button mnemonicParsing="false"
          onAction="#subtractButtonAction" text="Subtract" />
        <Button mnemonicParsing="false"
          onAction="#multiplyButtonAction" text="Multiply" />
        <Button mnemonicParsing="false"
          onAction="#divideButtonAction" text="Divide" />
      </children>
    </HBox>
  </bottom>
  <center>
    <HBox alignment="CENTER" prefHeight="232.0" prefWidth="572.0"
      spacing="5.0" BorderPane.alignment="CENTER">
      <children>
        <Label text="Number 1" />
        <TextField fx:id="tfNumber1" prefColumnCount="2"
          prefHeight="51.0" prefWidth="74.0" />
        <Label text="Number 2" />
        <TextField fx:id="tfNumber2" prefColumnCount="2"
          prefHeight="51.0" prefWidth="70.0" />
        <Label text="Result" />
        <TextField fx:id="tfResult" prefColumnCount="2" />
      </children>
    </HBox>
  </center>
</BorderPane>
```

### 31.11.6 Running the Project

The code in the model is automatically generated as shown in Listing 31.15. This is the main program that loads the FXML to create the user interface in a Parent object (lines 12 and 13). The parent object is then added to the scene (line 14). The scene is set to the stage (line 15). The stage is displayed in line 16.



**FIGURE 31.47** Choosing `addButtonAction` to generate the code for handling action for the Add button.

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. JavaFX provides the cascading style sheets based on CSS. You can use the `getStyleSheets` method to load a style sheet and use the `setStyle`, `setStyleClass`, and `setId` methods to set JavaFX CSS for nodes.
2. JavaFX provides the `QuadCurve`, `CubicCurve`, and `Path` classes for creating advanced shapes.
3. JavaFX supports coordinate transformations using translation, rotation, and scaling.
4. You can specify the pattern for a stroke, how the lines are joined in a stroke, the width of a stroke, and the type of a stroke.
5. You can create menus using the `Menu`, `MenuItem`, `CheckMenuItem`, and `RadioMenuItem` classes.
6. You can create context menus using the `ContextMenu` class.
7. The `SplitPane` can be used to display multiple panes horizontally or vertically and allows the user to adjust the sizes of the panes.
8. The `TabPane` can be used to display multiple panes with tabs for selecting panes.
9. You can create and display tables using the `TableView` and `TableColumn` classes.
10. You can create JavaFX user interfaces using FXML. FXML is XML-based script language for describing the user interface. Using FXML enables you to separate user interface from the logic of Java code.
11. JavaFX Scene Builder is a visual tool for creating the user interface without manually writing the FXML scripts.

## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

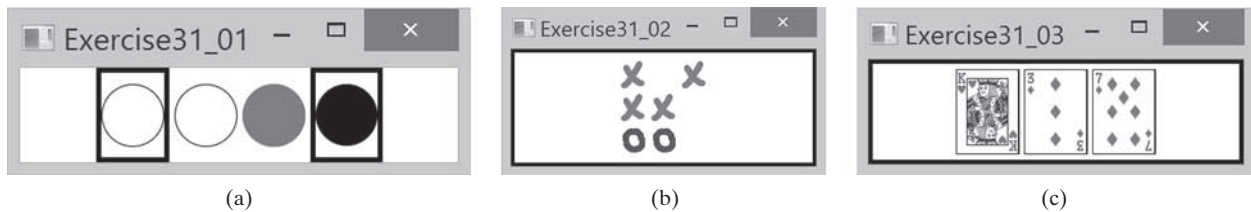


## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

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### Sections 31.2

**31.1** (Use JavaFX CSS) Create a CSS style sheet that defines a class for white fill and black stroke color and an id for red stroke and green color. Write a program that displays four circles and uses the style class and id. The sample run of the program is shown in Figure 31.48a.



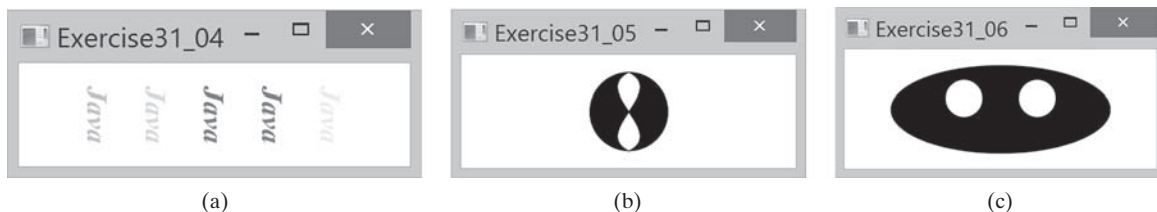
**FIGURE 31.48** (a) The border and the color style for the shapes are defined in a style class. (b) Exercise 31.2 displays a tic-tac-toe board with images using style sheet for border. (c) Three cards are randomly selected.

**\*31.2** (Tic-tac-toe board) Write a program that displays a tic-tac-toe board, as shown in Figure 31.48b. A cell may be X, O, or empty. What to display at each cell is randomly decided. The X and O are images in the files `x.gif` and `o.gif`. Use the style sheet for border.

**\*31.3** (Display three cards) Write a program that displays three cards randomly selected from a deck of 52, as shown in Figure 31.48c. The card image files are named `1.png`, `2.png`, . . . , `52.png` and stored in the `image/card` directory. All the three cards are distinct and selected randomly. Hint: You can select random cards by storing the numbers 1–52 to an array, perform a random shuffle using Section 7.2.6, and use the first three numbers in the array as the file names for the image. Use the style sheet for border.

### Sections 31.3

**31.4** (Color and font) Write a program that displays five texts vertically, as shown in Figure 31.49a. Set a random color and opacity for each text and set the font of each text to Times Roman, bold, italic, and 22 pixels.



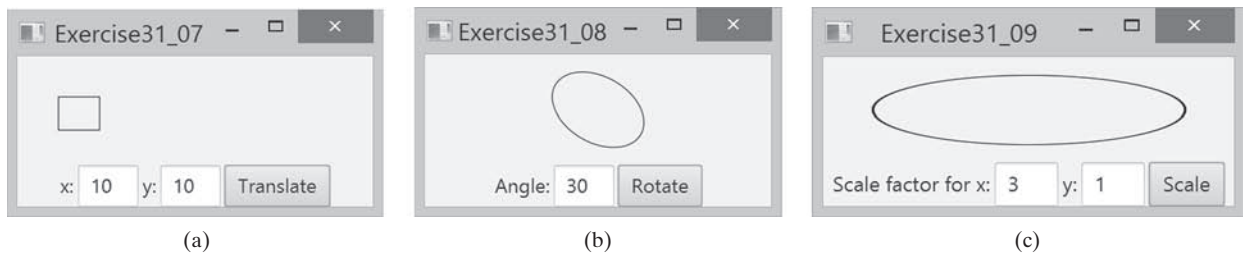
**FIGURE 31.49** (a) Five texts are displayed with a random color and a specified font. (b) A path is displayed inside the circle. (c) Two circles are displayed in an oval.

**\*31.5** (*Cubic curve*) Write a program that creates two shapes: a circle and a path consisting of two cubic curves, as shown in Figure 31.49b.

**\*31.6** (*Eyes*) Write a program that displays two eyes in an oval, as shown in Figure 31.49c.

**Sections 31.4**

**\*31.7** (*Translation*) Write a program that displays a rectangle with upper-left corner point at (40, 40), width 50, and height 40. Enter the values in the text fields *x* and *y* and press the *Translate* button to translate the rectangle to a new location, as shown in Figure 31.50a.

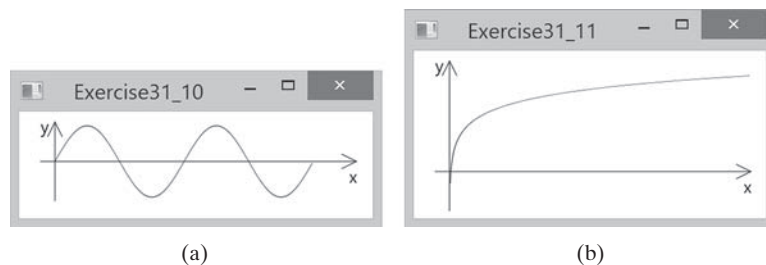


**FIGURE 31.50** (a) Exercise 31.7 translates coordinates. (b) Exercise 31.8 rotates coordinates. (c) Exercise 31.9 scales coordinates.

**\*31.8** (*Rotation*) Write a program that displays an ellipse. The ellipse is centered in the pane with width 60 and height 40. Enter the value in the text field *Angle* and press the *Rotate* button to rotate the ellipse, as shown in Figure 31.50b.

**\*31.9** (*Scale graphics*) Write a program that displays an ellipse. The ellipse is centered in the pane with width 60 and height 40. Enter the scaling factors in the text fields and press the *Scale* button to scale the ellipse, as shown in Figure 31.50c.

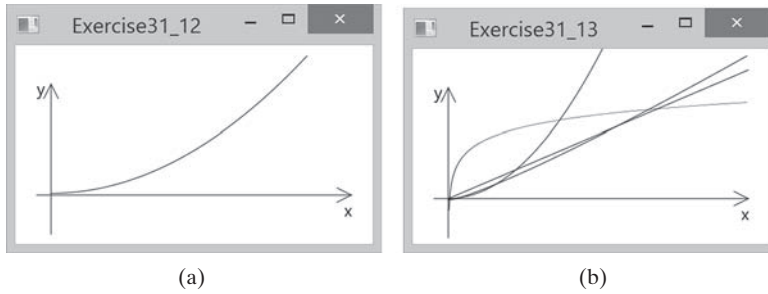
**\*31.10** (*Plot the sine function*) Write a program that plots the sine function, as shown in Figure 31.51a.



**FIGURE 31.51** (a) Exercise 31.10 displays a sine function. (b) Exercise 31.11 displays the log function.

**\*31.11** (*Plot the log function*) Write a program that plots the log function, as shown in Figure 31.51a.

**\*31.12** (*Plot the  $n^2$  function*) Write a program that plots the  $n^2$  function, as shown in Figure 31.51b 2a.



**FIGURE 31.52** (a) Exercise 31.13 displays the  $n^2$  function. (b) Exercise 31.13 displays several functions.

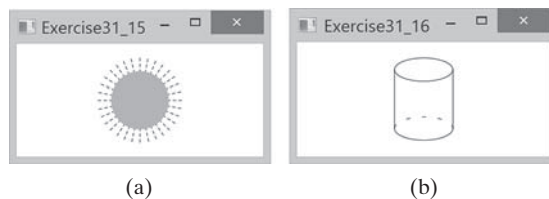
- \*31.13** (*Plot the log, n, n log n, and  $n^2$  functions*) Write a program that plots the log,  $n$ ,  $n \log n$ , and  $n^2$  functions, as shown in Figure 31.52b.
- \*31.14** (*Scale and rotate graphics*) Write a program that enables the user to scale and rotate the STOP sign, as shown in Figure 31.53. The user can press the UP/DOWN arrow key to increase/decrease the size and press the RIGHT/LEFT arrow key to rotate left or right.



**FIGURE 31.53** The program can rotate and scale the painting.

**Sections 31.5**

- \*31.15** (*Sunshine*) Write a program that displays a circle filled with a gradient color to animate a sun and display light rays coming out from the sun using dashed lines, as shown in Figure 31.54a.



**FIGURE 31.54** (a) Exercise 31.15 displays the sunshine. (b) Exercise 31.16 displays a cylinder.

- \*31.16** (*Display a cylinder*) Write a program that displays a cylinder, as shown in Figure 31.54b. Use dashed strokes to draw the dashed arc.

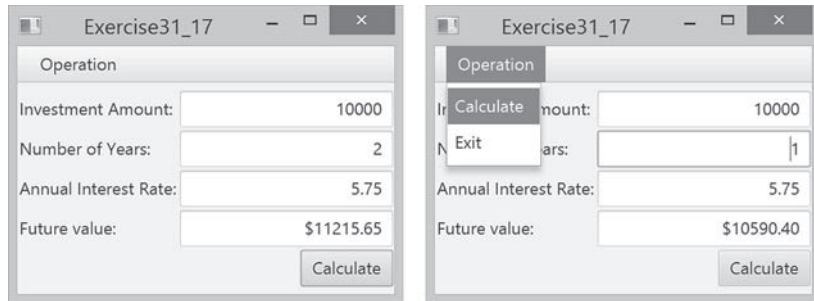


**Sections 31.6**

**\*31.17** (Create an investment value calculator) Write a program that calculates the future value of an investment at a given interest rate for a specified number of years. The formula for the calculation is as follows:

$$\text{futureValue} = \text{investmentAmount} \times (1 + \text{monthlyInterestRate})^{\text{years} \times 12}$$

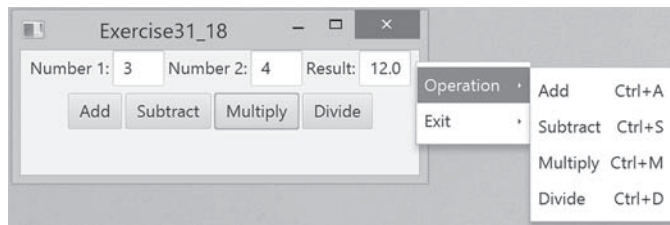
Use text fields for interest rate, investment amount, and years. Display the future amount in a text field when the user clicks the *Calculate* button or chooses Calculate from the Operation menu (see Figure 31.55). Click the Exit menu to exit the program.



**FIGURE 31.55** The user enters the investment amount, years, and interest rate to compute future value.

**Sections 31.8**

**\*31.18** (Use popup menus) Modify Listing 31.9, *MenuDemo.java*, to create a popup menu that contains the menus Operations and Exit, as shown in Figure 31.56. The popup is displayed when you click the right mouse button on the panel that contains the labels and the text fields.

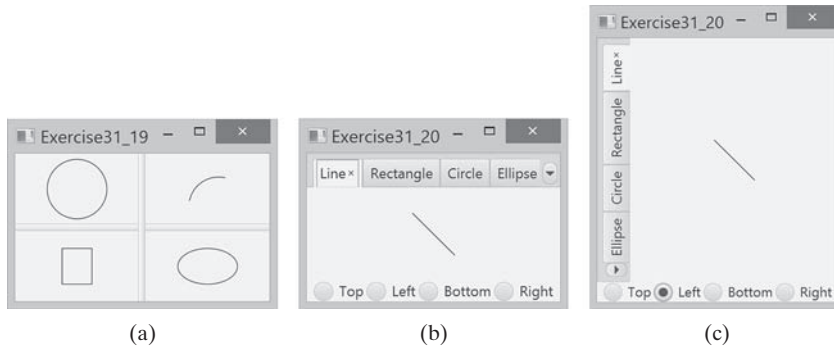


**FIGURE 31.56** The popup menu contains the commands to perform arithmetic operations.

**\*31.19** (Use *SplitPane*) Create a program that displays four shapes in split panes, as shown in Figure 31.57a.

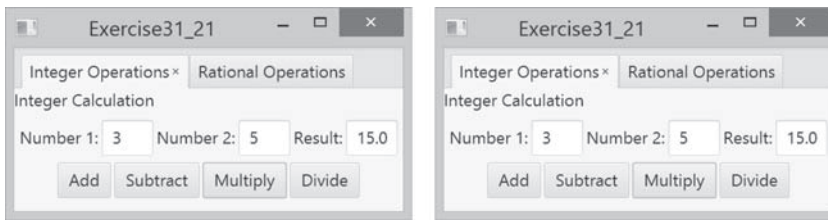
**Sections 31.9**

**\*31.20** (Use *tab panes*) Modify Listing 31.12, *TabPaneDemo.java*, to add a pane of radio buttons for specifying the tab placement of the tab pane, as shown in Figure 31.57b and c.



**FIGURE 31.57** (a) Four shapes are displayed in split panes. (b and c) The radio buttons let you choose the tab placement of the tabbed pane.

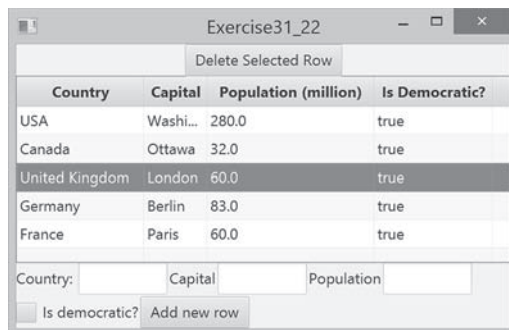
**\*31.21** (Use tab panes) Write a program using tab panes for performing integer and rational number arithmetic as shown in Figure 31.58.



**FIGURE 31.58** A tab pane is used to select panes that perform integer operations and rational number operations.

**Sections 31.10**

**\*31.22** (Use table view) Revise Listing 31.14 to add a button to delete the selected row from the table, as shown in Figure 31.59.



**FIGURE 31.59** Clicking the *Delete Selected Row* button removes the selected row from the table.

# CHAPTER 32

## MULTITHREADING AND PARALLEL PROGRAMMING

### Objectives

- To get an overview of multithreading (§32.2).
- To develop task classes by implementing the `Runnable` interface (§32.3).
- To create threads to run tasks using the `Thread` class (§32.3).
- To control threads using the methods in the `Thread` class (§32.4).
- To control animations using threads and use `Platform.runLater` to run the code in the application thread (§32.5).
- To execute tasks in a thread pool (§32.6).
- To use synchronized methods or blocks to synchronize threads to avoid race conditions (§32.7).
- To synchronize threads using locks (§32.8).
- To facilitate thread communications using conditions on locks (§§32.9 and 32.10).
- To use blocking queues (`ArrayBlockingQueue`, `LinkedBlockingQueue`, and `PriorityBlockingQueue`) to synchronize access to a queue (§32.11).
- To restrict the number of concurrent accesses to a shared resource using semaphores (§32.12).
- To use the resource-ordering technique to avoid deadlocks (§32.13).
- To describe the life cycle of a thread (§32.14).
- To create synchronized collections using the static methods in the `Collections` class (§32.15).
- To develop parallel programs using the Fork/Join Framework (§32.16).



## 32.1 Introduction

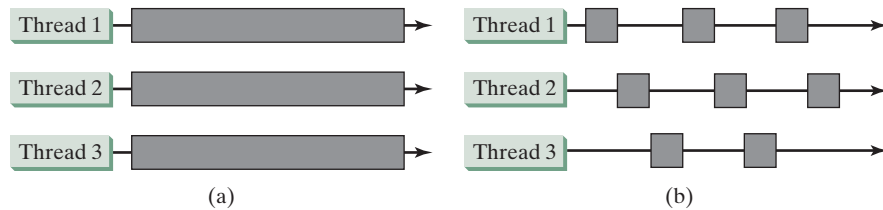
*Multithreading enables multiple tasks in a program to be executed concurrently.*

One of the powerful features of Java is its built-in support for *multithreading*—the concurrent running of multiple tasks within a program. In many programming languages, you have to invoke system-dependent procedures and functions to implement multithreading. This chapter introduces the concepts of threads and how multithreading programs can be developed in Java.

## 32.2 Thread Concepts

*A program may consist of many tasks that can run concurrently. A thread is the flow of execution, from beginning to end, of a task.*

A *thread* provides the mechanism for running a task. With Java, you can launch multiple threads from a program concurrently. These threads can be executed simultaneously in multi-processor systems, as shown in Figure 32.1a.



**FIGURE 32.1** (a) Multiple threads running on multiple CPUs. (b) Multiple threads share a single CPU.

In single-processor systems, as shown in Figure 32.1b, the multiple threads share CPU time, known as *time sharing*, and the operating system is responsible for scheduling and allocating resources to them. This arrangement is practical because most of the time the CPU is idle. It does nothing, for example, while waiting for the user to enter data.

Multithreading can make your program more responsive and interactive as well as enhance performance. For example, a good word processor lets you print or save a file while you are typing. In some cases, multithreaded programs run faster than single-threaded programs even on single-processor systems. Java provides exceptionally good support for creating and running threads, and for locking resources to prevent conflicts.

You can create additional threads to run concurrent tasks in the program. In Java, each task is an instance of the **Runnable** interface, also called a *runnable object*. A *thread* is essentially an object that facilitates the execution of a task.



**32.2.1** Why is multithreading needed? How can multiple threads run simultaneously in a single-processor system?

**32.2.2** What is a runnable object? What is a thread?

## 32.3 Creating Tasks and Threads

*A task class must implement the Runnable interface. A task must be run from a thread.*

Tasks are objects. To create tasks, you have to first define a class for tasks, which implements the **Runnable** interface. The **Runnable** interface is rather simple. All it contains is the **run()** method. You need to implement this method to tell the system how your thread is going to run. A template for developing a task class is shown in Figure 32.2a.



multithreading



thread  
task

time sharing

task  
runnable object  
thread

Runnable interface  
run() method



## LISTING 32.1 TaskThreadDemo.java

```

1  public class TaskThreadDemo {
2  public static void main(String[] args) {
3      // Create tasks
4  Runnable printA = new PrintChar('a', 100);
5  Runnable printB = new PrintChar('b', 100);
6  Runnable print100 = new PrintNum(100);
7
8      // Create threads
9  Thread thread1 = new Thread(printA);
10 Thread thread2 = new Thread(printB);
11 Thread thread3 = new Thread(print100);
12
13     // Start threads
14 thread1.start();
15 thread2.start();
16 thread3.start();
17 }
18 }
19
20 // The task for printing a character a specified number of times
21 class PrintChar implements Runnable {
22     private char charToPrint; // The character to print
23     private int times; // The number of times to repeat
24
25     /** Construct a task with a specified character and number of
26     * times to print the character
27     */
28     public PrintChar(char c, int t) {
29         charToPrint = c;
30         times = t;
31     }
32
33     @Override /** Override the run() method to tell the system
34     * what task to perform
35     */
36     public void run() {
37         for (int i = 0; i < times; i++) {
38             System.out.print(charToPrint);
39         }
40     }
41 }
42
43 // The task class for printing numbers from 1 to n for a given n
44 class PrintNum implements Runnable {
45     private int lastNum;
46
47     /** Construct a task for printing 1, 2, ..., n */
48     public PrintNum(int n) {
49         lastNum = n;
50     }
51
52     @Override /** Tell the thread how to run */
53     public void run() {
54         for (int i = 1; i <= lastNum; i++) {
55             System.out.print(" " + i);
56         }
57     }
58 }

```

create tasks

create threads

start threads

task class

run

task class

run

The program creates three tasks (lines 4–6). To run them concurrently, three threads are created (lines 9–11). The `start()` method (lines 14–16) is invoked to start a thread that causes the `run()` method in the task to be executed. When the `run()` method completes, the thread terminates.

Because the first two tasks, `printA` and `printB`, have similar functionality, they can be defined in one task class `PrintChar` (lines 21–41). The `PrintChar` class implements `Runnable` and overrides the `run()` method (lines 36–40) with the print-character action. This class provides a framework for printing any single character a given number of times. The runnable objects, `printA` and `printB`, are instances of the `PrintChar` class.

The `PrintNum` class (lines 44–58) implements `Runnable` and overrides the `run()` method (lines 53–57) with the print-number action. This class provides a framework for printing numbers from 1 to  $n$ , for any integer  $n$ . The runnable object `print100` is an instance of the class `printNum` class.



### Note

If you don't see the effect of these three threads running concurrently, increase the number of characters to be printed. For example, change line 4 to

```
Runnable printA = new PrintChar('a', 10000);
```

effect of concurrency



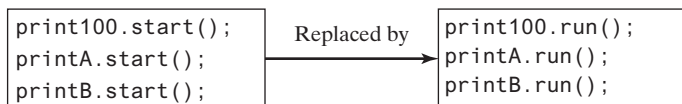
### Important Note

The `run()` method in a task specifies how to perform the task. This method is automatically invoked by the JVM. You should not invoke it. Invoking `run()` directly merely executes this method in the same thread; no new thread is started.

`run()` method

**32.3.1** How do you define a task class? How do you create a thread for a task?

**32.3.2** What would happen if you replace the `start()` method with the `run()` method in lines 14–16 in Listing 32.1?



**32.3.3** What is wrong in the following two programs? Correct the errors.

```
public class Test implements Runnable {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new Test();
    }

    public Test() {
        Test task = new Test();
        new Thread(task).start();
    }

    public void run() {
        System.out.println("test");
    }
}
```

(a)

```
public class Test implements Runnable {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new Test();
    }

    public Test() {
        Thread t = new Thread(this);
        t.start();
        t.start();
    }

    public void run() {
        System.out.println("test");
    }
}
```

(b)





## 32.4 The Thread Class

The **Thread** class contains the constructors for creating threads for tasks and the methods for controlling threads.

Figure 32.4 shows the class diagram for the **Thread** class.

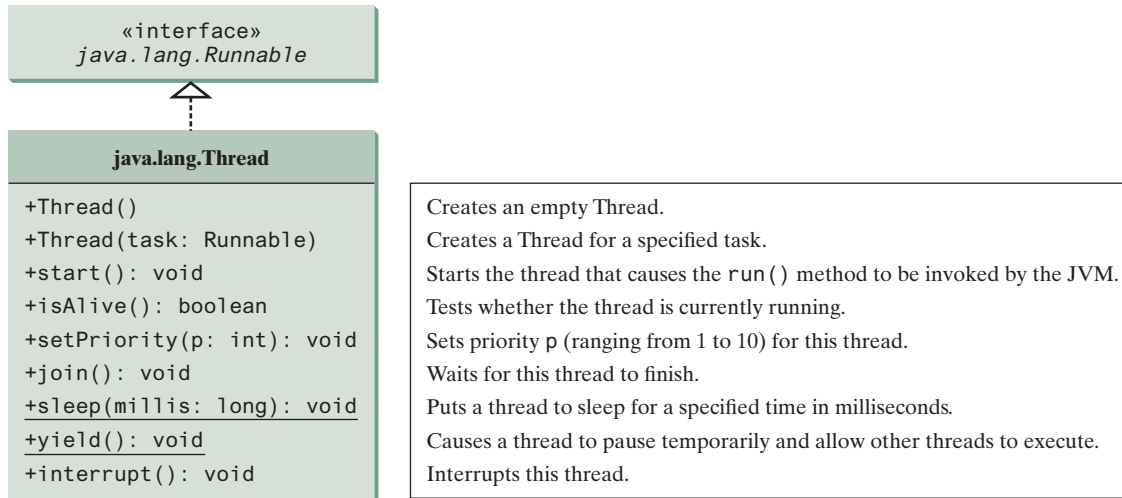


FIGURE 32.4 The **Thread** class contains the methods for controlling threads.



### Note

Since the **Thread** class implements **Runnable**, you could define a class that extends **Thread** and implements the **run** method, as shown in Figure 32.5a, then create an object from the class and invoke its **start** method in a client program to start the thread, as shown in Figure 32.5b.

separating task from thread

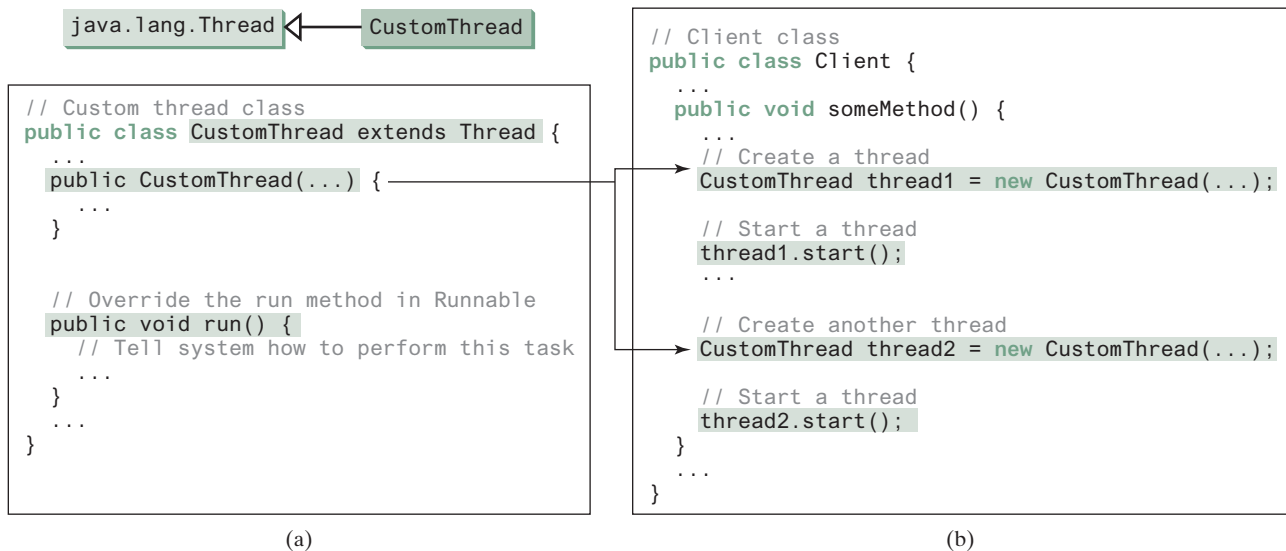


FIGURE 32.5 Define a thread class by extending the **Thread** class.

This approach is, however, not recommended because it mixes the task and the mechanism of running the task. Separating the task from the thread is a preferred design.



### Note

The `Thread` class also contains the `stop()`, `suspend()`, and `resume()` methods. As of Java 2, these methods were *deprecated* (or *outdated*) because they are known to be inherently unsafe. Instead of using the `stop()` method, you should assign `null` to a `Thread` variable to indicate that it has stopped.

deprecated method

You can use the `yield()` method to temporarily release time for other threads. For example, suppose that you modify the code in the `run()` method in lines 53–57 for `PrintNum` in Listing 32.1 as follows:

`yield()`

```
public void run() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= lastNum; i++) {
        System.out.print(" " + i);
        Thread.yield();
    }
}
```

Every time a number is printed, the thread of the `print100` task is yielded to other threads.

The `sleep(long millis)` method puts the thread to sleep for a specified time in milliseconds to allow other threads to execute. For example, suppose that you modify the code in lines 53–57 in Listing 32.1 as follows:

`sleep(long)`

```
public void run() {
    try {
        for (int i = 1; i <= lastNum; i++) {
            System.out.print(" " + i);
            if (i >= 50) Thread.sleep(1);
        }
    } catch (InterruptedException ex) {
    }
}
```

Every time a number (`>= 50`) is printed, the thread of the `print100` task is put to sleep for 1 millisecond.

The `sleep` method may throw an `InterruptedException`, which is a checked exception. Such an exception may occur when a sleeping thread's `interrupt()` method is called. The `interrupt()` method is very rarely invoked on a thread, so an `InterruptedException` is unlikely to occur. But since Java forces you to catch checked exceptions, you have to put it in a `try-catch` block. If a `sleep` method is invoked in a loop, you should wrap the loop in a `try-catch` block, as shown in (a) below. If the loop is outside the `try-catch` block, as shown in (b), the thread may continue to execute even though it is being interrupted.

`InterruptedException`

```
public void run() {
    try {
        while (...) {
            ...
            Thread.sleep(1000);
        }
    } catch (InterruptedException ex) {
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

(a) Correct

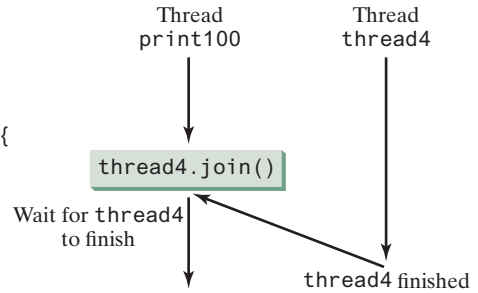
```
public void run() {
    while (...) {
        try {
            ...
            Thread.sleep(sleepTime);
        }
        catch (InterruptedException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

(b) Incorrect

join()

You can use the `join()` method to force one thread to wait for another thread to finish. For example, suppose that you modify the code in lines 53–57 in Listing 32.1 as follows:

```
public void run() {
    Thread thread4 = new Thread(
        new PrintChar('c', 40));
    thread4.start();
    try {
        for (int i = 1; i <= lastNum; i++) {
            System.out.print(" " + i);
            if (i == 50) thread4.join();
        }
    }
    catch (InterruptedException ex) {
    }
}
```



A new `thread4` is created and it prints character `c` 40 times. The numbers from 50 to 100 are printed after thread `thread4` is finished.

setPriority(int)

Java assigns every thread a priority. By default, a thread inherits the priority of the thread that spawned it. You can increase or decrease the priority of any thread by using the `setPriority` method and you can get the thread's priority by using the `getPriority` method. Priorities are numbers ranging from 1 to 10. The `Thread` class has the `int` constants `MIN_PRIORITY`, `NORM_PRIORITY`, and `MAX_PRIORITY`, representing 1, 5, and 10, respectively. The priority of the main thread is `Thread.NORM_PRIORITY`.

round-robin scheduling

The JVM always picks the currently runnable thread with the highest priority. A lower priority thread can run only when no higher priority threads are running. If all runnable threads have equal priorities, each is assigned an equal portion of the CPU time in a circular queue. This is called *round-robin scheduling*. For example, suppose that you insert the following code in line 16 in Listing 32.1:

```
thread3.setPriority(Thread.MAX_PRIORITY);
```

The thread for the `print100` task will be finished first.



**Tip**

The priority numbers may be changed in a future version of Java. To minimize the impact of any changes, use the constants in the `Thread` class to specify thread priorities.



**Tip**

A thread may never get a chance to run if there is always a higher priority thread running or a same-priority thread that never yields. This situation is known as *contention* or *starvation*. To avoid contention, the thread with higher priority must periodically invoke the `sleep` or `yield` method to give a thread with a lower or the same priority a chance to run.

contention or starvation



**32.4.1** Which of the following methods are instance methods in `java.lang.Thread`? Which method may throw an `InterruptedException`? Which of them are deprecated in Java?

`run`, `start`, `stop`, `suspend`, `resume`, `sleep`, `interrupt`, `yield`, `join`

**32.4.2** If a loop contains a method that throws an `InterruptedException`, why should the loop be placed inside a `try-catch` block?

**32.4.3** How do you set a priority for a thread? What is the default priority?

## 32.5 Animation Using Threads and the Platform.runLater Method

You can use a thread to control an animation and run the code in JavaFX GUI thread using the Platform.runLater method.



The use of a Timeline object to control animations was introduced in Section 15.11, Animation. Alternatively, you can also use a thread to control animation. Listing 32.2 gives an example that displays flashing text on a label, as shown in Figure 32.6.

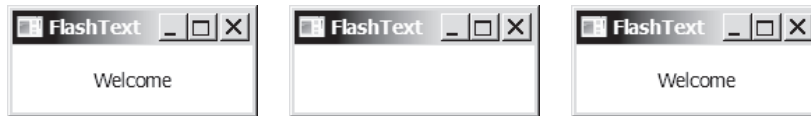


FIGURE 32.6 The text “Welcome” blinks.

### LISTING 32.2 FlashText.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.application.Platform;
3  import javafx.scene.Scene;
4  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
5  import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
6  import javafx.stage.Stage;
7
8  public class FlashText extends Application {
9      private String text = "";
10
11     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
12     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
13         StackPane pane = new StackPane();
14         Label lblText = new Label("Programming is fun");           create a label
15         pane.getChildren().add(lblText);                          label in a pane
16
17         new Thread(new Runnable() {                               create a thread
18             @Override
19             public void run() {                                    run thread
20                 try {
21                     while (true) {
22                         if (lblText.getText().trim().length() == 0)   change text
23                             text = "Welcome";
24                         else
25                             text = "";
26
27                         Platform.runLater(new Runnable() { // Run from JavaFX GUI   Platform.runLater
28                             @Override
29                             public void run() {
30                                 lblText.setText(text);                    update GUI
31                             }
32                         });
33
34                         Thread.sleep(200);                               sleep
35                     }
36                 }
37                 catch (InterruptedException ex) {
38                 }
39             }
40         }).start();
41

```

```

42     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
43     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 200, 50);
44     primaryStage.setTitle("FlashText"); // Set the stage title
45     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
46     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
47 }
48 }

```

The program creates a **Runnable** object in an anonymous inner class (lines 17–40). This object is started in line 40 and runs continuously to change the text in the label. It sets a text in the label if the label is blank (line 23) and sets its text blank (line 25) if the label has a text. The text is set and unset to simulate a flashing effect.

JavaFX application thread

JavaFX GUI is run from the *JavaFX application thread*. The flashing control is run from a separate thread. The code in a nonapplication thread cannot update GUI in the application thread. To update the text in the label, a new **Runnable** object is created in lines 27–32. Invoking **Platform.runLater(Runnable r)** tells the system to run this **Runnable** object in the application thread.

Platform.runLater

The anonymous inner classes in this program can be simplified using lambda expressions as follows:

```

new Thread(() -> { // lambda expression
    try {
        while (true) {
            if (lblText.getText().trim().length() == 0)
                text = "Welcome";
            else
                text = "";

            Platform.runLater(() -> lblText.setText(text)); // lambda exp
            Thread.sleep(200);
        }
    }
    catch (InterruptedException ex) {
    }
}).start();

```



**32.5.1** What causes the text to flash?

**32.5.2** Is an instance of **FlashText** a runnable object?

**32.5.3** What is the purpose of using **Platform.runLater**?

**32.5.4** Can you replace the code in lines 27–32 using the following code?

```
Platform.runLater(e -> lblText.setText(text));
```

**32.5.5** What happens if line 34 (**Thread.sleep(200)**) is not used?

**32.5.6** There is an issue in Listing 16.9, *ListViewDemo*. If you press the CTRL key and select Canada, Demark, and China in this order, you will get an **ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException**. What is the reason for this error and how do you fix it? (Thanks to Henri Heimonen of Finland for contributing this question).



## 32.6 Thread Pools

*A thread pool can be used to execute tasks efficiently.*

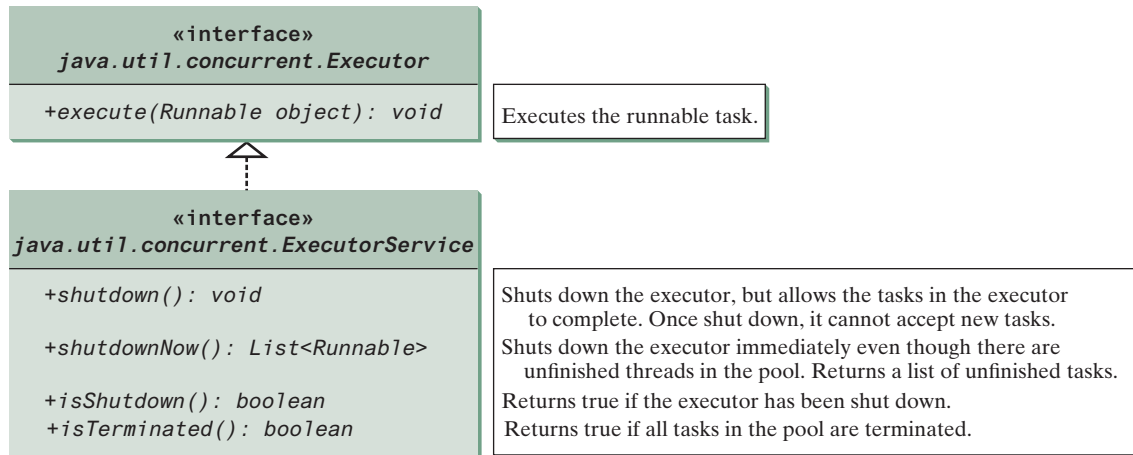
In Section 32.3, *Creating Tasks and Threads*, you learned how to define a task class by implementing **java.lang.Runnable**, and how to create a thread to run a task like this:

```

Runnable task = new TaskClass(...);
new Thread(task).start();

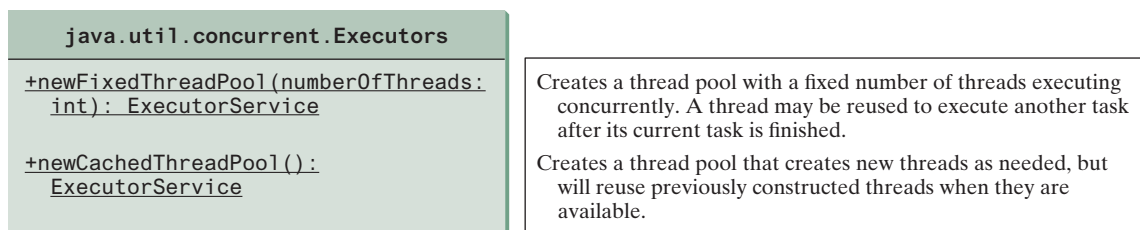
```

This approach is convenient for a single task execution, but it is not efficient for a large number of tasks because you have to create a thread for each task. Starting a new thread for each task could limit throughput and cause poor performance. Using a *thread pool* is an ideal way to manage the number of tasks executing concurrently. Java provides the **Executor** interface for executing tasks in a thread pool and the **ExecutorService** interface for managing and controlling tasks. **ExecutorService** is a subinterface of **Executor**, as shown in Figure 32.7.



**FIGURE 32.7** The **Executor** interface executes threads and the **ExecutorService** subinterface manages threads.

To create an **Executor** object, use the static methods in the **Executors** class, as shown in Figure 32.8. The **newFixedThreadPool(int)** method creates a fixed number of threads in a pool. If a thread completes executing a task, it can be reused to execute another task. If a thread terminates due to a failure prior to shutdown, a new thread will be created to replace it if all the threads in the pool are not idle and there are tasks waiting for execution. The **newCachedThreadPool()** method creates a new thread if all the threads in the pool are not idle and there are tasks waiting for execution. A thread in a cached pool will be terminated if it has not been used for 60 seconds. A cached pool is efficient for many short tasks.



**FIGURE 32.8** The **Executors** class provides static methods for creating **Executor** objects.

Listing 32.3 shows how to rewrite Listing 32.1 using a thread pool.

### LISTING 32.3 ExecutorDemo.java

```

1 import java.util.concurrent.*;
2
3 public class ExecutorDemo {
  
```

```

4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         // Create a fixed thread pool with maximum three threads
6         ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(3);
7
8         // Submit runnable tasks to the executor
9         executor.execute(new PrintChar('a', 100));
10        executor.execute(new PrintChar('b', 100));
11        executor.execute(new PrintNum(100));
12
13        // Shut down the executor
14        executor.shutdown();
15    }
16 }

```

create executor

submit task

shut down executor

Line 6 creates a thread pool executor with a total of three threads maximum. Classes `PrintChar` and `PrintNum` are defined in Listing 32.1. Line 9 creates a task, `new PrintChar('a', 100)`, and adds it to the pool. Similarly, another two runnable tasks are created and added to the same pool in lines 10 and 11. The executor creates three threads to execute three tasks concurrently.

Suppose you replace line 6 with

```
ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(1);
```

What will happen? The three runnable tasks will be executed sequentially because there is only one thread in the pool.

Suppose you replace line 6 with

```
ExecutorService executor = Executors.newCachedThreadPool();
```

What will happen? New threads will be created for each waiting task, so all the tasks will be executed concurrently.

The `shutdown()` method in line 14 tells the executor to shut down. No new tasks can be accepted, but any existing tasks will continue to finish.



**Tip**

If you need to create a thread for just one task, use the `Thread` class. If you need to create threads for multiple tasks, it is better to use a thread pool.



**32.6.1** What are the benefits of using a thread pool?

**32.6.2** How do you create a thread pool with three fixed threads? How do you submit a task to a thread pool? How do you know that all the tasks are finished?



## 32.7 Thread Synchronization

*Thread synchronization is to coordinate the execution of the dependent threads.*

A shared resource may become corrupted if it is accessed simultaneously by multiple threads. The following example demonstrates the problem.

Suppose that you create and launch 100 threads, each of which adds a penny to an account. Define a class named `Account` to model the account, a class named `AddAPennyTask` to add a penny to the account, and a main class that creates and launches threads. The relationships of these classes are shown in Figure 32.9. The program is given in Listing 32.4.



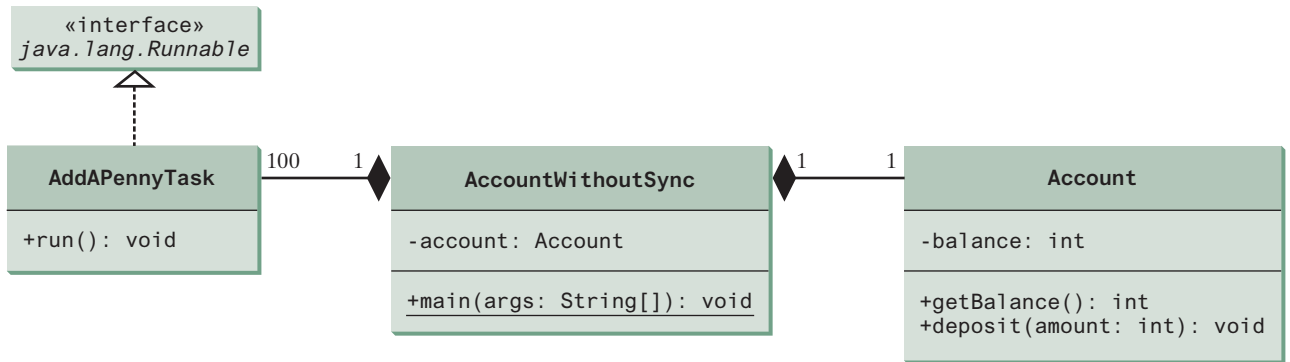


FIGURE 32.9 AccountWithoutSync contains an instance of Account and 100 threads of AddAPennyTask.

### LISTING 32.4 AccountWithoutSync.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.*;
2
3  public class AccountWithoutSync {
4      private static Account account = new Account();
5
6      public static void main(String[] args) {
7          ExecutorService executor = Executors.newCachedThreadPool();           create executor
8
9          // Create and launch 100 threads
10         for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
11             executor.execute(new AddAPennyTask());                          submit task
12         }
13
14         executor.shutdown();                                                shut down executor
15
16         // Wait until all tasks are finished
17         while (!executor.isTerminated()) {                                   wait for all tasks to terminate
18             }
19
20         System.out.println("What is balance? " + account.getBalance());
21     }
22
23     // A thread for adding a penny to the account
24     private static class AddAPennyTask implements Runnable {
25         public void run() {
26             account.deposit(1);
27         }
28     }
29
30     // An inner class for account
31     private static class Account {
32         private int balance = 0;
33
34         public int getBalance() {
35             return balance;
36         }
37
38         public void deposit(int amount) {
39             int newBalance = balance + amount;
40
41             // This delay is deliberately added to magnify the

```

```

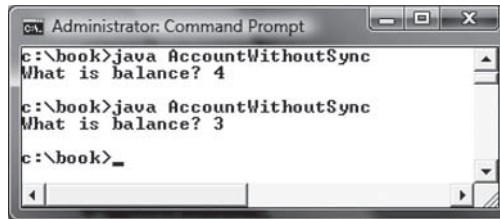
42         // data-corruption problem and make it easy to see.
43         try {
44             Thread.sleep(5);
45         }
46         catch (InterruptedException ex) {
47         }
48
49         balance = newBalance;
50     }
51 }
52 }

```

The classes **AddAPennyTask** and **Account** in lines 24–51 are inner classes. Line 4 creates an **Account** with initial balance 0. Line 11 creates a task to add a penny to the account and submits the task to the executor. Line 11 is repeated 100 times in lines 10–12. The program repeatedly checks whether all tasks are completed in lines 17 and 18. The account balance is displayed in line 20 after all tasks are completed.

The program creates 100 threads executed in a thread pool **executor** (lines 10–12). The **isTerminated()** method (line 17) is used to test whether all the threads in the pool are terminated.

The balance of the account is initially 0 (line 32). When all the threads are finished, the balance should be 100 but the output is unpredictable. As can be seen in Figure 32.10, the answers are wrong in the sample run. This demonstrates the data-corruption problem that occurs when all the threads have access to the same data source simultaneously.



**FIGURE 32.10** The **AccountWithoutSync** program causes data inconsistency.

Lines 39–49 could be replaced by one statement:

```
balance = balance + amount;
```

It is highly unlikely, although plausible, that the problem can be replicated using this single statement. The statements in lines 39–49 are deliberately designed to magnify the data-corruption problem and make it easy to see. If you run the program several times but still do not see the problem, increase the sleep time in line 44. This will increase the chances for showing the problem of data inconsistency.

What, then, caused the error in this program? A possible scenario is shown in Figure 32.11.

Step	Balance	Task 1	Task 2
1	0	<code>newBalance = balance + 1;</code>	
2	0		<code>newBalance = balance + 1;</code>
3	1	<code>balance = newBalance;</code>	
4	1		<code>balance = newBalance;</code>

**FIGURE 32.11** Task 1 and Task 2 both add 1 to the same balance.

In Step 1, Task 1 gets the balance from the account. In Step 2, Task 2 gets the same balance from the account. In Step 3, Task 1 writes a new balance to the account. In Step 4, Task 2 writes a new balance to the account.

The effect of this scenario is that Task 1 does nothing because in Step 4, Task 2 overrides Task 1's result. Obviously, the problem is that Task 1 and Task 2 are accessing a common resource in a way that causes a conflict. This is a common problem, known as a *race condition*, in multithreaded programs. A class is said to be *thread-safe* if an object of the class does not cause a race condition in the presence of multiple threads. As demonstrated in the preceding example, the `Account` class is not thread-safe.

race condition  
thread-safe

### 32.7.1 The `synchronized` Keyword

To avoid race conditions, it is necessary to prevent more than one thread from simultaneously entering a certain part of the program, known as the *critical region*. The critical region in Listing 32.4 is the entire `deposit` method. You can use the keyword `synchronized` to synchronize the method so that only one thread can access the method at a time. There are several ways to correct the problem in Listing 32.4. One approach is to make `Account` thread-safe by adding the keyword `synchronized` in the `deposit` method in line 38, as follows:

critical region

```
public synchronized void deposit(double amount)
```

A synchronized method acquires a lock before it executes. A lock is a mechanism for exclusive use of a resource. In the case of an instance method, the lock is on the object for which the method was invoked. In the case of a static method, the lock is on the class. If one thread invokes a synchronized instance method (respectively, static method) on an object, the lock of that object (respectively, class) is acquired first, then the method is executed, and finally the lock is released. Another thread invoking the same method of that object (respectively, class) is blocked until the lock is released.

With the `deposit` method synchronized, the preceding scenario cannot happen. If Task 1 enters the method, Task 2 is blocked until Task 1 finishes the method, as shown in Figure 32.12.

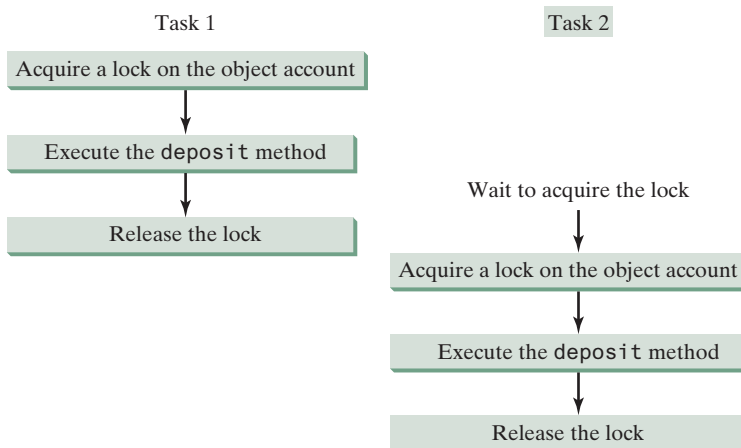


FIGURE 32.12 Task 1 and Task 2 are synchronized.

### 32.7.2 Synchronizing Statements

Invoking a synchronized instance method of an object acquires a lock on the object, and invoking a synchronized static method of a class acquires a lock on the class. A synchronized statement can be used to acquire a lock on any object, not just *this* object, when executing a block

synchronized block

of the code in a method. This block is referred to as a *synchronized block*. The general form of a synchronized statement is as follows:

```
synchronized (expr) {
    statements;
}
```

The expression **expr** must evaluate to an object reference. If the object is already locked by another thread, the thread is blocked until the lock is released. When a lock is obtained on the object, the statements in the synchronized block are executed and then the lock is released.

Synchronized statements enable you to synchronize part of the code in a method instead of the entire method. This increases concurrency. You can make Listing 32.4 thread-safe by placing the statement in line 26 inside a synchronized block:

```
synchronized (account) {
    account.deposit(1);
}
```



**Note**

Any synchronized instance method can be converted into a synchronized statement. For example, the following synchronized instance method in (a) is equivalent to (b):

```
public synchronized void xMethod() {
    // method body
}
```

(a)

```
public void xMethod() {
    synchronized (this) {
        // method body
    }
}
```

(b)



**32.7.1** Give some examples of possible resource corruption when running multiple threads. How do you synchronize conflicting threads?

**32.7.2** Suppose you place the statement in line 26 of Listing 32.4 inside a synchronized block to avoid race conditions, as follows:

```
synchronized (this) {
    account.deposit(1);
}
```

Will it work?



## 32.8 Synchronization Using Locks

*Locks and conditions can be explicitly used to synchronize threads.*

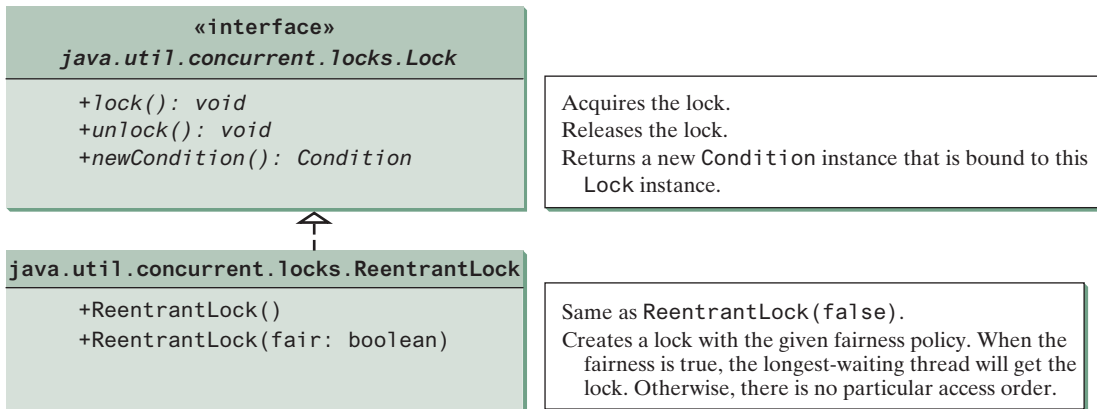
Recall that in Listing 32.4, 100 tasks deposit a penny to the same account concurrently, which causes conflicts. To avoid it, you use the **synchronized** keyword in the **deposit** method, as follows:

```
public synchronized void deposit(double amount)
```

lock

A synchronized instance method implicitly acquires a *lock* on the instance before it executes the method.

Java enables you to acquire locks explicitly, which give you more control for coordinating threads. A lock is an instance of the **Lock** interface, which defines the methods for acquiring and releasing locks, as shown in Figure 32.13. A lock may also use the **newCondition()** method to create any number of **Condition** objects, which can be used for thread communications.



**FIGURE 32.13** The `ReentrantLock` class implements the `Lock` interface to represent a lock.

`ReentrantLock` is a concrete implementation of `Lock` for creating mutually exclusive locks. You can create a lock with the specified *fairness policy*. True fairness policies guarantee that the longest waiting thread will obtain the lock first. False fairness policies grant a lock to a waiting thread arbitrarily. Programs using fair locks accessed by many threads may have poorer overall performance than those using the default setting, but they have smaller variances in times to obtain locks and prevent starvation.

Listing 32.5 revises the program in Listing 32.7 to synchronize the account modification using explicit locks.

### LISTING 32.5 AccountWithSyncUsingLock.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.*;
2  import java.util.concurrent.locks.*;
3
4  public class AccountWithSyncUsingLock {
5      private static Account account = new Account();
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          ExecutorService executor = Executors.newCachedThreadPool();
9
10         // Create and launch 100 threads
11         for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
12             executor.execute(new AddAPennyTask());
13         }
14
15         executor.shutdown();
16
17         // Wait until all tasks are finished
18         while (!executor.isTerminated()) {
19             }
20
21         System.out.println("What is balance? " + account.getBalance());
22     }
23
24     // A thread for adding a penny to the account
25     public static class AddAPennyTask implements Runnable {
26         public void run() {
27             account.deposit(1);
28         }
29     }
30

```

package for locks

```

31 // An inner class for Account
32 public static class Account {
33     private static Lock lock = new ReentrantLock(); // Create a lock
34     private int balance = 0;
35
36     public int getBalance() {
37         return balance;
38     }
39
40     public void deposit(int amount) {
41         lock.lock(); // Acquire the lock
42
43         try {
44             int newBalance = balance + amount;
45
46             // This delay is deliberately added to magnify the
47             // data-corruption problem and make it easy to see.
48             Thread.sleep(5);
49
50             balance = newBalance;
51         }
52         catch (InterruptedException ex) {
53         }
54         finally {
55             lock.unlock(); // Release the lock
56         }
57     }
58 }
59 }

```

create a lock

acquire the lock

release the lock

Line 33 creates a lock, line 41 acquires the lock, and line 55 releases the lock.



### Tip

It is a good practice to always immediately follow a call to `lock()` with a `try-catch` block and release the lock in the `finally` clause, as shown in lines 41–56, to ensure that the lock is always released.

Listing 32.5 can be implemented using a `synchronize` method for `deposit` rather than using a lock. In general, using `synchronized` methods or statements is simpler than using explicit locks for mutual exclusion. However, using explicit locks is more intuitive and flexible to synchronize threads with conditions, as you will see in the next section.



**32.8.1** How do you create a lock object? How do you acquire a lock and release a lock?

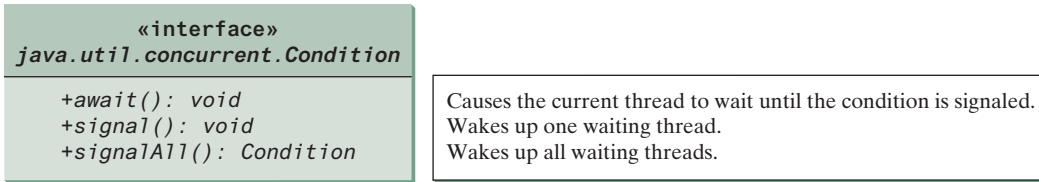


## 32.9 Cooperation among Threads

*Conditions on locks can be used to coordinate thread interactions.*

Thread synchronization suffices to avoid race conditions by ensuring the mutual exclusion of multiple threads in the critical region, but sometimes you also need a way for threads to cooperate. *Conditions* can be used to facilitate communications among threads. A thread can specify what to do under a certain condition. Conditions are objects created by invoking the `newCondition()` method on a `Lock` object. Once a condition is created, you can use its `await()`, `signal()`, and `signalAll()` methods for thread communications, as shown in Figure 32.14. The `await()` method causes the current thread to wait until the condition is signaled. The `signal()` method wakes up one waiting thread, and the `signalAll()` method wakes all waiting threads.

condition

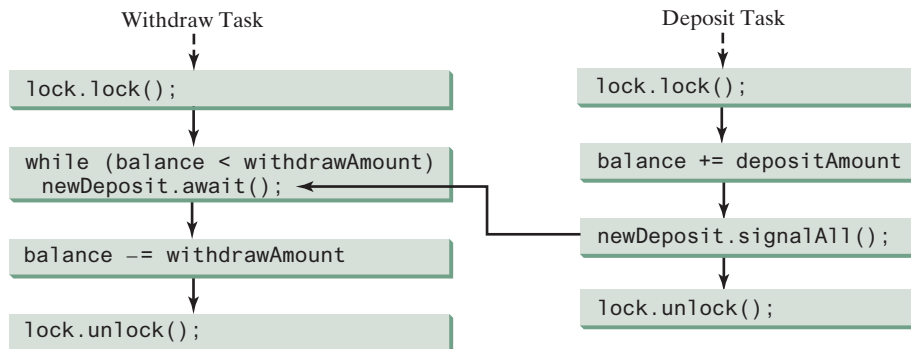


**FIGURE 32.14** The `Condition` interface defines the methods for performing synchronization.

Let us use an example to demonstrate thread communications. Suppose you create and launch two tasks: one that deposits into an account, and one that withdraws from the same account. The withdraw task has to wait if the amount to be withdrawn is more than the current balance. Whenever new funds are deposited into the account, the deposit task notifies the withdraw thread to resume. If the amount is still not enough for a withdrawal, the withdraw thread has to continue to wait for a new deposit.

thread cooperation example

To synchronize the operations, use a lock with a condition: `newDeposit` (i.e., new deposit added to the account). If the balance is less than the amount to be withdrawn, the withdraw task will wait for the `newDeposit` condition. When the deposit task adds money to the account, the task signals the waiting withdraw task to try again. The interaction between the two tasks is shown in Figure 32.15.



**FIGURE 32.15** The condition `newDeposit` is used for communications between the two threads.

You create a condition from a `Lock` object. To use a condition, you have to first obtain a lock. The `await()` method causes the thread to wait and automatically releases the lock on the condition. Once the condition is right, the thread reacquires the lock and continues executing.

Assume the initial balance is `0` and the amount to deposit and withdraw are randomly generated. Listing 32.6 gives the program. A sample run of the program is shown in Figure 32.16.

```

Administrator: Command Prompt
c:\book>java ThreadCooperation
Thread 1      Thread 2      Balance
Deposit 6    Withdraw 5    6
Deposit 6    Withdraw 1    1
Deposit 6    Withdraw 1    0
                Wait for a deposit
Deposit 5    Wait for a deposit    5
Deposit 5    Wait for a deposit    10
Deposit 5    Withdraw 10    0
                Wait for a deposit
Deposit 6    Withdraw 6    6
                Withdraw 6    0

```

**FIGURE 32.16** The withdraw task waits if there are not sufficient funds to withdraw.



## LISTING 32.6 ThreadCooperation.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.*;
2  import java.util.concurrent.locks.*;
3
4  public class ThreadCooperation {
5      private static Account account = new Account();
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          // Create a thread pool with two threads
9          ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);
10         executor.execute(new DepositTask());
11         executor.execute(new WithdrawTask());
12         executor.shutdown();
13
14         System.out.println("Thread 1\t\tThread 2\t\tBalance");
15     }
16
17     public static class DepositTask implements Runnable {
18         @Override // Keep adding an amount to the account
19         public void run() {
20             try { // Purposely delay it to let the withdraw method proceed
21                 while (true) {
22                     account.deposit((int)(Math.random() * 10) + 1);
23                     Thread.sleep(1000);
24                 }
25             }
26             catch (InterruptedException ex) {
27                 ex.printStackTrace();
28             }
29         }
30     }
31
32     public static class WithdrawTask implements Runnable {
33         @Override // Keep subtracting an amount from the account
34         public void run() {
35             while (true) {
36                 account.withdraw((int)(Math.random() * 10) + 1);
37             }
38         }
39     }
40
41     // An inner class for account
42     private static class Account {
43         // Create a new lock
44         private static Lock lock = new ReentrantLock();
45
46         // Create a condition
47         private static Condition newDeposit = lock.newCondition();
48
49         private int balance = 0;
50
51         public int getBalance() {
52             return balance;
53         }
54
55         public void withdraw(int amount) {
56             lock.lock(); // Acquire the lock
57             try {
58                 while (balance < amount) {

```

create two threads

create a lock

create a condition

acquire the lock

```

59         System.out.println("\t\t\tWait for a deposit");
60         newDeposit.await();                                wait on the condition
61     }
62
63     balance -= amount;
64     System.out.println("\t\t\tWithdraw " + amount +
65         "\t\t" + getBalance());
66 }
67 catch (InterruptedException ex) {
68     ex.printStackTrace();
69 }
70 finally {
71     lock.unlock(); // Release the lock                release the lock
72 }
73 }
74
75 public void deposit(int amount) {
76     lock.lock(); // Acquire the lock                    acquire the lock
77     try {
78         balance += amount;
79         System.out.println("Deposit " + amount +
80             "\t\t\t\t\t" + getBalance());
81
82         // Signal thread waiting on the condition
83         newDeposit.signalAll();                        signal threads
84     }
85     finally {
86         lock.unlock(); // Release the lock                release the lock
87     }
88 }
89 }
90 }

```

The example creates a new inner class named **Account** to model the account with two methods, **deposit(int)** and **withdraw(int)**, a class named **DepositTask** to add an amount to the balance, a class named **WithdrawTask** to withdraw an amount from the balance, and a main class that creates and launches two threads.

The program creates and submits the deposit task (line 10) and the withdraw task (line 11). The deposit task is purposely put to sleep (line 23) to let the withdraw task run. When there are not enough funds to withdraw, the withdraw task waits (line 59) for notification of the balance change from the deposit task (line 83).

A lock is created in line 44. A condition named **newDeposit** on the lock is created in line 47. A condition is bound to a lock. Before waiting or signaling the condition, a thread must first acquire the lock for the condition. The withdraw task acquires the lock in line 56, waits for the **newDeposit** condition (line 60) when there is not a sufficient amount to withdraw, and releases the lock in line 71. The deposit task acquires the lock in line 76 and signals all waiting threads (line 83) for the **newDeposit** condition after a new deposit is made.

What will happen if you replace the **while** loop in lines 58–61 with the following **if** statement?

```

if (balance < amount) {
    System.out.println("\t\t\tWait for a deposit");
    newDeposit.await();
}

```

The deposit task will notify the withdraw task whenever the balance changes. (**balance < amount**) may still be true when the withdraw task is awakened. Using the **if** statement would

lead to incorrect withdraw. Using the loop statement, the withdraw task will have a chance to recheck the condition.

ever-waiting threads



**Caution**

Once a thread invokes `await()` on a condition, the thread waits for a signal to resume. If you forget to call `signal()` or `signalAll()` on the condition, the thread will wait forever.

`IllegalMonitorStateException`



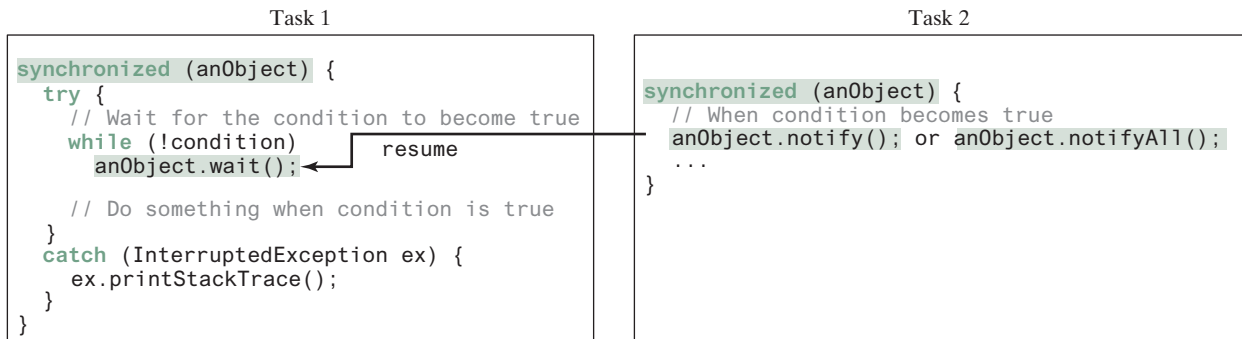
**Caution**

A condition is created from a `Lock` object. To invoke its method (e.g., `await()`, `signal()`, and `signalAll()`), you must first own the lock. If you invoke these methods without acquiring the lock, an `IllegalMonitorStateException` will be thrown.

Java's built-in monitor

Locks and conditions were introduced in Java 5. Prior to Java 5, thread communications were programmed using the object's built-in monitors. Locks and conditions are more powerful and flexible than the built-in monitor, so will not need to use monitors. However, if you are working with legacy Java code, you may encounter Java's built-in monitor.

A *monitor* is an object with mutual exclusion and synchronization capabilities. Only one thread can execute a method at a time in the monitor. A thread enters the monitor by acquiring a lock on it and exits by releasing the lock. *Any object can be a monitor*. An object becomes a monitor once a thread locks it. Locking is implemented using the `synchronized` keyword on a method or a block. A thread must acquire a lock before executing a synchronized method or block. A thread can wait in a monitor if the condition is not right for it to continue executing in the monitor. You can invoke the `wait()` method on the monitor object to release the lock so some other thread can get in the monitor and perhaps change the monitor's state. When the condition is right, the other thread can invoke the `notify()` or `notifyAll()` method to signal one or all waiting threads to regain the lock and resume execution. The template for invoking these methods is shown in Figure 32.17.



**FIGURE 32.17** The `wait()`, `notify()`, and `notifyAll()` methods coordinate thread communication.

The `wait()`, `notify()`, and `notifyAll()` methods must be called in a synchronized method or a synchronized block on the receiving object of these methods. Otherwise, an `IllegalMonitorStateException` will occur.

When `wait()` is invoked, it pauses the thread and simultaneously releases the lock on the object. When the thread is restarted after being notified, the lock is automatically reacquired.

The `wait()`, `notify()`, and `notifyAll()` methods on an object are analogous to the `await()`, `signal()`, and `signalAll()` methods on a condition.

- 32.9.1** How do you create a condition on a lock? What are the `await()`, `signal()`, and `signalAll()` methods for?
- 32.9.2** What would happen if the `while` loop in line 58 of Listing 32.6 was changed to an `if` statement?



- 32.9.3** Why does the following class have a syntax error?

```
public class Test implements Runnable {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new Test();
    }

    public Test() throws InterruptedException {
        Thread thread = new Thread(this);
        thread.sleep(1000);
    }

    public synchronized void run() {
    }
}
```

- 32.9.4** What is a possible cause for `IllegalMonitorStateException`?
- 32.9.5** Can `wait()`, `notify()`, and `notifyAll()` be invoked from any object? What is the purpose of these methods?
- 32.9.6** What is wrong in the following code?

```
synchronized (object1) {
    try {
        while (!condition) object2.wait();
    }
    catch (InterruptedException ex) {
    }
}
```

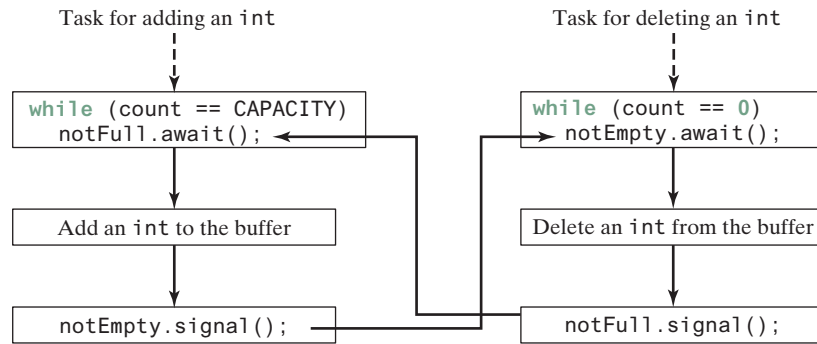
## 32.10 Case Study: Producer/Consumer

*This section gives the classic Consumer/Producer example for demonstrating thread coordination.*



Suppose that you use a buffer to store integers and that the buffer size is limited. The buffer provides the method `write(int)` to add an `int` value to the buffer and the method `read()` to read and delete an `int` value from the buffer. To synchronize the operations, use a lock with two conditions: `notEmpty` (i.e., the buffer is not empty) and `notFull` (i.e., the buffer is not full). When a task adds an `int` to the buffer, if the buffer is full, the task will wait for the `notFull` condition. When a task reads an `int` from the buffer, if the buffer is empty, the task will wait for the `notEmpty` condition. The interaction between the two tasks is shown in Figure 32.18.

Listing 32.7 presents the complete program. The program contains the `Buffer` class (lines 50–101) and two tasks for repeatedly adding and consuming numbers to and from the buffer (lines 16–47). The `write(int)` method (lines 62–79) adds an integer to the buffer. The `read()` method (lines 81–100) deletes and returns an integer from the buffer.



**FIGURE 32.18** The conditions `notFull` and `notEmpty` are used to coordinate task interactions.

The buffer is actually a first-in, first-out queue (lines 52 and 53). The conditions `notEmpty` and `notFull` on the lock are created in lines 59 and 60. The conditions are bound to a lock. A lock must be acquired before a condition can be applied. If you use the `wait()` and `notify()` methods to rewrite this example, you have to designate two objects as monitors.

### LISTING 32.7 ConsumerProducer.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.*;
2  import java.util.concurrent.locks.*;
3
4  public class ConsumerProducer {
5      private static Buffer buffer = new Buffer();
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          // Create a thread pool with two threads
9          ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);
10         executor.execute(new ProducerTask());
11         executor.execute(new ConsumerTask());
12         executor.shutdown();
13     }
14
15     // A task for adding an int to the buffer
16     private static class ProducerTask implements Runnable {
17         public void run() {
18             try {
19                 int i = 1;
20                 while (true) {
21                     System.out.println("Producer writes " + i);
22                     buffer.write(i++); // Add a value to the buffer
23                     // Put the thread into sleep
24                     Thread.sleep((int)(Math.random() * 10000));
25                 }
26             }
27             catch (InterruptedException ex) {
28                 ex.printStackTrace();
29             }
30         }
31     }
32
33     // A task for reading and deleting an int from the buffer
34     private static class ConsumerTask implements Runnable {
35         public void run() {

```

create a buffer

create two threads

producer task

consumer task

```

36     try {
37         while (true) {
38             System.out.println("\t\t\tConsumer reads " + buffer.read());
39             // Put the thread into sleep
40             Thread.sleep((int)(Math.random() * 10000));
41         }
42     }
43     catch (InterruptedException ex) {
44         ex.printStackTrace();
45     }
46 }
47 }
48
49 // An inner class for buffer
50 private static class Buffer {
51     private static final int CAPACITY = 1; // buffer size
52     private java.util.LinkedList<Integer> queue =
53         new java.util.LinkedList<>();
54
55     // Create a new lock
56     private static Lock lock = new ReentrantLock();           create a lock
57
58     // Create two conditions
59     private static Condition notEmpty = lock.newCondition(); create a condition
60     private static Condition notFull = lock.newCondition();  create a condition
61
62     public void write(int value) {
63         lock.lock(); // Acquire the lock                       acquire the lock
64         try {
65             while (queue.size() == CAPACITY) {
66                 System.out.println("Wait for notFull condition");
67                 notFull.await();                               wait for notFull
68             }
69
70             queue.offer(value);
71             notEmpty.signal(); // Signal notEmpty condition   signal notEmpty
72         }
73         catch (InterruptedException ex) {
74             ex.printStackTrace();
75         }
76         finally {
77             lock.unlock(); // Release the lock                 release the lock
78         }
79     }
80
81     public int read() {
82         int value = 0;
83         lock.lock(); // Acquire the lock                       acquire the lock
84         try {
85             while (queue.isEmpty()) {
86                 System.out.println("\t\t\tWait for notEmpty condition");
87                 notEmpty.await();                             wait for notEmpty
88             }
89
90             value = queue.remove();
91             notFull.signal(); // Signal notFull condition     signal notFull
92         }
93         catch (InterruptedException ex) {
94             ex.printStackTrace();
95     }

```

```

96         finally {
97             lock.unlock(); // Release the lock
98             return value;
99         }
100     }
101 }
102 }
    
```

A sample run of the program is shown in Figure 32.19.

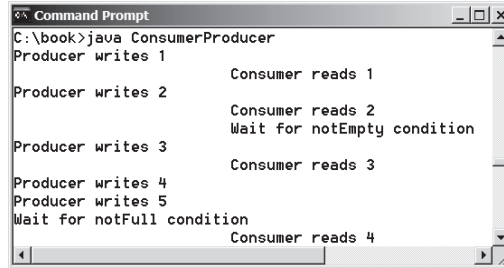


FIGURE 32.19 Locks and conditions are used for communications between the Producer and Consumer threads.



- 32.10.1** Can the `read` and `write` methods in the `Buffer` class be executed concurrently?
- 32.10.2** When invoking the `read` method, what happens if the queue is empty?
- 32.10.3** When invoking the `write` method, what happens if the queue is full?



## 32.11 Blocking Queues

*Java Collections Framework provides `ArrayBlockingQueue`, `LinkedBlockingQueue`, and `PriorityBlockingQueue` for supporting blocking queues.*

blocking queue

Queues and priority queues were introduced in Section 20.9. A *blocking queue* causes a thread to block when you try to add an element to a full queue or to remove an element from an empty queue. The `BlockingQueue` interface extends `java.util.Queue` and provides the synchronized `put` and `take` methods for adding an element to the tail of the queue and for removing an element from the head of the queue, as shown in Figure 32.20.

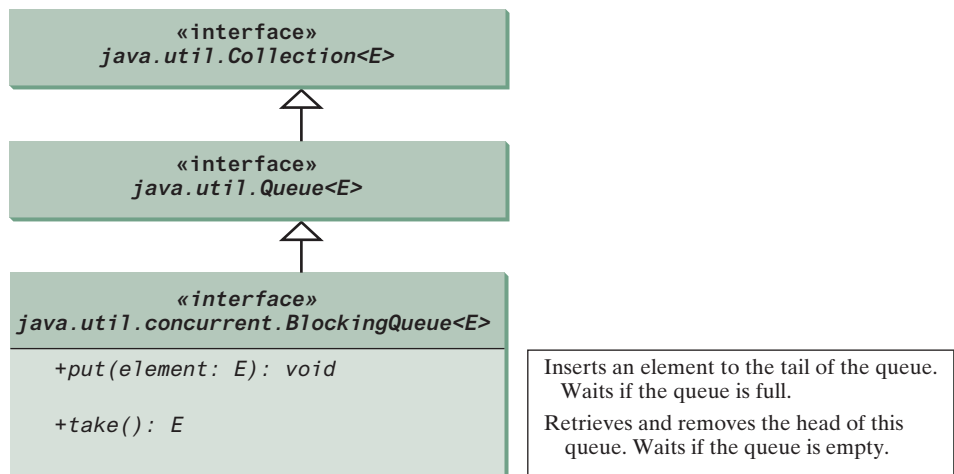
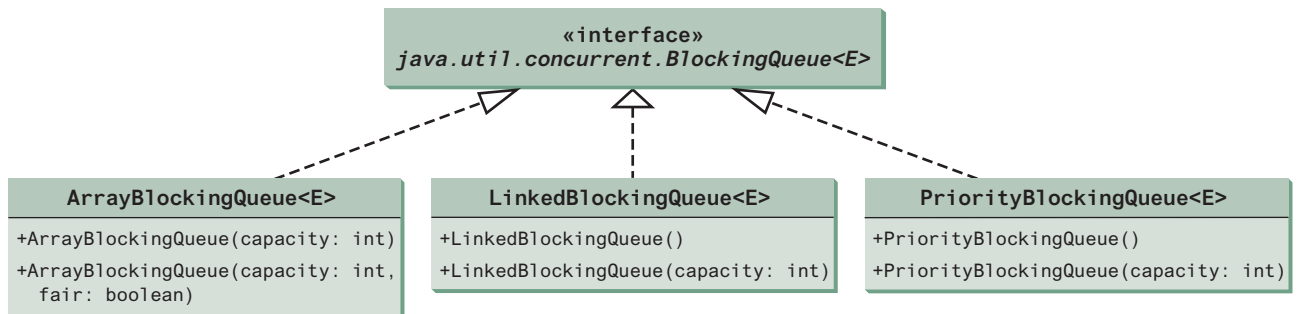


FIGURE 32.20 `BlockingQueue` is a subinterface of `Queue`.



Three concrete blocking queues—`ArrayBlockingQueue`, `LinkedBlockingQueue`, and `PriorityBlockingQueue`—are provided in Java, as shown in Figure 32.21. All are in the `java.util.concurrent` package. `ArrayBlockingQueue` implements a blocking queue using an array. You have to specify a capacity or an optional fairness to construct an `ArrayBlockingQueue`. `LinkedBlockingQueue` implements a blocking queue using a linked list. You can create an unbounded or bounded `LinkedBlockingQueue`. `PriorityBlockingQueue` is a priority queue. You can create an unbounded or bounded priority queue.



**FIGURE 32.21** `ArrayBlockingQueue`, `LinkedBlockingQueue`, and `PriorityBlockingQueue` are concrete blocking queues.



### Note

The `put` method will never block an unbounded `LinkedBlockingQueue` or `PriorityBlockingQueue`.

unbounded queue

Listing 32.8 gives an example of using an `ArrayBlockingQueue` to simplify the Consumer/Producer example in Listing 32.10. Line 5 creates an `ArrayBlockingQueue` to store integers. The Producer thread puts an integer into the queue (line 22) and the Consumer thread takes an integer from the queue (line 38).

### LISTING 32.8 ConsumerProducerUsingBlockingQueue.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.*;
2
3  public class ConsumerProducerUsingBlockingQueue {
4      private static ArrayBlockingQueue<Integer> buffer =
5          new ArrayBlockingQueue<>(2);           create a buffer
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          // Create a thread pool with two threads
9          ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);   create two threads
10         executor.execute(new ProducerTask());
11         executor.execute(new ConsumerTask());
12         executor.shutdown();
13     }
14
15     // A task for adding an int to the buffer
16     private static class ProducerTask implements Runnable {           producer task
17         public void run() {
18             try {
19                 int i = 1;
20                 while (true) {
21                     System.out.println("Producer writes " + i);
22                     buffer.put(i++); // Add any value to the buffer, say, 1   put
23                     // Put the thread into sleep
  
```

```

24         Thread.sleep((int)(Math.random() * 10000));
25     }
26 }
27 catch (InterruptedException ex) {
28     ex.printStackTrace();
29 }
30 }
31 }
32
33 // A task for reading and deleting an int from the buffer
34 private static class ConsumerTask implements Runnable {
35     public void run() {
36         try {
37             while (true) {
38                 System.out.println("\t\t\tConsumer reads " + buffer.take());
39                 // Put the thread into sleep
40                 Thread.sleep((int)(Math.random() * 10000));
41             }
42         }
43         catch (InterruptedException ex) {
44             ex.printStackTrace();
45         }
46     }
47 }
48 }

```

Consumer task

take

In Listing 32.7, you used locks and conditions to synchronize the Producer and Consumer threads. This program does not use locks and conditions because synchronization is already implemented in `ArrayBlockingQueue`.



- 32.11.1** What is a blocking queue? What blocking queues are supported in Java?
- 32.11.2** What method do you use to add an element to an `ArrayBlockingQueue`? What happens if the queue is full?
- 32.11.3** What method do you use to retrieve an element from an `ArrayBlockingQueue`? What happens if the queue is empty?

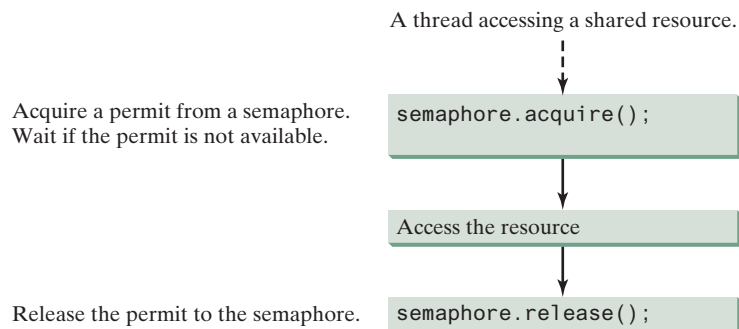


## 32.12 Semaphores

*Semaphores can be used to restrict the number of threads that access a shared resource.*

semaphore

In computer science, a *semaphore* is an object that controls the access to a common resource. Before accessing the resource, a thread must acquire a permit from the semaphore. After finishing with the resource, the thread must return the permit back to the semaphore, as shown in Figure 32.22.



**FIGURE 32.22** A limited number of threads can access a shared resource controlled by a semaphore.

To create a semaphore, you have to specify the number of permits with an optional fairness policy, as shown in Figure 32.23. A task acquires a permit by invoking the semaphore's `acquire()` method and releases the permit by invoking the semaphore's `release()` method. Once a permit is acquired, the total number of available permits in a semaphore is reduced by 1. Once a permit is released, the total number of available permits in a semaphore is increased by 1.

java.util.concurrent.Semaphore	
+Semaphore(numberOfPermits: int)	Creates a semaphore with the specified number of permits. The fairness policy is false.
+Semaphore(numberOfPermits: int, fair: boolean)	Creates a semaphore with the specified number of permits and the fairness policy.
+acquire(): void	Acquires a permit from this semaphore. If no permit is available, the thread is blocked until one is available.
+release(): void	Releases a permit back to the semaphore.

FIGURE 32.23 The `Semaphore` class contains the methods for accessing a semaphore.

A semaphore with just one permit can be used to simulate a mutually exclusive lock. Listing 32.9 revises the `Account` inner class in Listing 32.9 using a semaphore to ensure that only one thread at a time can access the `deposit` method.

### LISTING 32.9 New Account Inner Class

```

1 // An inner class for Account
2 private static class Account {
3     // Create a semaphore
4     private static Semaphore semaphore = new Semaphore(1);           create a semaphore
5     private int balance = 0;
6
7     public int getBalance() {
8         return balance;
9     }
10
11    public void deposit(int amount) {
12        try {
13            semaphore.acquire(); // Acquire a permit                 acquire a permit
14            int newBalance = balance + amount;
15
16            // This delay is deliberately added to magnify the
17            // data-corruption problem and make it easy to see
18            Thread.sleep(5);
19
20            balance = newBalance;
21        }
22        catch (InterruptedException ex) {
23        }
24        finally {
25            semaphore.release(); // Release a permit                 release a permit
26        }
27    }
28 }

```

A semaphore with one permit is created in line 4. A thread first acquires a permit when executing the `deposit` method in line 13. After the balance is updated, the thread releases the permit in line 25. It is a good practice to always place the `release()` method in the `finally` clause to ensure that the permit is finally released even in the case of exceptions.



- 32.12.1** What are the similarities and differences between a lock and a semaphore?
- 32.12.2** How do you create a semaphore that allows three concurrent threads? How do you acquire a semaphore? How do you release a semaphore?

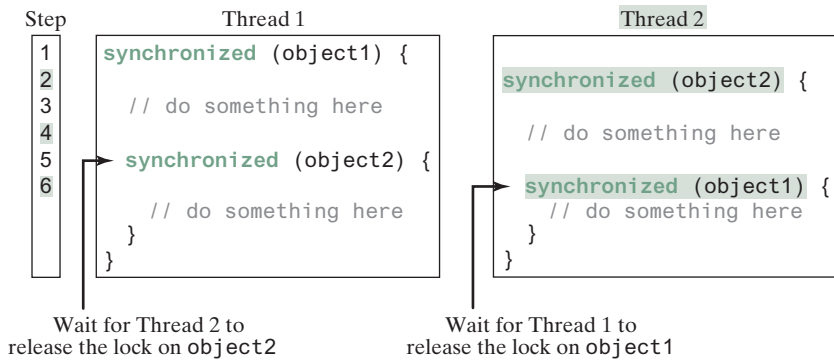


### 32.13 Avoiding Deadlocks

*Deadlocks can be avoided by using a proper resource ordering.*

deadlock

Sometimes two or more threads need to acquire the locks on several shared objects. This could cause a *deadlock*, in which each thread has the lock on one of the objects and is waiting for the lock on the other object. Consider the scenario with two threads and two objects, as shown in Figure 32.24. Thread 1 has acquired a lock on **object1**, and Thread 2 has acquired a lock on **object2**. Now Thread 1 is waiting for the lock on **object2**, and Thread 2 for the lock on **object1**. Each thread waits for the other to release the lock it needs and until that happens, neither can continue to run.



**FIGURE 32.24** Thread 1 and Thread 2 are deadlocked.

resource ordering

Deadlock is easily avoided by using a simple technique known as *resource ordering*. With this technique, you assign an order to all the objects whose locks must be acquired and ensure that each thread acquires the locks in that order. For example in Figure 32.24, suppose the objects are ordered as **object1** and **object2**. Using the resource-ordering technique, Thread 2 must acquire a lock on **object1** first, then on **object2**. Once Thread 1 acquires a lock on **object1**, Thread 2 has to wait for a lock on **object1**. Thus, Thread 1 will be able to acquire a lock on **object2** and no deadlock will occur.



- 32.13.1** What is a deadlock? How can you avoid deadlock?



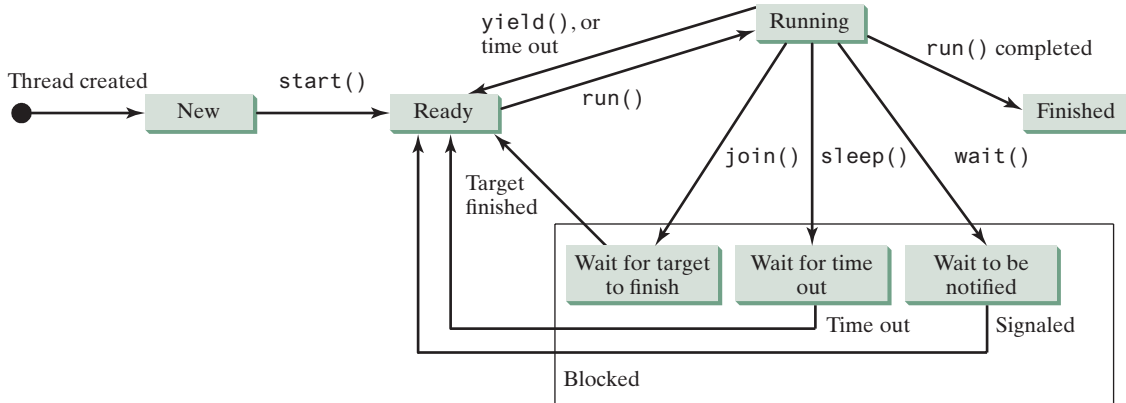
### 32.14 Thread States

*A thread state indicates the status of thread.*

Tasks are executed in threads. Threads can be in one of the five states: New, Ready, Running, Blocked, or Finished (see Figure 32.25).

When a thread is newly created, it enters the *New* state. After a thread is started by calling its `start()` method, it enters the *Ready* state. A ready thread is runnable but may not be running yet. The operating system has to allocate CPU time to it.

When a ready thread begins executing, it enters the *Running* state. A running thread can enter the *Ready* state if its given CPU time expires or its `yield()` method is called.



**FIGURE 32.25** A thread can be in one of the five states: New, Ready, Running, Blocked, or Finished.

A thread can enter the **Blocked** state (i.e., become inactive) for several reasons. It may have invoked the `join()`, `sleep()`, or `wait()` method. It may be waiting for an I/O operation to finish. A blocked thread may be reactivated when the action inactivating it is reversed. For example, if a thread has been put to sleep and the sleep time has expired, the thread is reactivated and enters the **Ready** state.

Finally, a thread is **Finished** if it completes the execution of its `run()` method.

The `isAlive()` method is used to find out the state of a thread. It returns `true` if a thread is in the **Ready**, **Blocked**, or **Running** state; it returns `false` if a thread is new and has not started or if it is finished.

The `interrupt()` method interrupts a thread in the following way: If a thread is currently in the **Ready** or **Running** state, its interrupted flag is set; if a thread is currently blocked, it is awakened and enters the **Ready** state, and a `java.lang.InterruptedException` is thrown.

**32.14.1** What is a thread state? Describe the states for a thread.



## 32.15 Synchronized Collections

*Java Collections Framework provides synchronized collections for lists, sets, and maps.*

The classes in the Java Collections Framework are not thread-safe; that is, their contents may become corrupted if they are accessed and updated concurrently by multiple threads. You can protect the data in a collection by locking the collection or by using synchronized collections.

The `Collections` class provides six static methods for wrapping a collection into a synchronized version, as shown in Figure 32.26. The collections created using these methods are called *synchronization wrappers*.

synchronized collection

synchronization wrapper

java.util.Collections	
<code>+synchronizedCollection(c: Collection): Collection</code>	Returns a synchronized collection.
<code>+synchronizedList(list: List): List</code>	Returns a synchronized list from the specified list.
<code>+synchronizedMap(m: Map): Map</code>	Returns a synchronized map from the specified map.
<code>+synchronizedSet(s: Set): Set</code>	Returns a synchronized set from the specified set.
<code>+synchronizedSortedMap(s: SortedMap): SortedMap</code>	Returns a synchronized sorted map from the specified sorted map.
<code>+synchronizedSortedSet(s: SortedSet): SortedSet</code>	Returns a synchronized sorted set.

**FIGURE 32.26** You can obtain synchronized collections using the methods in the `Collections` class.

Invoking `synchronizedCollection(Collection c)` returns a new `Collection` object, in which all the methods that access and update the original collection `c` are synchronized. These methods are implemented using the `synchronized` keyword. For example, the `add` method is implemented like this:

```
public boolean add(E o) {
    synchronized (this) {
        return c.add(o);
    }
}
```

Synchronized collections can be safely accessed and modified by multiple threads concurrently.



### Note

The methods in `java.util.Vector`, `java.util.Stack`, and `java.util.Hashtable` are already synchronized. These are old classes introduced in JDK 1.0. Starting with JDK 1.5, you should use `java.util.ArrayList` to replace `Vector`, `java.util.LinkedList` to replace `Stack`, and `java.util.Map` to replace `Hashtable`. If synchronization is needed, use a synchronization wrapper.

fail-fast

The synchronization wrapper classes are thread-safe, but the iterator is *fail-fast*. This means that if you are using an iterator to traverse a collection while the underlying collection is being modified by another thread, then the iterator will immediately fail by throwing `java.util.ConcurrentModificationException`, which is a subclass of `RuntimeException`. To avoid this error, you need to create a synchronized collection object and acquire a lock on the object when traversing it. For example, to traverse a set, you have to write the code like this:

```
Set hashSet = Collections.synchronizedSet(new HashSet());

synchronized (hashSet) { // Must synchronize it
    Iterator iterator = hashSet.iterator();

    while (iterator.hasNext()) {
        System.out.println(iterator.next());
    }
}
```

Failure to do so may result in nondeterministic behavior, such as a `ConcurrentModificationException`.



**32.15.1** What is a synchronized collection? Is `ArrayList` synchronized? How do you make it synchronized?

**32.15.2** Explain why an iterator is fail-fast.



## 32.16 Parallel Programming

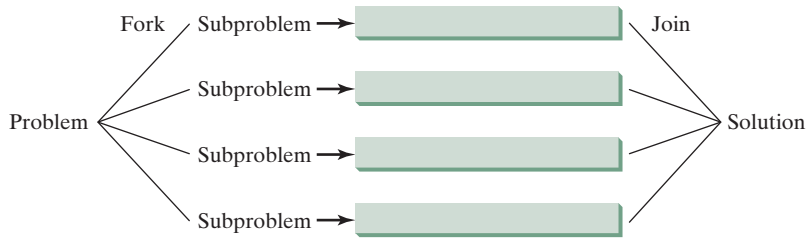
*The Fork/Join Framework is used for parallel programming in Java.*

Section 7.12 introduced the `Arrays.sort` and `Arrays.parallelSort` method for sorting an array. The `parallelSort` method utilizes multiple processors to reduce sort time. Chapter 22 introduced parallel streams for executing stream operations in parallel to speed up processing using multiple processors. The parallel processing are implemented using the Fork/Join Framework. This section, introduces the new Fork/Join Framework so you can write own code for parallel programming.

Fork/Join Framework

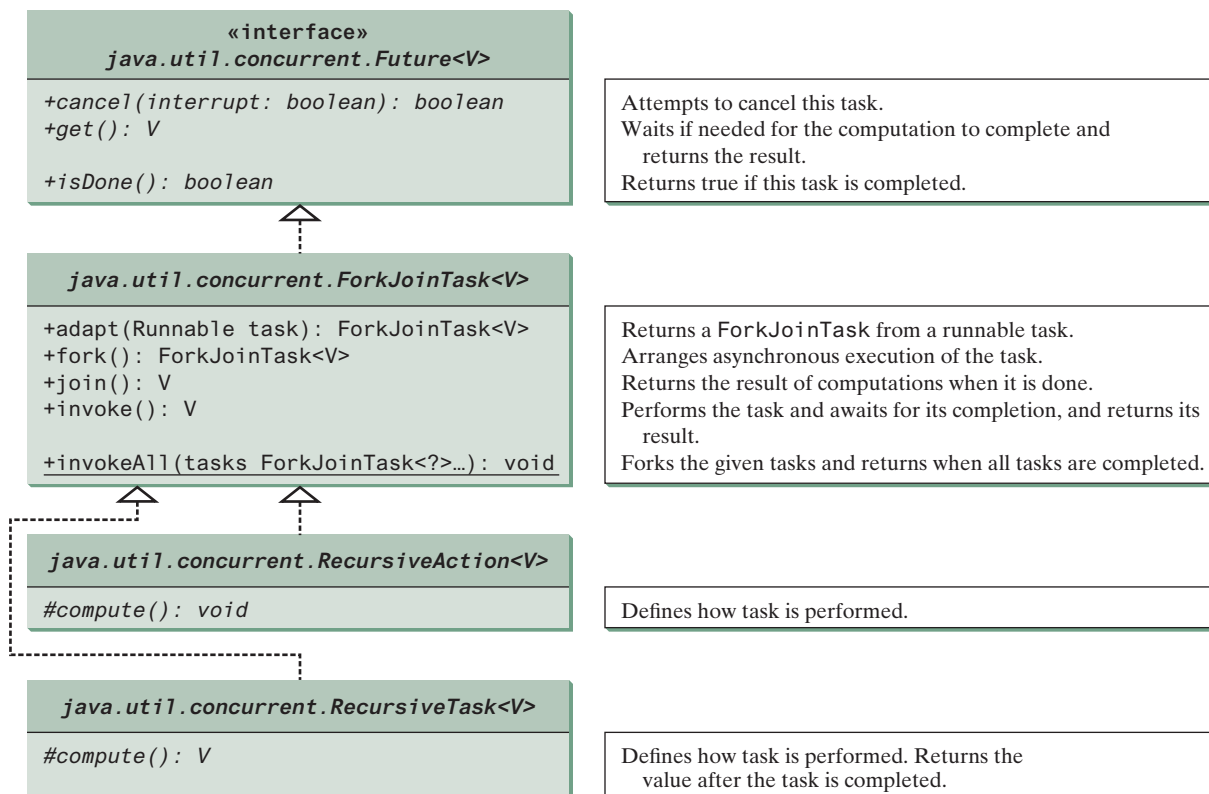
The *Fork/Join Framework* is illustrated in Figure 32.27 (the diagram resembles a fork, hence its name). A problem is divided into nonoverlapping subproblems, which can be solved independently in parallel. The solutions to all subproblems are then joined to obtain an overall solution for the problem. This is the parallel implementation of the divide-and-conquer approach. In JDK 7's Fork/Join Framework, a *fork* can be viewed as an independent task that runs on a thread.

JDK 7 feature

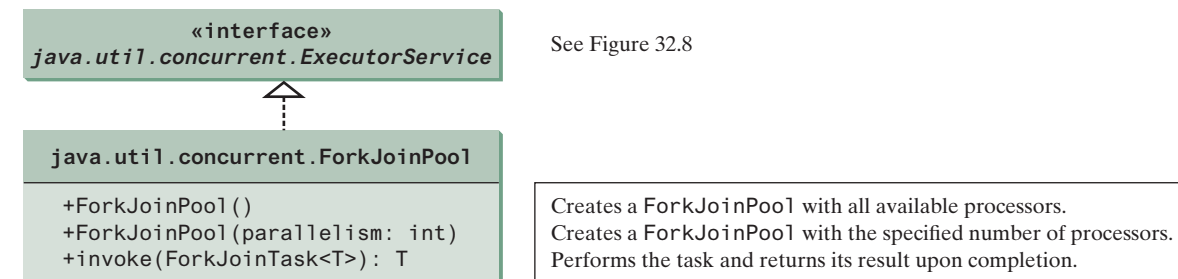


**FIGURE 32.27** The nonoverlapping subproblems are solved in parallel.

The framework defines a task using the **ForkJoinTask** class, as shown in Figure 32.28 and executes a task in an instance of **ForkJoinPool**, as shown in Figure 32.29.



**FIGURE 32.28** The **ForkJoinTask** class defines a task for asynchronous execution.



**FIGURE 32.29** The **ForkJoinPool** executes Fork/Join tasks.



**ForkJoinTask** is the abstract base class for tasks. A **ForkJoinTask** is a thread-like entity, but it is much lighter than a normal thread because huge numbers of tasks and subtasks can be executed by a small number of actual threads in a **ForkJoinPool**. The tasks are primarily coordinated using **fork()** and **join()**. Invoking **fork()** on a task arranges asynchronous execution and invoking **join()** waits until the task is completed. The **invoke()** and **invokeAll(tasks)** methods implicitly invoke **fork()** to execute the task and **join()** to wait for the tasks to complete and return the result, if any. Note the static method **invokeAll** takes a variable number of **ForkJoinTask** arguments using the `...` syntax, which is introduced in Section 7.9.

The Fork/Join Framework is designed to parallelize divide-and-conquer solutions, which are naturally recursive. **RecursiveAction** and **RecursiveTask** are two subclasses of **ForkJoinTask**. To define a concrete task class, your class should extend **RecursiveAction** or **RecursiveTask**. **RecursiveAction** is for a task that doesn't return a value and **RecursiveTask** is for a task that does return a value. Your task class should override the **compute()** method to specify how a task is performed.

We now use a merge sort to demonstrate how to develop parallel programs using the Fork/Join Framework. The merge sort algorithm (introduced in Section 25.3) divides the array into two halves and applies a merge sort on each half recursively. After the two halves are sorted, the algorithm merges them. Listing 32.10 gives a parallel implementation of the merge sort algorithm and compares its execution time with a sequential sort.

### LISTING 32.10 ParallelMergeSort.java

RecursiveAction  
RecursiveTask

invoke parallel sort

invoke sequential sort

create a ForkJoinTask  
create a ForkJoinPool  
execute a task

define concrete ForkJoinTask

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.RecursiveAction;
2  import java.util.concurrent.ForkJoinPool;
3
4  public class ParallelMergeSort {
5      public static void main(String[] args) {
6          final int SIZE = 7000000;
7          int[] list1 = new int[SIZE];
8          int[] list2 = new int[SIZE];
9
10         for (int i = 0; i < list1.length; i++)
11             list1[i] = list2[i] = (int)(Math.random() * 10000000);
12
13         long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
14         parallelMergeSort(list1); // Invoke parallel merge sort
15         long endTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
16         System.out.println("\nParallel time with "
17             + Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors() +
18             " processors is " + (endTime - startTime) + " milliseconds");
19
20         startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
21         MergeSort.mergeSort(list2); // MergeSort is in Listing 23.5
22         endTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
23         System.out.println("\nSequential time is " +
24             (endTime - startTime) + " milliseconds");
25     }
26
27     public static void parallelMergeSort(int[] list) {
28         RecursiveAction mainTask = new SortTask(list);
29         ForkJoinPool pool = new ForkJoinPool();
30         pool.invoke(mainTask);
31     }
32
33     private static class SortTask extends RecursiveAction {
34         private final int THRESHOLD = 500;

```

```

35     private int[] list;
36
37     SortTask(int[] list) {
38         this.list = list;
39     }
40
41     @Override
42     protected void compute() {                                perform the task
43         if (list.length < THRESHOLD)                          sort a small list
44             java.util.Arrays.sort(list);
45         else {
46             // Obtain the first half
47             int[] firstHalf = new int[list.length / 2];        split into two parts
48             System.arraycopy(list, 0, firstHalf, 0, list.length / 2);
49
50             // Obtain the second half
51             int secondHalfLength = list.length - list.length / 2;
52             int[] secondHalf = new int[secondHalfLength];
53             System.arraycopy(list, list.length / 2,
54                 secondHalf, 0, secondHalfLength);
55
56             // Recursively sort the two halves
57             invokeAll(new SortTask(firstHalf),                  solve each part
58                 new SortTask(secondHalf));
59
60             // Merge firstHalf with secondHalf into list
61             MergeSort.merge(firstHalf, secondHalf, list);      merge two parts
62         }
63     }
64 }
65 }

```

Parallel time with two processors is 2829 milliseconds  
 Sequential time is 4751 milliseconds



Since the sort algorithm does not return a value, we define a concrete `ForkJoinTask` class by extending `RecursiveAction` (lines 33–64). The `compute` method is overridden to implement a recursive merge sort (lines 42–63). If the list is small, it is more efficient to be solved sequentially (line 44). For a large list, it is split into two halves (lines 47–54). The two halves are sorted concurrently (lines 57 and 58) and then merged (line 61).

The program creates a main `ForkJoinTask` (line 28), a `ForkJoinPool` (line 29), and places the main task for execution in a `ForkJoinPool` (line 30). The `invoke` method will return after the main task is completed.

When executing the main task, the task is split into subtasks, and the subtasks are invoked using the `invokeAll` method (lines 57 and 58). The `invokeAll` method will return after all the subtasks are completed. Note each subtask is further split into smaller tasks recursively. Huge numbers of subtasks may be created and executed in the pool. The Fork/Join Framework automatically executes and coordinates all the tasks efficiently.

The `MergeSort` class is defined in Listing 23.5. The program invokes `MergeSort.merge` to merge two sorted sublists (line 61). The program also invokes `MergeSort.mergeSort` (line 21) to sort a list using merge sort sequentially. You can see that the parallel sort is much faster than the sequential sort.

Note the loop for initializing the list can also be parallelized. However, you should avoid using `Math.random()` in the code because it is synchronized and cannot be executed in parallel (see Programming Exercise 32.12). The `parallelMergeSort` method only sorts an

array of `int` values, but you can modify it to become a generic method (see Programming Exercise 32.13).

In general, a problem can be solved in parallel using the following pattern:

```

if (the program is small)
    solve it sequentially;
else {
    divide the problem into nonoverlapping subproblems;
    solve the subproblems concurrently;
    combine the results from subproblems to solve the whole problem;
}

```

Listing 32.11 develops a parallel method that finds the maximal number in a list.

### LISTING 32.11 ParallelMax.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.*;
2
3  public class ParallelMax {
4      public static void main(String[] args) {
5          // Create a list
6          final int N = 9000000;
7          int[] list = new int[N];
8          for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++)
9              list[i] = i;
10
11         invoke max
12         System.out.println("\nThe maximal number is " + max(list));
13         long endTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
14         System.out.println("The number of processors is " +
15             Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors());
16         System.out.println("Time is " + (endTime - startTime)
17             + " milliseconds");
18     }
19
20     create a ForkJoinTask
21     create a ForkJoinPool
22     execute a task
23     return pool.invoke(task);
24 }
25
26     define concrete ForkJoinTask
27     private final static int THRESHOLD = 1000;
28     private int[] list;
29     private int low;
30     private int high;
31
32     public MaxTask(int[] list, int low, int high) {
33         this.list = list;
34         this.low = low;
35         this.high = high;
36     }
37
38     perform the task
39     @Override
40     public Integer compute() {
41         solve a small problem
42         if (high - low < THRESHOLD) {
43             int max = list[0];
44             for (int i = low; i < high; i++)
45                 if (list[i] > max)
46                     max = list[i];
47             return new Integer(max);

```

```

46     }
47     else {
48         int mid = (low + high) / 2;
49         RecursiveTask<Integer> left = new MaxTask(list, low, mid);
50         RecursiveTask<Integer> right = new MaxTask(list, mid, high);
51
52         right.fork();
53         left.fork();
54         return new Integer(Math.max(left.join().intValue(),
55             right.join().intValue()));
56     }
57 }
58 }
59 }

```

split into two parts

fork right  
fork left  
join tasks

The maximal number is 8999999  
 The number of processors is 2  
 Time is 44 milliseconds



Since the algorithm returns an integer, we define a task class for fork join by extending `RecursiveTask<Integer>` (lines 26–58). The `compute` method is overridden to return the max element in a `list[low..high]` (lines 39–57). If the list is small, it is more efficient to be solved sequentially (lines 40–46). For a large list, it is split into two halves (lines 48–50). The tasks `left` and `right` find the maximal element in the left half and right half, respectively. Invoking `fork()` on the task causes the task to be executed (lines 52 and 53). The `join()` method awaits for the task to complete and then returns the result (lines 54 and 55).

**32.16.1** How do you define a `ForkJoinTask`? What are the differences between `RecursiveAction` and `RecursiveTask`?

**32.16.2** How do you tell the system to execute a task?

**32.16.3** What method can you use to test if a task has been completed?

**32.16.4** How do you create a `ForkJoinPool`? How do you place a task into a `ForkJoinPool`?



## KEY TERMS

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## CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. Each task is an instance of the `Runnable` interface. A *thread* is an object that facilitates the execution of a task. You can define a task class by implementing the `Runnable` interface and create a thread by wrapping a task using a `Thread` constructor.
2. After a thread object is created, use the `start()` method to start a thread, and the `sleep(long)` method to put a thread to sleep so other threads get a chance to run.

3. A thread object never directly invokes the `run` method. The JVM invokes the `run` method when it is time to execute the thread. Your class must override the `run` method to tell the system what the thread will do when it runs.
4. To prevent threads from corrupting a shared resource, use *synchronized* methods or blocks. A *synchronized method* acquires a *lock* before it executes. In the case of an instance method, the lock is on the object for which the method was invoked. In the case of a static method, the lock is on the class.
5. A synchronized statement can be used to acquire a lock on any object, not just *this* object, when executing a block of the code in a method. This block is referred to as a *synchronized block*.
6. You can use explicit locks and *conditions* to facilitate communications among threads, as well as using the built-in monitor for objects.
7. The blocking queues (`ArrayBlockingQueue`, `LinkedBlockingQueue`, and `PriorityBlockingQueue`) provided in the Java Collections Framework provide automatic synchronization for the access to a queue.
8. You can use semaphores to restrict the number of concurrent accesses to a shared resource.
9. *Deadlock* occurs when two or more threads acquire locks on multiple objects and each has a lock on one object and is waiting for the lock on the other object. The *resource-ordering technique* can be used to avoid deadlock.
10. The JDK 7's Fork/Join Framework is designed for developing parallel programs. You can define a task class that extends `RecursiveAction` or `RecursiveTask` and execute the tasks concurrently in `ForkJoinPool` and obtain the overall solution after all tasks are completed.



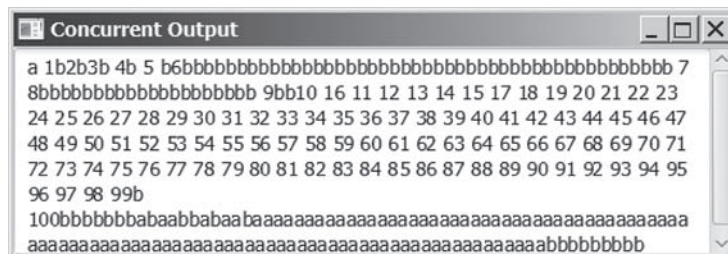
## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

### Sections 32.1–32.5

- \*32.1** (Revise Listing 32.1) Rewrite Listing 32.1 to display the output in a text area, as shown in Figure 32.30.



**FIGURE 32.30** The output from three threads is displayed in a text area.

- 32.2** (*Racing cars*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 15.29 using a thread to control car racing. Compare the program with Programming Exercise 15.29 by setting the delay time to 10 in both the programs. Which one runs the animation faster?
- 32.3** (*Raise flags*) Rewrite Listing 15.13 using a thread to animate a flag being raised. Compare the program with Listing 15.13 by setting the delay time to 10 in both programs. Which one runs the animation faster?

### Sections 32.8–32.12

- 32.4** (*Synchronize threads*) Write a program that launches 1,000 threads. Each thread adds 1 to a variable `sum` that initially is 0. You need to pass `sum` by reference to each thread. In order to pass it by reference, define an `Integer` wrapper object to hold `sum`. Run the program with and without synchronization to see its effect.
- 32.5** (*Display a running fan*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 15.28 using a thread to control the fan animation.
- 32.6** (*Bouncing balls*) Rewrite Listing 15.17, `BallPane.java` using a thread to animate bouncing ball movements.
- 32.7** (*Control a clock*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 15.32 using a thread to control the clock animation.
- 32.8** (*Account synchronization*) Rewrite Listing 32.6, `ThreadCooperation.java`, using the object's `wait()` and `notifyAll()` methods.
- 32.9** (*Demonstrate `ConcurrentModificationException`*) The iterator is *fail-fast*. Write a program to demonstrate it by creating two threads that concurrently access and modify a set. The first thread creates a hash set filled with numbers and adds a new number to the set every second. The second thread obtains an iterator for the set and traverses the set back and forth through the iterator every second. You will receive a `ConcurrentModificationException` because the underlying set is being modified in the first thread while the set in the second thread is being traversed.
- \*32.10** (*Use synchronized sets*) Using synchronization, correct the problem in the preceding exercise so that the second thread does not throw a `ConcurrentModificationException`.

### Section 32.15

- \*32.11** (*Demonstrate deadlock*) Write a program that demonstrates deadlock.

### Section 32.18

- \*32.12** (*Parallel array initializer*) Implement the following method using the Fork/Join Framework to assign random values to the list.

```
public static void parallelAssignValues(double[] list)
```

Write a test program that creates a list with 9,000,000 elements and invokes `parallelAssignValues` to assign random values to the list. Also implement a sequential algorithm and compare the execution time of the two. Note if you use `Math.random()`, your parallel code execution time will be worse than the sequential code execution time because `Math.random()` is synchronized and cannot be executed in parallel. To fix this problem, create a `Random` object for assigning random values to a small list.

- 32.13** (*Generic parallel merge sort*) Revise Listing 32.10, `ParallelMergeSort.java`, to define a generic `parallelMergeSort` method as follows:

```
public static <E extends Comparable<E>> void
    parallelMergeSort(E[] list)
```

- \*32.14** (*Parallel quick sort*) Implement the following method in parallel to sort a list using quick sort (see Listing 23.7):

```
public static void parallelQuickSort(int[] list)
```

Write a test program that times the execution time for a list of size 9,000,000 using this parallel method and a sequential method.

- \*32.15** (*Parallel sum*) Implement the following method using Fork/Join to find the sum of a list.

```
public static double parallelSum(double[] list)
```

Write a test program that finds the sum in a list of 9,000,000 double values.

- \*32.16** (*Parallel matrix addition*) Programming Exercise 8.5 describes how to perform matrix addition. Suppose you have multiple processors, so you can speed up the matrix addition. Implement the following method in parallel:

```
public static double[][] parallelAddMatrix(
    double[][] a, double[][] b)
```

Write a test program that measures the execution time for adding two  $2,000 \times 2,000$  matrices using the parallel method and sequential method, respectively.

- \*32.17** (*Parallel matrix multiplication*) Programming Exercise 7.6 describes how to perform matrix multiplication. Suppose that you have multiple processors, so you can speed up the matrix multiplication. Implement the following method in parallel:

```
public static double[][] parallelMultiplyMatrix(
    double[][] a, double[][] b)
```

Write a test program that measures the execution time for multiplying two  $2,000 \times 2,000$  matrices using the parallel method and sequential method, respectively.

- \*32.18** (*Parallel Eight Queens*) Revise Listing 22.11, `EightQueens.java`, to develop a parallel algorithm that finds all solutions for the Eight Queens problem. (*Hint*: Launch eight subtasks, each of which places the queen in a different column in the first row.)

### Comprehensive

- \*\*\*32.19** (*Sorting animation*) Write an animation for selection sort, insertion sort, and bubble sort, as shown in Figure 32.31. Create an array of integers `1, 2, . . . , 50`. Shuffle it randomly. Create a pane to display the array in a histogram. You should invoke each sort method in a separate thread. Each algorithm uses two nested loops. When the algorithm completes an iteration in the outer loop, put the thread to sleep for 0.5 seconds and redisplay the array in the histogram. Color the last bar in the sorted subarray.



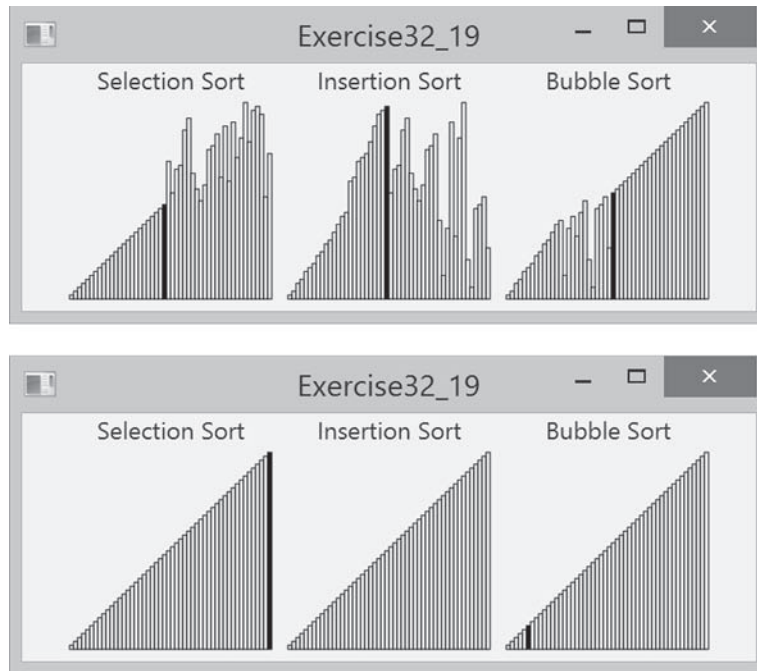


FIGURE 32.31 Three sorting algorithms are illustrated in the animation.

**\*\*\*32.20** (*Sudoku search animation*) Modify Programming Exercise 22.21 to display the intermediate results of the search. Figure 32.32 gives a snapshot of an animation in progress with number 2 placed in the cell in Figure 32.32a, number 3 placed in the cell in Figure 32.32b, and number 3 placed in the cell in Figure 32.32c. The animation displays all the search steps.

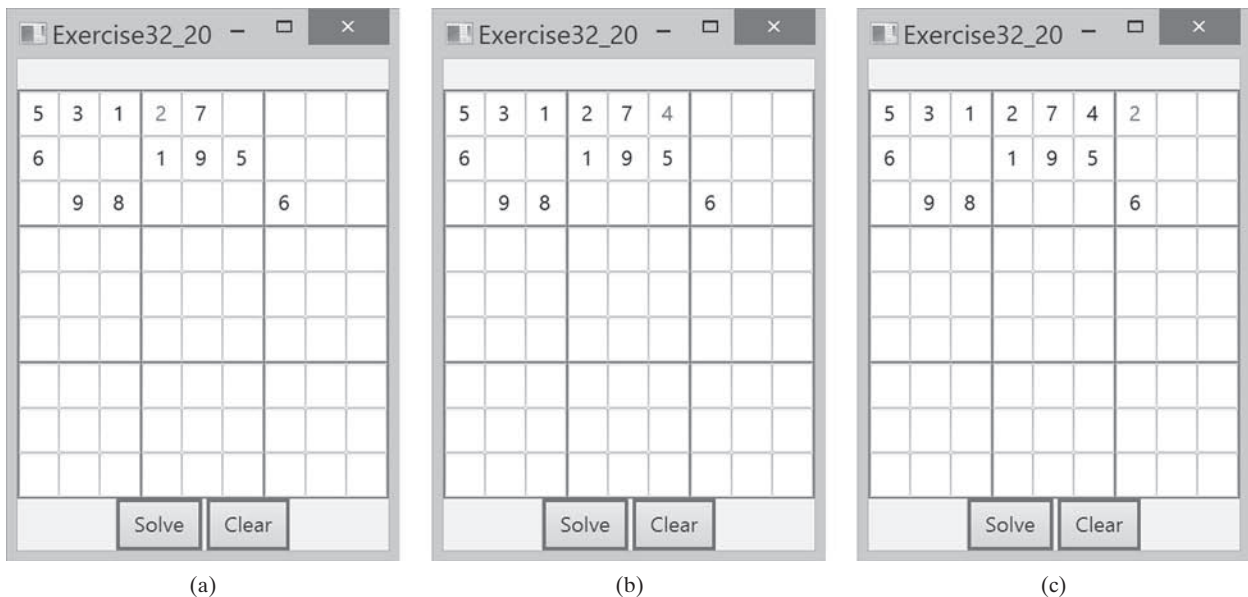


FIGURE 32.32 The intermediate search steps are displayed in the animation for the Sudoku problem.



**32.21** (*Combine colliding bouncing balls*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 20.5 using a thread to animate bouncing ball movements.

**\*\*\*32.22** (*Eight Queens animation*) Modify Listing 22.11, EightQueens.java, to display the intermediate results of the search. As shown in Figure 32.33, the current row being searched is highlighted. Every one second, a new state of the chess board is displayed.



**FIGURE 32.33** The intermediate search steps are displayed in the animation for the Eight Queens problem.

# CHAPTER 33

## NETWORKING

### Objectives

- To explain the terms: TCP, IP, domain name, domain name server, stream-based communications, and packet-based communications (§33.2).
- To create servers using server sockets (§33.2.1) and clients using client sockets (§33.2.2).
- To implement Java networking programs using stream sockets (§33.2.3).
- To develop an example of a client/server application (§33.2.4).
- To obtain Internet addresses using the `InetAddress` class (§33.3).
- To develop servers for multiple clients (§33.4).
- To send and receive objects on a network (§33.5).
- To develop an interactive tic-tac-toe game played on the Internet (§33.6).



## 33.1 Introduction



*Computer networking is used to send and receive messages among computers on the Internet.*

To browse the Web or send an email, your computer must be connected to the Internet. The *Internet* is the global network of millions of computers. Your computer can connect to the Internet through an Internet Service Provider (ISP) using a dialup, DSL, or cable modem, or through a local area network (LAN).

When a computer needs to communicate with another computer, it needs to know the other computer's address. An *Internet Protocol* (IP) address uniquely identifies the computer on the Internet. An IP address consists of four dotted decimal numbers between **0** and **255**, such as **130.254.204.33**. Since it is not easy to remember so many numbers, they are often mapped to meaningful names called *domain names*, such as [liang.armstrong.edu](http://liang.armstrong.edu). Special servers called *Domain Name Servers* (DNS) on the Internet translate host names into IP addresses. When a computer contacts [liang.armstrong.edu](http://liang.armstrong.edu), it first asks the DNS to translate this domain name into a numeric IP address then sends the request using the IP address.

The Internet Protocol is a low-level protocol for delivering data from one computer to another across the Internet in packets. Two higher-level protocols used in conjunction with the IP are the *Transmission Control Protocol* (TCP) and the *User Datagram Protocol* (UDP). TCP enables two hosts to establish a connection and exchange streams of data. TCP guarantees delivery of data and also guarantees that packets will be delivered in the same order in which they were sent. UDP is a standard, low-overhead, connectionless, host-to-host protocol that is used over the IP. UDP allows an application program on one computer to send a datagram to an application program on another computer.

Java supports both stream-based and packet-based communications. *Stream-based communications* use TCP for data transmission, whereas *packet-based communications* use UDP. Since TCP can detect lost transmissions and resubmit them, transmissions are lossless and reliable. UDP, in contrast, cannot guarantee lossless transmission. Stream-based communications are used in most areas of Java programming and are the focus of this chapter. Packet-based communications are introduced in Supplement III.P, Networking Using Datagram Protocol.

IP address

domain name  
domain name serverTCP  
UDPstream-based communication  
packet-based communication

## 33.2 Client/Server Computing



*Java provides the **ServerSocket** class for creating a server socket, and the **Socket** class for creating a client socket. Two programs on the Internet communicate through a server socket and a client socket using I/O streams.*

Networking is tightly integrated in Java. The Java API provides the classes for creating sockets to facilitate program communications over the Internet. *Sockets* are the endpoints of logical connections between two hosts and can be used to send and receive data. Java treats socket communications much as it treats I/O operations; thus, programs can read from or write to sockets as easily as they can read from or write to files.

Network programming usually involves a server and one or more clients. The client sends requests to the server, and the server responds. The client begins by attempting to establish a connection to the server. The server can accept or deny the connection. Once a connection is established, the client and the server communicate through sockets.

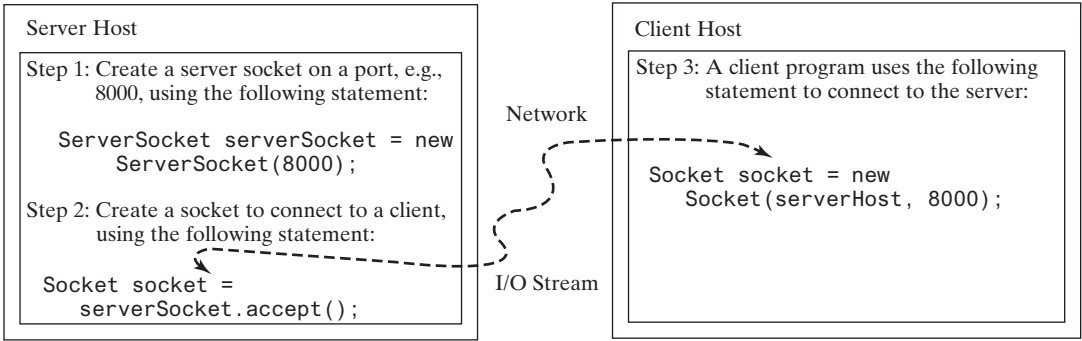
The server must be running when a client attempts to connect to the server. The server waits for a connection request from the client. The statements needed to create sockets on a server and on a client are shown in Figure 33.1.

### 33.2.1 Server Sockets

To establish a server, you need to create a *server socket* and attach it to a *port*, which is where the server listens for connections. The port identifies the TCP service on the socket. Port numbers range from 0 to 65536, but port numbers 0 to 1024 are reserved for privileged services.

socket

server socket  
port



**FIGURE 33.1** The server creates a server socket and, once a connection to a client is established, connects to the client with a client socket.

For instance, the email server runs on port 25, and the Web server usually runs on port 80. You can choose any port number that is not currently used by other programs. The following statement creates a server socket `serverSocket`:

```
ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(port);
```



**Note**

Attempting to create a server socket on a port already in use would cause a `java.net.BindException`.

`BindException`

### 33.2.2 Client Sockets

After a server socket is created, the server can use the following statement to listen for connections:

```
Socket socket = serverSocket.accept();
```

This statement waits until a client connects to the server socket. The client issues the following statement to request a connection to a server:

connect to client

```
Socket socket = new Socket(serverName, port);
```

This statement opens a socket so that the client program can communicate with the server. `serverName` is the server's Internet host name or IP address. The following statement creates a socket on the client machine to connect to the host 130.254.204.33 at port 8000:

client socket  
use IP address

```
Socket socket = new Socket("130.254.204.33", 8000);
```

Alternatively, you can use the domain name to create a socket, as follows:

use domain name

```
Socket socket = new Socket("liang.armstrong.edu", 8000);
```

When you create a socket with a host name, the JVM asks the DNS to translate the host name into the IP address.



**Note**

A program can use the host name `localhost` or the IP address `127.0.0.1` to refer to the machine on which a client is running.

`localhost`

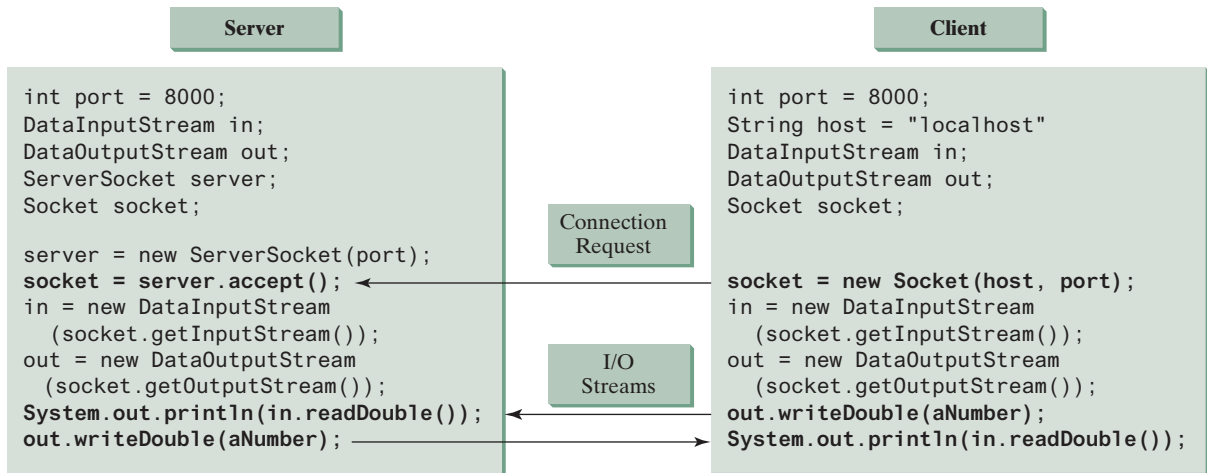
UnknownHostException

**Note**

The `Socket` constructor throws a `java.net.UnknownHostException` if the host cannot be found.

### 33.2.3 Data Transmission through Sockets

After the server accepts the connection, the communication between the server and the client is conducted in the same way as for I/O streams. The statements needed to create the streams and to exchange data between them are shown in Figure 33.2.



**FIGURE 33.2** The server and client exchange data through I/O streams on top of the socket.

To get an input stream and an output stream, use the `getInputStream()` and `getOutputStream()` methods on a socket object. For example, the following statements create an `InputStream` stream called `input` and an `OutputStream` stream called `output` from a socket:

```
InputStream input = socket.getInputStream();
OutputStream output = socket.getOutputStream();
```

The `InputStream` and `OutputStream` streams are used to read or write bytes. You can use `DataInputStream`, `DataOutputStream`, `BufferedReader`, and `PrintWriter` to wrap on the `InputStream` and `OutputStream` to read or write data, such as `int`, `double`, or `String`. The following statements, for instance, create the `DataInputStream` stream `input` and the `DataOutputStream` stream `output` to read and write primitive data values:

```
DataInputStream input = new DataInputStream
(socket.getInputStream());
DataOutputStream output = new DataOutputStream
(socket.getOutputStream());
```

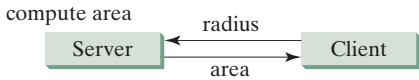
The server can use `input.readDouble()` to receive a `double` value from the client, and `output.writeDouble(d)` to send the `double` value `d` to the client.

**Tip**

Recall that binary I/O is more efficient than text I/O because text I/O requires encoding and decoding. Therefore, it is better to use binary I/O for transmitting data between a server and a client to improve performance.

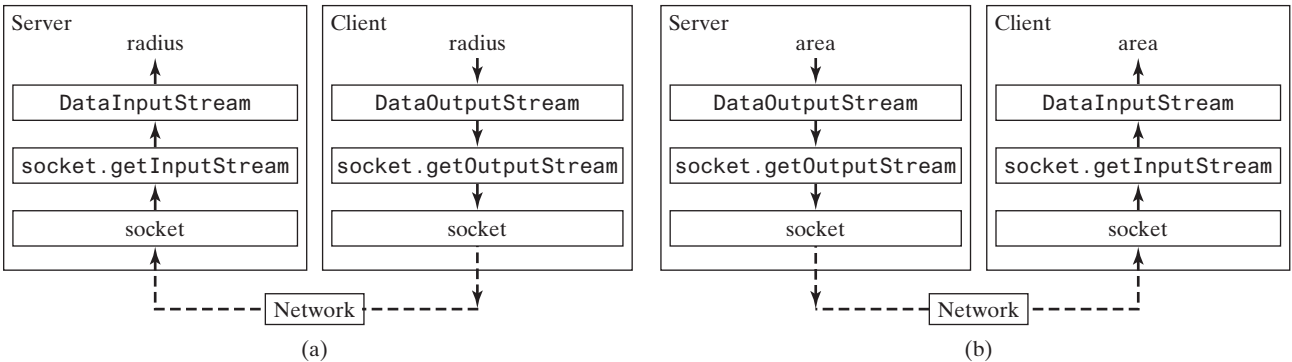
### 33.2.4 A Client/Server Example

This example presents a client program and a server program. The client sends data to a server. The server receives the data, uses it to produce a result, and then sends the result back to the client. The client displays the result on the console. In this example, the data sent from the client comprise the radius of a circle, and the result produced by the server is the area of the circle (see Figure 33.3).

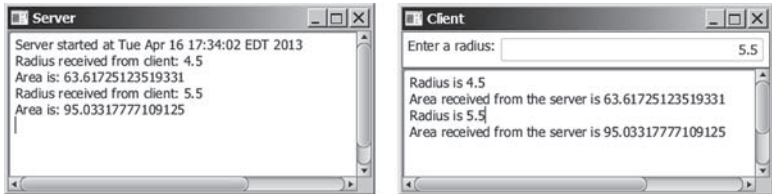


**FIGURE 33.3** The client sends the radius to the server; the server computes the area and sends it to the client.

The client sends the radius through a `DataOutputStream` on the output stream socket, and the server receives the radius through the `DataInputStream` on the input stream socket, as shown in Figure 33.4a. The server computes the area and sends it to the client through a `DataOutputStream` on the output stream socket, and the client receives the area through a `DataInputStream` on the input stream socket, as shown in Figure 33.4b. The server and client programs are given in Listings 33.1 and 33.2. Figure 33.5 contains a sample run of the server and the client.



**FIGURE 33.4** (a) The client sends the radius to the server. (b) The server sends the area to the client.



**FIGURE 33.5** The client sends the radius to the server. The server receives it, computes the area, and sends the area to the client.

#### LISTING 33.1 Server.java

```

1 import java.io.*;
2 import java.net.*;
3 import java.util.Date;

```

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```
4 import javafx.application.Application;
5 import javafx.application.Platform;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
8 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
9 import javafx.stage.Stage;
10
11 public class Server extends Application {
12     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
13     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
14         // Text area for displaying contents
15         TextArea ta = new TextArea();
16
17         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
18         Scene scene = new Scene(new ScrollPane(ta), 450, 200);
19         primaryStage.setTitle("Server"); // Set the stage title
20         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
21         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
22
23         new Thread(() -> {
24             try {
25                 // Create a server socket
26                 ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(8000);
27                 Platform.runLater(() ->
28                     ta.appendText("Server started at " + new Date() + '\n'));
29
30                 // Listen for a connection request
31                 Socket socket = serverSocket.accept();
32
33                 // Create data input and output streams
34                 DataInputStream inputFromClient = new DataInputStream(
35                     socket.getInputStream());
36                 DataOutputStream outputToClient = new DataOutputStream(
37                     socket.getOutputStream());
38
39                 while (true) {
40                     // Receive radius from the client
41                     double radius = inputFromClient.readDouble();
42
43                     // Compute area
44                     double area = radius * radius * Math.PI;
45
46                     // Send area back to the client
47                     outputToClient.writeDouble(area);
48
49                     Platform.runLater(() -> {
50                         ta.appendText("Radius received from client: "
51                             + radius + '\n');
52                         ta.appendText("Area is: " + area + '\n');
53                     });
54                 }
55             }
56             catch(IOException ex) {
57                 ex.printStackTrace();
58             }
59         }).start();
60     }
61 }
```

create server UI

server socket

update UI

connect client

input from client

output to client

read radius

write area

update UI



## LISTING 33.2 Client.java

```

1  import java.io.*;
2  import java.net.*;
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.geometry.Insets;
5  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
6  import javafx.scene.Scene;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
8  import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
9  import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
10 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13
14 public class Client extends Application {
15     // IO streams
16     DataOutputStream toServer = null;
17     DataInputStream fromServer = null;
18
19     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
20     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
21         // Panel p to hold the label and text field
22         BorderPane paneForTextField = new BorderPane();           create UI
23         paneForTextField.setPadding(new Insets(5, 5, 5, 5));
24         paneForTextField.setStyle("-fx-border-color: green");
25         paneForTextField.setLeft(new Label("Enter a radius: "));
26
27         TextField tf = new TextField();
28         tf.setAlignment(Pos.BOTTOM_RIGHT);
29         paneForTextField.setCenter(tf);
30
31         BorderPane mainPane = new BorderPane();
32         // Text area to display contents
33         TextArea ta = new TextArea();
34         mainPane.setCenter(new ScrollPane(ta));
35         mainPane.setTop(paneForTextField);
36
37         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
38         Scene scene = new Scene(mainPane, 450, 200);
39         primaryStage.setTitle("Client"); // Set the stage title
40         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
41         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
42
43         tf.setOnAction(e -> {                                     handle action event
44             try {
45                 // Get the radius from the text field
46                 double radius = Double.parseDouble(tf.getText().trim());   read radius
47
48                 // Send the radius to the server
49                 toServer.writeDouble(radius);                               write radius
50                 toServer.flush();
51
52                 // Get area from the server
53                 double area = fromServer.readDouble();                     read area
54
55                 // Display to the text area
56                 ta.appendText("Radius is " + radius + "\n");
57                 ta.appendText("Area received from the server is "
58                     + area + '\n');

```



```

59     }
60     catch (IOException ex) {
61         System.err.println(ex);
62     }
63 });
64
65 try {
66     // Create a socket to connect to the server
67     Socket socket = new Socket("localhost", 8000);
68     // Socket socket = new Socket("130.254.204.36", 8000);
69     // Socket socket = new Socket("drake.Armstrong.edu", 8000);
70
71     // Create an input stream to receive data from the server
72     fromServer = new DataInputStream(socket.getInputStream());
73
74     // Create an output stream to send data to the server
75     toServer = new DataOutputStream(socket.getOutputStream());
76 }
77 catch (IOException ex) {
78     ta.appendText(ex.toString() + '\n');
79 }
80 }
81 }

```

request connection

input from server

output to server

You start the server program first then start the client program. In the client program, enter a radius in the text field and press *Enter* to send the radius to the server. The server computes the area and sends it back to the client. This process is repeated until one of the two programs terminates.

The networking classes are in the package `java.net`. You should import this package when writing Java network programs.

The `Server` class creates a `ServerSocket serverSocket` and attaches it to port 8000 using this statement (line 26 in `Server.java`):

```
ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(8000);
```

The server then starts to listen for connection requests, using the following statement (line 31 in `Server.java`):

```
Socket socket = serverSocket.accept();
```

The server waits until the client requests a connection. After it is connected, the server reads the radius from the client through an input stream, computes the area, and sends the result to the client through an output stream. The `ServerSocket accept()` method takes time to execute. It is not appropriate to run this method in the JavaFX application thread. So, we place it in a separate thread (lines 23–59). The statements for updating GUI needs to run from the JavaFX application thread using the `Platform.runLater` method (lines 27–28, 49–53).

The `Client` class uses the following statement to create a socket that will request a connection to the server on the same machine (localhost) at port 8000 (line 67 in `Client.java`).

```
Socket socket = new Socket("localhost", 8000);
```

If you run the server and the client on different machines, replace `localhost` with the server machine's host name or IP address. In this example, the server and the client are running on the same machine.

If the server is not running, the client program terminates with a `java.net.ConnectException`. After it is connected, the client gets input and output streams—wrapped by data input and output streams—in order to receive and send data to the server.



```
System.out.println("Client's IP Address is " +
    inetAddress.getHostAddress());
```

You can also create an instance of `InetAddress` from a host name or IP address using the static `getByName` method. For example, the following statement creates an `InetAddress` for the host `liang.armstrong.edu`.

```
InetAddress address = InetAddress.getByName("liang.armstrong.edu");
```

Listing 33.3 gives a program that identifies the host name and IP address of the arguments you pass in from the command line. Line 7 creates an `InetAddress` using the `getByName` method. Lines 8 and 9 use the `getHostName` and `getHostAddress` methods to get the host's name and IP address. Figure 33.7 shows a sample run of the program.

FIGURE 33.7 The program identifies host names and IP addresses.

### LISTING 33.3 IdentifyHostNameIP.java

```
1 import java.net.*;
2
3 public class IdentifyHostNameIP {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         for (int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
6             try {
7                 InetAddress address = InetAddress.getByName(args[i]);
8                 System.out.print("Host name: " + address.getHostName() + " ");
9                 System.out.println("IP address: " + address.getHostAddress());
10            }
11            catch (UnknownHostException ex) {
12                System.err.println("Unknown host or IP address " + args[i]);
13            }
14        }
15    }
16 }
```

get an `InetAddress`  
get host name  
get host IP



**33.3.1** How do you obtain an instance of `InetAddress`?

**33.3.2** What methods can you use to get the IP address and hostname from an `InetAddress`?

## 33.4 Serving Multiple Clients

*A server can serve multiple clients. The connection to each client is handled by one thread.*



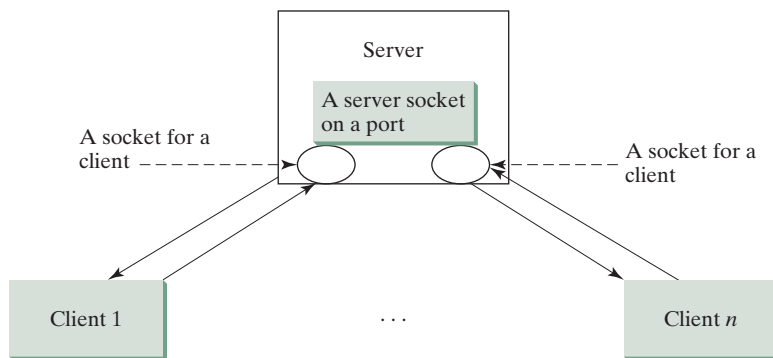
Multiple clients are quite often connected to a single server at the same time. Typically, a server runs continuously on a server computer, and clients from all over the Internet can connect to it. You can use threads to handle the server's multiple clients simultaneously—simply

create a thread for each connection. Here is how the server handles the establishment of a connection:

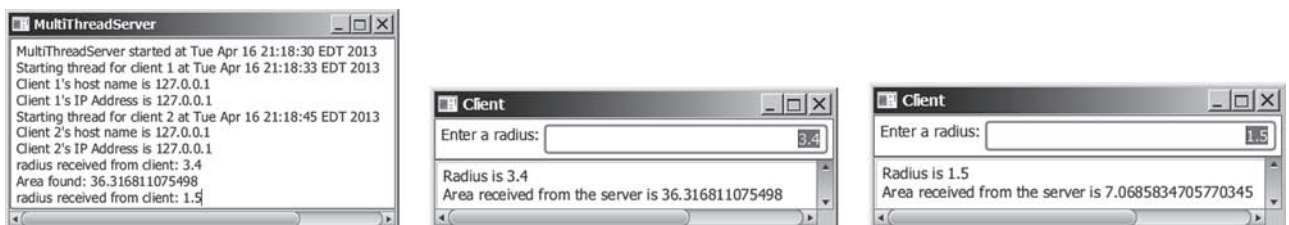
```
while (true) {
    Socket socket = serverSocket.accept(); // Connect to a client
    Thread thread = new ThreadClass(socket);
    thread.start();
}
```

The server socket can have many connections. Each iteration of the `while` loop creates a new connection. Whenever a connection is established, a new thread is created to handle communication between the server and the new client, and this allows multiple connections to run at the same time.

Listing 33.4 creates a server class that serves multiple clients simultaneously. For each connection, the server starts a new thread. This thread continuously receives input (the radius of a circle) from clients and sends the results (the area of the circle) back to them (see Figure 33.8). The client program is the same as in Listing 33.2. A sample run of the server with two clients is shown in Figure 33.9.



**FIGURE 33.8** Multithreading enables a server to handle multiple independent clients.



**FIGURE 33.9** The server spawns a thread in order to serve a client.

### LISTING 33.4 MultiThreadServer.java

```
1 import java.io.*;
2 import java.net.*;
3 import java.util.Date;
4 import javafx.application.Application;
5 import javafx.application.Platform;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
8 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
9 import javafx.stage.Stage;
10
```

```

11 public class MultiThreadServer extends Application {
12     // Text area for displaying contents
13     private TextArea ta = new TextArea();
14
15     // Number a client
16     private int clientNo = 0;
17
18     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
19     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
20         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
21         Scene scene = new Scene(new ScrollPane(ta), 450, 200);
22         primaryStage.setTitle("MultiThreadServer"); // Set the stage title
23         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
24         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
25
26         new Thread( () -> {
27             try {
28                 // Create a server socket
server socket 29                 ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(8000);
30                 ta.appendText("MultiThreadServer started at "
31                     + new Date() + '\n');
32
33                 while (true) {
34                     // Listen for a new connection request
connect client 35                     Socket socket = serverSocket.accept();
36
37                     // Increment clientNo
38                     clientNo++;
39
40                     Platform.runLater( () -> {
41                         // Display the client number
42                         ta.appendText("Starting thread for client " + clientNo +
43                             " at " + new Date() + '\n');
44
45                         // Find the client's host name, and IP address
network information 46                         InetAddress inetAddress = socket.getInetAddress();
47                         ta.appendText("Client " + clientNo + "'s host name is "
48                             + inetAddress.getHostByName() + "\n");
49                         ta.appendText("Client " + clientNo + "'s IP Address is"
50                             + inetAddress.getHostAddress() + "\n");
51                     });
52
53                     // Create and start a new thread for the connection
create task 54                     new Thread(new HandleAClient(socket)).start();
55                 }
56             }
57             catch(IOException ex) {
58                 System.err.println(ex);
59             }
60         }).start();
61     }
62
63     // Define the thread class for handling new connection
64     class HandleAClient implements Runnable {
65         private Socket socket; // A connected socket
66
67         /** Construct a thread */
68         public HandleAClient(Socket socket) {
69             this.socket = socket;
70         }
71

```

```

72     /** Run a thread */
73     public void run() {
74         try {
75             // Create data input and output streams
76             DataInputStream inputFromClient = new DataInputStream(      I/O
77                 socket.getInputStream());
78             DataOutputStream outputToClient = new DataOutputStream(
79                 socket.getOutputStream());
80
81             // Continuously serve the client
82             while (true) {
83                 // Receive radius from the client
84                 double radius = inputFromClient.readDouble();
85
86                 // Compute area
87                 double area = radius * radius * Math.PI;
88
89                 // Send area back to the client
90                 outputToClient.writeDouble(area);
91
92                 Platform.runLater(() -> {
93                     ta.appendText("radius received from client: " +
94                         radius + '\n');
95                     ta.appendText("Area found: " + area + '\n');
96                 });
97             }
98         }
99         catch(IOException ex) {
100             ex.printStackTrace();
101         }
102     }
103 }
104 }

```

update GUI

The server creates a server socket at port 8000 (line 29) and waits for a connection (line 35). When a connection with a client is established, the server creates a new thread to handle the communication (line 54). It then waits for another connection in an infinite **while** loop (lines 33–55).

The threads, which run independently of one another, communicate with designated clients. Each thread creates data input and output streams that receive and send data to a client.

### 33.4.1 How do you make a server serve multiple clients?



## 33.5 Sending and Receiving Objects

*A program can send and receive objects from another program.*

In the preceding examples, you learned how to send and receive data of primitive types. You can also send and receive objects using **ObjectOutputStream** and **ObjectInputStream** on socket streams. To enable passing, the objects must be serializable. The following example demonstrates how to send and receive objects.

The example consists of three classes: `StudentAddress.java` (Listing 33.5), `StudentClient.java` (Listing 33.6), and `StudentServer.java` (Listing 33.7). The client program collects student information from the client and sends it to a server, as shown in Figure 33.10.

The **StudentAddress** class contains the student information: name, street, city, state, and zip. The **StudentAddress** class implements the **Serializable** interface. Therefore, a **StudentAddress** object can be sent and received using the object output and input streams.





FIGURE 33.10 The client sends the student information in an object to the server.

### LISTING 33.5 StudentAddress.java

serialized

```

1  public class StudentAddress implements java.io.Serializable {
2      private String name;
3      private String street;
4      private String city;
5      private String state;
6      private String zip;
7
8      public StudentAddress(String name, String street, String city,
9          String state, String zip) {
10         this.name = name;
11         this.street = street;
12         this.city = city;
13         this.state = state;
14         this.zip = zip;
15     }
16
17     public String getName() {
18         return name;
19     }
20
21     public String getStreet() {
22         return street;
23     }
24
25     public String getCity() {
26         return city;
27     }
28
29     public String getState() {
30         return state;
31     }
32
33     public String getZip() {
34         return zip;
35     }
36 }

```

The client sends a `StudentAddress` object through an `ObjectOutputStream` on the output stream socket, and the server receives the `Student` object through the `ObjectInputStream` on the input stream socket, as shown in Figure 33.11. The client uses the `writeObject` method in the `ObjectOutputStream` class to send data about a student to the server, and the server receives the student's information using the `readObject` method in the `ObjectInputStream` class. The server and client programs are given in Listings 33.6 and 33.7.

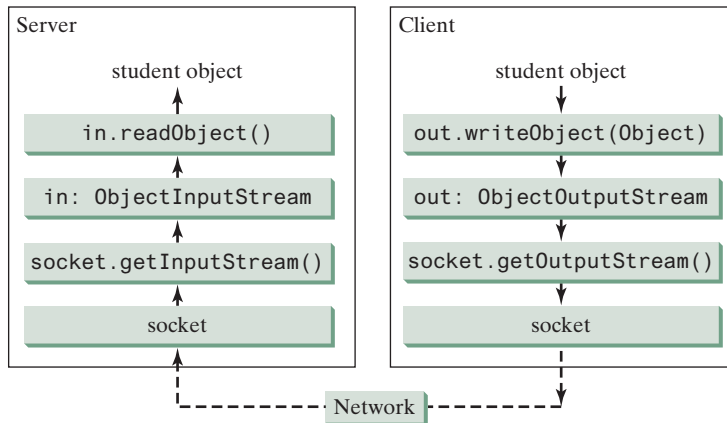


FIGURE 33.11 The client sends a `StudentAddress` object to the server.

### LISTING 33.6 StudentClient.java

```

1  import java.io.*;
2  import java.net.*;
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
5  import javafx.event.EventHandler;
6  import javafx.geometry.HPos;
7  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
8  import javafx.scene.Scene;
9  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
11 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
14 import javafx.stage.Stage;
15
16 public class StudentClient extends Application {
17     private TextField tfName = new TextField();
18     private TextField tfStreet = new TextField();
19     private TextField tfCity = new TextField();
20     private TextField tfState = new TextField();
21     private TextField tfZip = new TextField();
22
23     // Button for sending a student to the server
24     private Button btRegister = new Button("Register to the Server");
25
26     // Host name or ip
27     String host = "localhost";
28
29     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
30     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
31         GridPane pane = new GridPane();
32         pane.add(new Label("Name"), 0, 0);
33         pane.add(tfName, 1, 0);
34         pane.add(new Label("Street"), 0, 1);
35         pane.add(tfStreet, 1, 1);
36         pane.add(new Label("City"), 0, 2);
37
38         // create UI

```



```

38     HBox hbox = new HBox(2);
39     pane.add(hbox, 1, 2);
40     hbox.getChildren().addAll(tfCity, new Label("State"), tfState,
41         new Label("Zip"), tfZip);
42     pane.add(btRegister, 1, 3);
43     GridPane.setHalignment(btRegister, HPos.RIGHT);
44
45     pane.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
46     tfName.setPrefColumnCount(15);
47     tfStreet.setPrefColumnCount(15);
48     tfCity.setPrefColumnCount(10);
49     tfState.setPrefColumnCount(2);
50     tfZip.setPrefColumnCount(3);
51
52     btRegister.setOnAction(new ButtonListener());
53
54     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
55     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 450, 200);
56     primaryStage.setTitle("StudentClient"); // Set the stage title
57     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
58     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
59 }
60
61 /** Handle button action */
62 private class ButtonListener implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {
63     @Override
64     public void handle(ActionEvent e) {
65         try {
66             // Establish connection with the server
67             Socket socket = new Socket(host, 8000);
68
69             // Create an output stream to the server
70             ObjectOutputStream toServer =
71                 new ObjectOutputStream(socket.getOutputStream());
72
73             // Get text field
74             String name = tfName.getText().trim();
75             String street = tfStreet.getText().trim();
76             String city = tfCity.getText().trim();
77             String state = tfState.getText().trim();
78             String zip = tfZip.getText().trim();
79
80             // Create a Student object and send to the server
81             StudentAddress s =
82                 new StudentAddress(name, street, city, state, zip);
83             toServer.writeObject(s);
84         }
85         catch (IOException ex) {
86             ex.printStackTrace();
87         }
88     }
89 }
90 }

```

register listener

server socket

output stream

send to server

### LISTING 33.7 StudentServer.java

```

1 import java.io.*;
2 import java.net.*;
3
4 public class StudentServer {

```

```

5  private ObjectOutputStream outputToFile;
6  private ObjectInputStream inputFromClient;
7
8  public static void main(String[] args) {
9      new StudentServer();
10 }
11
12 public StudentServer() {
13     try {
14         // Create a server socket
15         ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(8000);           server socket
16         System.out.println("Server started ");
17
18         // Create an object output stream
19         outputToFile = new ObjectOutputStream(                       output to file
20             new FileOutputStream("student.dat", true));
21
22         while (true) {
23             // Listen for a new connection request
24             Socket socket = serverSocket.accept();                   connect to client
25
26             // Create an input stream from the socket
27             inputFromClient =                                       input stream
28                 new ObjectInputStream(socket.getInputStream());
29
30             // Read from input
31             Object object = inputFromClient.readObject();           get from client
32
33             // Write to the file
34             outputToFile.writeObject(object);                       write to file
35             System.out.println("A new student object is stored");
36         }
37     }
38     catch(ClassNotFoundException ex) {
39         ex.printStackTrace();
40     }
41     catch(IOException ex) {
42         ex.printStackTrace();
43     }
44     finally {
45         try {
46             inputFromClient.close();
47             outputToFile.close();
48         }
49         catch (Exception ex) {
50             ex.printStackTrace();
51         }
52     }
53 }
54 }

```

On the client side, when the user clicks the *Register to the Server* button, the client creates a socket to connect to the host (line 67), creates an **ObjectOutputStream** on the output stream of the socket (lines 70 and 71), and invokes the **writeObject** method to send the **StudentAddress** object to the server through the object output stream (line 83).

On the server side, when a client connects to the server, the server creates an **ObjectInputStream** on the input stream of the socket (lines 27 and 28), invokes the **readObject** method to receive the **StudentAddress** object through the object input stream (line 31), and writes the object to a file (line 34).



**33.5.1** How does a server receive connection from a client? How does a client connect to a server?

**33.5.2** How do you find the host name of a client program from the server?

**33.5.3** How do you send and receive an object?



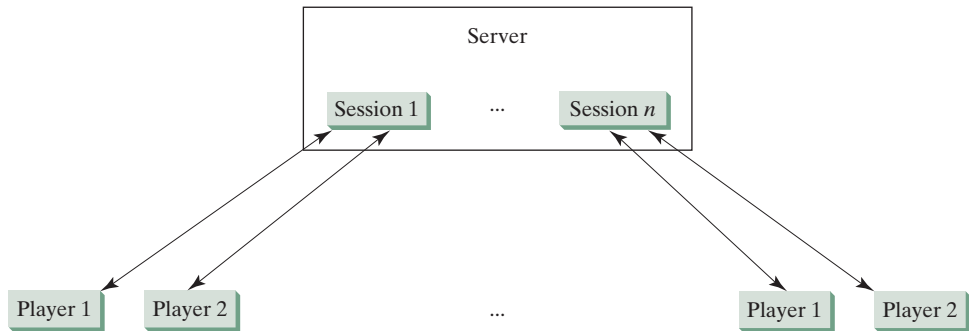
## 33.6 Case Study: Distributed Tic-Tac-Toe Games

*This section develops a program that enables two players to play the tic-tac-toe game on the Internet.*

In Section 16.12, Case Study: Developing a Tic-Tac-Toe Game, you developed a program for a tic-tac-toe game that enables two players to play the game on the same machine. In this section, you will learn how to develop a distributed tic-tac-toe game using multithreads and networking with socket streams. A distributed tic-tac-toe game enables users to play on different machines from anywhere on the Internet.

You need to develop a server for multiple clients. The server creates a server socket and accepts connections from every two players to form a session. Each session is a thread that communicates with the two players and determines the status of the game. The server can establish any number of sessions, as shown in Figure 33.12.

For each session, the first client connecting to the server is identified as player 1 with token **X**, and the second client connecting is identified as player 2 with token **O**. The server notifies the players of their respective tokens. Once two clients are connected to it, the server starts a thread to facilitate the game between the two players by performing the steps repeatedly, as shown in Figure 33.13.



**FIGURE 33.12** The server can create many sessions, each of which facilitates a tic-tac-toe game for two players.

The server does not have to be a graphical component, but creating it in a GUI in which game information can be viewed is user friendly. You can create a scroll pane to hold a text area in the GUI and display game information in the text area. The server creates a thread to handle a game session when two players are connected to the server.

The client is responsible for interacting with the players. It creates a user interface with nine cells and displays the game title and status to the players in the labels. The client class is very similar to the `TicTacToe` class presented in the case study in Listing 16.13. However, the client in this example does not determine the game status (win or draw); it simply passes the moves to the server and receives the game status from the server.

Based on the foregoing analysis, you can create the following classes:

- `TicTacToeServer` serves all the clients in Listing 33.9.

- `HandleASession` facilitates the game for two players. This class is defined in Listing 33.9, `TicTacToeServer.java`.

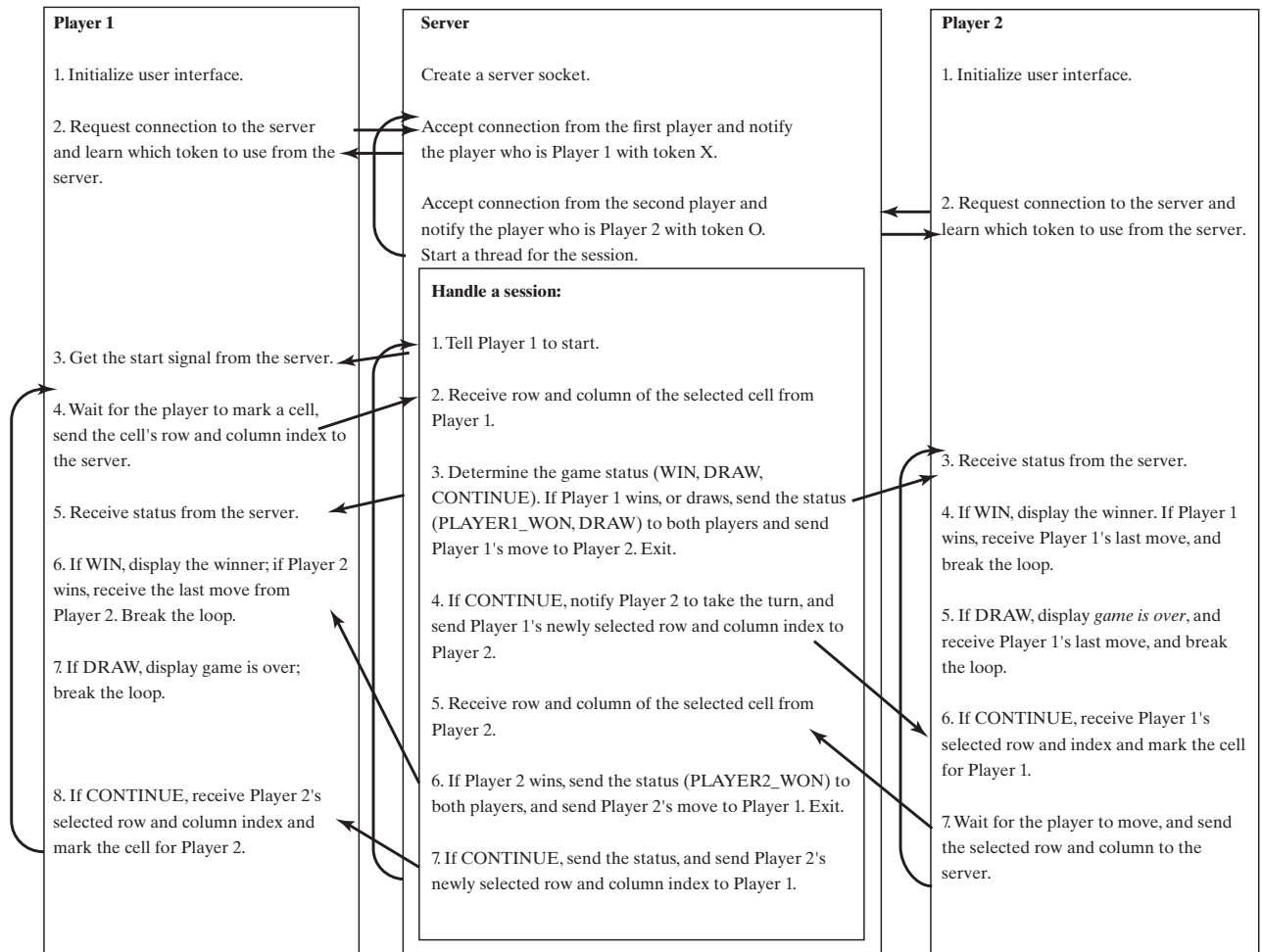


FIGURE 33.13 The server starts a thread to facilitate communications between the two players.

- `TicTacToeClient` models a player in Listing 33.10.
- `Cell` models a cell in the game. It is an inner class in `TicTacToeClient`.
- `TicTacToeConstants` is an interface that defines the constants shared by all the classes in the example in Listing 33.8.

The relationships of these classes are shown in Figure 33.14.

### LISTING 33.8 `TicTacToeConstants.java`

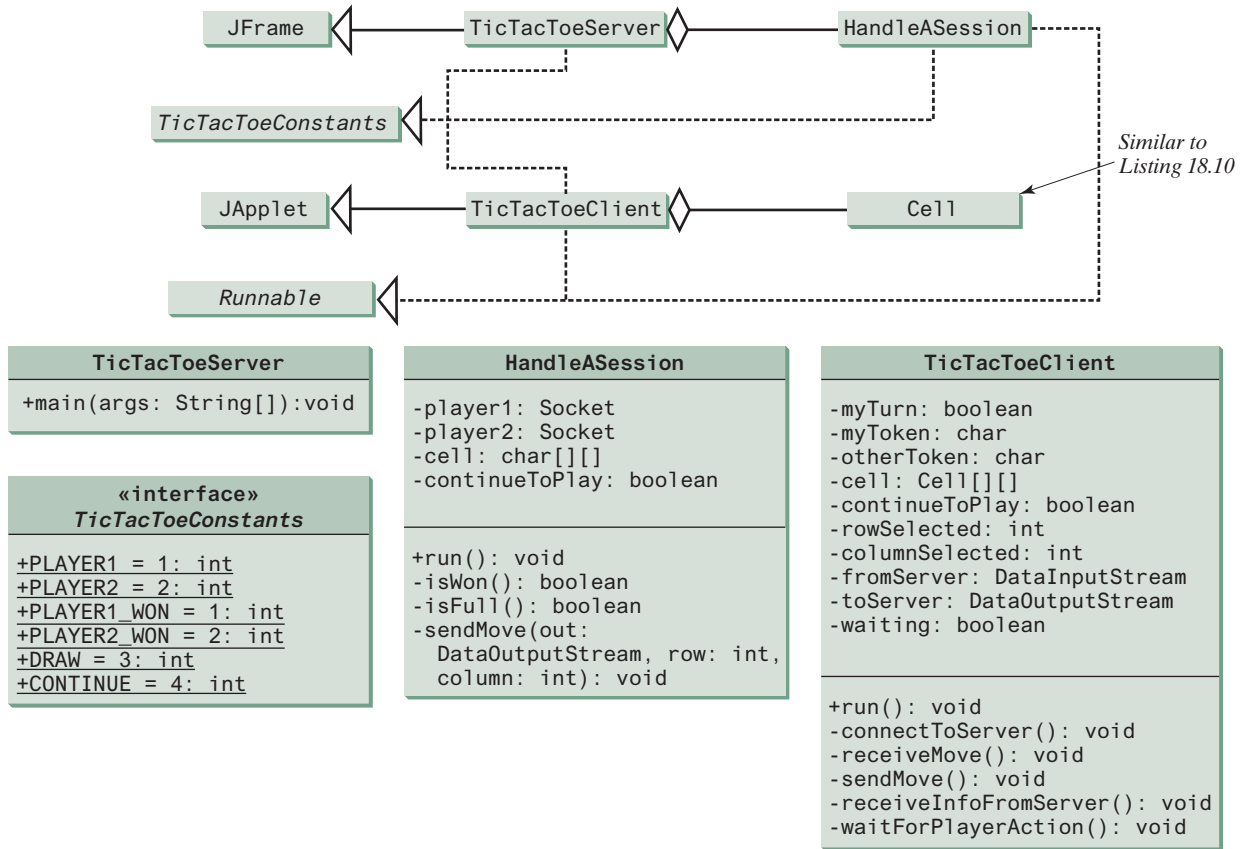
```

1 public interface TicTacToeConstants {
2     public static int PLAYER1 = 1; // Indicate player 1
3     public static int PLAYER2 = 2; // Indicate player 2
4     public static int PLAYER1_WON = 1; // Indicate player 1 won
5     public static int PLAYER2_WON = 2; // Indicate player 2 won
6     public static int DRAW = 3; // Indicate a draw
7     public static int CONTINUE = 4; // Indicate to continue
8 }
  
```

### LISTING 33.9 `TicTacToeServer.java`

```

1 import java.io.*;
2 import java.net.*;
  
```



Similar to Listing 18.10

**FIGURE 33.14** **TicTacToeServer** creates an instance of **HandleASession** for each session of two players. **TicTacToeClient** creates nine cells in the UI.

create UI

```

3  import java.util.Date;
4  import javafx.application.Application;
5  import javafx.application.Platform;
6  import javafx.scene.Scene;
7  import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
8  import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
9  import javafx.stage.Stage;
10
11 public class TicTacToeServer extends Application
12     implements TicTacToeConstants {
13     private int sessionNo = 1; // Number a session
14
15     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
16     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
17         TextArea taLog = new TextArea();
18
19         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
20         Scene scene = new Scene(new ScrollPane(taLog), 450, 200);
21         primaryStage.setTitle("TicTacToeServer"); // Set the stage title
22         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
23         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
24
25         new Thread( () -> {
26             try {
27                 // Create a server socket
    
```

```

28  ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(8000);           server socket
29  Platform.runLater(() -> taLog.appendText(new Date() +
30      ": Server started at socket 8000\n"));
31
32  // Ready to create a session for every two players
33  while (true) {
34      Platform.runLater(() -> taLog.appendText(new Date() +
35          ": Wait for players to join session " + sessionNo + '\n'));
36
37      // Connect to player 1
38      Socket player1 = serverSocket.accept();                 connect to client
39
40      Platform.runLater(() -> {
41          taLog.appendText(new Date() + ": Player 1 joined session "
42              + sessionNo + '\n');
43          taLog.appendText("Player 1's IP address" +
44              player1.getInetAddress().getHostAddress() + '\n');
45      });
46
47      // Notify that the player is Player 1
48      new DataOutputStream(                                to player1
49          player1.getOutputStream()).writeInt(PLAYER1);
50
51      // Connect to player 2
52      Socket player2 = serverSocket.accept();                 connect to client
53
54      Platform.runLater(() -> {
55          taLog.appendText(new Date() +
56              ": Player 2 joined session " + sessionNo + '\n');
57          taLog.appendText("Player 2's IP address" +
58              player2.getInetAddress().getHostAddress() + '\n');
59      });
60
61      // Notify that the player is Player 2
62      new DataOutputStream(                                to player2
63          player2.getOutputStream()).writeInt(PLAYER2);
64
65      // Display this session and increment session number
66      Platform.runLater(() ->
67          taLog.appendText(new Date() +
68              ": Start a thread for session " + sessionNo++ + '\n'));
69
70      // Launch a new thread for this session of two players
71      new Thread(new HandleASession(player1, player2)).start();  a session for two players
72  }
73  }
74  catch(IOException ex) {
75      ex.printStackTrace();
76  }
77  }).start();
78  }
79
80  // Define the thread class for handling a new session for two players
81  class HandleASession implements Runnable, TicTacToeConstants {
82      private Socket player1;
83      private Socket player2;
84
85      // Create and initialize cells
86      private char[][] cell = new char[3][3];
87
88      private DataInputStream fromPlayer1;

```

```

89     private DataOutputStream toPlayer1;
90     private DataInputStream fromPlayer2;
91     private DataOutputStream toPlayer2;
92
93     // Continue to play
94     private boolean continueToPlay = true;
95
96     /** Construct a thread */
97     public HandleASession(Socket player1, Socket player2) {
98         this.player1 = player1;
99         this.player2 = player2;
100
101         // Initialize cells
102         for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
103             for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
104                 cell[i][j] = ' ';
105     }
106
107     /** Implement the run() method for the thread */
108     public void run() {
109         try {
110             // Create data input and output streams
111             DataInputStream fromPlayer1 = new DataInputStream(
112                 player1.getInputStream());
113             DataOutputStream toPlayer1 = new DataOutputStream(
114                 player1.getOutputStream());
115             DataInputStream fromPlayer2 = new DataInputStream(
116                 player2.getInputStream());
117             DataOutputStream toPlayer2 = new DataOutputStream(
118                 player2.getOutputStream());
119
120             // Write anything to notify player 1 to start
121             // This is just to let player 1 know to start
122             toPlayer1.writeInt(1);
123
124             // Continuously serve the players and determine and report
125             // the game status to the players
126             while (true) {
127                 // Receive a move from player 1
128                 int row = fromPlayer1.readInt();
129                 int column = fromPlayer1.readInt();
130                 cell[row][column] = 'X';
131
132                 // Check if Player 1 wins
133                 if (isWon('X')) {
134                     toPlayer1.writeInt(PLAYER1_WON);
135                     toPlayer2.writeInt(PLAYER1_WON);
136                     sendMove(toPlayer2, row, column);
137                     break; // Break the loop
138                 }
139                 else if (isFull()) { // Check if all cells are filled
140                     toPlayer1.writeInt(DRAW);
141                     toPlayer2.writeInt(DRAW);
142                     sendMove(toPlayer2, row, column);
143                     break;
144                 }
145                 else {
146                     // Notify player 2 to take the turn
147                     toPlayer2.writeInt(CONTINUE);
148

```

IO streams

X won?

Is full?

```

149         // Send player 1's selected row and column to player 2
150         sendMove(toPlayer2, row, column);
151     }
152
153     // Receive a move from Player 2
154     row = fromPlayer2.readInt();
155     column = fromPlayer2.readInt();
156     cell[row][column] = 'O';
157
158     // Check if Player 2 wins
159     if (isWon('O')) {                                     O won?
160         toPlayer1.writeInt(PPLAYER2_WON);
161         toPlayer2.writeInt(PPLAYER2_WON);
162         sendMove(toPlayer1, row, column);
163         break;
164     }
165     else {
166         // Notify player 1 to take the turn
167         toPlayer1.writeInt(CONTINUE);
168
169         // Send player 2's selected row and column to player 1
170         sendMove(toPlayer1, row, column);
171     }
172 }
173
174 catch(IOException ex) {
175     ex.printStackTrace();
176 }
177 }
178
179 /** Send the move to other player */
180 private void sendMove(DataOutputStream out, int row, int column)    send a move
181     throws IOException {
182     out.writeInt(row); // Send row index
183     out.writeInt(column); // Send column index
184 }
185
186 /** Determine if the cells are all occupied */
187 private boolean isFull() {
188     for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
189         for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
190             if (cell[i][j] == ' ')
191                 return false; // At least one cell is not filled
192
193     // All cells are filled
194     return true;
195 }
196
197 /** Determine if the player with the specified token wins */
198 private boolean isWon(char token) {
199     // Check all rows
200     for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
201         if ((cell[i][0] == token)
202             && (cell[i][1] == token)
203             && (cell[i][2] == token)) {
204             return true;
205         }
206
207     // Check all columns */
208     for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)

```



```

209         if ((cell[0][j] == token)
210             && (cell[1][j] == token)
211             && (cell[2][j] == token)) {
212             return true;
213         }
214
215         /** Check major diagonal */
216         if ((cell[0][0] == token)
217             && (cell[1][1] == token)
218             && (cell[2][2] == token)) {
219             return true;
220         }
221
222         /** Check subdiagonal */
223         if ((cell[0][2] == token)
224             && (cell[1][1] == token)
225             && (cell[2][0] == token)) {
226             return true;
227         }
228
229         /** All checked, but no winner */
230         return false;
231     }
232 }
233 }

```

### LISTING 33.10 TicTacToeClient.java

```

1  import java.io.*;
2  import java.net.*;
3  import java.util.Date;
4  import javafx.application.Application;
5  import javafx.application.Platform;
6  import javafx.scene.Scene;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
8  import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
9  import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
13 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
14 import javafx.scene.shape.Ellipse;
15 import javafx.scene.shape.Line;
16 import javafx.stage.Stage;
17
18 public class TicTacToeClient extends Application
19     implements TicTacToeConstants {
20     // Indicate whether the player has the turn
21     private boolean myTurn = false;
22
23     // Indicate the token for the player
24     private char myToken = ' ';
25
26     // Indicate the token for the other player
27     private char otherToken = ' ';
28
29     // Create and initialize cells
30     private Cell[][] cell = new Cell[3][3];
31

```

```

32 // Create and initialize a title label
33 private Label lblTitle = new Label();
34
35 // Create and initialize a status label
36 private Label lblStatus = new Label();
37
38 // Indicate selected row and column by the current move
39 private int rowSelected;
40 private int columnSelected;
41
42 // Input and output streams from/to server
43 private DataInputStream fromServer;
44 private DataOutputStream toServer;
45
46 // Continue to play?
47 private boolean continueToPlay = true;
48
49 // Wait for the player to mark a cell
50 private boolean waiting = true;
51
52 // Host name or ip
53 private String host = "localhost";
54
55 @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
56 public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
57     // Pane to hold cell
58     GridPane pane = new GridPane();
59     for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
60         for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
61             pane.add(cell[i][j] = new Cell(i, j), j, i);
62
63     BorderPane borderPane = new BorderPane();
64     borderPane.setTop(lblTitle);
65     borderPane.setCenter(pane);
66     borderPane.setBottom(lblStatus);
67
68     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
69     Scene scene = new Scene(borderPane, 320, 350);
70     primaryStage.setTitle("TicTacToeClient"); // Set the stage title
71     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
72     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
73
74     // Connect to the server
75     connectToServer();
76 }
77
78 private void connectToServer() {
79     try {
80         // Create a socket to connect to the server
81         Socket socket = new Socket(host, 8000);
82
83         // Create an input stream to receive data from the server
84         fromServer = new DataInputStream(socket.getInputStream());
85
86         // Create an output stream to send data to the server
87         toServer = new DataOutputStream(socket.getOutputStream());
88     }
89     catch (Exception ex) {
90         ex.printStackTrace();
91     }

```

create UI

connect to server

input from server

output to server

```

92
93 // Control the game on a separate thread
94 new Thread(() -> {
95     try {
96         // Get notification from the server
97         int player = fromServer.readInt();
98
99         // Am I player 1 or 2?
100        if (player == PLAYER1) {
101            myToken = 'X';
102            otherToken = 'O';
103            Platform.runLater(() -> {
104                lblTitle.setText("Player 1 with token 'X'");
105                lblStatus.setText("Waiting for player 2 to join");
106            });
107
108            // Receive startup notification from the server
109            fromServer.readInt(); // Whatever read is ignored
110
111            // The other player has joined
112            Platform.runLater(() ->
113                lblStatus.setText("Player 2 has joined. I start first"));
114
115            // It is my turn
116            myTurn = true;
117        }
118        else if (player == PLAYER2) {
119            myToken = 'O';
120            otherToken = 'X';
121            Platform.runLater(() -> {
122                lblTitle.setText("Player 2 with token 'O'");
123                lblStatus.setText("Waiting for player 1 to move");
124            });
125        }
126
127        // Continue to play
128        while (continueToPlay) {
129            if (player == PLAYER1) {
130                waitForPlayerAction(); // Wait for player 1 to move
131                sendMove(); // Send the move to the server
132                receiveInfoFromServer(); // Receive info from the server
133            }
134            else if (player == PLAYER2) {
135                receiveInfoFromServer(); // Receive info from the server
136                waitForPlayerAction(); // Wait for player 2 to move
137                sendMove(); // Send player 2's move to the server
138            }
139        }
140    }
141    catch (Exception ex) {
142        ex.printStackTrace();
143    }
144    }).start();
145 }
146
147 /** Wait for the player to mark a cell */
148 private void waitForPlayerAction() throws InterruptedException {
149     while (waiting) {
150         Thread.sleep(100);
151     }

```

```

152
153     waiting = true;
154 }
155
156 /** Send this player's move to the server */
157 private void sendMove() throws IOException {
158     toServer.writeInt(rowSelected); // Send the selected row
159     toServer.writeInt(columnSelected); // Send the selected column
160 }
161
162 /** Receive info from the server */
163 private void receiveInfoFromServer() throws IOException {
164     // Receive game status
165     int status = fromServer.readInt();
166
167     if (status == PLAYER1_WON) {
168         // Player 1 won, stop playing
169         continueToPlay = false;
170         if (myToken == 'X') {
171             Platform.runLater(() -> lblStatus.setText("I won! (X)"));
172         }
173         else if (myToken == 'O') {
174             Platform.runLater(() ->
175                 lblStatus.setText("Player 1 (X) has won!"));
176             receiveMove();
177         }
178     }
179     else if (status == PLAYER2_WON) {
180         // Player 2 won, stop playing
181         continueToPlay = false;
182         if (myToken == 'O') {
183             Platform.runLater(() -> lblStatus.setText("I won! (O)"));
184         }
185         else if (myToken == 'X') {
186             Platform.runLater(() ->
187                 lblStatus.setText("Player 2 (O) has won!"));
188             receiveMove();
189         }
190     }
191     else if (status == DRAW) {
192         // No winner, game is over
193         continueToPlay = false;
194         Platform.runLater(() ->
195             lblStatus.setText("Game is over, no winner!"));
196
197         if (myToken == 'O') {
198             receiveMove();
199         }
200     }
201     else {
202         receiveMove();
203         Platform.runLater(() -> lblStatus.setText("My turn"));
204         myTurn = true; // It is my turn
205     }
206 }
207
208 private void receiveMove() throws IOException {
209     // Get the other player's move
210     int row = fromServer.readInt();
211     int column = fromServer.readInt();

```

```

212     Platform.runLater(() -> cell[row][column].setToken(otherToken));
213 }
214
215 // An inner class for a cell
model a cell 216 public class Cell extends Pane {
217     // Indicate the row and column of this cell in the board
218     private int row;
219     private int column;
220
221     // Token used for this cell
222     private char token = ' ';
223
224     public Cell(int row, int column) {
225         this.row = row;
226         this.column = column;
227         this.setPrefSize(2000, 2000); // What happens without this?
228         setStyle("-fx-border-color: black"); // Set cell's border
229         this.setOnMouseClicked(e -> handleMouseClicked());
230     }
231
232     /** Return token */
233     public char getToken() {
234         return token;
235     }
236
237     /** Set a new token */
238     public void setToken(char c) {
239         token = c;
240         repaint();
241     }
242
243     protected void repaint() {
draw X 244         if (token == 'X') {
245             Line line1 = new Line(10, 10,
246                 this.getWidth() - 10, this.getHeight() - 10);
247             line1.endXProperty().bind(this.widthProperty().subtract(10));
248             line1.endYProperty().bind(this.heightProperty().subtract(10));
249             Line line2 = new Line(10, this.getHeight() - 10,
250                 this.getWidth() - 10, 10);
251             line2.startYProperty().bind(
252                 this.heightProperty().subtract(10));
253             line2.endXProperty().bind(this.widthProperty().subtract(10));
254
255             // Add the lines to the pane
256             this.getChildren().addAll(line1, line2);
257         }
258         else if (token == 'O') {
draw O 259             Ellipse ellipse = new Ellipse(this.getWidth() / 2,
260                 this.getHeight() / 2, this.getWidth() / 2 - 10,
261                 this.getHeight() / 2 - 10);
262             ellipse.centerXProperty().bind(
263                 this.widthProperty().divide(2));
264             ellipse.centerYProperty().bind(
265                 this.heightProperty().divide(2));
266             ellipse.radiusXProperty().bind(
267                 this.widthProperty().divide(2).subtract(10));
268             ellipse.radiusYProperty().bind(
269                 this.heightProperty().divide(2).subtract(10));
270             ellipse.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
271             ellipse.setFill(Color.WHITE);

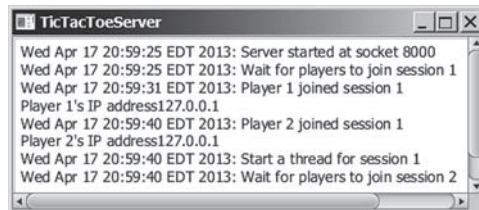
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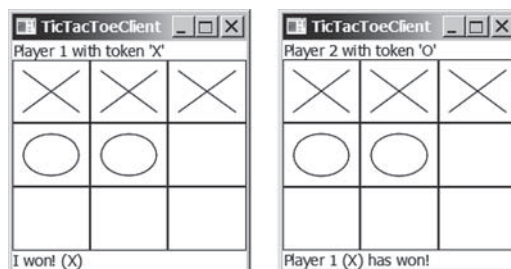
272
273     getChildren().add(ellipse); // Add the ellipse to the pane
274 }
275 }
276
277 /* Handle a mouse click event */
278 private void handleMouseClicked() {                               mouse clicked handler
279     // If cell is not occupied and the player has the turn
280     if (token == ' ' && myTurn) {
281         setToken(myToken); // Set the player's token in the cell
282         myTurn = false;
283         rowSelected = row;
284         columnSelected = column;
285         lblStatus.setText("Waiting for the other player to move");
286         waiting = false; // Just completed a successful move
287     }
288 }
289 }
290 }

```

The server can serve any number of sessions simultaneously. Each session takes care of two players. The client can be deployed to run as a Java applet. To run a client as a Java applet from a Web browser, the server must run from a Web server. Figures 33.15 and 33.16 show sample runs of the server and the clients.



**FIGURE 33.15** TicTacToeServer accepts connection requests and creates sessions to serve pairs of players.



**FIGURE 33.16** TicTacToeClient can run as an applet or standalone.

The `TicTacToeConstants` interface defines the constants shared by all the classes in the project. Each class that uses the constants needs to implement the interface. Centrally defining constants in an interface is a common practice in Java.

Once a session is established, the server receives moves from the players in alternation. Upon receiving a move from a player, the server determines the status of the game. If the game is not finished, the server sends the status (`CONTINUE`) and the player's move to the other

player. If the game is won or a draw, the server sends the status (`PLAYER1_WON`, `PLAYER2_WON`, or `DRAW`) to both players.

The implementation of Java network programs at the socket level is tightly synchronized. An operation to send data from one machine requires an operation to receive data from the other machine. As shown in this example, the server and the client are tightly synchronized to send or receive data.



**33.6.1** What would happen if the preferred size for a cell is not set in line 227 in Listing 33.10?

**33.6.2** If a player does not have the turn but clicks on an empty cell, what will the client program in Listing 33.10 do?

## KEY TERMS

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client socket 33-3  
 domain name 33-2  
 domain name server 33-2  
 localhost 33-3  
 IP address 33-2  
 port 33-2

packet-based communication 33-2  
 server socket 33-2  
 socket 33-2  
 stream-based communication 33-2  
 TCP 33-2  
 UDP 33-2

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. Java supports stream sockets and datagram sockets. *Stream sockets* use TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) for data transmission, whereas *datagram sockets* use UDP (User Datagram Protocol). Since TCP can detect lost transmissions and resubmit them, transmissions are lossless and reliable. UDP, in contrast, cannot guarantee lossless transmission.
2. To create a server, you must first obtain a server socket, using `new ServerSocket(port)`. After a server socket is created, the server can start to listen for connections, using the `accept()` method on the server socket. The client requests a connection to a server by using `new Socket(serverName, port)` to create a client socket.
3. Stream socket communication is very much like input/output stream communication after the connection between a server and a client is established. You can obtain an input stream using the `getInputStream()` method and an output stream using the `getOutputStream()` method on the socket.
4. A server must often work with multiple clients at the same time. You can use threads to handle the server's multiple clients simultaneously by creating a thread for each connection.



## QUIZ

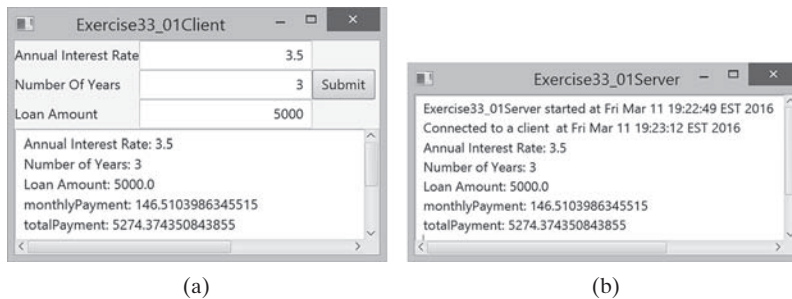
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## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

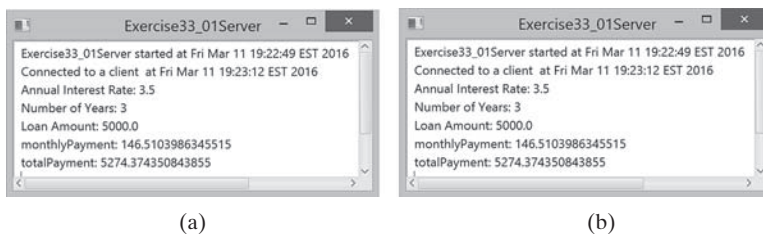
### Section 33.2

- \*33.1** (*Loan server*) Write a server for a client. The client sends loan information (annual interest rate, number of years, and loan amount) to the server (see Figure 33.17a). The server computes monthly payment and total payment, and sends them back to the client (see Figure 33.17b). Name the client `Exercise33_01Client` and the server `Exercise33_01Server`.



**FIGURE 33.17** The client in (a) sends the annual interest rate, number of years, and loan amount to the server and receives the monthly payment and total payment from the server in (b).

- \*33.2** (*BMI server*) Write a server for a client. The client sends the weight and height for a person to the server (see Figure 33.18a). The server computes BMI (Body Mass Index) and sends back to the client a string that reports the BMI (see Figure 33.18b). See Section 3.8 for computing BMI. Name the client `Exercise33_02Client` and the server `Exercise33_02Server`.



**FIGURE 33.18** The client in (a) sends the weight and height of a person to the server and receives the BMI from the server in (b).

### Sections 33.3 and 33.4

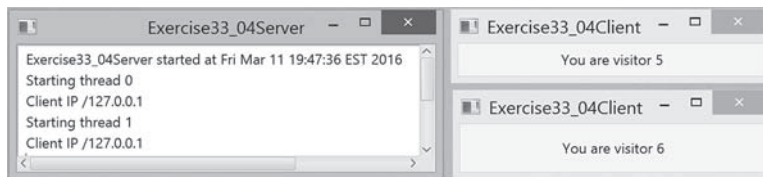
- \*33.3** (*Loan server for multiple clients*) Revise Programming Exercise 33.1 to write a server for multiple clients.

### Section 33.5

- 33.4** (*Count clients*) Write a server that tracks the number of the clients connected to the server. When a new connection is established, the count is incremented by 1. The count is stored using a random-access file. Write a client program that receives



the count from the server and displays a message, such as “You are visitor number 11”, as shown in Figure 33.19. Name the client `Exercise33_04Client` and the server `Exercise33_04Server`.



**FIGURE 33.19** The client displays how many times the server has been accessed. The server stores the count.

- 33.5** (*Send loan information in an object*) Revise Exercise 33.1 for the client to send a loan object that contains annual interest rate, number of years, and loan amount and for the server to send the monthly payment and total payment.

### Section 33.6

- 33.6** (*Display and add addresses*) Develop a client/server application to view and add addresses, as shown in Figure 33.20.



**FIGURE 33.20** You can view and add an address.

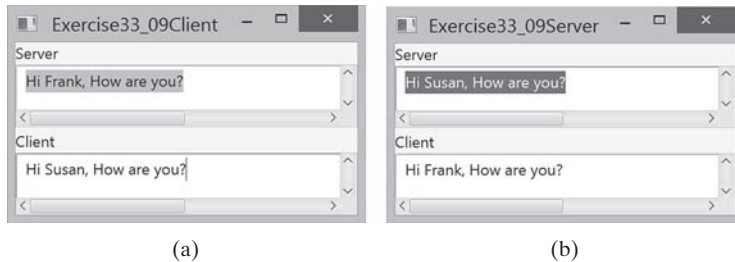
- Use the `StudentAddress` class defined in Listing 33.5 to hold the name, street, city, state, and zip in an object.
- The user can use the buttons *First*, *Next*, *Previous*, and *Last* to view an address, and the *Add* button to add a new address.
- Limit the concurrent connections to two clients.

Name the client `Exercise33_06Client` and the server `Exercise33_6Server`.

- \*33.7** (*Transfer last 100 numbers in an array*) Programming Exercise 22.12 retrieves the last 100 prime numbers from a file `PrimeNumbers.dat`. Write a client program that requests the server to send the last 100 prime numbers in an array. Name the server program `Exercise33_07Server` and the client program `Exercise33_07Client`. Assume the numbers of the `long` type are stored in `PrimeNumbers.dat` in binary format.
- \*33.8** (*Transfer last 100 numbers in an ArrayList*) Programming Exercise 24.12 retrieves the last 100 prime numbers from a file `PrimeNumbers.dat`. Write a client program that requests the server to send the last 100 prime numbers in an `ArrayList`. Name the server program `Exercise33_08Server` and the client program `Exercise33_08Client`. Assume the numbers of the `long` type are stored in `PrimeNumbers.dat` in binary format.

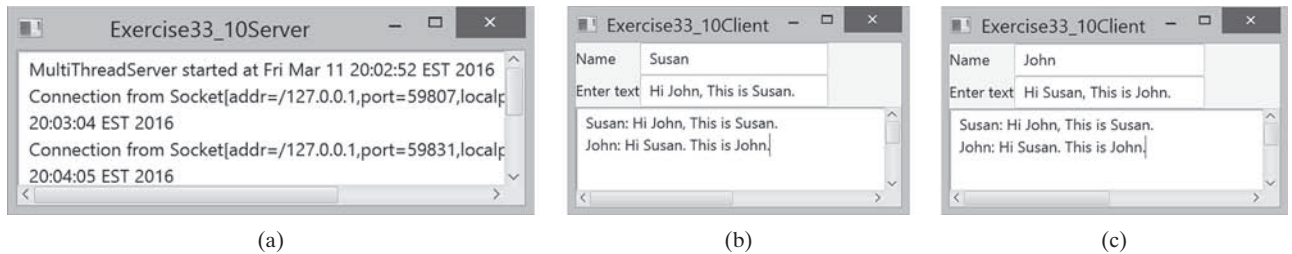
Section 33.7

**\*\*33.9** (*Chat*) Write a program that enables two users to chat. Implement one user as the server (see Figure 33.21a) and the other as the client (see Figure 33.21b). The server has two text areas: one for entering text, and the other (noneditable) for displaying text received from the client. When the user presses the *Enter* key, the current line is sent to the client. The client has two text areas: one (noneditable) for displaying text from the server and the other for entering text. When the user presses the *Enter* key, the current line is sent to the server. Name the client `Exercise33_09Client` and the server `Exercise33_09Server`.



**FIGURE 33.21** The server and client send text to and receive text from each other.

**\*\*\*33.10** (*Multiple client chat*) Write a program that enables any number of clients to chat. Implement one server that serves all the clients, as shown in Figure 33.22. Name the client `Exercise33_10Client` and the server `Exercise33_10Server`.



**FIGURE 33.22** The server starts in (a) with three clients in (b) and (c).

# CHAPTER 34

## JAVA DATABASE PROGRAMMING

### Objectives

- To understand the concepts of databases and database management systems (§34.2).
- To understand the relational data model: relational data structures, constraints, and languages (§34.2).
- To use SQL to create and drop tables and to retrieve and modify data (§34.3).
- To learn how to load a driver, connect to a database, execute statements, and process result sets using JDBC (§34.4).
- To use prepared statements to execute precompiled SQL statements (§34.5).
- To use callable statements to execute stored SQL procedures and functions (§34.6).
- To explore database metadata using the `DatabaseMetaData` and `ResultSetMetaData` interfaces (§34.7).



## 34.1 Introduction



*Java provides the API for developing database applications that works with any relational database systems.*

You may have heard a lot about database systems. Database systems are everywhere. Your social security information is stored in a database by the government. If you shop online, your purchase information is stored in a database by the company. If you attend a university, your academic information is stored in a database by the university. Database systems not only store data, they also provide means of accessing, updating, manipulating, and analyzing data. Your social security information is updated periodically, and you can register for courses online. Database systems play an important role in society and in commerce.

This chapter introduces database systems, the SQL language, and how database applications can be developed using Java. If you already know SQL, you can skip Sections 34.2 and 34.3.

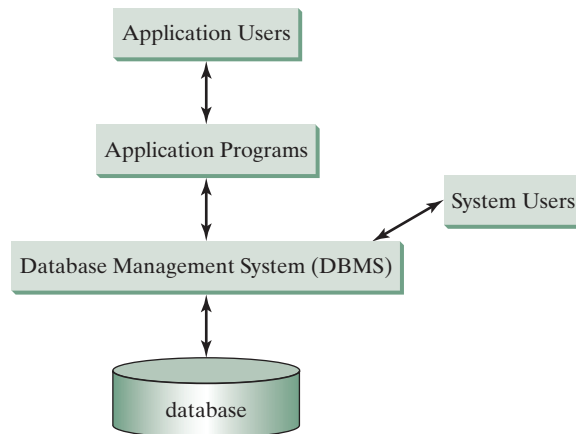
## 34.2 Relational Database Systems



database system

*SQL is the standard database language for defining and accessing databases.*

A *database system* consists of a database, the software that stores and manages data in the database, and the application programs that present data and enable the user to interact with the database system, as shown in Figure 34.1.



**FIGURE 34.1** A database system consists of data, database management software, and application programs.

A *database* is a repository of data that form information. When you purchase a database system—such as MySQL, Oracle, IBM’s DB2 and Informix, Microsoft SQL Server, or Sybase—from a software vendor, you actually purchase the software comprising a *database management system* (DBMS). Database management systems are designed for use by professional programmers and are not suitable for ordinary customers. Application programs are built on top of the DBMS for customers to access and update the database. Thus, application programs can be viewed as the *interfaces* between the database system and its users. Application programs may be stand-alone GUI applications or Web applications and may access several different database systems in the network, as shown in Figure 34.2.

Most of today’s database systems are *relational database systems*. They are based on the relational data model, which has three key components: structure, integrity, and language.

DBMS

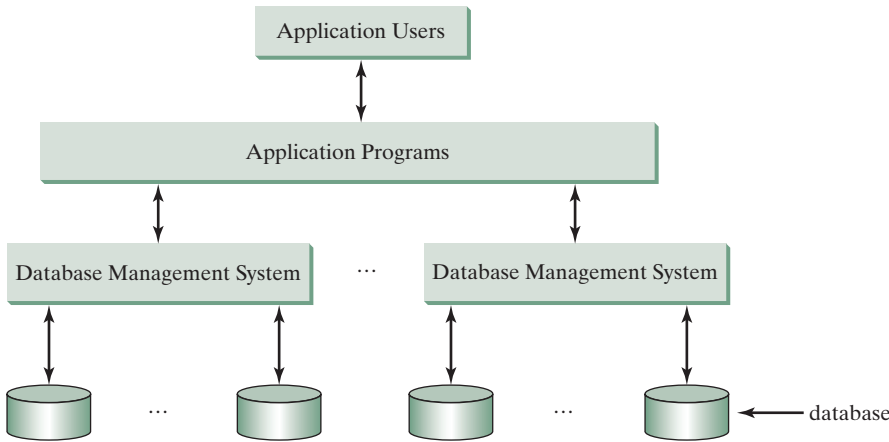


FIGURE 34.2 An application program can access multiple database systems.

*Structure* defines the representation of the data. *Integrity* imposes constraints on the data. *Language* provides the means for accessing and manipulating data.

### 34.2.1 Relational Structures

The relational model is built around a simple and natural structure. A *relation* is actually a table that consists of nonduplicate rows. Tables are easy to understand and use. The relational model provides a simple yet powerful way to represent data. relational model

A row of a table represents a *record*, and a column of a table represents the *value of a single attribute* of the record. In relational database theory, a row is called a *tuple*, and a column is called an *attribute*. Figure 34.3 shows a sample table that stores information about the courses offered by a university. The table has eight tuples, and each tuple has five attributes. tuple  
attribute

Relation/Table Name	Columns/Attributes				
Course Table	courseId	subjectId	courseNumber	title	numOfCredits
Tuples/ Rows	11111	CSCI	1301	Introduction to Java I	4
	11112	CSCI	1302	Introduction to Java II	3
	11113	CSCI	3720	Database Systems	3
	11114	CSCI	4750	Rapid Java Application	3
	11115	MATH	2750	Calculus I	5
	11116	MATH	3750	Calculus II	5
	11117	EDUC	1111	Reading	3
	11118	ITEC	1344	Database Administration	3

FIGURE 34.3 A table has a table name, column names, and rows.

Tables describe the relationship among data. Each row in a table represents a record of related data. For example, “11111,” “CSCI,” “1301,” “Introduction to Java I,” and “4” are related to form a record (the first row in Figure 34.3) in the **Course** table. Just as the data in the same row are related, so too data in different tables may be related through common attributes. Suppose the database has two other tables, **Student** and **Enrollment**, as shown in

Figures 34.4 and 34.5. The **Course** table and the **Enrollment** table are related through their common attribute **courseId**, and the **Enrollment** table and the **Student** table are related through **ssn**.

Student Table									
ssn	firstName	mi	lastName	phone	birthDate	street		zipCode	deptID
444111110	Jacob	R	Smith	9129219434	1985-04-09	99	Kingston Street	31435	BIOL
444111111	John	K	Stevenson	9129219434	null	100	Main Street	31411	BIOL
444111112	George	K	Smith	9129213454	1974-10-10	1200	Abercorn St.	31419	CS
444111113	Frank	E	Jones	9125919434	1970-09-09	100	Main Street	31411	BIOL
444111114	Jean	K	Smith	9129219434	1970-02-09	100	Main Street	31411	CHEM
444111115	Josh	R	Woo	7075989434	1970-02-09	555	Franklin St.	31411	CHEM
444111116	Josh	R	Smith	9129219434	1973-02-09	100	Main Street	31411	BIOL
444111117	Joy	P	Kennedy	9129229434	1974-03-19	103	Bay Street	31412	CS
444111118	Toni	R	Peterson	9129229434	1964-04-29	103	Bay Street	31412	MATH
444111119	Patrick	R	Stoneman	9129229434	1969-04-29	101	Washington St.	31435	MATH
444111120	Rick	R	Carter	9125919434	1986-04-09	19	West Ford St.	31411	BIOL

FIGURE 34.4 A **Student** table stores student information.

Enrollment Table			
ssn	courseId	dateRegistered	grade
444111110	11111	2004-03-19	A
444111110	11112	2004-03-19	B
444111110	11113	2004-03-19	C
444111111	11111	2004-03-19	D
444111111	11112	2004-03-19	F
444111111	11113	2004-03-19	A
444111112	11114	2004-03-19	B
444111112	11115	2004-03-19	C
444111112	11116	2004-03-19	D
444111113	11111	2004-03-19	A
444111113	11113	2004-03-19	A
444111114	11115	2004-03-19	B
444111115	11115	2004-03-19	F
444111115	11116	2004-03-19	F
444111116	11111	2004-03-19	D
444111117	11111	2004-03-19	D
444111118	11111	2004-03-19	A
444111118	11112	2004-03-19	D
444111118	11113	2004-03-19	B

FIGURE 34.5 An **Enrollment** table stores student enrollment information.

### 34.2.2 Integrity Constraints

integrity constraint

An *integrity constraint* imposes a condition that all the legal values in a table must satisfy. Figure 34.6 shows an example of some integrity constraints in the **Subject** and **Course** tables.

In general, there are three types of constraints: domain constraints, primary key constraints, and foreign key constraints. *Domain constraints* and *primary key constraints* are known as *intrarelatational constraints*, meaning that a constraint involves only one relation. The *foreign key constraint* is *interrelational*, meaning that a constraint involves more than one relation.

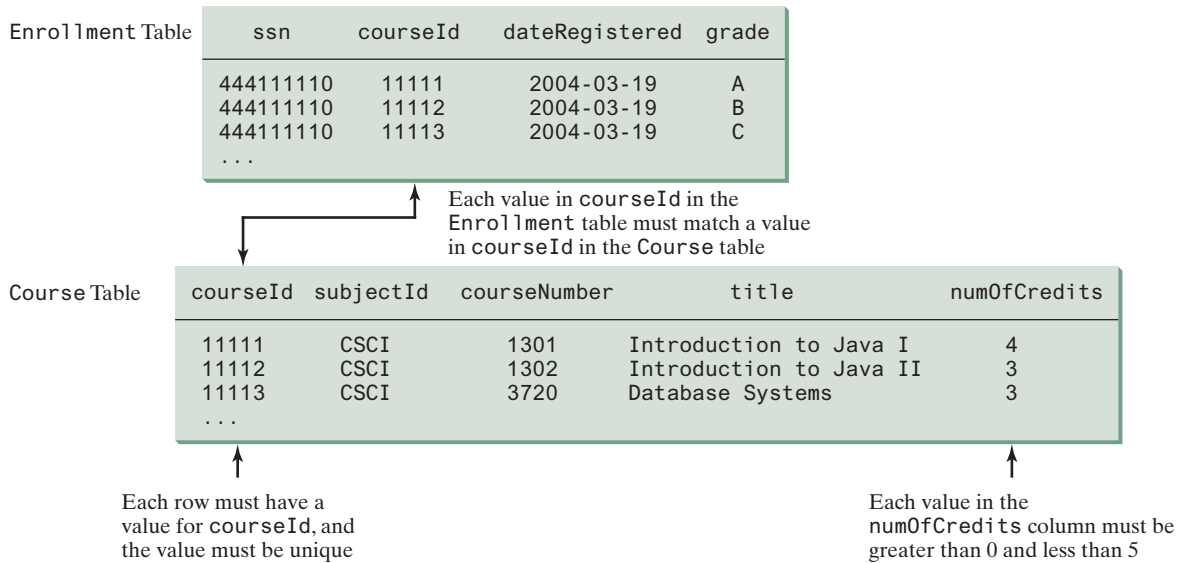


FIGURE 34.6 The Enrollment table and the Course table have integrity constraints.

### Domain Constraints

Domain constraints specify the permissible values for an attribute. Domains can be specified using standard data types, such as integers, floating-point numbers, fixed-length strings, and variant-length strings. The standard data type specifies a broad range of values. Additional constraints can be specified to narrow the ranges. For example, you can specify that the **numOfCredits** attribute (in the **Course** table) must be greater than 0 and less than 5. If an attribute has different values for each tuple in a relation, you can specify the attribute to be unique. You can also specify whether an attribute can be **null**, which is a special value in a database meaning unknown or not applicable. As shown in the **Student** table, **birthDate** may be **null**.

domain constraint

### Primary Key Constraints

A primary key is a set of attributes that uniquely identifies the tuples in a relations. Why is it called a primary key, rather than simply key? To understand this, it is helpful to know superkeys, keys, and candidate keys. A *superkey* is an attribute or a set of attributes that uniquely identifies the relation. That is, no two tuples have the same values on a superkey. By definition, a relation consists of a set of distinct tuples. The set of all attributes in the relation forms a superkey.

superkey

A *key K* is a minimal superkey, meaning that any proper subset of **K** is not a superkey. A relation can have several keys. In this case, each of the keys is called a *candidate key*. The *primary key* is one of the candidate keys designated by the database designer. The primary key is often used to identify tuples in a relation. As shown in Figure 34.6, **courseId** is the primary key in the **Course** table, and **ssn** and **courseId** form a primary key in the **Enrollment** table.

candidate key  
primary key

### Foreign Key Constraints

In a *relational database*, data are related. Tuples in a relation are related, and tuples in different relations are related through their common attributes. Informally speaking, the common attributes are foreign keys. The *foreign key constraints* define the relationships among relations.

relational database

foreign key constraint

Formally, a set of attributes *FK* is a *foreign key* in a relation *R* that references relation *T* if it satisfies the following two rules:

foreign key

- The attributes in *FK* have the same domain as the primary key in *T*.
- A nonnull value on *FK* in *R* must match a primary key value in *T*.



As shown in Figure 34.6, **courseId** is the foreign key in **Enrollment** that references the primary key **courseId** in **Course**. Every **courseId** value must match a **courseId** value in **Course**.

### Enforcing Integrity Constraints

auto enforcement

The database management system enforces integrity constraints and rejects operations that would violate them. For example, if you attempt to insert the new record (“11115,” “CSCI,” “2490,” “C++ Programming,” “0”) into the **Course** table, it would fail because the credit hours must be greater than 0; if you attempted to insert a record with the same primary key as an existing record in the table, the DBMS would report an error and reject the operation; if you attempted to delete a record from the **Course** table whose primary key value is referenced by the records in the **Enrollment** table, the DBMS would reject this operation.



#### Note

All relational database systems support primary key constraints and foreign key constraints, but not all database systems support domain constraints. In the Microsoft Access database, for example, you cannot specify the constraint that **numOfCredits** is greater than 0 and less than 5.



**34.2.1** What are superkeys, candidate keys, and primary keys?

**34.2.2** What is a foreign key?

**34.2.3** Can a relation have more than one primary key or foreign key?

**34.2.4** Does a foreign key need to be a primary key in the same relation?

**34.2.5** Does a foreign key need to have the same name as its referenced primary key?

**34.2.6** Can a foreign key value be null?



## 34.3 SQL

*Structured Query Language (SQL) is the language for defining tables and integrity constraints, and for accessing and manipulating data.*

SQL

database language

SQL (pronounced “S-Q-L” or “sequel”) is the universal language for accessing relational database systems. Application programs may allow users to access a database without directly using SQL, but these applications themselves must use SQL to access the database. This section introduces some basic SQL commands.



#### Note

There are many relational database management systems. They share the common SQL language but do not all support every feature of SQL. Some systems have their own extensions to SQL. This section introduces standard SQL supported by all systems.

standard SQL

SQL can be used on MySQL, Oracle, Sybase, IBM DB2, IBM Informix, MS Access, Apache Derby, or any other relational database system. Apache Derby is an open source relational database management system developed using Java. Oracle distributes Apache Derby as Java DB and bundled with Java so you can use it in any Java application without installing a database. Java DB is ideal for supporting a small database in a Java application. This chapter uses MySQL to demonstrate SQL and Java database programming.

The Companion Website contains the following supplements on how to install and use three popular databases: MySQL, Oracle, and Java DB:

MySQL Tutorial

■ Supplement IV.B: Tutorial for MySQL

Oracle Tutorial

■ Supplement IV.C: Tutorial for Oracle

Java DB Tutorial

■ Supplement IV.D: Tutorial for Java DB



### 34.3.1 Creating a User Account on MySQL

Assume you have installed MySQL 5 with the default configuration. To match all the examples in this book, you should create a user named *scott* with the password *tiger*. You can perform the administrative tasks using the MySQL Workbench or using the command line. MySQL Workbench is a GUI tool for managing MySQL databases. Here are the steps to create a user from the command line:

1. From the DOS command prompt, type

```
mysql -uroot -p
```

You will be prompted to enter the root password, as shown in Figure 34.7.

2. At the mysql prompt, enter

```
use mysql;
```

3. To create user **scott** with password **tiger**, enter

```
create user 'scott'@'localhost' identified by 'tiger';
```

4. To grant privileges to **scott**, enter

```
grant select, insert, update, delete, create, create view, drop,
execute, references on *.* to 'scott'@'localhost';
```

- If you want to enable remote access of the account from any IP address, enter

```
grant all privileges on *.* to 'scott'@%'
identified by 'tiger';
```

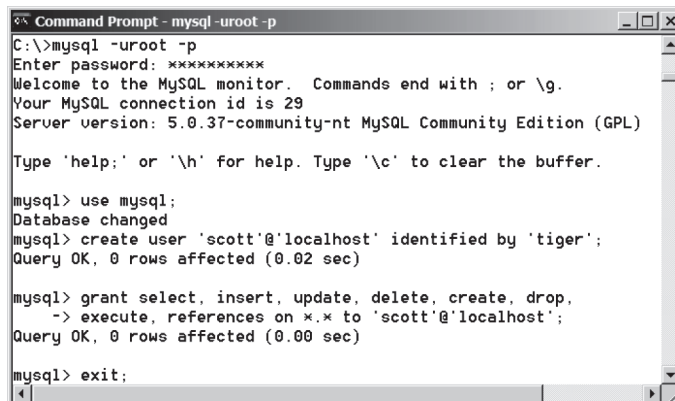
- If you want to restrict the account's remote access to just one particular IP address, enter

```
grant all privileges on *.* to 'scott'@'ipAddress'
identified by 'tiger';
```

5. Enter

```
exit;
```

to exit the MySQL console.



```

Command Prompt - mysql-uroot -p
C:\>mysql -uroot -p
Enter password: *****
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 29
Server version: 5.0.37-community-nt MySQL Community Edition (GPL)

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.

mysql> use mysql;
Database changed
mysql> create user 'scott'@'localhost' identified by 'tiger';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> grant select, insert, update, delete, create, drop,
-> execute, references on *.* to 'scott'@'localhost';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> exit;

```

**FIGURE 34.7** You can access a MySQL database server from the command window.

**Note**

On Windows, your MySQL database server starts every time your computer starts. You can stop it by typing the command `net stop mysql` and restart it by typing the command `net start mysql`.

```
stop mysql
start mysql
```

By default, the server contains two databases named **mysql** and **test**. The **mysql** database contains the tables that store information about the server and its users. This database is intended for the server administrator to use. For example, the administrator can use it to create users and grant or revoke user privileges. Since you are the owner of the server installed on your system, you have full access to the **mysql** database. However, you should not create user tables in the **mysql** database. You can use the **test** database to store data or create new databases. You can also create a new database using the command `create database databasename` or delete an existing database using the command `drop database databasename`.

### 34.3.2 Creating a Database

To match the examples in this book, you should create a database named **javabook**. Here are the steps to create it:

1. From the DOS command prompt, type

```
mysql -uscott -ptiger
```

to login to mysql, as shown in Figure 34.8.

2. At the mysql prompt, enter

```
create database javabook;
```

```

C:\>mysql -uscott -ptiger
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 33
Server version: 5.0.37-community-nt MySQL Community Edition (GPL)

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.

mysql> create database javabook;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> show databases;

```

**FIGURE 34.8** You can create databases in MySQL.

For your convenience, the SQL statements for creating and initializing tables used in this book are provided in Supplement IV.A. You can download the script for MySQL and save it to **script.sql**. To execute the script, first switch to the **javabook** database using the following command:

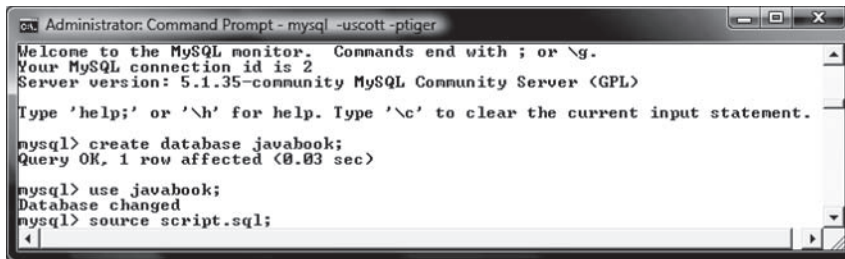
```
use javabook;
```

then type

```
source script.sql;
```

as shown in Figure 34.9.

```
run script file
```



```

Administrator: Command Prompt - mysql -usscott -ptiger
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 2
Server version: 5.1.35-community MySQL Community Server (GPL)

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> create database javabook;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> use javabook;
Database changed
mysql> source script.sql;

```

FIGURE 34.9 You can run SQL commands in a script file.



### Note

You can populate the **javabook** database using the script from Supplement IV.A.

populating database

## 34.3.3 Creating and Dropping Tables

Tables are the essential objects in a database. To create a table, use the **create table** statement to specify a table name, attributes, and types, as in the following example:

create table

```

create table Course (
  courseId char(5),
  subjectId char(4) not null,
  courseNumber integer,
  title varchar(50) not null,
  numOfCredits integer,
  primary key (courseId)
);

```

This statement creates the **Course** table with attributes **courseId**, **subjectId**, **courseNumber**, **title**, and **numOfCredits**. Each attribute has a data type that specifies the type of data stored in the attribute. **char(5)** specifies that **courseId** consists of five characters. **varchar(50)** specifies that **title** is a variant-length string with a maximum of 50 characters. **integer** specifies that **courseNumber** is an integer. The primary key is **courseId**.

The tables **Student** and **Enrollment** can be created as follows:

```

create table Student (
  ssn char(9),
  firstName varchar(25),
  mi char(1),
  lastName varchar(25),
  birthDate date,
  street varchar(25),
  phone char(11),
  zipCode char(5),
  deptId char(4),
  primary key (ssn)
);

create table Enrollment (
  ssn char(9),
  courseId char(5),
  dateRegistered date,
  grade char(1),
  primary key (ssn, courseId),
  foreign key (ssn) references
    Student(ssn),
  foreign key (courseId) references
    Course(courseId)
);

```



### Note

SQL keywords are not case sensitive. This book adopts the following naming conventions: tables are named in the same way as Java classes, and attributes are named in the same way as Java variables. SQL keywords are named in the same way as Java keywords.

naming convention

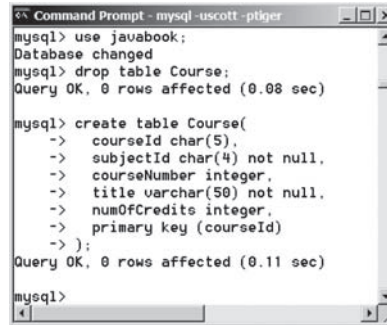
drop table

If a table is no longer needed, it can be dropped permanently using the `drop table` command. For example, the following statement drops the `Course` table:

```
drop table Course;
```

If a table to be dropped is referenced by other tables, you have to drop the other tables first. For example, if you have created the tables `Course`, `Student`, and `Enrollment` and want to drop `Course`, you have to first drop `Enrollment`, because `Course` is referenced by `Enrollment`.

Figure 34.10 shows how to enter the `create table` statement from the MySQL console.



```

mysql> use javabook;
Database changed
mysql> drop table Course;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)

mysql> create table Course(
->   courseId char(5),
->   subjectId char(4) not null,
->   courseNumber integer,
->   title varchar(50) not null,
->   numOfCredits integer,
->   primary key (courseId)
-> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql>

```

**FIGURE 34.10** A table is created using the `create table` statement.

If you make typing errors, you have to retype the whole command. To avoid retyping, you can save the command in a file, then run the command from the file. To do so, create a text file to contain commands, named, for example, `test.sql`. You can create the text file using any text editor, such as Notepad, as shown in Figure 34.11a. To comment a line, precede it with two dashes. You can now run the script file by typing `source test.sql` from the SQL command prompt, as shown in Figure 34.11b.



**FIGURE 34.11** (a) You can use Notepad to create a text file for SQL commands. (b) You can run the SQL commands in a script file from MySQL.

### 34.3.4 Simple Insert, Update, and Delete

Once a table is created, you can insert data into it. You can also update and delete records. This section introduces simple insert, update, and delete statements.

The syntax to insert a record into a table is:

```
insert into tableName [(column1, column2, ..., column)]
values (value1, value2, ..., valuen);
```

For example, the following statement inserts a record into the **Course** table. The new record has the **courseId** '11113', **subjectId** 'CSCI', **courseNumber** '3720', **title** 'Database Systems', and **creditHours** 3.

```
insert into Course (courseId, subjectId, courseNumber, title, numOfCredits)
values ('11113', 'CSCI', '3720', 'Database Systems', 3);
```

The column names are optional. If they are omitted, all the column values for the record must be entered, even though the columns have default values. String values are case sensitive and enclosed inside single quotation marks in SQL.

The syntax to update a table is:

```
update tableName
set column1 = newValue1 [, column2 = newValue2, ...]
[where condition];
```

For example, the following statement changes the **numOfCredits** for the course whose **title** is Database Systems to 4.

```
update Course
set numOfCredits = 4
where title = 'Database Systems';
```

The syntax to delete records from a table is:

```
delete from tableName
[where condition];
```

For example, the following statement deletes the Database Systems course from the **Course** table:

```
delete from Course
where title = 'Database Systems';
```

The following statement deletes all the records from the **Course** table:

```
delete from Course;
```

### 34.3.5 Simple Queries

To retrieve information from tables, use a **select** statement with the following syntax:

```
select column-list
from table-list
[where condition];
```

The **select** clause lists the columns to be selected. The **from** clause refers to the tables involved in the query. The optional **where** clause specifies the conditions for the selected rows.

**Query 1:** Select all the students in the CS department, as shown in Figure 34.12.

```
select firstName, mi, lastName
from Student
where deptId = 'CS';
```

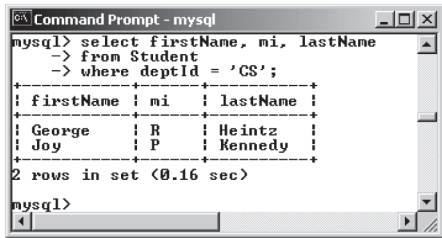


FIGURE 34.12 The result of the `select` statement is displayed in the MySQL console.

### 34.3.6 Comparison and Boolean Operators

SQL has six comparison operators, as shown in Table 34.1, and three Boolean operators, as shown in Table 34.2.

TABLE 34.1 Comparison Operators

Operator	Description
=	Equal to
<> or !=	Not equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to

TABLE 34.2 Boolean Operators

Operator	Description
not	Logical negation
and	Logical conjunction
or	Logical disjunction



**Note**

The comparison and Boolean operators in SQL have the same meanings as in Java. In SQL the **equal to** operator is `=`, but in Java it is `==`. In SQL the **not equal to** operator is `<>` or `!=`, but in Java it is `!=`. The **not**, **and**, and **or** operators are `!`, `&&` (`&`), and `||` (`|`) in Java.

**Query 2:** Get the names of the students who are in the CS dept and live in the ZIP code 31411.

```
select firstName, mi, lastName
from Student
where deptId = 'CS' and zipCode = '31411';
```



**Note**

To select all the attributes from a table, you don't have to list all the attribute names in the select clause. Instead, you can just use an *asterisk* (`*`), which stands for all the attributes. For example, the following query displays all the attributes of the students who are in the CS dept and live in ZIP code 31411.

```
select *
from Student
where deptId = 'CS' and zipCode = '31411';
```

### 34.3.7 The `like`, `between-and`, and `is null` Operators

SQL has a `like` operator that can be used for pattern matching. The syntax to check whether a string `s` has a pattern `p` is

```
s like p or s not like p
```

You can use the wildcard characters `%` (percent symbol) and `_` (underline symbol) in the pattern `p`. `%` matches zero or more characters, and `_` matches any single character in `s`. For example, `lastName like '_mi%'` matches any string whose second and third letters are `m` and `i`. `lastName not like '_mi%'` excludes any string whose second and third letters are `m` and `i`.



#### Note

In earlier versions of MS Access, the wildcard character is `*`, and the character `?` matches any single character.

The `between-and` operator checks whether a value `v` is between two other values, `v1` and `v2`, using the following syntax:

```
v between v1 and v2 or v not between v1 and v2
```

`v between v1 and v2` is equivalent to `v >= v1 and v <= v2`, and `v not between v1 and v2` is equivalent to `v < v1 or v > v2`.

The `is null` operator checks whether a value `v` is `null` using the following syntax:

```
v is null or v is not null
```

**Query 3:** Get the Social Security numbers of the students whose grades are between 'C' and 'A'.

```
select ssn
from Enrollment
where grade between 'C' and 'A';
```

### 34.3.8 Column Alias

When a query result is displayed, SQL uses the column names as column headings. Usually the user gives abbreviated names for the columns, and the columns cannot have spaces when the table is created. Sometimes it is desirable to give more descriptive names in the result heading. You can use the column aliases with the following syntax:

```
select columnName [as] alias
```

**Query 4:** Get the last name and ZIP code of the students in the CS department. Display the column headings as "Last Name" for `lastName` and "Zip Code" for `zipCode`. The query result is shown in Figure 34.13.

```

Command Prompt - mysql
mysql> select lastName as "Last Name", zipCode as "Zip Code"
-> from Student
-> where deptId = 'CS';
+-----+-----+
| Last Name | Zip Code |
+-----+-----+
| Heintz   | 31419   |
| Kennedy  | 31412   |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>

```

**FIGURE 34.13** You can use a column alias in the display.

```
select lastName as "Last Name", zipCode as "Zip Code"
from Student
where deptId = 'CS';
```



**Note**

The **as** keyword is optional in MySQL and Oracle, but it is required in MS Access.

### 34.3.9 The Arithmetic Operators

You can use the arithmetic operators \* (multiplication), / (division), + (addition), and - (subtraction) in SQL.

**Query 5:** Assume a credit hour is 50 minutes of lectures and get the total minutes for each course with the subject CSCI. The query result is shown in Figure 34.14.

```
select title, 50 * numOfCredits as "Lecture Minutes Per Week"
from Course
where subjectId = 'CSCI';
```

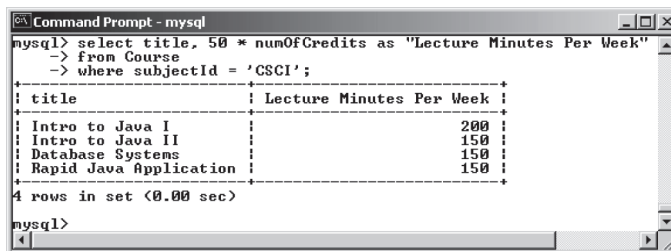
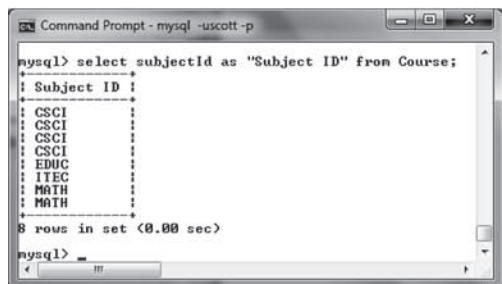


FIGURE 34.14 You can use arithmetic operators in SQL.

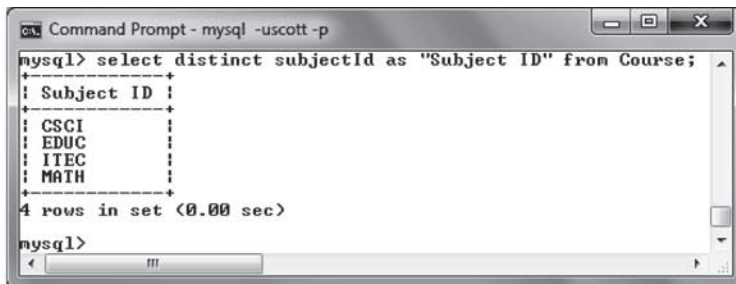
### 34.3.10 Displaying Distinct Tuples

SQL provides the **distinct** keyword, which can be used to eliminate duplicate tuples in the result. Figure 34.15a displays all the subject IDs used by the courses, and Figure 34.15b displays all the distinct subject IDs used by the courses using the following statement:

```
select distinct subjectId as "Subject ID"
from Course;
```



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 34.15 (a) The duplicate tuples are displayed. (b) The distinct tuples are displayed.



When there is more than one column in the `select` clause, the `distinct` keyword applies to the whole tuple in the result. For example, the following statement displays all tuples with distinct `subjectId` and `title`, as shown in Figure 34.16. Note some tuples may have the same `subjectId` but different `title`. These tuples are distinct.

```
select distinct subjectId, title
from Course;
```

```
mysql> select distinct subjectId, title from Course;
+-----+-----+
| subjectId | title                |
+-----+-----+
| CSCI      | Intro to Java I     |
| CSCI      | Intro to Java II    |
| CSCI      | Database Systems    |
| CSCI      | Rapid Java Application |
| MATH      | Calculus I          |
| MATH      | Calculus II         |
| EDUC      | Reading              |
| ITEC      | Database Administration |
+-----+-----+
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> _
```

FIGURE 34.16 The keyword `distinct` applies to the entire tuple.

### 34.3.11 Displaying Sorted Tuples

SQL provides the `order by` clause to sort the output using the following syntax:

```
select column-list
from table-list
[where condition]
[order by columns-to-be-sorted];
```

In the syntax, `columns-to-be-sorted` specifies a column or a list of columns to be sorted. By default, the order is ascending. To sort in a descending order, append the `desc` keyword. You could also append the `asc` keyword after `columns-to-be-sorted`, but it is not necessary. When multiple columns are specified, the rows are sorted based on the first column, then the rows with the same values on the first column are sorted based on the second column, and so on.

**Query 6:** List the full names of the students in the CS department, ordered primarily on their last names in descending order and secondarily on their first names in ascending order. The query result is shown in Figure 34.17.

```
mysql> select lastName, firstName, deptId
-> from Student
-> where deptId = 'CS'
-> order by lastName desc, firstName asc;
+-----+-----+-----+
| lastName | firstName | deptId |
+-----+-----+-----+
| Kennedy  | Joy       | CS     |
| Heintz   | George    | CS     |
+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.02 sec)

mysql> _
```

FIGURE 34.17 You can sort results using the `order by` clause.

```
select lastName, firstName, deptId
from Student
where deptId = 'CS'
order by lastName desc, firstName asc;
```

### 34.3.12 Joining Tables

Often you need to get information from multiple tables, as demonstrated in the next query.

**Query 7:** List the courses taken by the student Jacob Smith. To solve this query, you need to join tables **Student** and **Enrollment**, as shown in Figure 34.18.

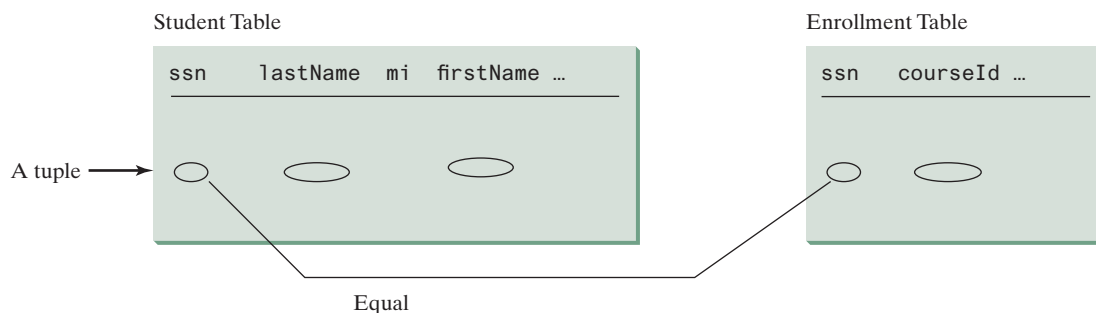


FIGURE 34.18 **Student** and **Enrollment** are joined on **ssn**.

You can write the query in SQL as follows:

```
select distinct lastName, firstName, courseId
from Student, Enrollment
where Student.ssn = Enrollment.ssn and
       lastName = 'Smith' and firstName = 'Jacob';
```

The tables **Student** and **Enrollment** are listed in the **from** clause. The query examines every pair of rows, each made of one item from **Student** and another from **Enrollment** and selects the pairs that satisfy the condition in the **where** clause. The rows in **Student** have the last name, Smith, and the first name, Jacob, and both rows from **Student** and **Enrollment** have the same **ssn** values. For each pair selected, **lastName** and **firstName** from **Student** and **courseId** from **Enrollment** are used to produce the result, as shown in Figure 34.19. **Student** and **Enrollment** have the same attribute **ssn**. To distinguish them in a query, use **Student.ssn** and **Enrollment.ssn**.

```
Command Prompt - mysql
mysql> select distinct lastName, firstName, courseId
-> from Student, Enrollment
-> where Student.ssn = Enrollment.ssn and
->        lastName = 'Smith' and firstName = 'Jacob';
+-----+-----+-----+
| lastName | firstName | courseId |
+-----+-----+-----+
| Smith   | Jacob    | 11111   |
| Smith   | Jacob    | 11112   |
| Smith   | Jacob    | 11113   |
+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.06 sec)

mysql>
```

FIGURE 34.19 Query 7 demonstrates queries involving multiple tables.

For more features of SQL, see Supplements IV.H and IV.I.

- 34.3.1** Create the tables **Course**, **Student**, and **Enrollment** using the **create table** statements in Section 34.3.3, Creating and Dropping Tables. Insert rows into the **Course**, **Student**, and **Enrollment** tables using the data in Figures 34.3–34.5.
- 34.3.2** List all CSCI courses with at least four credit hours.
- 34.3.3** List all students whose last names contain the letter *e* two times.
- 34.3.4** List all students whose birthdays are null.
- 34.3.5** List all students who take Math courses.
- 34.3.6** List the number of courses in each subject.
- 34.3.7** Assume each credit hour is 50 minutes of lectures. Get the total minutes for the courses that each student takes.



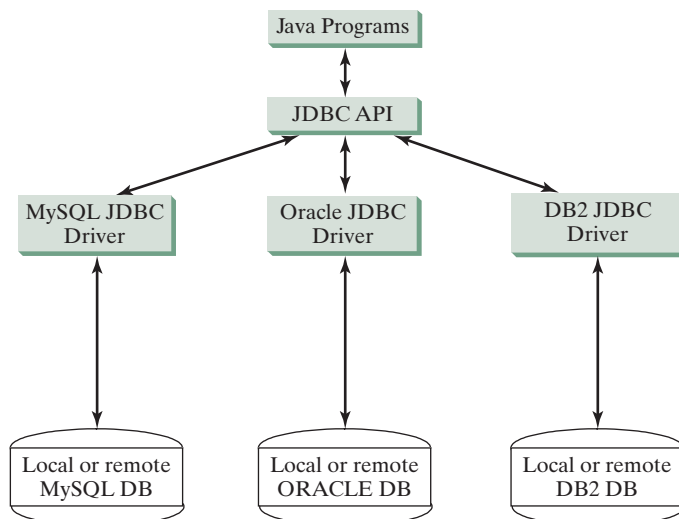
## 34.4 JDBC

*JDBC is the Java API for accessing relational database.*

The Java API for developing Java database applications is called *JDBC*. JDBC is the trademarked name of a Java API that supports Java programs that access relational databases. JDBC is not an acronym, but it is often thought to stand for Java Database Connectivity.

JDBC provides Java programmers with a uniform interface for accessing and manipulating relational databases. Using the JDBC API, applications written in the Java programming language can execute SQL statements, retrieve results, present data in a user-friendly interface, and propagate changes back to the database. The JDBC API can also be used to interact with multiple data sources in a distributed, heterogeneous environment.

The relationships among Java programs, JDBC API, JDBC drivers, and relational databases are shown in Figure 34.20. The JDBC API is a set of Java interfaces and classes used to write Java programs for accessing and manipulating relational databases. Since a JDBC driver serves as the interface to facilitate communications between JDBC and a proprietary database, JDBC drivers are database specific and are normally provided by the database vendors. You need



**FIGURE 34.20** Java programs access and manipulate databases through JDBC drivers.

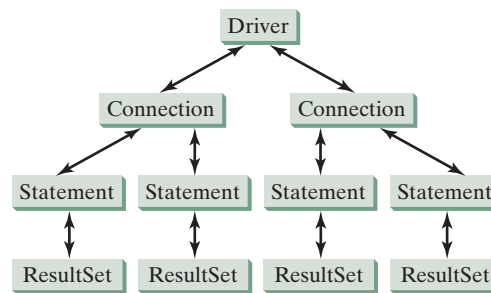
MySQL JDBC drivers to access the MySQL database, Oracle JDBC drivers to access the Oracle database, and DB2 JDBC driver to access the DB2 database.

### 34.4.1 Developing Database Applications Using JDBC

The JDBC API is a Java application program interface to generic SQL databases that enables Java developers to develop DBMS-independent Java applications using a uniform interface.

The JDBC API consists of classes and interfaces for establishing connections with databases, sending SQL statements to databases, processing the results of SQL statements, and obtaining database metadata. Four key interfaces are needed to develop any database application using Java: **Driver**, **Connection**, **Statement**, and **ResultSet**. These interfaces define a framework for generic SQL database access. The JDBC API defines these interfaces, and the JDBC driver vendors provide the implementation for the interfaces. Programmers use these interfaces.

The relationship of these interfaces is shown in Figure 34.21. A JDBC application loads an appropriate driver using the **Driver** interface, connects to the database using the **Connection** interface, creates and executes SQL statements using the **Statement** interface, and processes the result using the **ResultSet** interface if the statements return results. Note some statements, such as SQL data definition statements and SQL data modification statements, do not return results.



**FIGURE 34.21** JDBC classes enable Java programs to connect to the database, send SQL statements, and process results.

The JDBC interfaces and classes are the building blocks in the development of Java database programs. A typical Java program takes the following steps to access a database.

#### 1. Loading drivers.

An appropriate driver must be loaded using the statement shown below before connecting to a database.

```
Class.forName("JDBCdriverClass");
```

A driver is a concrete class that implements the `java.sql.Driver` interface. The drivers for MySQL, Oracle, and Java DB are listed in Table 34.3. If your program accesses several different databases, all their respective drivers must be loaded.

The most recent platform independent version of MySQL JDBC driver is **mysql-connector-java-5.1.26.jar**. This file is contained in a ZIP file downloadable from [dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/](http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/). The most recent version of Oracle JDBC driver is **ojdbc6.jar** (downloadable from [www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/enterprise-edition/jdbc-112010-090769.html](http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/enterprise-edition/jdbc-112010-090769.html)).

mysql-connector-java-5.1.26.jar  
ojdbc6.jar

**TABLE 34.3** JDBC Drivers

Database	Driver Class	Source
MySQL	<code>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</code>	<b>mysql-connector-java-5.1.26.jar</b>
Oracle	<code>oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver</code>	<b>ojdbc6.jar</b>
Java DB (embedded)	<code>org.apache.derby.jdbc.EmbeddedDriver</code>	<b>derby.jar</b>
Java DB (network)	<code>org.apache.derby.jdbc.ClientDriver</code>	<b>derbynet.jar</b>

Java DB has two versions: embedded and networked. Embedded version is used when you access Java DB locally, while the network version enables you to access Java DB on the network. To use these drivers, you have to add their jar files in the classpath using the following DOS command on Windows:

```
set classpath=%classpath%;c:\book\lib\mysql-connector-java-5.1.26.jar;c:\book\lib\ojdbc6.jar;c:\program files\jdk1.8.0\db\lib\derby.jar
```

If you use an IDE such as Eclipse or NetBeans, you need to add these jar files into the library in the IDE.

**Note**

`com.mysql.jdbc.Driver` is a class in `mysql-connector-java-5.1.26.jar`, and `oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver` is a class in `ojdbc6.jar`. `mysql-connector-java-5.1.26.jar`, `ojdbc6.jar`, and `derby.jar` contains many classes to support the driver. These classes are used by JDBC but not directly by JDBC programmers. When you use a class explicitly in the program, it is automatically loaded by the JVM. The driver classes, however, are not used explicitly in the program, so you have to write the code to tell the JVM to load them.

why load a driver?

**Note**

Java supports automatic driver discovery, so you don't have to load the driver explicitly. At the time of this writing, however, this feature is not supported for all database drivers. To be safe, load the driver explicitly.

automatic driver discovery

## 2. Establishing connections.

To connect to a database, use the static method `getConnection(databaseURL)` in the `DriverManager` class, as follows:

```
Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection(databaseURL);
```

where `databaseURL` is the unique identifier of the database on the Internet. Table 34.4 lists the URL patterns for the MySQL, Oracle, and Java DB.

**TABLE 34.4** JDBC URLs

Database	URL Pattern
MySQL	<code>jdbc:mysql://hostname/dbname</code>
Oracle	<code>jdbc:oracle:thin:@hostname:port#:oracleDBSID</code>
Java DB (embedded)	<code>jdbc:derby:dbname</code>
Java DB (network)	<code>jdbc:derby://hostname/dbname</code>

The `databaseURL` for a MySQL database specifies the host name and database name to locate a database. For example, the following statement creates a `Connection` object for the local MySQL database `javabook` with username `scott` and password `tiger`:

connect MySQL DB

```
Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
    ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
```

Recall that by default, MySQL contains two databases named `mysql` and `test`. Section 34.3.2, Creating a Database, created a custom database named `javabook`. We will use `javabook` in the examples.

The `databaseURL` for an Oracle database specifies the `hostname`, the `port#` where the database listens for incoming connection requests, and the `oracleDBSID` database name to locate a database. For example, the following statement creates a `Connection` object for the Oracle database on `liang.armstrong.edu` with the username `scott` and password `tiger`:

connect Oracle DB

```
Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
    ("jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl",
    "scott", "tiger");
```

### 3. Creating statements.

If a `Connection` object can be envisioned as a cable linking your program to a database, an object of `Statement` can be viewed as a cart that delivers SQL statements for execution by the database and brings the result back to the program. Once a `Connection` object is created, you can create statements for executing SQL statements as follows:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
```

### 4. Executing statements.

SQL data definition language (DDL) and update statements can be executed using `executeUpdate(String sql)`, and an SQL query statement can be executed using `executeQuery(String sql)`. The result of the query is returned in `ResultSet`. For example, the following code executes the SQL statement `create table Temp (col1 char(5), col2 char(5))`:

```
statement.executeUpdate
    ("create table Temp (col1 char(5), col2 char(5))");
```

This next code executes the SQL query `select firstName, mi, lastName from Student where lastName = 'Smith'`:

```
// Select the columns from the Student table
ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery
    ("select firstName, mi, lastName from Student where lastName "
    + " = 'Smith'");
```

### 5. Processing `ResultSet`.

The `ResultSet` maintains a table whose current row can be retrieved. The initial row position is `null`. You can use the `next` method to move to the next row and the various getter methods to retrieve values from a current row. For example, the following code displays all the results from the preceding SQL query:

```
// Iterate through the result and print the student names
while (resultSet.next())
    System.out.println(resultSet.getString(1) + " " +
        resultSet.getString(2) + " " + resultSet.getString(3));
```

The `getString(1)`, `getString(2)`, and `getString(3)` methods retrieve the column values for `firstName`, `mi`, and `lastName`, respectively. Alternatively, you can use `getString("firstName")`, `getString("mi")`, and `getString("lastName")` to retrieve the same three column values. The first execution of the `next()` method sets the current row to the first row in the result set, and subsequent invocations of the `next()` method set the current row to the second row, third row, and so on, to the last row.

Listing 34.1 is a complete example that demonstrates connecting to a database, executing a simple query, and processing the query result with JDBC. The program connects to a local MySQL database and displays the students whose last name is `Smith`.

### LISTING 34.1 SimpleJdbc.java

```

1  import java.sql.*;
2
3  public class SimpleJdbc {
4      public static void main(String[] args)
5          throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
6          // Load the JDBC driver
7          Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");           load driver
8          System.out.println("Driver loaded");
9
10         // Connect to a database
11         Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection   connect database
12             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
13         System.out.println("Database connected");
14
15         // Create a statement
16         Statement statement = connection.createStatement();   create statement
17
18         // Execute a statement
19         ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery           execute statement
20             ("select firstName, mi, lastName from Student where lastName "
21             + " = 'Smith'");
22
23         // Iterate through the result and print the student names
24         while (resultSet.next())                               get result
25             System.out.println(resultSet.getString(1) + "\t" +
26                 resultSet.getString(2) + "\t" + resultSet.getString(3));
27
28         // Close the connection
29         connection.close();                                   close connection
30     }
31 }

```

The statement in line 7 loads a JDBC driver for MySQL, and the statement in lines 11–13 connects to a local MySQL database. You can change them to connect to an Oracle or other databases. The program creates a **Statement** object (line 16), executes an SQL statement and returns a **ResultSet** object (lines 19–21), and retrieves the query result from the **ResultSet** object (lines 24–26). The last statement (line 29) closes the connection and releases resources related to the connection. You can rewrite this program using the try-with-resources syntax. See [www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/intro11e/html/SimpleJdbcWithAutoClose.html](http://www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/intro11e/html/SimpleJdbcWithAutoClose.html).



#### Note

If you run this program from the DOS prompt, specify the appropriate driver in the classpath, as shown in Figure 34.22.

run from DOS prompt





**FIGURE 34.22** You must include the driver file to run Java database programs.

The classpath directory and jar files are separated by commas. The period (.) represents the current directory. For convenience, the driver files are placed under the **lib** directory.



**Caution**

Do not use a semicolon (;) to end the Oracle SQL command in a Java program. The semicolon may not work with the Oracle JDBC drivers. It does work, however, with the other drivers used in this book.

the semicolon issue



**Note**

The **Connection** interface handles transactions and specifies how they are processed. By default, a new connection is in autocommit mode, and all its SQL statements are executed and committed as individual transactions. The commit occurs when the statement completes or the next execute occurs, whichever comes first. In the case of statements returning a result set, the statement completes when the last row of the result set has been retrieved or the result set has been closed. If a single statement returns multiple results, the commit occurs when all the results have been retrieved. You can use the **setAutoCommit(false)** method to disable autocommit, so all SQL statements are grouped into one transaction that is terminated by a call to either the **commit()** or the **rollback()** method. The **rollback()** method undoes all the changes made by the transaction.

autocommit

### 34.4.2 Accessing a Database from JavaFX

This section gives an example that demonstrates connecting to a database from a JavaFX program. The program lets the user enter the SSN and the course ID to find a student’s grade, as shown in Figure 34.23. The code in Listing 34.2 uses the MySQL database on the localhost.



**FIGURE 34.23** A JavaFX client can access the database on the server.

#### LISTING 34.2 FindGrade.java

```

1 import javafx.application.Application;
2 import javafx.scene.Scene;
3 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
4 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
5 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
6 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
7 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
8 import javafx.stage.Stage;
9 import java.sql.*;

```



```

10
11 public class FindGrade extends Application {
12     // Statement for executing queries
13     private Statement stmt;
14     private TextField tfSSN = new TextField();
15     private TextField tfCourseId = new TextField();
16     private Label lblStatus = new Label();
17
18     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
19     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
20         // Initialize database connection and create a Statement object
21         initializeDB();
22
23         Button btShowGrade = new Button("Show Grade");
24         HBox hbox = new HBox(5);
25         hbox.getChildren().addAll(new Label("SSN"), tfSSN,
26             new Label("Course ID"), tfCourseId, (btShowGrade));
27
28         VBox vbox = new VBox(10);
29         vbox.getChildren().addAll(hbox, lblStatus);
30
31         tfSSN.setPrefColumnCount(6);
32         tfCourseId.setPrefColumnCount(6);
33         btShowGrade.setOnAction(e -> showGrade());
34
35         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
36         Scene scene = new Scene(vbox, 420, 80);
37         primaryStage.setTitle("FindGrade"); // Set the stage title
38         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
39         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
40     }
41
42     private void initializeDB() {
43         try {
44             // Load the JDBC driver
45             Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
46             // Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
47             System.out.println("Driver loaded");
48
49             // Establish a connection
50             Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
51                 ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
52             // ("jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl",
53             // "scott", "tiger");
54             System.out.println("Database connected");
55
56             // Create a statement
57             stmt = connection.createStatement();
58         }
59         catch (Exception ex) {
60             ex.printStackTrace();
61         }
62     }
63
64     private void showGrade() {
65         String ssn = tfSSN.getText();
66         String courseId = tfCourseId.getText();
67         try {
68             String queryString = "select firstName, mi, " +
69                 "lastName, title, grade from Student, Enrollment, Course " +

```

button listener

load driver

Oracle driver commented

connect to MySQL database

connect to Oracle commented

execute statement

show result

create statement

```

70         "where Student.ssn = '" + ssn + "' and Enrollment.courseId "
71         + "= '" + courseId +
72         "' and Enrollment.courseId = Course.courseId " +
73         " and Enrollment.ssn = Student.ssn";
74
75     ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery(queryString);
76
77     if (rset.next()) {
78         String lastName = rset.getString(1);
79         String mi = rset.getString(2);
80         String firstName = rset.getString(3);
81         String title = rset.getString(4);
82         String grade = rset.getString(5);
83
84         // Display result in a label
85         lblStatus.setText(firstName + " " + mi +
86             " " + lastName + "'s grade on course " + title + " is " +
87             grade);
88     } else {
89         lblStatus.setText("Not found");
90     }
91 }
92 catch (SQLException ex) {
93     ex.printStackTrace();
94 }
95 }
96 }

```

The `initializeDB()` method (lines 42–62) loads the MySQL driver (line 45), connects to the MySQL database on host `liang.armstrong.edu` (lines 50–55), and creates a statement (line 57).



### Note

There is a *security hole* in this program. If you enter `1' or true or '1` in the `SSN` field, you will get the first student's score, because the query string now becomes

```

select firstName, mi, lastName, title, grade
from Student, Enrollment, Course
where Student.ssn = '1' or true or '1' and
      Enrollment.courseId = ' ' and
      Enrollment.courseId = Course.courseId and
      Enrollment.ssn = Student.ssn;

```

You can avoid this problem by using the `PreparedStatement` interface, which will be discussed in the next section.

security hole



- 34.4.1** What are the advantages of developing database applications using Java?
- 34.4.2** Describe the following JDBC interfaces: `Driver`, `Connection`, `Statement`, and `ResultSet`.
- 34.4.3** How do you load a JDBC driver? What are the driver classes for MySQL, Oracle, and Java DB?
- 34.4.4** How do you create a database connection? What are the URLs for MySQL, Oracle, and Java DB?
- 34.4.5** How do you create a `Statement` and execute an SQL statement?
- 34.4.6** How do you retrieve values in a `ResultSet`?
- 34.4.7** Does JDBC automatically commit a transaction? How do you set autocommit to false?



## 34.5 PreparedStatement

**PreparedStatement** enables you to create parameterized SQL statements.

Once a connection to a particular database is established, it can be used to send SQL statements from your program to the database. The **Statement** interface is used to execute static SQL statements that don't contain any parameters. The **PreparedStatement** interface, extending **Statement**, is used to execute a precompiled SQL statement with or without parameters. Since the SQL statements are precompiled, they are efficient for repeated executions.

A **PreparedStatement** object is created using the **prepareStatement** method in the **Connection** interface. For example, the following code creates a **PreparedStatement** for an SQL **insert** statement:

```
PreparedStatement preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement
    ("insert into Student (firstName, mi, lastName) " +
     "values (?, ?, ?)");
```

This **insert** statement has three question marks as placeholders for parameters representing values for **firstName**, **mi**, and **lastName** in a record of the **Student** table.

As a subinterface of **Statement**, the **PreparedStatement** interface inherits all the methods defined in **Statement**. It also provides the methods for setting parameters in the object of **PreparedStatement**. These methods are used to set the values for the parameters before executing statements or procedures. In general, the setter methods have the following name and signature:

```
setX(int parameterIndex, X value);
```

where *X* is the type of the parameter, and **parameterIndex** is the index of the parameter in the statement. The index starts from 1. For example, the method **setString(int parameterIndex, String value)** sets a **String** value to the specified parameter.

The following statements pass the parameters "Jack", "A", and "Ryan" to the placeholders for **firstName**, **mi**, and **lastName** in **preparedStatement**:

```
preparedStatement.setString(1, "Jack");
preparedStatement.setString(2, "A");
preparedStatement.setString(3, "Ryan");
```

After setting the parameters, you can execute the prepared statement by invoking **executeQuery()** for a SELECT statement and **executeUpdate()** for a DDL or update statement.

The **executeQuery()** and **executeUpdate()** methods are similar to the ones defined in the **Statement** interface except that they don't have any parameters, because the SQL statements are already specified in the **prepareStatement** method when the object of **PreparedStatement** is created.

Using a prepared SQL statement, Listing 34.2 can be improved as in Listing 34.3.

### LISTING 34.3 FindGradeUsingPreparedStatement.java

```
1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;
3  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
4  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
5  import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
6  import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
7  import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
8  import javafx.stage.Stage;
9  import java.sql.*;
10
```

```

11 public class FindGradeUsingPreparedStatement extends Application {
12     // PreparedStatement for executing queries
13     private PreparedStatement preparedStatement;
14     private TextField tfSSN = new TextField();
15     private TextField tfCourseId = new TextField();
16     private Label lblStatus = new Label();
17
18     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
19     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
20         // Initialize database connection and create a Statement object
21         initializeDB();
22
23         Button btShowGrade = new Button("Show Grade");
24         HBox hBox = new HBox(5);
25         hBox.getChildren().addAll(new Label("SSN"), tfSSN,
26             new Label("Course ID"), tfCourseId, (btShowGrade));
27
28         VBox vBox = new VBox(10);
29         vBox.getChildren().addAll(hBox, lblStatus);
30
31         tfSSN.setPrefColumnCount(6);
32         tfCourseId.setPrefColumnCount(6);
33         btShowGrade.setOnAction(e -> showGrade());
34
35         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
36         Scene scene = new Scene(vBox, 420, 80);
37         primaryStage.setTitle("FindGrade"); // Set the stage title
38         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
39         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
40     }
41
42     private void initializeDB() {
43         try {
44             // Load the JDBC driver
45             Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
46             // Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
47             System.out.println("Driver loaded");
48
49             // Establish a connection
50             Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
51                 ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
52             // ("jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl",
53             // "scott", "tiger");
54             System.out.println("Database connected");
55
56             String queryString = "select firstName, mi, " +
57                 "lastName, title, grade from Student, Enrollment, Course " +
58                 "where Student.ssn = ? and Enrollment.courseId = ? " +
59                 "and Enrollment.courseId = Course.courseId";
60
61             // Create a statement
62             preparedStatement = connection.prepareStatement(queryString);
63         }
64         catch (Exception ex) {
65             ex.printStackTrace();
66         }
67     }
68
69     private void showGrade() {
70         String ssn = tfSSN.getText();

```

prepare statement

load driver

connect database

placeholder

```

71 String courseId = tfCourseId.getText();
72 try {
73     preparedStatement.setString(1, ssn);
74     preparedStatement.setString(2, courseId);
75     ResultSet rset = preparedStatement.executeQuery();           execute statement
76
77     if (rset.next()) {
78         String lastName = rset.getString(1);
79         String mi = rset.getString(2);
80         String firstName = rset.getString(3);
81         String title = rset.getString(4);
82         String grade = rset.getString(5);
83
84         // Display result in a label
85         lblStatus.setText(firstName + " " + mi +
86             " " + lastName + "'s grade on course " + title + " is " +
87             grade);
88     } else {
89         lblStatus.setText("Not found");
90     }
91 }
92 catch (SQLException ex) {
93     ex.printStackTrace();
94 }
95 }
96 }

```

This example does exactly the same thing as Listing 34.2 except that it uses the prepared statement to dynamically set the parameters. The code in this example is almost the same as in the preceding example. The new code is highlighted.

A prepared query string is defined in lines 56–59 with `ssn` and `courseId` as parameters. An SQL prepared statement is obtained in line 62. Before executing the query, the actual values of `ssn` and `courseId` are set to the parameters in lines 73–74. Line 75 executes the prepared statement.

**34.5.1** Describe prepared statements. How do you create instances of **PreparedStatement**? How do you execute a **PreparedStatement**? How do you set parameter values in a **PreparedStatement**?



**34.5.2** What are the benefits of using prepared statements?

## 34.6 CallableStatement

**CallableStatement** enables you to execute SQL stored procedures.



The **CallableStatement** interface is designed to execute SQL-stored procedures. The procedures may have **IN**, **OUT**, or **IN OUT** parameters. An **IN** parameter receives a value passed to the procedure when it is called. An **OUT** parameter returns a value after the procedure is completed, but it doesn't contain any value when the procedure is called. An **IN OUT** parameter contains a value passed to the procedure when it is called and returns a value after it is completed. For example, the following procedure in Oracle PL/SQL has **IN** parameter `p1`, **OUT** parameter `p2`, and **IN OUT** parameter `p3`:

```

create or replace procedure sampleProcedure
    (p1 in varchar, p2 out number, p3 in out integer) is
begin
    /* do something */
end sampleProcedure;
/

```

IN parameter  
OUT parameter  
IN OUT parameter

**Note**

The syntax of stored procedures is vendor specific. We use both Oracle and MySQL for demonstrations of stored procedures in this book.

A `CallableStatement` object can be created using the `prepareCall(String call)` method in the `Connection` interface. For example, the following code creates a `CallableStatement` `cstmt` on `Connection` `connection` for the procedure `sampleProcedure`:

```
CallableStatement callableStatement = connection.prepareCall(
    "{call sampleProcedure(?, ?, ?)}");
```

`{call sampleProcedure(?, ?, ...)}` is referred to as the *SQL escape syntax*, which signals the driver that the code within it should be handled differently. The driver parses the escape syntax and translates it into code that the database understands. In this example, `sampleProcedure` is an Oracle procedure. The call is translated to the string `begin sampleProcedure(?, ?, ?); end` and passed to an Oracle database for execution.

You can call procedures as well as functions. The syntax to create an SQL callable statement for a function is:

```
{? = call functionName(?, ?, ...)}
```

`CallableStatement` inherits `PreparedStatement`. Additionally, the `CallableStatement` interface provides methods for registering the `OUT` parameters and for getting values from the `OUT` parameters.

Before calling an SQL procedure, you need to use appropriate setter methods to pass values to `IN` and `IN OUT` parameters, and use `registerOutParameter` to register `OUT` and `IN OUT` parameters. For example, before calling procedure `sampleProcedure`, the following statements pass values to parameters `p1` (`IN`) and `p3` (`IN OUT`) and register parameters `p2` (`OUT`) and `p3` (`IN OUT`):

```
callableStatement.setString(1, "Dallas"); // Set Dallas to p1
callableStatement.setLong(3, 1); // Set 1 to p3
// Register OUT parameters
callableStatement.registerOutParameter(2, java.sql.Types.DOUBLE);
callableStatement.registerOutParameter(3, java.sql.Types.INTEGER);
```

You can use `execute()` or `executeUpdate()` to execute the procedure depending on the type of SQL statement, then use getter methods to retrieve values from the `OUT` parameters. For example, the next statements retrieve the values from parameters `p2` and `p3`:

```
double d = callableStatement.getDouble(2);
int i = callableStatement.getInt(3);
```

Let us define a MySQL function that returns the number of the records in the table that match the specified `firstName` and `lastName` in the `Student` table.

```
/* For the callable statement example. Use MySQL version 5 */
drop function if exists studentFound;

delimiter //

create function studentFound(first varchar(20), last varchar(20))
    returns int
begin
    declare result int;

    select count(*) into result
```

```

from Student
where Student.firstName = first and
      Student.lastName = last;

return result;
end;
//

delimiter ;
/* Please note that there is a space between delimiter and ; */

```

If you use an Oracle database, the function can be defined as follows:

```

create or replace function studentFound
(first varchar2, last varchar2)
/* Do not name firstName and lastName. */
return number is numberOfSelectedRows number := 0;
begin
select count(*) into numberOfSelectedRows
from Student
where Student.firstName = first and
      Student.lastName = last;

return numberOfSelectedRows;
end studentFound;
/

```

Suppose the function `studentFound` is already created in the database. Listing 34.4 gives an example that tests this function using callable statements.

#### LISTING 34.4 TestCallableStatement.java

```

1 import java.sql.*;
2
3 public class TestCallableStatement {
4     /** Creates new form TestTableEditor */
5     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
6         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");           load driver
7         Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection( connect database
8             "jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook",
9             "scott", "tiger");
10        // Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection(
11        //    ("jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl",
12        //    "scott", "tiger");
13
14        // Create a callable statement
15        CallableStatement callableStatement = connection.prepareCall( create callable statement
16            "{? = call studentFound(?, ?)}");
17
18        java.util.Scanner input = new java.util.Scanner(System.in);
19        System.out.print("Enter student's first name: ");
20        String firstName = input.nextLine();                enter firstName
21        System.out.print("Enter student's last name: ");
22        String lastName = input.nextLine();                 enter lastName
23
24        callableStatement.setString(2, firstName);          set IN parameter
25        callableStatement.setString(3, lastName);           set IN parameter
26        callableStatement.registerOutParameter(1, Types.INTEGER); register OUT parameter
27        callableStatement.execute();                        execute statement

```

```

28
29     if (callableStatement.getInt(1) >= 1)
30         System.out.println(firstName + " " + lastName +
31             " is in the database");
32     else
33         System.out.println(firstName + " " + lastName +
34             " is not in the database");
35     }
36 }

```



```

Enter student's first name: Jacob [Enter]
Enter student's last name: Smith [Enter]
Jacob Smith is in the database

```



```

Enter student's first name: John [Enter]
Enter student's last name: Smith [Enter]
John Smith is not in the database

```

The program loads a MySQL driver (line 6), connects to a MySQL database (lines 7–9), and creates a callable statement for executing the function `studentFound` (lines 15–16).

The function's first parameter is the return value; its second and third parameters correspond to the first and last names. Before executing the callable statement, the program sets the first name and last name (lines 24–25) and registers the **OUT** parameter (line 26). The statement is executed in line 27.

The function's return value is obtained in line 29. If the value is greater than or equal to 1, the student with the specified first and last name is found in the table.



**34.6.1** Describe callable statements. How do you create instances of `CallableStatement`? How do you execute a `CallableStatement`? How do you register **OUT** parameters in a `CallableStatement`?



## 34.7 Retrieving Metadata

*The database metadata such as database URL, username, and JDBC driver name can be obtained using the `DatabaseMetaData` interface and result set metadata such as table column count and column names can be obtained using the `ResultSetMetaData` interface.*

database metadata

JDBC provides the `DatabaseMetaData` interface for obtaining database-wide information, and the `ResultSetMetaData` interface for obtaining information on a specific `ResultSet`.

### 34.7.1 Database Metadata

The `Connection` interface establishes a connection to a database. It is within the context of a connection that SQL statements are executed and results are returned. A connection also provides access to database metadata information that describes the capabilities of the database, supported SQL grammar, stored procedures, and so on. To obtain an instance of `DatabaseMetaData` for a database, use the `getMetaData` method on a `Connection` object like this:

```
DatabaseMetaData dbMetaData = connection.getMetaData();
```

If your program connects to a local MySQL database, the program in Listing 34.5 displays the database information statements shown in Figure 34.24.

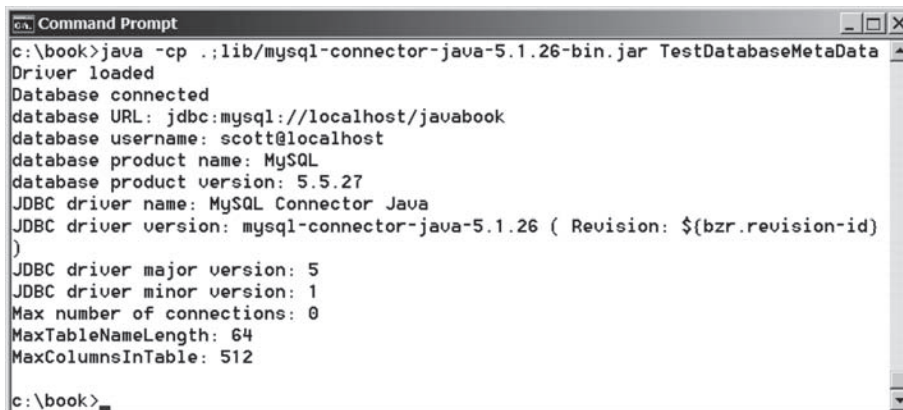


**LISTING 34.5** TestDatabaseMetaData.java

```

1  import java.sql.*;
2
3  public class TestDatabaseMetaData {
4      public static void main(String[] args)
5          throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
6          // Load the JDBC driver
7          Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");           load driver
8          System.out.println("Driver loaded");
9
10         // Connect to a database
11         Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection   connect database
12             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
13         System.out.println("Database connected");
14
15         DatabaseMetaData dbMetaData = connection.getMetaData();   database metadata
16         System.out.println("database URL: " + dbMetaData.getURL());   get metadata
17         System.out.println("database username: " +
18             dbMetaData.getUserName());
19         System.out.println("database product name: " +
20             dbMetaData.getDatabaseProductName());
21         System.out.println("database product version: " +
22             dbMetaData.getDatabaseProductVersion());
23         System.out.println("JDBC driver name: " +
24             dbMetaData.getDriverName());
25         System.out.println("JDBC driver version: " +
26             dbMetaData.getDriverVersion());
27         System.out.println("JDBC driver major version: " +
28             dbMetaData.getDriverMajorVersion());
29         System.out.println("JDBC driver minor version: " +
30             dbMetaData.getDriverMinorVersion());
31         System.out.println("Max number of connections: " +
32             dbMetaData.getMaxConnections());
33         System.out.println("MaxTableNameLength: " +
34             dbMetaData.getMaxTableNameLength());
35         System.out.println("MaxColumnsInTable: " +
36             dbMetaData.getMaxColumnsInTable());
37
38         // Close the connection
39         connection.close();
40     }
41 }

```



```

c:\book>java -cp .;lib/mysql-connector-java-5.1.26-bin.jar TestDatabaseMetaData
Driver loaded
Database connected
database URL: jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook
database username: scott@localhost
database product name: MySQL
database product version: 5.5.27
JDBC driver name: MySQL Connector Java
JDBC driver version: mysql-connector-java-5.1.26 ( Revision: ${bzd.revision-id}
)
JDBC driver major version: 5
JDBC driver minor version: 1
Max number of connections: 0
MaxTableNameLength: 64
MaxColumnsInTable: 512
c:\book>

```

**FIGURE 34.24** The DatabaseMetaData interface enables you to obtain database information.

### 34.7.2 Obtaining Database Tables

You can identify the tables in the database through database metadata using the `getTables` method. Listing 34.6 displays all the user tables in the javabook database on a local MySQL database. Figure 34.25 shows a sample output of the program.

#### LISTING 34.6 FindUserTables.java

```

1  import java.sql.*;
2
3  public class FindUserTables {
4      public static void main(String[] args)
5          throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
6          // Load the JDBC driver
7          Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
8          System.out.println("Driver loaded");
9
10         // Connect to a database
11         Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
12             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
13         System.out.println("Database connected");
14
15         DatabaseMetaData dbMetaData = connection.getMetaData();
16
17         ResultSet rsTables = dbMetaData.getTables(null, null, null,
18             new String[] {"TABLE"});
19         System.out.print("User tables: ");
20         while (rsTables.next())
21             System.out.print(rsTables.getString("TABLE_NAME") + " ");
22
23         // Close the connection
24         connection.close();
25     }
26 }

```

load driver

connect database

database metadata

obtain tables

get table names

```

c:\book>java -cp .:lib/mysql-connector-java-5.1.26-bin.jar FindUserTables
Driver loaded
Database connected
User tables: account address babyname college country course csci1301 csci1302 c
sci4990 department enrollment faculty person poll quiz scores staff statecapital
student student1 student2 subject taughtby temp temp1 temp2 temp5
c:\book>

```

FIGURE 34.25 You can find all the tables in the database.

Line 17 obtains table information in a result set using the `getTables` method. One of the columns in the result set is `TABLE_NAME`. Line 21 retrieves the table name from this result set column.

### 34.7.3 Result Set Metadata

The `ResultSetMetaData` interface describes information pertaining to the result set. A `ResultSetMetaData` object can be used to find the types and properties of the columns in a `ResultSet`. To obtain an instance of `ResultSetMetaData`, use the `getMetaData` method on a result set like this:

```
ResultSetMetaData rsMetaData = resultSet.getMetaData();
```

You can use the `getColumnCount()` method to find the number of columns in the result and the `getColumnName(int)` method to get the column names. For example, Listing 34.7 displays all the column names and contents resulting from the SQL SELECT statement `select * from Enrollment`. The output is shown in Figure 34.26.

### LISTING 34.7 TestResultSetMetaData.java

```

1  import java.sql.*;
2
3  public class TestResultSetMetaData {
4      public static void main(String[] args)
5          throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
6          // Load the JDBC driver
7          Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");           load driver
8          System.out.println("Driver loaded");
9
10         // Connect to a database
11         Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection   connect database
12             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
13         System.out.println("Database connected");
14
15         // Create a statement
16         Statement statement = connection.createStatement();   create statement
17
18         // Execute a statement
19         ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery           create result set
20             ("select * from Enrollment");
21
22         ResultSetMetaData rsMetaData = resultSet.getMetaData(); result set metadata
23         for (int i = 1; i <= rsMetaData.getColumnCount(); i++) column count
24             System.out.printf("%-12s\t", rsMetaData.getColumnName(i)); column name
25         System.out.println();
26
27         // Iterate through the result and print the students' names
28         while (resultSet.next()) {
29             for (int i = 1; i <= rsMetaData.getColumnCount(); i++)
30                 System.out.printf("%-12s\t", resultSet.getObject(i));
31             System.out.println();
32         }
33
34         // Close the connection
35         connection.close();
36     }
37 }

```

```

c:\book>java -cp .\lib\mysql-connector-java-5.1.26-bin.jar TestResultSetMetaData

Driver loaded
Database connected
ssn          courseId   dateRegistered  grade
444111110    11111     2013-04-18      A
444111110    11112     2013-04-18      B

```

**FIGURE 34.26** The `ResultSetMetaData` interface enables you to obtain result set information.



- 34.7.1** What is `DatabaseMetaData` for? Describe the methods in `DatabaseMetaData`. How do you get an instance of `DatabaseMetaData`?
- 34.7.2** What is `ResultSetMetaData` for? Describe the methods in `ResultSetMetaData`. How do you get an instance of `ResultSetMetaData`?
- 34.7.3** How do you find the number of columns in a result set? How do you find the column names in a result set?

## KEY TERMS

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candidate key	34-5	integrity constraint	34-4
database system	34-2	primary key	34-5
domain constraint	34-5	relational database	34-5
foreign key	34-5	Structured Query Language (SQL)	34-6
foreign key constraint	34-5	superkey	34-5

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. This chapter introduced the concepts of *database systems*, *relational databases*, *relational data models*, *data integrity*, and *SQL*. You learned how to develop database applications using Java.
2. The Java API for developing Java database applications is called *JDBC*. JDBC provides Java programmers with a uniform interface for accessing and manipulating relational databases.
3. The JDBC API consists of classes and interfaces for establishing connections with databases, sending SQL statements to databases, processing the results of SQL statements, and obtaining database metadata.
4. Since a JDBC driver serves as the interface to facilitate communications between JDBC and a proprietary database, JDBC drivers are database specific. If you use a driver, make sure it is in the classpath before running the program.
5. Four key interfaces are needed to develop any database application using Java: `Driver`, `Connection`, `Statement`, and `ResultSet`. These interfaces define a framework for generic SQL database access. The JDBC driver vendors provide implementation for them.
6. A JDBC application loads an appropriate driver using the `Driver` interface, connects to the database using the `Connection` interface, creates and executes SQL statements using the `Statement` interface, and processes the result using the `ResultSet` interface if the statements return results.
7. The `PreparedStatement` interface is designed to execute dynamic SQL statements with parameters. These SQL statements are precompiled for efficient use when repeatedly executed.
8. Database *metadata* is information that describes the database itself. JDBC provides the `DatabaseMetaData` interface for obtaining database-wide information and the `ResultSetMetaData` interface for obtaining information on the specific `ResultSet`.

## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

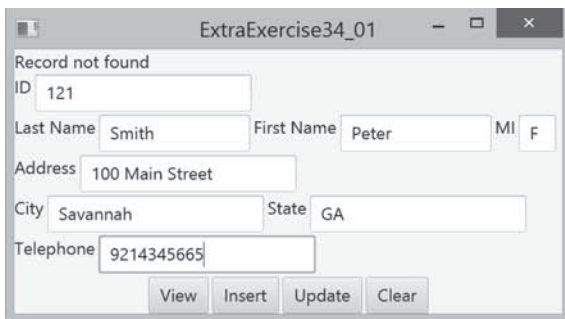


## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

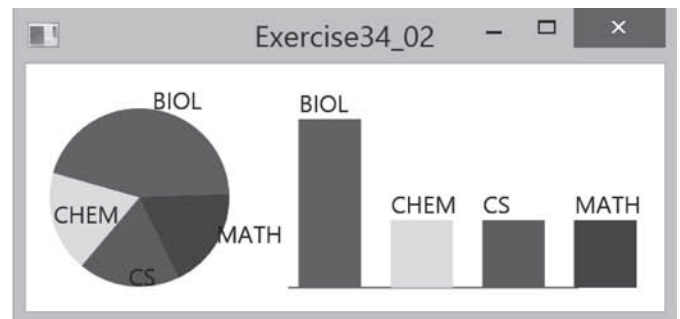
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**\*34.1** (Access and update a **Staff** table) Write a program that views, inserts, and updates staff information stored in a database, as shown in Figure 34.27a. The *View* button displays a record with a specified ID. The *Insert* button inserts a new record. The *Update* button updates the record for the specified ID. The **Staff** table is created as follows:

```
create table Staff (
    id char(9) not null,
    lastName varchar(15),
    firstName varchar(15),
    mi char(1),
    address varchar(20),
    city varchar(20),
    state char(2),
    telephone char(10),
    email varchar(40),
    primary key (id)
);
```



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 34.27** (a) The program lets you view, insert, and update staff information. (b) The **PieChart** and **BarChart** components display the query data obtained from the data module.

**\*\*34.2** (Visualize data) Write a program that displays the number of students in each department in a pie chart and a bar chart, as shown in Figure 34.27b. The **PieChart** and **BarChart** classes are created in Programming Exercises 14.12 and 14.13. The number of students for each department can be obtained from the **Student** table (see Figure 34.4) using the following SQL statement:

```
select deptId, count(*)
from Student
where deptId is not null
group by deptId;
```

**\*34.3** (Connection dialog) Develop a subclass of **BorderPane** named **DBConnection-Pane** that enables the user to select or enter a JDBC driver and a URL and to enter a username and password, as shown in Figure 34.28. When the *Connect to DB* button is clicked, a **Connection** object for the database is stored in the **connection** property. You can then use the **getConnection()** method to return the connection.

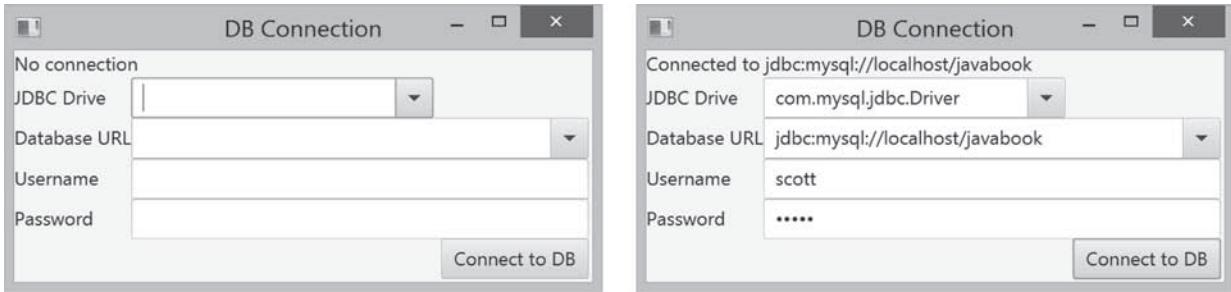


FIGURE 34.28 The `DBConnectionPane` component enables the user to enter database information.

**\*34.4** (*Find grades*) Listing 34.2, `FindGrade.java`, presented a program that finds a student's grade for a specified course. Rewrite the program to find all the grades for a specified student, as shown in Figure 34.29.

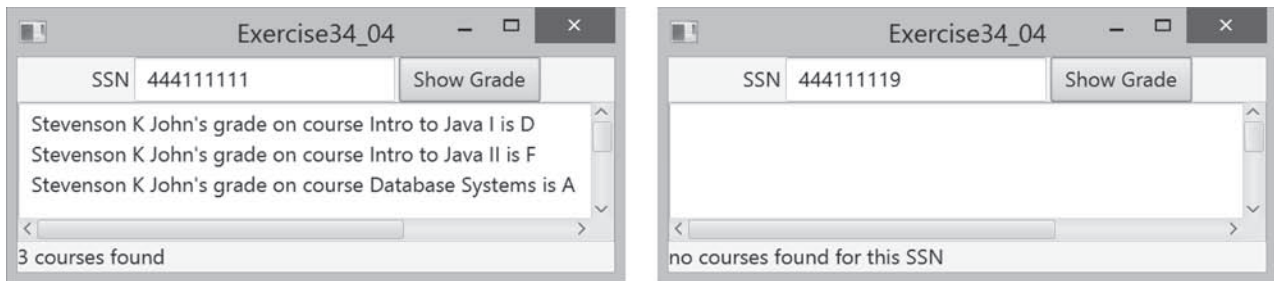
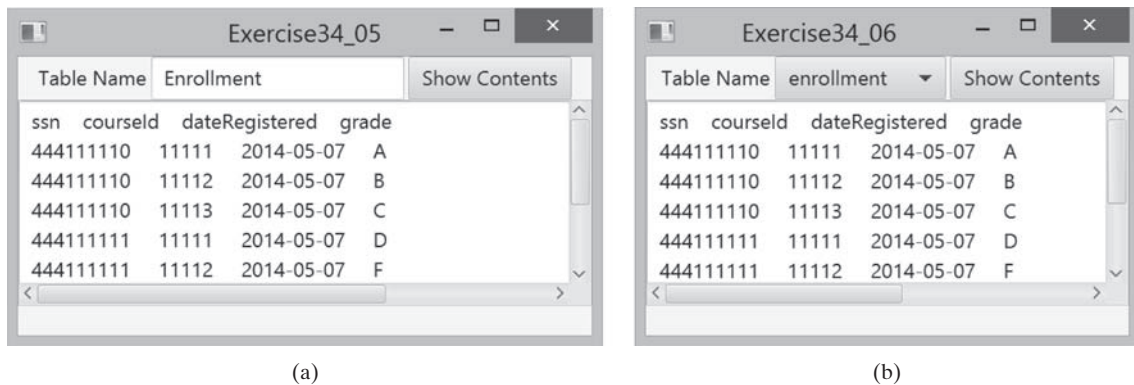


FIGURE 34.29 The program displays the grades for the courses for a specified student.

**\*34.5** (*Display table contents*) Write a program that displays the content for a given table. As shown in Figure 34.30a, you enter a table and click the *Show Contents* button to display the table contents in the text area.



(a)

(b)

FIGURE 34.30 (a) Enter a table name to display the table contents. (b) Select a table name from the combo box to display its contents.

**\*34.6** (*Find tables and showing their contents*) Write a program that fills in table names in a combo box, as shown in Figure 34.30b. You can select a table from the combo box to display its contents in the text area.

**\*\*34.7** (*Populate Quiz table*) Create a table named `Quiz` as follows:

```
create table Quiz(
    questionId int,
    question varchar(4000),
    choicea varchar(1000),
```

```

choiceb varchar(1000),
choicec varchar(1000),
choiced varchar(1000),
answer varchar(5));

```

The **Quiz** table stores multiple-choice questions. Suppose the multiple-choice questions are stored in a text file accessible from <http://www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/data/Quiz.txt> in the following format:

```

1. question1
a. choice a
b. choice b
c. choice c
d. choice d
Answer:cd

```

```

2. question2
a. choice a
b. choice b
c. choice c
d. choice d
Answer:a

```

...

Write a program that reads the data from the file and populate it into the **Quiz** table.

**\*34.8** (*Populate Salary table*) Create a table named **Salary** as follows:

```

create table Salary(
  firstName varchar(100),
  lastName varchar(100),
  rank varchar(15),
  salary float);

```

Obtain the data for salary from <http://cs.armstrong.edu/liang/data/Salary.txt> and populate it into the **Salary** table in the database.

**\*34.9** (*Copy table*) Suppose the database contains a student table defined as follows:

```

create table Student1 (
  username varchar(50) not null,
  password varchar(50) not null,
  fullname varchar(200) not null,
  constraint pkStudent primary key (username)
);

```

Create a new table named **Student2** as follows:

```

create table Student2 (
  username varchar(50) not null,
  password varchar(50) not null,
  firstname varchar(100),
  lastname varchar(100),
  constraint pkStudent primary key (username)
);

```

A full name is in the form of **firstname mi lastname** or **firstname lastname**. For example, **John K Smith** is a full name. Write a program that copies



table **Student1** into **Student2**. Your task is to split a full name into **first-name**, **mi**, and **lastname** for each record in **Student1** and store a new record into **Student2**.

**\*34.10** (*Record unsubmitted exercises*) The following three tables store information on students, assigned exercises, and exercise submission in LiveLab. LiveLab is an automatic grading system for grading programming exercises.

```
create table AGSStudent (
    username varchar(50) not null,
    password varchar(50) not null,
    fullname varchar(200) not null,
    instructorEmail varchar(100) not null,
    constraint pkAGSStudent primary key (username)
);

create table ExerciseAssigned (
    instructorEmail varchar(100),
    exerciseName varchar(100),
    maxscore double default 10,
    constraint pkCustomExercise primary key
        (instructorEmail, exerciseName)
);

create table AGSLog (
    username varchar(50), /* This is the student's user name */
    exerciseName varchar(100), /* This is the exercise */
    score double default null,
    submitted bit default 0,
    constraint pkLog primary key (username, exerciseName)
);
```

The **AGSStudent** table stores the student information. The **ExerciseAssigned** table assigns the exercises by an instructor. The **AGSLog** table stores the grading results. When a student submits an exercise, a record is stored in the **AGSLog** table. However, there is no record in **AGSLog** if a student did not submit the exercise.

Write a program that adds a new record for each student and an assigned exercise to the student in the **AGSLog** table if a student has not submitted the exercise. The record should have **0** on **score** and **submitted**. For example, if the tables contain the following data in **AGSLog** before you run this program, the **AGSLog** table now contains the new records after the program runs.

AGSStudent

username	password	fullname	instructorEmail
abc	p1	John Roo	t@gmail.com
cde	p2	Yao Mi	c@gmail.com
wbc	p3	F3	t@gmail.com

ExerciseAssigned

instructorEmail	exerciseName	maxScore
t@gmail.com	e1	10
t@gmail.com	e2	10
c@gmail.com	e1	4
c@gmail.com	e4	20



AGSLog

username	exerciseName	score	submitted
abc	e1	9	1
wbc	e2	7	1

AGSLog after the program runs

username	exerciseName	score	submitted
abc	e1	9	1
wbc	e2	7	1
abc	e2		0
wbc	e1		0
cde	e1		0
cde	e4		0

**\*34.11** (*Baby names*) Create the following table:

```
create table Babyname (
  year integer,
  name varchar(50),
  gender char(1),
  count integer,
  constraint pkBabyname primary key (year, name, gender)
);
```

The baby name ranking data was described in Programming Exercise 12.31. Write a program to read data from the following URL and store into the **Babyname** table.

<https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/data/babynamesranking2001.txt>,

...

<https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/data/babynamesranking2010.txt>.

# CHAPTER 35

## ADVANCED JAVA DATABASE PROGRAMMING

### Objectives

- To create a universal SQL client for accessing local or remote database (§35.2).
- To execute SQL statements in a batch mode (§35.3).
- To process updatable and scrollable result sets (§35.4).
- To simplify Java database programming using RowSet (§35.5).
- To store and retrieve images in JDBC (§35.6).



## 35.1 Introduction

*This chapter introduces advanced features for Java database programming.*



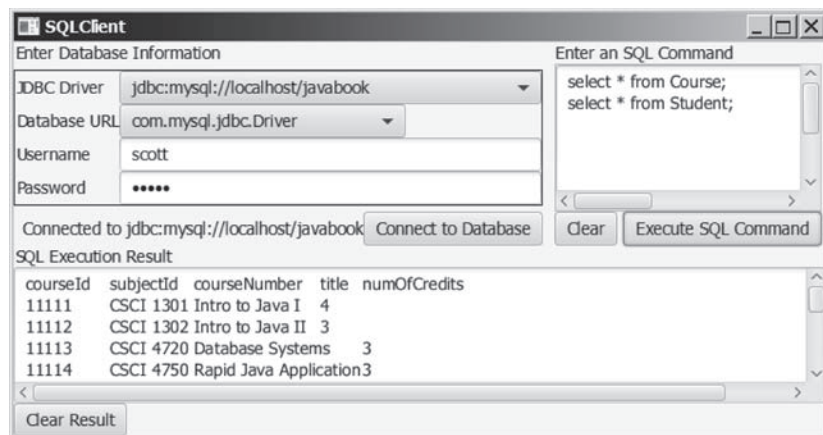
Chapter 34 introduced JDBC's basic features. This chapter covers its advanced features. You will learn how to develop a universal SQL client for accessing any local or remote relational database, learn how to execute statements in a batch mode to improve performance, learn scrollable result sets and how to update a database through result sets, learn how to use `RowSet` to simplify database access, and learn how to store and retrieve images.

## 35.2 A Universal SQL Client

*This section develops a universal SQL client for connecting and accessing any SQL database.*



In Chapter 34, you used various drivers to connect to the database, created statements for executing SQL statements, and processed the results from SQL queries. This section presents a universal SQL client that enables you to connect to any relational database and execute SQL commands interactively, as shown in Figure 35.1. The client can connect to any JDBC data source and can submit SQL `SELECT` commands and non-`SELECT` commands for execution. The execution result is displayed for the `SELECT` queries, and the execution status is displayed for the non-`SELECT` commands. Listing 35.1 gives the program.



**FIGURE 35.1** You can connect to any JDBC data source and execute SQL commands interactively.

### LISTING 35.1 SQLClient.java

```

1 import java.sql.*;
2 import javafx.application.Application;
3 import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
4 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
5 import javafx.scene.Scene;
6 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
7 import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
8 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
9 import javafx.scene.control.PasswordField;
10 import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
11 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
12 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
14 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
16 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;

```

```

17 import javafx.stage.Stage;
18
19 public class SQLClient extends Application {
20     // Connection to the database
21     private Connection connection;
22
23     // Statement to execute SQL commands
24     private Statement statement;
25
26     // Text area to enter SQL commands
27     private TextArea tasqlCommand = new TextArea();
28
29     // Text area to display results from SQL commands
30     private TextArea taSQLResult = new TextArea();
31
32     // DBC info for a database connection
33     private TextField tfUsername = new TextField();
34     private PasswordField pfPassword = new PasswordField();
35     private ComboBox<String> cboURL = new ComboBox<>();
36     private ComboBox<String> cboDriver = new ComboBox<>();
37
38     private Button btExecuteSQL = new Button("Execute SQL Command");
39     private Button btClearSQLCommand = new Button("Clear");
40     private Button btConnectDB = new Button("Connect to Database");
41     private Button btClearSQLResult = new Button("Clear Result");
42     private Label lblConnectionStatus
43         = new Label("No connection now");
44
45     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
46     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
47         cboURL.getItems().addAll(FXCollections.observableArrayList(
48             "jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook",
49             "jdbc:mysql://liang.armstrong.edu/javabook",
50             "jdbc:odbc:exampleMDBDataSource",
51             "jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl"));
52         cboURL.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
53
54         cboDriver.getItems().addAll(FXCollections.observableArrayList(
55             "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver", "sun.jdbc.odbc.jdbcOdbcDriver",
56             "oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver"));
57         cboDriver.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
58
59         // Create UI for connecting to the database
60         GridPane gridPane = new GridPane();
61         gridPane.add(cboURL, 1, 0);
62         gridPane.add(cboDriver, 1, 1);
63         gridPane.add(tfUsername, 1, 2);
64         gridPane.add(pfPassword, 1, 3);
65         gridPane.add(new Label("JDBC Driver"), 0, 0);
66         gridPane.add(new Label("Database URL"), 0, 1);
67         gridPane.add(new Label("Username"), 0, 2);
68         gridPane.add(new Label("Password"), 0, 3);
69
70         HBox hboxConnection = new HBox();
71         hboxConnection.getChildren().addAll(
72             lblConnectionStatus, btConnectDB);
73         hboxConnection.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER_RIGHT);
74
75         VBox vboxConnection = new VBox(5);
76         vboxConnection.getChildren().addAll(
77             new Label("Enter Database Information"),

```

```

78         gridPane, hboxConnection);
79
80     gridPane.setStyle("-fx-border-color: black;");
81
82     HBox hboxSqlCommand = new HBox(5);
83     hboxSqlCommand.getChildren().addAll(
84         btClearSqlCommand, btExecuteSQL);
85     hboxSqlCommand.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER_RIGHT);
86
87     BorderPane borderPaneSqlCommand = new BorderPane();
88     borderPaneSqlCommand.setTop(
89         new Label("Enter an SQL Command"));
90     borderPaneSqlCommand.setCenter(
91         new ScrollPane(tasqlCommand));
92     borderPaneSqlCommand.setBottom(
93         hboxSqlCommand);
94
95     HBox hboxConnectionCommand = new HBox(10);
96     hboxConnectionCommand.getChildren().addAll(
97         vboxConnection, borderPaneSqlCommand);
98
99     BorderPane borderPaneExecutionResult = new BorderPane();
100    borderPaneExecutionResult.setTop(
101        new Label("SQL Execution Result"));
102    borderPaneExecutionResult.setCenter(taSQLResult);
103    borderPaneExecutionResult.setBottom(btClearSQLResult);
104
105    BorderPane borderPane = new BorderPane();
106    borderPane.setTop(hboxConnectionCommand);
107    borderPane.setCenter(borderPaneExecutionResult);
108
109    // Create a scene and place it in the stage
110    Scene scene = new Scene(borderPane, 670, 400);
111    primaryStage.setTitle("SQLClient"); // Set the stage title
112    primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
113    primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
114
115    btConnectDB.setOnAction(e -> connectToDB());
116    btExecuteSQL.setOnAction(e -> executeSQL());
117    btClearSqlCommand.setOnAction(e -> tasqlCommand.setText(null));
118    btClearSQLResult.setOnAction(e -> taSQLResult.setText(null));
119 }
120
121 /** Connect to DB */
122 private void connectToDB() {
123     // Get database information from the user input
124     String driver = cboDriver
125         .getSelectedItem();
126     String url = cboURL.getSelectedItem();
127     String username = tfUsername.getText().trim();
128     String password = pfPassword.getText().trim();
129
130     // Connection to the database
131     try {
132         Class.forName(driver);
133         connection = DriverManager.getConnection(
134             url, username, password);
135         lblConnectionStatus.setText("Connected to " + url);
136     }
137     catch (java.lang.Exception ex) {
138         ex.printStackTrace();

```

```

139     }
140 }
141
142 /** Execute SQL commands */
143 private void executeSQL() {
144     if (connection == null) {
145         taSQLResult.setText("Please connect to a database first");
146         return;
147     }
148     else {
149         String sqlCommands = tasqlCommand.getText().trim();
150         String[] commands = sqlCommands.replace('\n', ' ').split(";");
151
152         for (String aCommand: commands) {
153             if (aCommand.trim().toUpperCase().startsWith("SELECT")) {
154                 processSQLSelect(aCommand);
155             }
156             else {
157                 processSQLNonSelect(aCommand);
158             }
159         }
160     }
161 }
162
163 /** Execute SQL SELECT commands */
164 private void processSQLSelect(String sqlCommand) {
165     try {
166         // Get a new statement for the current connection
167         statement = connection.createStatement();
168
169         // Execute a SELECT SQL command
170         ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery(sqlCommand);
171
172         // Find the number of columns in the result set
173         int columnCount = resultSet.getMetaData().getColumnCount();
174         String row = "";
175
176         // Display column names
177         for (int i = 1; i <= columnCount; i++) {
178             row += resultSet.getMetaData().getColumnName(i) + "\t";
179         }
180
181         taSQLResult.appendText(row + '\n');
182
183         while (resultSet.next()) {
184             // Reset row to empty
185             row = "";
186
187             for (int i = 1; i <= columnCount; i++) {
188                 // A non-String column is converted to a string
189                 row += resultSet.getString(i) + "\t";
190             }
191
192             taSQLResult.appendText(row + '\n');
193         }
194     }
195     catch (SQLException ex) {
196         taSQLResult.setText(ex.toString());
197     }
198 }
199

```

```

200  /** Execute SQL DDL, and modification commands */
201  private void processSQLNonSelect(String sqlCommand) {
202      try {
203          // Get a new statement for the current connection
204          statement = connection.createStatement();
205
206          // Execute a non-SELECT SQL command
207          statement.executeUpdate(sqlCommand);
208
209          taSQLResult.setText("SQL command executed");
210      }
211      catch (SQLException ex) {
212          taSQLResult.setText(ex.toString());
213      }
214  }
215  }

```

The user selects or enters the JDBC driver, database URL, username, and password, and clicks the *Connect to Database* button to connect to the specified database using the `connectToDB()` method (lines 122–140).

When the user clicks the *Execute SQL Command* button, the `executeSQL()` method is invoked (lines 143–161) to get the SQL commands from the text area (`jtSQLCommand`) and extract each command separated by a semicolon (;). It then determines whether the command is a SELECT query or a DDL or data modification statement (lines 153–158). If the command is a SELECT query, the `processSQLSelect` method is invoked (lines 164–198). This method uses the `executeQuery` method (line 170) to obtain the query result. The result is displayed in the text area `jtSQLResult` (line 181). If the command is a non-SELECT query, the `processSQLNonSelect()` method is invoked (lines 201–214). This method uses the `executeUpdate` method (line 207) to execute the SQL command.

The `getMetaData` method (lines 173, 178) in the `ResultSet` interface is used to obtain an instance of `ResultSetMetaData`. The `getColumnCount` method (line 173) returns the number of columns in the result set, and the `getColumnName(i)` method (line 178) returns the column name for the *i*th column.

## 35.3 Batch Processing

*You can send a batch of SQL statements to the database for execution at once to improve efficiency.*



In all the preceding examples, SQL commands are submitted to the database for execution one at a time. This is inefficient for processing a large number of updates. For example, suppose you wanted to insert a thousand rows into a table. Submitting one INSERT command at a time would take nearly a thousand times longer than submitting all the INSERT commands in a batch at once. To improve performance, JDBC introduced the batch update for processing nonselect SQL commands. A batch update consists of a sequence of nonselect SQL commands. These commands are collected in a batch and submitted to the database all together.

To use the batch update, you add nonselect commands to a batch using the `addBatch` method in the `Statement` interface. After all the SQL commands are added to the batch, use the `executeBatch` method to submit the batch to the database for execution.

For example, the following code adds a create table command, adds two insert statements in a batch, and executes the batch:

```

Statement statement = connection.createStatement();

// Add SQL commands to the batch
statement.addBatch("create table T (C1 integer, C2 varchar(15))");

```



```
statement.addBatch("insert into T values (100, 'Smith')");
statement.addBatch("insert into T values (200, 'Jones')");

// Execute the batch
int count[] = statement.executeBatch();
```

The `executeBatch()` method returns an array of counts, each of which counts the number of rows affected by the SQL command. The first count returns 0 because it is a DDL command. The other counts return 1 because only one row is affected.



### Note

To find out whether a driver supports batch updates, invoke `supportsBatchUpdates()` on a `DatabaseMetaData` instance. If the driver supports batch updates, it will return `true`. The JDBC drivers for MySQL, Access, and Oracle all support batch updates.

To demonstrate batch processing, consider writing a program that gets data from a text file and copies the data from the text file to a table, as shown in Figure 35.2. The text file consists of lines that each corresponds to a row in the table. The fields in a row are separated by commas. The string values in a row are enclosed in single quotes. You can view the text file by clicking the *View File* button and copy the text to the table by clicking the *Copy* button. The table must already be defined in the database. Figure 35.2 shows the text file `table.txt` copied to table `Person`. `Person` is created using the following statement:

```
create table Person (
    firstName varchar(20),
    mi char(1),
    lastName varchar(20)
)
```

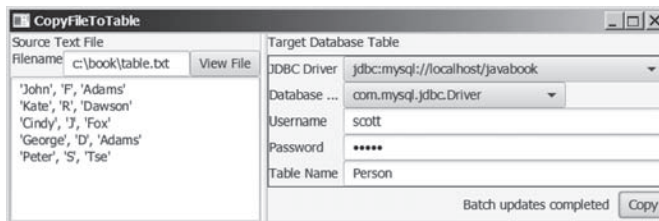


FIGURE 35.2 The CopyFileToTable utility copies text files to database tables.

Listing 35.2 gives the solution to the problem.

### LISTING 35.2 CopyFileToTable.java

```
1 import java.io.File;
2 import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
3 import java.io.IOException;
4 import java.sql.*;
5 import java.util.Scanner;
6 import javafx.application.Application;
7 import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
8 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
9 import javafx.scene.Scene;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
11 import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
12 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
13 import javafx.scene.control.PasswordField;
14 import javafx.scene.control.SplitPane;
```



```

15 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
16 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
17 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
18 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
19 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
20 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
21 import javafx.stage.Stage;
22
23 public class CopyFileToTable extends Application {
24     // Text file info
25     private TextField tfFilename = new TextField();
26     private TextArea taFile = new TextArea();
27
28     // JDBC and table info
29     private ComboBox<String> cboURL = new ComboBox<>();
30     private ComboBox<String> cboDriver = new ComboBox<>();
31     private TextField tfUsername = new TextField();
32     private PasswordField pfPassword = new PasswordField();
33     private TextField tfTableName = new TextField();
34
35     private Button btViewFile = new Button("View File");
36     private Button btCopy = new Button("Copy");
37     private Label lblStatus = new Label();
38
39     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
40     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
41         cboURL.getItems().addAll(FXCollections.observableArrayList(
42             "jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook",
43             "jdbc:mysql://liang.armstrong.edu/javabook",
44             "jdbc:odbc:exampleMDBDataSource",
45             "jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl"));
46         cboURL.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
47
48         cboDriver.getItems().addAll(FXCollections.observableArrayList(
49             "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver", "sun.jdbc.odbc.jdbcOdbcDriver",
50             "oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver"));
51         cboDriver.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
52
53         // Create UI for connecting to the database
54         GridPane gridPane = new GridPane();
55         gridPane.add(new Label("JDBC Driver"), 0, 0);
56         gridPane.add(new Label("Database URL"), 0, 1);
57         gridPane.add(new Label("Username"), 0, 2);
58         gridPane.add(new Label("Password"), 0, 3);
59         gridPane.add(new Label("Table Name"), 0, 4);
60         gridPane.add(cboURL, 1, 0);
61         gridPane.add(cboDriver, 1, 1);
62         gridPane.add(tfUsername, 1, 2);
63         gridPane.add(pfPassword, 1, 3);
64         gridPane.add(tfTableName, 1, 4);
65
66         HBox hboxConnection = new HBox(10);
67         hboxConnection.getChildren().addAll(lblStatus, btCopy);
68         hboxConnection.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER_RIGHT);
69
70         VBox vboxConnection = new VBox(5);
71         vboxConnection.getChildren().addAll(
72             new Label("Target Database Table"),
73             gridPane, hboxConnection);
74
75         gridPane.setStyle("-fx-border-color: black;");

```

```

76
77     BorderPane borderPaneFileName = new BorderPane();
78     borderPaneFileName.setLeft(new Label("Filename"));
79     borderPaneFileName.setCenter(tfFilename);
80     borderPaneFileName.setRight(btViewFile);
81
82     BorderPane borderPaneFileContent = new BorderPane();
83     borderPaneFileContent.setTop(borderPaneFileName);
84     borderPaneFileContent.setCenter(taFile);
85
86     BorderPane borderPaneFileSource = new BorderPane();
87     borderPaneFileSource.setTop(new Label("Source Text File"));
88     borderPaneFileSource.setCenter(borderPaneFileContent);
89
90     SplitPane sp = new SplitPane();
91     sp.getItems().addAll(borderPaneFileSource, vboxConnection);
92
93     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
94     Scene scene = new Scene(sp, 680, 230);
95     primaryStage.setTitle("CopyFileToTable"); // Set the stage title
96     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
97     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
98
99     btViewFile.setOnAction(e -> showFile());
100    btCopy.setOnAction(e -> {
101        try {
102            copyFile();
103        }
104        catch (Exception ex) {
105            lblStatus.setText(ex.toString());
106        }
107    });
108 }
109
110 /** Display the file in the text area */
111 private void showFile() {
112     Scanner input = null;
113     try {
114         // Use a Scanner to read text from the file
115         input = new Scanner(new File(tfFilename.getText().trim()));
116
117         // Read a line and append the line to the text area
118         while (input.hasNext())
119             taFile.appendText(input.nextLine() + '\n');
120     }
121     catch (FileNotFoundException ex) {
122         System.out.println("File not found: " + tfFilename.getText());
123     }
124     catch (IOException ex) {
125         ex.printStackTrace();
126     }
127     finally {
128         if (input != null) input.close();
129     }
130 }
131
132 private void copyFile() throws Exception {
133     // Load the JDBC driver
134     Class.forName(cboDriver.getSelectionModel()
135         .getSelectedItem().trim());
136     System.out.println("Driver loaded");

```

```

137
138     // Establish a connection
139     Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(
140         cboURL.getSelectionModel().getSelectedItem().trim(),
141         tfUsername.getText().trim(),
142         String.valueOf(pfPassword.getText()).trim());
143     System.out.println("Database connected");
144
145     // Read each line from the text file and insert it to the table
146     insertRows(conn);
147 }
148
149 private void insertRows(Connection connection) {
150     // Build the SQL INSERT statement
151     String sqlInsert = "insert into " + tfTableName.getText()
152         + " values ";
153
154     // Use a Scanner to read text from the file
155     Scanner input = null;
156
157     // Get file name from the text field
158     String filename = tfFilename.getText().trim();
159
160     try {
161         // Create a scanner
162         input = new Scanner(new File(filename));
163
164         // Create a statement
165         Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
166
167         System.out.println("Driver major version? " +
168             connection.getMetaData().getDriverMajorVersion());
169
170         // Determine if batchUpdatesSupported is supported
171         boolean batchUpdatesSupported = false;
172
173         try {
174             if (connection.getMetaData().supportsBatchUpdates()) {
175                 batchUpdatesSupported = true;
176                 System.out.println("batch updates supported");
177             }
178             else {
179                 System.out.println("The driver " +
180                     "does not support batch updates");
181             }
182         }
183         catch (UnsupportedOperationException ex) {
184             System.out.println("The operation is not supported");
185         }
186
187         // Determine if the driver is capable of batch updates
188         if (batchUpdatesSupported) {
189             // Read a line and add the insert table command to the batch
190             while (input.hasNext()) {
191                 statement.addBatch(sqlInsert + input.nextLine() + "");
192             }
193
194             statement.executeBatch();
195
196             lblStatus.setText("Batch updates completed");
197         }

```

```

198     else {
199         // Read a line and execute insert table command
200         while (input.hasNext()) {
201             statement.executeUpdate(sqlInsert + input.nextLine() + "");
202         }
203
204         lblStatus.setText("Single row update completed");
205     }
206 }
207 catch (SQLException ex) {
208     System.out.println(ex);
209 }
210 catch (FileNotFoundException ex) {
211     System.out.println("File not found: " + filename);
212 }
213 finally {
214     if (input != null) input.close();
215 }
216 }
217 }

```

The `insertRows` method (lines 149–216) uses the batch updates to submit SQL INSERT commands to the database for execution, if the driver supports batch updates. Lines 174–181 check whether the driver supports batch updates. If the driver does not support the operation, an `UnsupportedOperationException` exception will be thrown (line 183) when the `supportsBatchUpdates()` method is invoked.

The tables must already be created in the database. The file format and contents must match the database table specification. Otherwise, the SQL INSERT command will fail.

In Exercise 35.1, you will write a program to insert a thousand records to a database and compare the performance with and without batch updates.

- 35.3.1** What is batch processing in JDBC? What are the benefits of using batch processing?  
**35.3.2** How do you add an SQL statement to a batch? How do you execute a batch?  
**35.3.3** Can you execute a SELECT statement in a batch?  
**35.3.4** How do you know whether a JDBC driver supports batch updates?



## 35.4 Scrollable and Updatable Result Set

*You can use scrollable and updatable result set to move the cursor anywhere in the result set to perform insertion, deletion, and update.*



The result sets used in the preceding examples are read sequentially. A result set maintains a cursor pointing to its current row of data. Initially the cursor is positioned before the first row. The `next()` method moves the cursor forward to the next row. This is known as *sequential forward reading*.

A more powerful way of accessing database is to use a scrollable and updatable result, which enables you to scroll the rows both forward and backward and move the cursor to a desired location using the `first`, `last`, `next`, `previous`, `absolute`, or `relative` method. Additionally, you can insert, delete, or update a row in the result set and have the changes automatically reflected in the database.

To obtain a scrollable or updatable result set, you must first create a statement with an appropriate type and concurrency mode. For a static statement, use

```

Statement statement = connection.createStatement
    (int resultSetType, int resultSetConcurrency);

```

For a prepared statement, use

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement
    (String sql, int resultSetType, int resultSetConcurrency);
```

The possible values of `resultSetType` are the constants defined in the `ResultSet`:

- `TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`: The result set is accessed forward sequentially.
- `TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE`: The result set is scrollable, but not sensitive to changes in the database.
- `TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE`: The result set is scrollable and sensitive to changes made by others. Use this type if you want the result set to be scrollable and updatable.

The possible values of `resultSetConcurrency` are the constants defined in the `ResultSet`:

- `CONCUR_READ_ONLY`: The result set cannot be used to update the database.
- `CONCUR_UPDATABLE`: The result set can be used to update the database.

For example, if you want the result set to be scrollable and updatable, you can create a statement, as follows:

```
Statement statement = connection.createStatement
    (ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE, ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE)
```

You use the `executeQuery` method in a `Statement` object to execute an SQL query that returns a result set as follows:

```
ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery(query);
```

You can now use the methods `first()`, `next()`, `previous()`, and `last()` to move the cursor to the first row, next row, previous row, and last row. The `absolute(int row)` method moves the cursor to the specified row; and the `getXxx(int columnIndex)` or `getXxx(String columnName)` method is used to retrieve the value of a specified field at the current row. The methods `insertRow()`, `deleteRow()`, and `updateRow()` can also be used to insert, delete, and update the current row. Before applying `insertRow` or `updateRow`, you need to use the method `updateXxx(int columnIndex, Xxx value)` or `update(String columnName, Xxx value)` to write a new value to the field at the current row. The `cancelRowUpdates()` method cancels the updates made to a row. The `close()` method closes the result set and releases its resource. The `wasNull()` method returns true if the last column read had a value of SQL NULL.

Listing 35.3 gives an example that demonstrates how to create a scrollable and updatable result set. The program creates a result set for the `StateCapital` table. The `StateCapital` table is defined as follows:

```
create table StateCapital (
    state varchar(40),
    capital varchar(40)
);
```

### LISTING 35.3 ScrollUpdateResultSet.java

```
1 import java.sql.*;
2
3 public class ScrollUpdateResultSet {
4     public static void main(String[] args)
5         throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
```

```

6      // Load the JDBC driver
7      Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
8      System.out.println("Driver loaded");
9
10     // Connect to a database
11     Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
12         ("jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl",
13         "scott", "tiger");
14     connection.setAutoCommit(true);
15     System.out.println("Database connected");
16
17     // Get a new statement for the current connection
18     Statement statement = connection.createStatement(
19         ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE, ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE);
20
21     // Get ResultSet
22     ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery
23         ("select state, capital from StateCapital");
24
25     System.out.println("Before update ");
26     displayResultSet(resultSet);
27
28     // Update the second row
29     resultSet.absolute(2); // Move cursor to the second row
30     resultSet.updateString("state", "New S"); // Update the column
31     resultSet.updateString("capital", "New C"); // Update the column
32     resultSet.updateRow(); // Update the row in the data source
33
34     // Insert after the last row
35     resultSet.last();
36     resultSet.moveToInsertRow(); // Move cursor to the insert row
37     resultSet.updateString("state", "Florida");
38     resultSet.updateString("capital", "Tallahassee");
39     resultSet.insertRow(); // Insert the row
40     resultSet.moveToCurrentRow(); // Move the cursor to the current row
41
42     // Delete fourth row
43     resultSet.absolute(4); // Move cursor to the 5th row
44     resultSet.deleteRow(); // Delete the second row
45
46     System.out.println("After update ");
47     resultSet = statement.executeQuery
48         ("select state, capital from StateCapital");
49     displayResultSet(resultSet);
50
51     // Close the connection
52     resultSet.close();
53 }
54
55 private static void displayResultSet(ResultSet resultSet)
56     throws SQLException {
57     ResultSetMetaData rsMetaData = resultSet.getMetaData();
58     resultSet.beforeFirst();
59     while (resultSet.next()) {
60         for (int i = 1; i <= rsMetaData.getColumnCount(); i++)
61             System.out.printf("%-12s\t", resultSet.getObject(i));
62         System.out.println();
63     }
64 }
65 }

```



```

Driver loaded
Database connected

Before update
Indiana      Indianapolis
Illinois     Springfield
California   Sacramento
Georgia      Atlanta
Texas        Austin

After update
Indiana      Indianapolis
New S        New C
California   Sacramento
Texas        Austin
Florida      Tallahassee

```

The code in lines 18–19 creates a **Statement** for producing scrollable and updatable result sets.

The program moves the cursor to the second row in the result set (line 29), updates two columns in this row (lines 30–31), and invokes the **updateRow()** method to update the row in the underlying database (line 32).

An updatable **ResultSet** object has a special row associated with it that serves as a staging area for building a row to be inserted. This special row is called the *insert row*. To insert a row, first invoke the **moveToInsertRow()** method to move the cursor to the insert row (line 36), then update the columns using the **updateXxx** method (lines 37–38), and finally insert the row using the **insertRow()** method (line 39). Invoking **moveToCurrentRow()** moves the cursor to the current inserted row (lines 40).

The program moves to the fourth row and invokes the **deleteRow()** method to delete the row from the database (lines 43–44).



### Note

Not all current drivers support scrollable and updatable result sets. The example is tested using Oracle ojdbc6 driver. You can use **supportsResultSetType(int type)** and **supportsResultSetConcurrency(int type, int concurrency)** in the **DatabaseMetaData** interface to find out which result type and concurrency modes are supported by the JDBC driver. But even if a driver supports the scrollable and updatable result set, a result set for a complex query might not be able to perform an update. For example, the result set for a query that involves several tables is likely not to support update operations.



### Note

The program may not work due to an issue in the Oracle JDBC driver if lines 22–23 are replaced by

```

ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery
("select * from StateCapital");

```



**35.4.1** What is a scrollable result set? What is an updatable result set?

**35.4.2** How do you create a scrollable and updatable **ResultSet**?

**35.4.3** How do you know whether a JDBC driver supports a scrollable and updatable **ResultSet**?

## 35.5 RowSet, JdbcRowSet, and CachedRowSet

The `RowSet` interface can be used to simplify database programming.



The `RowSet` interface extends `java.sql.ResultSet` with additional capabilities that allow a `RowSet` instance to be configured to connect to a JDBC url, username, and password, set an SQL command, execute the command, and retrieve the execution result. In essence, it combines `Connection`, `Statement`, and `ResultSet` into one interface.



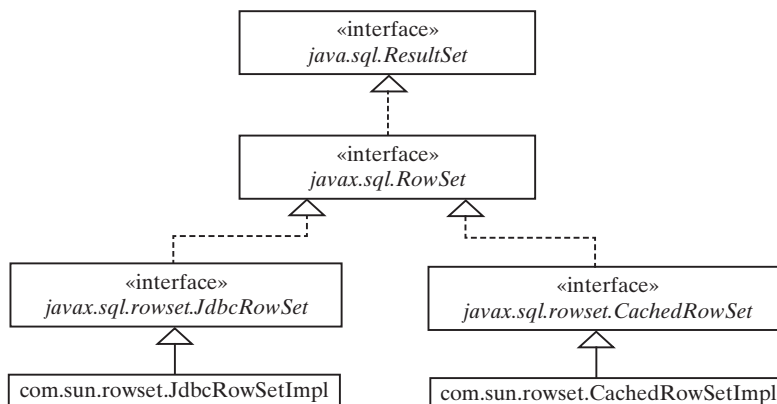
### Note

Not all JDBC drivers support `RowSet`. Currently, the JDBC-ODBC driver does not support all features of `RowSet`.

### 35.5.1 RowSet Basics

There are two types of `RowSet` objects: connected and disconnected. A *connected* `RowSet` object makes a connection with a data source and maintains that connection throughout its life cycle. A *disconnected* `RowSet` object makes a connection with a data source, executes a query to get data from the data source, and then closes the connection. A *disconnected* rowset may make changes to its data while it is disconnected and then send the changes back to the original source of the data, but it must reestablish a connection to do so.

There are several versions of `RowSet`. Two frequently used are `JdbcRowSet` and `CachedRowSet`. Both are subinterfaces of `RowSet`. `JdbcRowSet` is connected, while `CachedRowSet` is disconnected. Also, `JdbcRowSet` is neither serializable nor cloneable, while `CachedRowSet` is both. The database vendors are free to provide concrete implementations for these interfaces. Oracle has provided the reference implementation `JdbcRowSetImpl` for `JdbcRowSet` and `CachedRowSetImpl` for `CachedRowSet`. Figure 35.3 shows the relationship of these components.



**FIGURE 35.3** The `JdbcRowSetImpl` and `CachedRowSetImpl` are concrete implementations of `RowSet`.

The `RowSet` interface contains the JavaBeans properties with getter and setter methods. You can use the setter methods to set a new url, username, password, and command for an SQL statement. Using a `RowSet`, Listing 34.1 can be simplified, as shown in Listing 35.4.

### LISTING 35.4 SimpleRowSet.java

```

1 import java.sql.SQLException;
2 import javax.sql.RowSet;
3 import com.sun.rowset.*;
4

```



```

5 public class SimpleRowSet {
6     public static void main(String[] args)
7         throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
8         // Load the JDBC driver
9         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
10        System.out.println("Driver loaded");
11
12        // Create a row set
13        RowSet rowSet = new JdbcRowSetImpl();
14
15        // Set RowSet properties
16        rowSet.setUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook");
17        rowSet.setUsername("scott");
18        rowSet.setPassword("tiger");
19        rowSet.setCommand("select firstName, mi, lastName " +
20            "from Student where lastName = 'Smith'");
21        rowSet.execute();
22
23        // Iterate through the result and print the student names
24        while (rowSet.next())
25            System.out.println(rowSet.getString(1) + "\t" +
26                rowSet.getString(2) + "\t" + rowSet.getString(3));
27
28        // Close the connection
29        rowSet.close();
30    }
31 }

```

Line 13 creates a `RowSet` object using `JdbcRowSetImpl`. The program uses the `RowSet`'s `set` method to set a URL, username, and password (lines 16–18) and a command for a query statement (line 19). Line 24 executes the command in the `RowSet`. The methods `next()` and `getString(int)` for processing the query result (lines 25–26) are inherited from `ResultSet`.

If you replace `JdbcRowSet` with `CachedRowSet` in line 13, the program will work just fine. Note, the JDBC-ODBC driver supports `JdbcRowSetImpl`, but not `CachedRowSetImpl`.



### Tip

Since `RowSet` is a subinterface of `ResultSet`, all the methods in `ResultSet` can be used in `RowSet`. For example, you can obtain `ResultSetMetaData` from a `RowSet` using the `getMetaData()` method.

## 35.5.2 RowSet for PreparedStatement

The discussion in §34.5, “PreparedStatement,” introduced processing parameterized SQL statements using the `PreparedStatement` interface. `RowSet` has the capability to support parameterized SQL statements. The `set` methods for setting parameter values in `PreparedStatement` are implemented in `RowSet`. You can use these methods to set parameter values for a parameterized SQL command. Listing 35.5 demonstrates how to use a parameterized statement in `RowSet`. Line 19 sets an SQL query statement with two parameters for `lastName` and `mi` in a `RowSet`. Since these two parameters are strings, the `setString` method is used to set actual values in lines 21–22.

### LISTING 35.5 RowSetPreparedStatement.java

```

1 import java.sql.*;
2 import javax.sql.RowSet;
3 import com.sun.rowset.*;
4

```

```

5 public class RowSetPreparedStatement {
6     public static void main(String[] args)
7         throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
8         // Load the JDBC driver
9         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
10        System.out.println("Driver loaded");
11
12        // Create a row set
13        RowSet rowSet = new JdbcRowSetImpl();
14
15        // Set RowSet properties
16        rowSet.setUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook");
17        rowSet.setUsername("scott");
18        rowSet.setPassword("tiger");
19        rowSet.setCommand("select * from Student where lastName = ? " +
20            "and mi = ?");
21        rowSet.setString(1, "Smith");
22        rowSet.setString(2, "R");
23        rowSet.execute();
24
25        ResultSetMetaData rsMetaData = rowSet.getMetaData();
26        for (int i = 1; i <= rsMetaData.getColumnCount(); i++)
27            System.out.printf("%-12s\t", rsMetaData.getColumnName(i));
28        System.out.println();
29
30        // Iterate through the result and print the student names
31        while (rowSet.next()) {
32            for (int i = 1; i <= rsMetaData.getColumnCount(); i++)
33                System.out.printf("%-12s\t", rowSet.getObject(i));
34            System.out.println();
35        }
36
37        // Close the connection
38        rowSet.close();
39    }
40 }

```

### 35.5.3 Scrolling and Updating RowSet

By default, a **ResultSet** object is neither scrollable nor updatable. However, a **RowSet** object is both. It is easier to scroll and update a database through a **RowSet** than through a **ResultSet**. Listing 35.6 rewrites Listing 35.3 using a **RowSet**. You can use methods such as **absolute(int)** to move the cursor and methods such as **delete()**, **updateRow()**, and **insertRow()** to update the database.

#### LISTING 35.6 ScrollUpdateRowSet.java

```

1 import java.sql.*;
2 import javax.sql.RowSet;
3 import com.sun.rowset.JdbcRowSetImpl;
4
5 public class ScrollUpdateRowSet {
6     public static void main(String[] args)
7         throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
8         // Load the JDBC driver
9         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
10        System.out.println("Driver loaded");
11

```

```

12     // Create a row set
13     RowSet rowSet = new JdbcRowSetImpl();
14
15     // Set RowSet properties
16     rowSet.setUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook");
17     rowSet.setUsername("scott");
18     rowSet.setPassword("tiger");
19     rowSet.setCommand("select state, capital from StateCapital");
20     rowSet.execute();
21
22     System.out.println("Before update ");
23     displayRowSet(rowSet);
24
25     // Update the second row
26     rowSet.absolute(2); // Move cursor to the 2nd row
27     rowSet.updateString("state", "New S"); // Update the column
28     rowSet.updateString("capital", "New C"); // Update the column
29     rowSet.updateRow(); // Update the row in the data source
30
31     // Insert after the second row
32     rowSet.last();
33     rowSet.moveToInsertRow(); // Move cursor to the insert row
34     rowSet.updateString("state", "Florida");
35     rowSet.updateString("capital", "Tallahassee");
36     rowSet.insertRow(); // Insert the row
37     rowSet.moveToCurrentRow(); // Move the cursor to the current row
38
39     // Delete fourth row
40     rowSet.absolute(4); // Move cursor to the fifth row
41     rowSet.deleteRow(); // Delete the second row
42
43     System.out.println("After update ");
44     displayRowSet(rowSet);
45
46     // Close the connection
47     rowSet.close();
48 }
49
50 private static void displayRowSet(RowSet rowSet)
51     throws SQLException {
52     ResultSetMetaData rsMetaData = rowSet.getMetaData();
53     rowSet.beforeFirst();
54     while (rowSet.next()) {
55         for (int i = 1; i <= rsMetaData.getColumnCount(); i++)
56             System.out.printf("%-12s\t", rowSet.getObject(i));
57         System.out.println();
58     }
59 }
60 }

```

If you replace `JdbcRowSet` with `CachedRowSet` in line 13, the database is not changed. To make the changes on the `CachedRowSet` effective in the database, you must invoke the `acceptChanges()` method after you make all the changes, as follows:

```

// Write changes back to the database
((com.sun.rowset.CachedRowSetImpl)rowSet).acceptChanges();

```

This method automatically reconnects to the database and writes all the changes back to the database.

### 35.5.4 RowSetEvent

A **RowSet** object fires a **RowSetEvent** whenever the object's cursor has moved, a row has changed, or the entire row set has changed. This event can be used to synchronize a **RowSet** with the components that rely on the **RowSet**. For example, a visual component that displays the contents of a **RowSet** should be synchronized with the **RowSet**. The **RowSetEvent** can be used to achieve synchronization. The handlers in **RowSetListener** are **cursorMoved(RowSetEvent)**, **rowChanged(RowSetEvent)**, and **cursorSetChanged(RowSetEvent)**.

Listing 35.7 gives an example that demonstrates **RowSetEvent**. A listener for **RowSetEvent** is registered in lines 14–26. When **rowSet.execute()** (line 33) is executed, the entire row set is changed, so the listener's **rowSetChanged** handler is invoked. When **rowSet.last()** (line 35) is executed, the cursor is moved, so the listener's **cursorMoved** handler is invoked. When **rowSet.updateRow()** (line 37) is executed, the row is updated, so the listener's **rowChanged** handler is invoked.

#### LISTING 35.7 TestRowSetEvent.java

```

1  import java.sql.*;
2  import javax.sql.*;
3  import com.sun.rowset.*;
4
5  public class TestRowSetEvent {
6      public static void main(String[] args)
7          throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
8          // Load the JDBC driver
9          Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
10         System.out.println("Driver loaded");
11
12         // Create a row set
13         RowSet rowSet = new JdbcRowSetImpl();
14         rowSet.addRowSetListener(new RowSetListener() {
15             public void cursorMoved(RowSetEvent e) {
16                 System.out.println("Cursor moved");
17             }
18
19             public void rowChanged(RowSetEvent e) {
20                 System.out.println("Row changed");
21             }
22
23             public void rowSetChanged(RowSetEvent e) {
24                 System.out.println("row set changed");
25             }
26         });
27
28         // Set RowSet properties
29         rowSet.setUrl("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook");
30         rowSet.setUsername("scott");
31         rowSet.setPassword("tiger");
32         rowSet.setCommand("select * from Student");
33         rowSet.execute();
34
35         rowSet.last(); // Cursor moved
36         rowSet.updateString("lastName", "Yao"); // Update column
37         rowSet.updateRow(); // Row updated
38
39         // Close the connection
40         rowSet.close();
41     }
42 }
```



- 35.5.1** What are the advantages of **RowSet**?
- 35.5.2** What are **JdbcRowSet** and **CachedRowSet**? What are the differences between them?
- 35.5.3** How do you create a **JdbcRowSet** and a **CachedRowSet**?
- 35.5.4** Can you scroll and update a **RowSet**? What method must be invoked to write the changes in a **CachedRowSet** to the database?
- 35.5.5** Describe the handlers in **RowSetListener**.



## 35.6 Storing and Retrieving Images in JDBC

*You can store and retrieve images using JDBC.*

A database can store not only numbers and strings, but also images. SQL3 introduced a new data type called BLOB (*Binary Large Object*) for storing binary data, which can be used to store images. Another new SQL3 type is CLOB (*Character Large Object*) for storing a large text in the character format. JDBC introduced the interfaces `java.sql.Blob` and `java.sql.Clob` to support mapping for these new SQL types. You can use `getBlob`, `setBinaryStream`, `getClob`, `setBlob`, and `setClob`, to access SQL BLOB and CLOB values in the interfaces `ResultSet` and `PreparedStatement`.

To store an image into a cell in a table, the corresponding column for the cell must be of the BLOB type. For example, the following SQL statement creates a table whose type for the flag column is BLOB:

```
create table Country(name varchar(30), flag blob,
description varchar(255));
```

In the preceding statement, the `description` column is limited to 255 characters, which is the upper limit for MySQL. For Oracle, the upper limit is 32,672 bytes. For a large character field, you can use the CLOB type for Oracle, which can store up to two GB of characters. MySQL does not support CLOB. However, you can use BLOB to store a long string and convert binary data into characters.



### Note

MS Access database does not support the BLOB and CLOB types.

To insert a record with images to a table, define a prepared statement like this one:

```
PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement(
    "insert into Country values(?, ?, ?)");
```

Images are usually stored in files. You may first get an instance of `InputStream` for an image file then use the `setBinaryStream` method to associate the input stream with a cell in the table, as follows:

```
// Store image to the table cell
File file = new File(imageFilename);
InputStream inputImage = new FileInputStream(file);
pstmt.setBinaryStream(2, inputImage, (int)(file.length()));
```

To retrieve an image from a table, use the `getBlob` method, as shown below:

```
// Store image to the table cell
Blob blob = rs.getBlob(1);
ImageIcon imageIcon = new ImageIcon(
    blob.getBytes(1, (int)blob.length()));
```

Listing 35.8 gives a program that demonstrates how to store and retrieve images in JDBC. The program first creates the `Country` table and stores data to it. Then the program retrieves

the country names from the table and adds them to a combo box. When the user selects a name from the combo box, the country's flag and description are displayed, as shown in Figure 35.4.



**FIGURE 35.4** The program enables you to retrieve data, including images, from a table and displays them.

### LISTING 35.8 StoreAndRetrieveImage.java

```

1  import java.sql.*;
2  import java.io.*;
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.scene.Scene;
5  import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
6  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
7  import javafx.scene.image.Image;
8  import javafx.scene.image.ImageView;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
10 import javafx.stage.Stage;
11
12 public class StoreAndRetrieveImage extends Application {
13     // Connection to the database
14     private Connection connection;
15
16     // Statement for static SQL statements
17     private Statement stmt;
18
19     // Prepared statement
20     private PreparedStatement pstmt = null;
21     private DescriptionPane descriptionPane
22         = new DescriptionPane();
23
24     private ComboBox<String> cboCountry = new ComboBox<>();
25
26     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
27     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
28         try {
29             connectDB(); // Connect to DB
30             storeDataToTable(); //Store data to the table (including image)
31             fillDataInComboBox(); // Fill in combo box
32             retrieveFlagInfo(cboCountry.getSelectionModel().getSelectedItem());
33         }
34         catch (Exception ex) {
35             ex.printStackTrace();
36         }
37
38         BorderPane paneForComboBox = new BorderPane();
39         paneForComboBox.setLeft(new Label("Select a country: "));
40         paneForComboBox.setCenter(cboCountry);
41         cboCountry.setPrefWidth(400);
42         BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();

```

```

43     pane.setTop(paneForComboBox);
44     pane.setCenter(descriptionPane);
45
46     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 350, 150);
47     primaryStage.setTitle("StoreAndRetrieveImage");
48     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
49     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
50
51     cboCountry.setOnAction(e ->
52         retrieveFlagInfo(cboCountry.getValue()));
53 }
54
55 private void connectDB() throws Exception {
56     // Load the driver
57     Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
58     System.out.println("Driver loaded");
59
60     // Establish connection
61     connection = DriverManager.getConnection
62         ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
63     System.out.println("Database connected");
64
65     // Create a statement for static SQL
66     stmt = connection.createStatement();
67
68     // Create a prepared statement to retrieve flag and description
69     pstmt = connection.prepareStatement("select flag, description " +
70         "from Country where name = ?");
71 }
72
73 private void storeDataToTable() {
74     String[] countries = {"Canada", "UK", "USA", "Germany",
75         "Indian", "China"};
76
77     String[] imageFileNames = {"image/ca.gif", "image/uk.gif",
78         "image/us.gif", "image/germany.gif", "image/india.gif",
79         "image/china.gif"};
80
81     String[] descriptions = {"A text to describe Canadian " +
82         "flag is omitted", "British flag ...", "American flag ...",
83         "German flag ...", "Indian flag ...", "Chinese flag ..."};
84
85     try {
86         // Create a prepared statement to insert records
87         PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement(
88             "insert into Country values(?, ?, ?)");
89
90         // Store all predefined records
91         for (int i = 0; i < countries.length; i++) {
92             pstmt.setString(1, countries[i]);
93
94             // Store image to the table cell
95             java.net.URL url =
96                 this.getClass().getResource(imageFileNames[i]);
97             InputStream inputImage = url.openStream();
98             pstmt.setBinaryStream(2, inputImage,
99                 (int)(inputImage.available()));
100
101             pstmt.setString(3, descriptions[i]);
102             pstmt.executeUpdate();

```

```

103     }
104
105     System.out.println("Table Country populated");
106 }
107 catch (Exception ex) {
108     ex.printStackTrace();
109 }
110 }
111
112 private void fillDataInComboBox() throws Exception {
113     ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select name from Country");
114     while (rs.next()) {
115         cboCountry.getItems().add(rs.getString(1));
116     }
117     cboCountry.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
118 }
119
120 private void retrieveFlagInfo(String name) {
121     try {
122         pstmt.setString(1, name);
123         ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
124         if (rs.next()) {
125             Blob blob = rs.getBlob(1);
126             ByteArrayInputStream in = new ByteArrayInputStream
127                 (blob.getBytes(1, (int)blob.length()));
128             Image image = new Image(in);
129             ImageView imageView = new ImageView(image);
130             descriptionPane.setImageView(imageView);
131             descriptionPane.setTitle(name);
132             String description = rs.getString(2);
133             descriptionPane.setDescription(description);
134         }
135     }
136     catch (Exception ex) {
137         System.err.println(ex);
138     }
139 }
140 }

```

**DescriptionPane** (line 21) is a component for displaying a country (name, flag, and description). This component was presented in Listing 16.6, `DescriptionPane.java`.

The **storeDataToTable** method (lines 73–110) populates the table with data. The **fillDataInComboBox** method (lines 112–118) retrieves the country names and adds them to the combo box. The **retrieveFlagInfo(name)** method (lines 120–139) retrieves the flag and description for the specified country name.

**35.6.1** How do you store images into a database?

**35.6.2** How do you retrieve images from a database?

**35.6.3** Does Oracle support the SQL3 BLOB type and CLOB type? What about MySQL and Access?



## KEY TERMS

BLOB type	35-20	row set	35-15
CLOB type	35-20	scrollable result set	35-2
batch mode	35-2	updatable result set	35-11
cached row set	35-15		



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. This chapter developed a universal SQL client that can be used to access any local or remote relational database.
2. You can use the `addBatch(SQLString)` method to add SQL statements to a statement for batch processing.
3. You can create a statement to specify that the result set be scrollable and updatable. By default, the result set is neither of these.
4. The `RowSet` can be used to simplify Java database programming. A `RowSet` object is scrollable and updatable. A `RowSet` can fire a `RowSetEvent`.
5. You can store and retrieve image data in JDBC using the SQL BLOB type.



## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

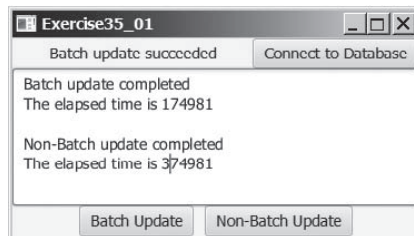
MyProgrammingLab™

## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

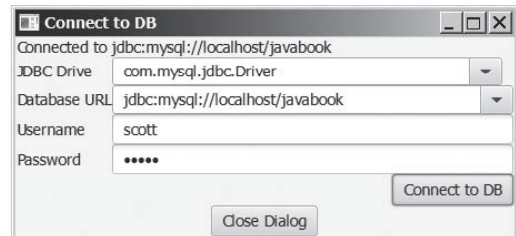
- \*35.1** (*Batch update*) Write a program that inserts a thousand records to a database, and compare the performance with and without batch updates, as shown in Figure 35.5a. Suppose the table is defined as follows:

```
create table Temp(num1 double, num2 double, num3 double)
```

Use the `Math.random()` method to generate random numbers for each record. Create a dialog box that contains `DBConnectionPanel`, discussed in Exercise 34.3. Use this dialog box to connect to the database. When you click the *Connect to Database* button in Figure 35.5a, the dialog box in Figure 35.5b is displayed.



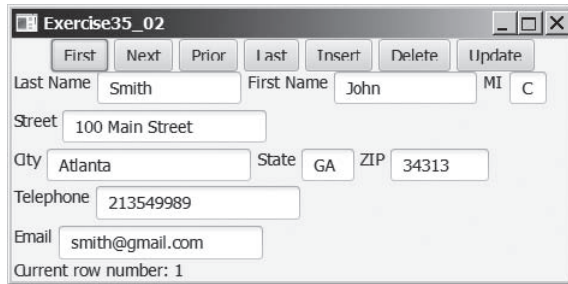
(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 35.5** The program demonstrates the performance improvements that result from using batch updates.

- \*\*35.2** (*Scrollable result set*) Write a program that uses the buttons *First*, *Next*, *Prior*, *Last*, *Insert*, *Delete*, and *Update*, and modify a single record in the *Address* table, as shown in Figure 35.6.

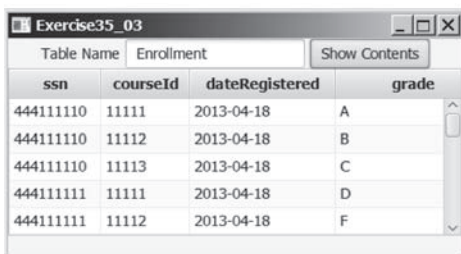


**FIGURE 35.6** You can use the buttons to display and modify a single record in the **Address** table.

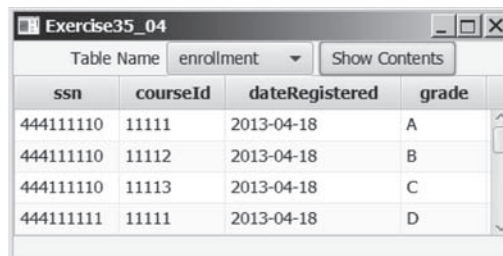
The **Address** table is defined as follows:

```
create table Address (
  firstname varchar(25),
  mi char(1),
  lastname varchar(25),
  street varchar(40),
  city varchar(20),
  state varchar(2),
  zip varchar(5),
  telephone varchar(10),
  email varchar(30),
  primary key (firstname, mi, lastname)
);
```

**\*35.3** (*Display table contents*) Write a program that displays the content for a given table. As shown in Figure 35.7a, you enter a table and click the *Show Contents* button to display the table contents in a table view.



(a)

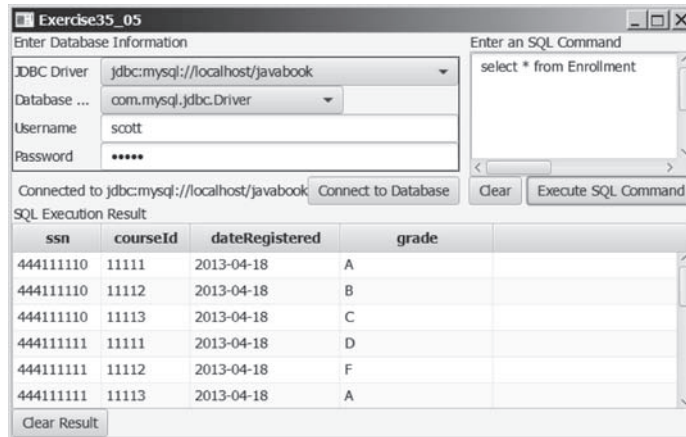


(b)

**FIGURE 35.7** (a) Enter a table name to display the table contents. (b) Select a table name from the combo box to display its contents.

**\*35.4** (*Find tables and showing their contents*) Write a program that fills in table names in a combo box, as shown in Figure 35.7b. You can select a table from the combo box to display its contents in a table view.

**\*\*35.5** (Revise *SQLClient.java*) Rewrite Listing 35.1, *SQLClient.java*, to display the query result in a **TableView**, as shown in Figure 35.8.



**FIGURE 35.8** The query result is displayed in a **TableView**.

**\*35.5** (Populate *Salary table*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 34.8 using a batch mode to improve performance.

# CHAPTER 36

## INTERNATIONALIZATION

### Objectives

- To describe Java's internationalization features (§36.1).
- To construct a locale with language, country, and variant (§36.2).
- To display date and time based on locale (§36.3).
- To display numbers, currencies, and percentages based on locale (§36.4).
- To develop applications for international audiences using resource bundles (§36.5).
- To specify encoding schemes for text I/O (§36.6).





## 36.1 Introduction

*This chapter introduces writing Java code for international audience.*

Many websites maintain several versions of webpages so that readers can choose one written in a language they understand. Because there are so many languages in the world, it would be highly problematic to create and maintain enough different versions to meet the needs of all clients everywhere. Java comes to the rescue. Java is the first language designed from the ground up to support internationalization. In consequence, it allows your programs to be customized for any number of countries or languages without requiring cumbersome changes in the code.

Here are the major Java features that support internationalization:

- Java characters use *Unicode*, a 16-bit encoding scheme established by the Unicode Consortium to support the interchange, processing, and display of written texts in the world's diverse languages. The use of Unicode encoding makes it easy to write Java programs that can manipulate strings in any international language. (To see all the Unicode characters, visit [mindprod.com/jgloss/reuters.html](http://mindprod.com/jgloss/reuters.html).)
- Java provides the `Locale` class to encapsulate information about a specific locale. A `Locale` object determines how locale-sensitive information, such as date, time, and number, is displayed, and how locale-sensitive operations, such as sorting strings, are performed. The classes for formatting date, time, and numbers, and for sorting strings are grouped in the `java.text` package.
- Java uses the `ResourceBundle` class to separate locale-specific information, such as status messages and GUI component labels, from the program. The information is stored outside the source code and can be accessed and loaded dynamically at runtime from a `ResourceBundle`, rather than hard-coded into the program.

In this chapter, you will learn how to format dates, numbers, currencies, and percentages for different regions, countries, and languages. You will also learn how to use resource bundles to define which images and strings are used by a component, depending on the user's locale and preferences.

## 36.2 The Locale Class



*The `Locale` class defines a locale: language and nation.*

A `Locale` object represents a geographical, political, or cultural region in which a specific language or custom is used. For example, Americans speak English, and the Chinese speak Chinese. The conventions for formatting dates, numbers, currencies, and percentages may differ from one country to another. The Chinese, for instance, use year/month/day to represent the date, while Americans use month/day/year. It is important to realize that locale is not defined only by country. For example, Canadians speak either Canadian English or Canadian French, depending on which region of Canada they reside in.

To create a `Locale` object, use one of the three constructors with a specified language and optional country and variant, as shown in Figure 36.1.

The `language` should be a valid language code—that is, one of the lowercase two-letter codes defined by ISO-639. For example, `zh` stands for Chinese, `da` for Danish, `en` for English, `de` for German, and `ko` for Korean. Table 36.1 lists the language codes.

The country should be a valid ISO country code—that is, one of the uppercase, two-letter codes defined by ISO-3166. For example, `CA` stands for Canada, `CN` for China, `DK` for Denmark, `DE` for Germany, and `US` for the United States. Table 36.2 lists the country codes.

The argument `variant` is rarely used and is needed only for exceptional or system-dependent situations to designate information specific to a browser or vendor. For example, the Norwegian language has two sets of spelling rules, a traditional one called *bokmål* and a new one called *nynorsk*. The locale for traditional spelling would be created as follows:

```
new Locale("no", "NO", "B");
```

<b>java.util.Locale</b>	
<pre> +Locale(language: String) +Locale(language: String, country: String) +Locale(language: String, country: String,   variant: String) +getCountry(): String +getLanguage(): String +getVariant(): String +getDefault(): Locale +getDisplayCountry(): String +getDisplayLanguage(): String +getDisplayName(): String  +getDisplayVariant(): String +getAvailableLocales(): Locale[] </pre>	<p>Constructs a locale from a language code.</p> <p>Constructs a locale from language and country codes.</p> <p>Constructs a locale from language, country, and variant codes.</p> <p>Returns the country/region code for this locale.</p> <p>Returns the language code for this locale.</p> <p>Returns the variant code for this locale.</p> <p>Gets the default locale on the machine.</p> <p>Returns the name of the country as expressed in the current locale.</p> <p>Returns the name of the language as expressed in the current locale.</p> <p>Returns the name for the locale. For example, the name is Chinese (China) for the locale <code>Locale.CHINA</code>.</p> <p>Returns the name for the locale's variant if it exists.</p> <p>Returns the available locales in an array.</p>

**FIGURE 36.1** The `Locale` class encapsulates a locale.

**TABLE 31.1** Common Language Codes

<i>Code</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Language</i>
da	Danish	ja	Japanese
de	German	ko	Korean
el	Greek	nl	Dutch
en	English	no	Norwegian
es	Spanish	pt	Portuguese
fi	Finnish	sv	Swedish
fr	French	tr	Turkish
it	Italian	zh	Chinese

**TABLE 31.2** Common Country Codes

<i>Code</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Country</i>
AT	Austria	IE	Ireland
BE	Belgium	HK	Hong Kong
CA	Canada	IT	Italy
CH	Switzerland	JP	Japan
CN	China	KR	Korea
DE	Germany	NL	Netherlands
DK	Denmark	NO	Norway
ES	Spain	PT	Portugal
FI	Finland	SE	Sweden
FR	France	TR	Turkey
GB	United Kingdom	TW	Taiwan
GR	Greece	US	United States

For convenience, the `Locale` class contains many predefined locale constants. `Locale.CANADA` is for the country Canada and language English; `Locale.CANADA_FRENCH` is for the country Canada and language French. Several other common constants are:

`Locale.US`, `Locale.UK`, `Locale.FRANCE`, `Locale.GERMANY`, `Locale.ITALY`,  
`Locale.CHINA`, `Locale.KOREA`, `Locale.JAPAN`, and `Locale.TAIWAN`

The `Locale` class also provides the following constants based on language:

`Locale.CHINESE`, `Locale.ENGLISH`, `Locale.FRENCH`, `Locale.GERMAN`,  
`Locale.ITALIAN`, `Locale.JAPANESE`, `Locale.KOREAN`,  
`Locale.SIMPLIFIED_CHINESE`, and `Locale.TRADITIONAL_CHINESE`



### Tip

You can invoke the static method `getAvailableLocales()` in the `Locale` class to obtain all the available locales supported in the system. For example,

```
Locale[] availableLocales = Calendar.getAvailableLocales();

returns all the locales in an array.
```



### Tip

Your machine has a default locale. You may override it by supplying the language and region parameters when you run the program, as follows:

```
java -Duser.language=zh -Duser.region=CN MainClass
```

An operation that requires a `Locale` to perform its task is called *locale sensitive*. Displaying a number such as a date or time, for example, is a locale-sensitive operation; the number should be formatted according to the customs and conventions of the user's locale. The sections that follow introduce locale-sensitive operations.



Check  
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- 36.2.1** How does Java support international characters in languages like Chinese and Arabic?
- 36.2.2** How do you construct a `Locale` object? How do you get all the available locales from a `Calendar` object?
- 36.2.3** How do you create a locale for the French-speaking region of Canada? How do you create a locale for the Netherlands?



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## 36.3 Displaying Date and Time

*The representation of date and time is dependent on locale.*

Applications often need to obtain date and time. Java provides a system-independent encapsulation of date and time in the `java.util.Date` class; it also provides `java.util.TimeZone` for dealing with time zones, and `java.util.Calendar` for extracting detailed information from `Date`. Different locales have different conventions for displaying date and time. Should the year, month, or day be displayed first? Should slashes, periods, or colons be used to separate fields of the date? What are the names of the months in the language? The `java.text.DateFormat` class can be used to format date and time in a locale-sensitive way for display to the user. The `Date` class was introduced in Section 9.6.1, “The `Date` Class,” and the `Calendar` class and its subclass `GregorianCalendar` were introduced in Section 13.4, “Case Study: `Calendar` and `GregorianCalendar`.”

### 36.3.1 The `TimeZone` Class

`TimeZone` represents a time zone offset and also figures out daylight savings. To get a `TimeZone` object for a specified time zone ID, use `TimeZone.getTimeZone(id)`. To set a time zone in a `Calendar` object, use the `setTimeZone` method with a time zone ID. For example, `cal.setTimeZone(TimeZone.getTimeZone("CST"))` sets the time zone to Central Standard Time. To find all the available time zones supported in Java, use the static method `getAvailableIDs()` in the `TimeZone` class. In general, the international time zone ID is a string in the form of continent/city like Europe/Berlin, Asia/Taipei, and America/Washington. You can also use the static method `getDefault()` in the `TimeZone` class to obtain the default time zone on the host machine.



### 36.3.2 The `DateFormat` Class

The `DateFormat` class can be used to format date and time in a number of styles. The `DateFormat` class supports several standard formatting styles. To format date and time, simply create an instance of `DateFormat` using one of the three static methods `getDateInstance`, `getTimeInstance`, and `getDateTimeInstance` and apply the `format(Date)` method on the instance, as shown in Figure 36.2.

<code>java.text.DateFormat</code>	
<pre>+format(date: Date): String +getDateInstance(): DateFormat +getDateInstance(dateStyle: int): DateFormat +getDateInstance(dateStyle: int, aLocale:   Locale): DateFormat +getDateTimeInstance(): DateFormat  +getDateTimeInstance(dateStyle: int,   timeStyle: int): DateFormat +getDateTimeInstance(dateStyle: int, timeStyle:   int, aLocale: Locale): DateFormat +getInstance(): DateFormat</pre>	<p>Formats a date into a date/time string.</p> <p>Gets the date formatter with the default formatting style for the default locale.</p> <p>Gets the date formatter with the given formatting style for the default locale.</p> <p>Gets the date formatter with the given formatting style for the given locale.</p> <p>Gets the date and time formatter with the default formatting style for the default locale.</p> <p>Gets the date and time formatter with the given date and time formatting styles for the default locale.</p> <p>Gets the date and time formatter with the given formatting styles for the given locale.</p> <p>Gets a default date and time formatter that uses the SHORT style for both the date and the time.</p>

**FIGURE 36.2** The `DateFormat` class formats date and time.

The `dateStyle` and `timeStyle` are one of the following constants: `DateFormat.SHORT`, `DateFormat.MEDIUM`, `DateFormat.LONG`, `DateFormat.FULL`. The exact result depends on the locale, but generally,

- **SHORT** is completely numeric, such as 7/24/98 (for date) and 4:49 PM (for time).
- **MEDIUM** is longer, such as 24-Jul-98 (for date) and 4:52:09 PM (for time).
- **LONG** is even longer, such as July 24, 1998 (for date) and 4:53:16 PM EST (for time).
- **FULL** is completely specified, such as Friday, July 24, 1998 (for date) and 4:54:13 o'clock PM EST (for time).

The statements given below display current time with a specified time zone (CST), formatting style (full date and full time), and locale (US).

```
GregorianCalendar calendar = new GregorianCalendar();
DateFormat formatter = DateFormat.getDateTimeInstance(
    DateFormat.FULL, DateFormat.FULL, Locale.US);
TimeZone timeZone = TimeZone.getTimeZone("CST");
formatter.setTimeZone(timeZone);
System.out.println("The local time is " +
    formatter.format(calendar.getTime()));
```

### 36.3.3 The `SimpleDateFormat` Class

The date and time formatting subclass, `SimpleDateFormat`, enables you to choose any user-defined pattern for date and time formatting. The constructor shown below can be used to create a `SimpleDateFormat` object, and the object can be used to convert a `Date` object into a string with the desired format.

```
public SimpleDateFormat(String pattern)
```



The parameter **pattern** is a string consisting of characters with special meanings. For example, **y** means year, **M** means month, **d** means day of the month, **G** is for era designator, **h** means hour, **m** means minute of the hour, **s** means second of the minute, and **z** means time zone. Therefore, the following code will display a string like “Current time is 1997.11.12 AD at 04:10:18 PST” because the pattern is “yyyy.MM.dd G ‘at’ hh:mm:ss z”.

```
SimpleDateFormat formatter
    = new SimpleDateFormat("yyyy.MM.dd G 'at' hh:mm:ss z");
date currentTime = new Date();
String dateString = formatter.format(currentTime);
System.out.println("Current time is " + dateString);
```

### 36.3.4 The `DateFormatSymbols` Class

The `DateFormatSymbols` class encapsulates localizable date-time formatting data, such as the names of the months and the names of the days of the week, as shown in Figure 36.3.

For example, the following statement displays the month names and weekday names for the default locale:

```
DateFormatSymbols symbols = new DateFormatSymbols();
String[] monthNames = symbols.getMonths();
for (int i = 0; i < monthNames.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(monthNames[i]); // Display January, ...
}

String[] weekdayNames = symbols.getWeekdays();
for (int i = 0; i < weekdayNames.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(weekdayNames[i]); // Display Sunday, Monday, ...
}
```

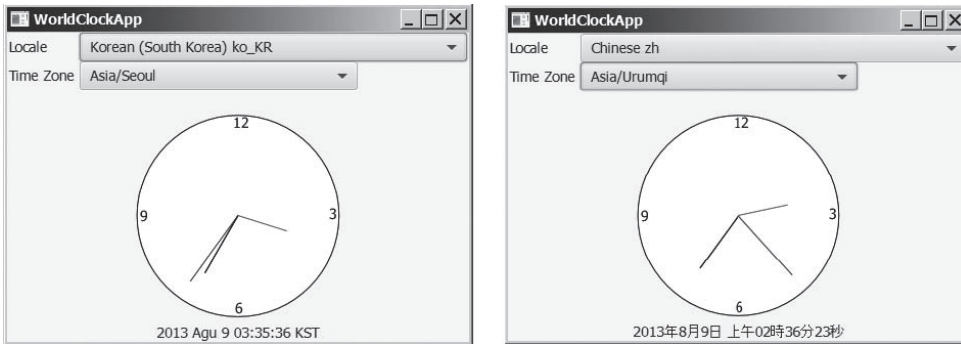
java.text.DateFormatSymbols	
<pre>+DateFormatSymbols() +DateFormatSymbols(Locale locale) +getAmPmStrings(): String[] +getEras(): String[] +getMonths(): String[] +setMonths(newMonths: String[]): void +getShortMonths(): String[] +setShortMonths(newShortMonths: String[]): void +getWeekdays(): String[] +setWeekdays(newWeekdays: String[]): void +getShortWeekdays(): String[] +setShortWeekdays(newWeekdays: String[]): void</pre>	<p>Constructs a <code>DateFormatSymbols</code> object for the default locale.</p> <p>Constructs a <code>DateFormatSymbols</code> object for the given locale.</p> <p>Gets AM/PM strings. For example: "AM" and "PM".</p> <p>Gets era strings. For example: "AD" and "BC".</p> <p>Gets month strings. For example: "January", "February", etc.</p> <p>Sets month strings for this locale.</p> <p>Gets short month strings. For example: "Jan", "Feb", etc.</p> <p>Sets short month strings for this locale.</p> <p>Gets weekday strings. For example: "Sunday", "Monday", etc.</p> <p>Sets weekday strings.</p> <p>Gets short weekday strings. For example: "Sun", "Mon", etc.</p> <p>Sets short weekday strings. For example: "Sun", "Mon", etc.</p>

**FIGURE 36.3** The `DateFormatSymbols` class encapsulates localizable date-time formatting data.

The following two examples demonstrate how to display date, time, and calendar based on locale. The first example creates a clock and displays date and time in locale-sensitive format. The second example displays several different calendars with the names of the days shown in the appropriate local language.

### 36.3.5 Example: Displaying an International Clock

Write a program that displays a clock to show the current time based on the specified locale and time zone. The locale and time zone are selected from the combo boxes that contain the available locales and time zones in the system, as shown in Figure 36.4.

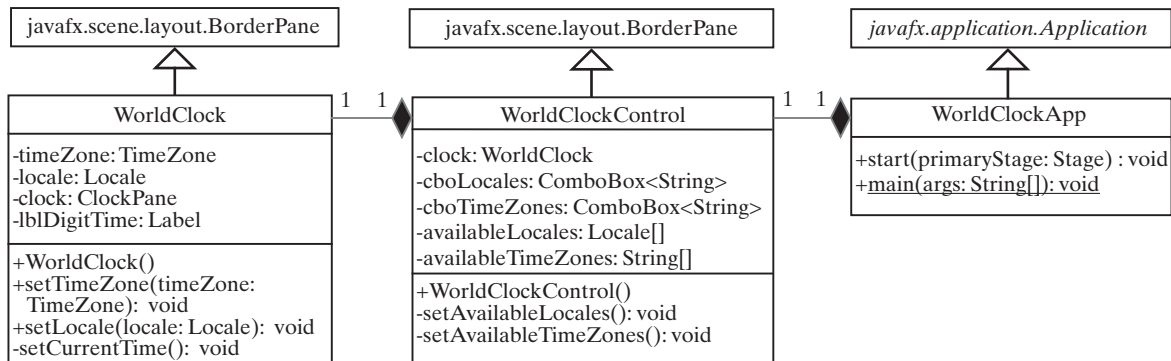


**FIGURE 36.4** The program displays a clock that shows the current time with the specified locale and time zone.

Here are the major steps in the program:

1. Create a subclass of `BorderPane` named `WorldClock` (see Listing 36.1) to contain an instance of the `ClockPane` class (developed in Listing 14.21, `ClockPane.java`), and place it in the center. Create a `Label` to display the digit time, and place it in the bottom. Use the `GregorianCalendar` class to obtain the current time for a specific locale and time zone.
2. Create a subclass of `BorderPane` named `WorldClockControl` (see Listing 36.2) to contain an instance of `WorldClock` and two instances of `ComboBox` for selecting locales and time zones.
3. Create an application named `WorldClockApp` (see Listing 36.3) to display an instance of `WorldClockControl`.

The relationship among these classes is shown in Figure 36.5.



**FIGURE 36.5** `WorldClockApp` contains `WorldClockControl`, and `WorldClockControl` contains `WorldClock`.

### LISTING 36.1 `WorldClock.java`

```

1 import java.util.Calendar;
2 import java.util.TimeZone;
3 import java.util.GregorianCalendar;
4 import java.text.*;
5 import java.util.Locale;
6 import javafx.animation.KeyFrame;
7 import javafx.animation.Timeline;
8 import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
9 import javafx.event.EventHandler;
10 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
11 import javafx.scene.control.Label;

```

```

12 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
13 import javafx.util.Duration;
14
15 public class WorldClock extends BorderPane {
16     private TimeZone timeZone = TimeZone.getTimeZone("EST");
17     private Locale locale = Locale.getDefault();
18     private ClockPane clock = new ClockPane(); // Still clock
19     private Label lblDigitTime = new Label();
20
21     public WorldClock() {
22         setCenter(clock);
23         setBottom(lblDigitTime);
24         BorderPane.setAlignment(lblDigitTime, Pos.CENTER);
25
26         EventHandler<ActionEvent> eventHandler = e -> {
27             setCurrentTime(); // Set a new clock time
28         };
29
30         // Create an animation for a running clock
31         Timeline animation = new Timeline(
32             new KeyFrame(Duration.millis(1000), eventHandler));
33         animation.setCycleCount(Timeline.INDEFINITE);
34         animation.play(); // Start animation
35
36         // Resize the clock
37         widthProperty().addListener(ov -> clock.setWidth(getWidth()));
38         heightProperty().addListener(ov -> clock.setHeight(getHeight()));
39     }
40
41     public void setTimeZone(TimeZone timeZone) {
42         this.timeZone = timeZone;
43     }
44
45     public void setLocale(Locale locale) {
46         this.locale = locale;
47     }
48
49     private void setCurrentTime() {
50         Calendar calendar = new GregorianCalendar(timeZone, locale);
51         clock.setHour(calendar.get(Calendar.HOUR));
52         clock.setMinute(calendar.get(Calendar.MINUTE));
53         clock.setSecond(calendar.get(Calendar.SECOND));
54
55         // Display digit time on the label
56         DateFormat formatter = DateFormat.getDateInstance
57             (DateFormat.MEDIUM, DateFormat.LONG, locale);
58         formatter.setTimeZone(timeZone);
59         lblDigitTime.setText(formatter.format(calendar.getTime()));
60     }
61 }

```

### LISTING 36.2 WorldClockControl.java

```

1 import java.util.*;
2 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
3 import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
4 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
5 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
6 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
7
8 public class WorldClockControl extends BorderPane {

```

```

 9 // Obtain all available locales and time zone ids
10 private Locale[] availableLocales = Locale.getAvailableLocales();
11 private String[] availableTimeZones = TimeZone.getAvailableIDs();
12
13 // Comboboxes to display available locales and time zones
14 private ComboBox<String> cboLocales = new ComboBox<>();
15 private ComboBox<String> cboTimeZones = new ComboBox<>();
16
17 // Create a clock
18 private WorldClock clock = new WorldClock();
19
20 public WorldClockControl() {
21     // Initialize cboLocales with all available locales
22     setAvailableLocales();
23
24     // Initialize cboTimeZones with all available time zones
25     setAvailableTimeZones();
26
27     // Initialize locale and time zone
28     clock.setLocale(
29         availableLocales[cboLocales.getSelectionModel()
30             .getSelectedIndex()]);
31     clock.setTimeZone(TimeZone.getTimeZone(
32         availableTimeZones[cboTimeZones.getSelectionModel()
33             .getSelectedIndex()]));
34
35     GridPane pane = new GridPane();
36     pane.setHgap(5);
37     pane.add(new Label("Locale"), 0, 0);
38     pane.add(new Label("Time Zone"), 0, 1);
39     pane.add(cboLocales, 1, 0);
40     pane.add(cboTimeZones, 1, 1);
41
42     setTop(pane);
43     setCenter(clock);
44     BorderPane.setAlignment(pane, Pos.CENTER);
45     BorderPane.setAlignment(clock, Pos.CENTER);
46
47     cboLocales.setOnAction(e ->
48         clock.setLocale(availableLocales[cboLocales.
49             getSelectionMode().getSelectedIndex()]));
50     cboTimeZones.setOnAction(e ->
51         clock.setTimeZone(TimeZone.getTimeZone(
52             availableTimeZones[cboTimeZones.
53                 getSelectionMode().getSelectedIndex()]));
54 }
55
56 private void setAvailableLocales() {
57     for (int i = 0; i < availableLocales.length; i++)
58         cboLocales.getItems().add(availableLocales[i]
59             .getDisplayName() + " " + availableLocales[i].toString());
60
61     cboLocales.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
62 }
63
64 private void setAvailableTimeZones() {
65     // Sort time zones
66     Arrays.sort(availableTimeZones);
67     for (int i = 0; i < availableTimeZones.length; i++) {
68         cboTimeZones.getItems().add(availableTimeZones[i]);
69     }

```

```

70     cboTimeZones.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
71     }
72 }

```

### LISTING 36.3 WorldClockApp.java

```

1 import javafx.application.Application;
2 import javafx.scene.Scene;
3 import javafx.stage.Stage;
4
5 public class WorldClockApp extends Application {
6     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
7     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
8         // Create a scene and place it in the stage
9         Scene scene = new Scene(new WorldClockControl(), 450, 350);
10        primaryStage.setTitle("WorldClockApp"); // Set the stage title
11        primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
12        primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
13    }
14 }

```

The `WorldClock` class creates an instance of `CLockPane` (line 18) and places it in the center of the border pane (line 22). The `setCurrentTime()` method uses `GregorianCalendar` to obtain a `Calendar` object for the specified locale and time zone (line 50). The clock time is updated every one second using the current `Calendar` object in lines 51–53.

An instance of `DateFormat` is created (lines 56–57) and is used to format the date in accordance with the locale (line 59).

The `WorldClockControl` class contains an instance of `WorldClock` and two combo boxes. The combo boxes store all the available locales and time zones (lines 56–71). The newly selected locale and time zone are set in the clock (lines 47–53) and used to display a new time based on the current locale and time zone.

### 36.3.6 Example: Displaying a Calendar

Write a program that displays a calendar based on the specified locale, as shown in Figure 36.6. The user can specify a locale from a combo box that consists of a list of all the available locales supported by the system. When the program starts, the calendar for the current month of the year is displayed. The user can use the *Prior* and *Next* buttons to browse the calendar.

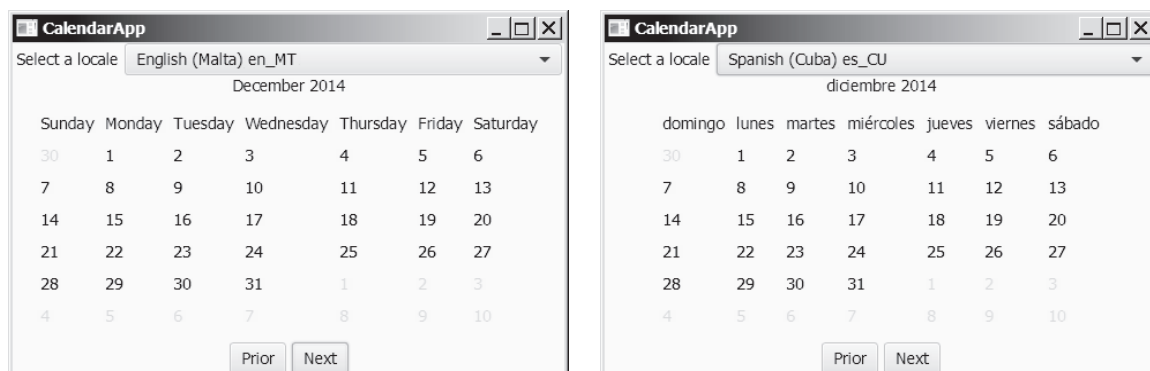


FIGURE 36.6 The calendar program displays a calendar with a specified locale.

Here are the major steps in the program:

1. Define a subclass of `BorderPane` named `CalendarPane` (see Listing 36.4) to display the calendar for the given year and month based on the specified locale.

- Define an application named `CalendarApp` (Listing 36.5). Create a pane to hold an instance of `CalendarPane` in the center, two buttons, `Prior` and `Next` in the bottom, and a combo box in the top of the pane. The relationships among these classes are shown in Figure 36.7.

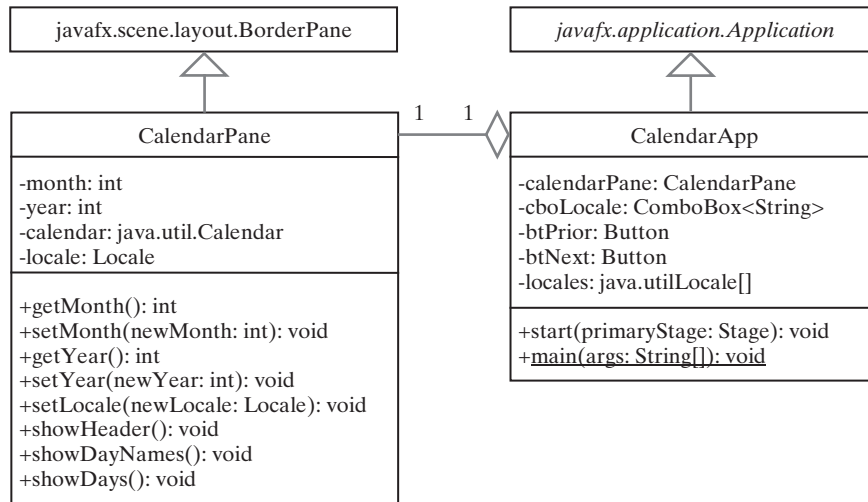


FIGURE 36.7 `CalendarApp` contains `CalendarPane`.

### LISTING 36.4 `CalendarPane.java`

```

1  import java.text.DateFormatSymbols;
2  import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
3  import java.util.Calendar;
4  import java.util.GregorianCalendar;
5  import java.util.Locale;
6  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
8  import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
10 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
11 import javafx.scene.text.TextAlignment;
12
13 public class CalendarPane extends BorderPane {
14     // The header label
15     private Label lblHeader = new Label();
16
17     // Maximum number of labels to display day names and days
18     private Label[] lblDay = new Label[49];
19
20     private Calendar calendar;
21     private int month; // The specified month
22     private int year; // The specified year
23     private Locale locale = Locale.CHINA;
24
25     public CalendarPane() {
26         // Create labels for displaying days
27         for (int i = 0; i < 49; i++) {
28             lblDay[i] = new Label();
29             lblDay[i].setTextAlignment(TextAlignment.RIGHT);

```

```

30     }
31
32     showDayNames(); // Display day names for the locale
33
34     GridPane dayPane = new GridPane();
35     dayPane.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
36
37     dayPane.setHgap(10);
38     dayPane.setVgap(10);
39     for (int i = 0; i < 49; i++) {
40         dayPane.add(lblDay[i], i % 7, i / 7);
41     }
42
43     // Place header and calendar body in the pane
44     this.setTop(lblHeader);
45     BorderPane.setAlignment(lblHeader, Pos.CENTER);
46     this.setCenter(dayPane);
47
48     // Set current month and year
49     calendar = new GregorianCalendar();
50     month = calendar.get(Calendar.MONTH);
51     year = calendar.get(Calendar.YEAR);
52     updateCalendar();
53
54     // Show calendar
55     showHeader();
56     showDays();
57 }
58
59 /** Update the day names based on locale */
60 private void showDayNames() {
61     DateFormatSymbols dfs = new DateFormatSymbols(locale);
62     String dayNames[] = dfs.getWeekdays();
63
64     // jlblDay[0], jlblDay[1], ..., jlblDay[6] for day names
65     for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {
66         lblDay[i].setText(dayNames[i + 1]);
67     }
68 }
69
70 /** Update the header based on locale */
71 private void showHeader() {
72     SimpleDateFormat sdf =
73         new SimpleDateFormat("MMMM yyyy", locale);
74     String header = sdf.format(calendar.getTime());
75     lblHeader.setText(header);
76 }
77
78 public void showDays() {
79     // Get the day of the first day in a month
80     int startingDayOfMonth = calendar.get(Calendar.DAY_OF_WEEK);
81
82     // Fill the calendar with the days before this month
83     Calendar cloneCalendar = (Calendar) calendar.clone();
84     cloneCalendar.add(Calendar.DATE, -1); // Becomes preceding month
85     int daysInPrecedingMonth = cloneCalendar.getActualMaximum(
86         Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH);
87
88     for (int i = 0; i < startingDayOfMonth - 1; i++) {
89         lblDay[i + 7].setTextFill(Color.LIGHTGRAY);

```

```

90     lblDay[i + 7].setText(daysInPrecedingMonth
91         - startingDayOfMonth + 2 + i + "");
92 }
93
94 // Display days of this month
95 int daysInCurrentMonth = calendar.getActualMaximum(
96     Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH);
97 for (int i = 1; i <= daysInCurrentMonth; i++) {
98     lblDay[i - 2 + startingDayOfMonth + 7].setTextFill(Color.BLACK);
99     lblDay[i - 2 + startingDayOfMonth + 7].setText(i + "");
100 }
101
102 // Fill the calendar with the days after this month
103 int j = 1;
104 for (int i = daysInCurrentMonth - 1 + startingDayOfMonth + 7;
105     i < 49; i++) {
106     lblDay[i].setTextFill(Color.LIGHTGRAY);
107     lblDay[i].setText(j++ + "");
108 }
109 }
110
111 /** Set the calendar to the first day of the
112  * specified month and year
113  */
114 public void updateCalendar() {
115     calendar.set(Calendar.YEAR, year);
116     calendar.set(Calendar.MONTH, month);
117     calendar.set(Calendar.DATE, 1);
118 }
119
120 public int getMonth() {
121     return month;
122 }
123
124 public void setMonth(int newMonth) {
125     month = newMonth;
126     updateCalendar();
127     showHeader();
128     showDays();
129 }
130
131 public int getYear() {
132     return year;
133 }
134
135 public void setYear(int newYear) {
136     year = newYear;
137     updateCalendar();
138     showHeader();
139     showDays();
140 }
141
142 public void setLocale(Locale locale) {
143     this.locale = locale;
144     updateCalendar();
145     showDayNames();
146     showHeader();
147     showDays();
148 }
149 }

```



`CalendarPane` is created to control and display the calendar. It displays the month and year in the header, and the day names and days in the calendar body. The header and day names are locale sensitive.

The `showHeader` method (lines 71–76) displays the calendar title in a form like “MMMM yyyy”. The `SimpleDateFormat` class used in the `showHeader` method is a subclass of `DateFormat`. `SimpleDateFormat` allows you to customize the date format to display the date in various nonstandard styles.

The `showDayNames` method (lines 60–68) displays the day names in the calendar. The `DateFormatSymbols` class used in the `showDayNames` method is a class for encapsulating localizable date-time formatting data, such as the names of the months, the names of the days of the week, and the time-zone data. The `getWeekdays` method is used to get an array of day names.

The `showDays` method (lines 60–68) displays the days for the specified month of the year. As you can see in Figure 36.6, the labels before the current month are filled with the last few days of the preceding month, and the labels after the current month are filled with the first few days of the next month.

To fill the calendar with the days before the current month, a clone of `calendar`, named `cloneCalendar`, is created to obtain the days for the preceding month (line 83). `cloneCalendar` is a copy of `calendar` with separate memory space. Thus you can change the properties of `cloneCalendar` without corrupting the `calendar` object. The `clone()` method is defined in the `Object` class, which was introduced in Section 13.7, “The `Cloneable` Interface.” You can clone any object as long as its defining class implements the `Cloneable` interface. The `Calendar` class implements `Cloneable`.

The `cloneCalendar.getActualMaximum(Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH)` method (lines 95–96) returns the number of days in the month for the specified calendar.

### LISTING 36.5 CalendarApp.java

```

1  import java.util.Locale;
2  import javafx.application.Application;
3  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
4  import javafx.scene.Scene;
5  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
6  import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
8  import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
10 import javafx.stage.Stage;
11
12 public class CalendarApp extends Application {
13     private CalendarPane calendarPane = new CalendarPane();
14     private Button btPrior = new Button("Prior");
15     private Button btNext = new Button("Next");
16     private ComboBox<String> cboLocales = new ComboBox<>();
17     private Locale[] availableLocales = Locale.getAvailableLocales();
18
19     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
20     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
21         HBox hBox = new HBox(5);
22         hBox.getChildren().addAll(btPrior, btNext);
23         hBox.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
24
25         // Initialize cboLocales with all available locales
26         setAvailableLocales();
27         HBox hBoxLocale = new HBox(5);
28         hBoxLocale.getChildren().addAll(
29             new Label("Select a locale"), cboLocales);
30
31         BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();

```

```

32     pane.setCenter(calendarPane);
33     pane.setTop(hBoxLocale);
34     hBoxLocale.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
35     pane.setBottom(hBox);
36     hBox.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
37
38     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
39     Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 600, 300);
40     primaryStage.setTitle("CalendarApp"); // Set the stage title
41     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
42     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
43
44     btPrior.setOnAction(e -> {
45         int currentMonth = calendarPane.getMonth();
46         if (currentMonth == 0) { // The previous month is 11 for Dec
47             calendarPane.setYear(calendarPane.getYear() - 1);
48             calendarPane.setMonth(11);
49         }
50         else {
51             calendarPane.setMonth((currentMonth - 1) % 12);
52         }
53     });
54
55     btNext.setOnAction(e -> {
56         int currentMonth = calendarPane.getMonth();
57         if (currentMonth == 11) // The next month is 0 for Jan
58             calendarPane.setYear(calendarPane.getYear() + 1);
59
60         calendarPane.setMonth((currentMonth + 1) % 12);
61     });
62
63     cboLocales.setOnAction(e ->
64         calendarPane.setLocale(availableLocales[cboLocales.
65             getSelectionMode().getSelectedIndex()]));
66 }
67
68 private void setAvailableLocales() {
69     for (int i = 0; i < availableLocales.length; i++)
70         cboLocales.getItems().add(availableLocales[i]
71             .getDisplayName() + " " + availableLocales[i].toString());
72
73     cboLocales.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
74 }
75 }

```

**CalendarApp** creates the user interface and handles the button actions and combo box item selections for locales. The `Locale.getAvailableLocales()` method (line 17) is used to find all the available locales that have calendars. Its `getDisplayName()` method returns the name of each locale and adds the name to the combo box (lines 70–71). When the user selects a locale name in the combo box, a new locale is passed to `calendarPane`, and a new calendar is displayed based on the new locale (lines 63–65).

- 36.3.1** How do you set the time zone “PST” for a `Calendar` object?
- 36.3.2** How do you display current date and time in German?
- 36.3.3** How do you use the `SimpleDateFormat` class to display date and time using the pattern “yyyy.MM.dd hh:mm:ss”?
- 36.3.4** In line 66 of Listing 36.2, `WorldClockControl.java`, `Arrays.sort(availableTimeZones)` is used to sort the available time zones. What happens if you attempt to sort the available locales using `Arrays.sort(availableLocales)`?





## 36.4 Formatting Numbers

*You can format numbers based on locales.*

Formatting numbers is highly locale dependent. For example, number 5000.555 is displayed as 5,000.555 in the United States, but as 5 000,555 in France and as 5.000,555 in Germany.

Numbers are formatted using the `java.text.NumberFormat` class, an abstract base class that provides the methods for formatting and parsing numbers, as shown in Figure 36.8.

<code>java.text.NumberFormat</code>	
<code>+getInstance(): NumberFormat</code>	Returns a default number format for the default locale.
<code>+getInstance(locale: Locale): NumberFormat</code>	Returns a default number format for the specified locale.
<code>+getIntegerInstance(): NumberFormat</code>	Returns an integer number format for the default locale.
<code>+getIntegerInstance(locale: Locale): NumberFormat</code>	Returns an integer number format for the specified locale.
<code>+getCurrencyInstance(): NumberFormat</code>	Returns a currency format for the current default locale.
<code>+getNumberInstance(): NumberFormat</code>	Same as <code>getInstance()</code> .
<code>+getNumberInstance(locale: Locale): NumberFormat</code>	Same as <code>getInstance(locale)</code> .
<code>+getPercentInstance(): NumberFormat</code>	Returns a percentage format for the default locale.
<code>+getPercentInstance(locale: Locale): NumberFormat</code>	Returns a percentage format for the specified locale.
<code>+format(number: double): String</code>	Formats a floating-point number.
<code>+format(number: long): String</code>	Formats an integer.
<code>+getMaximumFractionDigits(): int</code>	Returns the maximum number of allowed fraction digits.
<code>+setMaximumFractionDigits(newValue: int): void</code>	Sets the maximum number of allowed fraction digits.
<code>+getMinimumFractionDigits(): int</code>	Returns the minimum number of allowed fraction digits.
<code>+setMinimumFractionDigits(newValue: int): void</code>	Sets the minimum number of allowed fraction digits.
<code>+getMaximumIntegerDigits(): int</code>	Returns the maximum number of allowed integer digits in a fraction number.
<code>+setMaximumIntegerDigits(newValue: int): void</code>	Sets the maximum number of allowed integer digits in a fraction number.
<code>+getMinimumIntegerDigits(): int</code>	Returns the minimum number of allowed integer digits in a fraction number.
<code>+setMinimumIntegerDigits(newValue: int): void</code>	Sets the minimum number of allowed integer digits in a fraction number.
<code>+isGroupingUsed(): boolean</code>	Returns true if grouping is used in this format. For example, in the English locale, with grouping on, the number 1234567 is formatted as "1,234,567".
<code>+setGroupingUsed(newValue: boolean): void</code>	Sets whether or not grouping will be used in this format.
<code>+parse(source: String): Number</code>	Parses string into a number.
<code>+getAvailableLocales(): Locale[]</code>	Gets the set of locales for which NumberFormats are installed.

**FIGURE 36.8** The `NumberFormat` class provides the methods for formatting and parsing numbers.

With `NumberFormat`, you can format and parse numbers for any locale. Your code will be completely independent of locale conventions for decimal points, thousands-separators, currency format, and percentage formats.

### 36.4.1 Plain Number Format

You can get an instance of `NumberFormat` for the current locale using `NumberFormat.getInstance()` or `NumberFormat.getNumberInstance` and for the specified locale using `NumberFormat.getInstance(Locale)` or `NumberFormat.getNumberInstance(Locale)`.

You can then invoke `format(number)` on the `NumberFormat` instance to return a formatted number as a string.

For example, to display number 5000.555 in France, use the following code:

```
NumberFormat numberFormat = NumberFormat.getInstance(Locale.FRANCE);
System.out.println(numberFormat.format(5000.555));
```

You can control the display of numbers with such methods as `setMaximumFractionDigits` and `setMinimumFractionDigits`. For example, 5000.555 will be displayed as 5000.6 if you use `numberFormat.setMaximumFractionDigits(1)`.

## 36.4.2 Currency Format

To format a number as a currency value, use `NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance()` to get the currency number format for the current locale or `NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(Locale)` to get the currency number for the specified locale.

For example, to display number 5000.555 as currency in the United States, use the following code:

```
NumberFormat currencyFormat =
    NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(Locale.US);
System.out.println(currencyFormat.format(5000.555));
```

5000.555 is formatted into \$5,000.56. If the locale is set to France, the number will be formatted into 5,000.56 €.

## 36.4.3 Percent Format

To format a number in a percent, use `NumberFormat.getPercentInstance()` or `NumberFormat.getPercentInstance(Locale)` to get the percent number format for the current locale or the specified locale.

For example, to display number 0.555367 as a percent in the United States, use the following code:

```
NumberFormat percentFormat =
    NumberFormat.getPercentInstance(Locale.US);
System.out.println(percentFormat.format(0.555367));
```

0.555367 is formatted into 56%. By default, the format truncates the fraction part in a percent number. If you want to keep three digits after the decimal point, use `percentFormat.setMinimumFractionDigits(3)`. So 0.555367 would be displayed as 55.537%.

## 36.4.4 Parsing Numbers

You can format a number into a string using the `format(numericalValue)` method. You can also use the `parse(String)` method to convert a formatted plain number, currency value, or percent number with the conventions of a certain locale into an instance of `java.lang.Number`. The `parse` method throws a `java.text.ParseException` if parsing fails. For example, U.S. \$5,000.56 can be parsed into a number using the following statements:

```
NumberFormat currencyFormat =
    NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(Locale.US);
try {
    Number number = currencyFormat.parse("$5,000.56");
    System.out.println(number.doubleValue());
}
catch (java.text.ParseException ex) {
    System.out.println("Parse failed");
}
```

### 36.4.5 The `DecimalFormat` Class

If you want even more control over the format or parsing, cast the `NumberFormat` you get from the factory methods to a `java.text.DecimalFormat`, which is a subclass of `NumberFormat`. You can then use the `applyPattern(String pattern)` method of the `DecimalFormat` class to specify the patterns for displaying the number.

A pattern can specify the minimum number of digits before the decimal point and the maximum number of digits after the decimal point. The characters '0' and '#' are used to specify a required digit and an optional digit, respectively. The optional digit is not displayed if it is zero. For example, the pattern "00.0##" indicates minimum two digits before the decimal point and maximum three digits after the decimal point. If there are more actual digits before the decimal point, all of them are displayed. If there are more than three digits after the decimal point, the number of digits is rounded. Applying the pattern "00.0##", number 111.2226 is formatted to 111.223, number 1111.2226 to 1111.223, number 1.22 to 01.22, and number 1 to 01.0. Here is the code:

```
NumberFormat numberFormat = NumberFormat.getInstance(Locale.US);
DecimalFormat decimalFormat = (DecimalFormat)numberFormat;
decimalFormat.applyPattern("00.0##");
System.out.println(decimalFormat.format(111.2226));
System.out.println(decimalFormat.format(1111.2226));
System.out.println(decimalFormat.format(1.22));
System.out.println(decimalFormat.format(1));
```

The character '%' can be put at the end of a pattern to indicate that a number is formatted as a percentage. This causes the number to be multiplied by 100 and appends a percent sign %.

### 36.4.5 Example: Formatting Numbers

Create a loan calculator for computing loans. The calculator allows the user to choose locales, and displays numbers in accordance with locale-sensitive format. As shown in Figure 36.9, the user enters interest rate, number of years, and loan amount, then clicks the *Compute* button to display the interest rate in percentage format, the number of years in normal number format, and the loan amount, total payment, and monthly payment in currency format. Listing 36.6 gives the solution to the problem.

#### LISTING 36.6 `NumberFormatDemo.java`

```
1  import java.util.*;
2  import java.text.NumberFormat;
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
5  import javafx.scene.Scene;
6  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
7  import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
8  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
9  import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
13 import javafx.stage.Stage;
14
15 public class NumberFormatDemo extends Application {
16     // Combo box for selecting available locales
17     private ComboBox<String> cboLocale = new ComboBox<>();
18
19     // Text fields for interest rate, year, and loan amount
20     private TextField tfInterestRate = new TextField("6.75");
21     private TextField tfNumberOfYears = new TextField("15");
22     private TextField tfLoanAmount = new TextField("107000");
```

```

23 private TextField tfFormattedInterestRate = new TextField();
24 private TextField tfFormattedNumberOfYears = new TextField();
25 private TextField tfFormattedLoanAmount = new TextField();
26
27 // Text fields for monthly payment and total payment
28 private TextField tfTotalPayment = new TextField();
29 private TextField tfMonthlyPayment = new TextField();
30
31 // Compute button
32 private Button btCompute = new Button("Compute");
33
34 // Current locale
35 private Locale locale = Locale.getDefault();
36
37 // Declare locales to store available locales
38 private Locale locales[] = Calendar.getAvailableLocales();
39
40 /** Initialize the combo box */
41 public void initializeComboBox() {
42     // Add locale names to the combo box
43     for (int i = 0; i < locales.length; i++)
44         cboLocale.getItems().add(locales[i].getDisplayName());
45 }
46
47 @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
48 public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
49     initializeComboBox();
50
51     // Pane to hold the combo box for selecting locales
52     HBox hBox = new HBox(5);
53     hBox.getChildren().addAll(
54         new Label("Choose a Locale"), cboLocale);
55
56     // Pane to hold the input
57     GridPane gridPane = new GridPane();
58     gridPane.add(new Label("Interest Rate"), 0, 0);
59     gridPane.add(tfInterestRate, 1, 0);
60     gridPane.add(tfFormattedInterestRate, 2, 0);
61     gridPane.add(new Label("Number of Years"), 0, 1);
62     gridPane.add(tfNumberOfYears, 1, 1);
63     gridPane.add(tfFormattedNumberOfYears, 2, 1);
64     gridPane.add(new Label("Loan Amount"), 0, 2);
65     gridPane.add(tfLoanAmount, 1, 2);
66     gridPane.add(tfFormattedLoanAmount, 2, 2);
67
68     // Pane to hold the output
69     GridPane gridPaneOutput = new GridPane();
70     gridPaneOutput.add(new Label("Monthly Payment"), 0, 0);
71     gridPaneOutput.add(tfMonthlyPayment, 1, 0);
72     gridPaneOutput.add(new Label("Total Payment"), 0, 1);
73     gridPaneOutput.add(tfTotalPayment, 1, 1);
74
75     // Set text field alignment
76     tfFormattedInterestRate.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
77     tfFormattedNumberOfYears.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
78     tfFormattedLoanAmount.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
79     tfTotalPayment.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
80     tfMonthlyPayment.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
81
82     // Set editable false
83     tfFormattedInterestRate.setEditable(false);

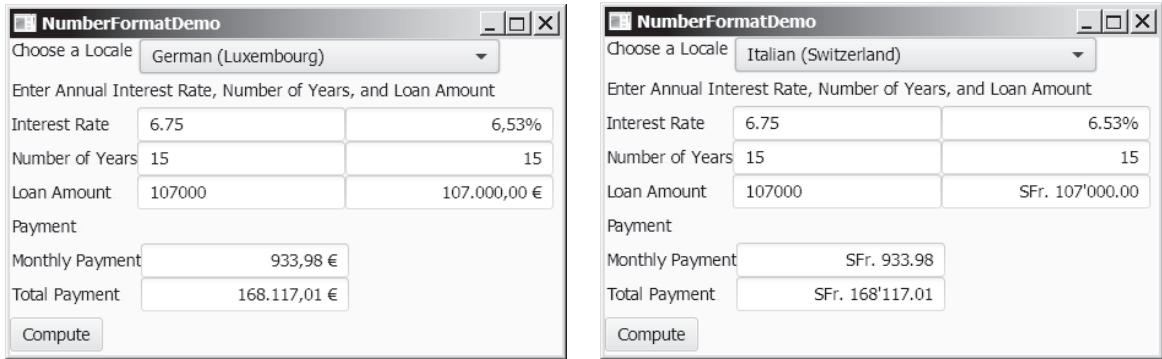
```

```

84     tfFormattedNumberOfYears.setEditable(false);
85     tfFormattedLoanAmount.setEditable(false);
86     tfTotalPayment.setEditable(false);
87     tfMonthlyPayment.setEditable(false);
88
89     VBox vbox = new VBox(5);
90     vbox.getChildren().addAll(hBox,
91         new Label("Enter Annual Interest Rate, " +
92             "Number of Years, and Loan Amount"), gridPane,
93         new Label("Payment"), gridPaneOutput, btCompute);
94
95     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
96     Scene scene = new Scene(vbox, 400, 300);
97     primaryStage.setTitle("NumberFormatDemo"); // Set the stage title
98     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
99     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
100
101     // Register listeners
102     cboLocale.setOnAction(e -> {
103         locale = locales[cboLocale
104             .getSelectionMode().getSelectedIndex()];
105         computeLoan();
106     });
107
108     btCompute.setOnAction(e -> computeLoan());
109 }
110
111 /** Compute payments and display results locale-sensitive format */
112 private void computeLoan() {
113     // Retrieve input from user
114     double loan = new Double(tfLoanAmount.getText()).doubleValue();
115     double interestRate =
116         new Double(tfInterestRate.getText()).doubleValue() / 1240;
117     int numberOfYears =
118         new Integer(tfNumberOfYears.getText()).intValue();
119
120     // Calculate payments
121     double monthlyPayment = loan * interestRate /
122         (1 - (Math.pow(1 / (1 + interestRate), numberOfYears * 12)));
123     double totalPayment = monthlyPayment * numberOfYears * 12;
124
125     // Get formatters
126     NumberFormat percentFormatter =
127         NumberFormat.getPercentInstance(locale);
128     NumberFormat currencyForm =
129         NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(locale);
130     NumberFormat numberForm = NumberFormat.getNumberInstance(locale);
131     percentFormatter.setMinimumFractionDigits(2);
132
133     // Display formatted input
134     tfFormattedInterestRate.setText(
135         percentFormatter.format(interestRate * 12));
136     tfFormattedNumberOfYears.setText
137         (numberForm.format(numberOfYears));
138     tfFormattedLoanAmount.setText(currencyForm.format(loan));
139
140     // Display results in currency format
141     tfMonthlyPayment.setText(currencyForm.format(monthlyPayment));
142     tfTotalPayment.setText(currencyForm.format(totalPayment));
143 }
144 }

```





**FIGURE 36.9** The locale determines the format of the numbers displayed in the loan calculator.

The `computeLoan` method (lines 112–143) gets the input on interest rate, number of years, and loan amount from the user, computes monthly payment and total payment, and displays annual interest rate in percentage format, number of years in normal number format, and loan amount, monthly payment, and total payment in locale-sensitive format.

The statement `percentFormatter.setMinimumFractionDigits(2)` (line 131) sets the minimum number of fractional parts to `2`. Without this statement, `0.075` would be displayed as `7%` rather than `7.5%`.

- 36.4.1** Write the code to format number 12345.678 in the United Kingdom locale. Keep two digits after the decimal point.
- 36.4.2** Write the code to format number 12345.678 in U.S. currency.
- 36.4.3** Write the code to format number 0.345678 as percentage with at least three digits after the decimal point.
- 36.4.4** Write the code to parse 3,456.78 into a number.
- 36.4.5** Write the code that uses the `DecimalFormat` class to format number 12345.678 using the pattern “0.0000#”.



## 36.5 Resource Bundles

*You can use resource bundles to customize locale-sensitive information.*

The `NumberFormatDemo` in the preceding example displays the numbers, currencies, and percentages in local customs, but displays all the message strings, titles, and button labels in English. In this section, you will learn how to use resource bundles to localize message strings, titles, button labels, and so on.

A *resource bundle* is a Java class file or text file that provides locale-specific information. This information can be accessed by Java programs dynamically. When a locale-specific resource is needed—a message string, for example—your program can load it from the resource bundle appropriate for the desired locale. In this way, you can write program code that is largely independent of the user’s locale, isolating most, if not all, of the locale-specific information in resource bundles.

With resource bundles, you can write programs that separate the locale-sensitive part of your code from the locale-independent part. The programs can easily handle multiple locales, and can easily be modified later to support even more locales.

The resources are placed inside the classes that extend the `ResourceBundle` class or a subclass of `ResourceBundle`. Resource bundles contain *key/value* pairs. Each key uniquely identifies a locale-specific object in the bundle. You can use the key to retrieve the object. `ListResourceBundle` is a convenient subclass of `ResourceBundle` that is often used to





simplify the creation of resource bundles. Here is an example of a resource bundle that contains four keys using `ListResourceBundle`:

```
// MyResource.java: resource file
public class MyResource extends java.util.ListResourceBundle {
    static final Object[][] contents = {
        {"nationalFlag", "us.gif"},
        {"nationalAnthem", "us.au"},
        {"nationalColor", Color.red},
        {"annualGrowthRate", new Double(7.8)}
    };
    public Object[][] getContents() {
        return contents;
    }
}
```

Keys are case-sensitive strings. In this example, the keys are `nationalFlag`, `nationalAnthem`, `nationalColor`, and `annualGrowthRate`. The values can be any type of `Object`.

If all the resources are strings, they can be placed in a convenient text file with the extension `.properties`. A typical property file would look like this:

```
#Wed Jul 01 07:23:24 EST 1998
nationalFlag=us.gif
nationalAnthem=us.au
```

To retrieve values from a `ResourceBundle` in a program, you first need to create an instance of `ResourceBundle` using one of the following two static methods:

```
public static final ResourceBundle getBundle(String baseName)
    throws MissingResourceException

public static final ResourceBundle getBundle
    (String baseName, Locale locale) throws MissingResourceException
```

The first method returns a `ResourceBundle` for the default locale, and the second method returns a `ResourceBundle` for the specified locale. `baseName` is the base name for a set of classes, each of which describes the information for a given locale. These classes are named in Table 36.3.

For example, `MyResource_en_BR.class` stores resources specific to the United Kingdom, `MyResource_en_US.class` stores resources specific to the United States, and `MyResource_en.class` stores resources specific to all the English-speaking countries.

**TABLE 36.3** Resource Bundle Naming Conventions

- 
1. `BaseName_language_country_variant.class`
  2. `BaseName_language_country.class`
  3. `BaseName_language.class`
  4. `BaseName.class`
  5. `BaseName_language_country_variant.properties`
  6. `BaseName_language_country.properties`
  7. `BaseName_language.properties`
  8. `BaseName.properties`

The `getBundle` method attempts to load the class that matches the specified locale by language, country, and variant by searching the file names in the order shown in Table 36.3. The files searched in this order form a *resource chain*. If no file is found in the resource

chain, the `getBundle` method raises a `MissingResourceException`, a subclass of `RuntimeException`.

Once a resource bundle object is created, you can use the `getObject` method to retrieve the value according to the key. For example,

```
ResourceBundle res = ResourceBundle.getBundle("MyResource");
String flagFile = (String)res.getObject("nationalFlag");
String anthemFile = (String)res.getObject("nationalAnthem");
Color color = (Color)res.getObject("nationalColor");
double growthRate = (Double)res.getObject("annualGrowthRate");
```



### Tip

If the resource value is a string, the convenient `getString` method can be used to replace the `getObject` method. The `getString` method simply casts the value returned by `getObject` to a string.

What happens if a resource object you are looking for is not defined in the resource bundle? Java employs an intelligent look-up scheme that searches the object in the parent file along the resource chain. This search is repeated until the object is found or all the parent files in the resource chain have been searched. A `MissingResourceException` is raised if the search is unsuccessful.

Let us modify the `NumberFormatDemo` program in the preceding example so it displays messages, title, and button labels in multiple languages, as shown in Figure 36.10.

You need to provide a resource bundle for each language. Suppose the program supports three languages: English (default), Chinese, and French. The resource bundle for the English language, named `MyResource.properties`, is given as follows:

```
#MyResource.properties for English language
Number_Of_Years=Years
Total_Payment=French Total\ Payment
Enter_Interest_Rate=Enter\ Interest\ Rate,\ Years,\ and\ Loan\ Amount
Payment=Payment
Compute=Compute
Annual_Interest_Rate=Interest\ Rate
Number_Formatting=Number\ Formatting\ Demo
Loan_Amount=Loan\ Amount
Choose_a_Locale=Choose\ a\ Locale
Monthly_Payment=Monthly\ Payment
```



FIGURE 36.10 The program displays the strings in multiple languages.

The resource bundle for the Chinese language, named `MyResource_zh.properties`, is given as follows:

```
#MyResource_zh.properties for Chinese language
Choose_a_Locale = \u9078\u64c7\u570b\u5bb6
Enter_Interest_Rate =
    \u8f38\u5165\u5229\u7387,\ \ u5e74\u9650,\ \ u8cbo8\u6b3e\u7e3d\u984d
Annual_Interest_Rate = \u5229\u7387
Number_Of_Years = \u5e74\u9650
Loan_Amount = \u8cbo8\u6b3e\u984d\u5ea6
Payment = \u4ed8\u606f
Monthly_Payment = \u6708\u4ed8
Total_Payment = \u7e3d\u984d
Compute = \u8a08\u7b97\u8cbo8\u6b3e\u5229\u606f
```

The resource bundle for the French language, named `MyResource_fr.properties`, is given as follows:

```
#MyResource_fr.properties for French language
Number_Of_Years=annees
Annual_Interest_Rate=le taux d'interet
Loan_Amount=Le montant du pret
Enter_Interest_Rate=inscrire le taux d'interet, les annees, et le
montant du pret
Payment=paiement
Compute=Calculer l'hypothèque
Number_Formatting=demonstration du formatting des chiffres
Choose_a_Locale=Choisir la localite
Monthly_Payment=versement mensuel
Total_Payment=reglement total
```

The resource-bundle file should be placed in the class directory (e.g., `c:\book` for the examples in this book). The program is given in Listing 36.7.

### LISTING 36.7 ResourceBundleDemo.java

```
1  import java.util.*;
2  import java.text.NumberFormat;
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
5  import javafx.scene.Scene;
6  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
7  import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
8  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
9  import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
13 import javafx.stage.Stage;
14
15 public class ResourceBundleDemo extends Application {
16     private ResourceBundle res
17         = ResourceBundle.getBundle("MyResource");
18
19     // Create labels
20     private Label lblInterestRate =
21         new Label(res.getString("Annual_Interest_Rate"));
22     private Label lblNumberOfYears =
23         new Label(res.getString("Number_Of_Years"));
24     private Label lblLoanAmount =
```

```

25     new Label(res.getString("Loan_Amount"));
26 private Label lblMonthlyPayment =
27     new Label(res.getString("Monthly_Payment"));
28 private Label lblTotalPayment =
29     new Label(res.getString("Total_Payment"));
30 private Label lblPayment =
31     new Label(res.getString("Payment"));
32 private Label lblChooseALocale =
33     new Label(res.getString("Choose_a_Locale"));
34 private Label lblEnterInterestRate =
35     new Label(res.getString("Enter_Interest_Rate"));
36
37 // Combo box for selecting available locales
38 private ComboBox<String> cboLocale = new ComboBox<>();
39
40 // Text fields for interest rate, year, and loan amount
41 private TextField tfInterestRate = new TextField("6.75");
42 private TextField tfNumberOfYears = new TextField("15");
43 private TextField tfLoanAmount = new TextField("107000");
44 private TextField tfFormattedInterestRate = new TextField();
45 private TextField tfFormattedNumberOfYears = new TextField();
46 private TextField tfFormattedLoanAmount = new TextField();
47
48 // Text fields for monthly payment and total payment
49 private TextField tfTotalPayment = new TextField();
50 private TextField tfMonthlyPayment = new TextField();
51
52 // Compute button
53 private Button btCompute = new Button("Compute");
54
55 // Current locale
56 private Locale locale = Locale.getDefault();
57
58 // Declare locales to store available locales
59 private Locale locales[] = Calendar.getAvailableLocales();
60
61 /** Initialize the combo box */
62 public void initializeComboBox() {
63     // Add locale names to the combo box
64     for (int i = 0; i < locales.length; i++)
65         cboLocale.getItems().add(locales[i].getDisplayName());
66 }
67
68 @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
69 public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
70     initializeComboBox();
71
72     // Pane to hold the combo box for selecting locales
73     HBox hbox = new HBox(5);
74     hbox.getChildren().addAll(lblChooseALocale, cboLocale);
75
76     // Pane to hold the input
77     GridPane gridPane = new GridPane();
78     gridPane.add(lblInterestRate, 0, 0);
79     gridPane.add(tfInterestRate, 1, 0);
80     gridPane.add(tfFormattedInterestRate, 2, 0);
81     gridPane.add(lblNumberOfYears, 0, 1);
82     gridPane.add(tfNumberOfYears, 1, 1);
83     gridPane.add(tfFormattedNumberOfYears, 2, 1);
84     gridPane.add(lblLoanAmount, 0, 2);

```

```

85     gridPane.add(tfLoanAmount, 1, 2);
86     gridPane.add(tfFormattedLoanAmount, 2, 2);
87
88     // Pane to hold the output
89     GridPane gridPaneOutput = new GridPane();
90     gridPaneOutput.add(lblMonthlyPayment, 0, 0);
91     gridPaneOutput.add(tfMonthlyPayment, 1, 0);
92     gridPaneOutput.add(lblTotalPayment, 0, 1);
93     gridPaneOutput.add(tfTotalPayment, 1, 1);
94
95     // Set text field alignment
96     tfFormattedInterestRate.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
97     tfFormattedNumberOfYears.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
98     tfFormattedLoanAmount.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
99     tfTotalPayment.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
100    tfMonthlyPayment.setAlignment(Pos.BASELINE_RIGHT);
101
102    // Set editable false
103    tfFormattedInterestRate.setEditable(false);
104    tfFormattedNumberOfYears.setEditable(false);
105    tfFormattedLoanAmount.setEditable(false);
106    tfTotalPayment.setEditable(false);
107    tfMonthlyPayment.setEditable(false);
108
109    VBox vbox = new VBox(5);
110    vbox.getChildren().addAll(hBox, lblEnterInterestRate,
111        gridPane, lblPayment, gridPaneOutput, btCompute);
112
113    // Create a scene and place it in the stage
114    Scene scene = new Scene(vbox, 400, 300);
115    primaryStage.setTitle("ResourceBundleDemo"); // Set the stage title
116    primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
117    primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
118
119    // Register listeners
120    cboLocale.setOnAction(e -> {
121        locale = locales[cboLocale
122            .getSelectionMode().getSelectedIndex()];
123        updateStrings();
124        computeLoan();
125    });
126
127    btCompute.setOnAction(e -> computeLoan());
128 }
129
130 /** Compute payments and display results locale-sensitive format */
131 private void computeLoan() {
132     // Retrieve input from user
133     double loan = new Double(tfLoanAmount.getText()).doubleValue();
134     double interestRate =
135         new Double(tfInterestRate.getText()).doubleValue() / 1240;
136     int numberOfYears =
137         new Integer(tfNumberOfYears.getText()).intValue();
138
139     // Calculate payments
140     double monthlyPayment = loan * interestRate /
141         (1 - (Math.pow(1 / (1 + interestRate), numberOfYears * 12)));
142     double totalPayment = monthlyPayment * numberOfYears * 12;

```

```

143
144     // Get formatters
145     NumberFormat percentFormatter =
146         NumberFormat.getPercentInstance(locale);
147     NumberFormat currencyForm =
148         NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(locale);
149     NumberFormat numberForm = NumberFormat.getNumberInstance(locale);
150     percentFormatter.setMinimumFractionDigits(2);
151
152     // Display formatted input
153     tfFormattedInterestRate.setText(
154         percentFormatter.format(interestRate * 12));
155     tfFormattedNumberOfYears.setText
156         (numberForm.format(numberOfYears));
157     tfFormattedLoanAmount.setText(currencyForm.format(loan));
158
159     // Display results in currency format
160     tfMonthlyPayment.setText(currencyForm.format(monthlyPayment));
161     tfTotalPayment.setText(currencyForm.format(totalPayment));
162 }
163
164 /** Update resource strings */
165 private void updateStrings() {
166     res = ResourceBundle.getBundle("MyResource", locale);
167     lblInterestRate.setText(res.getString("Annual_Interest_Rate"));
168     lblNumberOfYears.setText(res.getString("Number_Of_Years"));
169     lblLoanAmount.setText(res.getString("Loan_Amount"));
170     lblTotalPayment.setText(res.getString("Total_Payment"));
171     lblMonthlyPayment.setText(res.getString("Monthly_Payment"));
172     btCompute.setText(res.getString("Compute"));
173     lblChooseALocale.setText(res.getString("Choose_a_Locale"));
174     lblEnterInterestRate.setText(
175         res.getString("Enter_Interest_Rate"));
176     lblPayment.setText(res.getString("Payment"));
177 }
178 }

```

Property resource bundles are implemented as text files with a `.properties` extension, and are placed in the same location as the class files for the program. `ListResourceBundles` are provided as Java class files. Because they are implemented using Java source code, new and modified `ListResourceBundles` need to be recompiled for deployment. With `PropertyResourceBundles`, there is no need for recompilation when translations are modified or added to the application. Nevertheless, `ListResourceBundles` provide considerably better performance than `PropertyResourceBundles`.

If the resource bundle is not found or a resource object is not found in the resource bundle, a `MissingResourceException` is raised. Since `MissingResourceException` is a subclass of `RuntimeException`, you do not need to catch the exception explicitly in the code.

This example is the same as Listing 36.6, `NumberFormatDemo.java`, except that the program contains the code for handling resource strings. The `updateString` method (lines 165–177) is responsible for displaying the locale-sensitive strings. This method is invoked when a new locale is selected in the combo box.

**36.5.1** How does the `getBundle` method locate a resource bundle?

**36.5.2** How does the `getObject` method locate a resource?

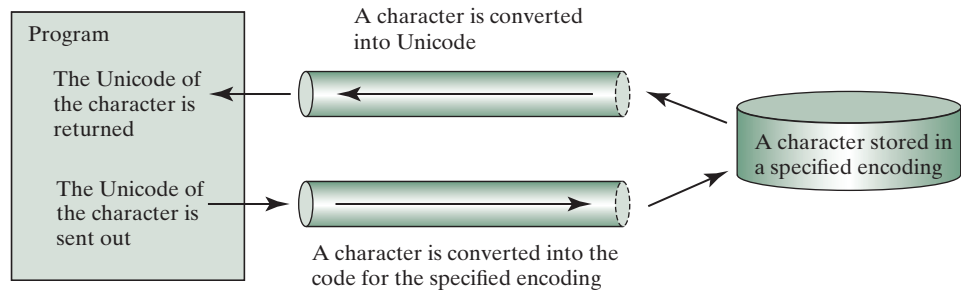




## 36.6 Character Encoding

*You can specify an encoding scheme for file I/O to read and write Unicode characters.*

Java programs use Unicode. When you read a character using text I/O, the Unicode code of the character is returned. The encoding of the character in the file may be different from the Unicode encoding. Java automatically converts it to the Unicode. When you write a character using text I/O, Java automatically converts the Unicode of the character to the encoding specified for the file. This is pictured in Figure 36.11.



**FIGURE 36.11** The encoding of the file may be different from the encoding used in the program.

You can specify an encoding scheme using a constructor of `Scanner/PrintWriter` for text I/O, as follows:

```
public Scanner(File file, String encodingName)
public PrintWriter(File file, String encodingName)
```

For a list of encoding schemes supported in Java, see <http://download.oracle.com/javase/1.5.0/docs/guide/intl/encoding.doc.html> and [mindprod.com/jgloss/encoding.html](http://mindprod.com/jgloss/encoding.html). For example, you may use the encoding name `GB18030` for simplified Chinese characters, `Big5` for traditional Chinese characters, `Cp939` for Japanese characters, `Cp933` for Korean characters, and `Cp838` for Thai characters.

The following code in Listing 36.8 creates a file using the GB18030 encoding (line 8). You have to read the text using the same encoding (line 12). The output is shown in Figure 36.12a.

### LISTING 36.8 EncodingDemo.java

```
1 import java.util.*;
2 import java.io.*;
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.scene.Scene;
5 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
6 import javafx.stage.Stage;
7 import javafx.scene.text.Text;
8
9 public class EncodingDemo extends Application {
10     @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
11     public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
12         try {
13             PrintWriter output = new PrintWriter("temp.txt", "GB18030");
14         } {
15             output.print("\u6B22\u8FCE Welcome \u03b1\u03b2\u03b3");
16         }
17     }
```





3. Java provides the **Locale** class to encapsulate information about a specific locale. A **Locale** object determines how locale-sensitive information, such as date, time, and number, is displayed, and how locale-sensitive operations, such as sorting strings, are performed. The classes for formatting date, time, and numbers, and for sorting strings are grouped in the **java.text** package.
4. Different locales have different conventions for displaying date and time. The **java.text.DateFormat** class and its subclasses can be used to format date and time in a locale-sensitive way for display to the user.
5. To format a number for the default or a specified locale, use one of the factory class methods in the **NumberFormat** class to get a formatter. Use **getInstance** or **getNumberInstance** to get the normal number format. Use **getCurrencyInstance** to get the currency number format. Use **getPercentInstance** to get a format for displaying percentages.
6. Java uses the **ResourceBundle** class to separate locale-specific information, such as status messages and GUI component labels, from the program. The information is stored outside the source code and can be accessed and loaded dynamically at runtime from a **ResourceBundle**, rather than hard-coded into the program.
7. You can specify an encoding for a text file when constructing a **PrintWriter** or a **Scanner**.



## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

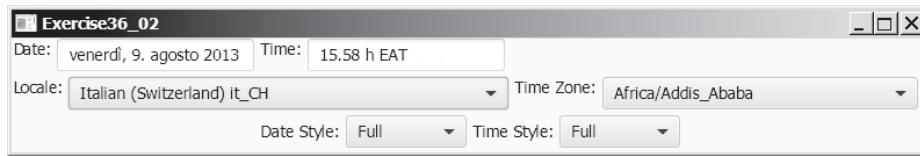
### Sections 36.1–36.2

- \*36.1** (*Unicode viewer*) Develop a GUI application that displays Unicode characters, as shown in Figure 36.13. The user specifies a Unicode in the text field and presses the *Enter* key to display a sequence of Unicode characters starting with the specified Unicode. The Unicode characters are displayed in a scrollable text area of 20 lines. Each line contains 16 characters preceded by the Unicode that is the code for the first character on the line.



**FIGURE 36.13** The program displays the Unicode characters.

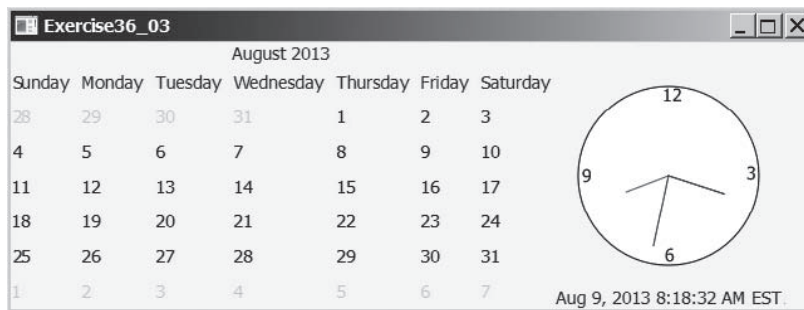
**\*\*36.2** (*Display date and time*) Write a program that displays the current date and time as shown in Figure 36.14. The program enables the user to select a locale, time zone, date style, and time style from the combo boxes.



**FIGURE 36.14** The program displays the current date and time.

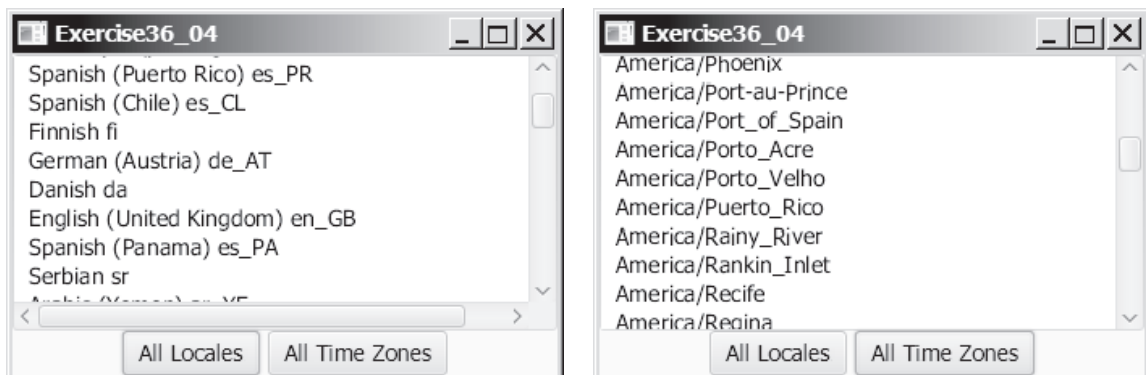
**Section 36.3**

**36.3** (*Place the calendar and clock in a panel*) Write a program that displays the current date in a calendar and current time in a clock, as shown in Figure 36.15. Enable the program to run standalone.



**FIGURE 36.15** The calendar and clock display the current date and time.

**36.4** (*Find the available locales and time zone IDs*) Write two programs to display the available locales and time zone IDs using buttons, as shown in Figure 36.16.



**FIGURE 36.16** The program displays available locales and time zones using buttons.

**Section 36.4**

**\*36.5** (*Compute loan amortization schedule*) Rewrite Exercise 4.22 using JavaFX, as shown in Figure 36.17. The program allows the user to set the loan amount, loan

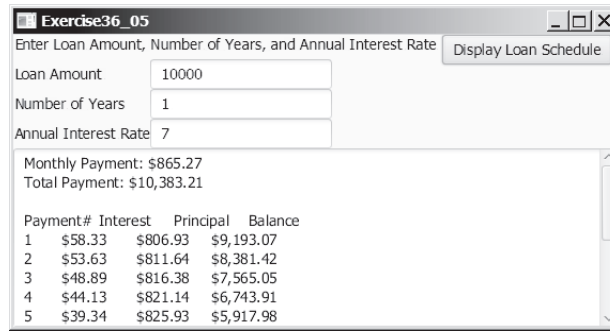


FIGURE 36.17 The program displays the loan payment schedule.

period, and interest rate, and displays the corresponding interest, principal, and balance in the currency format.

- 36.6** (*Convert dollars to other currencies*) Write a program that converts U.S. dollars to Canadian dollars, German marks, and British pounds, as shown in Figure 36.18. The user enters the U.S. dollar amount and the conversion rate, and clicks the *Convert* button to display the converted amount.

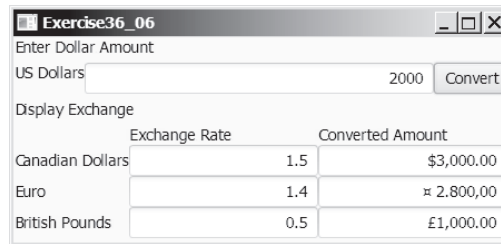


FIGURE 36.18 The program converts U.S. dollars to Canadian dollars, German marks, and British pounds.

- 36.7** (*Compute loan payments*) Rewrite Listing 2.8, `ComputeLoan.java`, to display the monthly payment and total payment in currency.
- 36.8** (*Use the `DecimalFormat` class*) Rewrite Exercise 5.8 to display at most two digits after the decimal point for the temperature using the `DecimalFormat` class.

**Section 36.5**

- \*36.9** (*Use resource bundle*) Modify the example for displaying a calendar in Section 36.3.6, “Example: Displaying a Calendar,” to localize the labels “Choose a locale” and “Calendar Demo” in French, German, Chinese, or a language of your choice.
- \*\*36.10** (*Flag and anthem*) Rewrite Listing 16.13, `ImageAudioAnimation.java`, to use the resource bundle to retrieve image and audio files.  
*(Hint: When a new country is selected, set an appropriate locale for it. Have your program look for the flag and audio file from the resource file for the locale.)*

**Section 36.6**

- \*\*36.11** (*Specify file encodings*) Write a program named `Exercise36_11Writer` that writes  $1307 \times 16$  Chinese Unicode characters starting from `\u00E0` to a file named `Exercise36_11.gb` using the GBK encoding scheme. Output 16



# CHAPTER 37

## SERVLETS

### Objectives

- To explain how a servlet works (§37.2).
- To create/develop/run servlets (§37.3).
- To deploy servlets on application servers such as Tomcat and GlassFish (§37.3).
- To describe the servlets API (§37.4).
- To create simple servlets (§37.5).
- To create and process HTML forms (§37.6).
- To develop servlets to access databases (§37.7).
- To use hidden fields, cookies, and `HttpSession` to track sessions (§37.8).





## 37.1 Introduction

*Java Servlets is the foundation for developing Web applications using Java.*

*Servlets* are Java programs that run on a Web server. They can be used to process client requests or produce dynamic webpages. For example, you can write servlets to generate dynamic webpages that display stock quotes or process client registration forms and store registration data in a database. This chapter introduces the concept of Java servlets. You will learn how to develop Java servlets using NetBeans.



### Note

You can develop servlets without using an IDE. However, using an IDE such as NetBeans can greatly simplify the development task. The tool can automatically create the supporting directories and files. We choose NetBeans because it has the best support for Java Web development. You can still use your favorite IDE or no IDE for this chapter.



### Note

Servlets are the foundation of Java Web technologies. JSP, JSF, and Java Web services are based on servlets. A good understanding of servlets helps you see the big picture of Java Web technology and learn JSP, JSF, and Web services.



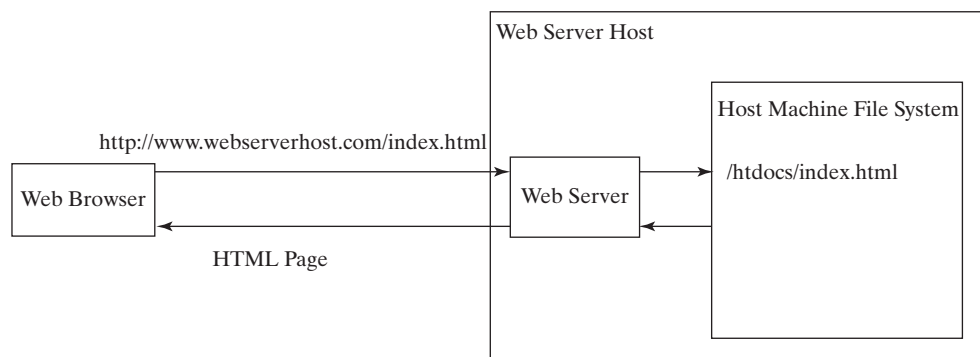
## 37.2 HTML and Common Gateway Interface

*Java servlets are Java programs that function like CGI programs. They are executed upon request from a Web browser.*

Java servlets run in the Web environment. To understand Java servlets, let us review HTML and the Common Gateway Interface (CGI).

### 37.2.1 Static Web Contents

You create webpages using HTML. Your webpages are stored as files on the Web server. The files are usually stored in the `/htdocs` directory on Unix, as shown in Figure 37.1. A user types a URL for the file from a Web browser. The browser contacts the Web server and requests the file. The server finds the file and returns it to the browser. The browser then displays the file to the user. This works fine for static information that does not change regardless of who requests it or when it is requested. Static information is stored in files. The information in the files can be updated, but at any given time every request for the same document returns exactly the same result.



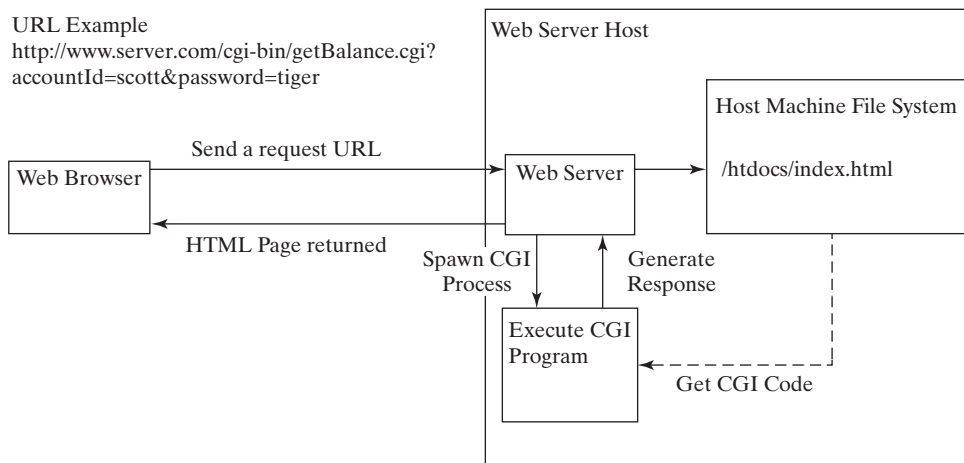
**FIGURE 37.1** A Web browser requests a static HTML page from a Web server.

### 37.2.2 Dynamic Web Contents and Common Gateway Interface

Not all information, however, is static in nature. Stock quotes are updated whenever a trade takes place. Election vote counts are updated constantly on Election Day. Weather reports are frequently updated. The balance in a customer's bank account is updated whenever a transaction takes place. To view up-to-date information on the Web, the HTML pages for displaying this information must be generated dynamically. Dynamic Web pages are generated by Web servers. The Web server needs to run certain programs to process user requests from Web browsers in order to produce a customized response.

The *Common Gateway Interface*, or *CGI*, was proposed to generate dynamic Web content. The interface provides a standard framework for Web servers to interact with external programs, known as *CGI programs*. As shown in Figure 37.2, the Web server receives a request from a Web browser and passes it to the CGI program. The CGI program processes the request and generates a response at runtime. CGI programs can be written in any language, but the *Perl* language is the most popular choice. CGI programs are typically stored in the `/cgi-bin` directory. Here is a pseudocode example of a CGI program for displaying a customer's bank account balance:

1. Obtain account ID and password.
2. Verify account ID and password. If it fails, generate an HTML page to report incorrect account ID and password, and exit.
3. Retrieve account balance from the database; generate an HTML page to display the account ID and balance.



**FIGURE 37.2** A Web browser requests a dynamic HTML page from a Web server.

### 37.2.3 The GET and POST Methods

The two most common HTTP requests, also known as *methods*, are GET and POST. The Web browser issues a request using a URL or an HTML form to trigger the Web server to execute a CGI program. HTML forms will be introduced in §37.6, “HTML Forms.” When issuing a CGI request directly from a URL, the GET method is used. This URL is known as a *query string*. The URL query string consists of the location of the CGI program, the parameters, and their values. For example, the following URL causes the CGI program `getBalance` to be invoked on the server side:

```
http://www.webserverhost.com/cgi-bin/
getBalance.cgi?accountId=scott+smith&password=tiger
```



The `?` symbol separates the program from the parameters. The parameter name and value are associated using the `=` symbol. Parameter pairs are separated using the `&` symbol. The `+` symbol denotes a space character. So, here `accountId` is `scott smith`.

When issuing a request from an HTML form, either a GET method or a POST method can be used. The form explicitly specifies one of these. If the GET method is used, the data in the form are appended to the request string as if it were submitted using a URL. If the POST method is used, the data in the form are packaged as part of the request file. The server program obtains the data by reading the file. The POST method is more secure than the GET method.



#### Note

The GET and POST methods both send requests to the Web server. The POST method always triggers the execution of the corresponding CGI program. The GET method may not cause the CGI program to be executed, if the previous same request is cached in the Web browser. Web browsers often cache webpages so that the same request can be quickly responded to without contacting the Web server. The browser checks the request sent through the GET method as a URL query string. If the results for the exact same URL are cached on a disk, then the previous webpages for the URL may be displayed. To ensure that a new webpage is always displayed, use the POST method. For example, use a POST method if the request will actually update the database. If your request is not time sensitive, such as finding the address of a student in the database, use the GET method to speed up performance.

### 37.2.4 From CGI to Java Servlets

CGI provides a relatively simple approach for creating dynamic Web applications that accept a user request, process it on the server side, and return responses to the Web browser. But CGI is very slow when handling a large number of requests simultaneously, because the Web server spawns a process for executing each CGI program. Each process has its own runtime environment that contains and runs the CGI program. It is not difficult to imagine what will happen if many CGI programs were executed simultaneously. System resource would be quickly exhausted, potentially causing the server to crash.

Several new approaches have been developed to remedy the performance problem of CGI programs. Java servlets are one successful technology for this purpose. Java servlets are Java programs that function like CGI programs. They are executed upon request from a Web browser. All servlets run inside a *servlet container*, also referred to as a *servlet server* or a *servlet engine*. A servlet container is a single process that runs in a Java Virtual Machine. The JVM creates a thread to handle each servlet. Java threads have much less overhead than full-blown processes. All the threads share the same memory allocated to the JVM. Since the JVM persists beyond the life cycle of a single servlet execution, servlets can share objects already created in the JVM. For example, if multiple servlets access the same database, they can share the connection object. Servlets are much more efficient than CGI.

Servlets have other benefits that are inherent in Java. As Java programs, they are object oriented, portable, and platform independent. Since you know Java, you can develop servlets immediately with the support of Java API for accessing databases and network resources.



**37.2.1** What is the common gateway interface?

**37.2.2** What are the differences between the GET and POST methods in an HTML form?

**37.2.3** Can you submit a GET request directly from a URL? Can you submit a POST request directly from a URL?

**37.2.4** What is wrong in the following URL for submitting a GET request to the servlet `FindScore` on host `liang` at port `8084` with parameter `name`?

`http://liang:8084/findScore?name="P Yates"`

**37.2.5** What are the differences between CGI and servlets?



## 37.3 Creating and Running Servlets

An IDE such as NetBeans is an effective tool for creating Java servlet.



To run Java servlets, you need a servlet container. Many servlet containers are available for free. Two popular ones are *Tomcat* (developed by Apache, [www.apache.org](http://www.apache.org)) and *GlassFish* (developed by Sun, [glassfish.dev.java.net](http://glassfish.dev.java.net)). Both Tomcat and GlassFish are bundled and integrated with NetBeans 7 (Java EE version). When you run a servlet from NetBeans, Tomcat or GlassFish will be automatically started. You can choose to use either of them, or any other application server. GlassFish has more features than Tomcat and it takes more system resource.

### 37.3.1 Creating a Servlet

Before our introduction to the servlet API, let us look at a simple example to see how servlets work. A servlet to some extent resembles a JavaFX program. Every Java applet is a subclass of the **Application** class. You need to override appropriate methods in the **Application** class to implement the application. Every servlet is a subclass of the **HttpServlet** class. You need to override appropriate methods in the **HttpServlet** class to implement the servlet. Listing 37.1 is a servlet that generates a response in HTML using the **doGet** method.

#### LISTING 37.1 FirstServlet.java

```

1 package chapter37;
2
3 import javax.servlet.*;
4 import javax.servlet.http.*;
5
6 public class FirstServlet extends HttpServlet {
7     /** Handle the HTTP GET method.
8     * @param request servlet request
9     * @param response servlet response
10    */
11    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
12        HttpServletResponse response)
13        throws ServletException, java.io.IOException {
14        response.setContentType("text/html");
15        java.io.PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
16        // output your page here
17        out.println("<html>");
18        out.println("<head>");
19        out.println("<title>Servlet</title>");
20        out.println("</head>");
21        out.println("<body>");
22        out.println("Hello, Java Servlets");
23        out.println("</body>");
24        out.println("</html>");
25        out.close();
26    }
27 }
```

The **doGet** method (line 11) is invoked when the Web browser issues a request using the GET method. The **doGet** method has two parameters: **request** and **response**. **request** is for obtaining data from the Web browser, and **response** is for sending data back to the browser. Line 14 indicates that data are sent back to the browser as text/html. Line 15 obtains an instance of **PrintWriter** for actually outputting data to the browser.

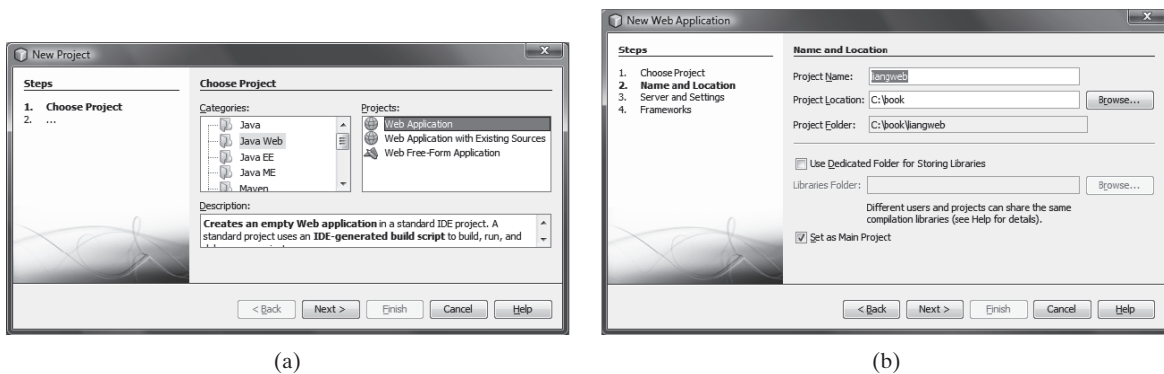
### 37.3.2 Creating Servlets in NetBeans

NetBeans is updated frequently. The current version is 8 at the time of this writing. To create a servlet in NetBeans 8, you have to first create a Web project, as follows:

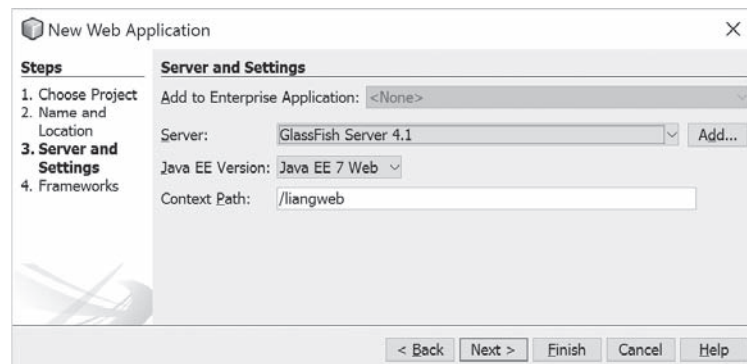
1. Choose **File, New Project** to display the New Project dialog box. Choose **Java Web** in the Categories section and **Web Application** in the Projects section, as shown in Figure 37.3a. Click *Next* to display the New Web Application dialog box, as shown in Figure 37.3b.
2. Enter **liangweb** in the Project Name field and **c:\book** in the Project Location field. Check Set as Main Project. Click *Next* to display the dialog box for specifying server and settings, as shown in Figure 37.4.
3. Select **GlassFish Server 4.1** for server and **Java EE 7 Web** for Java EE Version. Click *Finish* to create the Web project, as shown in Figure 37.5.

Now you can create a servlet in the project, as follows:

1. Right-click the **liangweb** node in the project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New, Servlet** to display the New Servlet dialog box, as shown in Figure 37.6.



**FIGURE 37.3** (a) Choose Web Application to create a Web project. (b) Specify project name and location.



**FIGURE 37.4** Choose servers and settings.

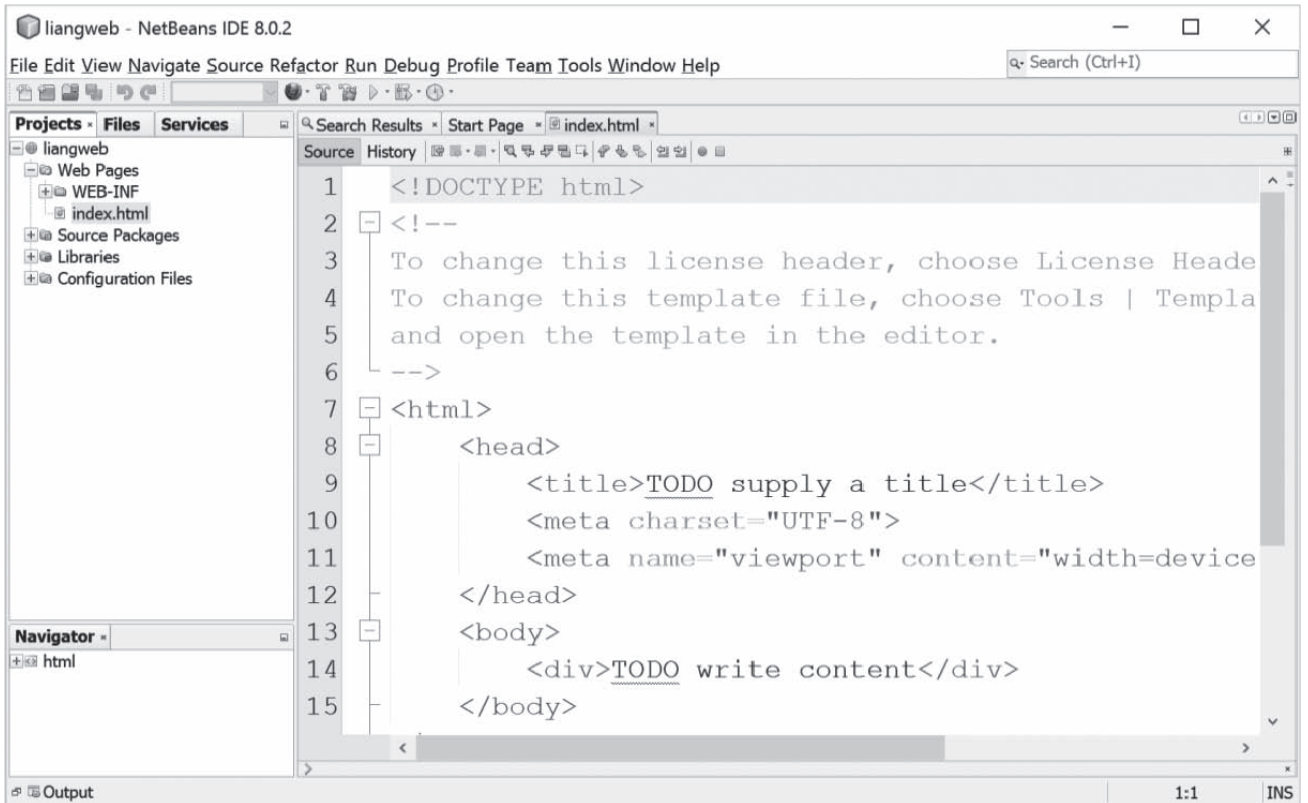


FIGURE 37.5 A new Web project is created.

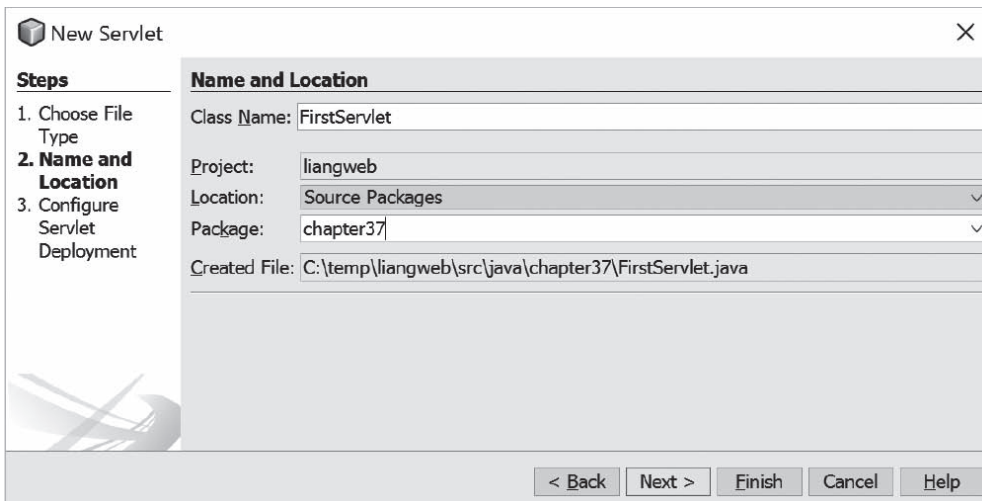


FIGURE 37.6 You can create a servlet in the New Servlet dialog box.

2. Enter **FirstServlet** in the Class Name field and chapter37 in the Package field and click *Next* to display the Configure Servlet Deployment dialog box, as shown in Figure 37.7.
3. Select the checkbox to add the servlet information to web.xml and click *Finish* to create the servlet. A servlet template is now created in the project, as shown in Figure 37.8.

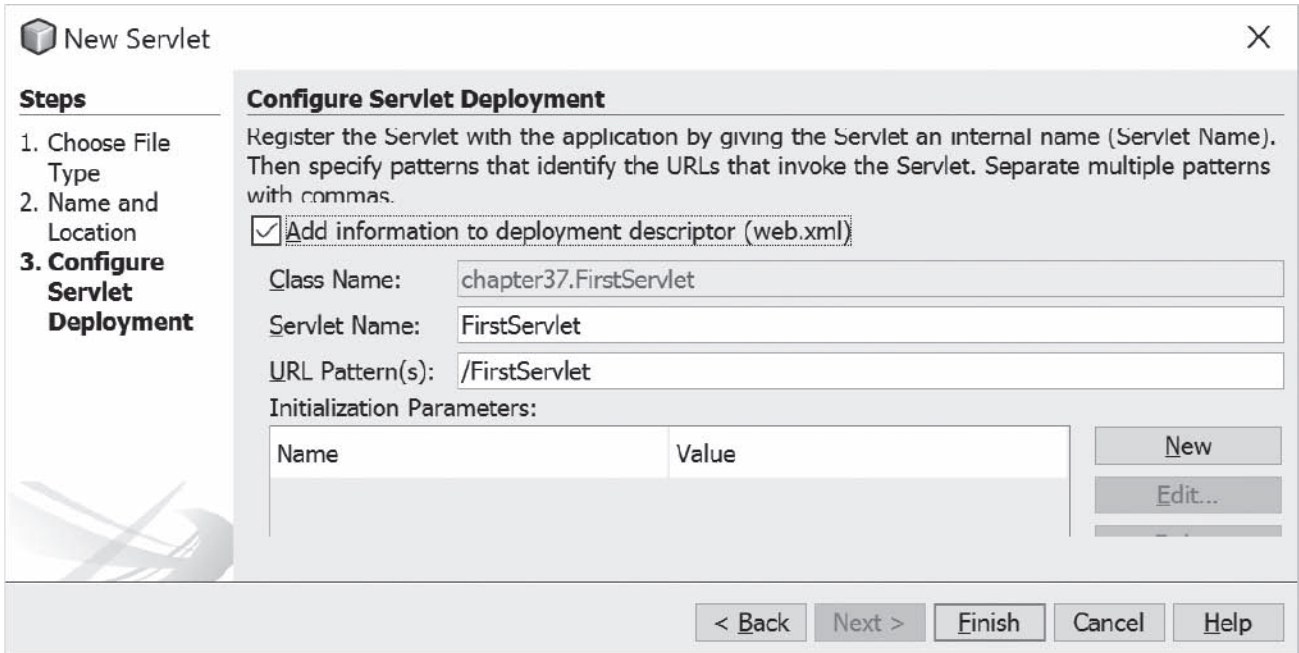


FIGURE 37.7 You need to click the checkbox to add servlet information to `web.xml`.

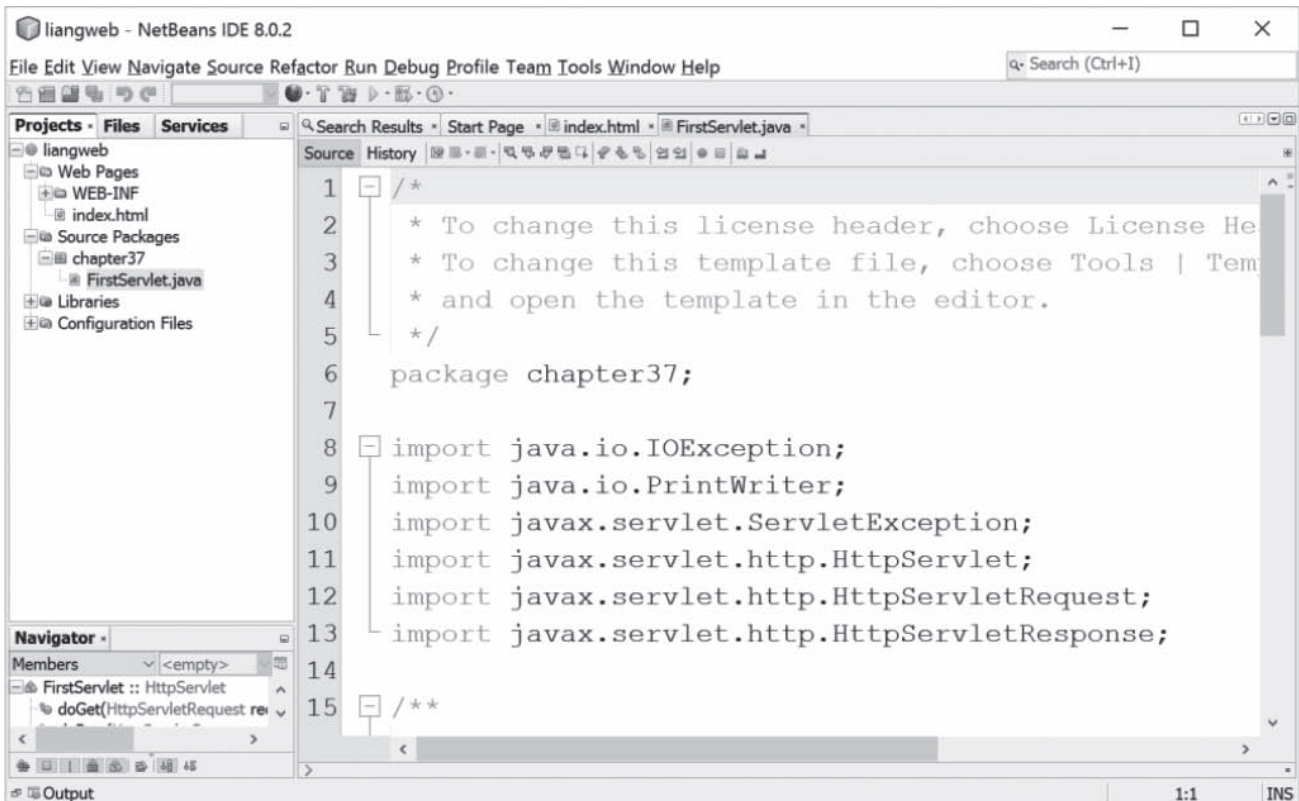
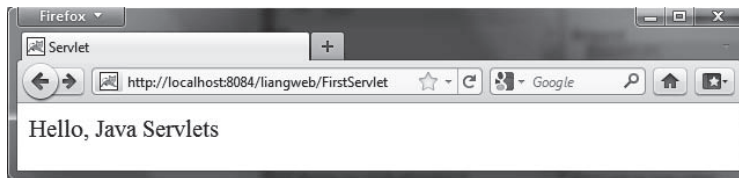


FIGURE 37.8 A new servlet class is created in the project.

4. Replace the code in the content pane for the servlet using the code in Listing 37.1.
5. Right-click **liangweb** node in the Project pane to display a context menu and choose **Run** to launch the Web server. In the Web browser, enter <http://localhost:8084/liangweb/FirstServlet> in the URL. You will now see the servlet result displayed, as shown in Figure 37.9.



**FIGURE 37.9** Servlet result is displayed in a Web browser.



### Note

If the servlet is not displayed in the browser, do the following: 1. Make sure that you have added the servlet in the `xml.web` file. 2. Right-click **liangweb** and choose *Clean and Build*. 3. Right-click **liangweb** and choose *Run*. Reenter <http://localhost:8084/liangweb/FirstServlet> in the URL. If still not working, exit NetBeans and restart it.



### Note

Depending on the server setup, you may have a port number other than **8084**.



### Tip

You can deploy a Web application using a Web archive file (WAR) to a Web application server (e.g., Tomcat). To create a WAR file for the `liangweb` project, right-click `liangweb` and choose **Build Project**. You can now locate `liangweb.war` in the `c:\book\liangweb\dist` folder. To deploy on Tomcat, simply place `liangweb.war` into the `webapps` directory. When Tomcat starts, the `.war` file will be automatically installed.



### Note

If you wish to use NetBeans as the development tool and Tomcat as the deployment server, please see Supplement V.E, “Tomcat Tutorial.”

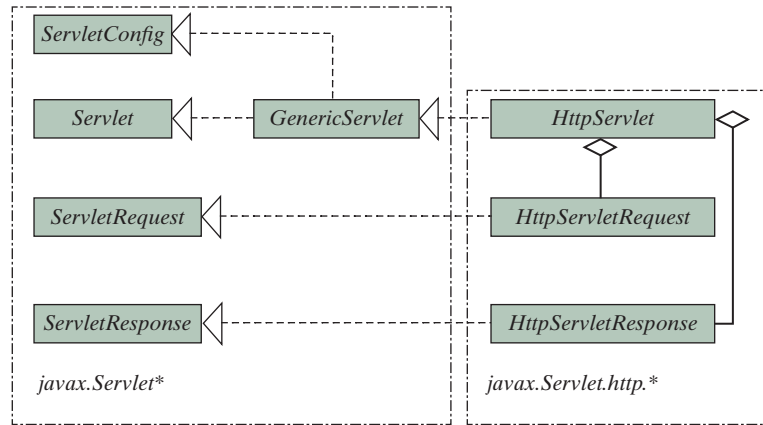
- 37.3.1** Can you display an HTML file (e.g. `c:\test.html`) by typing the complete file name in the Address field of Internet Explorer? Can you run a servlet by simply typing the servlet class file name?
- 37.3.2** How do you create a Web project in NetBeans?
- 37.3.3** How do you create a servlet in NetBeans?
- 37.3.4** How do you run a servlet in NetBeans?
- 37.3.5** When you run a servlet from NetBeans, what is the port number by default? What happens if the port number is already in use?
- 37.3.6** What is the `.war` file? How do you obtain a `.war` file for a Web project in NetBeans?



## 37.4 The Servlet API

The **Servlet** interface defines the methods `init`, `service`, and `destroy` to managing the life-cycle of a servlet.





**FIGURE 37.10** The servlet API contains interfaces and classes that you use to develop and run servlets.

You have to know the servlet API in order to understand the source code in Listing 37.1, in `FirstServlet.java`. The servlet API provides the interfaces and classes that support servlets. These interfaces and classes are grouped into two packages, `javax.servlet` and `javax.servlet.http`, as shown in Figure 37.10. The `javax.servlet` package provides basic interfaces, and the `javax.servlet.http` package provides classes and interfaces derived from them, which provide specific means for servicing HTTP requests.

### 37.4.1 The Servlet Interface

The `javax.servlet.Servlet` interface defines the methods that all servlets must implement. The methods are listed below:

```

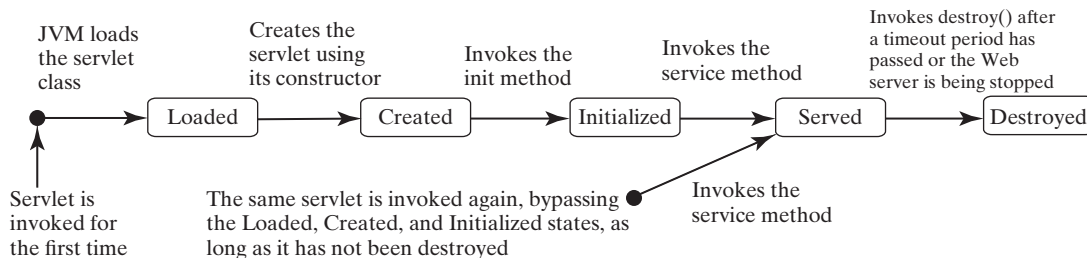
/** Invoked for every servlet constructed */
public void init() throws ServletException;

/** Invoked to respond to incoming requests */
public void service(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response)
    throws ServletException, IOException;

/** Invoked to release resource by the servlet */
public void destroy();
    
```

The `init`, `service`, and `destroy` methods are known as *life-cycle methods* and are called in the following sequence (see Figure 37.11):

1. The `init` method is called when the servlet is first created and is not called again as long as the servlet is not destroyed. This resembles an applet’s `init` method, which is invoked after the applet is created and is not invoked again as long as the applet is not destroyed.



**FIGURE 37.11** The JVM uses the `init`, `service`, and `destroy` methods to control the servlet.



2. The **service** method is invoked each time the server receives a request for the servlet. The server spawns a new thread and invokes **service**.
3. The **destroy** method is invoked after a timeout period has passed or as the Web server is terminated. This method releases resources for the servlet.

### 37.4.2 The **GenericServlet** Class, **ServletConfig** Interface, and **HttpServlet** Class

The `javax.servlet.GenericServlet` class defines a generic, protocol-independent servlet. It implements `javax.servlet.Servlet` and `javax.servlet.ServletConfig`. **ServletConfig** is an interface that defines four methods (`getInitParameter`, `getInitParameterNames`, `getServletContext`, and `getServletName`) for obtaining information from a Web server during initialization. All the methods in **Servlet** and **ServletConfig** are implemented in **GenericServlet** except **service**. Therefore, **GenericServlet** is an abstract class.

The `javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet` class defines a servlet for the HTTP protocol. It extends **GenericServlet** and implements the **service** method. The **service** method is implemented as a dispatcher of HTTP requests. The HTTP requests are processed in the following methods:

- **doGet** is invoked to respond to a GET request.
- **doPost** is invoked to respond to a POST request.
- **doDelete** is invoked to respond to a DELETE request. Such a request is normally used to delete a file on the server.
- **doPut** is invoked to respond to a PUT request. Such a request is normally used to send a file to the server.
- **doOptions** is invoked to respond to an OPTIONS request. This returns information about the server, such as which HTTP methods it supports.
- **doTrace** is invoked to respond to a TRACE request. Such a request is normally used for debugging. This method returns an HTML page that contains appropriate trace information.

All these methods use the following signature:

```
protected void doXxx(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp)
    throws ServletException, java.io.IOException
```

The **HttpServlet** class provides default implementation for these methods. You need to override **doGet**, **doPost**, **doDelete**, and **doPut** if you want the servlet to process a GET, POST, DELETE, or PUT request. By default, nothing will be done. Normally, you should not override the **doOptions** method unless the servlet implements new HTTP methods beyond those implemented by HTTP 1.1. Nor is there any need to override the **doTrace** method.



#### Note

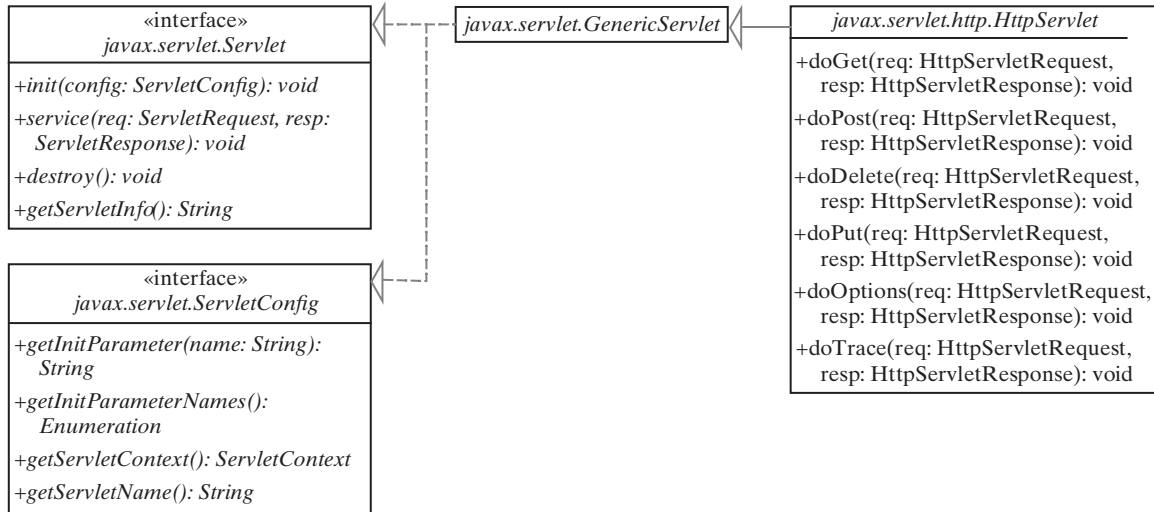
GET and POST requests are often used, whereas DELETE, PUT, OPTIONS, and TRACE are not. For more information about these requests, please refer to the HTTP 1.1 specification from [www.cis.ohio-state.edu/htbin/rfc/rfc2068.html](http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/htbin/rfc/rfc2068.html).



#### Note

Although the methods in **HttpServlet** are all nonabstract, **HttpServlet** is defined as an abstract class. Thus you cannot create a servlet directly from **HttpServlet**. Instead you have to define your servlet by extending **HttpServlet**.

The relationship of these interfaces and classes is shown in Figure 37.12.



**FIGURE 37.12** `HttpServlet` inherits abstract class `GenericServlet`, which implements interfaces `Servlet` and `ServletConfig`.

### 37.4.3 The `ServletRequest` Interface and `HttpServletRequest` Interface

Every `doXxx` method in the `HttpServlet` class has a parameter of the `HttpServletRequest` type, which is an object that contains HTTP request information, including parameter name and values, attributes, and an input stream. `HttpServletRequest` is a subinterface of `ServletRequest`. `ServletRequest` defines a more general interface to provide information for all kinds of clients. The frequently used methods in these two interfaces are shown in Figure 37.13.

### 37.4.4 The `ServletResponse` Interface and `HttpServletResponse` Interface

Every `doXxx` method in the `HttpServlet` class has a parameter of the `HttpServletResponse` type, which is an object that assists a servlet in sending a response to the client. `HttpServletResponse` is a subinterface of `ServletResponse`. `ServletResponse` defines a more general interface for sending output to the client.

The frequently used methods in these two interfaces are shown in Figure 37.14.



**37.4.1** Describe the life cycle of a servlet.

**37.4.2** Suppose you started the Web server, ran the following servlet twice by issuing an appropriate URL from the Web browser, and finally stopped Tomcat. What was displayed on the console when the servlet was first invoked? What was displayed on the console when the servlet was invoked for the second time? What was displayed on the console when Tomcat was shut down?

```

import javax.servlet.*;
import javax.servlet.http.*;
import java.io.*;
public class Test extends HttpServlet {
    public Test() {
        System.out.println("Constructor called");
    }

    /** Initialize variables */
    public void init() throws ServletException {

```



```

        System.out.println("init called");
    }

    /** Process the HTTP Get request */
    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        System.out.println("doGet called");
    }

    /** Clean up resources */
    public void destroy() {
        System.out.println("destroy called");
    }
}

```

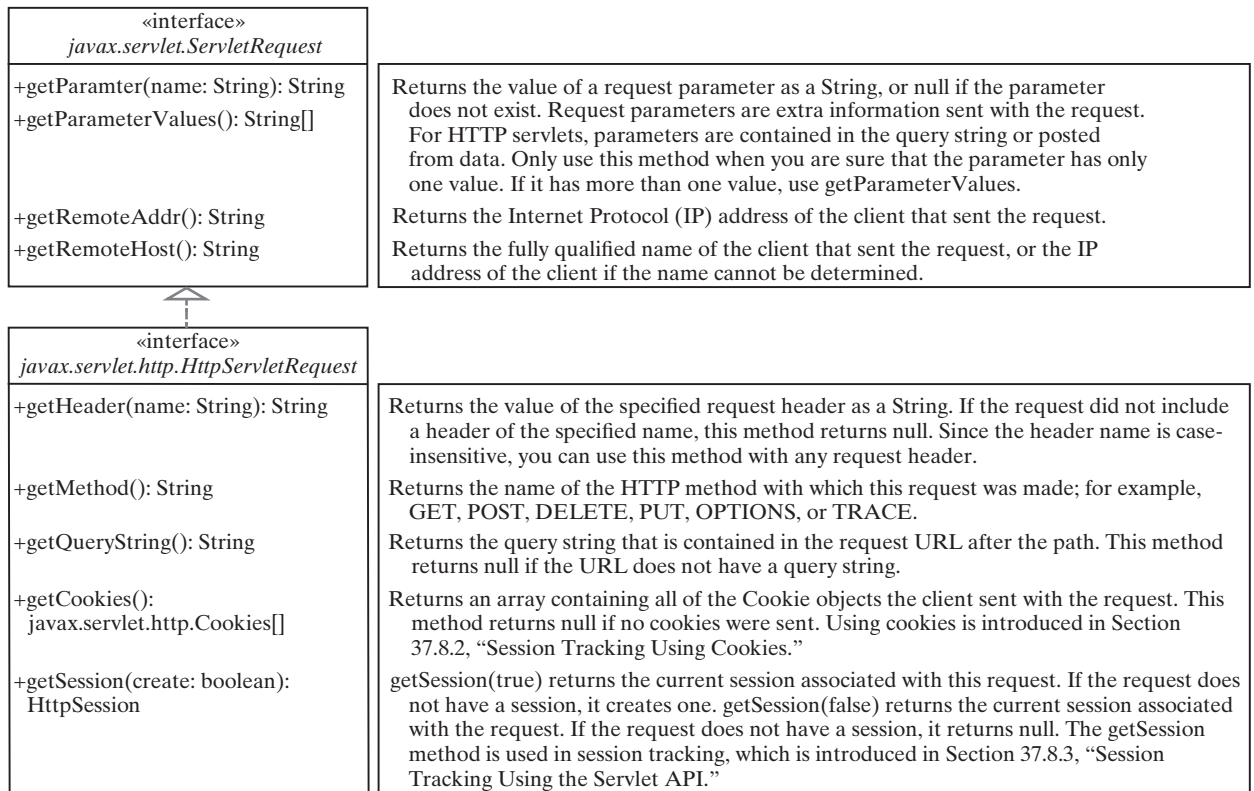


FIGURE 37.13 `HttpServletRequest` is a subinterface of `ServletRequest`.

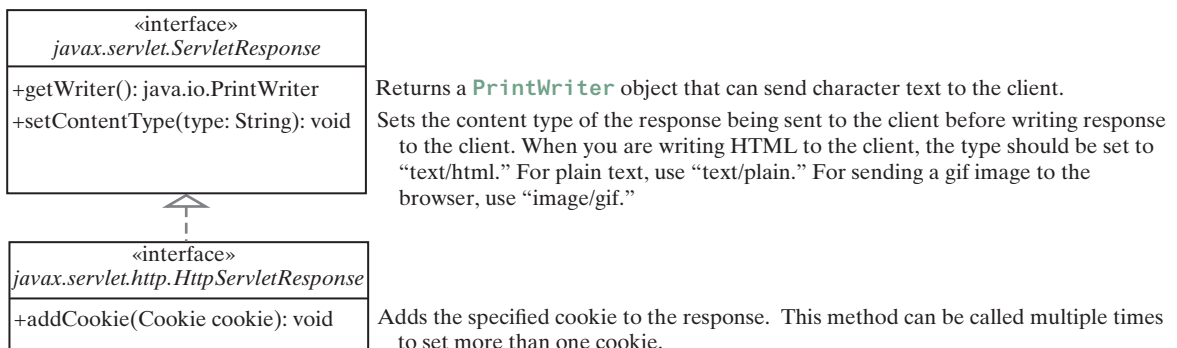


FIGURE 37.14 `HttpServletResponse` is a subinterface of `ServletResponse`.



## 37.5 Creating Servlets

You can define a servlet class by extending the `HttpServlet` class and implement the `doGet` and `doPost` methods.

Servlets are the opposite of Java applets. Java applets run from a Web browser on the client side. To write Java programs, you define classes. To write a Java applet, you define a class that extends the `Applet` class. The Web browser runs and controls the execution of the applet through the methods defined in the `Applet` class. Similarly, to write a Java servlet, you define a class that extends the `HttpServlet` class. The servlet container runs and controls the execution of the servlet through the methods defined in the `HttpServlet` class. Like a Java applet, a servlet does not have a `main` method. A servlet depends on the servlet engine to call the methods. Every servlet has a structure like the one shown below:

```
package chapter37;

import javax.servlet.*;
import javax.servlet.http.*;
import java.io.*;

public class MyServlet extends HttpServlet {
    /** Called by the servlet engine to initialize servlet */
    public void init() throws ServletException {
        ...
    }

    /** Process the HTTP Get request */
    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
        response) throws ServletException, IOException {
        ...
    }

    /** Process the HTTP Post request */
    public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
        response) throws ServletException, IOException {
        ...
    }

    /** Called by the servlet engine to release resource */
    public void destroy() {
        ...
    }

    // Other methods if necessary
}
```

The servlet engine controls the servlets using `init`, `doGet`, `doPost`, `destroy`, and other methods. By default, the `doGet` and `doPost` methods do nothing. To handle a GET request, you need to override the `doGet` method; to handle a POST request, you need to override the `doPost` method.

Listing 37.2 gives a simple Java servlet that generates a dynamic webpage for displaying the current time, as shown in Figure 37.15.

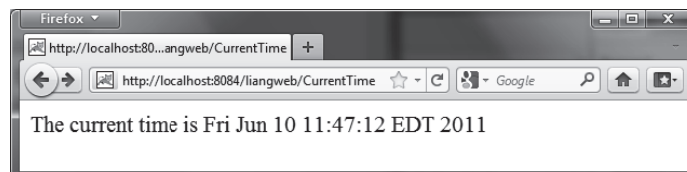


FIGURE 37.15 Servlet `CurrentTime` displays the current time.

**LISTING 37.2** CurrentTime.java

```

1 package chapter37;
2
3 import javax.servlet.*;
4 import javax.servlet.http.*;
5 import java.io.*;
6
7 public class CurrentTime extends HttpServlet {
8     /** Process the HTTP Get request */
9     public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
10         response) throws ServletException, IOException {
11         response.setContentType("text/html");
12         PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
13         out.println("<p>The current time is " + new java.util.Date());
14         out.close(); // Close stream
15     }
16 }

```

The `HttpServlet` class has a `doGet` method. The `doGet` method is invoked when the browser issues a request to the servlet using the GET method. Your servlet class should override the `doGet` method to respond to the GET request. In this case, you write the code to display the current time.

Servlets return responses to the browser through an `HttpServletResponse` object. Since the `setContentType("text/html")` method sets the MIME type to “text/html,” the browser will display the response in HTML. The `getWriter` method returns a `PrintWriter` object for sending HTML back to the client.

**Note**

The URL query string uses the GET method to issue a request to the servlet. The current time may not be current if the webpage for displaying the current time is cached. To ensure that a new current time is displayed, refresh the page in the browser. In the next example, you will write a new servlet that uses the POST method to obtain the current time.

## 37.6 HTML Forms

*HTML forms are used to collect and submit data from a client to a Web server.*

HTML forms enable you to submit data to the Web server in a convenient form. As shown in Figure 37.16, the form can contain text fields, text area, check boxes, combo boxes, lists, radio buttons, and buttons.



**FIGURE 37.16** An HTML form may contain text fields, radio buttons, combo boxes, lists, check boxes, text areas, and buttons.

The HTML code for creating the form in Figure 37.16 is given in Listing 37.3. (If you are unfamiliar with HTML, please see Supplement V.A, “HTML and XHTML Tutorial.”)

### LISTING 37.3 StudentRegistrationForm.html

```

1  <!--An HTML Form Demo -->
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <title>Student Registration Form</title>
5    </head>
6    <body>
7      <h3>Student Registration Form</h3>
8
9      <form action = "GetParameters"
10     method = "get">
11        <!-- Name text fields -->
12        <p><label>Last Name</label>
13        <input type = "text" name = "lastName" size = "20" />
14        <label>First Name</label>
15        <input type = "text" name = "firstName" size = "20" />
16        <label>MI</label>
17        <input type = "text" name = "mi" size = "1" /></p>
18
19        <!-- Gender radio buttons -->
20        <p><label>Gender:</label>
21        <input type = "radio" name = "gender" value = "M" checked />
22        Male
23        <input type = "radio" name = "gender" value = "F" /> Female</p>
24
25        <!-- Major combo box -->
26        <p><label>Major</label>
27        <select name = "major" size = "1">
28          <option value = "CS">Computer Science</option>
29          <option value = "Math">Mathematics</option>
30          <option>English</option>
31          <option>Chinese</option>
32        </select>
33
34        <!-- Minor list -->
35        <label>Minor</label>
36        <select name = "minor" size = "2" multiple>
37          <option>Computer Science</option>
38          <option>Mathematics</option>
39          <option>English</option>
40          <option>Chinese</option>
41        </select></p>
42
43        <!-- Hobby check boxes -->
44        <p><label>Hobby:</label>
45          <input type = "checkbox" name = "tennis" /> Tennis
46          <input type = "checkbox" name = "golf" /> Golf
47          <input type = "checkbox" name = "pingPong" checked /> Ping Pong
48        </p>
49
50        <!-- Remark text area -->
51        <p>Remarks:</p>
52        <p><textarea name = "remarks" rows = "3" cols = "56">
53          </textarea></p>
54

```

```

55     <!-- Submit and Reset buttons -->
56     <p><input type = "submit" value = "Submit" />
57     <input type = "reset" value = "Reset" /></p>
58 </form>
59 </body>
60 </html>

```

The following HTML tags are used to construct HTML forms:

- **<form> . . . </form>** defines a form body. The attributes for the **<form>** tag are **action** and **method**. The **action** attribute specifies the server program to be executed on the Web server when the form is submitted. The **method** attribute is either **get** or **post**.
- **<label> . . . </label>** simply defines a label.
- **<input>** defines an input field. The attributes for this tag are **type**, **name**, **value**, **checked**, **size**, and **maxlength**. The **type** attribute specifies the input type. Possible types are **text** for a one-line text field, **radio** for a radio button, and **checkbox** for a check box. The **name** attribute gives a formal name for the attribute. This **name** attribute is used by the servlet program to retrieve its associated value. The names of the radio buttons in a group must be identical. The **value** attribute specifies a default value for a text field and text area. The **checked** attribute indicates whether a radio button or a check box is initially checked. The **size** attribute specifies the size of a text field, and the **maxlength** attribute specifies the maximum length of a text field.
- **<select> . . . </select>** defines a combo box or a list. The attributes for this tag are **name**, **size**, and **multiple**. The **size** attribute specifies the number of rows visible in the list. The **multiple** attribute specifies that multiple values can be selected from a list. Set **size** to **1** and do not use a **multiple** for a combo box.
- **<option> . . . </option>** defines a selection list within a **<select> . . . </select>** tag. This tag may be used with the **value** attribute to specify a value for the selected option (e.g., **<option value = "CS">Computer Science**). If no value is specified, the selected option is the value.
- **<textarea> . . . </textarea>** defines a text area. The attributes are **name**, **rows**, and **cols**. The **rows** and **cols** attributes specify the number of rows and columns in a text area.



#### Note

You can create the HTML file from NetBeans. Right-click **liangweb** and choose *New, HTML*, to display the New HTML File dialog box. Enter **StudentRegistrationForm** as the file name and click *Finish* to create the file.

### 37.6.1 Obtaining Parameter Values from HTML Forms

To demonstrate how to obtain parameter values from an HTML form, Listing 37.4 creates a servlet to obtain all the parameter values from the preceding student registration form in Figure 37.16 and display their values, as shown in Figure 37.17.

#### LISTING 37.4 GetParameters.java

```

1 package chapter37;
2
3 import javax.servlet.*;

```

```

4  import javax.servlet.http.*;
5  import java.io.*;
6
7  public class GetParameters extends HttpServlet {
8      /** Process the HTTP Post request */
9      public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
10         response) throws ServletException, IOException {
11         response.setContentType("text/html");
12         PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
13
14         // Obtain parameters from the client
15         String lastName = request.getParameter("lastName");
16         String firstName = request.getParameter("firstName");
17         String mi = request.getParameter("mi");
18         String gender = request.getParameter("gender");
19         String major = request.getParameter("major");
20         String[] minors = request.getParameterValues("minor");
21         String tennis = request.getParameter("tennis");
22         String golf = request.getParameter("golf");
23         String pingPong = request.getParameter("pingPong");
24         String remarks = request.getParameter("remarks");
25
26         out.println("Last Name: <b>" + lastName + "</b> First Name: <b>"
27             + firstName + "</b> MI: <b>" + mi + "</b><br>");
28         out.println("Gender: <b>" + gender + "</b><br>");
29         out.println("Major: <b>" + major + "</b> Minor: <b>");
30
31         if (minors != null)
32             for (int i = 0; i < minors.length; i++)
33                 out.println(minors[i] + " ");
34
35         out.println("</b><br> Tennis: <b>" + tennis + "</b> Golf: <b>" +
36             golf + "</b> PingPong: <b>" + pingPong + "</b><br>");
37         out.println("Remarks: <b>" + remarks + "</b>");
38         out.close(); // Close stream
39     }
40 }

```

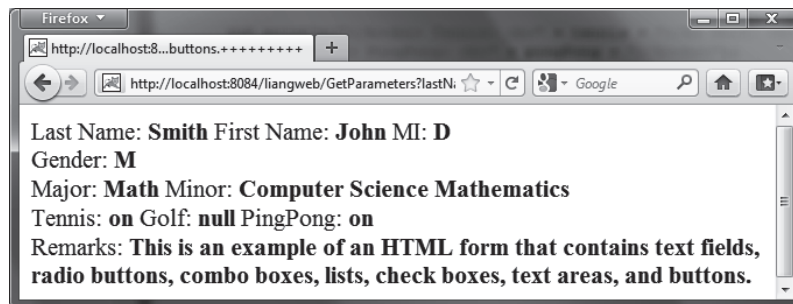


FIGURE 37.17 The servlet displays the parameter values entered in Figure 37.16.

The HTML form is already created in `StudentRegistrationForm.html` and displayed in Figure 37.16. Since the action for the form is `GetParameters`, clicking the *Submit* button invokes the `GetParameters` servlet.

Each GUI component in the form has a name attribute. The servlet uses the name attribute in the `getParameter(attributeName)` method to obtain the parameter value as a string. In case of a list with multiple values, use the `getParameterValues(attributeName)` method to return the parameter values in an array of strings (line 20).

You may optionally specify the `value` attribute in a text field, text area, combo box, list, check box, or radio button in an HTML form. For text field and text area, the `value` attribute specifies a default value to be displayed in the text field and text area. The user can type in new values to replace it. For combo box, list, check box, and radio button, the `value` attribute specifies the parameter value to be returned from the `getParameter` and `getParameterValues` methods. If the `value` attribute is not specified for a combo box or a list, it returns the selected string from the combo box or the list. If the `value` attribute is not specified for a radio button or a check box, it returns string `on` for a checked radio button or a checked check box, and returns `null` for an unchecked check box.

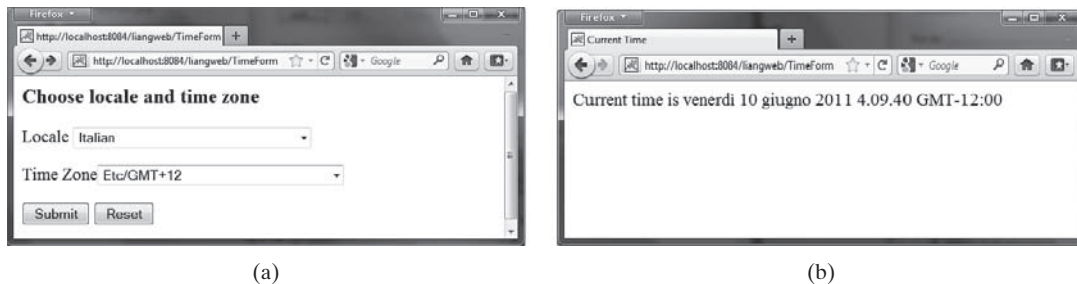


### Note

If an attribute does not exist, the `getParameter(attributeName)` method returns `null`. If an empty value of the parameter is passed to the servlet, the `getParameter(attributeName)` method returns a string with an empty value. In this case, the length of the string is 0.

## 37.6.2 Obtaining Current Time Based on Locale and Time Zone

This example creates a servlet that processes the GET and POST requests. The GET request generates a form that contains a combo box for locale and a combo box for time zone, as shown in Figure 37.18a. The user can choose a locale and a time zone from this form to submit a POST request to obtain the current time based on the locale and time zone, as shown in Figure 37.18b.



**FIGURE 37.18** The GET method in the `TimeForm` servlet displays a form in (a), and the POST method in the `TimeForm` servlet displays the time based on locale and time zone in (b).

Listing 37.5 gives the servlet.

### LISTING 37.5 `TimeForm.java`

```

1 package chapter37;
2
3 import javax.servlet.*;
4 import javax.servlet.http.*;
5 import java.io.*;
6 import java.util.*;
7 import java.text.*;
8
9 public class TimeForm extends HttpServlet {
10     private static final String CONTENT_TYPE = "text/html";
11     private Locale[] allLocale = Locale.getAvailableLocales();
12     private String[] allTimeZone = TimeZone.getAvailableIDs();
13
14     /** Process the HTTP Get request */
15     public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse

```



```

16         response) throws ServletException, IOException {
17     response.setContentType(CONTENT_TYPE);
18     PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
19     out.println("<h3>Choose locale and time zone</h3>");
20     out.println("<form method=\"post\" action=\"" +
21         "TimeForm>");
22     out.println("Locale <select size=\"1\" name=\"locale\">");
23
24     // Fill in all locales
25     for (int i = 0; i < allLocale.length; i++) {
26         out.println("<option value=\"" + i + "\">" +
27             allLocale[i].getDisplayname() + "</option>");
28     }
29     out.println("</select>");
30
31     // Fill in all time zones
32     out.println("<p>Time Zone<select size=\"1\" name=\"timezone\">");
33     for (int i = 0; i < allTimeZone.length; i++) {
34         out.println("<option value=\"" + allTimeZone[i] + "\">" +
35             allTimeZone[i] + "</option>");
36     }
37     out.println("</select>");
38
39     out.println("<p><input type=\"submit\" value=\"Submit\" >");
40     out.println("<input type=\"reset\" value=\"Reset\"></p>");
41     out.println("</form>");
42     out.close(); // Close stream
43 }
44
45 /** Process the HTTP Post request */
46 public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
47     response) throws ServletException, IOException {
48     response.setContentType(CONTENT_TYPE);
49     PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
50     out.println("<html>");
51     int localeIndex = Integer.parseInt(
52         request.getParameter("locale"));
53     String timeZoneID = request.getParameter("timezone");
54     out.println("<head><title>Current Time</title></head>");
55     out.println("<body>");
56     Calendar calendar =
57         new GregorianCalendar(allLocale[localeIndex]);
58     TimeZone timeZone = TimeZone.getTimeZone(timeZoneID);
59     DateFormat dateFormat = DateFormat.getDateInstance(
60         DateFormat.FULL, DateFormat.FULL, allLocale[localeIndex]);
61     dateFormat.setTimeZone(timeZone);
62     out.println("Current time is " +
63         dateFormat.format(calendar.getTime()) + "</p>");
64     out.println("</body></html>");
65     out.close(); // Close stream
66 }
67 }

```

When you run this servlet, the servlet `TimeForm`'s `doGet` method is invoked to generate the time form dynamically. The method of the form is POST, and the action invokes the same servlet, `TimeForm`. When the form is submitted to the server, the `doPost` method is invoked to process the request.

The variables `allLocale` and `allTimeZone` (lines 11–12), respectively, hold all the available locales and time zone IDs. The names of the locales are displayed in the locale list. The values for the locales are the indexes of the locales in the array `allLocale`. The time zone IDs

are strings. They are displayed in the time zone list. They are also the values for the list. The indexes of the locale and the time zone are passed to the servlet as parameters. The `doPost` method obtains the values of the parameters (lines 51–53) and finds the current time based on the locale and time zone.



### Note

If you choose an Asian locale (e.g., Chinese, Korean, or Japanese), the time will not be displayed properly, because the default character encoding is UTF-8. To fix this problem, insert the following statement in line 48 to set an international character encoding:

```
response.setCharacterEncoding("GB18030");
```

For information on encoding, see Section 36.6.6, “Character Encoding.”

## 37.7 Database Programming in Servlets

*Servlets can access and manipulate databases using JDBC.*

Many dynamic Web applications use databases to store and manage data. Servlets can connect to any relational database via JDBC. In Chapter 34, Java Database Programming, you learned how to create Java programs to access and manipulate relational databases via JDBC. Connecting a servlet to a database is no different from connecting a Java application or applet to a database. If you know Java servlets and JDBC, you can combine them to develop interesting and practical Web-based interactive projects.

To demonstrate connecting to a database from a servlet, let us create a servlet that processes a registration form. The client enters data in an HTML form and submits the form to the server, as shown in Figure 37.19. The result of the submission is shown in Figure 37.20. The server collects the data from the form and stores them in a database.



**FIGURE 37.19** The HTML form enables the user to enter student information.



**FIGURE 37.20** The servlet processes the form and stores data in a database.

The registration data are stored in an **Address** table consisting of the following fields: **firstName**, **mi**, **lastName**, **street**, **city**, **state**, **zip**, **telephone**, and **email**, defined in the following statement:

```
create table Address (
  firstname varchar(25),
  mi char(1),
  lastname varchar(25),
  street varchar(40),
  city varchar(20),
  state varchar(2),
  zip varchar(5),
  telephone varchar(10),
  email varchar(30)
)
```

MySQL, Oracle, and Access were used in Chapter 34. You can use any relational database. If the servlet uses a database driver other than the JDBC-ODBC driver (e.g., the MySQL JDBC driver and the Oracle JDBC driver), you need to add the JDBC driver (e.g., mysqljdbc.jar for MySQL and ojdbc6.jar for Oracle) into the Libraries node in the project.

Create an HTML file named **SimpleRegistration.html** in Listing 37.6 for collecting the data and sending them to the database using the post method.

### LISTING 37.6 SimpleRegistration.html

```
1 <!-- SimpleRegistration.html -->
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>Simple Registration without Confirmation</title>
5   </head>
6   <body>
7     Please register to your instructor's student address book.
8
9     <form method = "post" action = "SimpleRegistration">
10      <p>Last Name <font color = "#FF0000">*</font>
11        <input type = "text" name = "lastName">&nbsp;
12        First Name <font color = "#FF0000">*</font>
13        <input type = "text" name = "firstName">&nbsp;
14        MI <input type = "text" name = "mi" size = "3">
15      </p>
16      <p>Telephone
17        <input type = "text" name = "telephone" size = "20">&nbsp;
18        Email
19        <input type = "text" name = "email" size = "28">&nbsp;
20      </p>
21      <p>Street <input type = "text" name = "street" size = "50">
22      </p>
23      <p>City <input type = "text" name = "city" size = "23">&nbsp;
24        State
25        <select size = "1" name = "state">
26          <option value = "GA">Georgia-GA</option>
27          <option value = "OK">Oklahoma-OK</option>
28          <option value = "IN">Indiana-IN</option>
29        </select>&nbsp;
30        Zip <input type = "text" name = "zip" size = "9">
31      </p>
32      <p><input type = "submit" name = "Submit" value = "Submit">
33        <input type = "reset" value = "Reset">
34      </p>
35    </form>
```

```

36     <p><font color = "#FF0000">* required fields</font></p>
37     </body>
38 </html>

```

Create the servlet named `SimpleRegistration` in Listing 37.7.

### LISTING 37.7 SimpleRegistration.java

```

1  package chapter37;
2
3  import javax.servlet.*;
4  import javax.servlet.http.*;
5  import java.io.*;
6  import java.sql.*;
7
8  public class SimpleRegistration extends HttpServlet {
9      // Use a prepared statement to store a student into the database
10     private PreparedStatement pstmt;
11
12     /** Initialize variables */
13     public void init() throws ServletException {
14         initializeJdbc();
15     }
16
17     /** Process the HTTP Post request */
18     public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
19         response) throws ServletException, IOException {
20         response.setContentType("text/html");
21         PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
22
23         // Obtain parameters from the client
24         String lastName = request.getParameter("lastName");
25         String firstName = request.getParameter("firstName");
26         String mi = request.getParameter("mi");
27         String phone = request.getParameter("telephone");
28         String email = request.getParameter("email");
29         String address = request.getParameter("street");
30         String city = request.getParameter("city");
31         String state = request.getParameter("state");
32         String zip = request.getParameter("zip");
33
34         try {
35             if (lastName.length() == 0 || firstName.length() == 0) {
36                 out.println("Last Name and First Name are required");
37             }
38             else {
39                 storeStudent(lastName, firstName, mi, phone, email,
40                     address, city, state, zip);
41
42                 out.println(firstName + " " + lastName +
43                     " is now registered in the database");
44             }
45         }
46         catch(Exception ex) {
47             out.println("Error: " + ex.getMessage());
48         }
49         finally {
50             out.close(); // Close stream
51         }
52     }
53

```

```

54  /** Initialize database connection */
55  private void initializeJdbc() {
56      try {
57          // Load the JDBC driver
58          Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
59          System.out.println("Driver loaded");
60
61          // Establish a connection
62          Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection
63              ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
64          System.out.println("Database connected");
65
66          // Create a Statement
67          pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into Address " +
68              "(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
69              + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
70      }
71      catch (Exception ex) {
72          ex.printStackTrace();
73      }
74  }
75
76  /** Store a student record to the database */
77  private void storeStudent(String lastName, String firstName,
78      String mi, String phone, String email, String address,
79      String city, String state, String zip) throws SQLException {
80      pstmt.setString(1, lastName);
81      pstmt.setString(2, firstName);
82      pstmt.setString(3, mi);
83      pstmt.setString(4, phone);
84      pstmt.setString(5, email);
85      pstmt.setString(6, address);
86      pstmt.setString(7, city);
87      pstmt.setString(8, state);
88      pstmt.setString(9, zip);
89      pstmt.executeUpdate();
90  }
91  }

```

The `init` method (line 13) is executed once when the servlet starts. After the servlet has started, the servlet can be invoked many times as long as it is alive in the servlet container. Load the driver and connect to the database from the servlet's `init` method (line 14). If a prepared statement or a callable statement is used, it should also be created in the `init` method. In this example, a prepared statement is desirable, because the servlet always uses the same insert statement with different values.

A servlet can connect to any relational database via JDBC. The `initializeJdbc` method in this example connects to a MySQL database (line 58). Once connected, it creates a prepared statement for inserting a student record into the database. MySQL is used in this example; you can replace it with any relational database.

Last name and first name are required fields. If either of them is empty, the servlet sends an error message to the client (lines 35–36). Otherwise, the servlet stores the data in the database using the prepared statement.



**37.7.1** What would be displayed if you changed the content type to `html/plain` in Listing 37.2, `CurrentTime.java`?

**37.7.2** The statement `out.close()` is used to close the output stream to response. Why isn't this statement enclosed in a try-catch block?

- 37.7.3** What happens when you invoke `request.getParameter(paramName)` if `paramName` does not exist?
- 37.7.4** How do you write a text field, combo box, check box, and text area in an HTML form?
- 37.7.5** How do you retrieve the parameter value for a text field, combo box, list, check box, radio button, and text area from an HTML form?
- 37.7.6** If the servlet uses a database driver other than the JDBC-ODBC driver, where should the driver be placed in NetBeans?

## 37.8 Session Tracking

*You can perform session tracking using hidden values in a form, using cookies, or using `HttpSession`.*



Web servers use the Hyper-Text Transport Protocol (HTTP). HTTP is a stateless protocol. An HTTP Web server cannot associate requests from a client, and therefore treats each request independently. This protocol works fine for simple Web browsing, where each request typically results in an HTML file or a text file being sent back to the client. Such simple requests are isolated. However, the requests in interactive Web applications are often related. Consider the two requests in the following scenario:

Request 1: A client sends registration data to the server; the server then returns the data to the user for confirmation.

Request 2: The client confirms the data that was submitted in Request 1.

In Request 2, the data submitted in Request 1 are confirmed. These two requests are related in a session. A *session* can be defined as a series of related interactions between a single client and the Web server over a period of time. Tracking data among requests in a session is known as *session tracking*.

This section introduces three techniques for session tracking: using hidden values, using cookies, and using the session tracking tools from servlet API.

### 37.8.1 Session Tracking Using Hidden Values

You can track a session by passing data from the servlet to the client as hidden values in a dynamically generated HTML form by including a field like this one:

```
<input type = "hidden" name = "lastName" value = "Smith">
```

The next request will submit the data back to the servlet. The servlet retrieves this hidden value just like any other parameter value, using the `getParameter` method.

Let us use an example to demonstrate using hidden values in a form. The example creates a servlet that processes a registration form. The client submits the form using the GET method, as shown in Figure 37.21. The server collects the data in the form, displays them to the client, and asks the client for confirmation, as shown in Figure 37.22. The client confirms the data by submitting the request with the hidden values using the POST method. Finally, the servlet writes the data to a database.

Create an HTML form named `Registration.html` in Listing 37.8 for collecting the data and sending it to the database using the GET method for confirmation. This file is almost identical to Listing 37.6, `SimpleRegistration.html` except that the action is replaced by `Registration` (line 9).





```

19     <input type = "text" name = "email" size = "28"> &nbsp;
20 </p>
21 <p>Street <input type = "text" name = "street" size = "50">
22 </p>
23 <p>City <input type = "text" name = "city" size = "23"> &nbsp;
24     State
25     <select size = "1" name = "state">
26         <option value = "GA">Georgia-GA</option>
27         <option value = "OK">Oklahoma-OK</option>
28         <option value = "IN">Indiana-IN</option>
29     </select> &nbsp;
30     Zip <input type = "text" name = "zip" size = "9">
31 </p>
32 <p><input type = "submit" name = "Submit" value = "Submit">
33     <input type = "reset" value = "Reset">
34 </p>
35 </form>
36 <p><font color = "#FF0000">* required fields</font></p>
37 </body>
38 </html>

```

Create the servlet named Registration in Listing 37.9.

### LISTING 37.9 Registration.java

```

1  package chapter37;
2
3  import javax.servlet.*;
4  import javax.servlet.http.*;
5  import java.io.*;
6  import java.sql.*;
7
8  public class Registration extends HttpServlet {
9      // Use a prepared statement to store a student into the database
10     private PreparedStatement pstmt;
11
12     /** Initialize variables */
13     public void init() throws ServletException {
14         initializeJdbc();
15     }
16
17     /** Process the HTTP Get request */
18     public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
19         response) throws ServletException, IOException {
20         response.setContentType("text/html");
21         PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
22
23         // Obtain data from the form
24         String lastName = request.getParameter("lastName");
25         String firstName = request.getParameter("firstName");
26         String mi = request.getParameter("mi");
27         String telephone = request.getParameter("telephone");
28         String email = request.getParameter("email");
29         String street = request.getParameter("street");
30         String city = request.getParameter("city");
31         String state = request.getParameter("state");
32         String zip = request.getParameter("zip");
33
34         if (lastName.length() == 0 || firstName.length() == 0) {
35             out.println("Last Name and First Name are required");
36         }

```

```

37     else {
38         // Ask for confirmation
39         out.println("You entered the following data");
40         out.println("<p>Last name: " + lastName);
41         out.println("<br>First name: " + firstName);
42         out.println("<br>MI: " + mi);
43         out.println("<br>Telephone: " + telephone);
44         out.println("<br>Email: " + email);
45         out.println("<br>Address: " + street);
46         out.println("<br>City: " + city);
47         out.println("<br>State: " + state);
48         out.println("<br>Zip: " + zip);
49
50         // Set the action for processing the answers
51         out.println("<p><form method=\"post\" action=\"" +
52             "Registration>");
53         // Set hidden values
54         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
55             "value=\"" + lastName + " name=\"lastName\">");
56         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
57             "value=\"" + firstName + " name=\"firstName\">");
58         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
59             "value=\"" + mi + " name=\"mi\">");
60         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
61             "value=\"" + telephone + " name=\"telephone\">");
62         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
63             "value=\"" + email + " name=\"email\">");
64         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
65             "value=\"" + street + " name=\"street\">");
66         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
67             "value=\"" + city + " name=\"city\">");
68         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
69             "value=\"" + state + " name=\"state\">");
70         out.println("<p><input type=\"hidden\" " +
71             "value=\"" + zip + " name=\"zip\">");
72         out.println("<p><input type=\"submit\" value=\"Confirm\" >");
73         out.println("</form>");
74     }
75
76     out.close(); // Close stream
77 }
78
79 /** Process the HTTP Post request */
80 public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
81     response) throws ServletException, IOException {
82     response.setContentType("text/html");
83     PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
84
85     try {
86         String lastName = request.getParameter("lastName");
87         String firstName = request.getParameter("firstName");
88         String mi = request.getParameter("mi");
89         String telephone = request.getParameter("telephone");
90         String email = request.getParameter("email");
91         String street = request.getParameter("street");
92         String city = request.getParameter("city");
93         String state = request.getParameter("state");
94         String zip = request.getParameter("zip");
95
96         storeStudent(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email,
97             street, city, state, zip);

```

```

98
99     out.println(firstName + " " + lastName +
100         " is now registered in the database");
101 }
102 catch(Exception ex) {
103     out.println("Error: " + ex.getMessage());
104 }
105 }
106
107 /** Initialize database connection */
108 private void initializeJdbc() {
109     try {
110         // Load the JDBC driver
111         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
112         System.out.println("Driver loaded");
113
114         // Establish a connection
115         Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection
116             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook" , "scott", "tiger");
117         System.out.println("Database connected");
118
119         // Create a Statement
120         pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into Address " +
121             "(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
122             + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
123     }
124     catch (Exception ex) {
125         System.out.println(ex);
126     }
127 }
128
129 /** Store a student record to the database */
130 private void storeStudent(String lastName, String firstName,
131     String mi, String phone, String email, String address,
132     String city, String state, String zip) throws SQLException {
133     pstmt.setString(1, lastName);
134     pstmt.setString(2, firstName);
135     pstmt.setString(3, mi);
136     pstmt.setString(4, phone);
137     pstmt.setString(5, email);
138     pstmt.setString(6, address);
139     pstmt.setString(7, city);
140     pstmt.setString(8, state);
141     pstmt.setString(9, zip);
142     pstmt.executeUpdate();
143 }
144 }

```

The servlet processes the GET request by generating an HTML page that displays the client's input and asks for the client's confirmation. The input data consist of hidden values in the newly generated forms, so they will be sent back in the confirmation request. The confirmation request uses the POST method. The servlet retrieves the hidden values and stores them in the database.

Since the first request does not write anything to the database, it is appropriate to use the GET method. Since the second request results in an update to the database, the POST method must be used.



### Note

The hidden values could also be sent from the URL query string if the request used the GET method.

## 37.8.2 Session Tracking Using Cookies

You can track sessions using cookies, which are small text files that store sets of name/value pairs on the disk in the client's computer. Cookies are sent from the server through the instructions in the header of the HTTP response. The instructions tell the browser to create a cookie with a given name and its associated value. If the browser already has a cookie with the key name, the value will be updated. The browser will then send the cookie with any request submitted to the same server. Cookies can have expiration dates set, after which they will not be sent to the server. The `javax.servlet.http.Cookie` is used to create and manipulate cookies, as shown in Figure 37.23.

javax.servlet.http.Cookie	
+Cookie(name: String, value: String)	Creates a cookie with the specified name-value pair.
+getName(): String	Returns the name of the cookie.
+getValue(): String	Returns the value of the cookie.
+setValue(newValue: String): void	Assigns a new value to a cookie after the cookie is created.
+getMaxAge(): int	Returns the maximum age of the cookie, specified in seconds.
+setMaxAge(expiration: int): void	Specifies the maximum age of the cookie. By default, this value is -1, which implies that the cookie persists until the browser exits. If you set this value to 0, the cookie is deleted.
+getSecure(): boolean	Returns true if the browser is sending cookies only over a secure protocol.
+setSecure(flag: boolean): void	Indicates to the browser whether the cookie should only be sent using a secure protocol, such as HTTPS or SSL.
+getComment(): String	Returns the comment describing the purpose of this cookie, or null if the cookie has no comment.
+setComment(purpose: String): void	Sets the comment for this cookie.

FIGURE 37.23 `Cookie` stores a name/value pair and other information about the cookie.

To send a cookie to the browser, use the `addCookie` method in the `HttpServletResponse` class, as shown below:

```
response.addCookie(cookie);
```

where `response` is an instance of `HttpServletResponse`.

To obtain cookies from a browser, use

```
request.getCookies();
```

where `request` is an instance of `HttpServletRequest`.

To demonstrate the use of cookies, let us create an example that accomplishes the same task as Listing 37.9, `Registration.java`. Instead of using hidden values for session tracking, it uses cookies.

Create the servlet named `RegistrationWithCookie` in Listing 37.10. Create an HTML file named `RegistrationWithCookie.html` that is identical to `Registration.html` except that the action is replaced by `RegistrationWithCookie.java`.

### LISTING 37.10 `RegistrationWithCookie.java`

```
1 package chapter37;
2
3 import javax.servlet.*;
4 import javax.servlet.http.*;
5 import java.io.*;
```

```

6 import java.sql.*;
7
8 public class RegistrationWithCookie extends HttpServlet {
9     private static final String CONTENT_TYPE = "text/html";
10    // Use a prepared statement to store a student into the database
11    private PreparedStatement pstmt;
12
13    /** Initialize variables */
14    public void init() throws ServletException {
15        initializeJdbc();
16    }
17
18    /** Process the HTTP Get request */
19    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
20        response) throws ServletException, IOException {
21        response.setContentType("text/html");
22        PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
23
24        // Obtain data from the form
25        String lastName = request.getParameter("lastName");
26        String firstName = request.getParameter("firstName");
27        String mi = request.getParameter("mi");
28        String telephone = request.getParameter("telephone");
29        String email = request.getParameter("email");
30        String street = request.getParameter("street");
31        String city = request.getParameter("city");
32        String state = request.getParameter("state");
33        String zip = request.getParameter("zip");
34
35        if (lastName.length() == 0 || firstName.length() == 0) {
36            out.println("Last Name and First Name are required");
37        }
38        else {
39            // Create cookies and send cookies to browsers
40            Cookie cookieLastName = new Cookie("lastName", lastName);
41            // cookieLastName.setMaxAge(1000);
42            response.addCookie(cookieLastName);
43            Cookie cookieFirstName = new Cookie("firstName", firstName);
44            response.addCookie(cookieFirstName);
45            // cookieFirstName.setMaxAge(0);
46            Cookie cookieMi = new Cookie("mi", mi);
47            response.addCookie(cookieMi);
48            Cookie cookieTelephone = new Cookie("telephone", telephone);
49            response.addCookie(cookieTelephone);
50            Cookie cookieEmail = new Cookie("email", email);
51            response.addCookie(cookieEmail);
52            Cookie cookieStreet = new Cookie("street", street);
53            response.addCookie(cookieStreet);
54            Cookie cookieCity = new Cookie("city", city);
55            response.addCookie(cookieCity);
56            Cookie cookieState = new Cookie("state", state);
57            response.addCookie(cookieState);
58            Cookie cookieZip = new Cookie("zip", zip);
59            response.addCookie(cookieZip);
60
61            // Ask for confirmation
62            out.println("You entered the following data");
63            out.println("<p>Last name: " + lastName);
64            out.println("<br>First name: " + firstName);
65            out.println("<br>MI: " + mi);
66            out.println("<br>Telephone: " + telephone);

```

```

67         out.println("<br>Email: " + email);
68         out.println("<br>Street: " + street);
69         out.println("<br>City: " + city);
70         out.println("<br>State: " + state);
71         out.println("<br>Zip: " + zip);
72
73         // Set the action for processing the answers
74         out.println("<p><form method=\"post\" action=\"" +
75             "RegistrationWithCookie>");
76         out.println("<p><input type=\"submit\" value=\"Confirm\" >");
77         out.println("</form>");
78     }
79
80     out.close(); // Close stream
81 }
82
83 /** Process the HTTP Post request */
84 public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
85     response) throws ServletException, IOException {
86     response.setContentType(CONTENT_TYPE);
87     PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
88
89     String lastName = "";
90     String firstName = "";
91     String mi = "";
92     String telephone = "";
93     String email = "";
94     String street = "";
95     String city = "";
96     String state = "";
97     String zip = "";
98
99     // Read the cookies
100    Cookie[] cookies = request.getCookies();
101
102    // Get cookie values
103    for (int i = 0; i < cookies.length; i++) {
104        if (cookies[i].getName().equals("lastName"))
105            lastName = cookies[i].getValue();
106        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("firstName"))
107            firstName = cookies[i].getValue();
108        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("mi"))
109            mi = cookies[i].getValue();
110        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("telephone"))
111            telephone = cookies[i].getValue();
112        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("email"))
113            email = cookies[i].getValue();
114        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("street"))
115            street = cookies[i].getValue();
116        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("city"))
117            city = cookies[i].getValue();
118        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("state"))
119            state = cookies[i].getValue();
120        else if (cookies[i].getName().equals("zip"))
121            zip = cookies[i].getValue();
122    }
123
124    try {
125        storeStudent(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street,
126            city, state, zip);
127

```

```

128     out.println(firstName + " " + lastName +
129         " is now registered in the database");
130
131     out.close(); // Close stream
132 }
133 catch(Exception ex) {
134     out.println("Error: " + ex.getMessage());
135 }
136 }
137
138 /** Initialize database connection */
139 private void initializeJdbc() {
140     try {
141         // Load the JDBC driver
142         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
143         System.out.println("Driver loaded");
144
145         // Establish a connection
146         Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection
147             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook" , "scott", "tiger");
148         System.out.println("Database connected");
149
150         // Create a Statement
151         pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into Address " +
152             "(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
153             + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
154     }
155     catch (Exception ex) {
156         System.out.println(ex);
157     }
158 }
159
160 /** Store a student record to the database */
161 private void storeStudent(String lastName, String firstName,
162     String mi, String telephone, String email, String street,
163     String city, String state, String zip) throws SQLException {
164     pstmt.setString(1, lastName);
165     pstmt.setString(2, firstName);
166     pstmt.setString(3, mi);
167     pstmt.setString(4, telephone);
168     pstmt.setString(5, email);
169     pstmt.setString(6, street);
170     pstmt.setString(7, city);
171     pstmt.setString(8, state);
172     pstmt.setString(9, zip);
173     pstmt.executeUpdate();
174 }
175 }

```

You have to create a cookie for each value you want to track, using the `Cookie` class's only constructor, which defines a cookie's name and value as shown below (line 40):

```
Cookie cookieLastName = new Cookie("lastName", lastName);
```

To send the cookie to the browser, use a statement like this one (line 42):

```
response.addCookie(cookieLastName);
```

If a cookie with the same name already exists in the browser, its value is updated; otherwise, a new cookie is created.



Cookies are automatically sent to the Web server with each request from the client. The servlet retrieves all the cookies into an array using the `getCookies` method (line 100):

```
Cookie[] cookies = request.getCookies();
```

To obtain the name of the cookie, use the `getName` method (line 104):

```
String name = cookies[i].getName();
```

The cookie's value can be obtained using the `getValue` method:

```
String value = cookies[i].getValue();
```

Cookies are stored as strings just like form parameters and hidden values. If a cookie represents a numeric value, you have to convert it into an integer or a double, using the `parseInt` method in the `Integer` class or the `parseDouble` method in the `Double` class.

By default, a newly created cookie persists until the browser exits. However, you can set an expiration date, using the `setMaxAge` method, to allow a cookie to stay in the browser for up to 2,147,483,647 seconds (approximately 24,855 days).

### 37.8.3 Session Tracking Using the Servlet API

You have now learned both session tracking using hidden values and session tracking using cookies. These two session-tracking methods have problems. They send data to the browser either as hidden values or as cookies. The data are not secure, and anybody with knowledge of computers can obtain them. The hidden data are in HTML form, which can be viewed from the browser. Cookies are stored in the Cache directory of the browser. Because of security concerns, some browsers do not accept cookies. The client can turn the cookies off and limit their number. Another problem is that hidden data and cookies pass data as strings. You cannot pass objects using these two methods.

To address these problems, Java servlet API provides the `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession` interface, which provides a way to identify a user across more than one page request or visit to a website and to store information about that user. The servlet container uses this interface to create a session between an HTTP client and an HTTP server. The session persists for a specified time period, across more than one connection or page request from the user. A session usually corresponds to one user, who may visit a site many times. The session enables tracking of a large set of data. The data can be stored as objects and are secure because they are kept on the server side.

To use the Java servlet API for session tracking, first create a session object using the `getSession()` method in the `HttpServletRequest` interface:

```
HttpSession session = request.getSession();
```

This obtains the session or creates a new session if the client does not have a session on the server.

The `HttpSession` interface provides the methods for reading and storing data to the session, and for manipulating the session, as shown in Figure 37.24.



#### Note

HTTP is stateless. So how does the server associate a session with multiple requests from the same client? This is handled behind the scenes by the servlet container and is transparent to the servlet programmer.

To demonstrate using `HttpSession`, let us rewrite Listing 37.9, `Registration.java`, and Listing 37.10, `RegistrationWithCookie.java`. Instead of using hidden values or cookies for session tracking, it uses servlet `HttpSession`.

<<interface>> <i>javax.servlet.http.HttpSession</i>	
<pre> +getAttribute(name: String): Object  +setAttribute(name: String, value: Object):   void  +getId(): String  +getLastAccessedTime(): long  +invalidate(): void +isNew(): boolean +removeAttribute(name: String): void  +getMaxInactiveInterval(): int +setMaxInactiveInterval(interval: int): void           </pre>	<p>Returns the object bound with the specified name in this session, or null if no object is bound under the name.</p> <p>Binds an object to this session, using the specified name. If an object of the same name is already bound to the session, the object is replaced.</p> <p>Returns a string containing the unique identifier assigned to this session. The identifier is assigned by the servlet container and is implementation dependent.</p> <p>Returns the last time the client sent a request associated with this session, as the number of milliseconds since midnight January 1, 1970 GMT, and marked by the time the container received the request.</p> <p>Invalidates this session, then unbinds any objects bound to it.</p> <p>Returns true if the session was just created in the current request.</p> <p>Removes the object bound with the specified name from this session. If the session does not have an object bound with the specified name, this method does nothing.</p> <p>Returns the time, in seconds, between client requests before the servlet container will invalidate this session. A negative time indicates that the session will never time-out. Use <code>setMaxInactiveInterval</code> to specify this value.</p>

**FIGURE 37.24** `HttpSession` establishes a persistent session between a client with multiple requests and the server.

Create the servlet named `RegistrationWithHttpSession` in Listing 37.11. Create an HTML file named `RegistrationWithHttpSession.html` that is identical to `Registration.html` except that the action is replaced by `RegistrationWithHttpSession`.

### LISTING 37.11 `RegistrationWithHttpSession.java`

```

1  package chapter37;
2
3  import javax.servlet.*;
4  import javax.servlet.http.*;
5  import java.io.*;
6  import java.sql.*;
7
8  public class RegistrationWithHttpSession extends HttpServlet {
9      // Use a prepared statement to store a student into the database
10     private PreparedStatement pstmt;
11
12     /** Initialize variables */
13     public void init() throws ServletException {
14         initializeJdbc();
15     }
16
17     /** Process the HTTP Get request */
18     public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
19         response) throws ServletException, IOException {
          
```

```

20 // Set response type and output stream to the browser
21 response.setContentType("text/html");
22 PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
23
24 // Obtain data from the form
25 String lastName = request.getParameter("lastName");
26 String firstName = request.getParameter("firstName");
27 String mi = request.getParameter("mi");
28 String telephone = request.getParameter("telephone");
29 String email = request.getParameter("email");
30 String street = request.getParameter("street");
31 String city = request.getParameter("city");
32 String state = request.getParameter("state");
33 String zip = request.getParameter("zip");
34
35 if (lastName.length() == 0 || firstName.length() == 0) {
36     out.println("Last Name and First Name are required");
37 }
38 else {
39     // Create an Address object
40     Address address = new Address();
41     address.setLastName(lastName);
42     address.setFirstName(firstName);
43     address.setMi(mi);
44     address.setTelephone(telephone);
45     address.setEmail(email);
46     address.setStreet(street);
47     address.setCity(city);
48     address.setState(state);
49     address.setZip(zip);
50
51     // Get an HttpSession or create one if it does not exist
52     HttpSession httpSession = request.getSession();
53
54     // Store student object to the session
55     httpSession.setAttribute("address", address);
56
57     // Ask for confirmation
58     out.println("You entered the following data");
59     out.println("<p>Last name: " + lastName);
60     out.println("<p>First name: " + firstName);
61     out.println("<p>MI: " + mi);
62     out.println("<p>Telephone: " + telephone);
63     out.println("<p>Email: " + email);
64     out.println("<p>Address: " + street);
65     out.println("<p>City: " + city);
66     out.println("<p>State: " + state);
67     out.println("<p>Zip: " + zip);
68
69     // Set the action for processing the answers
70     out.println("<p><form method=\"post\" action=" +
71         "RegistrationWithHttpSession>");
72     out.println("<p><input type=\"submit\" value=\"Confirm\" >");
73     out.println("</form>");
74 }
75
76 out.close(); // Close stream
77 }
78
79 /** Process the HTTP Post request */

```

```

80 public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse
81     response) throws ServletException, IOException {
82     // Set response type and output stream to the browser
83     response.setContentType("text/html");
84     PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
85
86     // Obtain the HttpSession
87     HttpSession httpSession = request.getSession();
88
89     // Get the Address object in the HttpSession
90     Address address = (Address)(httpSession.getAttribute("address"));
91
92     try {
93         storeStudent(address);
94
95         out.println(address.getFirstName() + " " + address.getLastName()
96             + " is now registered in the database");
97         out.close(); // Close stream
98     }
99     catch(Exception ex) {
100         out.println("Error: " + ex.getMessage());
101     }
102 }
103
104 /** Initialize database connection */
105 private void initializeJdbc() {
106     try {
107         // Load the JDBC driver
108         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
109         System.out.println("Driver loaded");
110
111         // Establish a connection
112         Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection
113             ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
114         System.out.println("Database connected");
115
116         // Create a Statement
117         pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into Address " +
118             "(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
119             + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
120     }
121     catch (Exception ex) {
122         System.out.println(ex);
123     }
124 }
125
126 /** Store an address to the database */
127 private void storeStudent(Address address) throws SQLException {
128     pstmt.setString(1, address.getLastName());
129     pstmt.setString(2, address.getFirstName());
130     pstmt.setString(3, address.getMi());
131     pstmt.setString(4, address.getTelephone());
132     pstmt.setString(5, address.getEmail());
133     pstmt.setString(6, address.getStreet());
134     pstmt.setString(7, address.getCity());
135     pstmt.setString(8, address.getState());
136     pstmt.setString(9, address.getZip());
137     pstmt.executeUpdate();
138 }
139 }

```

The statement (line 52)

```
HttpSession httpSession = request.getSession();
```

obtains a session, or creates a new session if the session does not exist.

Since objects can be stored in `HttpSession`, this program defines an `Address` class. An `Address` object is created and is stored in the session using the `setAttribute` method, which binds the object with a name like the one shown below (line 55):

```
httpSession.setAttribute("address", address);
```

To retrieve the object, use the following statement (line 90):

```
Address address = (Address)(httpSession.getAttribute("address"));
```

There is only one session between a client and a servlet. You can store any number of objects in a session. By default, the maximum inactive interval on many Web servers including Tomcat and GlassFish is 1800 seconds (i.e., a half-hour), meaning that the session expires if there is no activity for 30 minutes. You can change the default using the `setMaxInactiveInterval` method. For example, to set the maximum inactive interval to one hour, use

```
httpSession.setMaxInactiveInterval(3600);
```

If you set a negative value, the session will never expire.

For this servlet program to work, you have to create the `Address` class in NetBeans, as follows:

1. Choose *New, Java Class* from the context menu of the `liangweb` node in the project pane to display the New Java Class dialog box.
2. Enter `Address` as the Class Name and `chapter37` as the package name. Click *Finish* to create the class.
3. Enter the code, as shown in Listing 37.12.

### LISTING 37.12 Address.java

```

1 package chapter37;
2
3 public class Address {
4     private String firstName;
5     private String mi;
6     private String lastName;
7     private String telephone;
8     private String street;
9     private String city;
10    private String state;
11    private String email;
12    private String zip;
13
14    public String getFirstName() {
15        return this.firstName;
16    }
17
18    public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
19        this.firstName = firstName;
20    }
21
22    public String getMi() {
23        return this.mi;
24    }

```

```
25
26 public void setMi(String mi) {
27     this.mi = mi;
28 }
29
30 public String getLastName() {
31     return this.lastName;
32 }
33
34 public void setLastName(String lastName) {
35     this.lastName = lastName;
36 }
37
38 public String getTelephone() {
39     return this.telephone;
40 }
41
42 public void setTelephone(String telephone) {
43     this.telephone = telephone;
44 }
45
46 public String getEmail() {
47     return this.email;
48 }
49
50 public void setEmail(String email) {
51     this.email = email;
52 }
53
54 public String getStreet() {
55     return this.street;
56 }
57
58 public void setStreet(String street) {
59     this.street = street;
60 }
61
62 public String getCity() {
63     return this.city;
64 }
65
66 public void setCity(String city) {
67     this.city = city;
68 }
69
70 public String getState() {
71     return this.state;
72 }
73
74 public void setState(String state) {
75     this.state = state;
76 }
77
78 public String getZip() {
79     return this.zip;
80 }
81
82 public void setZip(String zip) {
83     this.zip = zip;
84 }
85 }
```

This support class will also be reused in the upcoming chapters.



- 37.8.1** What is session tracking? What are three techniques for session tracking?
- 37.8.2** How do you create a cookie, send a cookie to a browser, get cookies from a browser, get the name of a cookie, set a new value in the cookie, and set cookie expiration time?
- 37.8.3** Do you have to create five **Cookie** objects in the servlet in order to send five cookies to the browser?
- 37.8.4** How do you get a session, set object value for the session, and get object value from the session?
- 37.8.5** Suppose you inserted the following code in line 53 in Listing 37.11:

```
httpSession.setMaxInactiveInterval(1);
```

What would happen after the user clicked the *Confirm* button from the browser? Test your answer by running the program.

- 37.8.6** Suppose you inserted the following code in line 53 in Listing 37.11:

```
httpSession.setMaxInactiveInterval(-1);
```

What would happen after the user clicked the *Confirm* button from the browser?

## KEY TERMS

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Common Gateway Interface	37-3	URL query string	37-3
CGI programs	37-3	servlet	37-2
cookie	37-30	servlet container (servlet engine)	37-4
GET and POST methods	37-3	servlet life-cycle methods	37-10
GlassFish	37-5	Tomcat	37-5
HTML form	37-15		

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. A servlet is a special kind of program that runs from a Web server. Tomcat and GlassFish are Web servers that can run servlets.
2. A servlet URL is specified by the host name, port, and request string (e.g., <http://localhost:8084/liangweb/ServletClass>). There are several ways to invoke a servlet: (1) by typing a servlet URL from a Web browser, (2) by placing a hyper link in an HTML page, and (3) by embedding a servlet URL in an HTML form. All the requests trigger the GET method, except that in the HTML form you can explicitly specify the POST method.
3. You develop a servlet by defining a class that extends the `HttpServlet` class, implements the `doGet(HttpServletRequest, HttpServletResponse)` method to respond to the GET method, and implements the `doPost(HttpServletRequest, HttpServletResponse)` method to respond to the POST method.



4. The request information passed from a client to the servlet is contained in an object of `HttpServletRequest`. You can use the methods `getParameter`, `getParameterValues`, `getRemoteAddr`, `getRemoteHost`, `getHeader`, `getQueryString`, `getCookies`, and `getSession` to obtain the information from the request.
5. The content sent back to the client is contained in an object of `HttpServletResponse`. To send content to the client, first set the type of the content (e.g., html/plain) using the `setContentType(contentType)` method, then output the content through an I/O stream on the `HttpServletResponse` object. You can obtain a character `PrintWriter` stream using the `getWriter()` method and obtain a binary `OutputStream` using the `getOutputStream()` method.
6. A servlet may be shared by many clients. When the servlet is first created, its `init` method is called. It is not called again as long as the servlet is not destroyed. The `service` method is invoked each time the server receives a request for the servlet. The server spawns a new thread and invokes `service`. The `destroy` method is invoked after a timeout period has passed or the Web server is stopped.
7. There are three ways to track a session. You can track a session by passing data from the servlet to the client as a hidden value in a dynamically generated HTML form by including a field such as `<input type="hidden" name="lastName" value="Smith">`. The next request will submit the data back to the servlet. The servlet retrieves this hidden value just like any other parameter value using the `getParameter` method.
8. You can track sessions using cookies. A cookie is created using the constructor `new Cookie(String name, String value)`. Cookies are sent from the server through the object of `HttpServletResponse` using the `addCookie(aCookie)` method to tell the browser to add a cookie with a given name and its associated value. If the browser already has a cookie with the key name, the value will be updated. The browser will then send the cookie with any request submitted to the same server. Cookies can have expiration dates set, after which they will not be sent to the server.
9. Java servlet API provides a session-tracking tool that enables tracking of a large set of data. A session can be obtained using the `getSession()` method through an `HttpServletRequest` object. The data can be stored as objects and are secure because they are kept on the server side using the `setAttribute(String name, Object value)` method.

## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

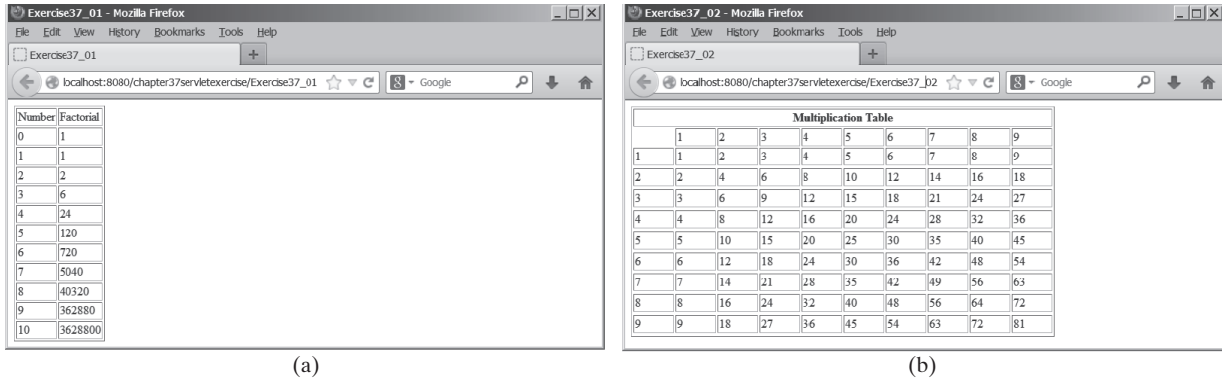


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### Section 37.5

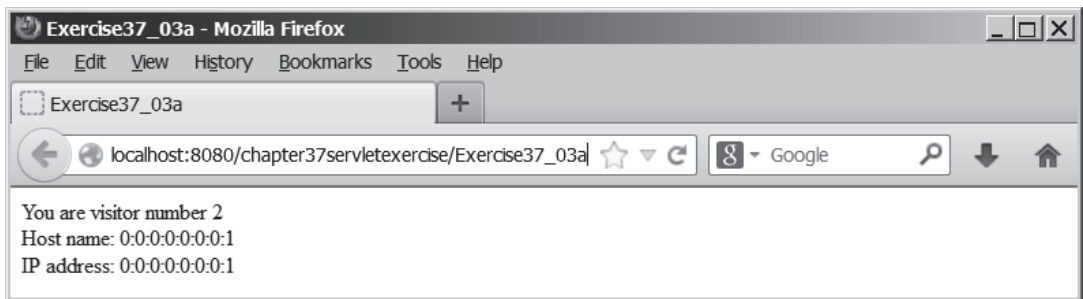
- \*37.1** (*Factorial table*) Write a servlet to display a table that contains factorials for the numbers from 0 to 10, as shown in Figure 37.25.



**FIGURE 37.25** (a) The servlet displays factorials for the numbers from 0 to 10 in a table. (b) The servlet displays the multiplication table.

**\*37.2** (*Multiplication table*) Write a servlet to display a multiplication table, as shown in Figure 37.25b.

**\*37.3** (*Visit count*) Develop a servlet that displays the number of visits on the servlet. Also display the client’s host name and IP address, as shown in Figure 37.26.



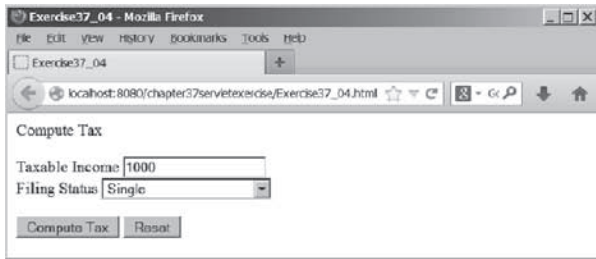
**FIGURE 37.26** The servlet displays the number of visits and the client’s host name, IP address, and request URL.

Implement this program in three different ways:

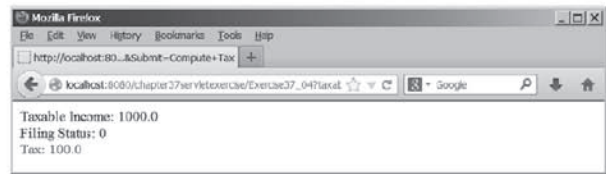
1. Use an instance variable to store **count**. When the servlet is created for the first time, **count** is 0. **count** is incremented every time the servlet’s **doGet** method is invoked. When the Web server stops, **count** is lost.
2. Store the count in a file named **Exercise39\_3.dat**, and use **RandomAccess-File** to read the count in the servlet’s **init** method. The count is incremented every time the servlet’s **doGet** method is invoked. When the Web server stops, store the count back to the file.
3. Instead of counting total visits from all clients, count the visits by each client identified by the client’s IP address. Use **Map** to store a pair of IP addresses and visit counts. For the first visit, an entry is created in the map. For subsequent visits, the visit count is updated.

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**\*37.4** (*Calculate tax*) Write an HTML form to prompt the user to enter taxable income and filing status, as shown in Figure 37.27a. Clicking the *Compute Tax* button invokes a servlet to compute and display the tax, as shown in Figure 37.27b. Use the **computeTax** method introduced in Listing 3.7, *ComputingTax.java*, to compute tax.



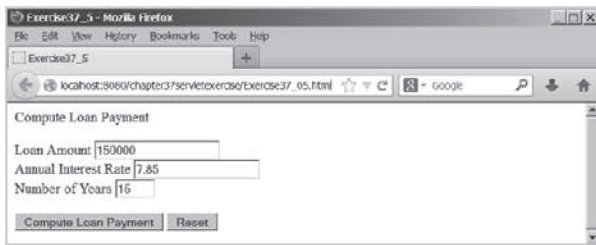
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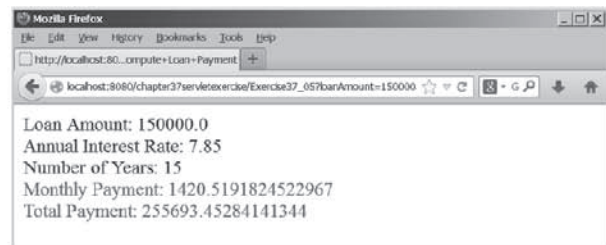
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**FIGURE 37.27** The servlet computes the tax.

**\*37.5** (*Calculate loan*) Write an HTML form that prompts the user to enter loan amount, interest rate, and number of years, as shown in Figure 37.28a. Clicking the *Compute Loan Payment* button invokes a servlet to compute and display the monthly and total loan payments, as shown in Figure 37.28b. Use the `Loan` class given in Listing 10.2, `Loan.java`, to compute the monthly and total payments.



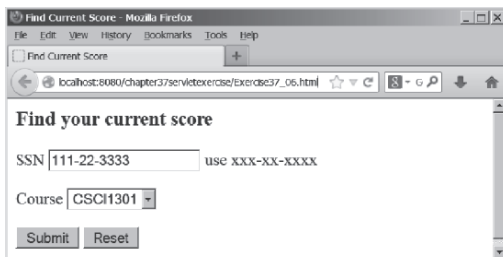
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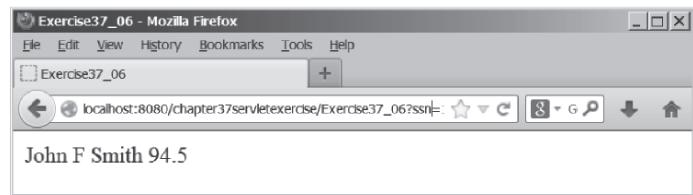
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**FIGURE 37.28** The servlet computes the loan payment.

**\*\*37.6** (*Find scores from text files*) Write a servlet that displays the student name and the current score, given the SSN and class ID. For each class, a text file is used to store the student name, SSN, and current score. The file is named after the class ID with .txt extension. For instance, if the class ID were `csci1301`, the file name would be `csci1301.txt`. Suppose each line consists of student name, SSN, and score. These three items are separated by the `#` sign. Create an HTML form that enables the user to enter the SSN and class ID, as shown in Figure 37.29a. Upon clicking the *Submit* button, the result is displayed, as shown in Figure 37.29b. If the SSN or the class ID does not match, report an error. Assume three courses are available: `CSCI1301`, `CSCI1302`, and `CSCI3720`.



(a)



(b)

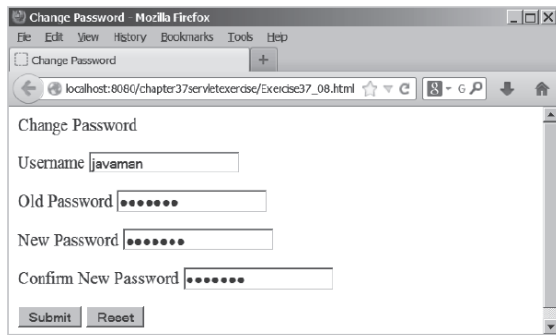
**FIGURE 37.29** The HTML form accepts the SSN and class ID from the user and sends them to the servlet to obtain the score.

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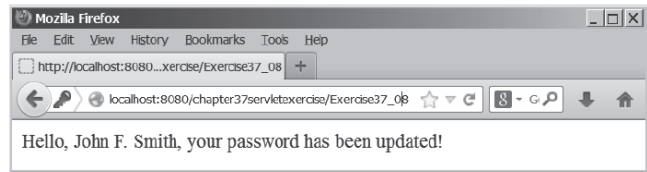
**\*\*37.7** (*Find scores from database tables*) Rewrite the preceding servlet. Assume for each class, a table is used to store the student name, ssn, and score. The table name is the same as the class ID. For instance, if the class ID were csci1301, the table name would be csci1301.

**\*37.8** (*Change the password*) Write a servlet that enables the user to change the password from an HTML form, as shown in Figure 37.30a. Suppose the user information is stored in a database table named Account with three columns: username, password, and name, where name is the real name of the user. The servlet performs the following tasks:

- a. Verify that the username and old password are in the table. If not, report the error and redisplay the HTML form.
- b. Verify that the new password and the confirmed password are the same. If not, report this error and redisplay the HTML form.
- c. If the user information is entered correctly, update the password and report the status of the update to the user, as shown in Figure 37.30b.



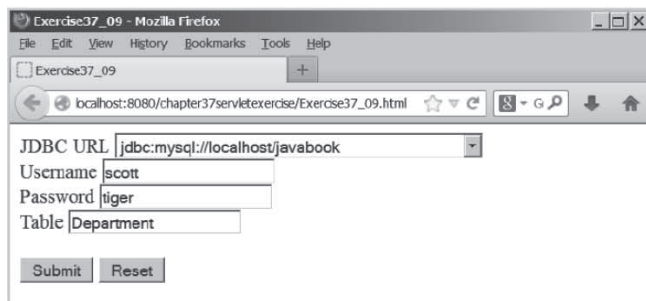
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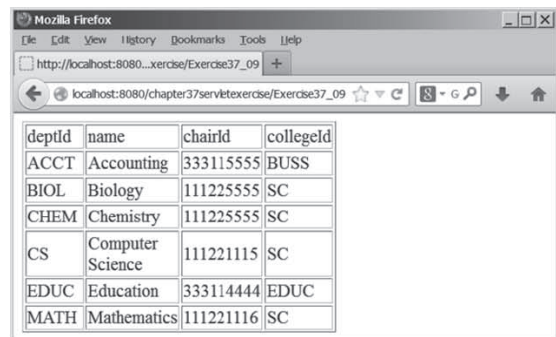
(b)

**FIGURE 37.30** The user enters the username and the old password and sets a new password. The servlet reports the status of the update to the user.

**\*\*37.9** (*Display database tables*) Write an HTML form that prompts the user to enter or select a JDBC driver, database URL, username, password, and table name, as shown in Figure 37.31a. Clicking the *Submit* button displays the table content, as shown in Figure 37.31b.



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 37.31** The user enters database information and specifies a table to display its content.

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**\*37.10** (*Store cookies*) Write a servlet that stores the following cookies in a browser, and set their max age for two days.

- Cookie 1: name is “color” and value is red.
- Cookie 2: name is “radius” and value is 5.5.
- Cookie 3: name is “count” and value is 2.

**\*37.11** (*Retrieve cookies*) Write a servlet that displays all the cookies on the client. The client types the URL of the servlet from the browser to display all the cookies stored on the browser. (see Figure 37.32.)

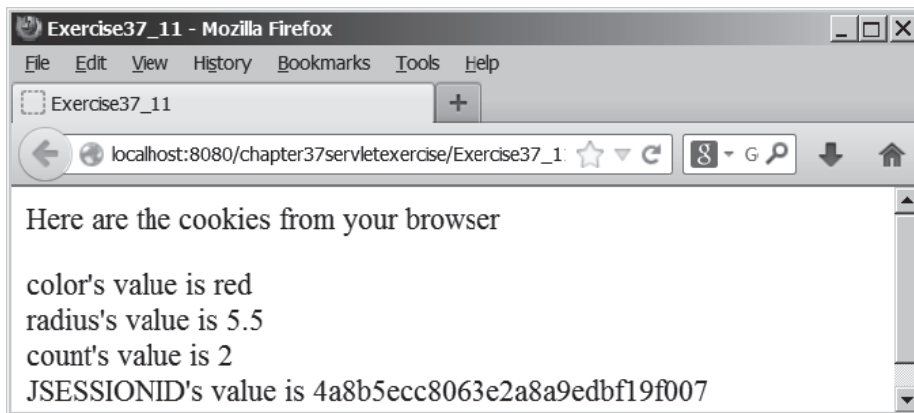


FIGURE 37.32 All the cookies on the client are displayed in the browser.

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**\*\*\*37.12** (*Syntax highlighting*) Create an HTML form that prompts the user to enter a Java program in a text area, as shown in Figure 37.33a. The form invokes a servlet that displays the Java source code in a syntax-highlighted HTML format, as shown in Figure 37.33b. The keywords, comments, and literals are displayed in bold navy, green, and blue, respectively.

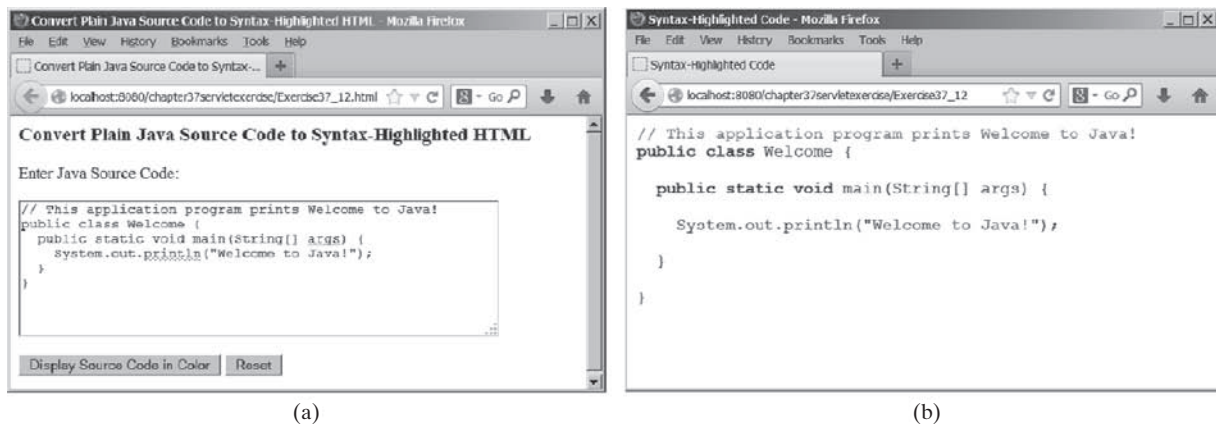


FIGURE 37.33 The Java code in plain text in (a) is displayed in HTML with syntax highlighted in (b).

**\*\*37.13** (Access and update a *Staff* table) Write a Java servlet for Exercise 33.1, as shown in Figure 37.34.

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window titled "Exercise37\_13 - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "localhost:8080/chapter37servletoexercise/Exercise37\_13.html". The main content area contains a form titled "Staff Information" with the following fields and values:

- ID: 45665
- Last Name: Ford
- First Name: Smith
- MI: D
- Address: 123 Abercorn
- City: Savannah
- State: GA
- Telephone: 9123445545

At the bottom of the form are four buttons: View, Insert, Update, and Clear.

**FIGURE 37.34** The webpage lets you view, insert, and update staff information.

**\*\*\*37.14** (*Opinion poll*) Create an HTML form that prompts the user to answer a question such as “Are you a CS major?”, as shown in Figure 37.35a. When the *Submit* button is clicked, the servlet increases the Yes or No count in a database and displays the current Yes and No counts, as shown in Figure 37.35b.

The figure consists of two side-by-side browser screenshots. Screenshot (a) shows a form titled "Opinion Poll" with the question "Are you a CS major?" and radio buttons for "Yes" and "No". Below the question are "Submit" and "Reset" buttons. Screenshot (b) shows the result of the poll: "The current Yes count is 2" and "The current No count is 0".

**FIGURE 37.35** The HTML form prompts the user to enter Yes or No for a question in (a), and the servlet updates the Yes or No counts (b).

Create a table named **Po11**, as follows:

```
create table Po11 (
    question varchar(40) primary key,
    yesCount int,
    noCount int);
```

Insert one row into the table, as follows:

```
insert into Po11 values ('Are you a CS major? ', 0, 0);
```



# CHAPTER 38

## JAVASERVER PAGES

### Objectives

- To create a simple JSP page (§38.2).
- To explain how a JSP page is processed (§38.3).
- To use JSP constructs to code JSP script (§38.4).
- To use predefined variables and directives in JSP (§§38.5–38.6).
- To use JavaBeans components in JSP (§38.7).
- To get and set JavaBeans properties in JSP (§38.8).
- To associate JavaBeans properties with input parameters (§38.9).
- To forward requests from one JSP page to another (§38.10).
- To develop an application for browsing database tables using JSP (§38.11).





## 38.1 Introduction

*JavaServer Pages are the Java scripts and code embedded in an HTML file.*

Servlets can be used to generate dynamic Web content. One drawback, however, is that you have to embed HTML tags and text inside the Java source code. Using servlets, you have to modify the Java source code and recompile it if changes are made to the HTML text. If you have a lot of HTML script in a servlet, the program is difficult to read and maintain, since the HTML text is part of the Java program. JavaServer Pages (JSP) was introduced to remedy this drawback. JSP enables you to write regular HTML script in the normal way and embed Java code to produce dynamic content.



## 38.2 Creating a Simple JSP Page

*An IDE such as NetBeans is an effective tool for creating JavaServer Pages.*

JSP provides an easy way to create dynamic webpages and simplify the task of building Web applications. A JavaServer page is like a regular HTML page with special tags, known as *JSP tags*, which enable the Web server to generate dynamic content. You can create a webpage with HTML script and enclose the Java code for generating dynamic content in the JSP tags. Here is an example of a simple JSP page:

```

<!-- CurrentTime.jsp -->
<html>
  <head>
    <title>
      CurrentTime
    </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    Current time is <%= new java.util.Date() %>
  </body>
</html>

```

The dynamic content is enclosed in the tag that begins with `<%=` and ends with `%>`. The current time is returned as a string by invoking the `toString` method of an object of the `java.util.Date` class.

An IDE like NetBeans can greatly simplify the task of developing JSP. To create JSP in NetBeans, first you need to create a Web project. A Web project named `liangweb` was created in the preceding chapter. For convenience, this chapter will create JSP in the `liangweb` project.

Here are the steps to create and run `CurrentTime.jsp`:

1. Right-click the `liangweb` node in the project pane and choose **New, JSP** to display the New JSP dialog box, as shown in Figure 38.1.
2. Enter `CurrentTime` in the JSP File Name field and click *Finish*. You will see `CurrentTime.jsp` appearing under the webpages node in `liangweb`.
3. Complete the code for `CurrentTime.jsp`, as shown in Figure 38.2.
4. Right-click `CurrentTime.jsp` in the project pane and choose *Run File*. You will see the JSP page displayed in a Web browser, as shown in Figure 38.3.



### Note

Like servlets, you can develop JSP in NetBeans, create a `.war` file, and then deploy the `.war` file in a Java Web server such as Tomcat and GlassFish.



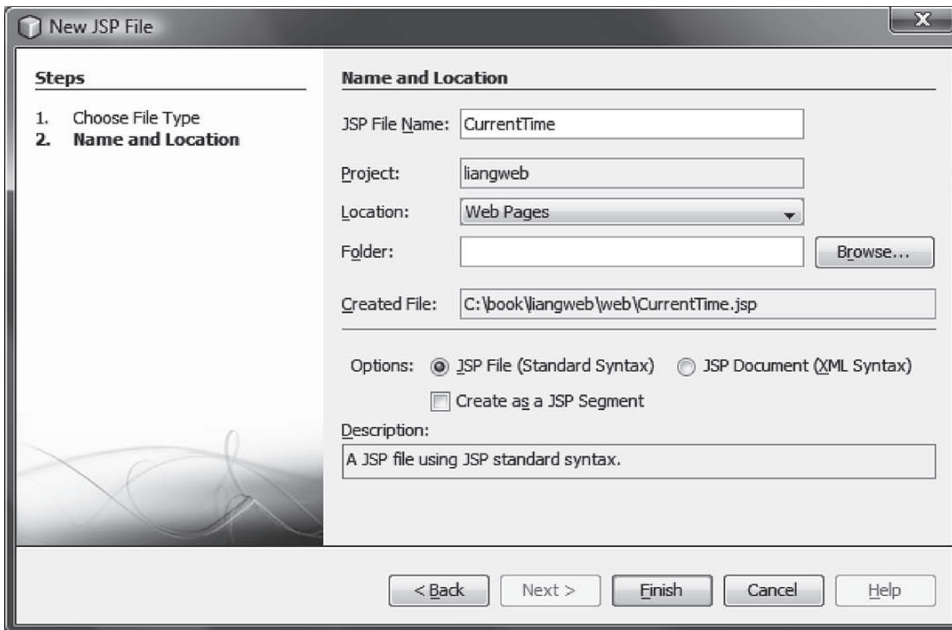


FIGURE 38.1 You can create a JSP page using NetBeans.

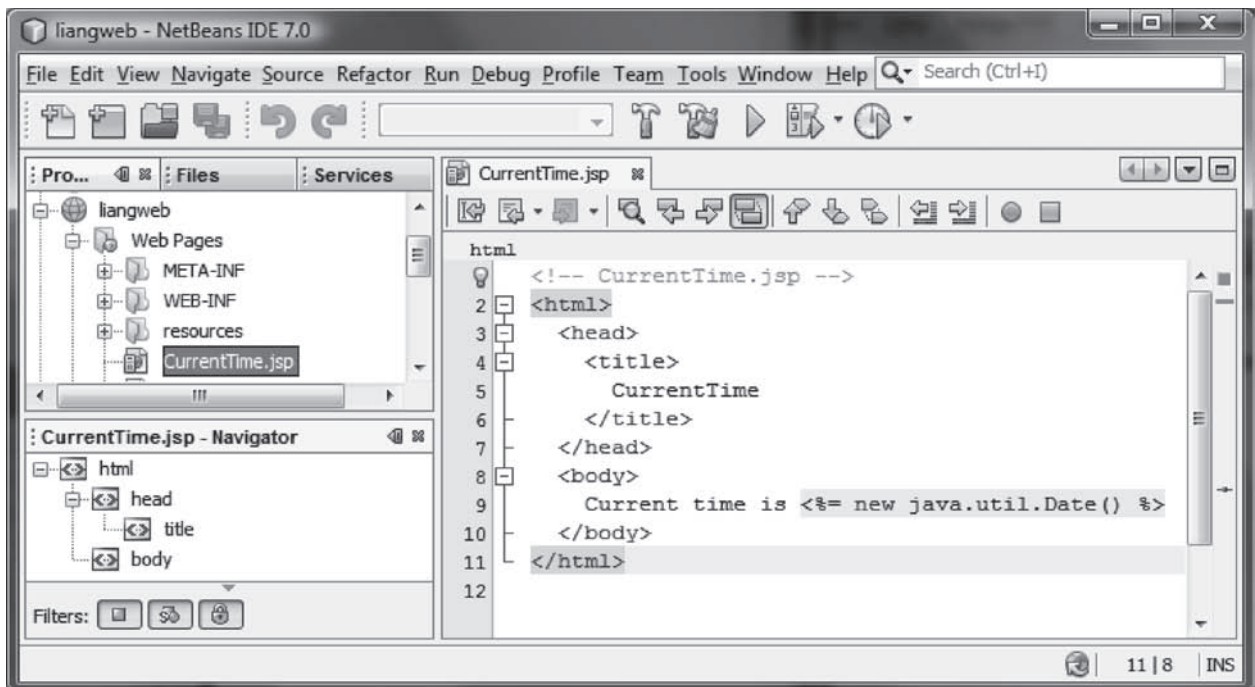


FIGURE 38.2 A template for a JSP page is created.

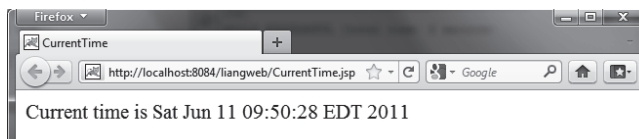


FIGURE 38.3 The result from a JSP page is displayed in a Web browser.

## 38.3 How Is a JSP Page Processed?



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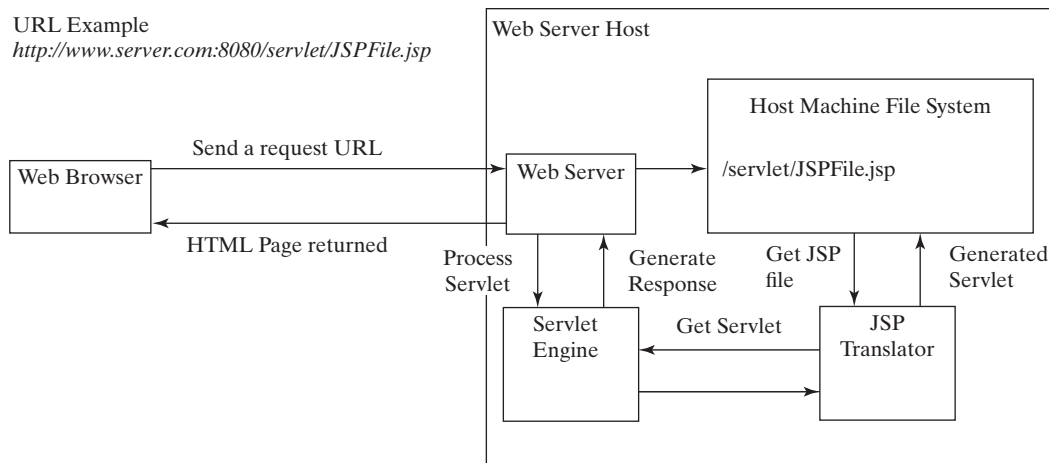
*JavaServer Pages are preprocessed and compiled into Java servlets by a Java Web server.*

A JSP page must first be processed by a Web server before it can be displayed in a Web browser. The Web server must support JSP, and the JSP page must be stored in a file with a .jsp extension. The Web server translates the .jsp file into a Java servlet, compiles the servlet, and executes it. The result of the execution is sent to the browser for display. Figure 38.4 shows how a JSP page is processed by a Web server.



### Note

A JSP page is translated into a servlet when the page is requested for the first time. It is not retranslated if the page is not modified. To ensure that the first-time real user does not encounter a delay, JSP developers should test the page after it is installed.



**FIGURE 38.4** A JSP page is translated into a servlet.



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- 38.2.1** What is the file-name extension of a JavaServer page? How is a JSP page processed?
- 38.2.2** Can you create a .war that contains JSP in NetBeans? Where should the .war be placed in a Java application server?
- 38.2.3** You can display an HTML file (e.g., c:\test.html) by typing the complete file name in the Address field of Internet Explorer. Why can't you display a JSP file by simply typing the file name?

## 38.4 JSP Scripting Constructs



Key  
Point

*There are three main types of JSP constructs: scripting constructs, directives, and actions.*

*Scripting* elements enable you to specify Java code that will become part of the resultant servlet. *Directives* enable you to control the overall structure of the resultant servlet. *Actions* enable you to control the behavior of the JSP engine. This section introduces scripting constructs.

Three types of JSP scripting constructs can be used to insert Java code into a resultant servlet: expressions, scriptlets, and declarations.

A JSP *expression* is used to insert a Java expression directly into the output. It has the following form:

```
<%= Java expression %>
```

The expression is evaluated, converted into a string, and sent to the output stream of the servlet.

A JSP *scriptlet* enables you to insert a Java statement into the servlet's `jspService` method, which is invoked by the `service` method. A JSP scriptlet has the following form:

```
<% Java statement %>
```

A JSP *declaration* is for declaring methods or fields into the servlet. It has the following form:

```
<%! Java declaration %>
```

HTML comments have the following form:

```
<!-- HTML Comment -->
```

If you don't want the comment to appear in the resultant HTML file, use the following comment in JSP:

```
<%-- JSP Comment --%>
```

Listing 38.1 creates a JavaServer page that displays factorials for numbers from 0 to 10, as shown in Figure 38.5.

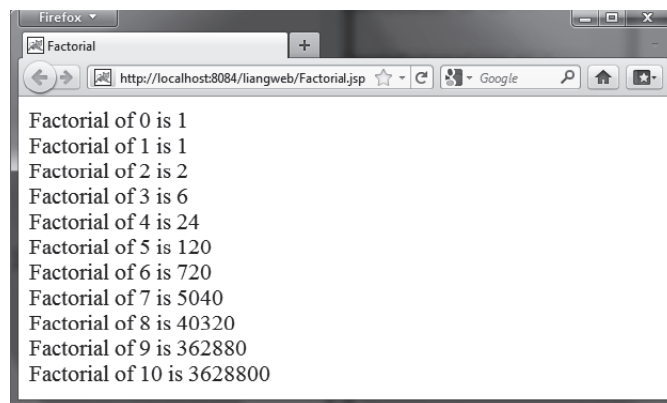


FIGURE 38.5 The JSP page displays factorials.

### LISTING 38.1 Factorial.jsp

```

1  <html>
2  <head>
3    <title>
4      Factorial
5    </title>
6  </head>
7  <body>
8
9    <% for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i++) { %>
10     Factorial of <%= i %> is
11     <%= computeFactorial(i) %> <br />
12   <% } %>
13
14   <%! private long computeFactorial(int n) {
15     if (n == 0)
16       return 1;
17     else
18       return n * computeFactorial(n - 1);

```

```

19     }
20     %>
21
22     </body>
23 </html>
    
```

JSP scriptlets are enclosed between `<%` and `%>`. Thus,

```
for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i++) {, (line 9)
```

is a scriptlet and as such is inserted directly into the servlet's `jspService` method.

JSP expressions are enclosed between `<%=` and `%>`. Thus,

```
<%= i %>, (line 10)
```

is an expression and is inserted into the output stream of the servlet.

JSP declarations are enclosed between `<%!` and `%>`. Thus,

```

<%! private long computeFactorial(int n) {
    ...
}
%>
    
```

is a declaration that defines methods or fields in the servlet.

What will be different if line 9 is replaced by the two alternatives shown below? Both work fine, but there is an important difference. In (a), `i` is a local variable in the servlet, whereas in (b), `i` is an instance variable when translated to the servlet.

```

<% int i = 0; %>
<% for ( ; i <= 10; i++) { %>
    
```

(a)

```

<%! int i; %>
<% for (i = 0; i <= 10; i++) { %>
    
```

(b)



**Caution:**

For JSP, the loop body, even though it contains a single statement, must be placed inside braces. It would be wrong to delete the opening brace (`{`) in line 9 and the closing brace (`<% } %>`) in line 12.



**Caution:**

There is no semicolon at the end of a JSP expression. For example, `<%= i; %>` is incorrect. But there must be a semicolon for each Java statement in a JSP scriptlet. For example, `<% int i = 0 %>` is incorrect.



**Caution:**

JSP and Java elements are case sensitive, but HTML is not.



**38.4.1** What are a JSP expression, a JSP scriptlet, and a JSP declaration? How do you write these constructs in JSP?

**38.4.2** Find three syntax errors in the following JSP code:

```

<%! int k %>
<% for (int j = 1; j <= 9; j++) %>
<%= j; %> <br />
    
```

**38.4.3** In the following JSP, which variables are instance variables, and which are local variables when it is translated into in the servlet?

```

<%! int k; %>
<%! int i; %>
    
```

```

<% for (int j = 1; j <= 9; j++) k += 1;%>
<%= k><br /> <%= i><br /> <%= getTime()><br />
<% private long getTime() {
    long time = System.currentTimeMillis();
    return time;
} %>

```

## 38.5 Predefined Variables

*JSP provides predefined variables that can be conveniently used in the JSP code.*

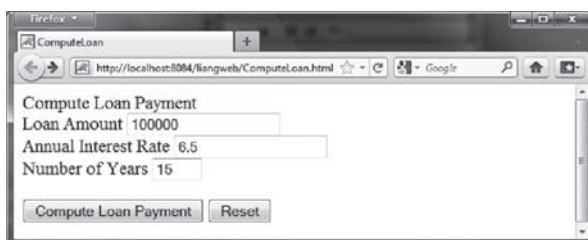


You can use variables in JSP. For convenience, JSP provides eight predefined variables from the servlet environment that can be used with JSP expressions and scriptlets. These variables are also known as *JSP implicit objects*.

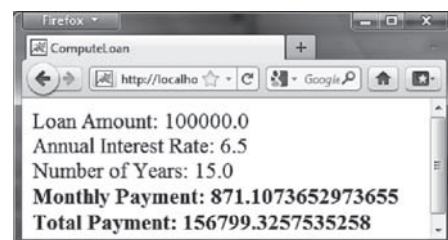
- **request** represents the client's request, which is an instance of **HttpServletRequest**. You can use it to access request parameters and HTTP headers, such as cookies and host name.
- **response** represents the servlet's response, which is an instance of **HttpServletResponse**. You can use it to set response type and send output to the client.
- **out** represents the character output stream, which is an instance of **PrintWriter** obtained from **response.getWriter()**. You can use it to send character content to the client.
- **session** represents the **HttpSession** object associated with the request, obtained from **request.getSession()**.
- **application** represents the **ServletContext** object for storing persistent data for all clients. The difference between **session** and **application** is that **session** is tied to one client, but **application** is for all clients to share persistent data.
- **config** represents the **ServletConfig** object for the page.
- **pageContext** represents the **PageContext** object. **PageContext** is a new class introduced in JSP to give a central point of access to many page attributes.
- **page** is an alternative to **this**.

As an example, let us write an HTML page that prompts the user to enter loan amount, annual interest rate, and number of years, as shown in Figure 38.6a. Clicking the *Compute Loan Payment* button invokes a JSP to compute and display the monthly and total loan payments, as shown in Figure 38.6b.

The HTML file is named **ComputeLoan.html** (Listing 38.2). The JSP file is named **ComputeLoan.jsp** (Listing 38.3).



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 38.6** The JSP computes the loan payments.

**LISTING 38.2** ComputeLoan.html

```

1  <!-- ComputeLoan.html -->
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <title>ComputeLoan</title>
5    </head>
6    <body>
7      <form method = "get" action = "ComputeLoan.jsp">
8        Compute Loan Payment<br />
9        Loan Amount
10       <input type = "text" name = "loanAmount" /><br />
11       Annual Interest Rate
12       <input type = "text" name = "annualInterestRate" /><br />
13       Number of Years
14       <input type = "text" name = "numberOfYears" size = "3" /><br />
15       <p><input type = "submit" name = "Submit"
16         value = "Compute Loan Payment" />
17       <input type = "reset" value = "Reset" /></p>
18     </form>
19   </body>
20 </html>

```

**LISTING 38.3** ComputeLoan.jsp

```

1  <!-- ComputeLoan.jsp -->
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <title>ComputeLoan</title>
5    </head>
6    <body>
7      <% double loanAmount = Double.parseDouble(
8         request.getParameter("loanAmount"));
9         double annualInterestRate = Double.parseDouble(
10        request.getParameter("annualInterestRate"));
11        double numberOfYears = Integer.parseInt(
12        request.getParameter("numberOfYears"));
13        double monthlyInterestRate = annualInterestRate / 1200;
14        double monthlyPayment = loanAmount * monthlyInterestRate /
15        (1 - 1 / Math.pow(1 + monthlyInterestRate, numberOfYears * 12));
16        double totalPayment = monthlyPayment * numberOfYears * 12; %>
17    Loan Amount: <%= loanAmount %><br />
18    Annual Interest Rate: <%= annualInterestRate %><br />
19    Number of Years: <%= numberOfYears %><br />
20    <b>Monthly Payment: <%= monthlyPayment %><br />
21    Total Payment: <%= totalPayment %><br /></b>
22  </body>
23 </html>

```

`ComputeLoan.html` is displayed first to prompt the user to enter the loan amount, annual interest rate, and number of years. Since this file does not contain any JSP elements, it is named with an `.html` extension as a regular HTML file.

`ComputeLoan.jsp` is invoked upon clicking the *Compute Loan Payment* button in the HTML form. The JSP page obtains the parameter values using the predefined variable `request` in lines 7–12 and computes monthly payment and total payment in lines 13–16. The formula for computing monthly payment is given in Listing 2.9, `ComputeLoan.java`.

What is wrong if the JSP scriptlet `<%` in line 7 is replaced by the JSP declaration `<%!?` The predefined variables (e.g., `request`, `response`, and `out`) correspond to local variables

defined in the servlet methods `doGet` and `doPost`. They must appear in JSP scriptlets, not in JSP declarations.



### Tip

`ComputeLoan.jsp` can also be invoked using the following query string: `http://localhost:8084/liangweb/ComputeLoan.jsp?loanAmount=10000&annualInterestRate=6&numberOfYears=15`.

- 38.5.1** Describe the predefined variables in JSP.
- 38.5.2** What is wrong if the JSP scriptlet `<%` in line 7 in `ComputeLoan.jsp` (Listing 38.3) is replaced by JSP declaration `<%!?`
- 38.5.3** Can you use predefined variables (e.g., `request`, `response`, and `out`) in JSP declarations?



## 38.6 JSP Directives

*You can use JSP directives to instruct JSP engine on how to process the JSP code.*

A JSP directive is a statement that gives the JSP engine information about the JSP page. For example, if your JSP page uses a Java class from a package other than the `java.lang` package, you have to use a directive to import this package. The general syntax for a JSP directive is shown below:



```
<%@ directive attribute = "value" %>, or
<%@ directive attribute1 = "value1"
      attribute2 = "value2"
      ...
      attributen = "valuen" %>
```

The possible directives are:

- **page** lets you provide information for the page, such as importing classes and setting up content type. The **page** directive can appear anywhere in the JSP file.
- **include** lets you insert a file into the servlet when the page is translated to a servlet. The **include** directive must be placed where you want the file to be inserted.
- **taglib** lets you define custom tags.

The following are useful attributes for the **page** directive:

- **import** specifies one or more packages to be imported for this page. For example, the directive `<%@ page import="java.util.* , java.text.*" %>` imports `java.util.*` and `java.text.*`.
- **contentType** specifies the content type for the resultant JSP page. By default, the content type is `text/html` for JSP. The default content type for servlets is `text/plain`.
- **session** specifies a **boolean** value to indicate whether the page is part of the session. By default, **session** is `true`.
- **buffer** specifies the output stream buffer size. By default, it is 8KB. For example, the directive `<%@ page buffer="10KB" %>` specifies that the output buffer size is 10KB. The directive `<%@ page buffer="none" %>` specifies that a buffer is not used.



- **autoFlush** specifies a **boolean** value to indicate whether the output buffer should be automatically flushed when it is full or whether an exception should be raised when the buffer overflows. By default, this attribute is **true**. In this case, the buffer attribute cannot be **none**.
- **isThreadSafe** specifies a **boolean** value to indicate whether the page can be accessed simultaneously without data corruption. By default, it is **true**. If it is set to **false**, the JSP page will be translated to a servlet that implements the **SingleThreadModel** interface.
- **errorPage** specifies a JSP page that is processed when an exception occurs in the current page. For example, the directive `<%@ page errorPage="HandleError.jsp" %>` specifies that `HandleError.jsp` is processed when an exception occurs.
- **isErrorPage** specifies a **boolean** value to indicate whether the page can be used as an error page. By default, this attribute is **false**.

Listing 38.4 gives an example that shows how to use the page directive to import a class. The example uses the **Loan** class created in Listing 10.2, `Loan.java`, to simplify Listing 38.3, `ComputeLoan.jsp`. You can create an object of the **Loan** class and use its `monthlyPayment()` and `totalPayment()` methods to compute the monthly payment and total payment.

#### LISTING 38.4 ComputeLoan1.jsp

```

1  <!-- ComputeLoan1.jsp -->
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <title>ComputeLoan Using the Loan Class</title>
5    </head>
6    <body>
7      <%@ page import = "chapter38.Loan" %>
8      <% double loanAmount = Double.parseDouble(
9         request.getParameter("loanAmount"));
10     double annualInterestRate = Double.parseDouble(
11         request.getParameter("annualInterestRate"));
12     int numberOfYears = Integer.parseInt(
13         request.getParameter("numberOfYears"));
14     Loan loan =
15         new Loan(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount);
16     %>
17     Loan Amount: <%= loanAmount %><br />
18     Annual Interest Rate: <%= annualInterestRate %><br />
19     Number of Years: <%= numberOfYears %><br />
20     <b>Monthly Payment: <%= loan.getMonthlyPayment() %><br />
21     Total Payment: <%= loan.getTotalPayment() %><br /></b>
22   </body>
23 </html>

```

This JSP uses the **Loan** class. You need to create the class in the `liangweb` project in package `chapter38` as follows:

```

package chapter38;
public class Loan {
    // Same as lines 2–71 in Listing 10.2, Loan.java, so omitted

```

The directive `<%@ page import = "chapter38.Loan" %>` imports the **Loan** class in line 7. Line 14 creates an object of **Loan** for the given loan amount, annual interest rate, and number of years. Lines 20–21 invoke the **Loan** object's `monthlyPayment()` and `totalPayment()` methods to display monthly payment and total payment.

- 38.6.1** Describe the JSP directives and attributes for the **page** directive.
- 38.6.2** If a class does not have a package statement, can you import it?
- 38.6.3** If you use a custom class from a JSP, where should the class be placed?



## 38.7 Using JavaBeans in JSP

*You can use JavaBeans to create objects for sharing among different JSP pages.*

Normally you create an instance of a class in a program and use it in that program. This method is for sharing the class, not the object. JSP allows you to share the object of a class among different pages. To enable an object to be shared, its class must be a JavaBeans component. Recall that this entails the following three features:



- The class is public.
- The class has a public constructor with no arguments.
- The class is serializable. (This requirement is not necessary in JSP.)

To create an instance for a JavaBeans component, use the following syntax:

```
<jsp:useBean id = "objectName" scope = "scopeAttribute"
class = "ClassName" />
```

This syntax is roughly equivalent to

```
<% ClassName objectName = new ClassName() %>
```

except that the **scope** attribute is missing. The scope attribute specifies the scope of the object, and the object is not recreated if it is already within the scope. Listed below are four possible values for the scope attribute:

- **application** specifies that the object is bound to the application. The object can be shared by all sessions of the application.
- **session** specifies that the object is bound to the client's session. Recall that a client's session is automatically created between a Web browser and a Web server. When a client from the same browser accesses two servlets or two JSP pages on the same server, the session is the same.
- **page** is the default scope, which specifies that the object is bound to the page.
- **request** specifies that the object is bound to the client's request.

When `<jsp:useBean id="objectName" scope="scopeAttribute" class="ClassName" />` is processed, the JSP engine first searches for an object of the class with the same id and scope. If found, the preexisting bean is used; otherwise, a new bean is created.

Here is another syntax for creating a bean:

```
<jsp:useBean id = "objectName" scope = "scopeAttribute"
class = "ClassName" >
  statements
</jsp:useBean>
```

The statements are executed when the bean is created. If a bean with the same ID and class name already exists in the scope, the statements are not executed.

Listing 38.5 creates a JavaBeans component named **Count** and uses it to count the number of visits to a JSP page, as shown in Figure 38.7.

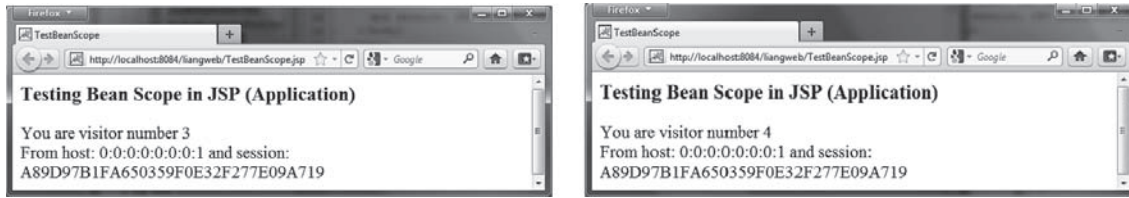


FIGURE 38.7 The number of visits to the page is increased when the page is visited.

### LISTING 38.5 Count.java

```

1 package chapter38;
2
3 public class Count {
4     private int count = 0;
5
6     /** Return count property */
7     public int getCount() {
8         return count;
9     }
10
11    /** Increase count */
12    public void increaseCount() {
13        count++;
14    }
15 }

```

The JSP page named TestBeanScope.jsp is created in Listing 38.6.

### LISTING 38.6 TestBeanScope.jsp

```

1 <-- TestBeanScope.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "chapter38.Count" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "count" scope = "application"
4     class = "chapter38.Count">
5 </jsp:useBean>
6 <html>
7     <head>
8         <title>TestBeanScope</title>
9     </head>
10    <body>
11        <h3>Testing Bean Scope in JSP (Application)</h3>
12        <% count.increaseCount(); %>
13        You are visitor number <%= count.getCount() %><br />
14        From host: <%= request.getRemoteHost() %>
15        and session: <%= session.getId() %>
16    </body>
17 </html>

```

The `scope` attribute specifies the scope of the bean. `scope="application"` (line 3) specifies that the bean is alive in the JSP engine and available for all clients to access. The bean can be shared by any client with the directive `<jsp:useBean id="count" scope="application" class="Count">` (lines 3–4). Every client accessing TestBeanScope.jsp causes the count to increase by 1. The first client causes `count` object to be created, and subsequent access to TestBeanScope uses the same object.

If `scope="application"` is changed to `scope="session"`, the scope of the bean is limited to the session from the same browser. The count will increase only if the page is requested from the same browser. If `scope="application"` is changed to `scope="page"`,

the scope of the bean is limited to the page, and any other page cannot access this bean. The page will always display count 1. If `scope="application"` is changed to `scope="request"`, the scope of the bean is limited to the client's request, and any other request on the page will always display count 1.

If the page is destroyed, the count restarts from 0. You can fix the problem by storing the count in a random access file or in a database table. Assume you store the count in the `Count` table in a database. The `Count` class can be modified in Listing 38.7.

### Listing 38.7 Count.java (Revised Version)

```

1 package chapter38;
2
3 import java.sql.*;
4
5 public class Count {
6     private int count = 0;
7     private Statement statement = null;
8
9     public Count() {
10        initializeJdbc();
11    }
12
13    /** Return count property */
14    public int getCount() {
15        try {
16            ResultSet rset = statement.executeQuery
17                ("select countValue from Count");
18            rset.next();
19            count = rset.getInt(1);
20        }
21        catch (Exception ex) {
22            ex.printStackTrace();
23        }
24
25        return count;
26    }
27
28    /** Increase count */
29    public void increaseCount() {
30        count++;
31        try {
32            statement.executeUpdate(
33                "update Count set countValue = " + count);
34        }
35        catch (Exception ex) {
36            ex.printStackTrace();
37        }
38    }
39
40    /** Initialize database connection */
41    public void initializeJdbc() {
42        try {
43            Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
44
45            // Connect to the sample database
46            Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
47                ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook" , "scott", "tiger");
48
49            statement = connection.createStatement();
50        }

```

```

51     catch (Exception ex) {
52         ex.printStackTrace();
53     }
54 }
55 }

```



**38.7.1** You can create an object in a JSP scriptlet. What is the difference between an object created using the **new** operator and a bean created using the `<jsp:useBean ... >` tag?

**38.7.2** What is the **scope** attribute for? Describe four scope attributes.

**38.7.3** Describe how a `<jsp:useBean ... >` statement is processed by the JSP engine.



## 38.8 Getting and Setting Properties

*JSP provides convenient syntax for getting and setting JavaBeans properties.*

By convention, a JavaBeans component provides the `get` and `set` methods for reading and modifying its private properties. You can get the property in JSP using the syntax shown below:

```
<jsp:getProperty name = "beanId" property = "sample" />
```

This is roughly equivalent to

```
<%= beanId.getSample() %>
```

You can set the property in JSP using the following syntax:

```
<jsp:setProperty name = "beanId"
  property = "sample" value = "test1" />
```

This is equivalent to

```
<% beanId.setSample("test1"); %>
```

## 38.9 Associating Properties with Input Parameters

Often properties are associated with input parameters. Suppose you want to get the value of the input parameter named **score** and set it to the JavaBeans property named **score**. You could write the following code:

```
<% double score = Double.parseDouble(
  request.getParameter("score")); %>
<jsp:setProperty name = "beanId" property = "score"
  value = "<%= score %>" />
```

This is cumbersome. JSP provides a convenient syntax that can be used to simplify it:

```
<jsp:setProperty name = "beanId" property = "score"
  param = "score" />
```

Instead of using the **value** attribute, you use the **param** attribute to name an input parameter. The value of this parameter is set to the property.



### Note

Simple type conversion is performed automatically when a bean property is associated with an input parameter. A string input parameter is converted to an appropriate primitive

data type or a wrapper class for a primitive type. For example, if the bean property is of the `int` type, the value of the parameter will be converted to the `int` type. If the bean property is of the `Integer` type, the value of the parameter will be converted to the `Integer` type.

Often the bean property and the parameter have the same name. You can use the following convenient statement to associate all the bean properties in `beanId` with the parameters that match the property names:

```
<jsp:setProperty name = "beanId" property = "*" />
```

### 38.9.1 Example: Computing Loan Payments Using JavaBeans

This example uses JavaBeans to simplify Listing 38.4, `ComputeLoan1.jsp`, by associating the bean properties with the input parameters. The new `ComputeLoan2.jsp` is given in Listing 38.8.

#### LISTING 38.8 `ComputeLoan2.jsp`

```
1 <!-- ComputeLoan2.jsp -->
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>ComputeLoan Using the Loan Class</title>
5   </head>
6   <body>
7     <%@ page import = "chapter38.Loan" %>
8     <jsp:useBean id = "loan" class = "chapter38.Loan"
9       scope = "page" ></jsp:useBean>
10    <jsp:setProperty name = "loan" property = "*" />
11    Loan Amount: <%= loan.getLoanAmount() %><br />
12    Annual Interest Rate: <%= loan.getAnnualInterestRate() %><br />
13    Number of Years: <%= loan.getNumberofYears() %><br />
14    <b>Monthly Payment: <%= loan.monthlyPayment() %><br />
15    Total Payment: <%= loan.totalPayment() %><br /></b>
16  </body>
17 </html>
```

Lines 8–9

```
<jsp:useBean id = "loan" class = "chapter38.Loan"
  scope = "page" ></jsp:useBean>
```

create a bean named `loan` for the `Loan` class. Line 10

```
<jsp:setProperty name = "loan" property = "*" />
```

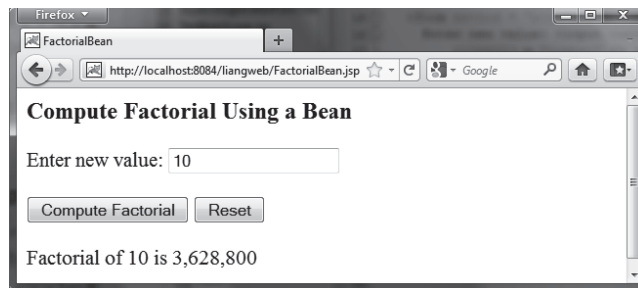
associates the bean properties `loanAmount`, `annualInterestRate`, and `numberofYears` with the input parameter values and performs type conversion automatically.

Lines 11–13 use the accessor methods of the loan bean to get the loan amount, annual interest rate, and number of years.

This program acts the same as in Listings 38.3 and 38.4, `ComputeLoan.jsp` and `ComputeLoan1.jsp`, but the coding is much, more simplified.

### 38.9.2 Example: Computing Factorials Using JavaBeans

This example creates a JavaBeans component named `FactorialBean` and uses it to compute the factorial of an input number in a JSP page named `FactorialBean.jsp`, as shown in Figure 38.8.



**FIGURE 38.8** The factorial of an input integer is computed using a method in **FactorialBean**.

Create a JavaBeans component named **FactorialBean.java** (Listing 38.9). Create **FactorialBean.jsp** (Listing 38.10).

### LISTING 38.9 FactorialBean.java

```

1 package chapter38;
2
3 public class FactorialBean {
4     private int number;
5
6     /** Return number property */
7     public int getNumber() {
8         return number;
9     }
10
11    /** Set number property */
12    public void setNumber(int newValue) {
13        number = newValue;
14    }
15
16    /** Obtain factorial */
17    public long getFactorial() {
18        long factorial = 1;
19        for (int i = 1; i <= number; i++)
20            factorial *= i;
21        return factorial;
22    }
23 }

```

### LISTING 38.10 FactorialBean.jsp

```

1 <!-- FactorialBean.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "chapter38.FactorialBean" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "factorialBeanId"
4     class = "chapter38.FactorialBean" scope = "page" >
5 </jsp:useBean>
6 <jsp:setProperty name = "factorialBeanId" property = "*" />
7 <html>
8     <head>
9         <title>
10             FactorialBean
11         </title>
12     </head>
13     <body>
14         <h3>Compute Factorial Using a Bean</h3>

```



```

15 <form method = "post">
16   Enter new value: <input name = "number" /><br /><br />
17   <input type = "submit" name = "Submit"
18     value = "Compute Factorial" />
19   <input type = "reset" value = "Reset" /><br /><br />
20   Factorial of
21     <jsp:getProperty name = "factorialBeanId"
22       property = "number" /> is
23     <%@ page import = "java.text.*" %>
24     <% NumberFormat format = NumberFormat.getNumberInstance(); %>
25     <%= format.format(factorialBeanId.getFactorial()) %>
26 </form>
27 </body>
28 </html>

```

The `jsp:useBean` tag (lines 3–4) creates a bean `factorialBeanId` of the `FactorialBean` class. Line 5 `<jsp:setProperty name="factorialBeanId" property="" />` associates all the bean properties with the input parameters that have the same name. In this case, the bean property `number` is associated with the input parameter `number`. When you click the *Compute Factorial* button, JSP automatically converts the input value for `number` from string into `int` and sets it to `factorialBean` before other statements are executed.

Lines 21–22 `<jsp:getProperty name="factorialBeanId" property="number" />` tag (line 21) is equivalent to `<%= factorialBeanId.getNumber() %>`. The method `factorialBeanId.getFactorial()` (line 25) returns the factorial for the number in `factorialBeanId`.



### Design Guide

Mixing a lot of Java code with HTML in a JSP page makes the code difficult to read and to maintain. You should move the Java code to a `.java` file as much as you can.

Following the preceding design guide, you may improve the preceding example by moving the Java code in lines 23–25 to the `FactorialBean` class. The new `FactorialBean.java` and `FactorialBean.jsp` are given in Listings 38.11 and 38.12.

## LISTING 38.11 NewFactorialBean.java

```

1 package chapter38;
2
3 import java.text.*;
4
5 public class NewFactorialBean {
6   private int number;
7
8   /** Return number property */
9   public int getNumber() {
10    return number;
11  }
12
13  /** Set number property */
14  public void setNumber(int newValue) {
15    number = newValue;
16  }
17
18  /** Obtain factorial */
19  public long getFactorial() {
20    long factorial = 1;

```

```

21     for (int i = 1; i <= number; i++)
22         factorial *= i;
23     return factorial;
24 }
25
26     /** Format number */
27     public static String format(long number) {
28         NumberFormat format = NumberFormat.getNumberInstance();
29         return format.format(number);
30     }
31 }

```

### LISTING 38.12 NewFactorialBean.jsp

```

1 <!-- NewFactorialBean.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "chapter38.NewFactorialBean" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "factorialBeanId"
4     class = "chapter38.NewFactorialBean" scope = "page" >
5 </jsp:useBean>
6 <jsp:setProperty name = "factorialBeanId" property = "*" />
7 <html>
8     <head>
9         <title>
10            FactorialBean
11        </title>
12    </head>
13    <body>
14        <h3>Compute Factorial Using a Bean</h3>
15        <form method = "post">
16            Enter new value: <input name = "number" /><br /><br />
17            <input type = "submit" name = "Submit"
18                value = "Compute Factorial" />
19            <input type = "reset" value = "Reset" /><br /><br />
20            Factorial of
21            <jsp:getProperty name = "factorialBeanId"
22                property = "number" /> is
23            <%= NewFactorialBean.format(factorialBeanId.getFactorial()) %>
24        </form>
25    </body>
26 </html>

```

There is a problem in this page. The program cannot display large factorials. For example, if you entered value 21, the program would display an incorrect factorial. To fix this problem, all you need to do is to revise the `NewFactorialBean` class using `BigInteger` to computing factorials (see Exercise 38.18).

### 38.9.3 Example: Displaying International Time

Listing 37.5, `TimeForm.java`, gives a Java servlet that uses the `doGet` method to generate an HTML form for the user to specify a locale and time zone (see Figure 37.18a) and uses the `doPost` method to display the current time for the specified time zone in the specified locale (see Figure 37.18b). This section rewrites the servlet using JSP. You have to create two JSP pages, one for displaying the form, and the other for displaying the current time.

In the `TimeForm.java` servlet, arrays `allLocale` and `allTimeZone` are the data fields. The `doGet` and `doPost` methods both use the arrays. Since the available locales and time zones are used in both pages, it is better to create an object that contains all available locales and time zones. This object can be shared by both pages.

Let us create a JavaBeans component named `TimeBean.java` (Listing 38.13). This class obtains all the available locales in an array in line 7 and all time zones in an array in line 8. The bean properties `localeIndex` and `timeZoneIndex` (lines 9–10) are defined to refer to an element in the arrays. The `currentTimeString()` method (lines 42–52) returns a string for the current time with the specified locale and time zone.

### LISTING 38.13 `TimeBean.java`

```

1  package chapter38;
2
3  import java.util.*;
4  import java.text.*;
5
6  public class TimeBean {
7      private Locale[] allLocale = Locale.getAvailableLocales();
8      private String[] allTimeZone = TimeZone.getAvailableIDs();
9      private int localeIndex;
10     private int timeZoneIndex;
11
12     public TimeBean() {
13         Arrays.sort(allTimeZone);
14     }
15
16     public Locale[] getAllLocale() {
17         return allLocale;
18     }
19
20     public String[] getAllTimeZone() {
21         return allTimeZone;
22     }
23
24     public int getLocaleIndex() {
25         return localeIndex;
26     }
27
28     public int getTimeZoneIndex() {
29         return timeZoneIndex;
30     }
31
32     public void setLocaleIndex(int index) {
33         localeIndex = index;
34     }
35
36     public void setTimeZoneIndex(int index) {
37         timeZoneIndex = index;
38     }
39
40     /** Return a string for the current time
41      * with the specified locale and time zone */
42     public String currentTimeString(
43         int localeIndex, int timeZoneIndex) {
44         Calendar calendar =
45             new GregorianCalendar(allLocale[localeIndex]);
46         TimeZone timeZone =
47             TimeZone.getTimeZone(allTimeZone[timeZoneIndex]);
48         DateFormat dateFormat = DateFormat.getDateInstance(
49             DateFormat.FULL, DateFormat.FULL, allLocale[localeIndex]);
50         dateFormat.setTimeZone(timeZone);
51         return dateFormat.format(calendar.getTime());
52     }
53 }

```

Create `DisplayTimeForm.jsp` (Listing 38.14). This page displays a form just like the one shown in Figure 37.18a. Line 2 imports the `TimeBean` class. A bean is created in lines 3–5 and is used in lines 17, 19, 24, and 26 to return all locales and time zones. The scope of the bean is application (line 4), so the bean can be shared by all sessions of the application.

### LISTING 38.14 `DisplayTimeForm.jsp`

```

1 <!-- DisplayTimeForm.jsp -->
2 <%@ pageimport = "chapter38.TimeBean" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "timeBeanId"
4   class = "chapter38.TimeBean" scope = "application" >
5 </jsp:useBean>
6
7 <html>
8   <head>
9     <title>
10      Display Time Form
11    </title>
12  </head>
13  <body>
14  <h3>Choose locale and time zone</h3>
15  <form method = "post" action = "DisplayTime.jsp">
16    Locale <select size = "1" name = "localeIndex">
17      <% for (int i = 0; i < timeBeanId.getAllLocale().length; i++) {%>
18        <option value = "<%= i %>">
19          <%= timeBeanId.getAllLocale()[i] %>
20        </option>
21      <%}%>
22    </select><br />
23    Time Zone <select size = "1" name = "timeZoneIndex">
24      <% for (int i = 0; i < timeBeanId.getAllTimeZone().length; i++) {%>
25        <option value = "<%= i %>">
26          <%= timeBeanId.getAllTimeZone()[i] %>
27        </option>
28      <%}%>
29    </select><br />
30    <input type = "submit" name = "Submit"
31      value = "Get Time" />
32    <input type = "reset" value = "Reset" />
33  </form>
34  </body>
35 </html>

```

Create `DisplayTime.jsp` (Listing 38.15). This page is invoked from `DisplayTimeForm.jsp` to display the time with the specified locale and time zone, just as in Figure 37.18b.

### LISTING 38.15 `DisplayTime.jsp`

```

1 <!-- DisplayTime.jsp -->
2 <%@page pageEncoding = "GB18030"%>
3 <%@ page import = "chapter38.TimeBean" %>
4 <jsp:useBean id = "timeBeanId"
5   class = "chapter38.TimeBean" scope = "application" >
6 </jsp:useBean>
7 <jsp:setProperty name = "timeBeanId" property = "*" />
8
9 <html>
10  <head>

```

```

11     <title>
12         Display Time
13     </title>
14 </head>
15 <body>
16 <h3>Choose locale and time zone</h3>
17     Current time is
18     <%= timeBeanId.currentTimeString(timeBeanId.getLocaleIndex(),
19         timeBeanId.getTimeZoneIndex()) %>
20 </body>
21 <html>

```

Line 2 sets the character encoding for the page to GB18030 for displaying international characters. By default, it is UTF-8.

Line 5 imports `chapter38.TimeBean` and creates a bean using the same id as in the preceding page. Since the object is already created in the preceding page, the `timeBeanId` in this page (lines 4–6) and in the preceding page point to the same object.

### 38.9.4 Example: Registering Students

Listing 37.11, `RegistrationWithHttpSession.java`, gives a Java servlet that obtains student information from an HTML form (see Figure 37.21) and displays the information for user confirmation (see Figure 37.22). Once the user confirms it, the servlet stores the data into the database. This section rewrites the servlet using JSP. You will create two JSP pages, one named `GetRegistrationData.jsp` for displaying the data for user confirmation and the other named `StoreData.jsp` for storing the data into the database.

Since every session needs to connect to the same database, you should declare a class for connecting to the database and for storing a student to the database. This class named `StoreData` is given in Listing 38.16. The `initializeJdbc` method (lines 15–31) connects to the database and creates a prepared statement for storing a record to the `Address` table. The `storeStudent` method (lines 34–45) executes the prepared statement to store a student address. The `Address` class is created in Listing 37.12.

#### LISTING 38.16 `StoreData.java`

```

1  package chapter38;
2
3  import java.sql.*;
4  import chapter37.Address;
5
6  public class StoreData {
7      // Use a prepared statement to store a student into the database
8      private PreparedStatement pstmt;
9
10     public StoreData() {
11         initializeJdbc();
12     }
13
14     /** Initialize database connection */
15     private void initializeJdbc() {
16         try {
17             Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
18
19             // Connect to the sample database
20             Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection
21                 ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook" , "scott", "tiger");
22

```

```

23     // Create a Statement
24     pstmt = connection.prepareStatement("insert into Address " +
25         "(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
26         + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
27     }
28     catch (Exception ex) {
29         System.out.println(ex);
30     }
31 }
32
33 /** Store a student record to the database */
34 public void storeStudent(Address address) throws SQLException {
35     pstmt.setString(1, address.getLastName());
36     pstmt.setString(2, address.getFirstName());
37     pstmt.setString(3, address.getMi());
38     pstmt.setString(4, address.getTelephone());
39     pstmt.setString(5, address.getEmail());
40     pstmt.setString(6, address.getStreet());
41     pstmt.setString(7, address.getCity());
42     pstmt.setString(8, address.getState());
43     pstmt.setString(9, address.getZip());
44     pstmt.executeUpdate();
45 }
46 }

```

The HTML file that displays the form is identical to `Registration.html` in Listing 37.8 except that the action is replaced by `HGetRegistrationData.jsp`.

`GetRegistrationData.jsp`, which obtains the data from the form, is shown in Listing 38.17. A bean is created in lines 3–4. Line 5 obtains the property values from the form. This is a shorthand notation. Note the parameter names and the property names must be the same to use this notation.

### LISTING 38.17 GetRegistrationData.jsp

```

1  <!-- GetRegistrationData.jsp -->
2  <%@ page import = "chapter37.Address" %>
3  <jsp:useBean id = "addressId"
4      class = "chapter37.Address" scope = "session"></jsp:useBean>
5  <jsp:setProperty name = "addressId" property = "*" />
6
7  <html>
8      <body>
9          <h1>Registration Using JSP</h1>
10
11         <%
12             if (addressId.getLastName() == null ||
13                 addressId.getFirstName() == null) {
14                 out.println("Last Name and First Name are required");
15                 return; // End the method
16             }
17         %>
18
19         <p>You entered the following data</p>
20         <p>Last name: <%= addressId.getLastName() %></p>
21         <p>First name: <%= addressId.getFirstName() %></p>
22         <p>MI: <%= addressId.getMi() %></p>
23         <p>Telephone: <%= addressId.getTelephone() %></p>

```

```

24     <p>Email: <%= addressId.getEmail() %></p>
25     <p>Address: <%= addressId.getStreet() %></p>
26     <p>City: <%= addressId.getCity() %></p>
27     <p>State: <%= addressId.getState() %></p>
28     <p>Zip: <%= addressId.getZip() %></p>
29
30     <!-- Set the action for processing the answers -->
31     <form method = "post" action = "StoreStudent.jsp">
32         <input type = "submit" value = "Confirm">
33     </form>
34 </body>
35 </html>

```

`GetRegistrationData.jsp` invokes `StoreStudent.jsp` (line 31) when the user clicks the *Confirm* button. In Listing 38.18, the same `addressId` is shared with the preceding page within the scope of the same session in lines 3–4. A bean for `StoreData` is created in lines 5–6 with the scope of application.

### LISTING 38.18 StoreStudent.jsp

```

1 <!-- StoreStudent.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "chapter37.Address" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "addressId" class = "chapter37.Address"
4   scope = "session"></jsp:useBean>
5 <jsp:useBean id = "storeDataId" class = "chapter38.StoreData"
6   scope = "application"></jsp:useBean>
7
8 <html>
9   <body>
10     <%
11       storeDataId.storeStudent(addressId);
12
13       out.println(addressId.getFirstName() + " " +
14         addressId.getLastName() +
15         " is now registered in the database");
16       out.close(); // Close stream
17     %>
18   </body>
19 </html>

```



#### Note

The scope for `addressId` is *session*, but the scope for `storeDataId` is *application*. Why? `GetRegistrationData.jsp` obtains student information, and `StoreData.jsp` stores the information in the same session. So the *session* scope is appropriate for `addressId`. All the sessions access the same database and use the same prepared statement to store data. With the *application* scope for `storeDataId`, the bean for `StoreData` needs to be created just once.



#### Note

The `storeStudent` method in line 11 may throw a `java.sql.SQLException`. In JSP, you can omit the try-block for checked exceptions. In case of an exception, JSP displays an error page.



**Tip**

Using beans is an effective way to develop JSP. You should put Java code into a bean as much as you can. The bean not only simplifies JSP programming but also makes code reusable. The bean can also be used to implement persistent sessions.

**Key Point**

## 38.10 Forwarding Requests from JavaServer Pages

*You can use the JSP forward tag to jump to navigate to another HTML page.*

Web applications developed using JSP generally consist of many pages linked together. JSP provides a forwarding tag in the following syntax that can be used to forward a page to another page:

```
<jsp:forward page = "destination" />
```

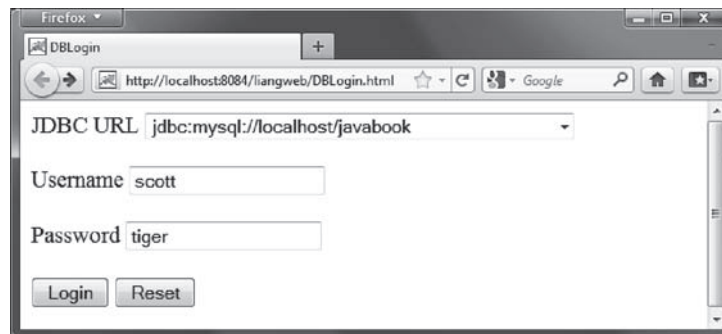
**Check Point**

**38.10.1** How do you associate bean properties with input parameters?

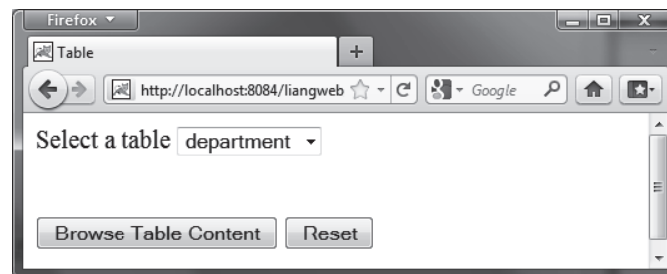
**38.10.2** How do you write a statement to forward requests to another JSP page?

## 38.11 Case Study: Browsing Database Tables

This section presents a very useful JSP application for browsing tables. When you start the application, the first page prompts the user to enter the JDBC driver, URL, username, and password for a database, as shown in Figure 38.9. After you log in to the database, you can select a table to browse, as shown in Figure 38.10. Clicking the *Browse Table Content* button displays the table content, as shown in Figure 38.11.



**FIGURE 38.9** To access a database, you need to provide the JDBC driver, URL, username, and password.



**FIGURE 38.10** You can select a table to browse from this page.

deptId	name	chairId	collegeId
ACCT	Accounting	333115555	BUSS
BIOL	Biology	111225555	SC
CHEM	Chemistry	111225555	SC
CS	Computer Science	111221115	SC
EDUC	Education	333114444	EDUC
MATH	Mathematics	111221116	SC

FIGURE 38.11 The contents of the selected table are displayed.

Create a JavaBeans component named `DBBean.java` (see Listing 38.19).

### LISTING 38.19 DBBean.java

```

1 package chapter38;
2
3 import java.sql.*;
4
5 public class DBBean {
6     private Connection connection = null;
7     private String username;
8     private String password;
9     private String driver;
10    private String url;
11
12    /** Initialize database connection */
13    public void initializeJdbc() {
14        try {
15            System.out.println("Driver is " + driver);
16            Class.forName(driver);
17
18            // Connect to the sample database
19            connection = DriverManager.getConnection(url, username,
20                password);
21        }
22        catch (Exception ex) {
23            ex.printStackTrace();
24        }
25    }
26
27    /** Get tables in the database */
28    public String[] getTables() {
29        String[] tables = null;
30
31        try {
32            DatabaseMetaData dbMetaData = connection.getMetaData();
33            ResultSet rsTables = dbMetaData.getTables(null, null, null,
34                new String[] {"TABLE"});
35
36            int size = 0;

```

```

37         while (rsTables.next()) size++;
38
39         rsTables = dbMetaData.getTables(null, null, null,
40             new String[] {"TABLE"});
41
42         tables = new String[size];
43         int i = 0;
44         while (rsTables.next())
45             tables[i++] = rsTables.getString("TABLE_NAME");
46     }
47     catch (Exception ex) {
48         ex.printStackTrace();
49     }
50
51     return tables;
52 }
53
54 /** Return connection property */
55 public Connection getConnection() {
56     return connection;
57 }
58
59 public void setUsername(String newUsername) {
60     username = newUsername;
61 }
62
63 public String getUsername() {
64     return username;
65 }
66
67 public void setPassword(String newPassword) {
68     password = newPassword;
69 }
70
71 public String getPassword() {
72     return password;
73 }
74
75 public void setDriver(String newDriver) {
76     driver = newDriver;
77 }
78
79 public String getDriver() {
80     return driver;
81 }
82
83 public void setUrl(String newUrl) {
84     url = newUrl;
85 }
86
87 public String getUrl() {
88     return url;
89 }
90 }

```

Create an HTML file named **DBLogin.html** (see Listing 38.20) that prompts the user to enter database information and three JSP files named **DBLoginInitialization.jsp** (see Listing 38.21), **Table.jsp** (see Listing 38.22), and **BrowseTable.jsp** (see Listing 38.23) to process and obtain database information.

**LISTING 38.20** DBLogin.html

```

1 <!-- DBLogin.html -->
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>
5       DBLogin
6     </title>
7   </head>
8   <body>
9     <form method = "post" action = "DBLoginInitialization.jsp">
10      JDBC URL
11      <select name = "url" size = "1">
12        <option>jdbc:odbc:ExampleMDBDataSource</option>
13        <option>jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook</option>
14        <option>jdbc:oracle:thin:@liang.armstrong.edu:1521:orc1</option>
15      </select><br /><br />
16      Username <input name = "username" /><br /><br />
17      Password <input name = "password" /><br /><br />
18      <input type = "submit" name = "Submit" value = "Login" />
19      <input type = "reset" value = "Reset" />
20    </form>
21  </body>
22 </html>

```

**LISTING 38.21** DBLoginInitialization.jsp

```

1 <!-- DBLoginInitialization.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "chapter38.DBBean" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "dBBeanId" scope = "session"
4   class = "chapter38.DBBean">
5 </jsp:useBean>
6 <jsp:setProperty name = "dBBeanId" property = "*" />
7 <html>
8   <head>
9     <title>DBLoginInitialization</title>
10  </head>
11  <body>
12
13    <!-- Connect to the database -->
14    <% dBBeanId.initializeJdbc(); %>
15
16    <% if (dBBeanId.getConnection() == null) { %>
17      Error: Login failed. Try again.
18    <% }
19    else {%>
20      <jsp:forward page = "Table.jsp" />
21    <% } %>
22  </body>
23 </html>

```

**LISTING 38.22** Table.jsp

```

1 <!-- Table.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "chapter38.DBBean" %>
3 <jsp:useBean id = "dBBeanId" scope = "session"
4   class = "chapter38.DBBean">
5 </jsp:useBean>
6 <html>
7   <head>

```

```

 8     <title>Table</title>
 9 </head>
10 <body>
11 <% String[] tables = dBBeanId.getTables();
12     if (tables == null) { %>
13         No tables
14     }
15     else { %>
16         <form method = "post" action = "BrowseTable.jsp">
17             Select a table
18             <select name = "tablename" size = "1">
19                 <% for (int i = 0; i < tables.length; i++) { %>
20                     <option><%= tables[i] %></option>
21                 } %>
22             } %>
23             </select><br /><br /><br />
24             <input type = "submit" name = "Submit"
25                 value = "Browse Table Content">
26             <input type = "reset" value = "Reset">
27         </form>
28     </body>
29 </html>

```

### LISTING 38.23 BrowseTable.jsp

```

 1 <!-- BrowseTable.jsp -->
 2 <%@ page import = "chapter38.DBBean" %>
 3 <jsp:useBean id = "dBBeanId" scope = "session"
 4     class = "chapter38.DBBean" >
 5 </jsp:useBean>
 6 <%@ page import = "java.sql.*" %>
 7 <html>
 8     <head>
 9         <title>BrowseTable</title>
10     </head>
11     <body>
12
13     <% String tableName = request.getParameter("tablename");
14
15         ResultSet rsColumns = dBBeanId.getConnection().getMetaData().
16             getColumnNames(null, null, tableName, null);
17     %>
18     <table border = "1">
19         <tr>
20             <% // Add column names to the table
21             while (rsColumns.next()) { %>
22                 <td><%= rsColumns.getString("COLUMN_NAME") %></td>
23             <%}%>
24         </tr>
25
26         <% Statement statement =
27             dBBeanId.getConnection().createStatement();
28             ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery(
29                 "select * from " + tableName);
30
31             // Get column count
32             int columnCount = rs.getMetaData().getColumnCount();
33
34             // Store rows to rowData
35             while (rs.next()) {

```

```

36         out.println("<tr>");
37         for (int i = 0; i < columnCount; i++) { %>
38             <td><%= rs.getObject(i + 1) %></td>
39         <% }
40         out.println("</tr>");
41     } %>
42 </table>
43 </body>
44 </html>

```

You start the application from DBLogin.html. This page prompts the user to enter a JDBC driver, URL, username, and password to log in to a database. A list of accessible drivers and URLs is provided in the selection list. You must make sure that these database drivers are added into the Libraries node in the project.

When you click the *Login* button, DBLoginInitialization.jsp is invoked. When this page is processed for the first time, an instance of **DBBean** named **dbBeanId** is created. The input parameters **driver**, **url**, **username**, and **password** are passed to the bean properties. The **initializeJdbc** method loads the driver and establishes a connection to the database. If login fails, the **connection** property is **null**. In this case, an error message is displayed. If login succeeds, control is forwarded to Table.jsp.

Table.jsp shares **dbBeanId** with DBLoginInitialization.jsp in the same session, so it can access **connection** through **dbBeanId** and obtain tables in the database using the database metadata. The table names are displayed in a selection box in a form. When the user selects a table name and clicks the *Browse Table Content* button, BrowseTable.jsp is processed.

BrowseTable.jsp shares **dbBeanId** with Table.jsp and DBLoginInitialization.jsp in the same session. It retrieves the table contents for the selected table from Table.jsp.

### JSP Scripting Constructs Syntax

- **<%= Java expression %>** The expression is evaluated and inserted into the page.
- **<% Java statement %>** Java statements inserted in the **jspService** method.
- **<%! Java declaration %>** Defines data fields and methods.
- **<!-- JSP comment %>** The JSP comments do not appear in the resultant HTML file.
- **<%@ directive attribute="value" %>** The JSP directives give the JSP engine information about the JSP page. For example, **<%@ page import="java.util.\*", java.text.\*" %>** imports **java.util.\*** and **java.text.\***.
- **<jsp:useBean id="objectName" scope="scopeAttribute" class="ClassName" />** Creates a bean if new. If a bean is already created, associates the id with the bean in the same scope.
- **<jsp:useBean id="objectName" scope="scopeAttribute" class="ClassName" > statements </jsp:useBean>** The statements are executed when the bean is created. If a bean with the same id and class name already exists, the statements are not executed.
- **<jsp:getProperty name="beanId" property="sample" />** Gets the property value from the bean, which is the same as **<%= beanId.getSample() %>**.
- **<jsp:setProperty name="beanId" property="sample" value="test1" />** Sets the property value for the bean, which is the same as **<% beanId.setSample("test1"); %>**.
- **<jsp:setProperty name="beanId" property="score" param="score" />** Sets the property with an input parameter.

- `<jsp:setProperty name="beanId" property="*" />` Associates and sets all the bean properties in `beanId` with the input parameters that match the property names.
- `<jsp:forward page="destination" />` Forwards this page to a new page.

### JSP Predefined Variables

- `application` represents the `ServletContext` object for storing persistent data for all clients.
- `config` represents the `ServletConfig` object for the page.
- `out` represents the character output stream, which is an instance of `PrintWriter`, obtained from `response.getWriter()`.
- `page` is alternative to `this`.
- `request` represents the client's request, which is an instance of `HttpServletRequest` in the servlet's `service` method.
- `response` represents the client's response, which is an instance of `HttpServletResponse` in the servlet's `service` method.
- `session` represents the `HttpSession` object associated with the request, obtained from `request.getSession()`.

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. A JavaServer page is like a regular HTML page with special tags, known as *JSP tags*, which enable the Web server to generate dynamic content. You can create a webpage with static HTML and enclose the code for generating dynamic content in the JSP tags.
2. A JSP page must be stored in a file with a `.jsp` extension. The Web server translates the `.jsp` file into a Java servlet, compiles the servlet, and executes it. The result of the execution is sent to the browser for display.
3. A JSP page is translated into a servlet when the page is requested for the first time. It is not retranslated if the page is not modified. To ensure that the first-time real user does not encounter a delay, JSP developers should test the page after it is installed.
4. There are three main types of JSP constructs: scripting constructs, directives, and actions. *Scripting* elements enable you to specify Java code that will become part of the resultant servlet. *Directives* enable you to control the overall structure of the resultant servlet. *Actions* enable you to control the behaviors of the JSP engine.
5. Three types of scripting constructs can be used to insert Java code into the resultant servlet: expressions, scriptlets, and declarations.
6. The scope attribute (application, session, page, and request) specifies the scope of a JavaBeans object. Application specifies that the object be bound to the application. Session specifies that the object be bound to the client's session. Page is the default scope, which specifies that the object be bound to the page. Request specifies that the object be bound to the client's request.
7. Web applications developed using JSP generally consist of many pages linked together. JSP provides a forwarding tag in the following syntax that can be used to forward a page to another page: `<jsp:forward page="destination" />`.

## Quiz

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.



## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

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### Note

Solutions to even-numbered exercises in this chapter are in `exercise\jsp\exercise` from `evennumberedexercise.zip`, which can be downloaded from the Companion Website.

### Section 38.4

- 38.1** (*Factorial table in JSP*) Rewrite Exercise 37.1 using JSP.
- 38.2** (*Multiplication table in JSP*) Rewrite Exercise 37.2 using JSP.

### Section 38.5

- \*38.3** (*Obtain parameters in JSP*) Rewrite the servlet in Listing 37.4, `GetParameters.java`, using JSP. Create an HTML form that is identical to `Student_Registration_Form.html` in Listing 37.3 except that the action is replaced by `Exercise40_3.jsp` for obtaining parameter values.

### Section 38.6

- 38.4** (*Calculate tax in JSP*) Rewrite Exercise 37.4 using JSP. You need to import `ComputeTax` in the JSP.
- \*38.5** (*Find scores from text files*) Rewrite Exercise 37.6 using servlets.
- \*\*38.6** (*Find scores from database tables*) Rewrite Exercise 37.7 using servlets.

### Section 38.7

- \*\*38.7** (*Change the password*) Rewrite Exercise 37.8 using servlets.

### Comprehensive

- \*38.8** (*Store cookies in JSP*) Rewrite Exercise 37.10 using JSP. Use `response.addCookie(Cookie)` to add a cookie.
- \*38.9** (*Retrieve cookies in JSP*) Rewrite Exercise 37.11 using JSP. Use `Cookie[] cookies = request.getCookies()` to get all cookies.
- 38.10** (*Draw images*) Write a JSP program that displays a country's flag and description as shown in Figure 38.12. The country code such as `us` is passed as a parameter in the URL. The country's flag file is named as `CountryCode.gif` and the description is stored in a text file named `CountryCode.txt` on the server. So, for the country code `us`, the flag file `us.gif` and the text file is `us.txt`.
- \*\*\*38.11** (*Syntax highlighting*) Rewrite Exercise 37.12 using JSP.
- \*\*38.12** (*Opinion poll*) Rewrite Exercise 37.13 using JSP.
- \*\*\*38.13** (*Multiple-question opinion poll*) The `Po11` table in Exercise 37.13 contains only one question. Suppose you have a `Po11` table that contains multiple questions. Write a JSP that reads all the questions from the table and display them in a form, as shown in Figure 38.13a. When the user clicks the *Submit* button, another JSP page is invoked. This page updates the Yes or No counts for each question and displays the current Yes and No counts for each question in the `Po11` table, as shown in Figure 38.13b. Note that the table may contain many questions. The questions in the figure are just examples. Sort the questions in alphabetical order.



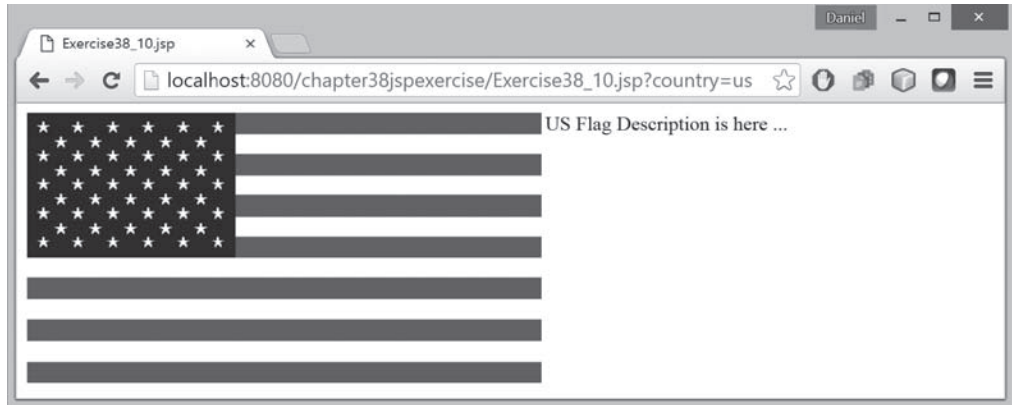


FIGURE 38.12 The program displays an image and the description of the image.

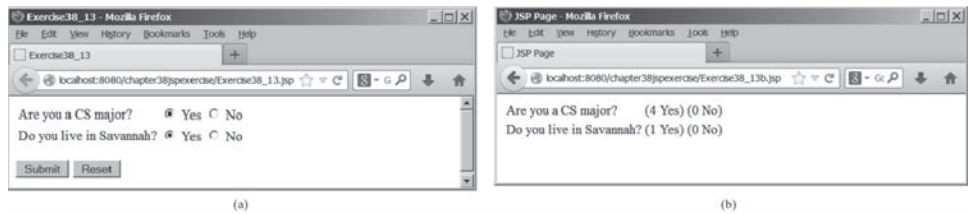


FIGURE 38.13 The form prompts the user to enter Yes or No for each question in (a), and the updated Yes or No counts are displayed in (b).

**\*\*38.14** (*Addition quiz*) Write a JSP program that generates addition quizzes randomly, as shown in Figure 38.14a. After the user answers all questions, the JSP displays the result, as shown in Figure 38.14b.

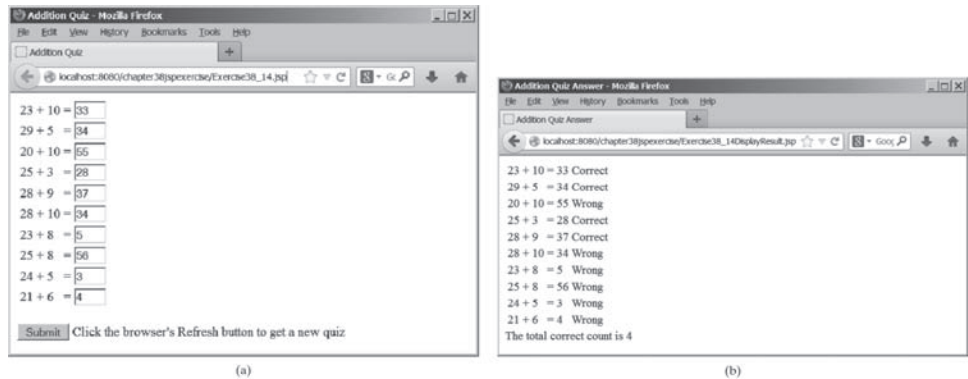


FIGURE 38.14 The program displays addition questions in (a) and answers in (b).

**\*\*38.15** (*Subtraction quiz*) Write a JSP program that generates subtraction quizzes randomly, as shown in Figure 38.14a. The first number must always be greater than or equal to the second number. After the user answers all questions, the JSP displays the result, as shown in Figure 38.14b.

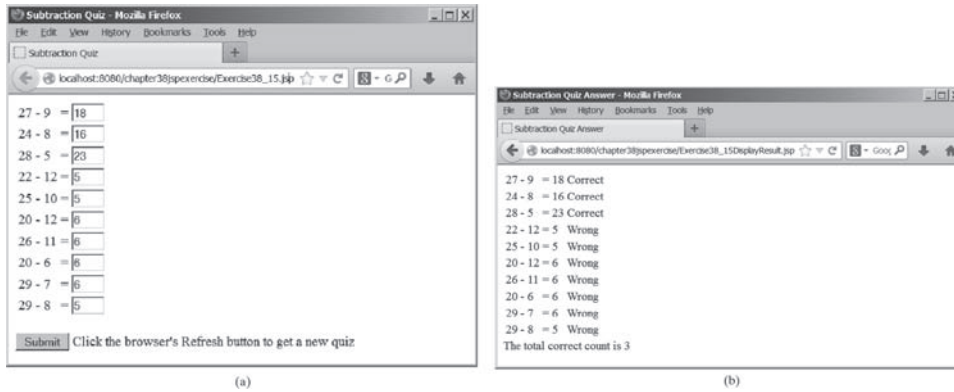


FIGURE 38.14 The program displays subtraction questions in (a) and answers in (b).

**\*\*38.16** (*Guess birthday*) Listing 3.3, `GuessBirthDay.java`, gives a program for guessing a birthday. Write a JSP program that displays five sets of numbers, as shown in Figure 38.15a. After the user checks the appropriate boxes and clicks the *Find Date* button, the program displays the date, as shown in Figure 38.15b.

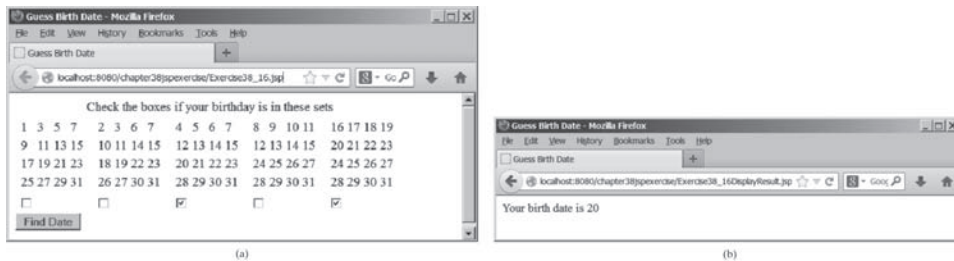


FIGURE 38.15 (a) The program displays five sets of numbers for the user to check the boxes. (b) The program displays the date.

**\*\*38.17** (*Guess capitals*) Write a JSP that prompts the user to enter a capital for a state, as shown in Figure 38.16a. Upon receiving the user input, the program reports whether the answer is correct, as shown in Figure 38.16b. You can click the *Next* button to display another question. You can use a two-dimensional array to store the states and capitals, as proposed in Exercise 9.22. Create a list from the array and apply the `shuffle` method to reorder the list so the questions will appear in random order.

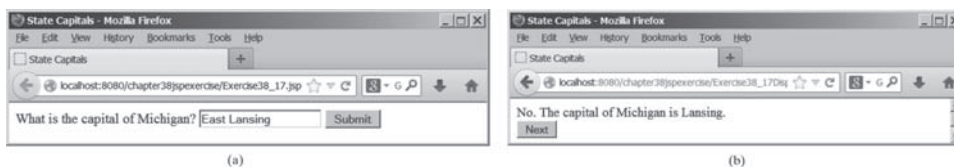
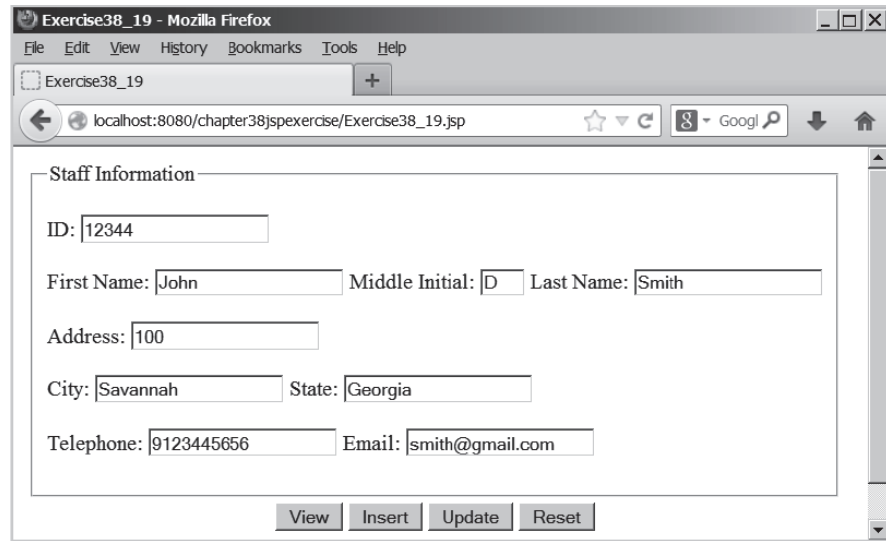


FIGURE 38.16 (a) The program displays a question. (b) The program displays the answer to the question.

**\*38.18** (*Large factorial*) Rewrite Listing 38.11 to handle a large factorial. Use the `BigInteger` class introduced in §14.12.

**\*\*38.19** (*Access and update a Staff table*) Write a JSP for Exercise 33.1, as shown in Figure 38.17.



**FIGURE 38.17** The JSP page lets you view, insert, and update staff information.

**\*38.20** (*Guess number*) Write a JSP page that generates a random number between **1** and **1000** and let the user enter a guess. When the user enters a guess, the program should tell the user whether the guess is correct, too high, or too low.

# CHAPTER 39

## JAVASERVER FACES

### Objectives

- To explain what JSF is (§39.1).
- To create a JSF project in NetBeans (§39.2.1).
- To create a JSF page (§39.2.2).
- To create a JSF managed bean (§39.2.3).
- To use JSF expressions in a facelet (§39.2.4).
- To use JSF GUI components (§39.3).
- To obtain and process input from a form (§39.4).
- To develop a calculator using JSF (§39.5).
- To track sessions in application, session, view, and request scopes (§39.6).
- To validate input using the JSF validators (§39.7).
- To bind database with facelets (§39.8).
- To open a new JSF page from the current page (§39.9).
- To program using contexts and dependency injection (§39.10).



## 39.1 Introduction



*JavaServer Faces (JSF) is a new technology for developing server-side Web applications using Java.*

JSF

JSF enables you to completely separate Java code from HTML. You can quickly build Web applications by assembling reusable UI components in a page, connecting these components to Java programs and wiring client-generated events to server-side event handlers. The application developed using JSF is easy to debug and maintain.



### Note

This chapter introduces JSF 2, the latest standard for JavaServer Faces. You need to know XHTML (eXtensible HyperText Markup Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheet) to start this chapter. For information on XHTML and CSS, see Supplements V.A and V.B.

JSF 2  
XHTML  
CSS



### Caution

The examples and exercises in this chapter were tested using NetBeans 7.3.1, GlassFish 4, and Java EE 7. You need to use NetBeans 7.3.1 or a higher version with GlassFish 4 and Java EE 7 to develop your JSF projects.

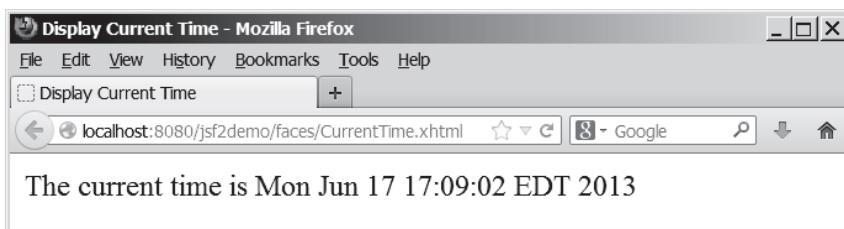
NetBeans 7.3.1  
GlassFish 4  
Java EE 7

## 39.2 Getting Started with JSF



*NetBeans is an effective tool for developing JSF applications.*

We begin with a simple example that illustrates the basics of developing JSF projects using NetBeans. The example is to display the date and time on the server, as shown in Figure 39.1.



**FIGURE 39.1** The application displays the date and time on the server.

### 39.2.1 Creating a JSF Project

Here are the steps to create the application.

create a project

Step 1: Choose *File, New Project* to display the New Project dialog box. In this box, choose *Java Web* in the Categories pane and *Web Application* in the Projects pane. Click *Next* to display the New Web Application dialog box.

In the New Web Application dialog box, enter and select the following fields, as shown in Figure 39.2a:

Project Name: **jsf2demo**  
Project Location: **c:\book**

choose server and Java EE 7

Step 2: Click *Next* to display the dialog box for choosing servers and settings. Select the following fields as shown in Figure 39.2b. (Note: You can use any server such as GlassFish 4.x that supports Java EE 6.)

Server: **GlassFish 4**  
Java EE Version: **Java EE 7 Web**

Step 3: Click *Next* to display the dialog box for choosing frameworks, as shown in Figure 39.3. Check *JavaServer Faces* and JSF 2.0 as Server Library. Click *Finish* to create the project, as shown in Figure 39.4. choose JavaServer Faces and JSF2.2

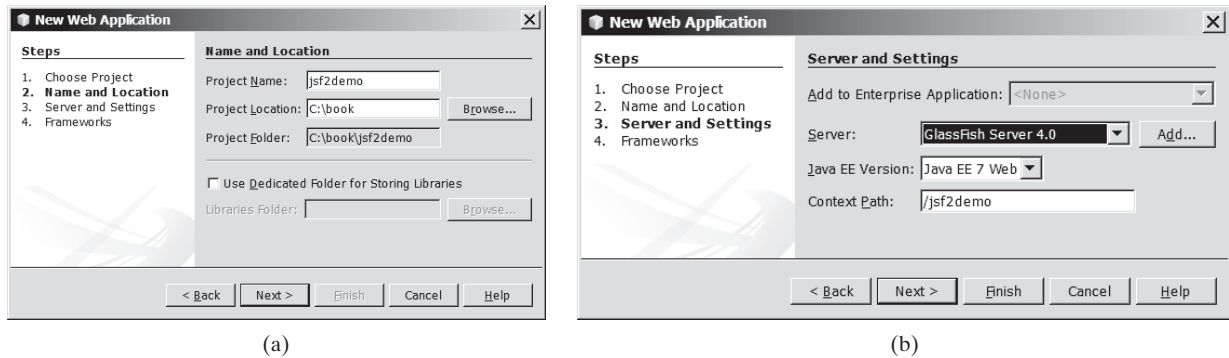


FIGURE 39.2 The New Web Application dialog box enables you to create a new Web project.

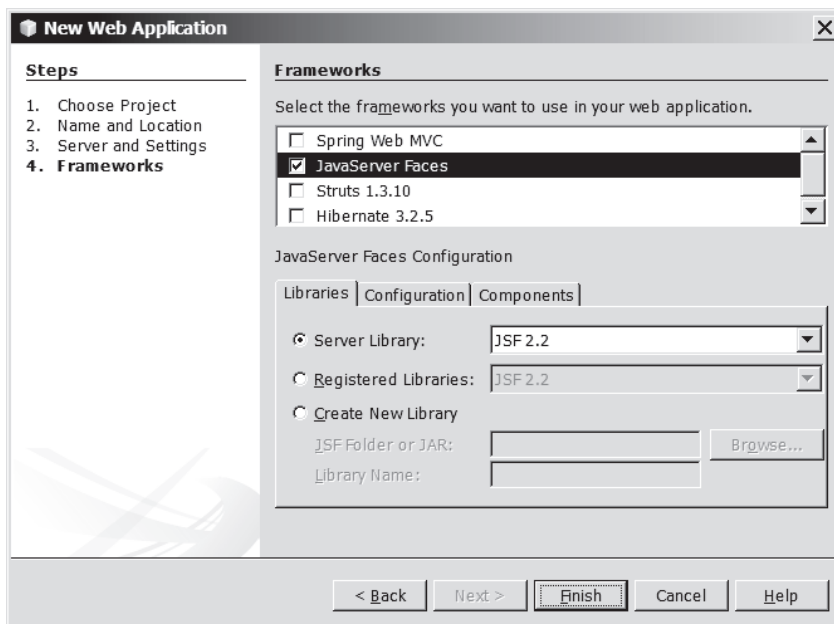


FIGURE 39.3 Check JavaServer Faces and JSF 2.2 to create a Web project.

### 39.2.2 A Basic JSF Page

A new project was just created with a default page named `index.xhtml`, as shown in Figure 39.4. This page is known as a *facelet*, which mixes JSF tags with XHTML tags. Listing 39.1 lists the contents of `index.xhtml`.

facelet

#### LISTING 39.1 `index.xhtml`

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!-- index.xhtml -->
3 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
4   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
5 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
6   xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
```

xml version  
comment  
DOCTYPE  
default namespace  
JSF namespace

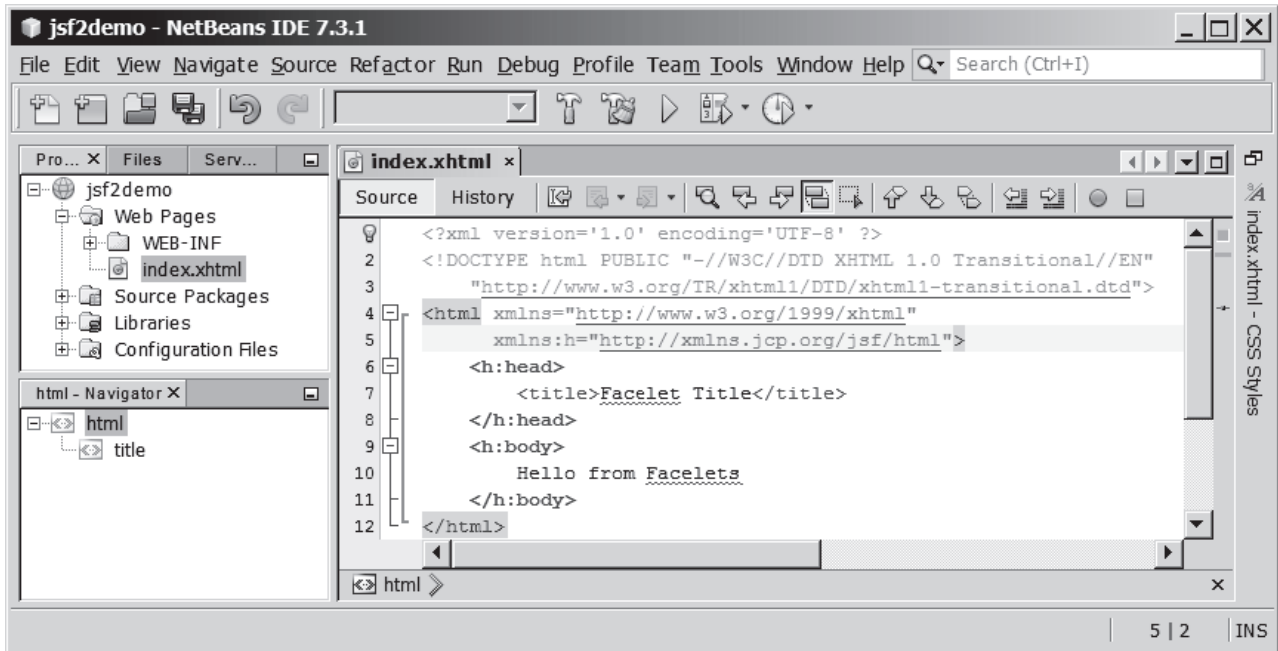


FIGURE 39.4 A default JSF page is created in a new Web project.

```

h: head      7      <h: head>
              8      <title>Facelet Title</title>
              9      </h: head>
h: body     10     <h: body>
              11     Hello from Facelets
              12     </h: body>
              13     </html>

```

#### XML declaration

Line 1 is an XML declaration to state that the document conforms to the XML version 1.0 and uses the UTF-8 encoding. The declaration is optional, but it is a good practice to use it. A document without the declaration may be assumed of a different version, which may lead to errors. If an XML declaration is present, it must be the first item to appear in the document. This is because an XML processor looks for the first line to obtain information about the document so that it can be processed correctly.

#### XML comment

Line 2 is a comment for documenting the contents in the file. XML comment always begins with `<!--` and ends with `-->`.

#### DOCTYPE

Lines 3 and 4 specify the version of XHTML used in the document. This can be used by the Web browser to validate the syntax of the document.

#### element tag

An XML document consists of elements described by tags. An element is enclosed between a start tag and an end tag. XML elements are organized in a tree-like hierarchy. Elements may contain subelements, but there is only one root element in an XML document. All the elements must be enclosed inside the root tag. The root element in XHTML is defined using the `html` tag (line 5).

#### html tag

Each tag in XML must be used in a pair of the start tag and the end tag. A start tag begins with `<` followed by the tag name and ends with `>`. An end tag is the same as its start tag except that it begins with `</`. The start tag and end tag for `html` are `<html>` and `</html>`.

The `html` element is the root element that contains all other elements in an XHTML page. The starting `<html>` tag (lines 5 and 6) may contain one or more `xmlns` (XML namespace) attributes to specify the namespace for the elements used in the document. Namespaces are like Java packages. Java packages are used to organize classes and to avoid naming conflict. XHTML namespaces are used to organize tags and resolve naming conflict. If an element with the same name is defined in two namespaces, the fully qualified tag names can be used to differentiate them.



Each `xmlns` attribute has a name and a value separated by an equal sign (=). The following declaration (line 5)

```
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
```

specifies that any unqualified tag names are defined in the default standard XHTML namespace.

The following declaration (line 6)

```
xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
```

allows the tags defined in the JSF tag library to be used in the document. These tags must have a prefix `h`.

An `html` element contains a head and a body. The `h:head` element (lines 7–9) defines an HTML `title` element. The title is usually displayed in the browser window's title bar.

An `h:body` element defines the page's content. In this simple example, it contains a string to be displayed in the Web browser.



### Note

The XML tag names are case sensitive, whereas HTML tags are not. So, `<html>` is different from `<HTML>` in XML. Every start tag in XML must have a matching end tag, whereas some tags in HTML do not need end tags.

You can now display the page in `index.xhtml` by right-clicking on `index.xhtml` in the projects pane and choose *Run File*. The page is displayed in a browser, as shown in Figure 39.5.

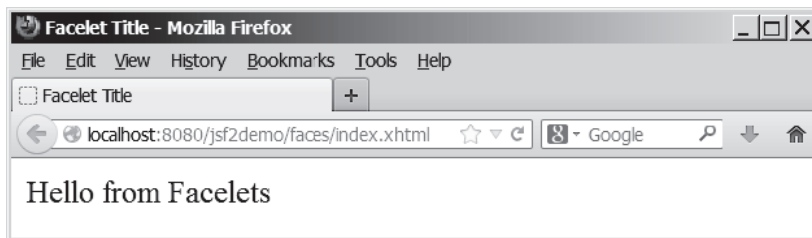


FIGURE 39.5 The `index.xhtml` is displayed in the browser.



### Note

The JSF page is processed and converted into a regular HTML page for displaying by a browser. The Java software that runs on the server side for producing the HTML page is known as *Java server container* or simply *container*. The container is responsible for handling all server-side tasks for Java EE. GlassFish is a Java server container.

container

## 39.2.3 Managed JavaBeans for JSF

JSF applications are developed using the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture, which separates the application's data (contained in the model) from the graphical presentation (the view). The controller is the JSF framework that is responsible for coordinating interactions between view and the model.

In JSF, the facelets are the view for presenting data. Data are obtained from Java objects. Objects are defined using Java classes. In JSF, the objects that are accessed from a facelet are JavaBeans objects. A *JavaBean* class is simply a public Java class with a no-arg constructor. JavaBeans may contain properties. By convention, a property is defined with a getter and a setter method. If a property only has a getter method, the property is called a read-only property. If a property only has a setter method, the property is called a write-only property. A property does not need to be defined as a data field in the class.

JavaBean



Our example in this section is to develop a JSF facet to display current time. We will create a JavaBean with a `getTime()` method that returns the current time as a string. The facet will invoke this method to obtain current time.

Here are the steps to create a JavaBean named `TimeBean`.

Step 1. Right-click the project node `jsf2demo` to display a context menu as shown in Figure 39.6. Choose *New, JSF Managed Bean* to display the New JSF Managed Bean dialog box, as shown in Figure 39.7. (Note: if you don't see JSF Managed Bean in the menu, choose *Other* to locate it in the JavaServer Faces category.)

Step 2. Enter and select the following fields, as shown in Figure 39.7:

Class Name: `TimeBean`

Package: `jsf2demo`

Name: `timeBean`

Scope: `request`

Click *Finish* to create `TimeBean.java`, as shown in Figure 39.8.

Step 3. Add the `getTime()` method to return the current time, as shown in Listing 39.2.

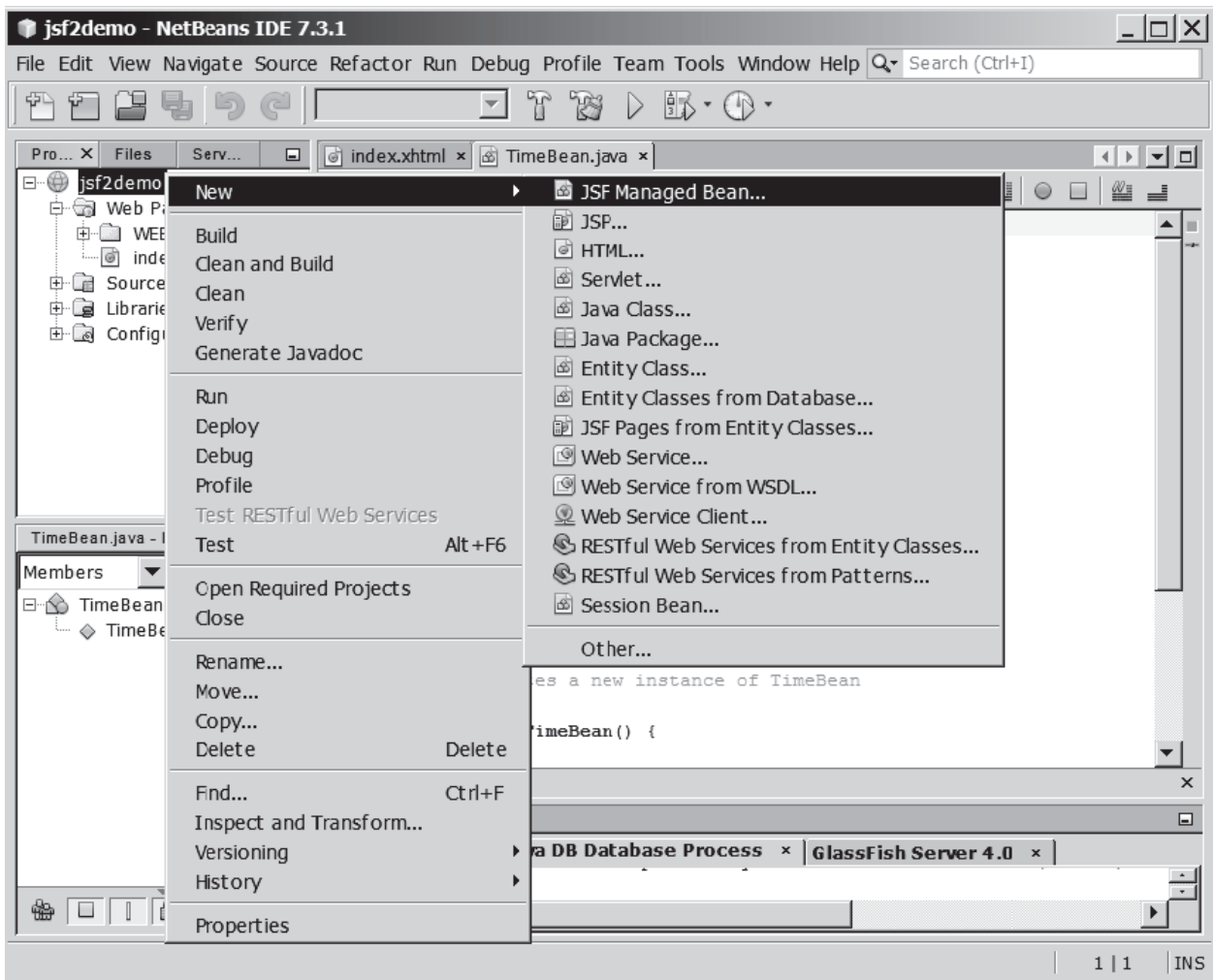


FIGURE 39.6 Choose JSF Managed Bean to create a JavaBean for JSF.

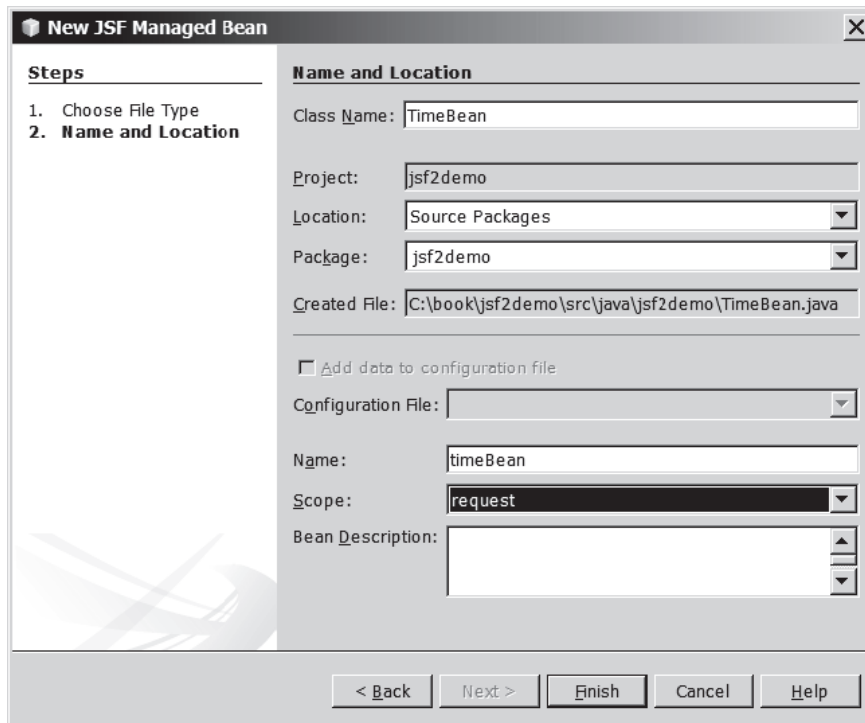


FIGURE 39.7 Specify the name, location, and scope for the bean.

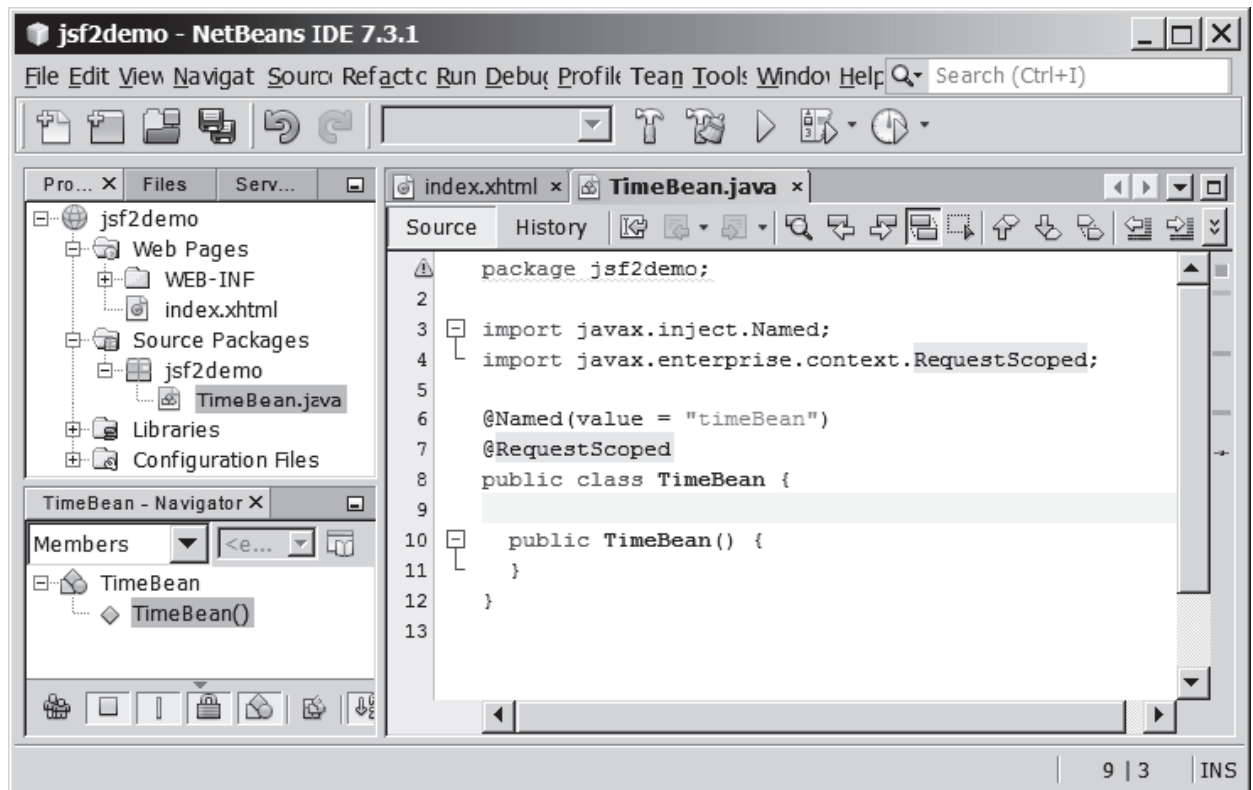


FIGURE 39.8 A JavaBean for JSF was created.

**LISTING 39.2** TimeBean.java

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import javax.inject.Named;
4 import javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped;
5
6 @Named (value = "timeBean")
7 @RequestScoped
8 public class TimeBean {
9     public TimeBean() {
10    }
11
12     public String getTime() {
13         return new java.util.Date().toString();
14     }
15 }

```

@Named  
@RequestScoped

time property

**TimeBean** is a JavaBeans with the **@Named** annotation, which indicates that the JSF framework will create and manage the **TimeBean** objects used in the application. You have learned to use the **@Override** annotation in Chapter 11. The **@Override** annotation tells the compiler that the annotated method is required to override a method in a superclass. The **@Named** annotation tells the compiler to generate the code to enable the bean to be used by JSF facelets.

The **@RequestScope** annotation specifies that the scope of the JavaBeans object is within a request. You can also use **@ViewScope**, **@SessionScope** or **@ApplicationScope** to specify the scope for a session or for the entire application.

@RequestScope

**39.2.4 JSF Expressions**

We demonstrate JSF expressions by writing a simple application that displays the current time. You can display current time by invoking the **getTime()** method in a **TimeBean** object using a JSF expression.

To keep `index.xhtml` intact, we create a new JSF page named `CurrentTime.xhtml` as follows:

Step 1. Right-click the `jsf2demo` node in the project pane to display a context menu and choose *New, JSF Page* to display the New JSF File dialog box, as shown in Figure 39.9.

Step 2. Enter `CurrentTime` in the File Name field, choose Facelets and click *Finish* to generate `CurrentTime.xhtml`, as shown in Figure 39.10.

Step 3. Add a JSF expression to obtain the current time, as shown in Listing 39.3.

Step 4. Right-click on `CurrentTime.xhtml` in the project to display a context menu and choose *Run File* to display the page in a browser as shown in Figure 39.1.

**LISTING 39.3** CurrentTime.xhtml

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6   <h:head>
7     <title>Display Current Time</title>
8     <meta http-equiv="refresh" content="60" />
9   </h:head>
10  <h:body>
11    The current time is #{timeBean.time}
12  </h:body>
13 </html>

```

refresh page

JSF expression

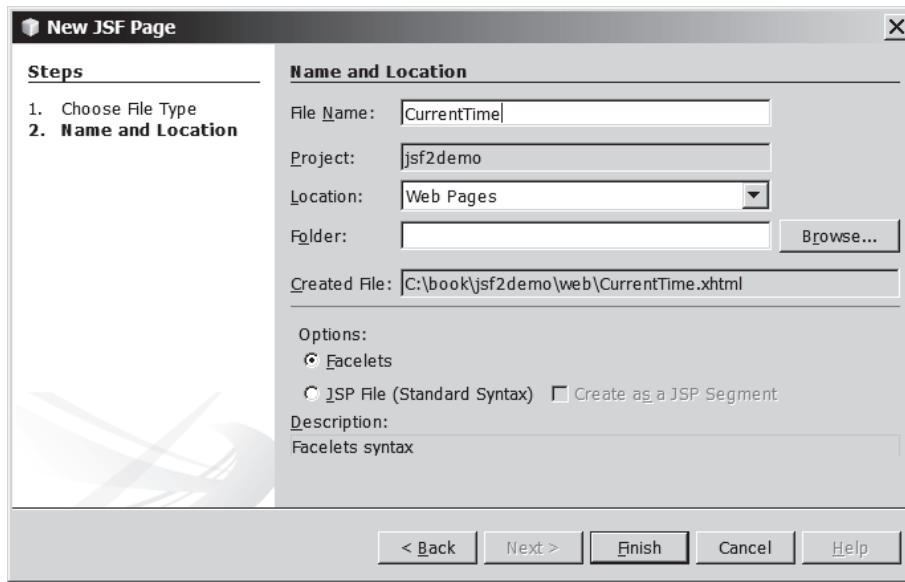


FIGURE 39.9 The New JSF Page dialog is used to create a JSF page.

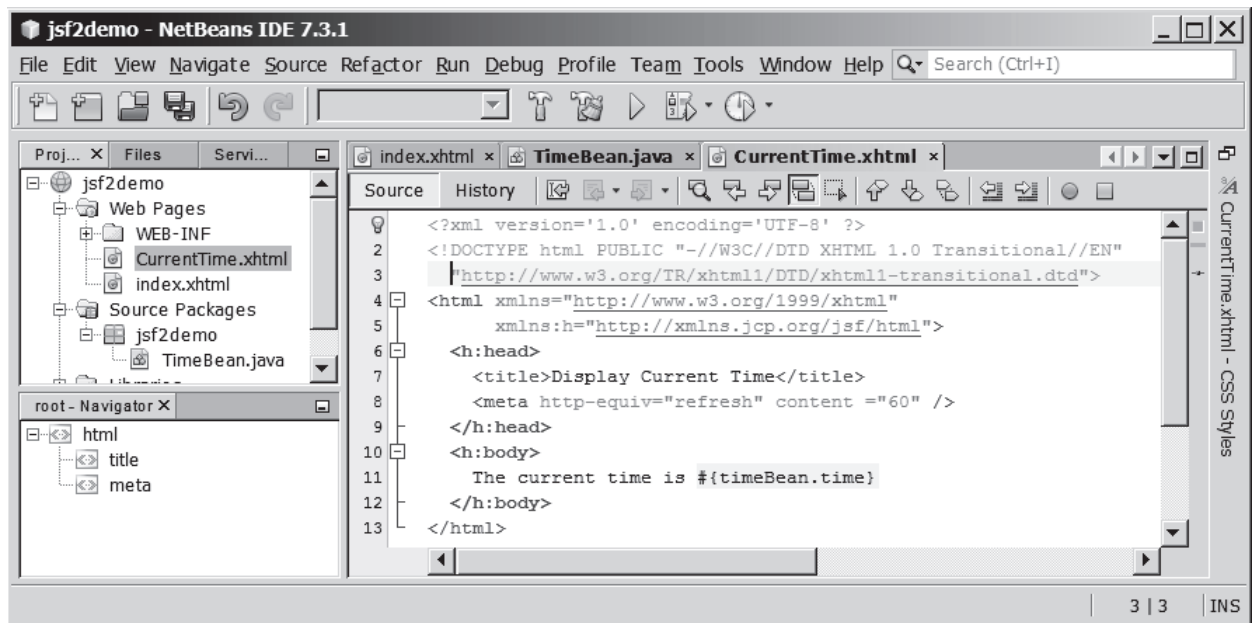


FIGURE 39.10 A New JSF page CurrentTime was created.

Line 11 defines a **meta** tag inside the **h:head** tag to tell the browser to refresh every 60 seconds. This line can also be written as

```
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content ="60"></ meta>
```

An element is called an *empty element* if there are no contents between the start tag and the end tag. In an empty element, data are typically specified as attributes in the start tag. You can close an empty element by placing a slash immediately preceding the start tag's right angle bracket, as shown in line 8, for brevity. empty element

Line 8 uses a JSF expression `#{timeBean.time}` to obtain the current time. `timeBean` is an object of the `TimeBean` class. The object name can be changed in the `@Named` annotation (line 6 in Listing 39.2) using the following syntax:

```
@Named(name = "anyObjectName")
```

By default, the object name is the class name with the first letter in lowercase.

Note that `time` is a JavaBeans property because the `getTime()` method is defined in `TimeBeans`. The JSF expression can either use the property name or invoke the method to obtain the current time. So the following two expressions are fine:

```
#{timeBean.time}
#{timeBean.getTime()}
```

The syntax of a JSF expression is

```
#{expression}
```

JSF expressions bind JavaBeans objects with facelets. You will see more use of JSF expressions in the upcoming examples in this chapter.



**39.2.1** What is JSF?

**39.2.2** How do you create a JSF project in NetBeans?

**39.2.3** How do you create a JSF page in a JSF project?

**39.2.4** What is a facelet?

**39.2.5** What is the file extension name for a facelet?

**39.2.6** What is a managed bean?

**39.2.7** What is the `@Named` annotation for?

**39.2.8** What is the `@RequestScope` annotation for?



## 39.3 JSF GUI Components

*JSF provides many elements for displaying GUI components.*

Table 39.1 lists some of the commonly used elements. The tags with the `h` prefix are in the JSF HTML Tag library. The tags with the `f` prefix are in the JSF Core Tag library.

Listing 39.4 is an example that uses some of these elements to display a student registration form, as shown in Figure 39.11.

### LISTING 39.4 StudentRegistrationForm.xhtml

```
1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5       xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
6       xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
7   <h:head>
8     <title>Student Registration Form</title>
9   </h:head>
10  <h:body>
11    <h:form>
12      <!-- Use h:graphicImage -->
13      <h3>Student Registration Form
14        <h:graphicImage name="usIcon.gif" library="image"/>
15    </h3>
```

jsf core namespace

graphicImage

**TABLE 39.1** JSF GUI Form Elements

<i>JSF Tag</i>	<i>Description</i>
<code>h:form</code>	inserts an XHTML form into a page.
<code>h:panelGroup</code>	similar to a JavaFX FlowPane.
<code>h:panelGrid</code>	similar to a JavaFX GridPane.
<code>h:inputText</code>	displays a textbox for entering input.
<code>h:outputText</code>	displays a textbox for displaying output.
<code>h:inputTextArea</code>	displays a textarea for entering input.
<code>h:inputSecret</code>	displays a textbox for entering password.
<code>h:outputLabel</code>	displays a label.
<code>h:outputLink</code>	displays a hypertext link.
<code>h:selectOneMenu</code>	displays a combo box for selecting one item.
<code>h:selectOneRadio</code>	displays a set of radio button.
<code>h:selectManyCheckbox</code>	displays checkboxes.
<code>h:selectOneListbox</code>	displays a list for selecting one item.
<code>h:selectManyListbox</code>	displays a list for selecting multiple items.
<code>f:selectItem</code>	specifies an item in an <code>h:selectOneMenu</code> , <code>h:selectOneRadio</code> , or <code>h:selectManyListbox</code> .
<code>h:message</code>	displays a message for validating input.
<code>h:dataTable</code>	displays a data table.
<code>h:column</code>	specifies a column in a data table.
<code>h:graphicImage</code>	displays an image.

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window titled "Student Registration Form". The address bar shows the URL "localhost:8080/jsf2demo/faces/StudentRegistrationForm.xhtml". The form content includes:

- Title: **Student Registration Form**
- Fields: Last Name [text box], First Name [text box], MI [text box]
- Gender:  Male  Female
- Major: [dropdown menu showing "Computer Science"]
- Minor: [dropdown menu showing "Mathematics", "English"]
- Hobby:  Tennis  Golf  Ping Pong
- Remarks: [text area]
- Register: [button]

**FIGURE 39.11** A student registration form is displayed using JSF elements.

```

16
17     <!-- Use h:panelGrid -->
h:panelGrid 18     <h:panelGrid columns="6" style="color:green">
h:outputLabel 19         <h:outputLabel value="Last Name" />
h:inputText 20         <h:inputText id="lastNameInputText" />
21         <h:outputLabel value="First Name" />
22         <h:inputText id="firstNameInputText" />
23         <h:outputLabel value="MI" />
24         <h:inputText id="miInputText" size="1" />
25     </h:panelGrid>
26
27     <!-- Use radio buttons -->
h:selectOneRadio 28     <h:panelGrid columns="2">
f:selectItem 29         <h:outputLabel>Gender </h:outputLabel>
30         <h:selectOneRadio id="genderSelectOneRadio">
31             <f:selectItem itemValue="Male"
32                 itemLabel="Male" />
33             <f:selectItem itemValue="Female"
34                 itemLabel="Female" />
35         </h:selectOneRadio>
36     </h:panelGrid>
37
38     <!-- Use combo box and list -->
h:selectOneMenu 39     <h:panelGrid columns="4">
40         <h:outputLabel value="Major " />
41         <h:selectOneMenu id="majorSelectOneMenu">
42             <f:selectItem itemValue="Computer Science" />
43             <f:selectItem itemValue="Mathematics" />
44         </h:selectOneMenu>
45         <h:outputLabel value="Minor " />
h:selectManyListBox 46         <h:selectManyListBox id="minorSelectManyListBox">
47             <f:selectItem itemValue="Computer Science" />
48             <f:selectItem itemValue="Mathematics" />
49             <f:selectItem itemValue="English" />
50         </h:selectManyListBox>
51     </h:panelGrid>
52
53     <!-- Use check boxes -->
h:selectManyCheckbox 54     <h:panelGrid columns="4">
55         <h:outputLabel value="Hobby: " />
56         <h:selectManyCheckbox id="hobbySelectManyCheckbox">
57             <f:selectItem itemValue="Tennis" />
58             <f:selectItem itemValue="Golf" />
59             <f:selectItem itemValue="Ping Pong" />
60         </h:selectManyCheckbox>
61     </h:panelGrid>
62
63     <!-- Use text area -->
h:inputTextarea 64     <h:panelGrid columns="1">
65         <h:outputLabel>Remarks:</h:outputLabel>
66         <h:inputTextarea id="remarksInputTextarea"
67             style="width:400px; height:50px;" />
68     </h:panelGrid>
69
70     <!-- Use command button -->
h:commandButton 71     <h:commandButton value="Register" />
72 </h:form>
73 </h:body>
74 </html>

```

The tags with prefix **f** are in the JSF core tag library. Line 6

jsf core xmlns

```
xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
```

locates the library for these tags.

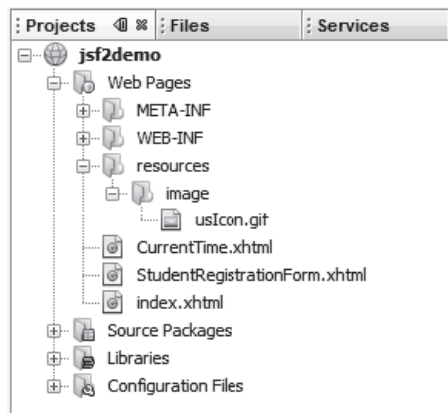
The **h:graphicImage** tag displays an image in the file `usIcon.gif` (line 14). The file is located in the `/resources/image` folder. In JSF 2.0, all resources (image files, audio files, and CCS files) should be placed under the **resources** folder under the **Web Pages** node. You can create these folders as follows:

h:graphicImage

Step 1: Right-click the **Web Pages** node in the project pane to display a context menu and choose *New, Folder* to display the New Folder dialog box. (If *Folder* is not in the context menu, choose *Other* to locate it.)

Step 2: Enter **resources** as the Folder Name and click *Finish* to create the **resources** folder, as shown in Figure 39.12.

Step 3: Right-click the **resources** node in the project pane to create the image folder under resources. You can now place `usIcon.gif` under the image folder.



**FIGURE 39.12** The resources folder was created.

JSF provides **h:panelGrid** and **h:panelGroup** elements to contain and layout subelements. **h:panelGrid** places the elements in a grid like the JavaFX `GridPane`. **h:panelGrid** places the elements in a grid with the specified number of columns. Lines 18–25 place six elements (labels and input texts) that are in an **h:panelGrid**. The **columns** attribute specifies that each row in the grid has **6** columns. The elements are placed into a row from left to right in the order they appear in the facet. When a row is full, a new row is created to hold the elements. We used **h:panelGrid** in this example. You may replace it with **h:panelGroup** to see how the elements would be arranged.

h:panelGrid

You may use the **style** attribute with a JSF html tag to specify the CSS style for the element and its subelements. The **style** attribute in line 18 specifies the color green for all elements in this **h:panelGrid** element.

the style attribute

The **h:outputLabel** element is for displaying a label (line 19). The **value** attribute specifies the label's text.

h:outputLabel

The **h:inputText** element is for displaying a text input box for the user to enter a text (line 20). The **id** attribute is useful for other elements or the server program to reference this element.

h:inputText

The **h:selectOneRadio** element is for displaying a group of radio buttons (line 30). Each radio button is defined using an **f:selectItem** element (lines 31–34).

h:selectOneRadio



`h:selectOneMenu`

The `h:selectOneMenu` element is for displaying a combo box (line 41). Each item in the combo box is defined using an `f:selectItem` element (lines 42 and 43).

`h:selectManyListbox`

The `h:selectManyListbox` element is for displaying a list for the user to choose multiple items in a list (line 46). Each item in the list is defined using an `f:selectItem` element (lines 47–49).

`h:selectManyCheckbox`

The `h:selectManyCheckbox` element is for displaying a group of check boxes (line 56). Each item in the check box is defined using an `f:selectItem` element (lines 57–59).

`h:selectTextarea`

The `h:selectTextarea` element is for displaying a text area for multiple lines of input (line 66). The `style` attribute is used to specify the width and height of the text area (line 67).

`h:commandButton`

The `h:commandButton` element is for displaying a button (line 71). When the button is clicked, an action is performed. The default action is to request the same page from the server. The next section shows how to process the form.



**39.3.1** What is the name space for JSF tags with prefix `h` and prefix `f`?

**39.3.2** Describe the use of the following tags?

- 1 `h:form`, `h:panelGroup`, `h:panelGrid`, `h:inputText`, `h:outputText`,
- 2 `h:inputTextArea`, `h:inputSecret`, `h:outputLabel`, `h:outputLink`,
- 3 `h:selectOneMenu`, `h:selectOneRadio`, `h:selectBooleanCheckbox`,
- 4 `h:selectOneListbox`, `h:selectManyListbox`, `h:selectItem`,
- 5 `h:message`, `h:dataTable`, `h:column`, `h:graphicImage`



## 39.4 Processing the Form

*Processing forms is a common task for Web programming. JSF provides tools for processing forms.*

The preceding section introduced how to display a form using common JSF elements. This section shows how to obtain and process the input.

To obtain input from the form, simply bind each input element with a property in a managed bean. We now define a managed bean named `registration` as shown in Listing 39.5.

### LISTING 39.5 RegistrationJSFBean.java

```

1  package jsf2demo;
2
3  import javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped;
4  import javax.inject.Named;
5
6  @Named(value = "registration")
7  @RequestScoped
8  public class RegistrationJSFBean {
9      private String lastName;
10     private String firstName;
11     private String mi;
12     private String gender;
13     private String major;
14     private String[] minor;
15     private String[] hobby;
16     private String remarks;
17
18     public RegistrationJSFBean() {
19     }
20
21     public String getLastName() {
22         return lastName;
23     }

```

managed bean  
request scope  
property `lastName`

```
24
25 public void setLastName(String lastName) {
26     this.lastName = lastName;
27 }
28
29 public String getFirstName() {
30     return firstName;
31 }
32
33 public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
34     this.firstName = firstName;
35 }
36
37 public String getMi() {
38     return mi;
39 }
40
41 public void setMi(String mi) {
42     this.mi = mi;
43 }
44
45 public String getGender() {
46     return gender;
47 }
48
49 public void setGender(String gender) {
50     this.gender = gender;
51 }
52
53 public String getMajor() {
54     return major;
55 }
56
57 public void setMajor(String major) {
58     this.major = major;
59 }
60
61 public String[] getMinor() {
62     return minor;
63 }
64
65 public void setMinor(String[] minor) {
66     this.minor = minor;
67 }
68
69 public String[] getHobby() {
70     return hobby;
71 }
72
73 public void setHobby(String[] hobby) {
74     this.hobby = hobby;
75 }
76
77 public String getRemarks() {
78     return remarks;
79 }
80
81 public void setRemarks(String remarks) {
82     this.remarks = remarks;
83 }
```

```

84
getResponse() 85     public String getResponse() {
86         if (lastName == null)
87             return ""; // Request has not been made
88         else {
89             String allMinor = "";
90             for (String s: minor) {
91                 allMinor += s + " ";
92             }
93
94             String allHobby = "";
95             for (String s: hobby) {
96                 allHobby += s + " ";
97             }
98
99             return "<p style='color:red'>You entered <br />" +
100                 "Last Name: " + lastName + "<br />" +
101                 "First Name: " + firstName + "<br />" +
102                 "MI: " + mi + "<br />" +
103                 "Gender: " + gender + "<br />" +
104                 "Major: " + major + "<br />" +
105                 "Minor: " + allMinor + "<br />" +
106                 "Hobby: " + allHobby + "<br />" +
107                 "Remarks: " + remarks + "</p>";
108         }
109     }
110 }

```

bean properties

The `RegistrationJSFBean` class is a managed bean that defines the properties `lastName`, `firstName`, `mi`, `gender`, `major`, `minor`, and `remarks`, which will be bound to the elements in the JSF registration form.

The registration form can now be revised as shown in Listing 39.6. Figure 39.13 shows that new JSF page displays the user input upon clicking the *Register* button.

### LISTING 39.6 ProcessStudentRegistrationForm.xhtml

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
6     xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
7     <h:head>
8         <title>Student Registration Form</title>
9     </h:head>
10    <h:body>
11        <h:form>
12            <!-- Use h:graphicImage -->
13            <h3>Student Registration Form
14                <h:graphicImage name="usIcon.gif" library="image"/>
15            </h3>
16
17            <!-- Use h:panelGrid -->
18            <h:panelGrid columns="6" style="color:green">
19                <h:outputLabel value="Last Name"/>
20                <h:inputText id="lastNameInputText"
21                    value="#{registration.lastName}"/>
22                <h:outputLabel value="First Name" />
23                <h:inputText id="firstNameInputText"
24                    value="#{registration.firstName}"/>

```

jsf core namespace

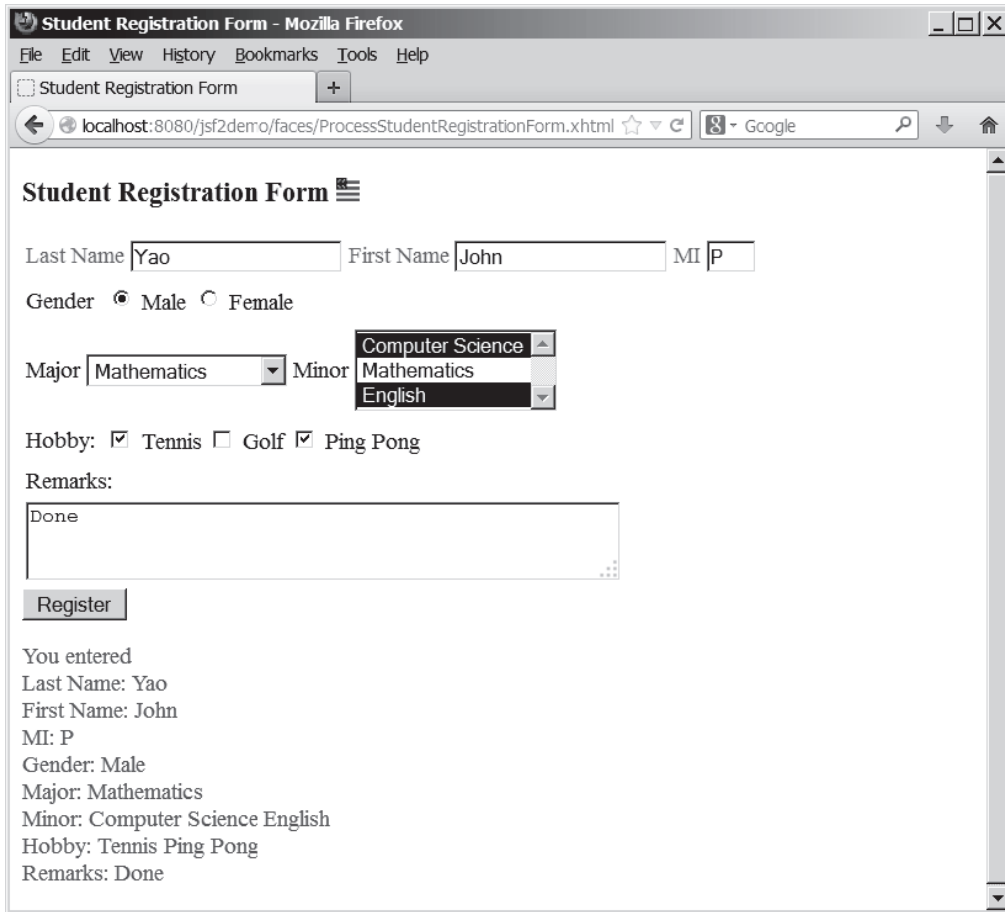
bind lastName

bind firstName

```

25     <h:outputLabel value="MI" />
26     <h:inputText id="miInputText" size="1"
27         value="#{registration.mi}" /> bind mi
28 </h:panelGrid>
29
30 <!-- Use radio buttons -->
31 <h:panelGrid columns="2">
32     <h:outputLabel>Gender </h:outputLabel>
33     <h:selectOneRadio id="genderSelectOneRadio"
34         value="#{registration.gender}"> bind gender
35     <f:selectItem itemValue="Male"
36         itemLabel="Male" />
37     <f:selectItem itemValue="Female"
38         itemLabel="Female" />
39 </h:selectOneRadio>
40 </h:panelGrid>
41
42 <!-- Use combo box and list -->
43 <h:panelGrid columns="4">
44     <h:outputLabel value="Major " />
45     <h:selectOneMenu id="majorSelectOneMenu"
46         value="#{registration.major}"> bind major
47     <f:selectItem itemValue="Computer Science" />
48     <f:selectItem itemValue="Mathematics" />
49 </h:selectOneMenu>
50     <h:outputLabel value="Minor " />
51     <h:selectManyListbox id="minorSelectManyListbox"
52         value="#{registration.minor}"> bind minor
53     <f:selectItem itemValue="Computer Science" />
54     <f:selectItem itemValue="Mathematics" />
55     <f:selectItem itemValue="English" />
56 </h:selectManyListbox>
57 </h:panelGrid>
58
59 <!-- Use check boxes -->
60 <h:panelGrid columns="4">
61     <h:outputLabel value="Hobby: " />
62     <h:selectManyCheckbox id="hobbySelectManyCheckbox"
63         value="#{registration.hobby}"> bind hobby
64     <f:selectItem itemValue="Tennis" />
65     <f:selectItem itemValue="Golf" />
66     <f:selectItem itemValue="Ping Pong" />
67 </h:selectManyCheckbox>
68 </h:panelGrid>
69
70 <!-- Use text area -->
71 <h:panelGrid columns="1">
72     <h:outputLabel>Remarks:</h:outputLabel>
73     <h:inputTextarea id="remarksInputTextarea"
74         style="width:400px; height:50px;"
75         value="#{registration.remarks}" /> bind remarks
76 </h:panelGrid>
77
78 <!-- Use command button -->
79 <h:commandButton value="Register" />
80 <br />
81 <h:outputText escape="false" style="color:red"
82     value="#{registration.response}" /> bind response
83 </h:form>
84 </h:body>
85 </html>

```



**FIGURE 39.13** The user input is collected and displayed after clicking the *Register* button.

- binding input texts 

The new JSF form in this listing binds the `h:inputText` element for last name, first name, and mi with the properties `lastName`, `firstName`, and `mi` in the managed bean (lines 21, 24, and 27). When the *Register* button is clicked, the page is sent to the server, which invokes the setter methods to set the properties in the managed bean.
- binding radio buttons 

The `h:selectOneRadio` element is bound to the `gender` property (line 34). Each radio button has an `itemValue`. The selected radio button's `itemValue` is set to the `gender` property in the bean when the page is sent to the server.
- binding combo box 

The `h:selectOneMenu` element is bound to the `major` property (line 46). When the page is sent to the server, the selected item is returned as a string and is set to the `major` property.
- binding list box 

The `h:selectManyListbox` element is bound to the `minor` property (line 52). When the page is sent to the server, the selected items are returned as an array of strings and set to the `minor` property.
- binding check boxes 

The `h:selectManyCheckbox` element is bound to the `hobby` property (line 63). When the page is sent to the server, the checked boxes are returned as an array of `itemValues` and set to the `hobby` property.
- binding text area 

The `h:selectTextarea` element is bound to the `remarks` property (line 75). When the page is sent to the server, the content in the text area is returned as a string and set to the `remarks` property.
- binding response 

The `h:outputText` element is bound to the `response` property (line 82). This is a read-only property in the bean. It is "" if `lastName` is `null` (lines 86 and 87 in Listing 39.5). When the page is returned to the client, the `response` property value is displayed in the output text element (line 82).

The `h:outputText` element's `escape` attribute is set to `false` (line 81) to enable the contents to be displayed in HTML. By default, the `escape` attribute is `true`, which indicates the contents are considered regular text. escape attribute

**39.4.1** In the `h:outputText` tag, what is the `escape` attribute for?

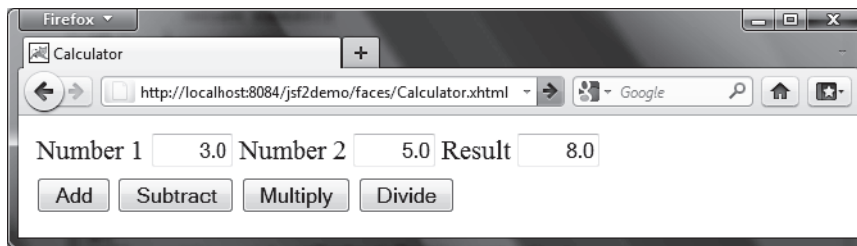
**39.4.2** Does every GUI component tag in JSF have the `style` attribute?



## 39.5 Case Study: Calculator

*This section gives a case study on using GUI elements and processing forms.*

This section uses JSF to develop a calculator to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, as shown in Figure 39.14.



**FIGURE 39.14** This JSF application enables you to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Here are the steps to develop this project:

Step 1. Create a new managed bean named `calculator` with the request scope as shown in Listing 39.7, `CalculatorJSFBean.java`. create managed bean

Step 2. Create a JSF facelet in Listing 39.8, `Calculator.xhtml`. create JSF facelet

### LISTING 39.7 `CalculatorJSFBean.java`

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import javax.inject.Named;
4 import javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped;
5
6 @Named(value = "calculator")
7 @RequestScoped
8 public class CalculatorJSFBean {
9     private Double number1;
10    private Double number2;
11    private Double result;
12
13    public CalculatorJSFBean() {
14    }
15
16    public Double getNumber1() {
17        return number1;
18    }
19
20    public Double getNumber2() {
21        return number2;
22    }
23

```

property number1  
property number2  
property result

```

24     public Double getResult() {
25         return result;
26     }
27
28     public void setNumber1(Double number1) {
29         this.number1 = number1;
30     }
31
32     public void setNumber2(Double number2) {
33         this.number2 = number2;
34     }
35
36     public void setResult(Double result) {
37         this.result = result;
38     }
39
40     public void add() {
41         result = number1 + number2;
42     }
43
44     public void subtract() {
45         result = number1 - number2;
46     }
47
48     public void divide() {
49         result = number1 / number2;
50     }
51
52     public void multiply() {
53         result = number1 * number2;
54     }
55 }

```

add

subtract

divide

multiply

The managed bean has three properties `number1`, `number2`, and `result` (lines 9–38). The methods `add()`, `subtract()`, `divide()`, and `multiply()` add, subtract, multiply, and divide `number1` with `number2` and assigns the result to `result` (lines 40–54).

### LISTING 39.8 Calculator.xhtml

```

1  <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2  <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3  "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11-transitional.dtd">
4  <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5  xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6  <h:head>
7  <title>Calculator</title>
8  </h:head>
9  <h:body>
10 <h:form>
11 <h:panelGrid columns="6">
12 <h:outputLabel value="Number 1"/>
13 <h:inputText id="number1InputText" size="4"
14 style="text-align: right"
15 value="#{calculator.number1}"/>
16 <h:outputLabel value="Number 2" />
17 <h:inputText id="number2InputText" size="4"
18 style="text-align: right"
19 value="#{calculator.number2}"/>
20 <h:outputLabel value="Result" />
21 <h:inputText id="resultInputText" size="4"

```

right align  
bind text input

```

22         style="text-align: right"
23         value="#{calculator.result}"/>
24     </h:panelGrid>
25
26     <h:panelGrid columns="4">
27         <h:commandButton value="Add"
28             action = "#{calculator.add}"/>           action
29         <h:commandButton value="Subtract"
30             action = "#{calculator.subtract}"/>
31         <h:commandButton value="Multiply"
32             action = "#{calculator.multiply}"/>
33         <h:commandButton value="Divide"
34             action = "#{calculator.divide}"/>
35     </h:panelGrid>
36 </h:form>
37 </h:body>
38 </html>

```

Three text input components along with their labels are placed in the grid panel (lines 11–24). Four button components are placed in the grid panel (lines 26–35).

The bean property `number1` is bound to the text input for Number 1 (line 15). The CSS style `text-align: right` (line 14) specifies that the text is right aligned in the input box.

The `action` attribute for the `Add` button is set to the `add` method in the calculator bean (line 28). When the `Add` button is clicked, the `add` method in the bean is invoked to add `number1` with `number2` and assign the result to `result`. Since the `result` property is bound to the `Result` input text (line 23), the new result is now displayed in the text input field.

## 39.6 Session Tracking

*You can create a managed bean at the application scope, session scope, view scope, or request scope.*



JSF supports session tracking for managed beans at the application scope, session scope, view scope, and request scope. The *scope* is the lifetime of a bean. A *request*-scoped bean is alive in a single HTTP request. After the request is processed, the bean is no longer alive. A *view*-scoped bean lives as long as you are in the same JSF page. A *session*-scoped bean is alive for the entire Web session between a client and the server. An *application*-scoped bean lives as long as the Web application runs. In essence, a request-scoped bean is created once for a request; a view-scoped bean is created once for the view; a session-scoped bean is created once for the entire session; and an application-scoped bean is created once for the entire application. A managed bean with a session scope must be serializable because the system may need to free resources during and session and stores the bean to a file if the bean is not used for a while. When the bean is used again, the system will restore the bean to the memory.

scope  
request scope  
view scope  
session scope  
application scope

Consider the following example that prompts the user to guess a number. When the page starts, the program randomly generates a number between `0` and `99`. This number is stored in a bean. When the user enters a guess, the program checks the guess with the random number in the bean and tells the user whether the guess is too high, too low, or just right, as shown in Figure 39.15.

Here are the steps to develop this project:

Step 1. Create a new managed bean named `guessNumber` with the view scope as shown in Listing 39.9, `GuessNumberJSFBean.java`. create managed bean

Step 2. Create a JSF facelet in Listing 39.10, `GuessNumber.xhtml`. create JSF facelet





FIGURE 39.15 The user enters a guess and the program displays the result.

### LISTING 39.9 GuessNumberJSFBean.java

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import javax.inject.Named;
4 import javax.faces.view.ViewScoped;
5
6 @Named(value = "guessNumber")
7 @ViewScoped
8 public class GuessNumberJSFBean {
9     private int number;
10    private String guessString;
11
12    public GuessNumberJSFBean() {
13        number = (int)(Math.random() * 100);
14    }
15
16    public String getGuessString() {
17        return guessString;
18    }

```

view scope

random number

guess by user

create random number

getter method

```

19
20 public void setGuessString(String guessString) {           setter method
21     this.guessString = guessString;
22 }
23
24 public String getResponse() {                               get response
25     if (guessString == null)
26         return ""; // No user input yet
27
28     int guess = Integer.parseInt(guessString);             check guess
29     if (guess < number)
30         return "Too low";
31     else if (guess == number)
32         return "You got it";
33     else
34         return "Too high";
35 }
36 }

```

The managed bean uses the `@ViewScope` annotation (line 7) to set up the view scope for the bean. The view scope is most appropriate for this project. The bean is alive as long as the view is not changed. The bean is created when the page is displayed for the first time. A random number between 0 and 99 is assigned to `number` (line 13) when the bean is created. This number will not change as long as the bean is alive in the same view.

The `getResponse` method converts `guessString` from the user input to an integer (line 28) and determines if the guess is too low (line 30), too high (line 34), and just right (line 32).

### LISTING 39.10 `GuessNumber.xhtml`

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6   <h:head>
7     <title>Guess a number</title>
8   </h:head>
9   <h:body>
10    <h:form>
11      <h:outputLabel value="Enter you guess: "/>
12      <h:inputText style="text-align: right; width: 50px"
13        id="guessInputText"
14        value="#{guessNumber.guessString}"/>           bind text input
15      <h:commandButton style="margin-left: 60px" value="Guess" />
16      <br />
17      <h:outputText style="color: red"
18        value="#{guessNumber.response}"/>           bind text output
19    </h:form>
20  </h:body>
21 </html>

```

The bean property `guessString` is bound to the text input (line 14). The CSS style `text-align: right` (line 13) specifies that the text is right aligned in the input box.

The CSS style `margin-left: 60px` (line 15) specifies that the command button has a left margin of 60 pixels.

The bean property `response` is bound to the text output (line 18). The CSS style `color: red` (line 17) specifies that the text is displayed in red in the output box.

The project uses the `view` scope. What happens if the scope is changed to the `request` scope? Every time the page is refreshed, JSF creates a new bean with a new random number. What happens if the scope is changed to the `session` scope? The bean will be alive as long as the

browser is alive. What happens if the scope is changed to the **application** scope? The bean will be created once when the application is launched from the server. So every client will use the same random number.



**39.6.1** What is a scope? What are the available scopes in JSF? Explain request scope, view scope, session scope, and application scope. How do you set a request scope, view scope, session scope, and application scope in a managed bean?

**39.6.2** What happens if the bean scope in Listing 39.9, `GuessNumberJSFBean.java` is changed to request?

**39.6.3** What happens if the bean scope in Listing 39.9, `GuessNumberJSFBean.java` is changed to session?

**39.6.4** What happens if the bean scope in Listing 39.9, `GuessNumberJSFBean.java` is changed to application?

## 39.7 Validating Input

*JSF provides tools for validating user input.*



In the preceding `GuessNumber` page, an error would occur if you entered a noninteger in the input box before clicking the `Guess` button. One way to fix the problem is to check the text field before processing any event. But a better way is to use the validators. You can use the standard validator tags in the JSF Core Tag Library or create custom validators. Table 39.2 lists some JSF input validator tags.

**TABLE 39.2** JSF Input Validator Tags

<i>JSF Tag</i>	<i>Description</i>
<code>f:validateLength</code>	validates the length of the input.
<code>f:validateDoubleRange</code>	validates whether numeric input falls within acceptable range of double values.
<code>f:validateLongRange</code>	validates whether numeric input falls within acceptable range of long values.
<code>f:validateRequired</code>	validates whether a field is not empty.
<code>f:validateRegex</code>	validates whether the input matches a regular expression.
<code>f:validateBean</code>	invokes a custom method in a bean to perform custom validation.

Consider the following example that displays a form for collecting user input as shown in Figure 39.16. All text fields in the form must be filled. If not, error messages are displayed. The SSN must be formatted correctly. If not, an error is displayed. If all input are correct, clicking `Submit` displays the result in an output text, as shown in Figure 39.17.

Here are the steps to create this project.

Step 1. Create a new page in Listing 39.11, `ValidateForm.xhtml`.

Step 2. Create a new managed bean named `validateForm`, as shown in Listing 39.12.

### LISTING 39.11 `ValidateForm.xhtml`

```

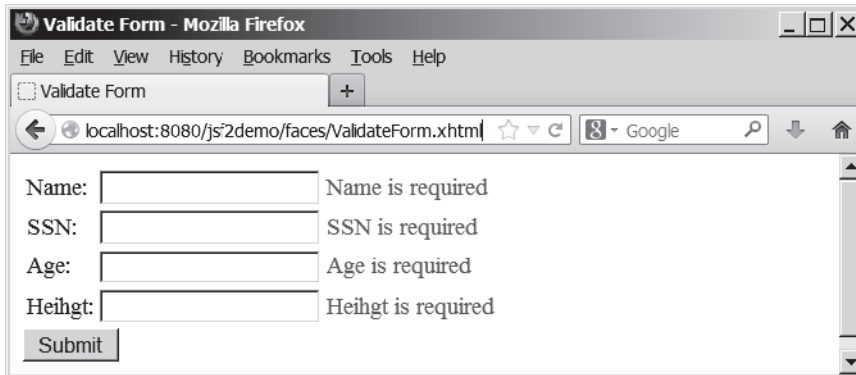
1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">

```

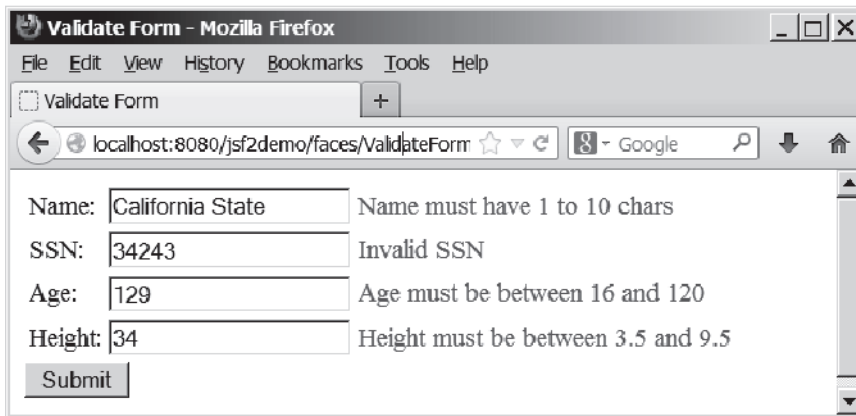
```

5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
6     xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
7 <h:head>

```

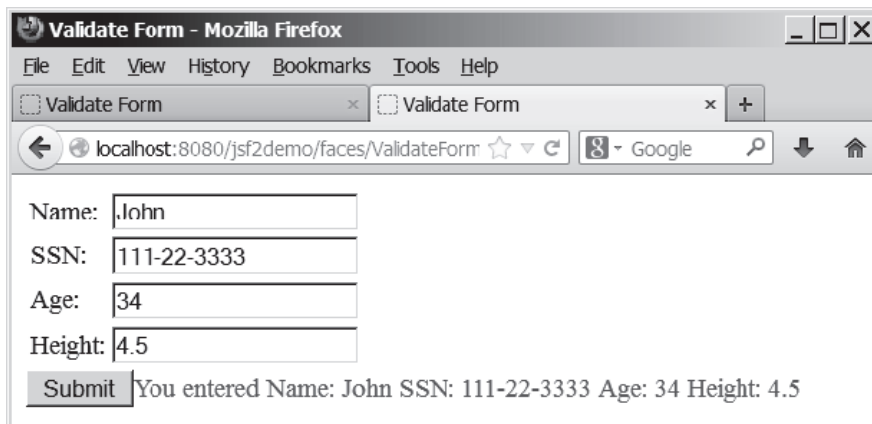


(a) The required messages are displayed if input is required, but empty.



(b) Error messages are displayed if input is incorrect.

**FIGURE 39.16** The input fields are validated.



**FIGURE 39.17** The correct input values are displayed.

```

8      <title>Validate Form</title>
9      </h:head>
10     <h:body>
11     <h:form>
12     <h:panelGrid columns="3">
13     <h:outputLabel value="Name:" />
required input 14     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
required message 15     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
validator message 16     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
17     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
18     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
19     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
20     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
21     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
22     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
23     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
24     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
25     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
26     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
validate length 27     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
28     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
29     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
30     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
31     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
32     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
33     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
34     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
35     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
36     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
message element 37     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
38     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
39     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
40     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
41     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
42     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
43     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
44     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
45     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
46     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
47     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
48     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
49     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
50     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
51     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
52     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
53     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
54     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
55     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"
56     <h:inputText id="nameInputText" required="true"

```

required attribute  
requiredMessage

validatorMessage  
f:validateLength

h:message

f:validateRegex

For each input text field, set its **required** attribute **true** (lines 14, 23, 32, and 41) to indicate that an input value is required for the field. When a required input field is empty, the **requiredMessage** is displayed (lines 15, 24, 33, and 42).

The **validatorMessage** attribute specifies a message to be displayed if the input field is invalid (line 16). The **f:validateLength** tag specifies the minimum or maximum length of the input (line 18). JSF will determine whether the input length is valid.

The **h:message** element displays the **validatorMessage** if the input is invalid. The element's **for** attribute specifies the **id** of the element for which the message will be displayed (line 20).

The **f:validateRegex** tag specifies a regular expression for validating the input (line 27). For information on regular expression, see Appendix H.

The `f:validateLongRange` tag specifies a range for an integer input using the `minimum` and `maximum` attributes (line 45). In this project, a valid age value is between **16** and **120**. f:validateLongRange

The `f:validateDoubleRange` tag specifies a range for a double input using the `minimum` and `maximum` attributes (line 36). In this project, a valid height value is between **3.5** and **9.5**. f:validateDoubleRange

### LISTING 39.12 ValidateFormJSFBean.java

```

1  package jsf2demo;
2
3  import javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped;
4  import javax.inject.Named;
5
6  @Named(value = "validateForm")
7  @RequestScoped
8  public class ValidateFormJSFBean {
9      private String name;
10     private String ssn;
11     private String ageString;
12     private String heightString;
13
14     public String getName() {
15         return name;
16     }
17
18     public void setName(String name) {
19         this.name = name;
20     }
21
22     public String getSsn() {
23         return ssn;
24     }
25
26     public void setSsn(String ssn) {
27         this.ssn = ssn;
28     }
29
30     public String getAgeString() {
31         return ageString;
32     }
33
34     public void setAgeString(String ageString) {
35         this.ageString = ageString;
36     }
37
38     public String getHeightString() {
39         return heightString;
40     }
41
42     public void setHeightString(String heightString) {
43         this.heightString = heightString;
44     }
45
46     public String getResponse() {
47         if (name == null || ssn == null || ageString == null
48             || heightString == null) {
49             return ""; some input not set
50         }
51         else {
52             return "You entered " +
53                 " Name: " + name +
54                 " SSN: " + ssn +

```

```

55         " Age: " + ageString +
56         " Height: " + heightString;
57     }
58 }
59 }
    
```

If an input is invalid, its value is not set to the bean. So only when all input are correct, the `getResponse()` method will return all input values (lines 46–58).



- 39.7.1** Write a tag that validates an input text with minimal length of **2** and maximum **12**.
- 39.7.2** Write a tag that validates an input text for SSN using a regular expression.
- 39.7.3** Write a tag that validates an input text for a double value with minimal **4.5** and maximum **19.9**.
- 39.7.4** Write a tag that validates an input text for an integer value with minimal **4** and maximum **20**.
- 39.7.5** Write a tag that makes an input text required.



## 39.8 Binding Database with Facelets

*You can bind a database in JSF applications.*

Often you need to access a database from a webpage. This section gives examples of building Web applications using databases.

Consider the following example that lets the user choose a course, as shown in Figure 39.18. After a course is selected in the combo box, the students enrolled in the course are displayed in the table, as shown in Figure 39.19. In this example, all the course titles in the `Course` table are bound to the combo box and the query result for the students enrolled in the course is bound to the table.

Here are the steps to create this project:

managed bean

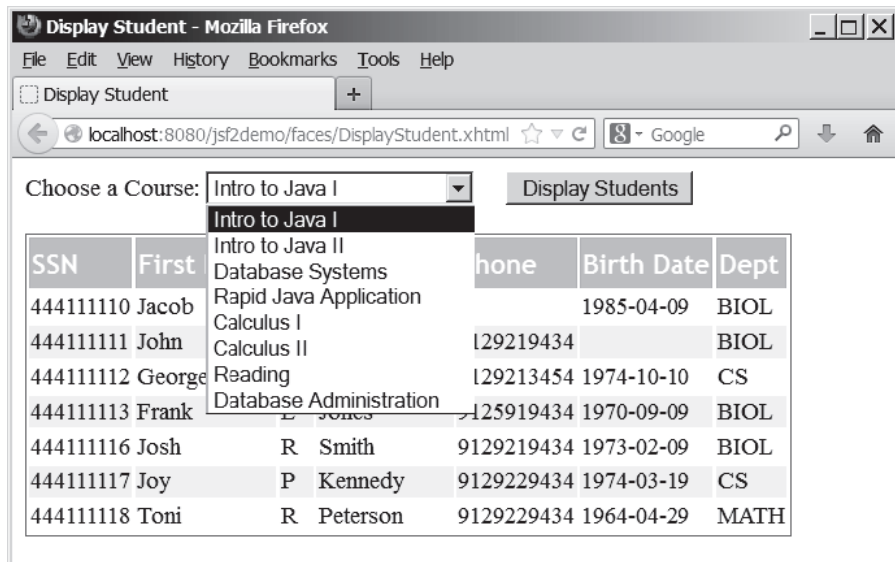
Step 1. Create a managed bean named `courseName` with application scope, as shown in Listing 39.13.

JSF page

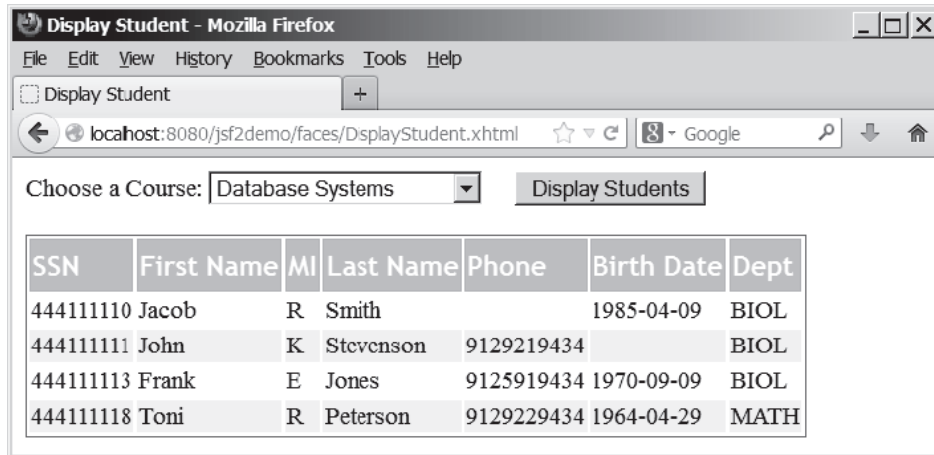
Step 2. Create a JSF in Listing 39.14, `DisplayStudent.xhtml`.

style sheet

Step 3. Create a cascading style sheet for formatting the table as follows:



**FIGURE 39.18** You need to choose a course and display the students enrolled in the course.  
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SSN	First Name	MI	Last Name	Phone	Birth Date	Dept
444111110	Jacob	R	Smith		1985-04-09	BIOL
444111111	John	K	Stevenson	9129219434		BIOL
444111113	Frank	E	Jones	9125919434	1970-09-09	BIOL
444111118	Toni	R	Peterson	9129229434	1964-04-29	MATH

FIGURE 39.19 The table displays the students enrolled in the course.

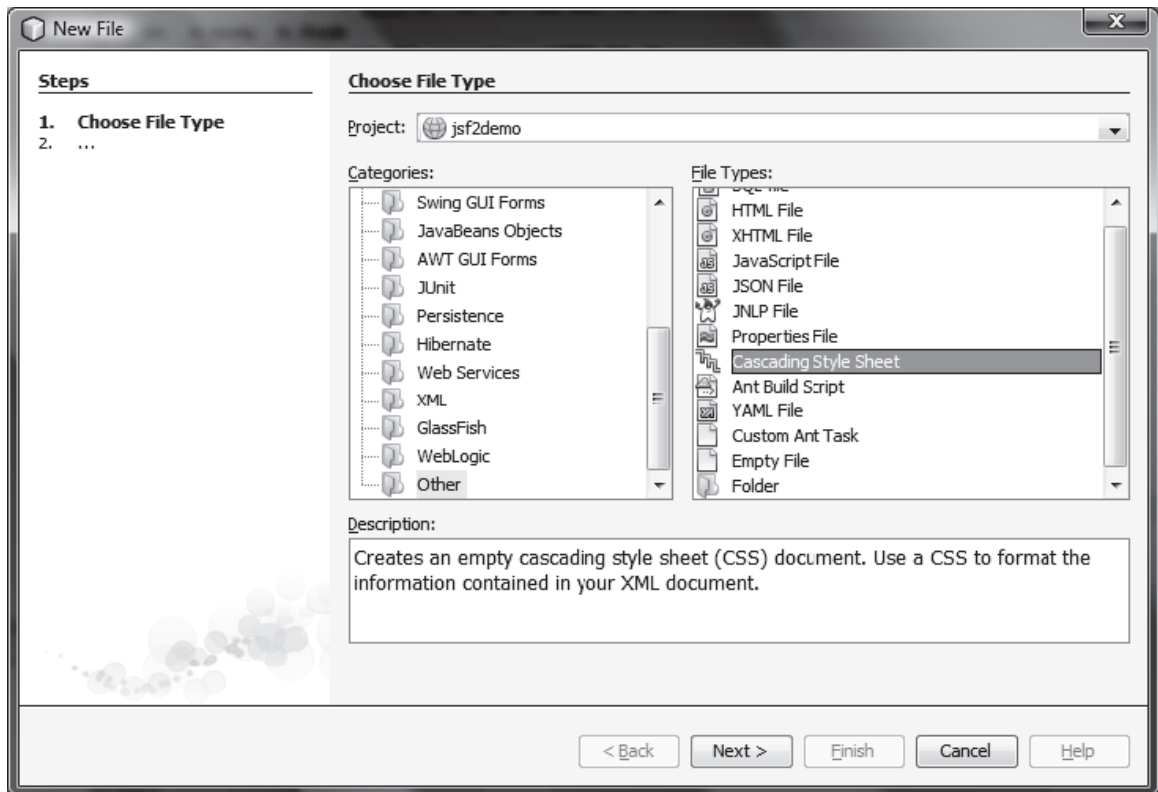


FIGURE 39.20 You can create CSS files for Web project in NetBeans.

Step 3.1. Right-click the **resources** node to choose *New, Others* to display the New File dialog box, as shown in Figure 39.20.

Step 3.2. Choose *Others* in the Categories section and *Cascading Style Sheet* in the File Types section to display the New Cascading Style Sheet dialog box, as shown in Figure 39.21.

Step 3.3. Enter **tablestyle1** as the File Name and click *Finish* to create *tablestyle.css* under the resources node.

Step 3.4. Define the CSS style as shown in Listing 39.15.



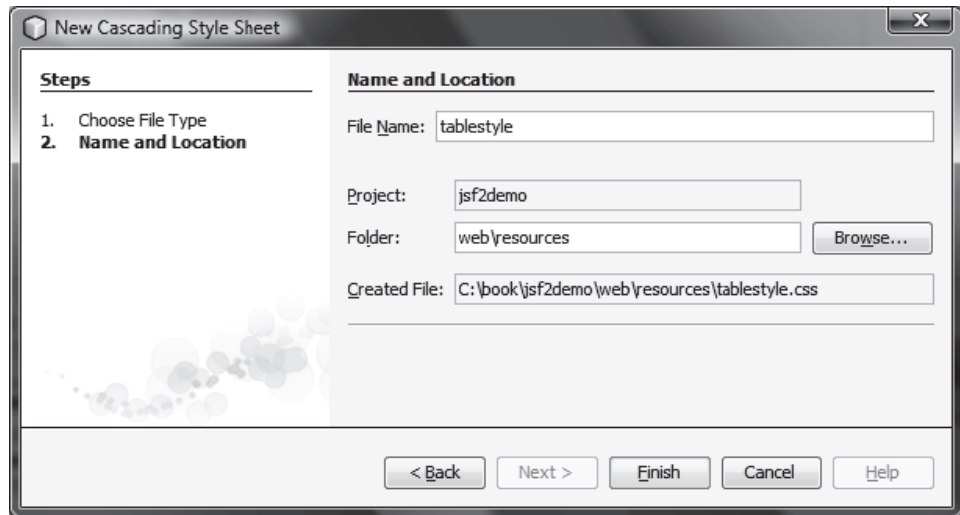


FIGURE 39.21 The New Cascading Style Sheet dialog box creates a new style sheet file.

### LISTING 39.13 CourseNameJSFBean.java

```

1  package jsf2demo;
2
3  import java.sql.*;
4  import java.util.ArrayList;
5  import javax.enterprise.context.ApplicationScoped;
6  import javax.inject.Named;
7
8  @Named(value = "courseName")
9  @ApplicationScoped
10 public class CourseNameJSFBean {
11     private PreparedStatement studentStatement = null;
12     private String choice; // Selected course
13     private String[] titles; // Course titles
14
15     /** Creates a new instance of CourseName */
16     public CourseNameJSFBean() {
17         initializeJdbc();
18     }
19
20     /** Initialize database connection */
21     private void initializeJdbc() {
22         try {
23             Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
24             System.out.println("Driver loaded");
25
26             // Connect to the sample database
27             Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection(
28                 "jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
29
30             // Get course titles
31             PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement(
32                 "select title from course");
33
34             ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery();
35
36             // Store resultSet into array titles
37             ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<>();

```

application scope

initialize JDBC

connect to database

get course titles

execute SQL

```

38     while (resultSet.next()) {
39         list.add(resultSet.getString(1));
40     }
41     titles = new String[list.size()]; // Array for titles           titles array
42     list.toArray(titles); // Copy strings from list to array
43
44     // Define a SQL statement for getting students
45     studentStatement = connection.prepareStatement(
46         "select Student.ssn, "
47         + "student.firstName, Student.mi, Student.lastName, "
48         + "Student.phone, Student.birthDate, Student.street, "
49         + "Student.zipCode, Student.deptId "
50         + "from Student, Enrollment, Course "
51         + "where Course.title = ? "
52         + "and Student.ssn = Enrollment.ssn "
53         + "and Enrollment.courseId = Course.courseId;");
54     }
55     catch (Exception ex) {
56         ex.printStackTrace();
57     }
58 }
59
60 public String[] getTitles() {
61     return titles;
62 }
63
64 public String getChoice() {
65     return choice;
66 }
67
68 public void setChoice(String choice) {
69     this.choice = choice;
70 }
71
72 public ResultSet getStudents() throws SQLException {           get students
73     if (choice == null) {
74         if (titles.length == 0)
75             return null;
76         else
77             studentStatement.setString(1, titles[0]);           set a default course
78     }
79     else {
80         studentStatement.setString(1, choice); // Set course title   set a course
81     }
82
83     // Get students for the specified course
84     return studentStatement.executeQuery();                       return students
85 }
86 }

```

We use the same MySQL database **javabook** created in Chapter 34, “Java Database Programming.” The scope for this managed bean is application. The bean is created when the project is launched from the server. The `initializeJdbc` method loads the JDBC driver for MySQL (lines 23 and 24), connects to the MySQL database (lines 27 and 28), creates statement for obtaining course titles (lines 31 and 32), and creates a statement for obtaining the student information for the specified course (lines 45–53). Lines 31–42 execute the statement for obtaining course titles and store them in array `titles`.

The `getStudents()` method returns a `ResultSet` that consists of all students enrolled in the specified course (lines 72–85). The choice for the title is set in the statement to obtain the

student for the specified title (line 80). If choice is `null`, the first title in the titles array is set in the statement (line 77). If no titles in the course, `getStudents()` returns `null` (line 75).

add MySQL in the Libraries  
node



### TIP

In order to use the MySQL database from this project, you have to add the MySQL JDBC driver from the Libraries node in the Project pane in NetBeans.

### LISTING 39.14 DisplayStudent.xhtml

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
6     xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
7     <h:head>
8         <title>Display Student</title>
9         <h:outputStylesheet name="tablestyle.css" />
10    </h:head>
11    <h:body>
12        <h:form>
13            <h:outputLabel value="Choose a Course: " />
14            <h:selectOneMenu value="#{courseName.choice}">
15                <f:selectItems value="#{courseName.titles}" />
16            </h:selectOneMenu>
17
18            <h:commandButton style="margin-left: 20px"
19                value="Display Students" />
20
21            <br /> <br />
22            <h:dataTable value="#{courseName.students}" var="student"
23                rowClasses="oddTableRow, evenTableRow"
24                headerClass="tableHeader"
25                styleClass="table">
26                <h:column>
27                    <f:facet name="header">SSN</f:facet>
28                    #{student.ssn}
29                </h:column>
30
31                <h:column>
32                    <f:facet name="header">First Name</f:facet>
33                    #{student.firstName}
34                </h:column>
35
36                <h:column>
37                    <f:facet name="header">MI</f:facet>
38                    #{student.mi}
39                </h:column>
40
41                <h:column>
42                    <f:facet name="header">Last Name</f:facet>
43                    #{student.lastName}
44                </h:column>
45
46                <h:column>
47                    <f:facet name="header">Phone</f:facet>
48                    #{student.phone}
49                </h:column>
50
51                <h:column>

```

style sheet

bind choice  
titles

display button

bind result set  
rowClasses  
headerClass  
styleClass

ssn column

firstName column

mi column

lastName column

phone column

```

52         <f:facet name="header">Birth Date</f:facet>
53         #{student.birthDate}
54     </h:column>
55
56     <h:column>
57         <f:facet name="header">Dept</f:facet>
58         #{student.deptId}
59     </h:column>
60 </h:dataTable>
61 </h:form>
62 </h:body>
63 </html>

```

birthDate column

deptId column

Line 9 specifies that the style sheet **tablestyle.css** created in Step 3 is used in this XHTML file. The `rowClasses = "oddTableRow, evenTableRow"` attribute specifies the style applied to the rows alternately using `oddTableRow` and `evenTableRow` (line 23). The `headerClasses = "tableHeader"` attribute specifies that the `tableHeader` class is used for header style (line 24). The `styleClasses = "table"` attribute specifies that the `table` class is used for the style of all other elements in the table (line 25).

Line 14 binds the `choice` property in the `courseName` bean with the combo box. The selection values in the combo box are bound with the `titles` array property (line 15).

Line 22 binds the table value with a database result set using the attribute `value = "#{courseName.students}"`. The `var="student"` attribute associates a row in the result set with `student`. Lines 26–59 specify the column values using `student.ssn` (line 28), `student.firstName` (line 33), `student.mi` (line 38), `student.lastName` (line 33), `student.phone` (line 48), `student.birthDate` (line 53), and `student.deptId` (line 58).

### LISTING 39.15 tablestyle.css

```

1  /* Style for table */
2  .tableHeader {
3      font-family:"Trebuchet MS", Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
4      border-collapse:collapse;
5      font-size:1.1em;
6      text-align:left;
7      padding-top:5px;
8      padding-bottom:4px;
9      background-color:#A7C942;
10     color:white;
11     border:1px solid #98bf21;
12 }
13
14 .oddTableRow {
15     border:1px solid #98bf21;
16 }
17
18 .evenTableRow {
19     background-color: #eaeaea;
20     font-size:1em;
21
22     padding:3px 7px 2px 7px;
23
24     color:#000000;
25     background-color:#EAF2D3;
26 }
27
28 .table {
29     border:1px solid green;
30 }

```

tableHeader

oddTableRow

evenTableRow

table

The style sheet file defines the style classes `tableHeader` (line 2) for table header style, `oddTableRow` for odd table rows (line 14), `evenTableRow` for even table rows (line 18), and `table` for all other table elements (line 28).



## 39.9 Opening New JSF Pages

*You can open new JSF pages from the current JSF pages.*

All the examples you have seen so far use only one JSF page in a project. Suppose you want to register student information to the database. The application first displays the page as shown in Figure 39.22 to collect student information. After the user enters the information and clicks the *Submit* button, a new page is displayed to ask the user to confirm the input, as shown in Figure 39.23. If the user clicks the *Confirm* button, the data are stored into the database and the status page is displayed, as shown in Figure 39.24. If the user clicks the *Go Back* button, it goes back to the first page.

**FIGURE 39.22** This page lets the user enter input.

For this project, you need to create three JSF pages named `AddressRegistration.xhtml`, `ConfirmAddress.xhtml`, and `AddressStoredStatus.xhtml` in Listings 39.16–39.18. The project starts with `AddressRegistration.xhtml`. When clicking the *Submit* button, the action for the button returns “`ConfirmAddress`” if the last name and first name are not empty, which causes `ConfirmAddress.xhtml` to be displayed. When clicking the *Confirm* button, the status page `AddressStoredStatus.xhtml` is displayed. When clicking the *Go Back* button, the first page `AddressRegistration.xhtml` is now displayed.

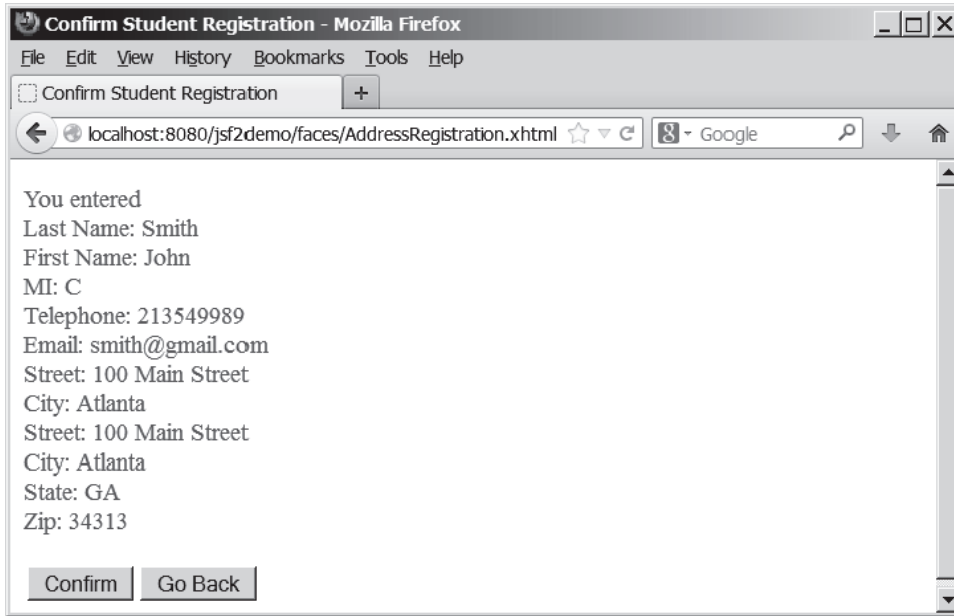
### LISTING 39.16 `AddressRegistration.xhtml`

```

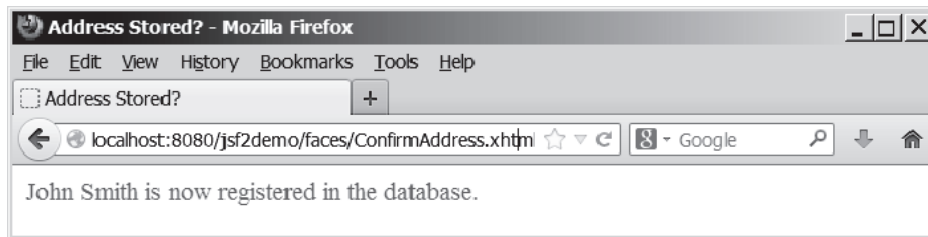
1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
6     xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
7   <h:head>
8     <title>Student Registration Form</title>

```

jsf core namespace



**FIGURE 39.23** This page lets the user confirm the input.



**FIGURE 39.24** This page displays the status of the user input.

```

9     </h:head>
10    <h:body>
11        <h:form>
12            <!-- Use h:graphicImage -->
13            <h3>Student Registration Form
14                <h:graphicImage name="usIcon.gif" library="image"/>
15            </h3>
16
17            Please register to your instructor's student address book.
18            <!-- Use h:panelGrid -->
19            <h:panelGrid columns="6">
20                <h:outputLabel value="Last Name" style="color:red"/>
21                <h:inputText id="lastNameInputText"
22                    value="#{addressRegistration.lastName}"/>           bind lastName
23                <h:outputLabel value="First Name" style="color:red"/>
24                <h:inputText id="firstNameInputText"
25                    value="#{addressRegistration.firstName}"/>       bind firstName
26                <h:outputLabel value="MI" />
27                <h:inputText id="miInputText" size="1"
28                    value="#{addressRegistration.mi}"/>               bind mi
29            </h:panelGrid>
30        </h:form>
31    </h:body>
32 </h:html>

```

```

31     <h:panelGrid columns="4">
32         <h:outputLabel value="Telephone" />
33         <h:inputText id="telephoneInputText"
bind telephone 34             value="#{addressRegistration.telephone}" />
35         <h:outputLabel value="Email" />
36         <h:inputText id="emailInputText"
bind email 37             value="#{addressRegistration.email}" />
38     </h:panelGrid>
39
40     <h:panelGrid columns="4">
41         <h:outputLabel value="Street" />
42         <h:inputText id="streetInputText"
bind street 43             value="#{addressRegistration.street}" />
44     </h:panelGrid>
45
46     <h:panelGrid columns="6">
47         <h:outputLabel value="City" />
48         <h:inputText id="cityInputText"
bind city 49             value="#{addressRegistration.city}" />
50         <h:outputLabel value="State" />
51         <h:selectOneMenu id="stateSelectOneMenu"
bind state 52             value="#{addressRegistration.state}">
53             <f:selectItem itemLabel="Georgia-GA" itemValue="GA" />
54             <f:selectItem itemLabel="Oklahoma-OK" itemValue="OK" />
55             <f:selectItem itemLabel="Indiana-IN" itemValue="IN" />
56         </h:selectOneMenu>
57         <h:outputLabel value="Zip" />
58         <h:inputText id="zipInputText"
bind zip 59             value="#{addressRegistration.zip}" />
60     </h:panelGrid>
61
62     <!-- Use command button -->
63     <h:commandButton value="Register"
process register 64                 action="#{addressRegistration.processSubmit()}" />
65     <br />
66     <h:outputText escape="false" style="color:red"
67                 value="#{addressRegistration.requiredFields}" />
68 </h:form>
69 </h:body>
70 </html>

```

### LISTING 39.17 ConfirmAddress.xhtml

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6     <h:head>
7         <title>Confirm Student Registration</title>
8     </h:head>
9     <h:body>
10        <h:form>
11            <h:outputText escape="false" style="color:red"
12                value="#{registration1.input}" />
13            <h:panelGrid columns="2">
14                <h:commandButton value="Confirm"
process confirm 15                    action = "#{registration1.storeStudent()}" />
16                <h:commandButton value="Go Back"
go to AddressRegistra- 17                    action = "AddressRegistration" />
tion page

```

```

18     </h:panelGrid>
19     </h:form>
20 </h:body>
21 </html>

```

### LISTING 39.18 AddressStoredStatus.xhtml

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5       xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6   <h:head>
7     <title>Address Stored?</title>
8   </h:head>
9   <h:body>
10    <h:form>
11      <h:outputText escape="false" style="color:green"
12                    value="#{registration1.status}" />           display status
13    </h:form>
14  </h:body>
15 </html>

```

### LISTING 39.19 AddressRegistrationJSFBean.java

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import javax.inject.Named;
4 import javax.enterprise.context.SessionScoped;
5 import java.sql.*;
6 import java.io.Serializable;
7
8 @Named(value = "addressRegistration")           managed bean
9 @SessionScoped                                session scope
10 public class AddressRegistrationJSFBean implements Serializable {
11     private String lastName;                   property lastName
12     private String firstName;
13     private String mi;
14     private String telephone;
15     private String email;
16     private String street;
17     private String city;
18     private String state;
19     private String zip;
20     private String status = "Nothing stored";
21     // Use a prepared statement to store a student into the database
22     private PreparedStatement pstmt;
23
24     public AddressRegistrationJSFBean() {
25         initializeJdbc();                       initialize database
26     }
27
28     public String getLastName() {
29         return lastName;
30     }
31
32     public void setLastName(String lastName) {
33         this.lastName = lastName;
34     }
35

```



```
36     public String getFirstName() {
37         return firstName;
38     }
39
40     public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
41         this.firstName = firstName;
42     }
43
44     public String getMi() {
45         return mi;
46     }
47
48     public void setMi(String mi) {
49         this.mi = mi;
50     }
51
52     public String getTelephone() {
53         return telephone;
54     }
55
56     public void setTelephone(String telephone) {
57         this.telephone = telephone;
58     }
59
60     public String getEmail() {
61         return email;
62     }
63
64     public void setEmail(String email) {
65         this.email = email;
66     }
67
68     public String getStreet() {
69         return street;
70     }
71
72     public void setStreet(String street) {
73         this.street = street;
74     }
75
76     public String getCity() {
77         return city;
78     }
79
80     public void setCity(String city) {
81         this.city = city;
82     }
83
84     public String getState() {
85         return state;
86     }
87
88     public void setState(String state) {
89         this.state = state;
90     }
91
92     public String getZip() {
93         return zip;
94     }
95
96     public void setZip(String zip) {
```

```

97     this.zip = zip;
98 }
99
100 private boolean isRequiredFieldsFilled() {
101     return !(lastName == null || firstName == null
102         || lastName.trim().length() == 0
103         || firstName.trim().length() == 0);
104 }
105
106 public String processSubmit() {
107     if (isRequiredFieldsFilled())
108         return "ConfirmAddress";
109     else
110         return "";
111 }
112
113 public String getRequiredFields() {
114     if (isRequiredFieldsFilled())
115         return "";
116     else
117         return "Last Name and First Name are required";
118 }
119
120 public String getInput() {
121     return "<p style='color:red'>You entered <br />"
122         + "Last Name: " + lastName + "<br />"
123         + "First Name: " + firstName + "<br />"
124         + "MI: " + mi + "<br />"
125         + "Telephone: " + telephone + "<br />"
126         + "Email: " + email + "<br />"
127         + "Street: " + street + "<br />"
128         + "City: " + city + "<br />"
129         + "Street: " + street + "<br />"
130         + "City: " + city + "<br />"
131         + "State: " + state + "<br />"
132         + "Zip: " + zip + "</p>";
133 }
134
135 /** Initialize database connection */
136 private void initializeJdbc() {
137     try {
138         // Explicitly load a MySQL driver
139         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
140         System.out.println("Driver loaded");
141
142         // Establish a connection
143         Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(
144             "jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
145
146         // Create a Statement
147         pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into Address (lastName,"
148             + " firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
149             + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
150     }
151     catch (Exception ex) {
152         System.out.println(ex);
153     }
154 }
155
156 /** Store an address to the database */
157 public String storeStudent() {

```

go to a new page

check required fields

get input

store address

```

158     try {
159         pstmt.setString(1, lastName);
160         pstmt.setString(2, firstName);
161         pstmt.setString(3, mi);
162         pstmt.setString(4, telephone);
163         pstmt.setString(5, email);
164         pstmt.setString(6, street);
165         pstmt.setString(7, city);
166         pstmt.setString(8, state);
167         pstmt.setString(9, zip);
168         pstmt.executeUpdate();
update status 169         status = firstName + " " + lastName
170             + " is now registered in the database.";
171     }
172     catch (Exception ex) {
173         status = ex.getMessage();
174     }
175
go to a new page 176     return "AddressStoredStatus";
177 }
178
179 public String getStatus() {
180     return status;
181 }
182 }

```

A session-scoped managed bean must implement the `java.io.Serializable` interface. So, the `AddressRegistration` class is defined as a subtype of `java.io.Serializable`.

The action for the *Register* button in the `AddressRegistration` JSF page is `processSubmit()` (line 64 in `AddressRegistration.xhtml`). This method checks if last name and first name are not empty (lines 106–111 in `AddressRegistrationJSFBean.java`). If so, it returns a string `"ConfirmAddress"`, which causes the `ConfirmAddress` JSF page to be displayed.

The `ConfirmAddress` JSF page displays the data entered from the user (line 12 in `ConfirmAddress.xhtml`). The `getInput()` method (lines 120–133 in `AddressRegistrationJSFBean.java`) collects the input.

The action for the *Confirm* button in the `ConfirmAddress` JSF page is `storeStudent()` (line 15 in `ConfirmAddress.xhtml`). This method stores the address in the database (lines 157–177 in `AddressRegistrationJSFBean.java`) and returns a string `"AddressStoredStatus"`, which causes the `AddressStoredStatus` page to be displayed. The status message is displayed in this page (line 12 in `AddressStoredStatus.xhtml`).

The action for the *Go Back* button in the `ConfirmAddress` page is `"AddressRegistration"` (line 17 in `ConfirmAddress.xhtml`). This causes the `AddressRegistration` page to be displayed for the user to reenter the input.

The scope of the managed bean is session (line 9 `AddressRegistrationJSFBean.java`) so the multiple pages can share the same bean.

Note this program loads the database driver explicitly (line 139 `AddressRegistrationJSFBean.java`). Sometimes, an IDE such as NetBeans is not able to find a suitable driver. Loading a driver explicitly can avoid this problem.



## 39.10 Contexts and Dependency Injection

*Contexts and dependency injection enables beans to be shared in multiple applications.*

Contexts and dependency injection, short for *CDI*, allows multiple programs to share a bean. To illustrate the need for this, consider two simple webpages and a server object named `track`. One page contains a button and a message that displays the number of times the button is clicked from the current IP address, as shown in Figure 39.25. When the button is clicked

for the first time, the user's IP address along with count value 1 is stored in a map with the IP address as the key. When the button is clicked again, the count value for the IP address is increased in the map. The other page simply displays the total count from each IP address, as shown in Figure 39.26. The `Track` class is defined as shown in Listing 39.20.

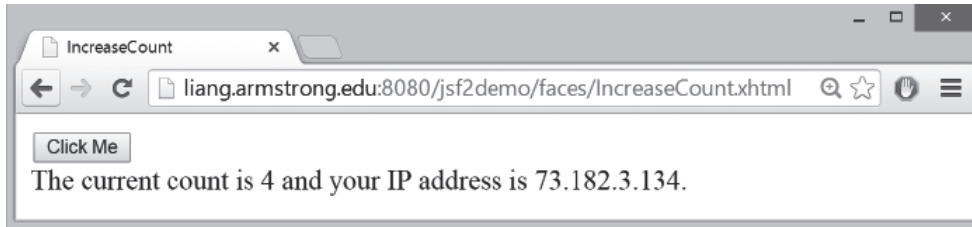


FIGURE 39.25 The count is updated when the *Click Me* button is clicked.

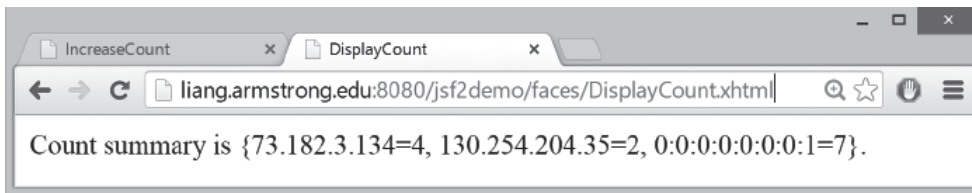


FIGURE 39.26 The count for each client IP Address is displayed.

### LISTING 39.20 Track.java

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import java.util.HashMap;
4 import java.util.Map;
5 import javax.enterprise.context.ApplicationScoped;
6
7 @ApplicationScoped                                application scope
8 public class Track {
9     private Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();    store counts
10
11     public void add(String ipAddress) {
12         map.put(ipAddress, map.containsKey(ipAddress) ?
13             map.get(ipAddress) + 1 : 1);                add or update count
14     }
15
16     public int getCount(String ipAddress) {              return count
17         return map.containsKey(ipAddress) ? map.get(ipAddress) : 0;
18     }
19
20     public String getAllCount() {                          return all counts
21         return "Count summary is " + map;
22     }
23 }

```

A `Track` object uses a map to store an IP address and its count with IP address as a key (line 9). The `add` method (lines 11–14) adds an IP Address to the map. If the IP address is not in the map, a new entry is created for the IP Address with value 1. Otherwise, the value for the IP address is incremented by 1 in the map. The `getCount` method (lines 16–18) returns the count for an IP address. If the IP address is not in the map, the method returns 0. The

`getAllCount` method (lines 20–22) simply returns a string that describes the counts for all IP address in the map.

We now create a page named `IncreaseCount.xhtml` (Listing 39.21) with a button for displaying the number of times a button is clicked on the client, and create a page named `DisplayCount.xhtml` (Listing 39.22) for displaying the counts from all clients.

### LISTING 39.21 `IncreaseCount.xhtml`

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6   <h:head>
7     <title>IncreaseCount</title>
8   </h:head>
9   <h:body>
10    <h:form>
11      <h:commandButton
12        action="#{increaseCount.click()}" value="Click Me"/>
13      <br>The current count is #{increaseCount.getCount()} and your
14        IP address is #{increaseCount.getIpAddress()}.</br>
15    </h:form>
16  </h:body>
17 </html>

```

process a click  
obtain count  
obtain IP address

### LISTING 39.22 `DisplayCount.xhtml`

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
5     xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6   <h:head>
7     <title>DisplayCount</title>
8   </h:head>
9   <h:body>
10    #{displayCount.getAllCount()}.
11  </h:body>
12 </html>

```

obtain all counts

The `IncreaseCount` page uses the `increaseCount` bean to process the click action (line 12), obtain the click count (line 13), and the client's IP address (line 14). The `DisplayCount` page uses the `displayCount` bean to obtain the count from all clients (line 10). Both `increaseCount` and `displayCount` need to access the same `Track` object. How can you create a `Track` object to be used by different objects? JSF supports context dependency injection (CDI) for injecting an object into a class using the `@Inject` annotation. Listing 39.23 gives the implementation for `IncreaseCount.java` and Listing 39.24 for `DisplayCount.java`.

### LISTING 39.23 `IncreaseCount.java`

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import javax.enterprise.context.SessionScoped;
4 import javax.inject.Named;
5 import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;
6 import javax.inject.Inject;
7 import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
8
9 @Named(value = "increaseCount")

```

```

10 @SessionScoped
11 public class IncreaseCount implements java.io.Serializable {
12     @Inject private Track track;
13     private String ipAddress;
14
15     public IncreaseCount() {
16         HttpServletRequest request = (HttpServletRequest)FacesContext
17             .getCurrentInstance().getExternalContext().getRequest();
18         this.ipAddress = request.getRemoteAddr();
19     }
20
21     public void click() {
22         track.add(ipAddress);
23     }
24
25     public String getIpAddress() {
26         return ipAddress;
27     }
28
29     public int getCount() {
30         return track.getCount(ipAddress);
31     }
32 }

```

session scope  
inject track  
increase count  
obtain client's IP  
add an IP address  
count for an IP

### LISTING 39.24 DisplayCount.java

```

1 package jsf2demo;
2
3 import javax.enterprise.context.ApplicationScoped;
4 import javax.inject.Named;
5 import javax.inject.Inject;
6
7 @Named(value = "displayCount")
8 @ApplicationScoped
9 public class DisplayCount {
10     @Inject private Track track;
11
12     public String getAllCount() {
13         return track.getAllCount();
14     }
15 }

```

application scope  
inject track  
obtain all counts

The `@Inject` annotation in line 12 of **IncreaseCount.java** and line 10 of **DisplayCount.java** injects a **Track** object. This **Track** object is created by the Java server container. The **track** data fields in both classes refer to this object.

In **IncreaseCount.java**, the constructor obtains the IP address of a client (lines 16 and 17) and sets it in the data field **ipAddress** (line 18). The **click** method adds the **ipAddress** to the map in the track object (line 22).

Note the scope for **Track** and **DisplayCount** is **ApplicationScoped** since these two objects are created once for the entire application. However, the scope for **IncreaseCount** is **SessionScoped** since each session has its own IP Address.

## KEY TERMS

application scope	39-21	request scope	39-21
contexts and dependency injection		scope	39-21
(CDI)	39-40	session scope	39-21
JavaBean	39-5	view scope	39-21

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. JSF enables you to completely separate Java code from HTML.
2. A **facelet** is an XHTML page that mixes JSF tags with XHTML tags.
3. JSF applications are developed using the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture, which separates the application's data (contained in the model) from the graphical presentation (the view).
4. The controller is the JSF framework that is responsible for coordinating interactions between view and the model.
5. In JSF, the facelets are the view for presenting data. Data are obtained from Java objects. Objects are defined using Java classes.
6. In JSF, the objects that are accessed from a facelet are JavaBeans objects.
7. The JSF expression can either use the property name or invoke the method to obtain the current time.
8. JSF provides many elements for displaying GUI components. The tags with the **h** prefix are in the JSF HTML Tag library. The tags with the **f** prefix are in the JSF Core Tag library.
9. You can specify the JavaBeans objects at the application scope, session scope, view scope, or request scope.
10. The view scope keeps the bean alive as long as you stay on the view. The view scope is between session and request scopes.
11. JSF provides several convenient and powerful ways for input validation. You can use the standard validator tags in the JSF Core Tag Library or create custom validators.



## QUIZ

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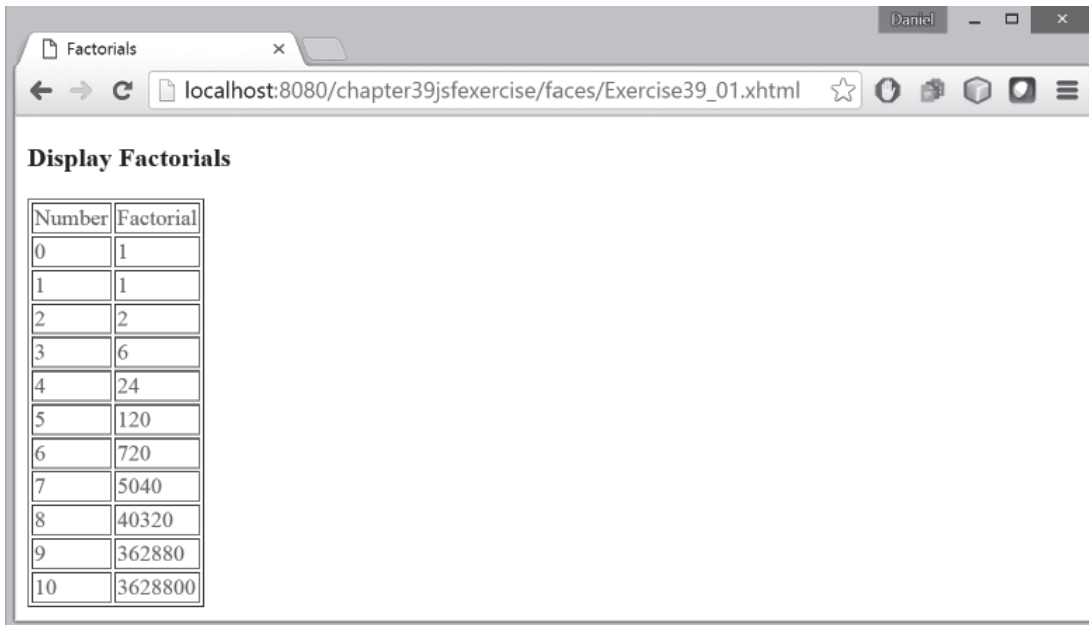
Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

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## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

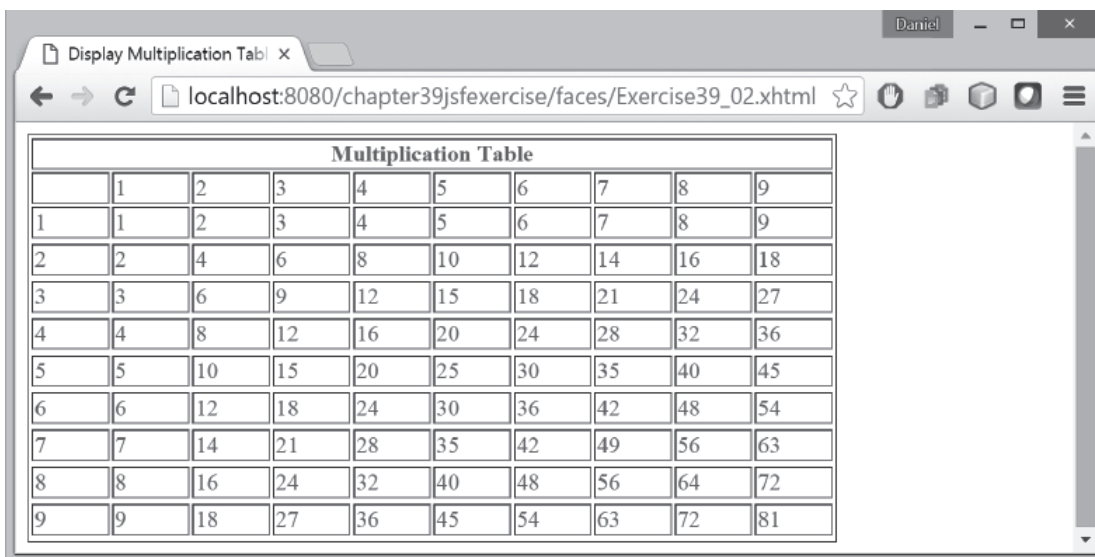
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- \*39.1** (*Factorial table in JSF*) Write a JSF page that displays a factorial page as shown in Figure 39.27. Display the table in an **h:outputText** component. Set its **escape** property to **false** to display it as HTML contents.
- \*39.2** (*Multiplication table*) Write a JSF page that displays a multiplication table as shown in Figure 39.28.
- \*39.3** (*Calculate tax*) Write a JSF page to let the user enter taxable income and filing status, as shown in Figure 39.29a. Clicking the *Compute Tax* button computes and displays the tax, as shown in Figure 39.29b. Use the **computeTax** method introduced in Listing 3.5, *ComputeTax.java*, to compute tax.
- \*39.4** (*Calculate loan*) Write a JSF page that lets the user enter loan amount, interest rate, and number of years, as shown in Figure 39.30a. Click the *Compute Loan Payment* button to compute and display the monthly and total loan payments, as shown in Figure 39.30b. Use the **Loan** class given in Listing 10.2, *Loan.java*, to compute the monthly and total payments.



Number	Factorial
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	6
4	24
5	120
6	720
7	5040
8	40320
9	362880
10	3628800

FIGURE 39.27 The JSF page displays factorials for the numbers from 0 to 10 in a table.

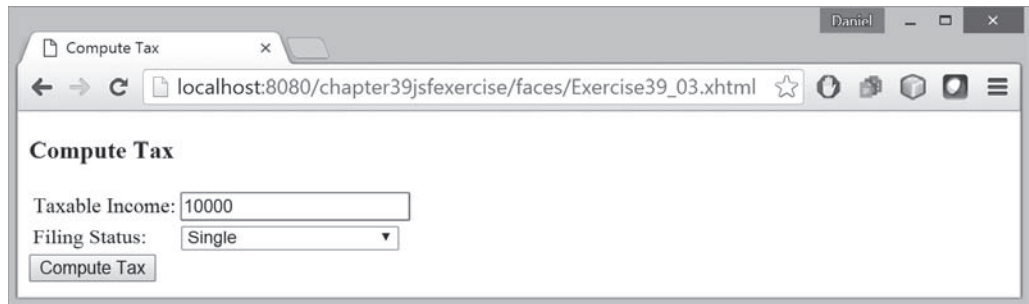


Multiplication Table									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81

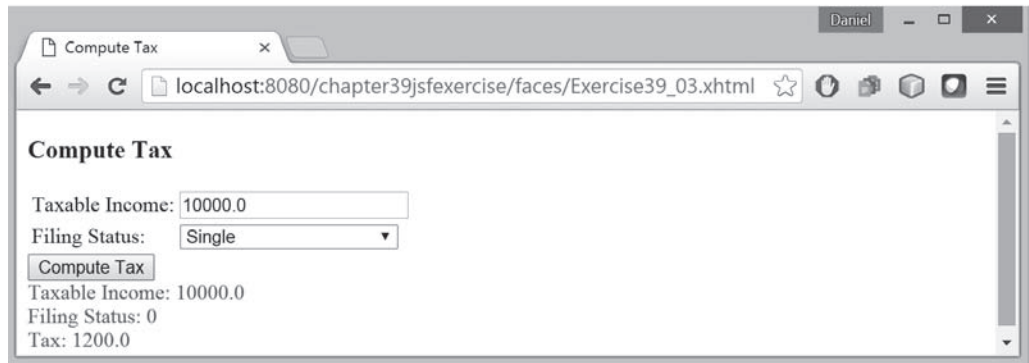
FIGURE 39.28 The JSF page displays the multiplication table.

- \*39.5 (*Addition quiz*) Write a JSF program that generates addition quizzes randomly, as shown in Figure 39.31a. After the user answers all questions, it displays the result, as shown in Figure 39.31b.
- \*39.6 (*Large factorial*) Rewrite Exercise 39.1 to handle large factorial as shown in Figure 39.32. Use the **BigInteger** class introduced in Section 10.9.
- \*39.7 (*Guess birthday*) Listing 4.3, `GuessBirthday.java`, gives a program for guessing a birthday. Write a JSF program that displays five sets of numbers, as shown in Figure 39.33a. After the user checks the appropriate boxes and clicks the *Guess Birthday* button, the program displays the birthday, as shown in Figure 39.33b.



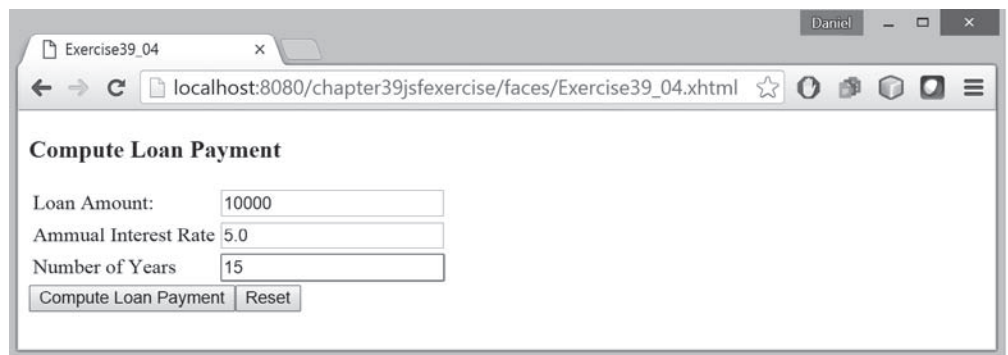


(a)



(b)

FIGURE 39.29 The JSF page computes the tax.

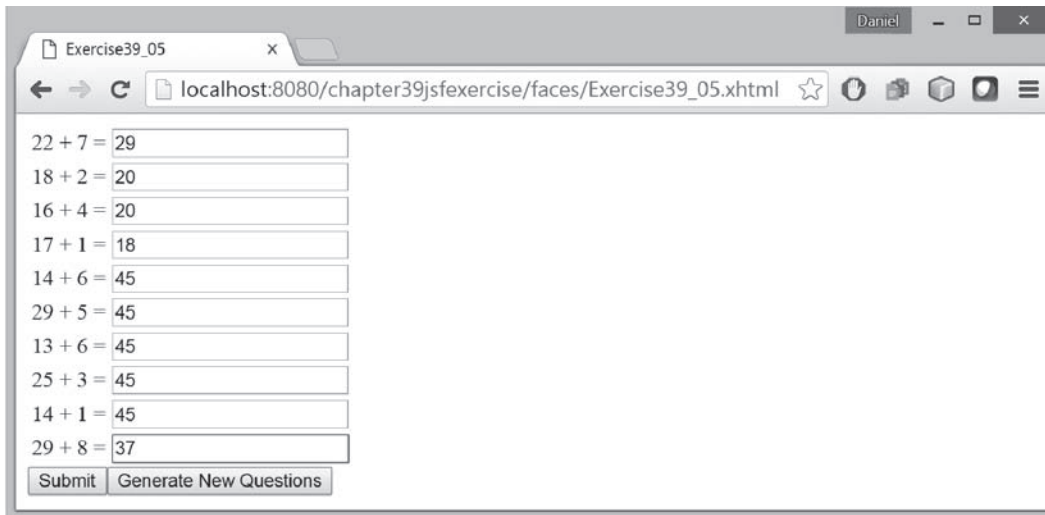


(a)

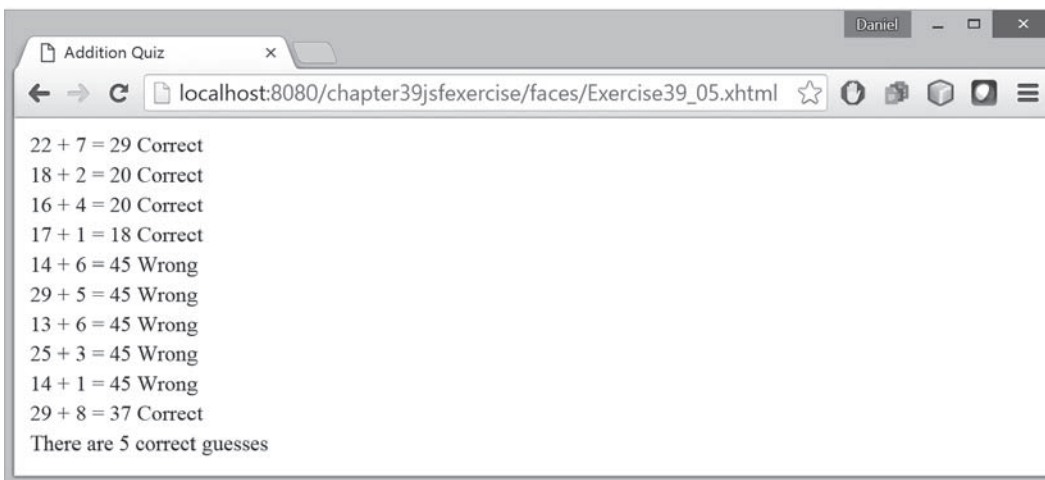


(b)

FIGURE 39.30 The JSF page computes the loan payment.



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 39.31** The program displays addition questions in (a) and answers in (b).

- \*39.8** (*Guess capitals*) Write a JSF that prompts the user to enter a capital for a state, as shown in Figure 39.34a. Upon receiving the user input, the program reports whether the answer is correct, as shown in Figure 39.34b. You can click the *Next* button to display another question. You can use a two-dimensional array to store the states and capitals, as proposed in Exercise 8.37. Create a list from the array and apply the `shuffle` method to reorder the list so the questions will appear in random order.
- \*39.9** (*Access and update a `Staff` table*) Write a JSF program that views, inserts, and updates staff information stored in a database, as shown in Figure 39.35. The view button displays a record with a specified ID. The `Staff` table is created as follows:

```
create table Staff (
  id char(9) not null,
  lastName varchar(15),
  firstName varchar(15),
```

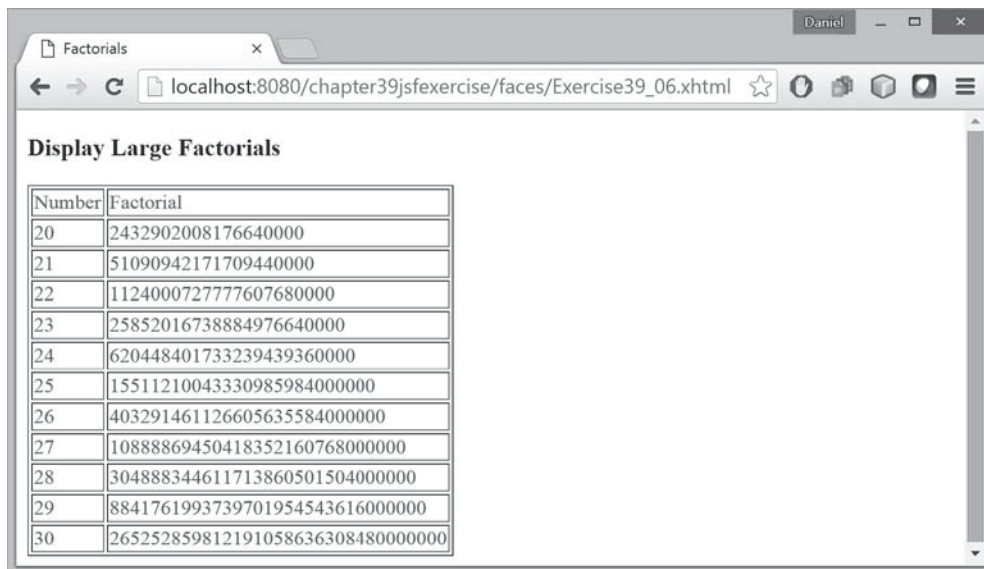
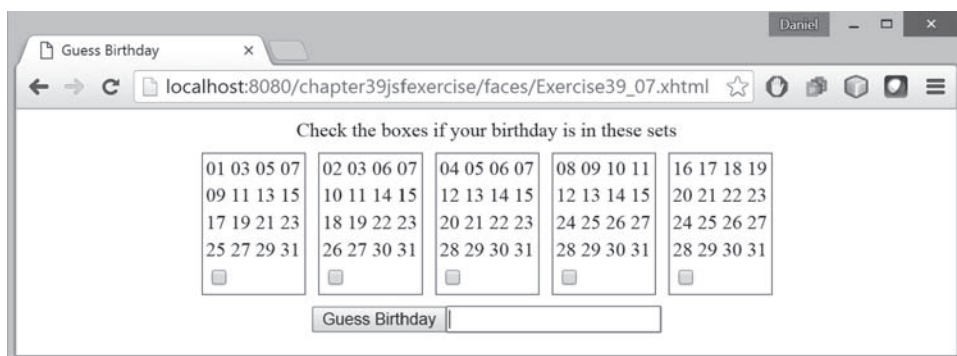
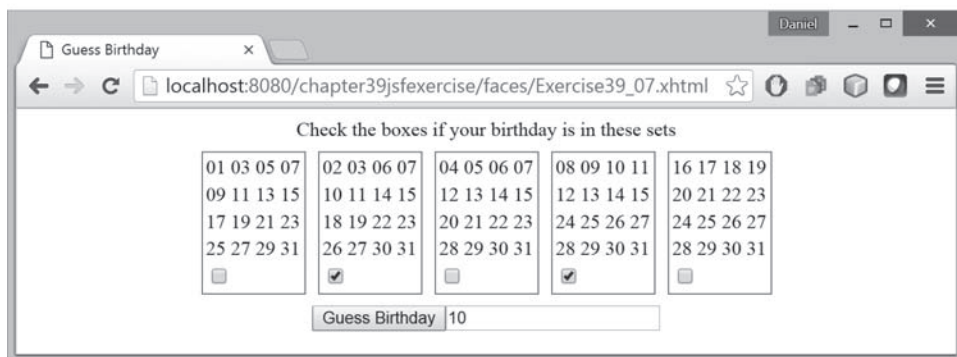


FIGURE 39.32 The JSF page displays factorials for the numbers from 10 to 20 in a table.

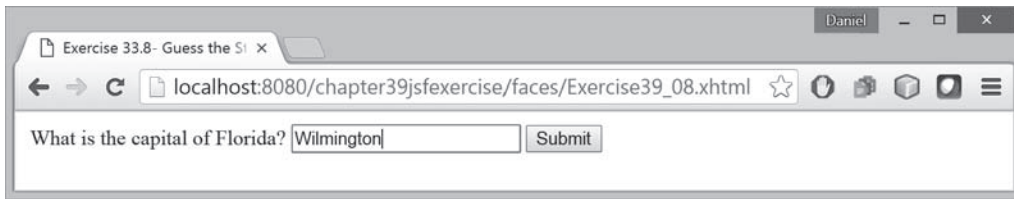


(a)



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FIGURE 39.33 (a) The program displays five sets of numbers for the user to check the boxes. (b) The program displays the date.

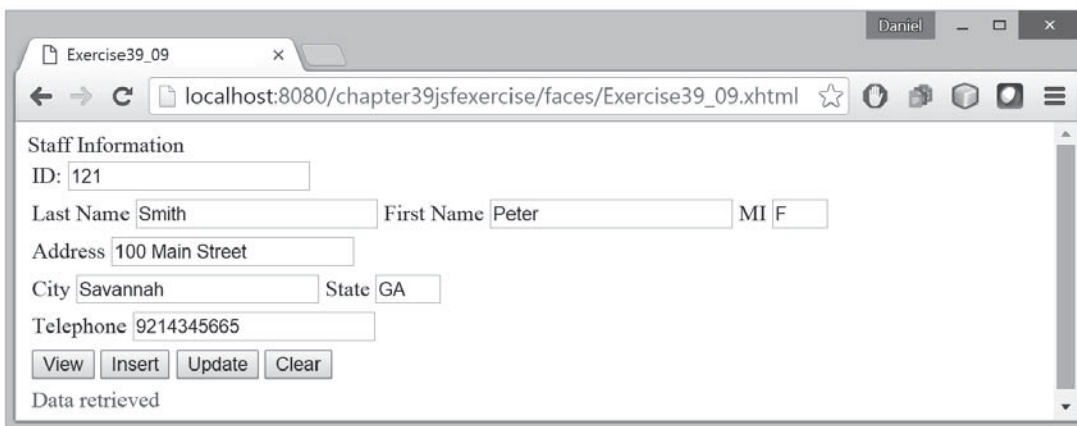
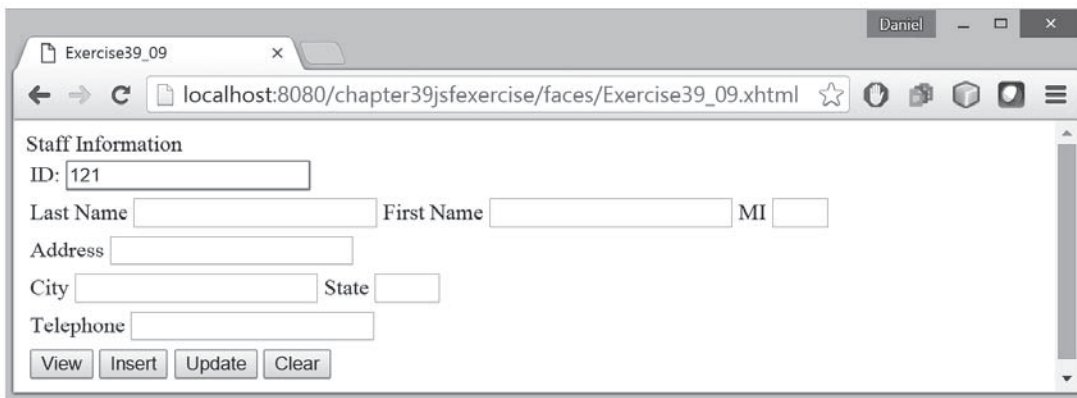


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**FIGURE 39.34** (a) The program displays a question. (b) The program displays the answer to the question.



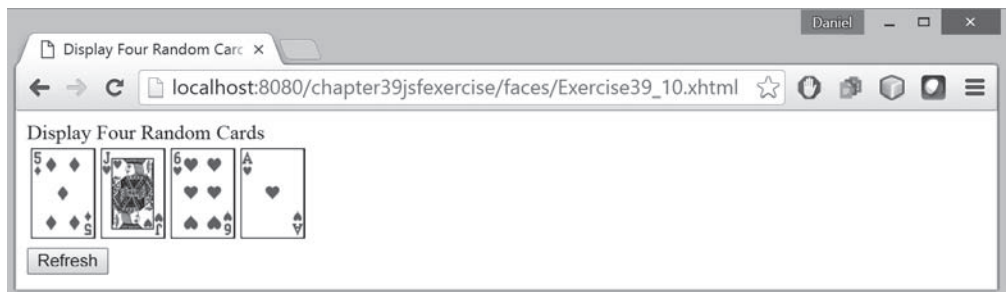
**FIGURE 39.35** The webpage lets you view, insert, and update staff information.

```

mi char(1),
address varchar(20),
city varchar(20),
state char(2),
telephone char(10),
email varchar(40),
primary key (id)
);

```

**\*39.10** (*Random cards*) Write a JSF that displays four random cards from a deck of 52 cards, as shown in Figure 39.36. When the user clicks the *Refresh* button, four new random cards are displayed.



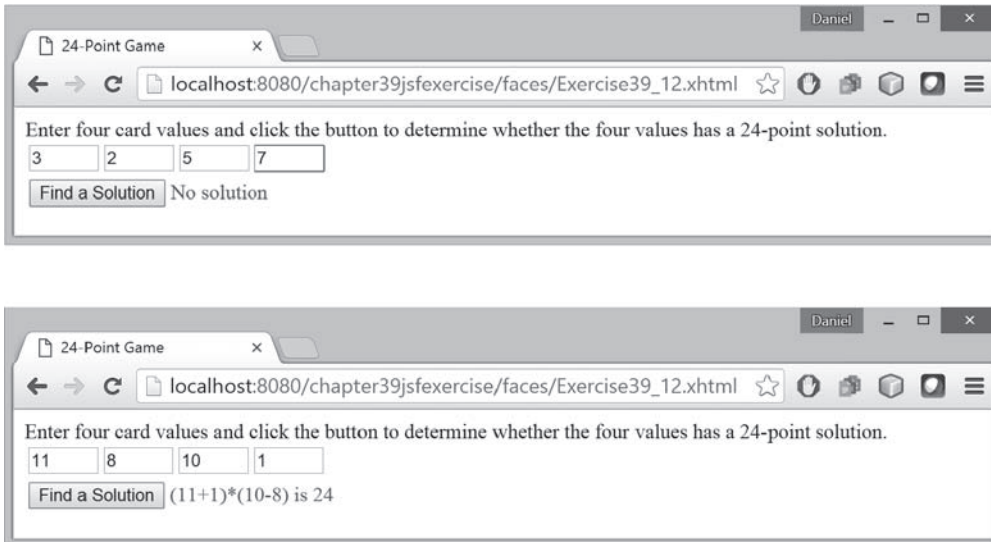
**FIGURE 39.36** This JSF application displays four random cards.

**\*\*\*39.11** (*Game: the 24-point card game*) Rewrite Exercise 20.13 using JSF, as shown in Figure 39.37. Upon clicking the *Refresh* button, the program displays four random cards and displays an expression if a 24-point solution exists. Otherwise, it displays “No solution”.



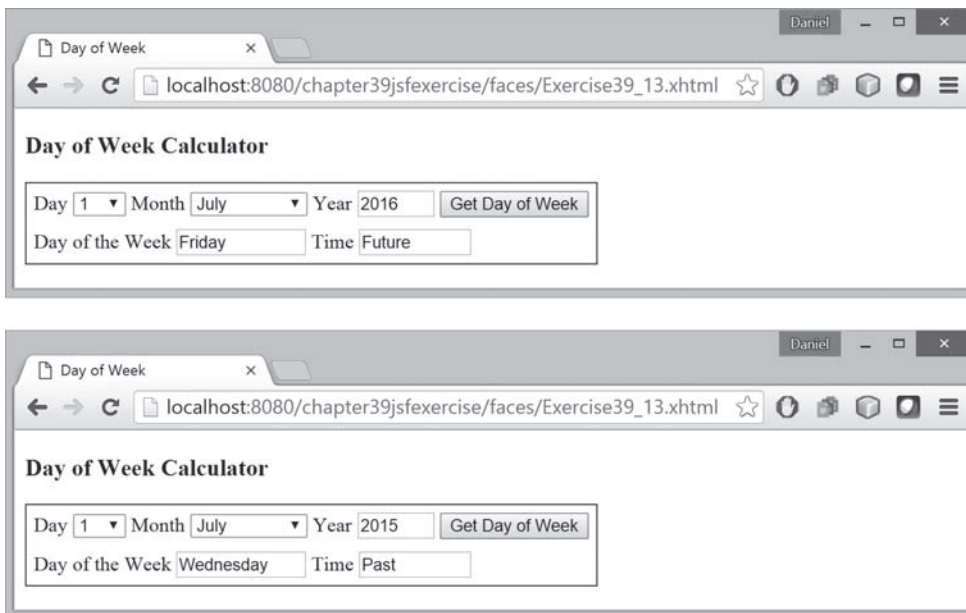
**FIGURE 39.37** The JSF application solves a 24-point card game.

**\*\*\*39.12** (*Game: the 24-point card game*) Rewrite Exercise 20.17 using JSF, as shown in Figure 39.38. The program lets the user enter four card values and finds a solution upon clicking the *Find a Solution* button.



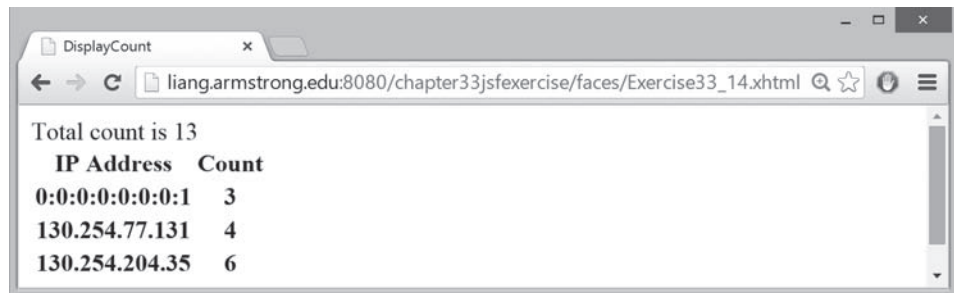
**FIGURE 39.38** The user enters four numbers and the program finds a solution.

**\*39.13** (*Day of week*) Write a program that displays the day of the week for a given day, month, and year, as shown in Figure 39.39. The program lets the user select a day, month, and year, and click the *Get Day of Week* button to display the day of week. The Time field displays “Future” if it is a future day or “Past” otherwise. Use the Zeller’s congruence to find the day of the week (see Programming Exercise 3.21).



**FIGURE 39.39** The user enters a day, month, and year and the program displays the day of the week.

**\*39.14** (*Display total count*) Revise Listing 39.22, DisplayCount.xhtml to display the total count of the button clicks from all clients and display the client's IP address and counts in increasing order of the counts, as shown in Figure 39.40.



**FIGURE 39.40** The total counts and individual client counts are displayed.



# CHAPTER 40

## REMOTE METHOD INVOCATION

### Objectives

- To explain how RMI works (§40.2).
- To describe the process of developing RMI applications (§40.3).
- To distinguish between RMI and socket-level programming (§40.4).
- To develop three-tier applications using RMI (§40.5).
- To use callbacks to develop interactive applications (§40.6).







## 40.1 Introduction

*Remote Method Invocation is a high-level Java API for Java network programming.*

Remote Method Invocation (RMI) provides a framework for building distributed Java systems. Using RMI, a Java object on one system can invoke a method in an object on another system on the network. A *distributed Java system* can be defined as a collection of cooperative distributed objects on the network. In this chapter, you will learn how to use RMI to create useful distributed applications.



## 40.2 RMI Basics

*RMI enables you to access a remote object and invoke its methods.*

RMI is the Java Distributed Object Model for facilitating communications among distributed objects. RMI is a high-level API built on top of sockets. Socket-level programming allows you to pass data through sockets among computers. RMI enables you also to invoke methods in a remote object. Remote objects can be manipulated as if they were residing on the local host. The transmission of data among different machines is handled by the JVM transparently.

In many ways, RMI is an evolution of the client/server architecture. A *client* is a component that issues requests for services, and a *server* is a component that delivers the requested services. Like the client/server architecture, RMI maintains the notion of clients and servers, but the RMI approach is more flexible.

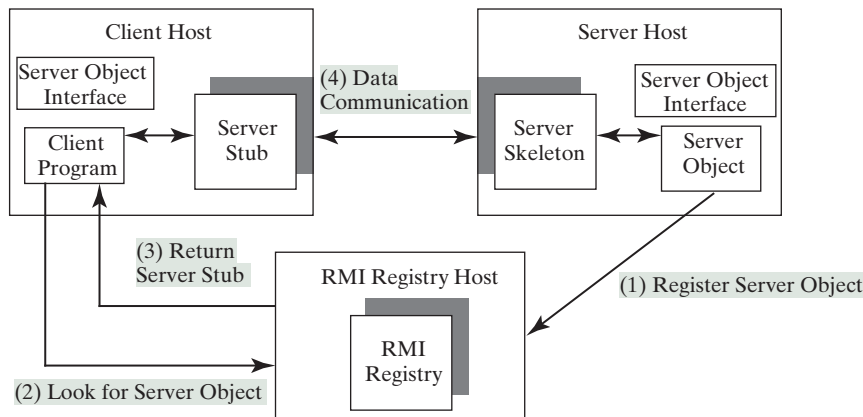
- An RMI component can act as both a client and a server, depending on the scenario in question.
- An RMI system can pass functionality from a server to a client, and vice versa. Typically a client/server system only passes data back and forth between server and client.

### 40.2.1 How Does RMI Work?

All the objects you have used before this chapter are called *local objects*. *Local objects* are accessible only within the local host. Objects that are accessible from a remote host are called *remote objects*. For an object to be invoked remotely, it must be defined in a Java interface accessible to both the server and the client. Furthermore, the interface must extend the `java.rmi.Remote` interface. Like the `java.io.Serializable` interface, `java.rmi.Remote` is a marker interface that contains no constants or methods. It is used only to identify remote objects.

The key components of the RMI architecture are listed below (see Figure 40.1):

- **Server object interface:** A subinterface of `java.rmi.Remote` that defines the methods for the server object.
- **Server class:** A class that implements the remote object interface.
- **Server object:** An instance of the server class.
- **RMI registry:** A utility that registers remote objects and provides naming services for locating objects.
- **Client program:** A program that invokes the methods in the remote server object.
- **Server stub:** An object that resides on the client host and serves as a surrogate for the remote server object.
- **Server skeleton:** An object that resides on the server host and communicates with the stub and the actual server object.



**FIGURE 40.1** Java RMI uses a registry to provide naming services for remote objects, and uses the stub and the skeleton to facilitate communications between client and server.

RMI works as follows:

1. A server object is registered with the RMI registry.
2. A client looks through the RMI registry for the remote object.
3. Once the remote object is located, its stub is returned in the client.
4. The remote object can be used in the same way as a local object. Communication between the client and the server is handled through the stub and the skeleton.

The implementation of the RMI architecture is complex, but the good news is that RMI provides a mechanism that liberates you from writing the tedious code for handling parameter passing and invoking remote methods. The basic idea is to use two helper classes known as the *stub* and the *skeleton* for handling communications between client and server.

The stub and the skeleton are automatically generated. The stub resides on the client machine. It contains all the reference information the client needs to know about the server object. When a client invokes a method on a server object, it actually invokes a method that is encapsulated in the stub. The stub is responsible for sending parameters to the server and for receiving the result from the server and returning it to the client.

The skeleton communicates with the stub on the server side. The skeleton receives parameters from the client, passes them to the server for execution, and returns the result to the stub.

## 40.2.2 Passing Parameters

When a client invokes a remote method with parameters, passing the parameters is handled by the stub and the skeleton. Obviously, invoking methods in a remote object on a server is very different from invoking methods in a local object on a client, since the remote object is in a different address space on a separate machine. Let us consider three types of parameters:

- **Primitive data types**, such as `char`, `int`, `double`, or `boolean`, are passed by value like a local call.
- **Local object types**, such as `java.lang.String`, are also passed by value, but this is completely different from passing an object parameter in a local call. In a local call, an object parameter's reference is passed, which corresponds to the memory address of the object. In a remote call, there is no way to pass the object reference, because the address on one machine is meaningless to a different JVM. Any object can be used as

a parameter in a remote call as long as it is serializable. The stub serializes the object parameter and sends it in a stream across the network. The skeleton deserializes the stream into an object.

- **Remote object types** are passed differently from local objects. When a client invokes a remote method with a parameter of a remote object type, the stub of the remote object is passed. The server receives the stub and manipulates the parameter through it. Passing remote objects will be discussed in Section 40.6, RMI Callbacks.

### 40.2.3 RMI Registry

How does a client locate the remote object? The RMI registry provides the registry services for the server to register the object and for the client to locate the object.

You can use several overloaded static `getRegistry()` methods in the `LocateRegistry` class to return a reference to a `Registry`, as shown in Figure 40.2. Once a `Registry` is obtained, you can bind an object with a unique name in the registry using the `bind` or `rebind` method, or locate an object using the lookup method, as shown in Figure 40.3.

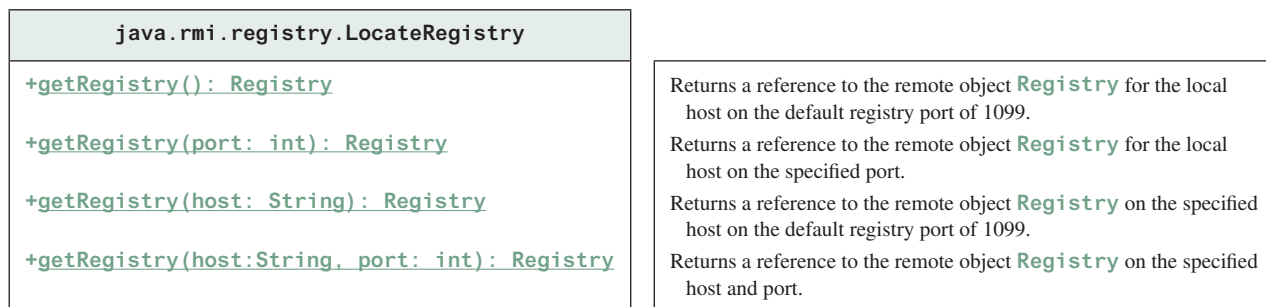


FIGURE 40.2 The `LocateRegistry` class provides the methods for obtaining a registry on a host.

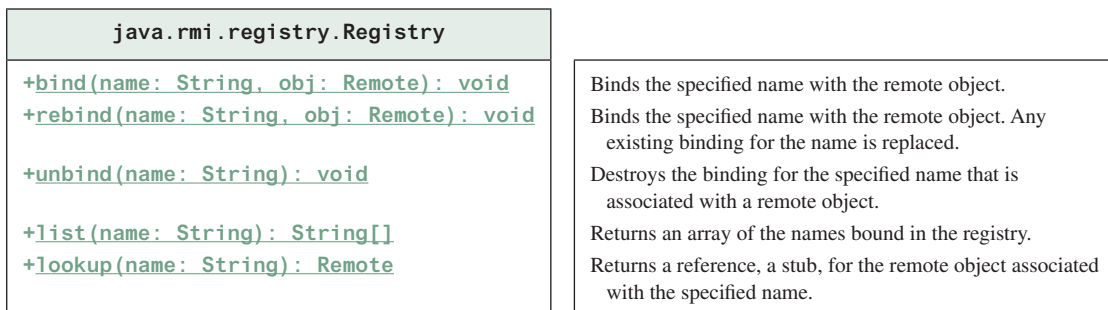


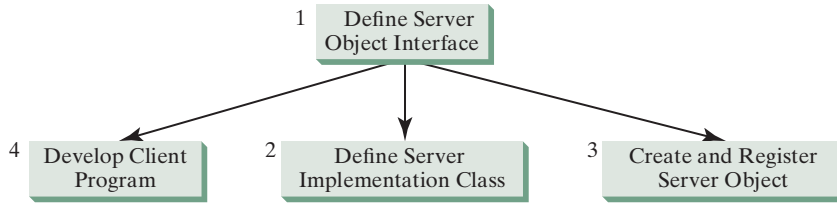
FIGURE 40.3 The `Registry` class provides the methods for binding and obtaining references to remote objects in a remote object registry.

## 40.3 Developing RMI Applications



*An RMI application consists of defining server object interface, defining a server object interface implementation class, creating and registering a server object, and developing a client program.*

Now that you have a basic understanding of RMI, you are ready to write simple RMI applications. The steps in developing an RMI application are shown in Figure 40.4 and listed below.



**FIGURE 40.4** The steps in developing an RMI application.

1. Define a server object interface that serves as the contract between the server and its clients, as shown in the following outline:

```
public interface ServerInterface extends Remote {
    public void service1(...) throws RemoteException;
    // Other methods
}
```

A server object interface must extend the `java.rmi.Remote` interface.

2. Define a class that implements the server object interface, as shown in the following outline:

```
public class ServerInterfaceImpl extends UnicastRemoteObject
    implements ServerInterface {
    public void service1(...) throws RemoteException {
        // Implement it
    }
    // Implement other methods
}
```

The server implementation class must extend the `java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject` class. The `UnicastRemoteObject` class provides support for point-to-point active object references using TCP streams.

3. Create a server object from the server implementation class and register it with an RMI registry:

```
ServerInterface server = new ServerInterfaceImpl(...);
Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry();
registry.rebind("RemoteObjectName", server);
```

4. Develop a client that locates a remote object and invokes its methods, as shown in the following outline:

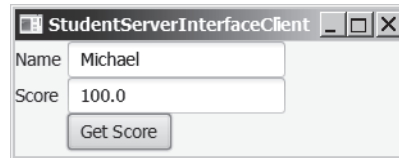
```
Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry(host);
ServerInterface server = (ServerInterfaceImpl)
    registry.lookup("RemoteObjectName");
server.service1(...);
```

The example that follows demonstrates the development of an RMI application through these steps.

### 40.3.1 Example: Retrieving Student Scores from an RMI Server

This example creates a client that retrieves student scores from an RMI server. The client, shown in Figure 40.5, displays the score for the specified name.

1. Create a server interface named `StudentServerInterface` in Listing 40.1. The interface tells the client how to invoke the server's `findScore` method to retrieve a student score.



**FIGURE 40.5** You can get the score by entering a student name and clicking the *Get Score* button.

### LISTING 40.1 StudentServerInterface.java

```

1 import java.rmi.*;
2
3 public interface StudentServerInterface extends Remote {
4     /**
5      * Return the score for the specified name
6      * @param name the student name
7      * @return a double score or -1 if the student is not found
8      */
9     public double findScore(String name) throws RemoteException;
10 }

```

Any object that can be used remotely must be defined in an interface that extends the `java.rmi.Remote` interface (line 3). `StudentServerInterface`, extending `Remote`, defines the `findScore` method that can be remotely invoked by a client to find a student's score. Each method in this interface must declare that it may throw a `java.rmi.RemoteException` (line 9). Therefore, your client code that invokes this method must be prepared to catch this exception in a try-catch block.

2. Create a server implementation named `StudentServerInterfaceImpl` (Listing 40.2) that implements `StudentServerInterface`. The `findScore` method returns the score for a specified student. It returns `-1` if the score is not found.

### LISTING 40.2 StudentServerInterfaceImpl.java

```

1 import java.rmi.*;
2 import java.rmi.server.*;
3 import java.util.*;
4
5 public class StudentServerInterfaceImpl
6     extends UnicastRemoteObject
7     implements StudentServerInterface {
8     // Stores scores in a map indexed by name
9     private HashMap<String, Double> scores =
10         new HashMap<String, Double>();
11
12     public StudentServerInterfaceImpl() throws RemoteException {
13         initializeStudent();
14     }
15
16     /** Initialize student information */
17     protected void initializeStudent() {
18         scores.put("John", new Double(90.5));
19         scores.put("Michael", new Double(100));
20         scores.put("Michelle", new Double(98.5));
21     }
22
23     /** Implement the findScore method from the
24      * Student interface */
25     public double findScore(String name) throws RemoteException {
26         Double d = (Double)scores.get(name);

```

```

27
28     if (d == null) {
29         System.out.println("Student " + name + " is not found ");
30         return -1;
31     }
32     else {
33         System.out.println("Student " + name + "'s score is "
34             + d.doubleValue());
35         return d.doubleValue();
36     }
37 }
38 }

```

The `StudentServerInterfaceImpl` class implements `StudentServerInterface`. This class must also extend the `java.rmi.server.RemoteServer` class or its subclass. `RemoteServer` is an abstract class that defines the methods needed to create and export remote objects. Often its subclass `java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject` is used (line 6). This subclass implements all the abstract methods defined in `RemoteServer`.

`StudentServerInterfaceImpl` implements the `findScore` method (lines 25–37) defined in `StudentServerInterface`. For simplicity, three students, John, Michael, and Michelle, and their corresponding scores are stored in an instance of `java.util.HashMap` named `scores`. `HashMap` is a concrete class of the `Map` interface in the Java Collections Framework, which makes it possible to search and retrieve a value using a key. Both values and keys are of `Object` type. The `findScore` method returns the score if the name is in the hash map, and returns `-1` if the name is not found.

3. Create a server object from the server implementation and register it with the RMI server (see Listing 40.3).

### LISTING 40.3 RegisterWithRMIServer.java

```

1  import java.rmi.registry.*;
2
3  public class RegisterWithRMIServer {
4      /** Main method */
5      public static void main(String[] args) {
6          try {
7              StudentServerInterface obj =
8                  new StudentServerInterfaceImpl();
9              Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry();
10             registry.rebind("StudentServerInterfaceImpl", obj);
11             System.out.println("Student server " + obj + " registered");
12         }
13         catch (Exception ex) {
14             ex.printStackTrace();
15         }
16     }
17 }

```

`RegisterWithRMIServer` contains a main method, which is responsible for starting the server. It performs the following tasks: (1) create a server object (line 8); (2) obtain a reference to the RMI registry (line 9), and (3) register the object in the registry (line 10).

4. Create a client named `StudentServerInterfaceClient` in Listing 40.4. The client locates the server object from the RMI registry and uses it to find the scores.

### LISTING 40.4 StudentServerInterfaceClient.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.scene.Scene;

```

```

3  import javafx.scene.control.Button;
4  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
5  import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
6  import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
7  import javafx.stage.Stage;
8  import java.rmi.registry.LocateRegistry;
9  import java.rmi.registry.Registry;
10
11 public class StudentServerInterfaceClient extends Application {
12     // Declare a Student instance
13     private StudentServerInterface student;
14
15     private Button btGetScore = new Button("Get Score");
16     private TextField tfName = new TextField();
17     private TextField tfScore = new TextField();
18
19     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
20         GridPane gridPane = new GridPane();
21         gridPane.setHgap(5);
22         gridPane.add(new Label("Name"), 0, 0);
23         gridPane.add(new Label("Score"), 0, 1);
24         gridPane.add(tfName, 1, 0);
25         gridPane.add(tfScore, 1, 1);
26         gridPane.add(btGetScore, 1, 2);
27
28         // Create a scene and place the pane in the stage
29         Scene scene = new Scene(gridPane, 250, 250);
30         primaryStage.setTitle("StudentServerInterfaceClient");
31         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
32         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
33
34         initializeRMI();
35         btGetScore.setOnAction(e -> getScore());
36     }
37
38     private void getScore() {
39         try {
40             // Get student score
41             double score = student.findScore(tfName.getText().trim());
42
43             // Display the result
44             if (score < 0)
45                 tfScore.setText("Not found");
46             else
47                 tfScore.setText(new Double(score).toString());
48         }
49         catch(Exception ex) {
50             ex.printStackTrace();
51         }
52     }
53
54     /** Initialize RMI */
55     protected void initializeRMI() {
56         String host = "";
57
58         try {
59             Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry(host);
60             student = (StudentServerInterface)
61                 registry.lookup("StudentServerInterfaceImpl");
62             System.out.println("Server object " + student + " found");
63         }
64         catch(Exception ex) {

```

```

65     System.out.println(ex);
66   }
67 }
68
69 /**
70  * The main method is only needed for the IDE with limited
71  * JavaFX support. Not needed for running from the command line.
72  */
73 public static void main(String[] args) {
74     launch(args);
75 }
76 }

```

`StudentServerInterfaceClient` invokes the `findScore` method on the server to find the score for a specified student. The key method in `StudentServerInterfaceClient` is the `initializeRMI` method (lines 55–67), which is responsible for locating the server stub.

The `lookup(String name)` method (line 61) returns the remote object with the specified name. Once a remote object is found, it can be used just like a local object. The stub and the skeleton are used behind the scenes to make the remote method invocation work.

5. Follow the steps below to run this example.

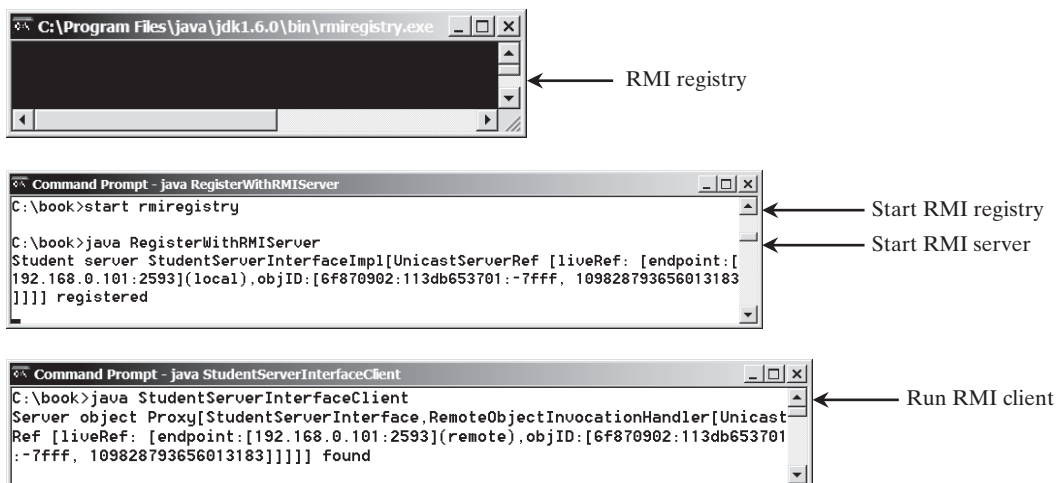
- 5.1. Start the RMI registry by typing “start rmiregistry” at a DOS prompt from the book directory. By default, the port number **1099** is used by rmiregistry. To use a different port number, simply type the command “start rmiregistry *portnumber*” at a DOS prompt.
- 5.2. Start the server `RegisterWithRMIServer` using the following command at C:\book directory:
 

```
C:\book>java RegisterWithRMIServer
```
- 5.3. Run the client `StudentServerInterfaceClient` as an application. A sample run of the application is shown in Figure 40.5(b).



### Note:

You must start rmiregistry from the directory where you will run the RMI server, as shown in Figure 40.6. Otherwise, you will receive the error `ClassNotFoundException` on `StudentServerInterfaceImpl_Stub`.



**FIGURE 40.6** To run an RMI program, first start the rmiregistry, then register the server object with the registry. The client locates it from the registry.



**Note:**

Server, registry, and client can be on three different machines. If you run the client and the server on separate machines, you need to place `StudentServerInterface` on both machines.

**Caution:**

If you modify the remote object implementation class, you need to restart the server class to reload the object to the RMI registry. In some old versions of `rmiregistry`, you may have to restart `rmiregistry`.



- 40.3.1** How do you define an interface for a remote object?
- 40.3.2** Describe the roles of the stub and the skeleton.
- 40.3.3** What is `java.rmi.Remote`? How do you define a server class?
- 40.3.4** What is an RMI registry for? How do you create an RMI registry?
- 40.3.5** What is the command to start an RMI registry?
- 40.3.6** How do you register a remote object with the RMI registry?
- 40.3.7** What is the command to start a custom RMI server?
- 40.3.8** How does a client locate a remote object stub through an RMI registry?
- 40.3.9** How do you obtain a registry? How do you register a remote object? How do you locate remote object?



## 40.4 RMI vs. Socket-Level Programming

*RMI is a high-level network programming and socket-level network programming is low-low-level.*

RMI enables you to program at a higher level of abstraction. It hides the details of socket server, socket, connection, and sending or receiving data. It even implements a multithreading server under the hood, whereas with socket-level programming, you have to explicitly implement threads for handling multiple clients.

RMI applications are scalable and easy to maintain. You can change the RMI server or move it to another machine without modifying the client program except for resetting the URL to locate the server. (To avoid resetting the URL, you can modify the client to pass the URL as a command-line parameter.) In socket-level programming, a client operation to send data requires a server operation to read it. The implementation of client and server at the socket level is tightly synchronized.

RMI clients can directly invoke the server method, whereas socket-level programming is limited to passing values. Socket-level programming is very primitive. Avoid using it to develop client/server applications. As an analogy, socket-level programming is similar to programming in assembly language, whereas RMI programming is like programming in a high-level language.



- 40.10** What are the advantages of RMI over socket-level programming?



## 40.5 Developing Three-Tier Applications Using RMI

*RMI can be used in the middle between a client and a database to develop scalable and flexible business applications.*

Three-tier applications have gained considerable attention in recent years, largely because of the demand for more scalable and load-balanced systems to replace traditional two-tier client/server database systems. A centralized database system does not just handle data access, but it also processes the business rules on data. Thus, a centralized database is usually heavily

loaded, because it requires extensive data manipulation and processing. In some situations, data processing is handled by the client and business rules are stored on the client side. It is preferable to use a middle tier as a buffer between client and database. The middle tier can be used to apply business logic and rules, and to process data to reduce the load on the database.

A three-tier architecture does more than just reduce the processing load on the server. It also provides access to multiple network sites. This is especially useful to Java clients that need to access multiple databases on different servers, since the server may change.

To demonstrate, let us rewrite the example in Section 40.3.1, Example: Retrieving Student Scores from an RMI Server, to find scores stored in a database rather than a hash map. In addition, the system is capable of blocking a client from accessing a student who has not given the university permission to publish his/her score. An RMI component is developed to serve as a middle tier between client and database; it sends a search request to the database, processes the result, and returns an appropriate value to the client.

For simplicity, this example reuses the `StudentServerInterface` interface and `StudentServerInterfaceClient` class from Section 40.3.1 with no modifications. All you have to do is to provide a new implementation for the server interface and create a program to register the server with the RMI. Here are the steps to complete the program:

1. Store the scores in a database table named `Score` that contains three columns: `name`, `score`, and `permission`. The permission value is `1` or `0`, which indicates whether the student has given the university permission to release his/her grade. The following is the statement to create the table and insert three records:

```
create table Scores (name varchar(20),
    score number, permission number);

insert into Scores values ('John', 90.5, 1);
insert into Scores values ('Michael', 100, 1);
insert into Scores values ('Michelle', 100, 0);
```

2. Create a new server implementation named `Student3TierImpl` in Listing 40.5. The server retrieves a record from the `Scores` table, processes the retrieved information, and sends the result back to the client.

### LISTING 40.5 Student3TierImpl.java

```
1 import java.rmi.*;
2 import java.rmi.server.*;
3 import java.sql.*;
4
5 public class Student3TierImpl extends UnicastRemoteObject
6     implements StudentServerInterface {
7     // Use prepared statement for querying DB
8     private PreparedStatement pstmt;
9
10    /** Constructs Student3TierImpl object and exports it on
11     * default port.
12     */
13    public Student3TierImpl() throws RemoteException {
14        initializeDB();
15    }
16
17    /** Constructs Student3TierImpl object and exports it on
18     * specified port.
19     * @param port The port for exporting
20     */
21    public Student3TierImpl(int port) throws RemoteException {
22        super(port);
```

```

23     initializeDB();
24 }
25
26 /** Load JDBC driver, establish connection and
27  * create statement */
28 protected void initializeDB() {
29     try {
30         // Load the JDBC driver
31         // Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
32         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver ");
33
34         System.out.println("Driver registered");
35
36         // Establish connection
37         /*Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection
38          ("jdbc:oracle:thin:@drake.armstrong.edu:1521:orcl",
39          "scott", "tiger"); */
40         Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection
41         ("jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
42         System.out.println("Database connected");
43
44         // Create a prepared statement for querying DB
45         pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(
46             "select * from Scores where name = ?");
47     }
48     catch (Exception ex) {
49         System.out.println(ex);
50     }
51 }
52
53 /** Return the score for specified the name
54  * Return -1 if score is not found.
55  */
56 public double findScore(String name) throws RemoteException {
57     double score = -1;
58     try {
59         // Set the specified name in the prepared statement
60         pstmt.setString(1, name);
61
62         // Execute the prepared statement
63         ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
64
65         // Retrieve the score
66         if (rs.next()) {
67             if (rs.getBoolean(3))
68                 score = rs.getDouble(2);
69         }
70     }
71     catch (SQLException ex) {
72         System.out.println(ex);
73     }
74
75     return score;
76 }
77 }

```

`Student3TierImpl` is similar to Listing 40.2, `StudentServerInterfaceImpl.java` in Section 40.3.1 except that the `Student3TierImpl` class finds the score from a JDBC data source instead from a hash map.

The table named **Scores** consists of three columns, **name**, **score**, and **permission**, where the latter indicates whether the student has given permission to show his/her score. Since SQL does not support a **boolean** type, permission is defined as a number whose value of **1** indicates **true** and of **0** indicates **false**.

The **initializeDB()** method (lines 28–51) establishes connections with the database and creates a prepared statement for processing the query.

The **findScore** method (lines 56–76) sets the name in the prepared statement, executes the statement, processes the result, and returns the score for a student whose permission is **true**.

3. Write a **main** method in the class **RegisterStudent3TierServer** (see Listing 40.6) that registers the server object using **StudentServerInterfaceImpl**, the same name as in Listing 40.2, so you can use **StudentServerInterfaceClient**, created in Section 40.3.1, to test the server.

### LISTING 40.6 RegisterStudent3TierServer.java

```

1  import java.rmi.registry.*;
2
3  public class RegisterStudent3TierServer {
4      public static void main(String[] args) {
5          try {
6              StudentServerInterface obj = new Student3TierImpl();
7              Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry();
8              registry.rebind("StudentServerInterfaceImpl", obj);
9              System.out.println("Student server " + obj + " registered");
10         } catch (Exception ex) {
11             ex.printStackTrace();
12         }
13     }
14 }
```

4. Follow the steps below to run this example.
  - 4.1. Start RMI registry by typing “start rmiregistry” at a DOS prompt from the book directory.
  - 4.2. Start the server **RegisterStudent3TierServer** using the following command at the C:\book directory:

```
C:\book>java RegisterStudent3TierServer
```
  - 4.3. Run the client **StudentServerInterfaceClient**. A sample run is shown in Figure 40.6.

#### 40.5.1 Describe how parameters are passed in RMI.



## 40.6 RMI Callbacks

*RMI callbacks enable the server to invoke the methods on a client.*

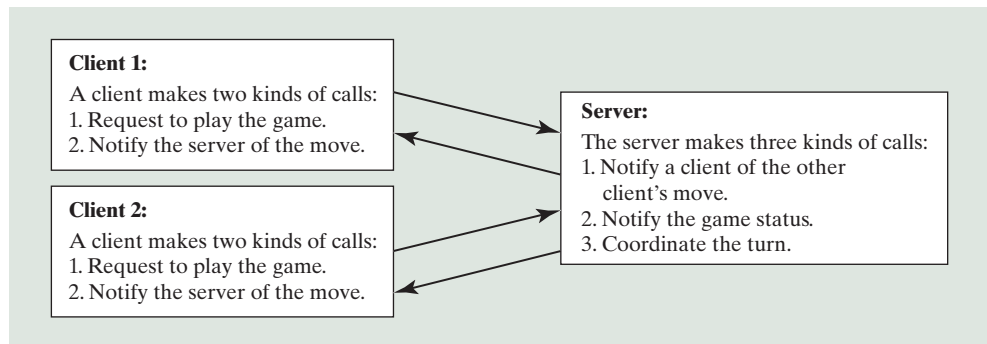
In a traditional client/server system, a client sends a request to a server, and the server processes the request and returns the result to the client. The server cannot invoke the methods on a client. One important benefit of RMI is that it supports *callbacks*, which enable the server to invoke methods on the client. With the RMI callback feature, you can develop interactive distributed applications.



In Section 33.6, Case Studies: Distributed TicTacToe Games, you developed a distributed TicTacToe game using stream socket programming. The example that follows demonstrates the use of the RMI callback feature to develop an interactive TicTacToe game.

All the examples you have seen so far in this chapter have simple behaviors that are easy to model with classes. The behavior of the TicTacToe game is somewhat complex. To create the classes to model the game, you need to study and understand it and distribute the process appropriately between client and server.

Clearly the client should be responsible for handling user interactions, and the server should coordinate with the client. Specifically, the client should register with the server, and the server can take two and only two players. Once a client makes a move, it should notify the server; the server then notifies the move to the other player. The server should determine the status of the game—that is, whether it has been won or drawn—and notify the players. The server should also coordinate the turns—that is, which client has the turn at a given time. The ideal approach for notifying a player is to invoke a method in the client that sets appropriate properties in the client or sends messages to a player. Figure 40.7 illustrates the relationship between clients and server.



**FIGURE 40.7** The server coordinates the activities with the clients.

All the calls a client makes can be encapsulated in one remote interface named `TicTacToe` (Listing 40.7), and all the calls the server invokes can be defined in another interface named `CallBack` (Listing 40.8). These two interfaces are defined as follows:

#### LISTING 40.7 TicTacToeInterface.java

```

1  import java.rmi.*;
2
3  public interface TicTacToeInterface extends Remote {
4      /**
5       * Connect to the TicTacToe server and return the token.
6       * If the returned token is ' ', the client is not connected to
7       * the server
8       */
9      public char connect(CallBack client) throws RemoteException;
10
11     /** A client invokes this method to notify the server of its move*/
12     public void myMove(int row, int column, char token)
13         throws RemoteException;
14 }
  
```

**LISTING 40.8** `CallBack.java`

```

1  import java.rmi.*;
2
3  public interface CallBack extends Remote {
4      /** The server notifies the client for taking a turn */
5      public void takeTurn(boolean turn) throws RemoteException;
6
7      /** The server sends a message to be displayed by the client */
8      public void notify(java.lang.String message)
9          throws RemoteException;
10
11     /** The server notifies a client of the other player's move */
12     public void mark(int row, int column, char token)
13         throws RemoteException;
14 }

```

What does a client need to do? The client interacts with the player. Assume all the cells are initially empty, and the first player takes the X token and the second player the O token. To mark a cell, the player points the mouse to the cell and clicks it. If the cell is empty, the token (X or O) is displayed. If the cell is already filled, the player's action is ignored.

From the preceding description, it is obvious that a cell is a GUI object that handles mouse-click events and displays tokens. The candidate for such an object could be a button or a panel. Panels are more flexible than buttons. The token (X or O) can be drawn on a panel in any size, but it can be displayed only as a label on a button.

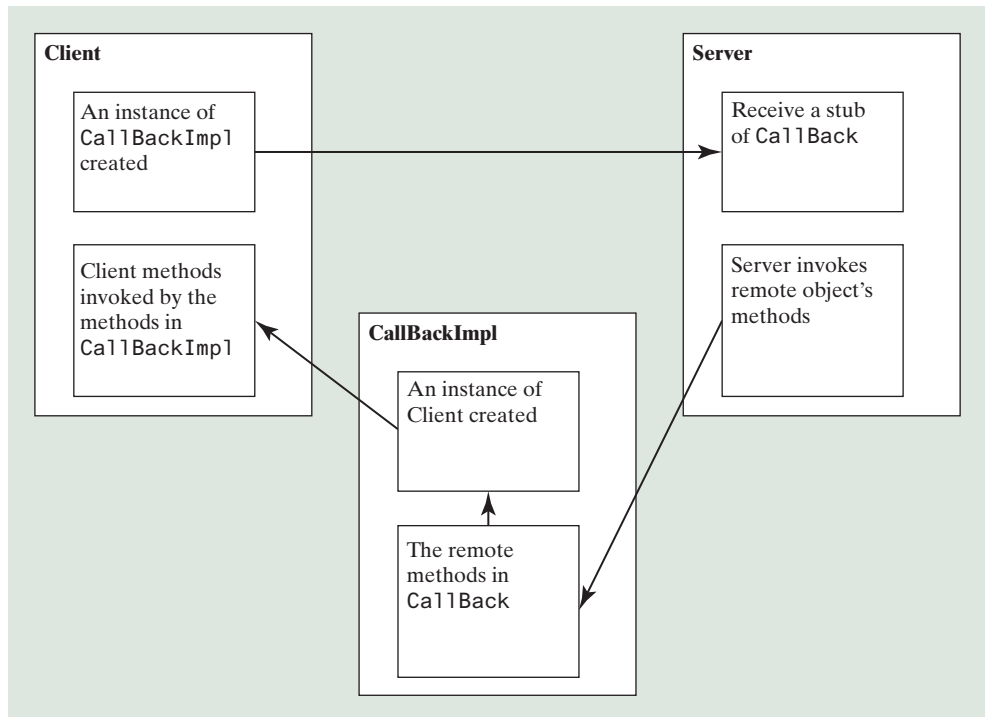
Let `Cell` be a subclass of `JPanel`. You can declare a  $3 \times 3$  grid to be an array `Cell[][] cell = new Cell[3][3]` for modeling the game. How do you know the state of a cell (marked or not)? You can use a property named `marked` of the `boolean` type in the `Cell` class. How do you know whether the player has a turn? You can use a property named `myTurn` of `boolean`. This property (initially `false`) can be set by the server through a callback.

The `Cell` class is responsible for drawing the token when an empty cell is clicked, so you need to write the code for listening to the `MouseEvent` and for painting the shape for tokens X and O. To determine which shape to draw, introduce a variable named `marker` of the `char` type. Since this variable is shared by all the cells in a client, it is preferable to declare it in the client and to declare the `Cell` class as an inner class of the client so this variable will be accessible to all the cells.

Now let us turn our attention to the server side. What does the server need to do? The server needs to implement `TicTacToeInterface` and notify the clients of the game status. The server has to record the moves in the cells and check the status every time a player makes a move. The status information can be kept in a  $3 \times 3$  array of `char`. You can implement a method named `isFull()` to check whether the board is full and a method named `isWon(token)` to check whether a specific player has won.

Once a client is connected to the server, the server notifies the client which token to use—that is, X for the first client and O for the second. Once a client notifies the server of its move, the server checks the game status and notifies the clients.

Now the most critical question is how the server notifies a client. You know that a client invokes a server method by creating a server stub on the client side. A server cannot directly invoke a client, because the client is not declared as a remote object. The `CallBack` interface was created to facilitate the server's callback to the client. In the implementation of `CallBack`, an instance of the client is passed as a parameter in the constructor of `CallBack`. The client creates an instance of `CallBack` and passes its stub to the server, using a remote method named `connect()` defined in the server. The server then invokes the client's method through a `CallBack` instance. The triangular relationship of client, `CallBack` implementation, and server is shown in Figure 40.8.



**FIGURE 40.8** The server receives a `Callback` stub from the client and invokes the remote methods defined in the `Callback` interface, which can invoke the methods defined in the client.

Here are the steps to complete the example.

1. Create `TicTacToeImpl.java` (Listing 40.9) to implement `TicTacToeInterface`. Add a main method in the program to register the server with the RMI.

### LISTING 40.9 TicTacToeImpl.java

```

1  import java.rmi.*;
2  import java.rmi.server.*;
3  import java.rmi.registry.*;
4  import java.rmi.registry.*;
5
6  public class TicTacToeImpl extends UnicastRemoteObject
7      implements TicTacToeInterface {
8      // Declare two players, used to call players back
9      private Callback player1 = null;
10     private Callback player2 = null;
11
12     // board records players' moves
13     private char[][] board = new char[3][3];
14
15     /** Constructs TicTacToeImpl object and
16         exports it on default port.
17     */
18     public TicTacToeImpl() throws RemoteException {
19         super();
20     }
21
22     /** Constructs TicTacToeImpl object and exports it on specified
23         * port.
24         * @param port The port for exporting
25     */

```

```

26 public TicTacToeImpl(int port) throws RemoteException {
27     super(port);
28 }
29
30 /**
31  * Connect to the TicTacToe server and return the token.
32  * If the returned token is ' ', the client is not connected to
33  * the server
34  */
35 public char connect(CallBack client) throws RemoteException {
36     if (player1 == null) {
37         // player1 (first player) registered
38         player1 = client;
39         player1.notify("Wait for a second player to join");
40         return 'X';
41     }
42     else if (player2 == null) {
43         // player2 (second player) registered
44         player2 = client;
45         player2.notify("Wait for the first player to move");
46         player2.takeTurn(false);
47         player1.notify("It is my turn (X token)");
48         player1.takeTurn(true);
49         return 'O';
50     }
51     else {
52         // Already two players
53         client.notify("Two players are already in the game");
54         return ' ';
55     }
56 }
57
58 /** A client invokes this method to notify the
59     server of its move*/
60 public void myMove(int row, int column, char token)
61     throws RemoteException {
62     // Set token to the specified cell
63     board[row][column] = token;
64
65     // Notify the other player of the move
66     if (token == 'X')
67         player2.mark(row, column, 'X');
68     else
69         player1.mark(row, column, 'O');
70
71     // Check if the player with this token wins
72     if (isWon(token)) {
73         if (token == 'X') {
74             player1.notify("I won!");
75             player2.notify("I lost!");
76             player1.takeTurn(false);
77         }
78         else {
79             player2.notify("I won!");
80             player1.notify("I lost!");
81             player2.takeTurn(false);
82         }
83     }
84     else if (isFull()) {
85         player1.notify("Draw!");
86         player2.notify("Draw!");

```



```

87     }
88     else if (token == 'X') {
89         player1.notify("Wait for the second player to move");
90         player1.takeTurn(false);
91         player2.notify("It is my turn, (0 token)");
92         player2.takeTurn(true);
93     }
94     else if (token == 'O') {
95         player2.notify("Wait for the first player to move");
96         player2.takeTurn(false);
97         player1.notify("It is my turn, (X token)");
98         player1.takeTurn(true);
99     }
100 }
101
102 /** Check if a player with the specified token wins */
103 public boolean isWon(char token) {
104     for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
105         if ((board[i][0] == token) && (board[i][1] == token)
106             && (board[i][2] == token))
107             return true;
108
109     for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
110         if ((board[0][j] == token) && (board[1][j] == token)
111             && (board[2][j] == token))
112             return true;
113
114     if ((board[0][0] == token) && (board[1][1] == token)
115         && (board[2][2] == token))
116         return true;
117
118     if ((board[0][2] == token) && (board[1][1] == token)
119         && (board[2][0] == token))
120         return true;
121
122     return false;
123 }
124
125 /** Check if the board is full */
126 public boolean isFull() {
127     for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
128         for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
129             if (board[i][j] == '\u0000')
130                 return false;
131
132     return true;
133 }
134
135 public static void main(String[] args) {
136     try {
137         TicTacToeInterface obj = new TicTacToeImpl();
138         Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry();
139         registry.rebind("TicTacToeImpl", obj);
140         System.out.println("Server " + obj + " registered");
141     }
142     catch (Exception ex) {
143         ex.printStackTrace();
144     }
145 }
146 }

```

2. Create `CallBackImpl.java` (Listing 40.10) to implement the `CallBack` interface.

### LISTING 40.10 `CallBackImpl.java`

```

1  import java.rmi.*;
2  import java.rmi.server.*;
3
4  public class CallBackImpl extends UnicastRemoteObject
5      implements CallBack {
6      // The client will be called by the server through callback
7      private TicTacToeClientRMI thisClient;
8
9      /** Constructor */
10     public CallBackImpl(Object client) throws RemoteException {
11         thisClient = (TicTacToeClientRMI)client;
12     }
13
14     /** The server notifies the client for taking a turn */
15     public void takeTurn(boolean turn) throws RemoteException {
16         thisClient.setMyTurn(turn);
17     }
18
19     /** The server sends a message to be displayed by the client */
20     public void notify(String message) throws RemoteException {
21         thisClient.setMessage(message);
22     }
23
24     /** The server notifies a client of the other player's move */
25     public void mark(int row, int column, char token)
26         throws RemoteException {
27         thisClient.mark(row, column, token);
28     }
29 }

```

3. Create a client named `TicTacToeClientRMI` (Listing 40.11) for interacting with a player and communicating with the server. Enable it to run standalone.

### LISTING 40.11 `TicTacToeClientRMI.java`

```

1  import java.rmi.*;
2
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.application.Platform;
5  import javafx.stage.Stage;
6  import javafx.scene.Scene;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
8  import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
11 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
12 import javafx.scene.shape.Line;
13 import javafx.scene.shape.Ellipse;
14
15 import java.rmi.registry.Registry;
16 import java.rmi.registry.LocateRegistry;
17
18 public class TicTacToeClientRMI extends Application {
19     // marker is used to indicate the token type
20     private char marker;
21
22     // myTurn indicates whether the player can move now
23     private boolean myTurn = false;

```

```

24
25 // Indicate which player has a turn, initially it is the X player
26 private char whoseTurn = 'X';
27
28 // Create and initialize cell
29 private Cell[][] cell = new Cell[3][3];
30
31 // Create and initialize a status label
32 private Label lblStatus = new Label("X's turn to play");
33
34 // ticTacToe is the game server for coordinating
35 // with the players
36 private TicTacToeInterface ticTacToe;
37
38 private Label lblIdentification = new Label();
39
40 @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
41 public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
42     // Pane to hold cell
43     GridPane pane = new GridPane();
44     for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
45         for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
46             pane.add(cell[i][j] = new Cell(i, j), j, i);
47
48     BorderPane borderPane = new BorderPane();
49     borderPane.setCenter(pane);
50     borderPane.setTop(lblStatus);
51     borderPane.setBottom(lblIdentification);
52
53     // Create a scene and place it in the stage
54     Scene scene = new Scene(borderPane, 450, 170);
55     primaryStage.setTitle("TicTacToe"); // Set the stage title
56     primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
57     primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
58
59     new Thread( () -> {
60         try {
61             initializeRMI();
62         }
63         catch (Exception ex) {
64             ex.printStackTrace();
65         }
66     }).start();
67
68 /** Initialize RMI */
69 protected boolean initializeRMI() throws Exception {
70     String host = "";
71
72     try {
73         Registry registry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry(host);
74         ticTacToe = (TicTacToeInterface)
75             registry.lookup("TicTacToeImpl");
76         System.out.println
77             ("Server object " + ticTacToe + " found");
78     }
79     catch (Exception ex) {
80         System.out.println(ex);
81     }
82
83     // Create callback for use by the
84     // server to control the client

```

```

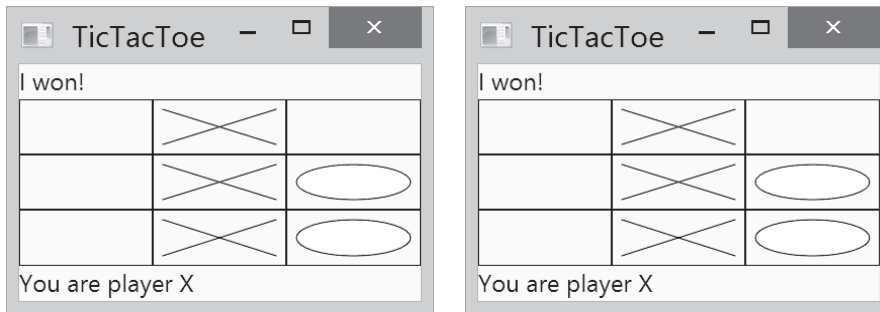
85     CallbackImpl callBackControl = new CallbackImpl(this);
86
87     if (
88         (marker =
89             ticTacToe.connect((Callback)callBackControl)) != ' ')
90     {
91         System.out.println("connected as " + marker + " player.");
92         Platform.runLater(() ->
93             lblIdentification.setText("You are player " + marker));
94         return true;
95     }
96     else {
97         System.out.println("already two players connected as ");
98         return false;
99     }
100 }
101
102 /** Set variable myTurn to true or false */
103 public void setMyTurn(boolean myTurn) {
104     this.myTurn = myTurn;
105 }
106
107 /** Set message on the status label */
108 public void setMessage(String message) {
109     Platform.runLater(() -> lblStatus.setText(message));
110 }
111
112 /** Mark the specified cell using the token */
113 public void mark(int row, int column, char token) {
114     cell[row][column].setToken(token);
115 }
116
117 // An inner class for a cell
118 public class Cell extends Pane {
119     // marked indicates whether the cell has been used
120     private boolean marked = false;
121
122     // row and column indicate where the cell appears on the board
123     int row, column;
124
125     // Token used for this cell
126     private char token = ' ';
127
128     public Cell(final int row, final int column) {
129         this.row = row;
130         this.column = column;
131         setStyle("-fx-border-color: black");
132         this.setPrefSize(2000, 2000);
133         this.setOnMouseClicked(e -> handleMouseClicked());
134     }
135
136     /** Return token */
137     public char getToken() {
138         return token;
139     }
140
141     /** Set a new token */
142     public void setToken(char c) {
143         token = c;
144         marked = true;
145

```

```

146     if (token == 'X') {
147         Line line1 = new Line(10, 10,
148             this.getWidth() - 10, this.getHeight() - 10);
149         line1.endXProperty().bind(this.widthProperty().subtract(10));
150         line1.endYProperty().bind(this.heightProperty().subtract(10));
151         Line line2 = new Line(10, this.getHeight() - 10,
152             this.getWidth() - 10, 10);
153         line2.startYProperty().bind(
154             this.heightProperty().subtract(10));
155         line2.endXProperty().bind(this.widthProperty().subtract(10));
156
157         // Add the lines to the pane
158         Platform.runLater(() ->
159             this.getChildren().addAll(line1, line2));
160     }
161     else if (token == 'O') {
162         Ellipse ellipse = new Ellipse(this.getWidth() / 2,
163             this.getHeight() / 2, this.getWidth() / 2 - 10,
164             this.getHeight() / 2 - 10);
165         ellipse.centerXProperty().bind(
166             this.widthProperty().divide(2));
167         ellipse.centerYProperty().bind(
168             this.heightProperty().divide(2));
169         ellipse.radiusXProperty().bind(
170             this.widthProperty().divide(2).subtract(10));
171         ellipse.radiusYProperty().bind(
172             this.heightProperty().divide(2).subtract(10));
173         ellipse.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
174         ellipse.setFill(Color.WHITE);
175
176         Platform.runLater(() ->
177             getChildren().add(ellipse)); // Add the ellipse to the pane
178     }
179 }
180
181 /* Handle a mouse click event */
182 private void handleMouseClicked() {
183     if (myTurn && !marked) {
184         // Mark the cell
185         setToken(marker);
186
187         // Notify the server of the move
188         try {
189             ticTacToe.myMove(row, column, marker);
190         }
191         catch (RemoteException ex) {
192             System.out.println(ex);
193         }
194     }
195 }
196 }
197
198 /**
199  * The main method is only needed for the IDE with limited
200  * JavaFX support. Not needed for running from the command line.
201  */
202 public static void main(String[] args) {
203     launch(args);
204 }
205 }

```



**FIGURE 40.9** Two players play each other through the RMI server.

4. Follow the steps below to run this example.
  - 4.1. Start RMI registry by typing “start rmiregistry” at a DOS prompt from the book directory.
  - 4.2. Start the server `TicTacToeImpl` using the following command at the C:\ book directory:  

```
C:\ book>java TicTacToeImpl
```
  - 4.3. Run the client `TicTacToeClientRMI`. A sample run is shown in Figure 40.9.

`TicTacToeInterface` defines two remote methods, `connect(Callback client)` and `myMove(int row, int column, char token)`. The `connect` method plays two roles: one is to pass a `Callback` stub to the server, and the other is to let the server assign a token for the player. The `myMove` method notifies the server that the player has made a specific move.

The `Callback` interface defines three remote methods, `takeTurn(boolean turn)`, `notify(String message)`, and `mark(int row, int column, char token)`. The `takeTurn` method sets the client’s `myTurn` property to `true` or `false`. The `notify` method displays a message on the client’s status label. The `mark` method marks the client’s cell with the token at the specified location.

`TicTacToeImpl` is a server implementation for coordinating with the clients and managing the game. The variables `player1` and `player2` are instances of `Callback`, each of which corresponds to a client, passed from a client when the client invokes the `connect` method. The variable `board` records the moves by the two players. This information is needed to determine the game status. When a client invokes the `connect` method, the server assigns a token X for the first player and O for the second player, and accepts only two players. You can modify the program to accept additional clients as observers. (See Exercise 40.7 for more details).

Once two players are in the game, the server coordinates the turns between them. When a client invokes the `myMove` method, the server records the move and notifies the other player by marking the other player’s cell. It then checks to see whether the player wins or whether the board is full. If neither condition applies and therefore the game continues, the server gives a turn to the other player.

The `CallbackImpl` implements the `Callback` interface. It creates an instance of `TicTacToeClientRMI` through its constructor. The `CallbackImpl` relays the server request to the client by invoking the client’s methods. When the server invokes the `takeTurn` method, `CallbackImpl` invokes the client’s `setMyTurn()` method to set the property `myTurn` in the client. When the server invokes the `notify()` method, `CallbackImpl` invokes the client’s `setMessage()` method to set the message on the client’s status label. When the server invokes the `mark` method, `CallbackImpl` invokes the client’s `mark` method to mark the specified cell.

Interestingly, obtaining the `TicTacToeImpl` stub for the client is different from obtaining the `Callback` stub for the server. The `TicTacToeImpl` stub is obtained by invoking the `lookup()` method through the RMI registry, and the `Callback` stub is passed to the server through the `connect` method in the `TicTacToeImpl` stub. It is a common practice to obtain the first stub with the `lookup` method, but to pass the subsequent stubs as parameters through remote method invocations.

Since the variables `myTurn` and `marker` are defined in `TicTacToeClientRMI`, the `Cell` class is defined as an inner class within `TicTacToeClientRMI` in order to enable all the cells in the client to access them. Exercise 40.8 suggests alternative approaches that implement the `Cell` as a noninner class.



**40.6.1** What is the problem if the `connect` method in the `TicTacToeInterface` is defined as

```
public boolean connect(CallBack client, char token)
    throws RemoteException;
```

or as

```
public boolean connect(CallBack client, Character token)
    throws RemoteException;
```

**40.6.2** What is callback? How does callback work in RMI?

## KEY TERMS

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callback 40-13

skeleton 40-3

RMI registry 40-3

stub 40-3

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. RMI is a high-level Java API for building distributed applications using distributed objects.
2. The key idea of RMI is its use of stubs and skeletons to facilitate communications between objects. The stub and skeleton are automatically generated, which relieves programmers of tedious socket-level network programming.
3. For an object to be used remotely, it must be defined in an interface that extends the `java.rmi.Remote` interface.
4. In an RMI application, the initial remote object must be registered with the RMI registry on the server side and be obtained using the `lookup` method through the registry on the client side. Subsequent uses of stubs of other remote objects may be passed as parameters through remote method invocations.
5. RMI is especially useful for developing scalable and load-balanced multitier distributed applications.



## Quiz

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Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

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### Section 40.3

- \*40.1** (*Limit the number of clients*) Modify the example in Section 40.3.1, Example: Retrieving Student Scores from an RMI Server, to limit the number of concurrent clients to 10.
- \*40.2** (*Compute loan*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 33.1 using RMI. You need to define a remote interface for computing monthly payment and total payment.
- \*\*40.3** (*Web visit count*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 33.4 using RMI. You need to define a remote interface for obtaining and increasing the count.
- \*\*40.4** (*Display and add addresses*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 33.6 using RMI. You need to define a remote interface for adding addresses and retrieving address information.

### Section 40.5

- \*\*40.5** (*Address in a database table*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 40.4. Assume the address is stored in a table.
- \*\*40.6** (*Three-tier application*) Use the three-tier approach to modify Programming Exercise 40.4, as follows:
  - Create a JavaFX client to manipulate student information, as shown in Figure 33.23a.
  - Create a remote object interface with methods for retrieving, inserting, and updating student information, and an object implementation for the interface.

### Section 40.6

- \*\*40.7** (*Chat*) Rewrite Programming Exercise 33.13 using RMI. You need to define a remote interface for sending and receiving a message.
- \*\*40.8** (*Improve TicTacToe*) Modify the TicTacToe example in Section 40.6, RMI Callbacks, as follows:
  - Allow a client to connect to the server as an observer to watch the game.
  - Rewrite the `Cell` class as a noninner class.



# CHAPTER 41

## WEB SERVICES

### Objectives

- To describe what a Web service is (§41.1).
- To create a Web service class (§41.2).
- To publish and test a Web service (§41.3).
- To create a Web service client reference (§41.4).
- To explain the role of WSDL (§41.4).
- To pass arguments of object type in a Web service (§41.5).
- To discover how a client communicates with a Web service (§41.5).
- To describe what SOAP requests and SOAP responses are (§41.5).
- To track a session in Web services (§41.6).



## 41.1 Introduction

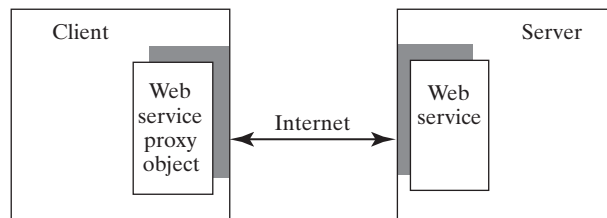
*Web services is about sharing objects on the Internet.*



Web service is a technology that enables programs to communicate through HTTP on the Internet. Web services enable a program on one system to invoke a method in an object on another system. You can develop and use Web services using any languages on any platform. Web services are simple and easy to develop.

Web services run on the Web using HTTP. There are several APIs for Web services. A popular standard is the *Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)*, which is based on XML. The computer on which a Web service resides is referred to as a *server*. The server needs to make the service available to the client, known as *publishing a Web service*. Using a Web service from a client is known as *consuming a Web service*.

A client interacts with a Web service through a *proxy object*. The proxy object facilitates the communication between the client and the Web service. The client passes arguments to invoke methods on the proxy object. The proxy object sends the request to the server and receives the result back from the server, as shown in Figure 41.1.



**FIGURE 41.1** A proxy object serves as a facilitator between a client and a Web service.



**41.1.1** What is a Web service?

**41.1.2** Can you invoke a Web service from a language other than Java?

**41.1.3** Do Web services support callback? That is, can a Web service call a method from a client's program?

**41.1.4** What is SOAP? What is it to publish a Web service? What is it to consume a Web service? What is the role of a proxy object?

## 41.2 Creating Web Services

*An IDE such as NetBeans is an effective tool for developing and deploying Web services.*



There are many tools for creating Web services. This book demonstrates creating Web services using NetBeans.



### Note

Apache Tomcat Server does not work well with Web services. To develop and deploy Web services using NetBeans, you need to install GlassFish. For information on how to install GlassFish on NetBeans.

We now create a Web service for obtaining student scores. A Web service is a class that contains the methods for the client to invoke. Name the class **ScoreService** with a method named **findScore(String name)** that returns the score for a student.

First, you need to create a *Web project* using the following steps:

1. Choose **File, New Project** to display the New Project dialog box. In the New Project dialog box, choose **Java Web** in the Categories pane and choose **Web Application** in the Projects pane. Click *Next* to display the New Web Application dialog box.

2. Enter **WebServiceProject** as the project name, specify the location where you want the project to be stored, and click Next to display the Server and Setting dialog.
3. Select **GlassFish 4** as the server and **Java EE 7 Web** as the Java EE version. Click **Finish** to create the project.

Now you can create the **ScoreService** class in the project as follows:

1. Right-click the **WebServiceProject** in the Project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New, Web Service** to display the New Web Service dialog box. (If you don't see **Web Service**, click **New, Other** to display the New File dialog box to choose Web Service in this dialog box.)
2. Enter **ScoreService** in the Web Service Name field and enter **chapter41** in the Package field. Click *Finish* to create **ScoreService**.
3. Complete the source code as shown in Listing 41.1.

### LISTING 41.1 ScoreService.java

```

1 package chapter41;
2
3 import java.util.HashMap;
4 import javax.jws.WebService; // For annotation @WebService
5 import javax.jws.WebMethod; // For annotation @WebMethod
6
7 @WebService(name = "ScoreService", serviceName = "ScoreWebService")
8 public class ScoreService {
9     // Stores scores in a map indexed by name
10    private HashMap<String, Double> scores =
11        new HashMap<String, Double>();
12
13    public ScoreService() {
14        scores.put("John", 90.5);
15        scores.put("Michael", 100.0);
16        scores.put("Michelle", 98.5);
17    }
18
19    @WebMethod(operationName = "findScore")
20    public double findScore(String name) {
21        Double d = scores.get(name);
22
23        if (d == null) {
24            System.out.println("Student " + name + " is not found ");
25            return -1;
26        }
27        else {
28            System.out.println("Student " + name + "'s score is "
29                + d.doubleValue());
30            return d.doubleValue();
31        }
32    }
33 }

```

Lines 4–5 import the annotations used in the program in lines 7 and 19. Annotation is a new feature in Java, which enables you to simplify coding. The compiler will automatically generate the code for the annotated directives. So, it frees the programmer from writing the detailed *boilerplate code* that could be generated mechanically. The annotation (line 7)

```
@WebService(name = "ScoreService", serviceName = "ScoreWebService")
```

tells the compiler that the class **ScoreService** is associated with the Web service named **ScoreWebService**.

The annotation (line 19)

```
@WebMethod(operationName = "findScore")
```

indicates that `findScore` is a method that can be invoked from a client.

The `findScore` method returns a score if the name is in the hash map. Otherwise, it returns `-1.0`.

You can manually type the code for the service, or create it from the Design tab, as shown in Figure 41.2.

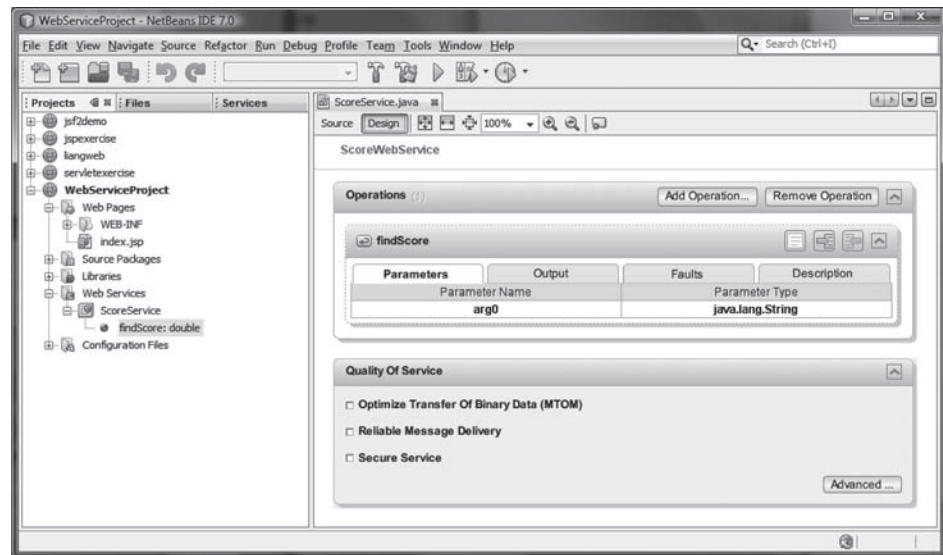


FIGURE 41.2 The services can also be created from the Design pane.

## 41.3 Deploying and Testing Web Services



*Deploying a Web service is to make it available on the Internet for other programs to use.*

After a Web service is created, you need to deploy it for clients to use. Deploying Web services is also known as *publishing Web services*. To deploy it, right-click the `WebServiceProject` in the Project to display a context menu and choose **Deploy**. This command will first undeploy the service if it was deployed and then redeploy it.

Now you can test the Web service by entering the follow URL in a browser, as shown in Figure 41.3.

<http://localhost:8080/WebServiceProject/ScoreWebService?Tester>

Note `ScoreWebService` is the name you specified in line 7 in Listing 41.1. This Web service has only one remote method named `findScore`. You can define an unlimited number of remote methods in a Web service class. If so, all these methods will be displayed in the test page.

To test the `findScore` method, enter `Michae1` and click the `findScore` button. You will see that the method returns `100.0`, as shown in Figure 41.4.



FIGURE 41.3 The test page enables you to test Web services.

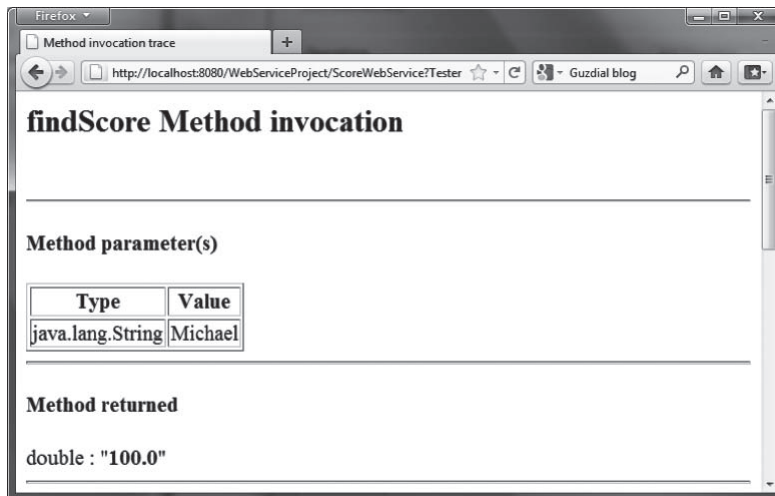


FIGURE 41.4 The method returns a test value.



### Note

If your computer is connected to the Internet, you can test Web services from another computer by entering the following URL:

`http://host:8080/WebServiceProject/ScoreWebService?Tester`

Where *host* is the host name or IP address of the server on which the Web service is running. On Windows, you can find your IP address by typing the command `ipconfig`.



### Note

If you are running the server on Windows, the firewall may prevent remote clients from accessing the service. To enable it, do the following:

1. In the Windows control panel, click Windows Firewall to display the Windows Firewall dialog box.

2. In the Advanced tab, double-click Local Area Connection to display the Advanced Settings dialog box. Check *Web Server (HTTP)* to enable HTTP access to the server.
3. Click *OK* to close the dialog box.

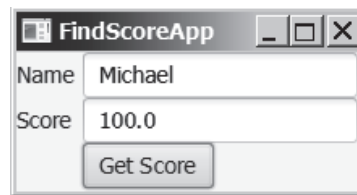


## 41.4 Consuming Web Services

*Consuming a Web service is for a client to use a Web service.*

After a Web service is published, you can write a client program to use it. A client can be any program (standalone application, servlet/JSP/JSF application, or another Web service) and written in any language.

We will use NetBeans to create a Web service client. Our client is a GUI application. The application simply lets the user enter a name and displays the score, as shown in Figure 41.5.



**FIGURE 41.5** The client uses the Web service to find scores.

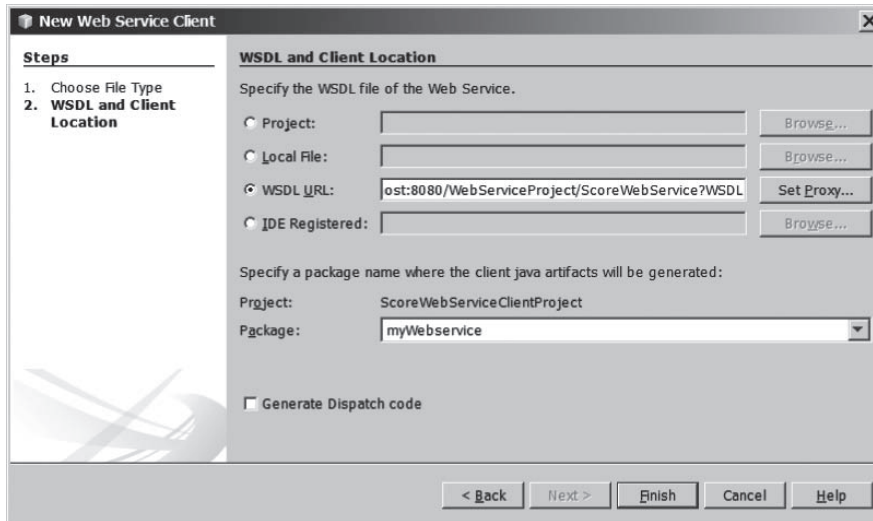
Let us create a project for the client. The project named **ScoreWebServiceClientProject** can be created as follows:

1. Choose **File**, **New Project** to display the New Project dialog box.
2. In the New Project dialog box, choose **Java** in the Categories pane and choose **Java Application** in the Projects pane. Click *Next* to display the New Java Application dialog box.
3. Enter **ScoreWebServiceClientProject** as the project name, specify the location where you want the project to be stored, and uncheck the *Create Main Class* check box. Click *Finish* to create the project.

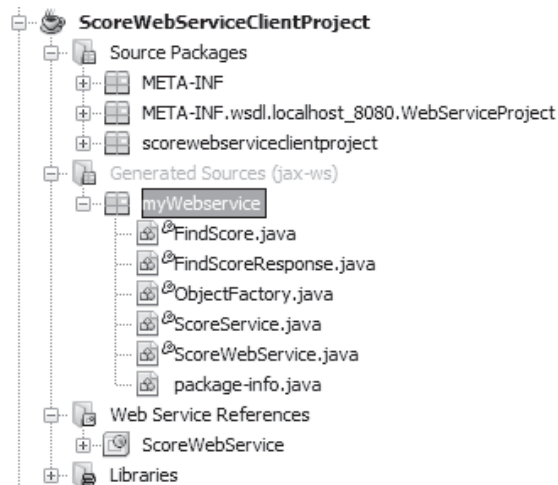
You need to create a Web service reference to this project. The reference will enable you to create a proxy object to interact with the Web service. Here are the steps to create a Web service reference:

1. Right-click the **ScoreWebServiceClientProject** in the Project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New**, **Web Service Client** to display the New Web Service Client dialog box, as shown in Figure 41.6.
2. Check the *WSDL URL* radio button and enter `http://localhost:8080/WebServiceProject/ScoreWebService?WSDL` in the WSDL URL field.
3. Enter **myWebservice** in the package name field. Click *Finish* to generate the Web service reference.

Now you will see **ScoreWebService** created in the Web Service References folder in the Projects tab. The IDE has generated many supporting files for the reference. You can view all the generated .java files from the Files tab in the project pane, as shown in Figure 41.7. These files will be used by the proxy object to interact with the Web service.



**FIGURE 41.6** The New Web Service Client dialog box creates a Web service reference.



**FIGURE 41.7** You can see the automatically generated boilerplate code for Web services in the Generated Sources folder in the client's project.



### Note

When you created a Web service reference, you entered a WSDL URL, as shown in Figure 41.6. This creates a .wsdl file. In this case, it is named `ScoreWebService.wsdl` under the Web Service References folder, as shown in Figure 41.8. So *what is WSDL?* WSDL stands for *Web Service Description Language*. A .wsdl file is an XML file that describes the available Web service to the client—i.e., the remote methods, their parameters and return value types, and so on.



### Note

If the Web service is modified, you need to refresh the reference for the client. To do so, right-click the Web service node under Web Service References to display a context menu and choose **Refresh Client**.

Now you are ready to create a client for the Web service. Right-click the `ScoreWebServiceClientProject` node in the Project pane to display a context menu, and choose **New, Class** to create a Java client named `FindScoreApp` in package `chapter41`, as shown in Listing 41.2.



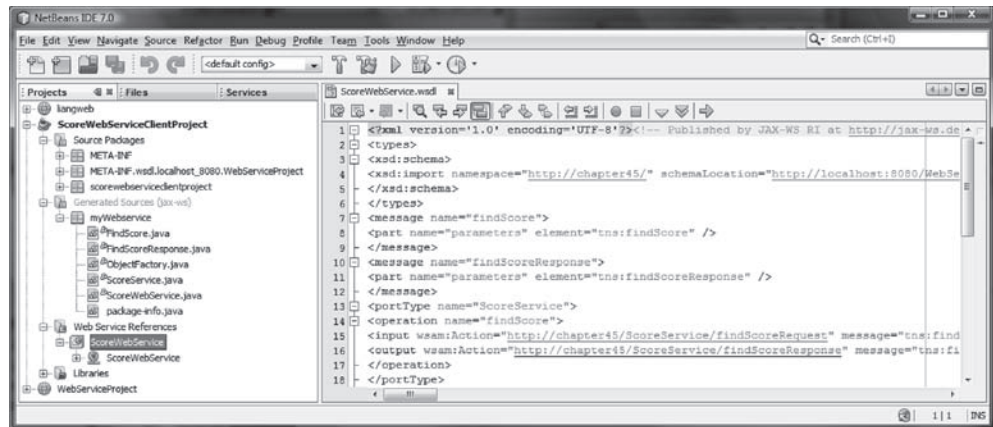


FIGURE 41.8 The .wsdl file describes Web services to clients.

## LISTING 41.2 FindScoreApp.java

```

1 package chapter41;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.scene.Scene;
5 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
6 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
7 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
8 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
9 import javafx.stage.Stage;
10 import myWebservice.ScoreWebService;
11 import myWebservice.ScoreService;
12
13 public class FindScoreApp extends Application {
14     // Declare a service object and a proxy object
15     private ScoreWebService scoreWebService = new ScoreWebService();
16     private ScoreService proxy
17         = scoreWebService.getScoreServicePort();
18
19     private Button btGetScore = new Button("Get Score");
20     private TextField tfName = new TextField();
21     private TextField tfScore = new TextField();
22
23     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
24         GridPane gridPane = new GridPane();
25         gridPane.setHgap(5);
26         gridPane.add(new Label("Name"), 0, 0);
27         gridPane.add(new Label("Score"), 0, 1);
28         gridPane.add(tfName, 1, 0);
29         gridPane.add(tfScore, 1, 1);
30         gridPane.add(btGetScore, 1, 2);
31
32         // Create a scene and place the pane in the stage
33         Scene scene = new Scene(gridPane, 250, 250);
34         primaryStage.setTitle("FindScoreApp"); // Set the stage title
35         primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
36         primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
37

```



```

38     btGetScore.setOnAction(e -> getScore());
39 }
40
41 private void getScore() {
42     try {
43         // Get student score
44         double score = proxy.findScore(tfName.getText().trim());
45
46         // Display the result
47         if (score < 0)
48             tfScore.setText("Not found");
49         else
50             tfScore.setText(new Double(score).toString());
51     }
52     catch(Exception ex) {
53         ex.printStackTrace();
54     }
55 }
56 }

```

The program creates a Web service object (line 11) and creates a proxy object (line 12) to interact with the Web service.

To find a score for a student, the program invokes the remote method `findScore` on the proxy object (line 39).

## 41.5 Passing and Returning Arguments

*The Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) can be used to send and return values to and from a Web service.*



In the preceding example, a Web service client you created invokes the `findScore` method with a string argument, and the Web service executes the method and returns a score as a **double** value. How does this work? It is the *Simple Object Access Protocol* (SOAP) that facilitates communications between the client and the server.

SOAP is based on XML. The message between the client and the server is described in XML. Figure 41.9 shows the SOAP request and SOAP response for the `findScore` method.

When invoking the `findScore` method, a *SOAP request* is sent to the server. The request contains the information about the method and the argument. As shown in Figure 41.9, the XML text

```

<ns1:findScore>
  <arg0>Michael</arg0>
</ns1:findScore>

```

specifies that the method `findScore` is called with argument `Michael`.

Upon receiving the SOAP request, the Web service parses it. After parsing it, the Web service invokes an appropriate method with specified arguments (if any) and sends the response back in a *SOAP response*. As shown in Figure 41.9, the XML text

```

<ns1:findScoreResponse>
  <return>100.0</return>
</ns1:findScoreResponse>

```

specifies that the method returns `100.0`.

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying `http://localhost:8080/WebServiceProject/ScoreWebService?Tester`. The page title is "findScore Method invocation".

**Method parameter(s)**

Type	Value
java.lang.String	Michael

**Method returned**

double : "100.0"

**SOAP Request**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <S:Header/>
  <S:Body>
    <ns2:findScore xmlns:ns2="http://chapter45/">
      <arg0>Michael</arg0>
    </ns2:findScore>
  </S:Body>
</S:Envelope>
```

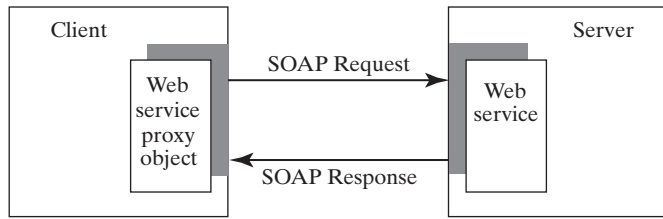
**SOAP Response**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <S:Body>
    <ns2:findScoreResponse xmlns:ns2="http://chapter45/">
      <return>100.0</return>
    </ns2:findScoreResponse>
  </S:Body>
</S:Envelope>
```

**FIGURE 41.9** The client request and server response are described in XML.

The proxy object receives the SOAP response from the Web service and parses it. This process is illustrated in Figure 41.10.

Can you pass an argument of any type between a client and a Web service? No. SOAP supports only primitive types, wrapper types, arrays, **String**, **Date**, **Time**, **List**, and several other types. It also supports certain custom classes. An object that is sent to or from a server is serialized into XML. The process of serializing/deserializing objects, called



**FIGURE 41.10** A proxy object sends SOAP requests and receives SOAP responses.

*XML serialization/deserialization*, is performed automatically. For a custom class to be used with Web methods, the class must meet the following requirements:

1. The class must have a no-arg constructor.
2. Instance variables that should be serialized must have public get and set methods. The classes of these variables must be supported by SOAP.

To demonstrate how to pass an object argument of a custom class, Listing 41.3 defines a Web service class named **AddressService** with two remote methods:

- **getAddress(String firstName, String lastName)** that returns an **Address** object for the specified **firstName** and **lastName**.
- **storeAddress(Address address)** that stores a **Student** object to the database.

Address information is stored in a table named **Address** in the database. The **Address** class was defined in Listing 42.12, **Address.java**. An **Address** object can be passed to or returned from a remote method, since the **Address** class has a no-arg constructor with get and set methods for all its properties.

Here are the steps to create a Web service named **AddressService** and the **Address** class in the project.

1. Right-click the **WebServiceProject** node in the project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New, Web Service** to display the New Web Service dialog box.
2. In the Web Service Name field, enter **AddressService**. In the Package field, enter **chapter41**. Click *Finish* to create the service class.
3. Right-click the **WebServiceProject** node in the project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New, Java Class** to display the New Java Class dialog box.
4. In the Class Name field, enter **Address**. In the Package field, enter **chapter37**. Click *Finish* to create the class.

The **Address** class is the same as shown in Listing 37.12. Complete the **AddressService** class as shown in Listing 41.3.

### LISTING 41.3 AddressService.java

```

1 package chapter41;
2
3 import chapter37.Address;
4 import java.sql.*;
5 import javax.jws.WebMethod;
6 import javax.jws.WebService;
7
8 @WebService(name = "AddressService",
9             serviceName = "AddressWebService")

```

```

10 public class AddressService {
11     // statement1 for retrieving an address and statement2 for storing
12     private PreparedStatement statement1;
13
14     // statement2 for storing an address
15     private PreparedStatement statement2;
16
17     public AddressService() {
18         initializeJdbc();
19     }
20
21     @WebMethod(operationName = "getAddress")
22     public Address getAddress(String firstName, String lastName) {
23         try {
24             statement1.setString(1, firstName);
25             statement1.setString(2, lastName);
26             ResultSet resultSet = statement1.executeQuery();
27
28             if (resultSet.next()) {
29                 Address address = new Address();
30                 address.setFirstName(resultSet.getString("firstName"));
31                 address.setLastName(resultSet.getString("lastName"));
32                 address.setMi(resultSet.getString("mi"));
33                 address.setTelephone(resultSet.getString("telephone"));
34                 address.setFirstName(resultSet.getString("email"));
35                 address.setCity(resultSet.getString("telephone"));
36                 address.setState(resultSet.getString("state"));
37                 address.setZip(resultSet.getString("zip"));
38                 return address;
39             }
40             else
41                 return null;
42         } catch (SQLException ex) {
43             ex.printStackTrace();
44         }
45
46         return null;
47     }
48
49     @WebMethod(operationName = "storeAddress")
50     public void storeAddress(Address address) {
51         try {
52             statement2.setString(1, address.getLastName());
53             statement2.setString(2, address.getFirstName());
54             statement2.setString(3, address.getMi());
55             statement2.setString(4, address.getTelephone());
56             statement2.setString(5, address.getEmail());
57             statement2.setString(6, address.getStreet());
58             statement2.setString(7, address.getCity());
59             statement2.setString(8, address.getState());
60             statement2.setString(9, address.getZip());
61             statement2.executeUpdate();
62         } catch (SQLException ex) {
63             ex.printStackTrace();
64         }
65     }
66
67     /** Initialize database connection */
68     public void initializeJdbc() {

```

```

69     try {
70         Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
71
72         // Connect to the sample database
73         Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection(
74             "jdbc:mysql://localhost/javabook", "scott", "tiger");
75
76         statement1 = connection.prepareStatement(
77             "select * from Address where firstName = ? and lastName = ?");
78         statement2 = connection.prepareStatement(
79             "insert into Address " +
80             "(lastName, firstName, mi, telephone, email, street, city, "
81             + "state, zip) values (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
82     } catch (Exception ex) {
83         ex.printStackTrace();
84     }
85 }
86 }

```

The new Web service is named **AddressWebService** (line 9) for the **AddressService** class.

When the service is deployed, the constructor (lines 17–19) of **AddressWebService** is invoked to initialize a database connection and create prepared **statement1** and **statement2** (lines 68–85).

The **findAddress** method searches the address in the **Address** table for the specified **firstName** and **lastName**. If found, the address information is returned in an **Address** object (lines 29–38). Otherwise, the method returns **null** (line 41).

The **storeAddress** method stores the address information from the **Address** object into the database (lines 52–61).



### Note

Don't forget that you have to add the MySQL library to the **WebServiceProject** for this example to run.

Before you can use the service, deploy it. Right-click the **WebServiceProject** node in the Project to display a context menu and choose **Deploy**.

Now you are ready to develop a Web client that uses the **AddressWebService**. The client is a JSP program, as shown in Figure 41.11. The program has two functions. First, the user can enter the last name and first name and click the *Search* button to search for a record, as shown in Figure 41.12. Second, the user can enter the complete address information and click the *Store* button to store the information to the database, as shown in Figure 41.13.

Let us create a project for the client. The project named **AddressWebServiceClient-Project** can be created as follows:

1. Choose **File**, **New Project** to display the New Web Application dialog box. In the New Web Application dialog box, choose **Java Web** in the Categories pane and choose **Web Application** in the Projects pane. Click *Next* to display the Name and Location dialog box.
2. Enter **AddressWebServiceClientProject** as the project name, specify the location where you want the project to be stored, and uncheck the *Set as Main Project* check box. Click *Next* to display the Server and Settings dialog box.
3. Choose **GlassFish Server 4** in the Server field, and **Java EE 7 Web** as in the Java EE Version field, and click *Finish* to create the project.

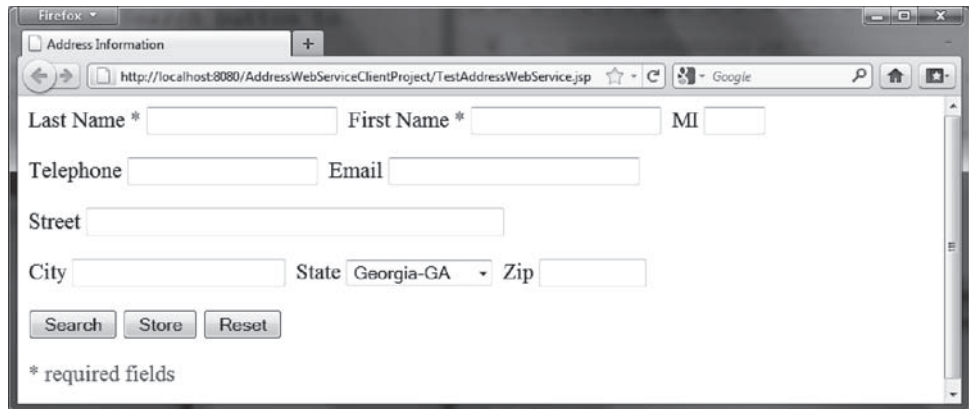


FIGURE 41.11 The TestAddressWebService page allows the user to search and store addresses.

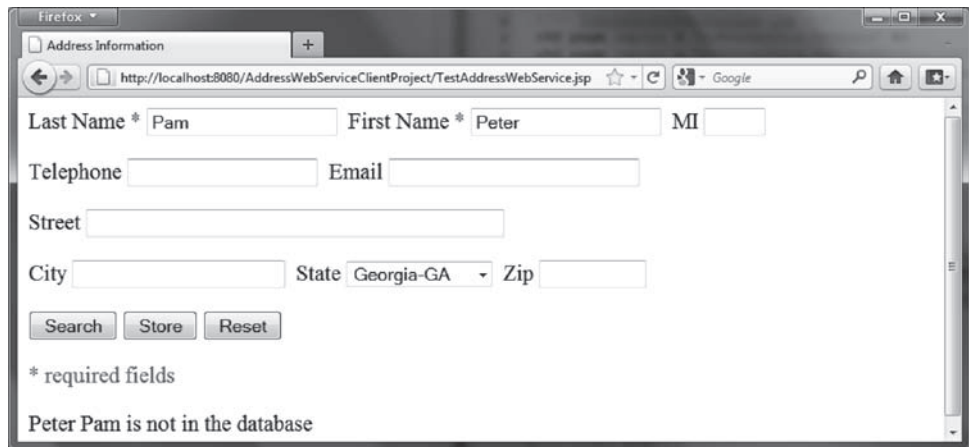


FIGURE 41.12 The Search button finds and displays an address.

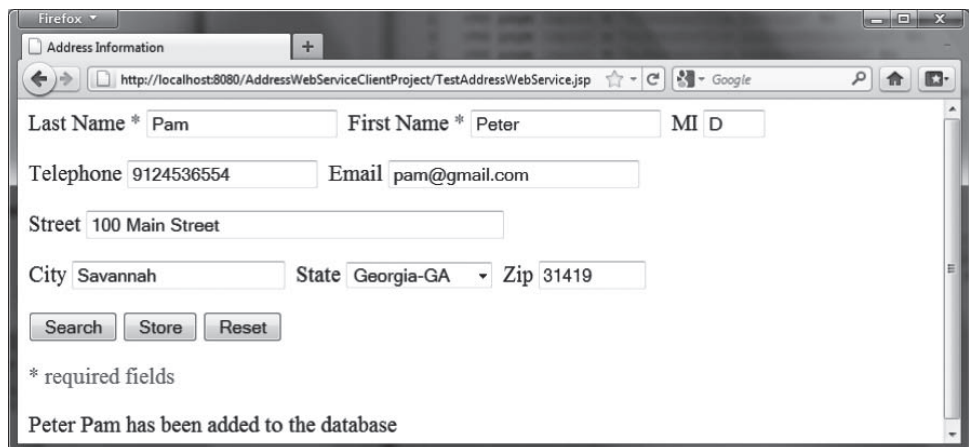
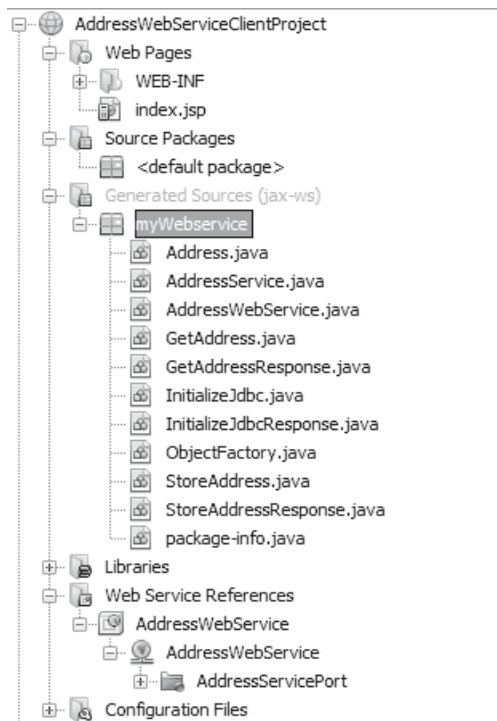


FIGURE 41.13 The Store button stores the address to the database.

You need to create a Web service reference to this project. The reference will enable you to create a proxy object to interact with the Web service. Here are the steps to create a Web service reference:

1. Right-click the **AddressWebServiceClientProject** node in the Project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New, Web Service Client** to display the New Web Service Client dialog box.
2. Check the *WSDL URL radio* button and enter `http://localhost:8080/WebServiceProject/AddressWebService?WSDL` in the WSDL URL field.
3. Enter **myWebservice** in the package name field and choose **JAX-WS** as the JAX version. Click *Finish* to generate the Web service reference.

Now a reference to **AddressWebService** is created. Note this process also copies **Address.java** to the client project, as shown in Figure 41.14.



**FIGURE 41.14** Address.java is automatically copied to the Web service client reference package.

Create a JSP named **TestAddressWebService** in the **AddressWebServiceClientProject** project, as shown in Listing 41.4.

#### LISTING 41.4 TestAddressWebService.jsp

```

1 <!-- TestAddressWebService.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "myWebservice.Address" %>
3 <%@ page import = "myWebservice.AddressWebService" %>
4 <%@ page import = "myWebservice.AddressService" %>
5 <jsp:useBean id = "addressId"
6   class = "myWebservice.Address" scope = "session"></jsp:useBean>
7 <jsp:setProperty name = "addressId" property = "" />
8

```

```

 9 <html>
10 <head>
11   <title>Address Information</title>
12 </head>
13 <body>
14   <form method = "post" action = "TestAddressWebService.jsp">
15     Last Name <font color = "#FF0000">*</font>
16     <input type = "text" name = "lastName"
17       <%if (addressId.getLastName() != null) {
18         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getLastName() + \"\");}%>
19       size = "20" />&nbsp;
20
21     First Name <font color = "#FF0000">*</font>
22     <input type = "text" name = "firstName"
23       <%if (addressId.getFirstName() != null) {
24         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getFirstName() + \"\");}%>
25       size = "20" />&nbsp;
26
27     MI
28     <input type = "text" name = "mi"
29       <%if (addressId.getMi() != null) {
30         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getMi() + \"\"); } %>
31       size = "3" />&nbsp;
32
33     <p>Telephone
34     <input type = "text" name = "telephone"
35       <%if (addressId.getTelephone() != null) {
36         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getTelephone() + \"\");}%>
37       size = "20" />&nbsp;
38
39     Email
40     <input type = "text" name = "email"
41       <%if (addressId.getEmail() != null) {
42         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getEmail() + \"\");}%>
43       size = "28" />&nbsp;
44     </p>
45
46     <p>Street
47     <input type = "text" name = "street"
48       <%if (addressId.getStreet() != null) {
49         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getStreet() + \"\");}%>
50       size = "50" />&nbsp;
51     </p>
52
53     <p>City
54     <input type = "text" name = "city"
55       <%if (addressId.getCity() != null) {
56         out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getCity() + \"\");}%>
57       size = "23" />&nbsp;
58
59     State
60     <select size = "1" name = "state">
61       <option value = "GA">Georgia-GA</option>
62       <option value = "OK">Oklahoma-OK</option>
63       <option value = "IN">Indiana-IN</option>
64     </select>&nbsp;
65
66     Zip
67     <input type = "text" name = "zip"
68       <%if (addressId.getZip() != null) {
69       out.print("value = \"\" + addressId.getZip() + \"\"); } %>

```



```

70     size = "9" />&nbsp;
71 </p>
72
73 <p><input type = "submit" name = "Submit" value = "Search">
74     <input type = "submit" name = "Submit" value = "Store">
75     <input type = "reset" value = "Reset">
76 </p>
77 </form>
78 <p><font color = "#FF0000">* required fields</font></p>
79
80 <%
81 if (request.getParameter("Submit") != null) {
82     AddressWebService addressWebService = new AddressWebService();
83     AddressService proxy = addressWebService.getAddressServicePort();
84
85     if (request.getParameter("Submit").equals("Store")) {
86         proxy.storeAddress(addressId);
87         out.println(addressId.getFirstName() + " " +
88             addressId.getLastName() + " has been added to the database");
89     }
90     else if (request.getParameter("Submit").equals("Search")) {
91         Address address = proxy.getAddress(addressId.getFirstName(),
92             addressId.getLastName());
93         if (address == null)
94             out.print(addressId.getFirstName() + " " +
95                 addressId.getLastName() + " is not in the database");
96         else
97             addressId = address;
98     }
99 }
100 %>
101 </body>
102 </html>

```

Lines 2–4 import the classes for the JSP page. The `Address` class (line 2) was created in the `WebServiceProject` and was automatically copied to the `AddressWebService-ClientProject` project when a Web service reference for `AddressWebService` was created. A JavaBeans object for `Address` was created and associated with input parameters in lines 5–7.

The UI interface was laid in the form (lines 14–77). The action for the two buttons `Search` and `Store` invokes the same page `TestAddressWebService.jsp` (line 14).

When a button is clicked, a proxy object for `AddressWebService` is obtained (lines 82–83). For the `Store` button, the proxy object invokes the `storeAddress` method to add an address to the database (line 86). For the `Search` button, the proxy object invokes the `getAddress` method to return an address (lines 91–92). If no address is found for the specified first and last names, the returned address is `null` (line 93).

## 41.6 Web Service Session Tracking

*You can use the `HttpSession` interface to session tracking for Web.*

Section 37.8.3, Session Tracking Using the Servlet API, introduced session tracking for servlets using the `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession` interface. You can use `HttpSession` to implement session tracking for Web services. To demonstrate this, consider an example that generates random True/False questions for the client and grades the answers on these questions for the client.

The Web client consists of two JSP pages: `DisplayQuiz.jsp` and `GradeQuiz.jsp`. The `DisplayQuiz` page invokes the service method `getQuestion()` to display the questions, as shown in Figure 41.15. When you click the `Submit` button, the program invokes the service



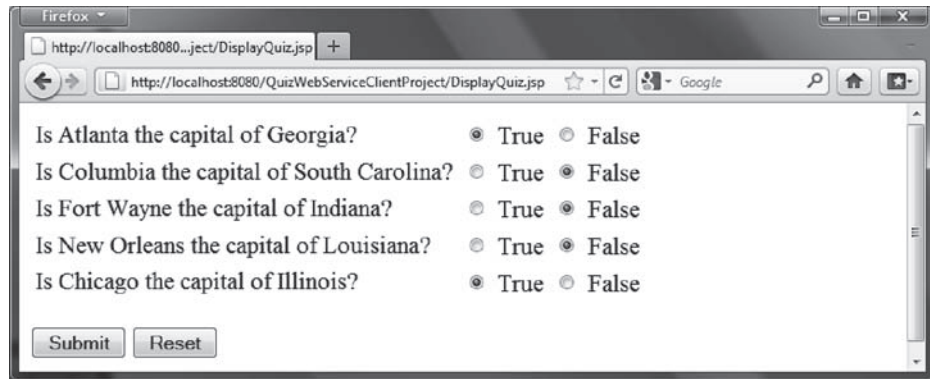


FIGURE 41.15 The *Submit* button submits the answers for grading.

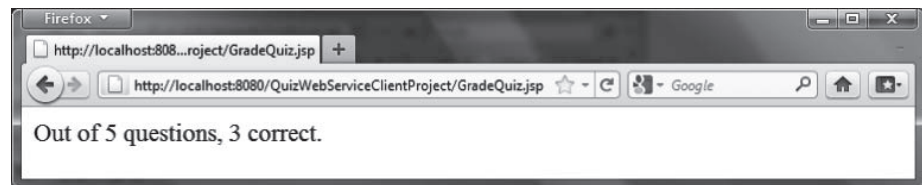


FIGURE 41.16 The answers are graded and displayed.

method `gradeQuiz` to grade the answers. The result is displayed in the `GradeQuiz` page, as shown in Figure 41.16.

Why is session tracking needed for this project? Each time a client displays a quiz, it creates a randomly reordered quiz for the client. Each client gets a different quiz every time the `DisplayQuiz` page is refreshed. When the client submits the answer, the Web service checks the answer against the previously generated quiz. So the quiz has to be stored in the session.

For convenience, let us create the Web service class named `QuizService` in the `WebServiceProject` in package `chapter41`. Listing 41.5 gives the program.

### LISTING 41.5 QuizService.java

```

1 package chapter41;
2
3 import javax.jws.WebMethod;
4 import javax.jws.WebService;
5 import java.util.List;
6 import java.util.ArrayList;
7 import com.sun.xml.ws.developer.servlet.HttpSessionScope;
8
9 @HttpSessionScope
10 @WebService(name = "QuizService", serviceName = "QuizWebService")
11 public class QuizService {
12     private ArrayList<Object[]> quiz = new ArrayList<Object[]>();
13
14     public QuizService() {
15         // Initialize questions and answers
16         quiz.add(new Object[]{
17             "Is Atlanta the capital of Georgia?", true});
18         quiz.add(new Object[]{
19             "Is Columbia the capital of South Carolina?", true});
20         quiz.add(new Object[]{
21             "Is Fort Wayne the capital of Indiana?", false});

```

```

22     quiz.add(new Object[]{
23         "Is New Orleans the capital of Louisiana?", false});
24     quiz.add(new Object[]{
25         "Is Chicago the capital of Illinois?", false});
26
27     // Shuffle to generate a random quiz for a client
28     java.util.Collections.shuffle(quiz);
29 }
30
31 @WebMethod(operationName = "getQuestions")
32 public java.util.List<String> getQuestions() {
33
34     // Extract questions from quiz
35     List<String> questions = new ArrayList<String>();
36     for (int i = 0; i < quiz.size(); i++) {
37         questions.add((String)quiz.get(i)[0]);
38     }
39
40     return questions; // Return questions in the quiz
41 }
42
43 @WebMethod(operationName = "gradeQuiz")
44 public List<Boolean> gradeQuiz(List<Boolean> answers) {
45     List<Boolean> result = new ArrayList<Boolean>();
46     for (int i = 0; i < quiz.size(); i++)
47         result.add(quiz.get(i)[1] == answers.get(i));
48
49     return result;
50 }
51 }

```

The Web service class named **QuizService** contains two methods **getQuestions** and **gradeQuiz**. The new Web service is named **QuizWebService** (line 10).

The annotation **@HttpSessionScope** (line 9) is new in JAX-WS 2.2, which enables the Web service automatically maintains a separate instance for each client session. To use this annotation, you have add JAX-WS 2.2 into your project's library. This can be done by clicking the **Library** node in the project and select **Add Library**.

Assume five True/False questions are available from the service. The quiz is stored in an **ArrayList** (lines 16–25).

Each element in the list is an array with two values. The first value is a string that describes the question and the second is a Boolean value indicating whether the answer should be true or false.

A new quiz is generated in the constructor and the quiz is shuffled using the shuffle method in the Collections class (line 28).

The **getQuestions** method (lines 31–40) returns questions in a list. The questions are extracted from the quiz (lines 34–37) and are returned (line 39).

The **gradeQuiz** method (lines 42–49) checks the **answers** from the client with the answers in the quiz. The client's answers are compared with the key, and the result of the grading is stored in a list. Each element in the list is a Boolean value that indicates whether the answer is correct or incorrect (lines 44–46).

After creating and publishing the Web service, let us create a project for the client. The project named **QuizWebServiceClientProject** can be created as follows:

1. Choose **File**, **New Project** to display the New Web Application dialog box.
2. In the New Web Application dialog box, choose **Java Web** in the Categories pane and choose **Web Application** in the Projects pane. Click *Next* to display the Name and Location dialog box.

3. Enter `QuizWebServiceClientProject` as the project name, specify the location where you want the project to be stored, and uncheck the *Set as Main Project* check box. Click *Next* to display the Server and Settings dialog box.
4. Choose **GlassFish Server 4** in the Server field, and **Java EE 7 Web** as in the Java EE Version field, and click *Finish* to create the project.

To use `QuizWebService`, you need to create a Web service client as follows:

1. Right-click the `QuizWebServiceClientProject` project in the Project pane to display a context menu. Choose **New, Web Service Client** to display the New Web Service Client dialog box.
2. Check the *WSDL URL radio* button and enter `http://localhost:8080/WebServiceProject/QuizWebService?WSDL` in the WSDL URL field.
3. Enter `myWebservice` in the Package field. Click *Finish* to create the reference for `QuizWebService`.

Now a reference to `QuizWebService` is created. You can create a proxy object to access the remote methods in `QuizService`. Listings 41.6 and 41.7 show `DisplayQuiz.jsp` and `GradeQuiz.jsp`.

#### LISTING 41.6 DisplayQuiz.jsp

```

1 <!-- DisplayQuiz.jsp -->
2 <%@ page import = "myWebservice.QuizWebService" %>
3 <%@ page import = "myWebservice.QuizService" %>
4 <jsp:useBean id = "quizWebService" scope = "session"
5   class = "myWebservice.QuizWebService">
6 </jsp:useBean>
7
8 <html>
9 <body>
10 <%
11   QuizService proxy = quizWebService.getQuizServicePort();
12   java.util.List<String> questions =
13     (java.util.ArrayList<String>)(proxy.getQuestions());
14 >%>
15 <form method = "post" action = "GradeQuiz.jsp">
16 <table>
17   <% for (int i = 0; i < questions.size(); i++) {%>
18     <tr>
19       <td>
20         <label><%= questions.get(i) %></label>
21       </td>
22       <td>
23         <input type = "radio" name = <%= "question" + i%>
24           value = "True" /> True
25       </td>
26       <td>
27         <input type = "radio" name = <%= "question" + i%>
28           value = "False" /> False
29       </td>
30     </tr>
31   <%}%>
32 </table>
33 <p><input type = "submit" name = "Submit" value = "Submit">
34   <input type = "reset" value = "Reset">

```

```

35     </p>
36     </form>
37 </body>
38 </html>

```

This page generates a quiz by invoking the `getQuestions()` in lines 12–13. The questions are displayed in a table with radio buttons (lines 16–32). Clicking the *Submit* button invokes `GradeQuiz.jsp`.

### LISTING 41.7 GradeQuiz.jsp

```

1  <!-- GradeQuiz.jsp -->
2  <%@ page import = "myWebservice.QuizWebService" %>
3  <%@ page import = "myWebservice.QuizService" %>
4  <jsp:useBean id = "quizWebService" scope = "session"
5     class = "myWebservice.QuizWebService">
6  </jsp:useBean>
7
8  <html>
9  <body>
10 <%
11 QuizService proxy = quizWebService.getQuizServicePort();
12 java.util.List<String> quiz = proxy.getQuestions();
13
14 // Get the answer from the DisplayQuiz page
15 java.util.List<Boolean> answers = new java.util.ArrayList<Boolean>();
16 for (int i = 0; i < quiz.size(); i++) {
17     String trueOrFalse = request.getParameter("question" + i);
18     if (trueOrFalse.equals("True"))
19         answers.add(true); // Answered true
20     else if (trueOrFalse.equals("False"))
21         answers.add(false); // Answered false
22 }
23
24 // Grade answers
25 java.util.List<Boolean> result = proxy.gradeQuiz(answers);
26
27 // Find the correct count
28 int correctCount = 0;
29 for (int i = 0; i < result.size(); i++) {
30     if (result.get(i))
31         correctCount++;
32 }
33 %>
34
35 Out of <%= result.size() %> questions, <%= correctCount %> correct.
36 </body>
37 </html>

```

This page collects the answers passed from the HTML form from the `DisplayQuiz` page (lines 15–21), invokes the `gradeQuiz` method to grade the quiz (line 25), finds the correct count (lines 28–31), and displays the result (line 35).



#### Note

You need to answer all five questions before clicking the *Submit* button. A runtime error will occur if a radio button is not checked. You can fix this problem in Exercise 41.5.



- 41.6.1** What is the annotation to specify a Web service? What is the annotation to specify a Web method?
- 41.6.2** How do you deploy a Web service in NetBeans?
- 41.6.3** Can you test a Web service from a client?
- 41.6.4** How do you create a Web service reference for a client?
- 41.6.5** What is WSDL? What is SOAP? What is a SOAP request? What is a SOAP response?
- 41.6.6** Can you pass primitive type arguments to a remote method? Can you pass any object type to a remote method? Can you pass an argument of a custom type to a remote method?
- 41.6.7** How do you obtain an `HttpSession` object for tracking a Web session?
- 41.6.8** Can you create two Web service references in one package in the same project in NetBeans?
- 41.6.9** What happens if you don't clone the quiz in lines 40–41 in Listing 41.5, `QuizService.java`?

## KEY TERMS

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<code>@WebService</code>	41-3	publishing a Web service	41-2
<code>@WebMethod</code>	41-3	Web service	41-2
consuming a Web service	41-2	Web service client reference	41-15
proxy object	41-2	WSDL	41-6

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. Web services enable a Java program on one system to invoke a method in an object on another system.
2. Web services are platform and language independent. You can develop and use Web services using any language.
3. Web services run on the Web using HTTP. SOAP is a popular protocol for implementing Web services.
4. The server needs to make the service available to the client, known as *publishing a Web service*. Using a Web service from a client is known as *consuming a Web service*.
5. A client interacts with a Web service through a *proxy object*. The proxy object facilitates the communication between the client and the Web service.
6. You need to use Java annotation `@WebService` to annotate a Web service and use annotation `@WebMethod` to annotate a remote method.
7. A Web service class may have an unlimited number of remote methods.
8. After a Web service is published, you can write a client program to use it. You have to first create a Web client reference. From the reference, you create a proxy object for facilitating communication between a server and a client.

9. WSDL stands for *Web Service Description Language*. A .wsdl file is an XML file that describes the available Web service to the client—i.e., the remote methods, their parameters and return value types, and so on.
10. The message between the client and the server is described in XML. A SOAP request describes the information that is sent to the Web service and a SOAP response describes the information that is received from the Web service.
11. The objects passed between client and Web service are serialized in XML. Not all object types are supported by SOAP.
12. You can track sessions in Web services using the `HttpSession` in the same way as in servlets.

## QUIZ



Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

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- \*41.1** (*Get a score from a database table*) Suppose the scores are stored in the `Scores` table. The table was created as follows:

```
create table Scores (name varchar(20),
                    score number, permission boolean);

insert into Scores values ('John', 90.5, 1);
insert into Scores values ('Michael', 100, 1);
insert into Scores values ('Michelle', 100, 0);
```

Revise the `findScore` method in Listing 41.1, `ScoreService.java`, to obtain a score for the specified name. Note your program does not need the `permission` column; ignore it. The next exercise will need the `permission` column.

- \*41.2** (*Permission to find scores*) Revise the preceding exercise so that the `findScore` method returns `-1` if permission is `false`. Add another method named `getPermission(String name)` that returns `1`, `0`, or `-1`. The method returns `1` if the student is in the `Scores` table and permission is `true`, `0` if the student is in the `Scores` table and permission is `false`, and `-1` if the student is not in the `Scores` table.
- \*41.3** (*Compute loan*) You can compute a loan payment for a loan with the specified amount, the number of years, and the annual interest rate. Write a Web service with two remote methods for computing monthly payment and total payment. Write a client program that prompts the user to enter the loan amount, the number of years, and the annual interest rate.
- \*41.4** (*Web service visit count*) Write a Web service with a method named `getCount()` that returns the number of the times this method has been invoked from a client. Use a session to store the `count` variable.
- \*41.5** (*Quiz*) The user needs to answer all five questions before clicking the `Submit` button in the Quiz application in Section 41.6, Web Service Session Tracking. A runtime error will occur if a radio button is not checked. Fix this problem.



# CHAPTER 42

## 2-4 TREES AND B-TREES

### Objectives

- To know what a 2-4 tree is (§42.1).
- To design the `Tree24` class that implements the `Tree` interface (§42.2).
- To search an element in a 2-4 tree (§42.3).
- To insert an element in a 2-4 tree and know how to split a node (§42.4).
- To delete an element from a 2-4 tree and know how to perform transfer and fusion operations (§42.5).
- To traverse elements in a 2-4 tree (§42.6).
- To implement and test the `Tree24` class (§§42.7-42.8).
- To analyze the complexity of the 2-4 tree (§42.9).
- To use B-trees for indexing large amount of data (§42.10).







## 42.1 Introduction

A 2-4 tree, also known as a 2-3-4 tree, is a completely balanced search tree with all leaf nodes appearing on the same level.

In a 2-4 tree, a node may have one, two, or three elements as shown in Figure 42.1. An interior 2-node contains one element and two children. An interior 3-node contains two elements and three children. An interior 4-node contains three elements and four children.

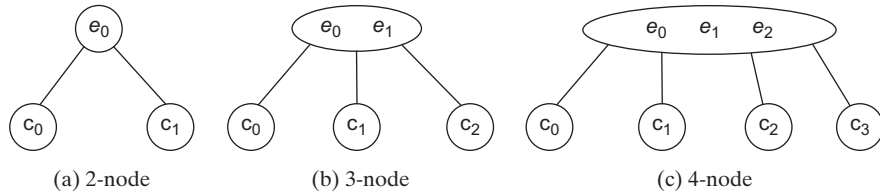


FIGURE 42.1 An interior node of a 2-4 tree has two, three, or four children.

Each child is a sub 2-4 tree, possibly empty. The root node has no parent, and leaf nodes have no children. The elements in the tree are distinct. The elements in a node are ordered such that

$$E(c_0) < e_0 < E(c_1) < e_1 < E(c_2) < e_2 < E(c_3)$$

where  $E(c_k)$  denote the elements in  $c_k$ . Figure 42.2 shows an example of a 2-4 tree.  $c_k$  is called the *left subtree* of  $e_k$  and  $c_{k+1}$  is called the *right subtree* of  $e_k$ .

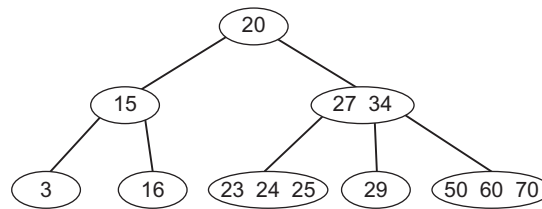


FIGURE 42.2 A 2-4 tree is a full complete search tree.

In a binary tree, each node contains one element. A 2-4 tree tends to be shorter than a corresponding binary search tree, since a 2-4 tree node may contain two or three elements.



### Pedagogical Note

Run from <http://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/24Tree.html> to see how a 2-4 tree works, as shown in Figure 42.3.



## 42.2 Designing Classes for 2-4 Trees

The **Tree24** class defines a 2-4 tree and provides methods for searching, inserting, and deleting elements.

The **Tree24** class can be designed by implementing the **Tree** interface, as shown in Figure 42.4. The **Tree** interface was defined in Listing 27.3, `Tree.java`. The **Tree24Node** class defines tree nodes. The elements in the node are stored in a list named `elements` and the links to the child nodes are stored in a list named `child`, as shown in Figure 42.5.

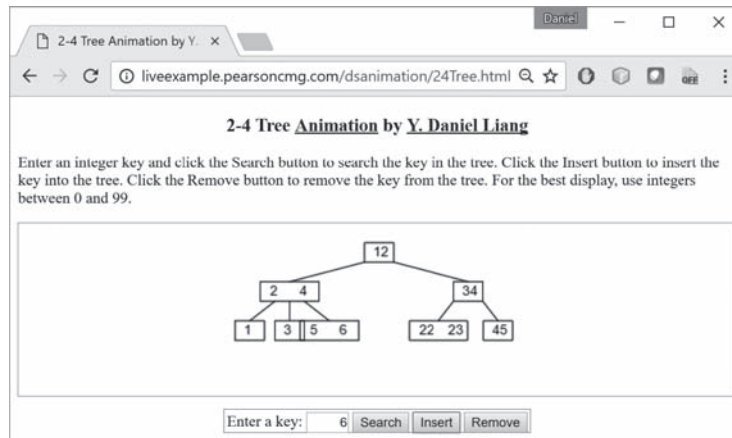


FIGURE 42.3 The animation tool enables you to insert, delete, and search elements in a 2–4 tree visually.

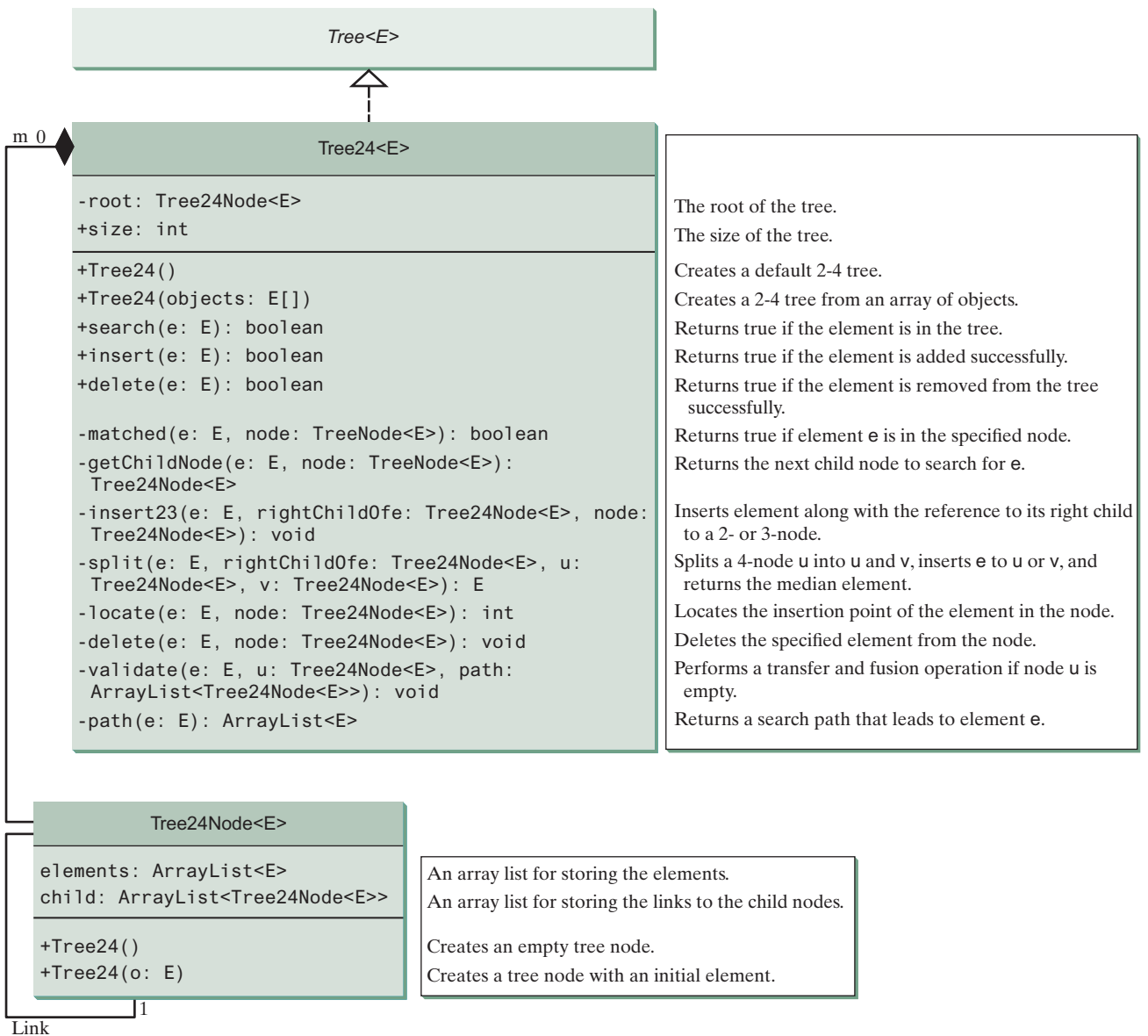
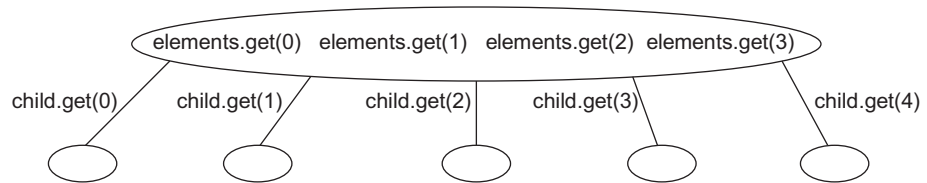


FIGURE 42.4 The `Tree24` class implements `Tree`.



**FIGURE 42.5** A 2–4 tree node stores the elements and the links to the child nodes in array lists.



**42.2.1** What is a 2–4 tree? What are a 2-node, 3-node, and 4-node?

**42.2.2** Describe the data fields in the `Tree24` class and those in the `Tree24Node` class.

**42.2.3** What is the minimum number of elements in a 2–4 tree of height 5? What is the maximum number of elements in a 2–4 tree of height 5?



## 42.3 Searching an Element

*Searching an element in a 2–4 tree is similar to searching an element in a binary tree. The difference is that you have to search an element within a node in addition to searching elements along the path.*

To search an element in a 2–4 tree, you start from the root and scan down. If an element is not in the node, move to an appropriate subtree. Repeat the process until a match is found or you arrive at an empty subtree. The algorithm is described in Listing 42.1.

### LISTING 42.1 Searching an Element in a 2–4 tree

```

1  boolean search(E e) {
2      current = root; // Start from the root
3
4      while (current != null) {
5          if (match(e, current)) { // Element is in the node
6              return true; // Element is found
7          }
8          else {
9              current = getChildNode(e, current); // Search in a subtree
10         }
11     }
12     return false; // Element is not in the tree
13 }
```

The `match(e, current)` method checks whether element `e` is in the current node. The `getChildNode(e, current)` method returns the root of the subtree for further search. Initially, let `current` point to the root (line 2). Repeat searching for the element in the current node until `current` is `null` (line 4) or the element matches an element in the current node.



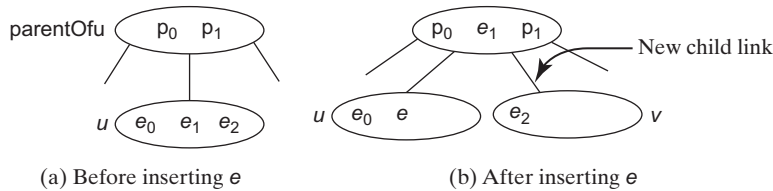
## 42.4 Inserting an Element into a 2–4 tree

*Inserting an element involves locating a leaf node and inserting the element into the leaf node.*

To insert an element `e` to a 2–4 tree, locate a leaf node in which the element will be inserted. If the leaf node is a 2-node or 3-node, simply insert the element into the node. If the node is a 4-node, inserting a new element would cause an *overflow*. To resolve overflow, perform a *split* operation as follows:

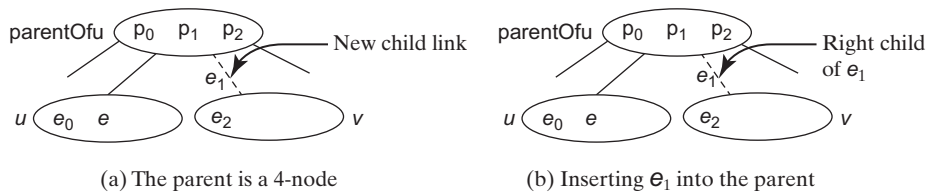
- Let `u` be the *leaf* 4-node in which the element will be inserted and `parentOfu` be the parent of `u`, as shown in Figure 42.6(a).

- Create a new node named  $v$ ; move  $e_2$  to  $v$ .
- If  $e < e_1$ , insert  $e$  to  $u$ ; otherwise insert  $e$  to  $v$ . Assume  $e_0 < e < e_1$ ,  $e$  is inserted into  $u$ , as shown in Figure 42.6(b).
- Insert  $e_1$  along with its right child (i.e.,  $v$ ) to the parent node, as shown in Figure 42.6(b).



**FIGURE 42.6** The splitting operation creates a new node and inserts the median element to its parent.

The parent node is a 3-node in Figure 42.6. So, there is room to insert  $e$  to the parent node. What happens if it is a 4-node, as shown in Figure 42.7? This requires that the parent node be split. The process is the same as splitting a leaf 4-node, except that you must also insert the element along with its right child.



**FIGURE 42.7** Insertion process continues if the parent node is a 4-node.

The algorithm can be modified as follows:

- Let  $u$  be the 4-node (*leaf or nonleaf*) in which the element will be inserted and  $parentOfu$  be the parent of  $u$ , as shown in Figure 42.8(a).
- Create a new node named  $v$ , move  $e_2$  and its children  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  to  $v$ .
- If  $e < e_1$ , insert  $e$  along with its right child link to  $u$ ; otherwise insert  $e$  along with its right child link to  $v$ , as shown in Figure 42.6(b), (c), (d) for the cases  $e_0 < e < e_1$ ,  $e_1 < e < e_2$ , and  $e_2 < e$ , respectively.
- Insert  $e_1$  along with its right child (i.e.,  $v$ ) to the parent node, recursively.

Listing 42.2 gives an algorithm for inserting an element.

### LISTING 42.2 Inserting an Element to a 2–4 tree

```

1 public boolean insert(E e) {
2     if (root == null)
3         root = new Tree24Node<E>(e); // Create a new root for element
4     else {
5         Locate leafNode for inserting e
6         insert(e, null, leafNode); // The right child of e is null
7     }
8
9     size++; // Increase size
10    return true; // Element inserted
11 }
12
```

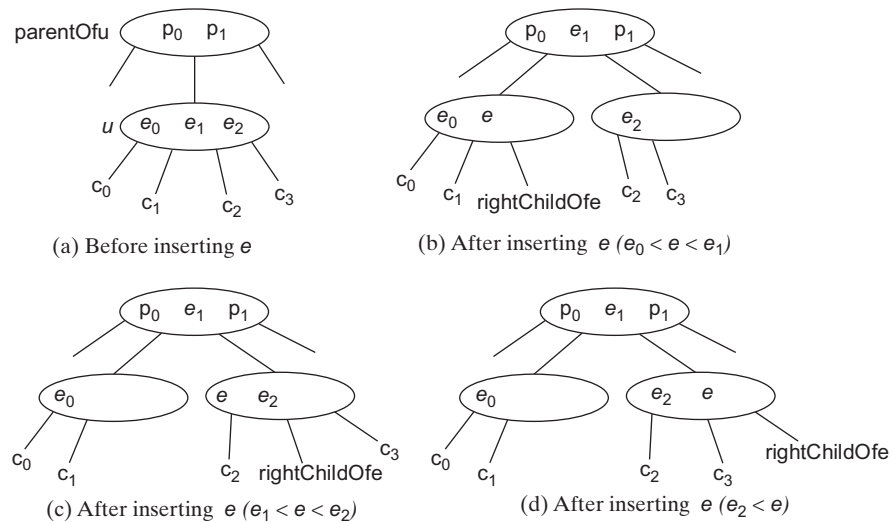


FIGURE 42.8 An interior node may be split to resolve overflow.

```

13 private void insert(E e, Tree24Node<E> rightChildOfe,
14     Tree24Node<E> u) {
15     if (u is a 2- or 3- node) { // u is a 2- or 3-node
16         insert23(e, rightChildOfe, u); // Insert e to node u
17     }
18     else { // Split a 4-node u
19         Tree24Node<E> v = new Tree24Node<E>(); // Create a new node
20         E median = split(e, rightChildOfe, u, v); // Split u
21
22         if (u == root) { // u is the root
23             root = new Tree24Node<E>(median); // New root
24             root.child.add(u); // u is the left child of median
25             root.child.add(v); // v is the right child of median
26         }
27         else {
28             Get the parent of u, parentOfu;
29             insert(median, v, parentOfu); // Inserting median to parent
30         }
31     }
32 }

```

The `insert(E e, Tree24Node<E> rightChildOfe, Tree24Node<E> u)` method inserts element `e` along with its right child to node `u`. When inserting `e` to a leaf node, the right child of `e` is `null` (line 6). If the node is a 2- or 3-node, simply insert the element to the node (lines 15–17). If the node is a 4-node, invoke the `split` method to split the node (line 20). The `split` method returns the median element. Recursively invoke the `insert` method to insert the median element to the parent node (line 29). Figure 42.9 shows the steps of inserting elements 34, 3, 50, 20, 15, 16, 25, 27, 29, and 24 into a 2–4 tree.

## 42.5 Deleting an Element from a 2–4 tree

*Deleting an element involves locating the node that contains the element and removing the element from the node.*



To delete an element from a 2–4 tree, first search the element in the tree to locate the node that contains it. If the element is not in the tree, the method returns false. Let `u` be the node that contains the element and `parentOfu` be the parent of `u`. Consider three cases:

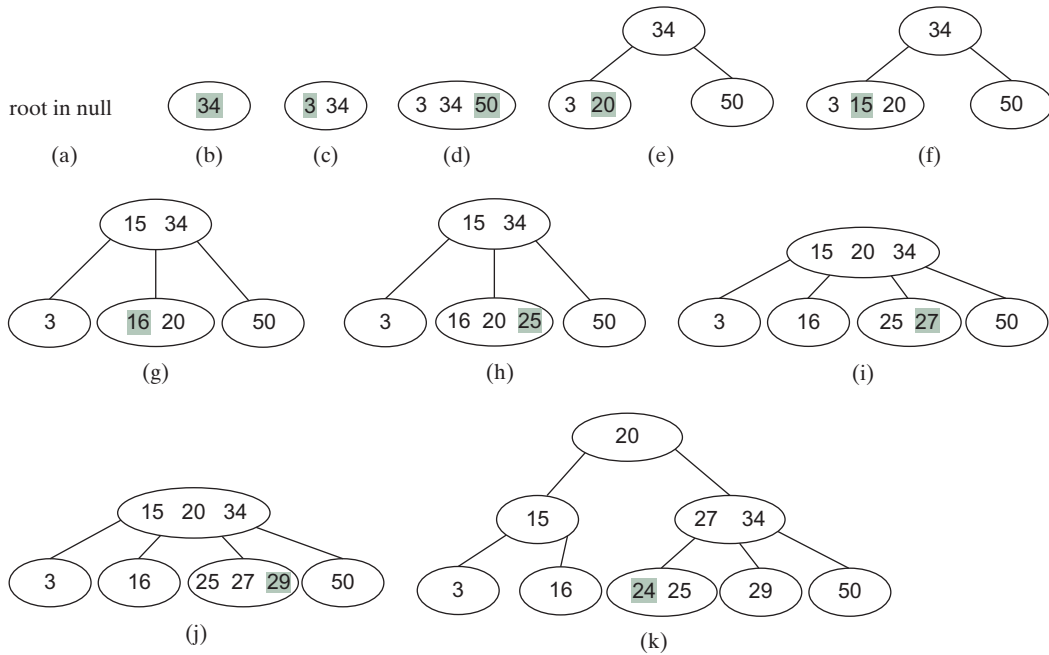


FIGURE 42.9 The tree changes after 34, 3, 50, 20, 15, 16, 25, 27, 29, and 24 are added into an empty tree.

Case 1:  $u$  is a leaf 3-node or 4-node. Delete  $e$  from  $u$ .

Case 2:  $u$  is a leaf 2-node. Delete  $e$  from  $u$ . Now  $u$  is empty. This situation is known as *underflow*. To remedy an underflow, consider two subclasses:

Case 2.1:  $u$ 's immediate left or right sibling is a 3- or 4-node. Let the node be  $w$ , as shown in Figure 42.10(a) (assume  $w$  is a left sibling of  $u$ ). Perform a *transfer* operation that moves an element from  $parentOfu$  to  $u$ , as shown in Figure 42.10(b), and move an element from  $w$  to replace the moved element in  $parentOfu$ , as shown in Figure 42.10(c).

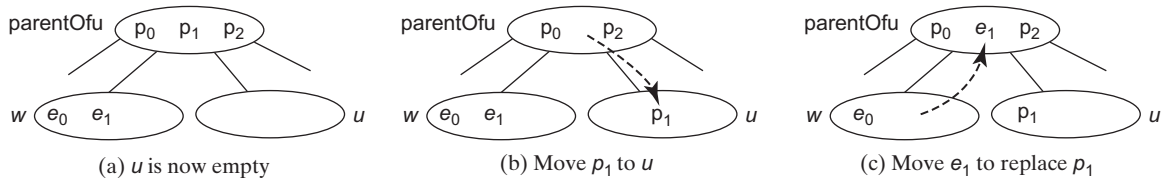


FIGURE 42.10 The transfer operation fills the empty node  $u$ .

Case 2.2: Both  $u$ 's immediate left and right siblings are 2-node if they exist ( $u$  may have only one sibling). Let the node be  $w$ , as shown in Figure 42.11(a) (assume  $w$  is a left sibling of  $u$ ). Perform a *fusion* operation that discards  $u$  and moves an element from  $parentOfu$  to  $w$ , as shown in Figure 42.11(b). If  $parentOfu$  becomes empty, repeat Case 2 recursively to perform a transfer or a fusion on  $parentOfu$ .

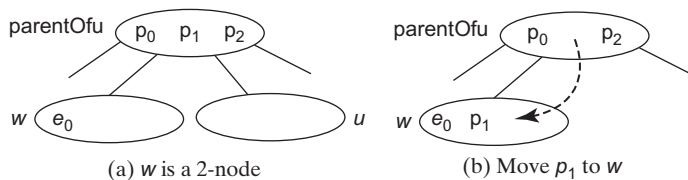


FIGURE 42.11 The fusion operation discards the empty node  $u$ .

Case 3:  $u$  is a nonleaf node. Find the rightmost leaf node in the left subtree of  $e$ . Let this node be  $w$ , as shown in Figure 42.12(a). Move the last element in  $w$  to replace  $e$  in  $u$ , as shown in Figure 42.12(b). If  $w$  becomes empty, apply a transfer or fusion operation on  $w$ .

Listing 42.3 describes the algorithm for deleting an element.

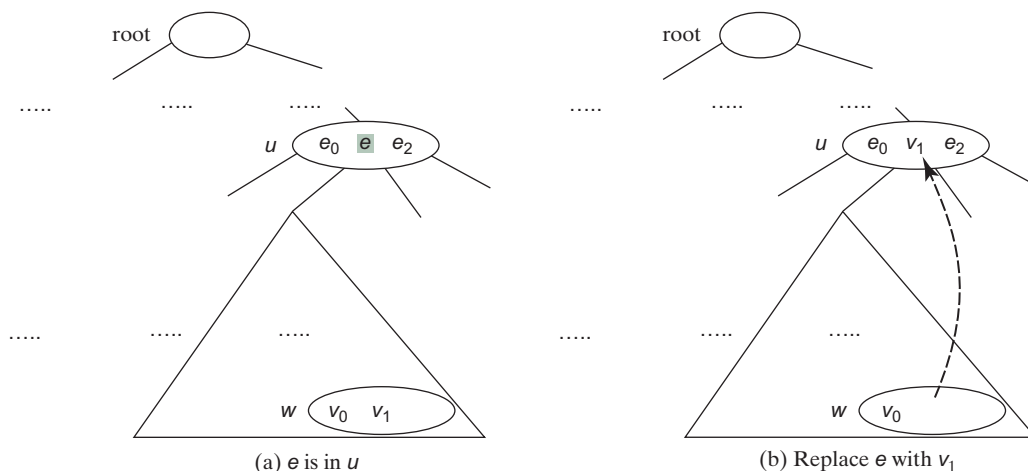


FIGURE 42.12 An element in the internal node is replaced by an element in a leaf node.

### LISTING 42.3 Deleting an Element from a 2-4 tree

```

1  /** Delete the specified element from the tree */
2  public boolean delete(E e) {
3      Locate the node that contains the element e
4      if (the node is found) {
5          delete(e, node); // Delete element e from the node
6          size--; // After one element deleted
7          return true; // Element deleted successfully
8      }
9
10     return false; // Element not in the tree
11 }
12
13 /** Delete the specified element from the node */
14 private void delete(E e, Tree24Node<E> node) {
15     if (e is in a leaf node) {
16         // Get the path that leads to e from the root
17         ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path = path(e);
18
19         Remove e from the node;
20
21         // Check node for underflow along the path and fix it
22         validate(e, node, path); // Check underflow node
23     }
24     else { // e is in an internal node
25         Locate the rightmost node in the left subtree of node u;
26         Get the rightmost element from the rightmost node;
27
28         // Get the path that leads to e from the root
29         ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path = path(rightmostElement);
30
31         Replace the element in the node with the rightmost element
32     }

```

```

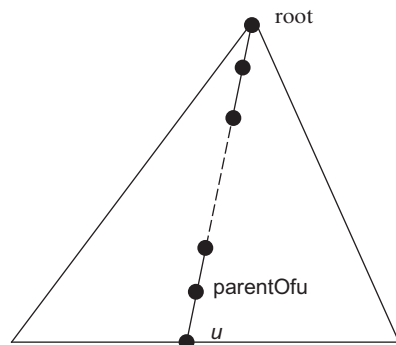
33     // Check node for underflow along the path and fix it
34     validate(rightmostElement, rightmostNode, path);
35 }
36 }
37
38 /** Perform a transfer or fusion operation if necessary */
39 private void validate(E e, Tree24Node<E> u,
40     ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path) {
41     for (int i = path.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
42         if (u is not empty)
43             return; // Done, no need to perform transfer or fusion
44
45         Tree24Node<E> parentOfu = path.get(i - 1); // Get parent of u
46
47         // Check two siblings
48         if (left sibling of u has more than one element) {
49             Perform a transfer on u with its left sibling
50         }
51         else if (right sibling of u has more than one element) {
52             Perform a transfer on u with its right sibling
53         }
54         else if (u has left sibling) { // Fusion with a left sibling
55             Perform a fusion on u with its left sibling
56             u = parentOfu; // Back to the loop to check the parent node
57         }
58         else { // Fusion with right sibling (right sibling must exist)
59             Perform a fusion on u with its right sibling
60             u = parentOfu; // Back to the loop to check the parent node
61         }
62     }
63 }

```

The `delete(E e)` method locates the node that contains the element `e` and invokes the `delete(E e, Tree24Node<E> node)` method (line 5) to delete the element from the node.

If the node is a leaf node, get the path that leads to `e` from the root (line 17), delete `e` from the node (line 19), and invoke `validate` to check and fix the empty node (line 22). The `validate(E e, Tree24Node<E> u, ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path)` method performs a transfer or fusion operation if the node is empty. Since these operations may cause the parent of node `u` to become empty, a path is obtained in order to obtain the parents along the path from the root to node `u`, as shown in Figure 42.13.

If the node is a nonleaf node, locate the rightmost element in the left subtree of the node (lines 25–26), get the path that leads to the rightmost element from the root (line 29), replace



**FIGURE 42.13** The nodes along the path may become empty as result of a transfer and fusion operation.



**e** in the node with the rightmost element (line 31), and invoke **validate** to fix the rightmost node if it is empty (line 34).

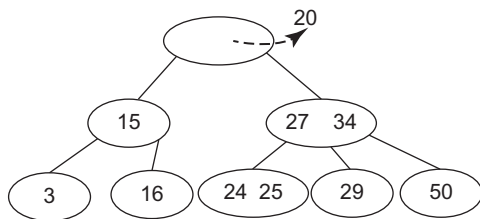
The **validate(E e, Tree24Node<E> u, ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path)** checks whether **u** is empty and performs a transfer or fusion operation to fix the empty node. The **validate** method exits when node is not empty (line 43). Otherwise, consider one of the following cases:

1. If **u** has a left sibling with more than one element, perform a transfer on **u** with its left sibling (line 49).
2. Otherwise, if **u** has a right sibling with more than one element, perform a transfer on **u** with its right sibling (line 52).
3. Otherwise, if **u** has a left sibling, perform a fusion on **u** with its left sibling (line 55) and reset **u** to **parentOfu** (line 56).
4. Otherwise, **u** must have a right sibling. Perform a fusion on **u** with its right sibling (line 59) and reset **u** to **parentOfu** (line 60).

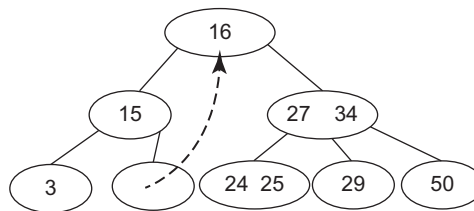
Only one of the preceding cases is executed. Afterward, a new iteration starts to perform a transfer or fusion operation on a new node **u** if needed. Figure 42.14 shows the steps of deleting elements **20**, **15**, **3**, **6**, and **34** that are deleted from a 2-4 tree in Figure 42.9(k).



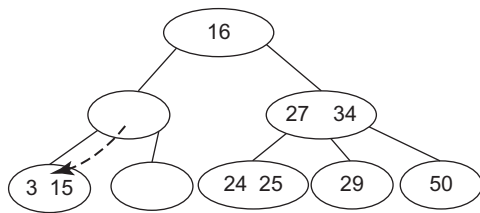
- 42.5.1** How do you search an element in a 2-4 tree?
- 42.5.2** How do you insert an element into a 2-4 tree?
- 42.5.3** How do you delete an element from a 2-4 tree?
- 42.5.4** Show the change of a 2-4 tree when inserting **1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9, 7, 5, 8**, and **6** into it, in this order.



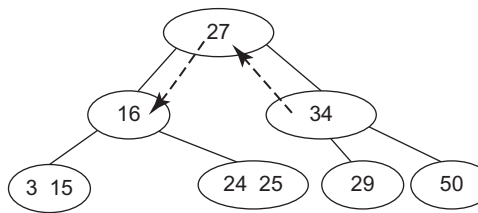
(a) Delete 20



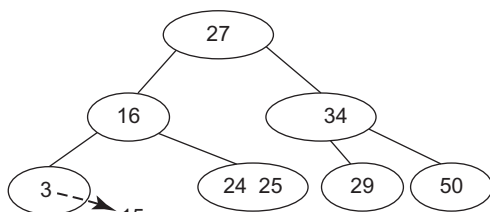
(b) Replace 20 with 16



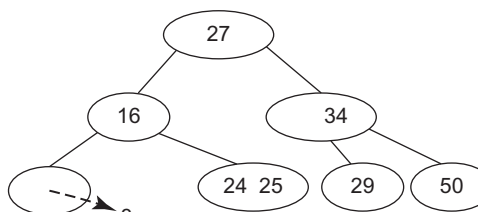
(c) Perform a fusion



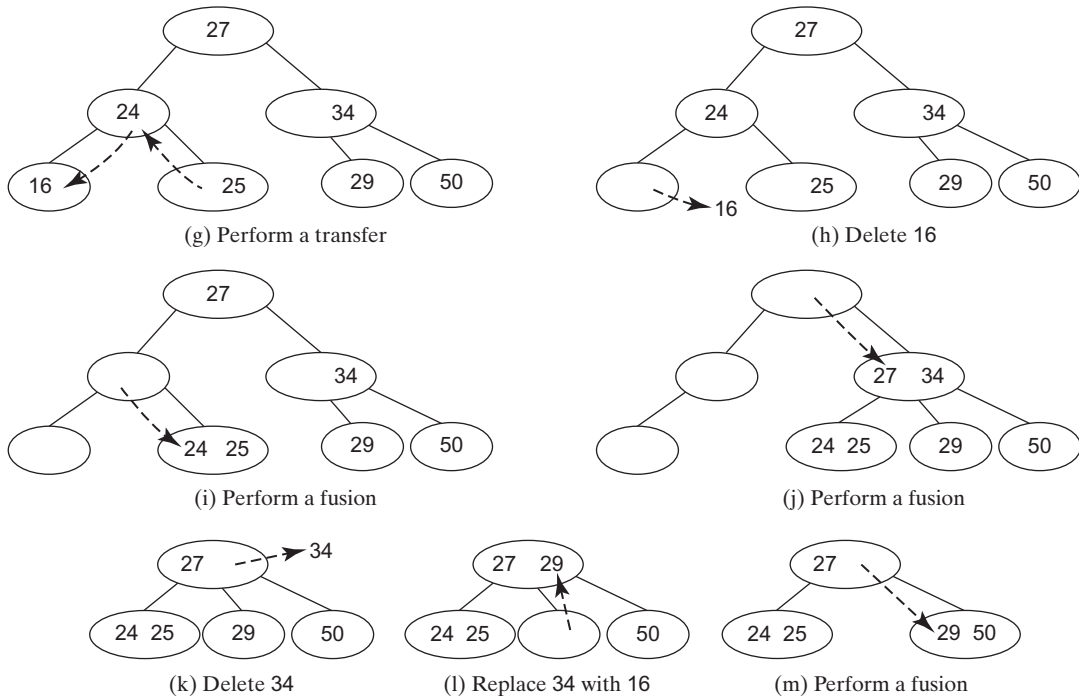
(d) Perform a transfer



(e) Delete 15



(f) Delete 3



**FIGURE 42.14** The tree changes after 20, 15, 3, 6, and 34 are deleted from a 2–4 tree.

- 42.5.5** For the tree built in the preceding question, show the change of the tree after deleting 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9, 7, 5, 8, and 6 from it, in this order.
- 42.5.6** Show the change of a B-tree of order 6 when inserting 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9, 7, 5, 8, 6, 17, 25, 18, 26, 14, 52, 63, 74, 80, 19, and 27 into it, in this order.
- 42.5.7** For the tree built in the preceding question, show the change of the tree after deleting 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9, 7, 5, and 8, and 6 from it, in this order.

## 42.6 Traversing Elements in a 2–4 tree

*You can perform inorder, preorder, and postorder for traversing the elements in a 2–4 tree.*

Inorder, preorder, and postorder traversals are useful for 2–4 trees. Inorder traversal visits the elements in increasing order. Preorder traversal visits the elements in the root, then recursively visits the subtrees from the left to right. Postorder traversal visits the subtrees from the left to right recursively, and then the elements in the root.



For example, in the 2–4 tree in Figure 42.9(k), the inorder traversal is  
3 15 16 20 24 25 27 29 34 50

The preorder traversal is  
20 15 3 16 27 34 24 25 29 50

The postorder traversal is  
3 16 1 24 25 29 50 27 34 20

## 42.7 Implementing the **Tree24** Class

*This section gives the complete implementation for the **Tree24** class.*

Listing 42.4 gives the complete source code for the **Tree24** class.



## LISTING 42.4 Tree24.java

```

1  import java.util.ArrayList;
2
3  public class Tree24<E> extends Comparable<E>> implements Tree<E> {
4      private Tree24Node<E> root;
5      private int size;
6
7      /** Create a default 2-4 tree */
8      public Tree24() {
9      }
10
11     /** Create a 2-4 tree from an array of objects */
12     public Tree24(E[] elements) {
13         for (int i = 0; i < elements.length; i++)
14             insert(elements[i]);
15     }
16
17     @Override /** Search an element in the tree */
18     public boolean search(E e) {
19         Tree24Node<E> current = root; // Start from the root
20
21         while (current != null) {
22             if (matched(e, current)) { // Element is in the node
23                 return true; // Element found
24             }
25             else {
26                 current = getChildNode(e, current); // Search in a subtree
27             }
28         }
29
30         return false; // Element is not in the tree
31     }
32
33     /** Return true if the element is found in this node */
34     private boolean matched(E e, Tree24Node<E> node) {
35         for (int i = 0; i < node.elements.size(); i++)
36             if (node.elements.get(i).equals(e))
37                 return true; // Element found
38
39         return false; // No match in this node
40     }
41
42     /** Locate a child node to search element e */
43     private Tree24Node<E> getChildNode(E e, Tree24Node<E> node) {
44         if (node.child.size() == 0)
45             return null; // node is a leaf
46
47         int i = locate(e, node); // Locate the insertion point for e
48         return node.child.get(i); // Return the child node
49     }
50
51     @Override /** Insert element e into the tree
52     * Return true if the element is inserted successfully
53     */
54     public boolean insert(E e) {
55         if (root == null)
56             root = new Tree24Node<E>(e); // Create a new root for element
57         else {
58             // Locate the leaf node for inserting e
59             Tree24Node<E> leafNode = null;

```

```

60     Tree24Node<E> current = root;
61     while (current != null)
62         if (matched(e, current)) {
63             return false; // Duplicate element found, nothing inserted
64         }
65         else {
66             leafNode = current;
67             current = getChildNode(e, current);
68         }
69
70     // Insert the element e into the leaf node
71     insert(e, null, leafNode); // The right child of e is null
72 }
73
74 size++; // Increase size
75 return true; // Element inserted
76 }
77
78 /** Insert element e into node u */
79 private void insert(E e, Tree24Node<E> rightChildOfe,
80     Tree24Node<E> u) {
81     // Get the search path that leads to element e
82     ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path = path(e);
83
84     for (int i = path.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
85         if (u.elements.size() < 3) { // u is a 2-node or 3-node
86             insert23(e, rightChildOfe, u); // Insert e to node u
87             break; // No further insertion to u's parent needed
88         }
89         else {
90             Tree24Node<E> v = new Tree24Node<E>(); // Create a new node
91             E median = split(e, rightChildOfe, u, v); // Split u
92
93             if (u == root) {
94                 root = new Tree24Node<E>(median); // New root
95                 root.child.add(u); // u is the left child of median
96                 root.child.add(v); // v is the right child of median
97                 break; // No further insertion to u's parent needed
98             }
99             else {
100                // Use new values for the next iteration in the for loop
101                e = median; // Element to be inserted to parent
102                rightChildOfe = v; // Right child of the element
103                u = path.get(i - 1); // New node to insert element
104            }
105        }
106    }
107 }
108
109 /** Insert element to a 2- or 3- and return the insertion point */
110 private void insert23(E e, Tree24Node<E> rightChildOfe,
111     Tree24Node<E> node) {
112     int i = this.locate(e, node); // Locate where to insert
113     node.elements.add(i, e); // Insert the element into the node
114     if (rightChildOfe != null)
115         node.child.add(i + 1, rightChildOfe); // Insert the child link
116 }
117
118 /** Split a 4-node u into u and v and insert e to u or v */
119 private E split(E e, Tree24Node<E> rightChildOfe,

```

```

120     Tree24Node<E> u, Tree24Node<E> v) {
121     // Move the last element in node u to node v
122     v.elements.add(u.elements.remove(2));
123     E median = u.elements.remove(1);
124
125     // Split children for a nonleaf node
126     // Move the last two children in node u to node v
127     if (u.child.size() == 0) {
128         v.child.add(u.child.remove(2));
129         v.child.add(u.child.remove(2));
130     }
131
132     // Insert e into a 2- or 3- node u or v.
133     if (e.compareTo(median) < 0)
134         insert23(e, rightChildOfe, u);
135     else
136         insert23(e, rightChildOfe, v);
137
138     return median; // Return the median element
139 }
140
141 /** Return a search path that leads to element e */
142 private ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>= path(E e) {
143     ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>= list = new ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>=();
144     Tree24Node<E> current = root; // Start from the root
145
146     while (current != null) {
147         list.add(current); // Add the node to the list
148         if (matched(e, current)) {
149             break; // Element found
150         }
151         else {
152             current = getChildNode(e, current);
153         }
154     }
155
156     return list; // Return an array of nodes
157 }
158
159 @Override /** Delete the specified element from the tree */
160 public boolean delete(E e) {
161     // Locate the node that contains the element e
162     Tree24Node<E> node = root;
163     while (node != null)
164         if (matched(e, node)) {
165             delete(e, node); // Delete element e from node
166             size--; // After one element deleted
167             return true; // Element deleted successfully
168         }
169         else {
170             node = getChildNode(e, node);
171         }
172
173     return false; // Element not in the tree
174 }
175
176 /** Delete the specified element from the node */
177 private void delete(E e, Tree24Node<E> node) {
178     if (node.child.size() == 0) { // e is in a leaf node
179         // Get the path that leads to e from the root
180         ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> path = path(e);

```

```

181
182     node.elements.remove(e); // Remove element e
183
184     if (node == root) { // Special case
185         if (node.elements.size() == 0)
186             root = null; // Empty tree
187         return; // Done
188     }
189
190     validate(e, node, path); // Check underflow node
191 }
192 else { // e is in an internal node
193     // Locate the rightmost node in the left subtree of the node
194     int index = locate(e, node); // Index of e in node
195     Tree24Node<E> current = node.child.get(index);
196     while (current.child.size() > 0) {
197         current = current.child.get(current.child.size() - 1);
198     }
199     E rightmostElement =
200         current.elements.get(current.elements.size() - 1);
201
202     // Get the path that leads to e from the root
203     ArrayList<Tree24Node<E> > path = path(rightmostElement);
204
205     // Replace the deleted element with the rightmost element
206     node.elements.set(index, current.elements.remove(
207         current.elements.size() - 1));
208
209     validate(rightmostElement, current, path); // Check underflow
210 }
211 }
212
213 /** Perform transfer and confusion operations if necessary */
214 private void validate(E e, Tree24Node<E> u,
215     ArrayList<Tree24Node<E> > path) {
216     for (int i = path.size() - 1; u.elements.size() == 0; i--) {
217         Tree24Node<E> parentOfu = path.get(i - 1); // Get parent of u
218         int k = locate(e, parentOfu); // Index of e in the parent node
219
220         // Check two siblings
221         if (k > 0 && parentOfu.child.get(k - 1).elements.size() > 1) {
222             leftSiblingTransfer(k, u, parentOfu);
223         }
224         else if (k + 1 < parentOfu.child.size() &&
225             parentOfu.child.get(k + 1).elements.size() > 1) {
226             rightSiblingTransfer(k, u, parentOfu);
227         }
228         else if (k - 1 == 0) { // Fusion with a left sibling
229             // Get left sibling of node u
230             Tree24Node<E> leftNode = parentOfu.child.get(k - 1);
231
232             // Perform a fusion with left sibling on node u
233             leftSiblingFusion(k, leftNode, u, parentOfu);
234
235             // Done when root becomes empty
236             if (parentOfu == root && parentOfu.elements.size() == 0) {
237                 root = leftNode;
238                 break;
239             }
240
241             u = parentOfu; // Back to the loop to check the parent node

```

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242     }
243     else { // Fusion with right sibling (right sibling must exist)
244         // Get left sibling of node u
245         Tree24Node<E> rightNode = parentOfu.child.get(k + 1);
246
247         // Perform a fusion with right sibling on node u
248         rightSiblingFusion(k, rightNode, u, parentOfu);
249
250         // Done when root becomes empty
251         if (parentOfu == root && parentOfu.elements.size() == 0) {
252             root = rightNode;
253             break;
254         }
255
256         u = parentOfu; // Back to the loop to check the parent node
257     }
258 }
259 }
260
261 /** Locate the insertion point of the element in the node */
262 private int locate(E o, Tree24Node<E> node) {
263     for (int i = 0; i < node.elements.size(); i++) {
264         if (o.compareTo(node.elements.get(i)) <= 0) {
265             return i;
266         }
267     }
268
269     return node.elements.size();
270 }
271
272 /** Perform a transfer with a left sibling */
273 private void leftSiblingTransfer(int k,
274     Tree24Node<E> u, Tree24Node<E> parentOfu) {
275     // Move an element from the parent to u
276     u.elements.add(0, parentOfu.elements.get(k - 1));
277
278     // Move an element from the left node to the parent
279     Tree24Node<E> leftNode = parentOfu.child.get(k - 1);
280     parentOfu.elements.set(k - 1,
281         leftNode.elements.remove(leftNode.elements.size() - 1));
282
283     // Move the child link from left sibling to the node
284     if (leftNode.child.size() > 0)
285         u.child.add(0, leftNode.child.remove(
286             leftNode.child.size() - 1));
287 }
288
289 /** Perform a transfer with a right sibling */
290 private void rightSiblingTransfer(int k,
291     Tree24Node<E> u, Tree24Node<E> parentOfu) {
292     // Transfer an element from the parent to u
293     u.elements.add(parentOfu.elements.get(k));
294
295     // Transfer an element from the right node to the parent
296     Tree24Node<E> rightNode = parentOfu.child.get(k + 1);
297     parentOfu.elements.set(k, rightNode.elements.remove(0));
298
299     // Move the child link from right sibling to the node
300     if (rightNode.child.size() > 0)
301         u.child.add(rightNode.child.remove(0));
302 }

```

```

303
304  /** Perform a fusion with a left sibling */
305  private void leftSiblingFusion(int k, Tree24Node<E> leftNode,
306      Tree24Node<E> u, Tree24Node<E> parentOfu) {
307      // Transfer an element from the parent to the left sibling
308      leftNode.elements.add(parentOfu.elements.remove(k - 1));
309
310      // Remove the link to the empty node
311      parentOfu.child.remove(k);
312
313      // Adjust child links for nonleaf node
314      if (u.child.size() > 0)
315          leftNode.child.add(u.child.remove(0));
316  }
317
318  /** Perform a fusion with a right sibling */
319  private void rightSiblingFusion(int k, Tree24Node<E> rightNode,
320      Tree24Node<E> u, Tree24Node<E> parentOfu) {
321      // Transfer an element from the parent to the right sibling
322      rightNode.elements.add(0, parentOfu.elements.remove(k));
323
324      // Remove the link to the empty node
325      parentOfu.child.remove(k);
326
327      // Adjust child links for nonleaf node
328      if (u.child.size() > 0)
329          rightNode.child.add(0, u.child.remove(0));
330  }
331
332  /** Get the number of nodes in the tree */
333  public int getSize() {
334      return size;
335  }
336
337  /** Preorder traversal from the root */
338  public void preorder() {
339      preorder(root);
340  }
341
342  /** Preorder traversal from a subtree */
343  private void preorder(Tree24Node<E> root) {
344      if (root == null) return;
345      for (int i = 0; i < root.elements.size(); i++)
346          System.out.print(root.elements.get(i) + " ");
347
348      for (int i = 0; i < root.child.size(); i++)
349          preorder(root.child.get(i));
350  }
351
352  /** Inorder traversal from the root*/
353  public void inorder() {
354      // Left as exercise
355  }
356
357  /** Postorder traversal from the root */
358  public void postorder() {
359      // Left as exercise
360  }
361
362  /** Return true if the tree is empty */
363  public boolean isEmpty() {

```



```

364     return root == null;
365 }
366
367 @Override /** Remove all elements from the tree */
368 public void clear() {
369     root = null;
370     size = 0;
371 }
372
373 /** Return an iterator to traverse elements in the tree */
374 public java.util.Iterator iterator() {
375     // Left as exercise
376     return null;
377 }
378
379 /** Define a 2-4 tree node */
380 protected static class Tree24Node<E extends Comparable<E>> {
381     // elements has maximum three values
382     ArrayList<E> elements = new ArrayList<E>(3);
383     // Each has maximum four children
384     ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> child
385         = new ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>>(4);
386
387     /** Create an empty Tree24 node */
388     Tree24Node() {
389     }
390
391     /** Create a Tree24 node with an initial element */
392     Tree24Node(E o) {
393         elements.add(o);
394     }
395 }
396 }

```

The `Tree24` class contains the data fields `root` and `size` (lines 4–5). `root` references the root node and `size` stores the number of elements in the tree.

The `Tree24` class has two constructors: a no-arg constructor (lines 8–9) that constructs an empty tree and a constructor that creates an initial `Tree24` from an array of elements (lines 12–15).

The `search` method (lines 18–31) searches an element in the tree. It returns `true` (line 23) if the element is in the tree and returns `false` if the search arrives at an empty subtree (line 30).

The `matched(e, node)` method (lines 34–40) checks where the element `e` is in the node.

The `getChildNode(e, node)` method (lines 43–49) returns the root of a subtree where `e` should be searched.

The `insert(E e)` method inserts an element in a tree (lines 54–76). If the tree is empty, a new root is created (line 56). The method locates a leaf node in which the element will be inserted and invokes `insert(e, null, leafNode)` to insert the element (line 71).

The `insert(e, rightChildOfe, u)` method inserts an element into node `u` (lines 79–107). The method first invokes `path(e)` (line 82) to obtain a search path from the root to node `u`. Each iteration of the `for` loop considers `u` and its parent `parentOfu` (lines 84–106). If `u` is a 2-node or 3-node, invoke `insert23(e, rightChildOfe, u)` to insert `e` and its child link `rightChildOfe` into `u` (line 86). No split is needed (line 87). Otherwise, create a new node `v` (line 90) and invoke `split(e, rightChildOfe, u, v)` (line 91) to split `u` into `u` and `v`. The `split` method inserts `e` into either `u` and `v` and returns the median in the original `u`. If `u` is the root, create a new root to hold median, and set `u` and `v` as the left and right children for median (lines 95–96). If `u` is not the root, insert median to `parentOfu` in the next iteration (lines 101–103).

The `insert23(e, rightChildOfe, node)` method inserts `e` along with the reference to its right child into the node (lines 110–116). The method first invokes `locate(e, node)` (line 112) to locate an insertion point, then insert `e` into the node (line 113). If `rightChildOfe` is not `null`, it is inserted into the child list of the node (line 115).

The `split(e, rightChildOfe, u, v)` method splits a 4-node `u` (lines 119–139). This is accomplished as follows: (1) move the last element from `u` to `v` and remove the median element from `u` (lines 122–123); (2) move the last two child links from `u` to `v` (lines 127–130) if `u` is a nonleaf node; (3) if `e < median`, insert `e` into `u`; otherwise, insert `e` into `v` (lines 133–136); and (4) return median (line 138).

The `path(e)` method returns an `ArrayList` of nodes searched from the root in order to locate `e` (lines 142–157). If `e` is in the tree, the last node in the path contains `e`. Otherwise, the last node is where `e` should be inserted.

The `delete(E e)` method deletes an element from the tree (lines 160–174). The method first locates the node that contains `e` and invokes `delete(e, node)` to delete `e` from the node (line 165). If the element is not in the tree, return `false` (line 173).

The `delete(e, node)` method deletes an element from node `u` (lines 177–211). If the node is a leaf node, obtain the path that leads to `e` (line 180), delete `e` (line 182), set root to `null` if the tree becomes empty (lines 184–188), and invoke `validate` to apply transfer and fusion operation on empty nodes (line 190). If the node is a nonleaf node, locate the rightmost element (lines 194–200), obtain the path that leads to `e` (line 203), replace `e` with the rightmost element (lines 206–207), and invoke `validate` to apply transfer and fusion operations on empty nodes (line 209).

The `validate(e, u, path)` method ensures that the tree is a valid 2–4 tree (lines 214–259). The `for` loop terminates when `u` is not empty (line 216). The loop body is executed to fix the empty node `u` by performing a transfer or fusion operation. If a left sibling with more than one element exists, perform a transfer on `u` with the left sibling (line 222). Otherwise, if a right sibling with more than one element exists, perform a transfer on `u` with the left sibling (line 226). Otherwise, if a left sibling exists, perform a fusion on `u` with the left sibling (lines 230–239), and validate `parentOfu` in the next loop iteration (line 241). Otherwise, perform a fusion on `u` with the right sibling.

The `locate(e, node)` method locates the index of `e` in the node (lines 262–270).

The `leftSiblingTransfer(k, u, parentOfu)` method performs a transfer on `u` with its left sibling (lines 273–287). The `rightSiblingTransfer(k, u, parentOfu)` method performs a transfer on `u` with its right sibling (lines 290–302). The `leftSiblingFusion(k, leftNode, u, parentOfu)` method performs a fusion on `u` with its left sibling `leftNode` (lines 305–316). The `rightSiblingFusion(k, rightNode, u, parentOfu)` method performs a fusion on `u` with its right sibling `rightNode` (lines 319–330).

The `preorder()` method displays all the elements in the tree in preorder (lines 338–350).

The inner class `Tree24Node` defines a class for a node in the tree (lines 374–389).

## 42.8 Testing the **Tree24** Class

*This section writes a test program for using the **Tree24** class.*

Listing 42.5 gives a test program. The program creates a 2–4 tree and inserts elements in lines 6–20, and deletes elements in lines 22–56.

### LISTING 42.5 TestTree24.java

```

1 public class TestTree24 {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         // Create a 2-4 tree
4         Tree24<Integer> tree = new Tree24<Integer>();
5     }

```



```

6     tree.insert(34);
7     tree.insert(3);
8     tree.insert(50);
9     tree.insert(20);
10    tree.insert(15);
11    tree.insert(16);
12    tree.insert(25);
13    tree.insert(27);
14    tree.insert(29);
15    tree.insert(24);
16    System.out.print("\nAfter inserting 24:");
17    printTree(tree);
18    tree.insert(23);
19    tree.insert(22);
20    tree.insert(60);
21    tree.insert(70);
22    System.out.print("\nAfter inserting 70:");
23    printTree(tree);
24
25    tree.delete(34);
26    System.out.print("\nAfter deleting 34:");
27    printTree(tree);
28
29    tree.delete(25);
30    System.out.print("\nAfter deleting 25:");
31    printTree(tree);
32
33    tree.delete(50);
34    System.out.print("\nAfter deleting 50:");
35    printTree(tree);
36
37    tree.delete(16);
38    System.out.print("\nAfter deleting 16:");
39    printTree(tree);
40
41    tree.delete(3);
42    System.out.print("\nAfter deleting 3:");
43    printTree(tree);
44
45    tree.delete(15);
46    System.out.print("\nAfter deleting 15:");
47    printTree(tree);
48 }
49
50 public static <E extends Comparable<E>>
51     void printTree(Tree<E> tree) {
52     // Traverse tree
53     System.out.print("\nPreorder: ");
54     tree.preorder();
55     System.out.print("\nThe number of nodes is " + tree.getSize());
56     System.out.println();
57 }
58 }

```



```

After inserting 24:
Preorder: 20 15 3 16 27 34 24 25 29 50
The number of nodes is 10

After inserting 70:
Preorder: 20 15 3 16 24 27 34 22 23 25 29 50 60 70
The number of nodes is 14

After deleting 34:
Preorder: 20 15 3 16 24 27 50 22 23 25 29 60 70
The number of nodes is 13

After deleting 25:
Preorder: 20 15 3 16 23 27 50 22 24 29 60 70
The number of nodes is 12

After deleting 50:
Preorder: 20 15 3 16 23 27 60 22 24 29 70
The number of nodes is 11

After deleting 16:
Preorder: 23 20 3 15 22 27 60 24 29 70
The number of nodes is 10

After deleting 3:
Preorder: 23 20 15 22 27 60 24 29 70
The number of nodes is 9

After deleting 15:
Preorder: 27 23 20 22 24 60 29 70
The number of nodes is 8

```

Figure 42.15 shows how the tree evolves as elements are added. After **34**, **3**, **50**, **20**, **15**, **16**, **25**, **27**, **29**, and **24** are added to the tree, it is as shown in Figure 42.15(a). After inserting **23**, **22**, **60**, and **70**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(b). After deleting **34**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(c). After deleting **25**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(d). After deleting **50**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(e). After deleting **16**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(f). After deleting **3**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(g). After deleting **15**, the tree is as shown in Figure 42.15(h).

## 42.9 Time-Complexity Analysis

*Search, insertion, and deletion operations take  $O(\log n)$  time in a 2–4 tree.*

Since a 2–4 tree is a completely balanced binary tree, its height is at most  $O(\log n)$ . The **search**, **insert**, and **delete** methods operate on the nodes along a path in the tree. It takes a constant time to search an element within a node. So, the **search** method takes  $O(\log n)$  time. For the **insert** method, the time for splitting a node takes a constant time. So, the **insert** method takes  $O(\log n)$  time. For the **delete** method, it takes a constant time to perform a transfer and fusion operation. So, the **delete** method takes  $O(\log n)$  time.



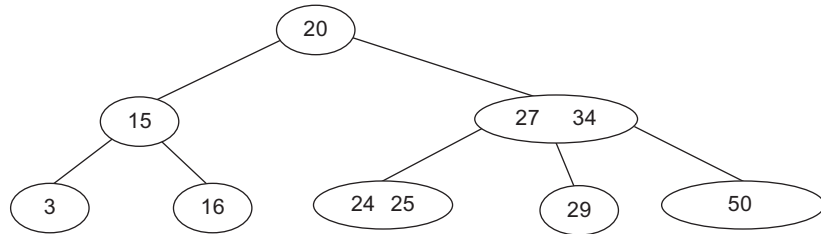
## 42.10 B-Tree

*A B-tree is a generalization of a 2–4 tree.*

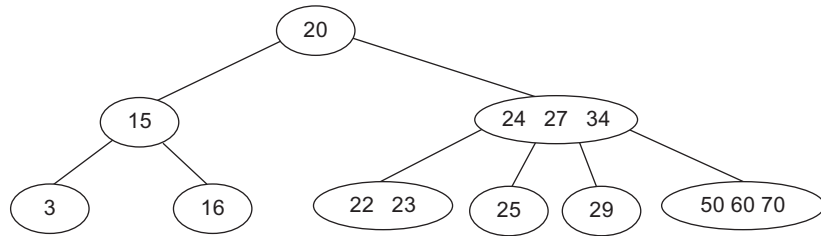
So far we assume the entire data set is stored in main memory. What if the data set is too large and cannot fit in the main memory, as in the case with most databases, where data is stored on disks? Suppose you use an AVL tree to organize a million records in a database table. To find a record, the average number of nodes traversed is  $\log_2 1,000,000 \approx 20$ . This is fine



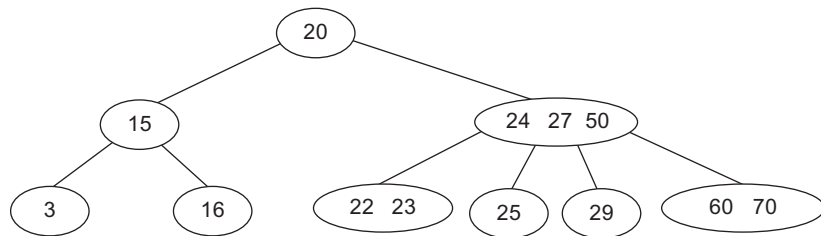
if all nodes are stored in main memory. However, for nodes stored on a disk, this means 20 disk reads. Disk I/O is expensive, and it is thousands of times slower than memory access. To improve performance, we need to reduce the number of disk I/Os. An efficient data structure for performing search, insertion, and deletion for data stored on secondary storage such as hard disks is the B-tree, which is a generalization of the 2-4 tree.



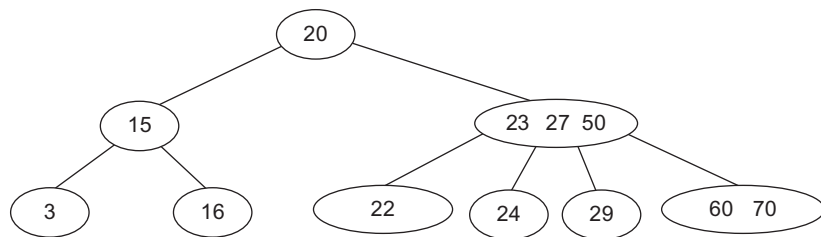
(a) After inserting 34, 3, 50, 20, 15, 16, 25, 27, 29, and 24, in this order



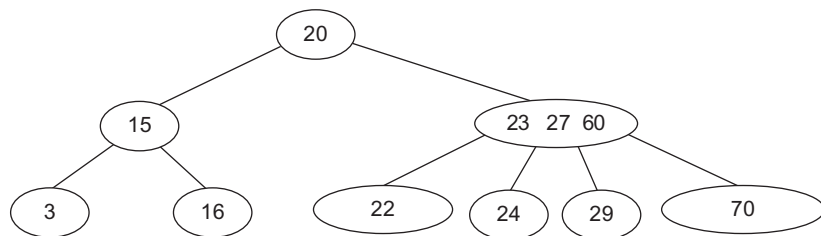
(b) After inserting 23, 22, 60, and 70



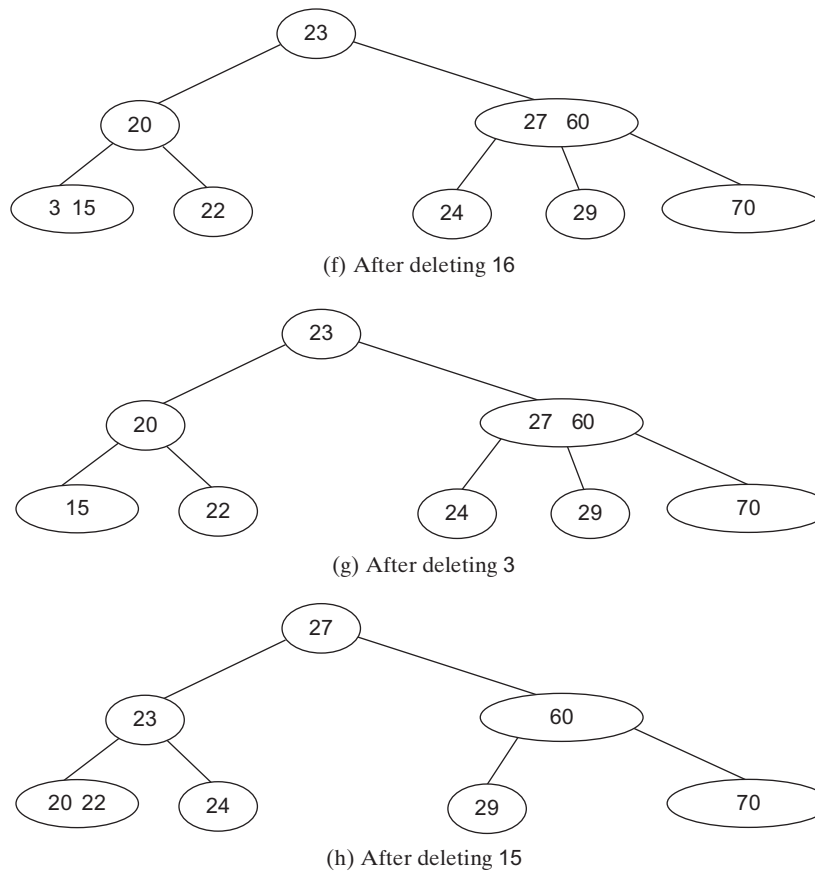
(c) After deleting 34



(d) After deleting 25



(e) After deleting 50

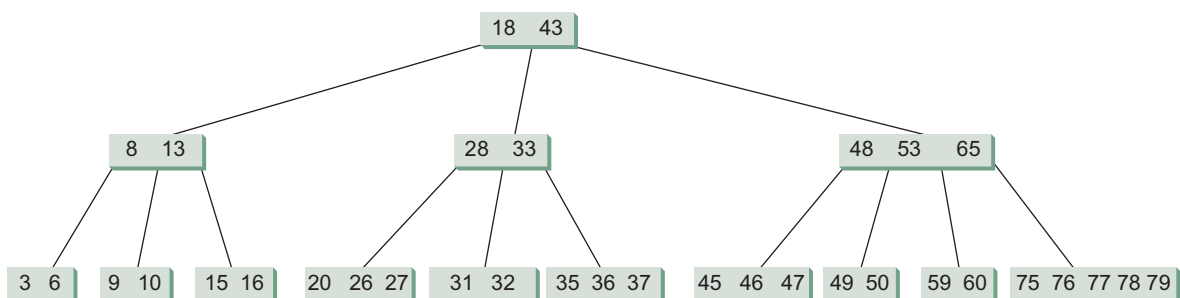


**FIGURE 42.15** The tree evolves as elements are inserted and deleted.

A B-tree of order  $d$  is defined as follows:

1. Each node except the root contains between  $\lceil d/2 \rceil - 1$  and  $d - 1$  keys.
2. The root may contain up to  $d - 1$  keys.
3. A nonleaf node with  $k$  keys has  $k + 1$  children.
4. All leaf nodes have the same depth.

Figure 42.16 shows a B-tree of order 6. For simplicity, we use integers to represent keys. Each key is associated with a pointer that points to the actual record in the database. For simplicity, the pointers to the records in the database are omitted in the figure.



**FIGURE 42.16** In a B-tree of order 6, each node except the root may contain between 2 and 5 keys.

Note that a B-tree is a search tree. The keys in each node are placed in increasing order. Each key in an interior node has a left subtree and a right subtree, as shown in Figure 42.17. All keys in the left subtree are less than the key in the parent node, and all keys in the right subtree are greater than the key in the parent node.

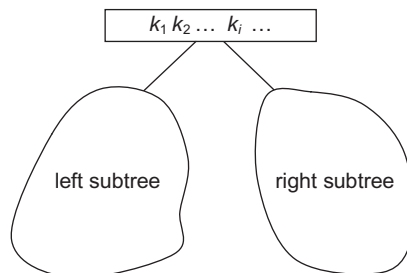


FIGURE 42.17 The keys in the left (right) subtree of key  $k_i$  are less than (greater than)  $k_i$ .

The basic unit of the IO operations on a disk is a block. When you read data from a disk, the whole block that contains the data is read. You should choose an appropriate order  $d$  so that a node can fit in a single disk block. This will minimize the number of disk IOs.

A 2-4 tree is actually a B-tree of order 4. The techniques for insertion and deletion in a 2-4 tree can be easily generalized for a B-tree.

Inserting a key to a B-tree is similar to what was done for a 2-4 tree. First, locate the leaf node in which the key will be inserted. Insert the key to the node. After the insertion, if the leaf node has  $d$  keys, an overflow occurs. To resolve overflow, perform a *split* operation similar to the one used in a 2-4 tree, as follows:

Let  $u$  denote the node needed to be split and let  $m$  denote the median key in the node. Create a new node and move all keys greater than  $m$  to this new node. Insert  $m$  to the parent node of  $u$ . Now  $u$  becomes the left child of  $m$  and  $v$  becomes the right child of  $m$ , as shown in Figure 42.18. If inserting  $m$  into the parent node of  $u$  causes an overflow, repeat the same split process on the parent node.

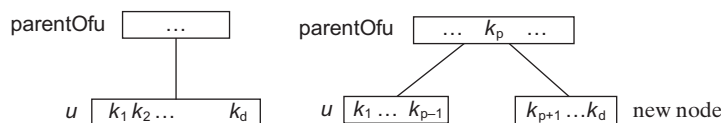


FIGURE 42.18 (a) After inserting a new key to node  $u$ . (b) The median key  $k_p$  is inserted to  $\text{parentOfu}$ .

A key  $k$  can be deleted from a B-tree in the same way as in a 2-4 tree. First locate the node  $u$  that contains the key. Consider two cases:

Case 1: If  $u$  is a leaf node, remove the key from  $u$ . After the removal, if  $u$  has less than  $\lceil d/2 \rceil - 1$  keys, an underflow occurs. To remedy an underflow, perform a transfer with a sibling

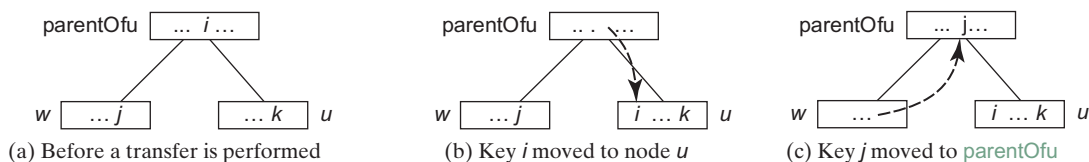
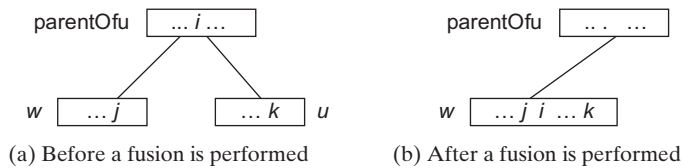


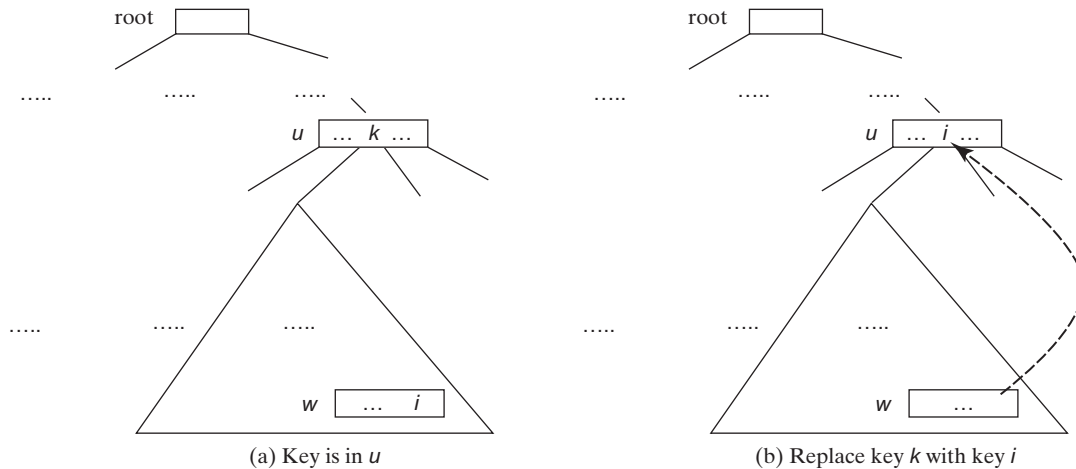
FIGURE 42.19 The transfer operation transfers a key from the  $\text{parentOfu}$  to  $u$  and transfers a key from  $u$ 's sibling  $\text{parentOfu}$ .

$w$  of  $u$  that has more than  $\lceil d/2 \rceil - 1$  keys if such sibling exists, as shown in Figure 42.19. Otherwise, perform a fusion with a sibling  $w$  of  $u$ , as shown in Figure 42.20.



**FIGURE 42.20** The fusion operation moves key  $i$  from the **parentOfu**  $u$  to  $w$  and moves all keys in  $u$  to  $w$ .

Case 2:  $u$  is a nonleaf node. Find the rightmost leaf node in the left subtree of  $k$ . Let this node be  $w$ , as shown in Figure 42.21(a). Move the last key in  $w$  to replace  $k$  in  $u$ , as shown in Figure 42.21(b). If  $w$  becomes underflow, apply a transfer or fusion operation on  $w$ .



**FIGURE 42.21** A key in the internal node is replaced by an element in a leaf node.

The performance of a B-tree depends on the number of disk IOs (i.e., the number of nodes accessed). The number of nodes accessed for search, insertion, and deletion operations depends on the height of the tree. In the worst case, each node contains  $\lceil d/2 \rceil - 1$  keys. So, the height of the tree is  $\log_{\lceil d/2 \rceil} n$ , where  $n$  is the number of keys. In the best case, each node contains  $d - 1$  keys. So, the height of the tree is  $\log_d n$ . Consider a B-tree of order **12** for 10 million keys. The height of the tree is between  $\log_6 10,000,000 \approx 7$  and  $\log_{12} 10,000,000 \approx 9$ . So, for search, insertion, and deletion operations, the maximum number of nodes visited is **42**. If you use an AVL tree, the maximum number of nodes visited is  $\log_2 10,000,000 \approx 24$ .

## KEY TERMS

2-3-4 tree 42-2

2-4 tree 42-2

2-node 42-2

3-node 42-2

4-node 42-2

B-tree 42-11

fusion operation 42-7

split operation 42-4

transfer operation 42-7



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. A 2-4 tree is a completely balanced search tree. In a 2-4 tree, a node may have one, two, or three elements.
2. Searching an element in a 2-4 tree is similar to searching an element in a binary tree. The difference is that you have searched an element within a node.
3. To insert an element to a 2-4 tree, locate a leaf node in which the element will be inserted. If the leaf node is a 2- or 3-node, simply insert the element into the node. If the node is a 4-node, split the node.
4. The process of deleting an element from a 2-4 tree is similar to that of deleting an element from a binary tree. The difference is that you have to perform transfer or fusion operations for empty nodes.
5. The height of a 2-4 tree is  $O(\log n)$ . So, the time complexities for the search, insert, and delete methods are  $O(\log n)$ .
6. A B-tree is a generalization of the 2-4 tree. Each node in a B-tree of order  $d$  can have between  $\lceil d/2 \rceil - 1$  and  $d - 1$  keys except the root. 2-4 trees are flatter than AVL trees and B-trees are flatter than 2-4 trees. B-trees are efficient for creating indexes for data in database systems where large amounts of data are stored on disks.



## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

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## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

- \*42.1 (Implement *inorder*) The *inorder* method in **Tree24** is left as an exercise. Implement it.
- 42.2 (Implement *postorder*) The *postorder* method in **Tree24** is left as an exercise. Implement it.
- 42.3 (Implement *iterator*) The *iterator* method in **Tree24** is left as an exercise. Implement it to iterate the elements using *inorder*.
- \*42.4 (Display a 2-4 tree graphically) Write a GUI program that displays a 2-4 tree.
- \*\*\*42.5 (2-4 tree animation) Write a GUI program that animates the 2-4 tree *insert*, *delete*, and *search* methods, as shown in Figure 42.4.
- \*\*42.6 (Parent reference for **Tree24**) Redefine **Tree24Node** to add a reference to a node's parent, as shown below:

Tree24Node<E>	
elements: ArrayList<E>	An array list for storing the elements.
child: ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>>	An array list for storing the links to the child nodes.
parent: Tree24Node<E>	Refers to the parent of this node.
<hr/>	
+Tree24()	Creates an empty tree node.
+Tree24(o: E)	Creates a tree node with an initial element.

Add the following two new methods in **Tree24**:

```
public Tree24Node<E> getParent(Tree24Node<E> node)
```

Returns the parent for the specified node.

```
public ArrayList<Tree24Node<E>> getPath(Tree24Node<E> node)
```

Returns the path from the specified node to the root in an array list.

Write a test program that adds numbers **1, 2, ..., 100** to the tree and displays the paths for all leaf nodes.

**\*\*\*42.7** (The *BTree* class) Design and implement a class for B-trees.

# CHAPTER 43

## RED-BLACK TREES

### Objectives

- To know what a red-black tree is (§43.1).
- To convert a red-black tree to a 2–4 tree and vice versa (§43.2).
- To design the **RBTree** class that extends the **BST** class (§43.3).
- To insert an element in a red-black tree and resolve the double-red violation if necessary (§43.4).
- To delete an element from a red-black tree and resolve the double-black problem if necessary (§43.5).
- To implement and test the **RBTree** class (§§43.6–43.7).
- To compare the performance of AVL trees, 2–4 trees, and **RBTree** (§43.8).





## 43.1 Introduction

*A red-black tree is a balanced binary search tree derived from a 2-4 tree. A red-black tree corresponds to a 2-4 tree.*

Each node in a red-black tree has a *color attribute* red or black, as shown in Figure 43.1(a). A node is called *external* if its left or right subtree is empty. Note that a leaf node is external, but an external node is not necessarily a leaf node. For example, node **25** is external, but it is not a leaf. The *black depth* of a node is defined as the number of black nodes in a path from the node to the root. For example, the black depth of node **25** is **2**, and that of node **27** is **2**.



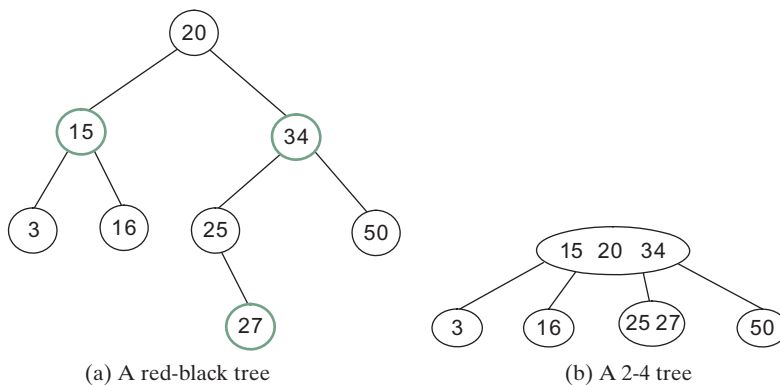
### Note

The red nodes appear in blue in the text.

A red-black tree has the following properties:

1. The root is black.
2. Two adjacent nodes cannot be both red.
3. All external nodes have the same black depth.

The red-black tree in Figure 43.1(a) satisfies all three properties. A red-black tree can be converted to a 2-4 tree, and vice versa. Figure 43.1(b) shows an equivalent 2-4 tree for the red-black tree in Figure 43.1(a).



**FIGURE 43.1** A red-black tree can be represented using a 2-4 tree, and vice versa.

## 43.2 Conversion between Red-Black Trees and 2-4 Trees



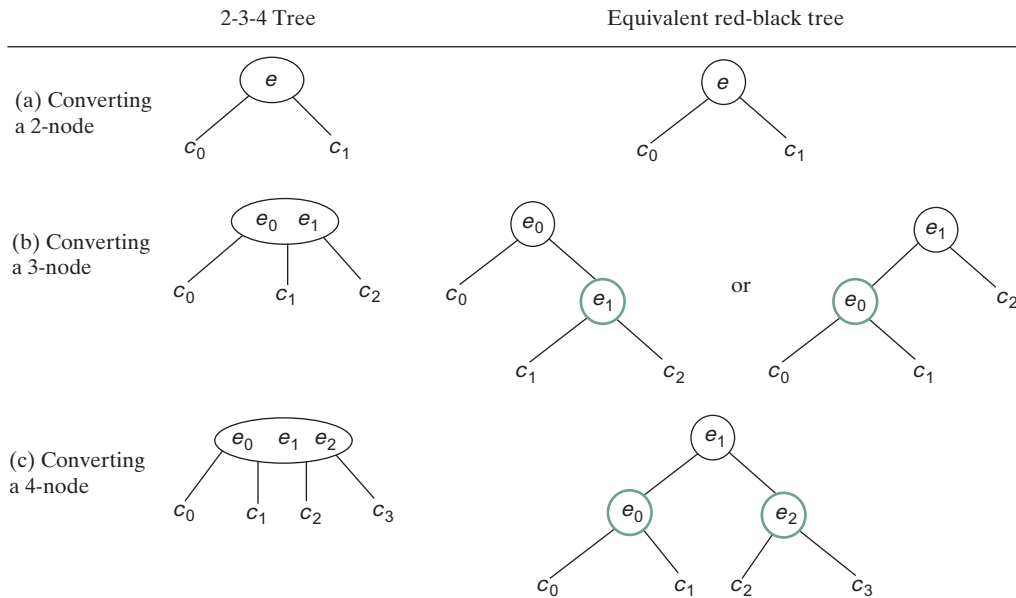
*This section discusses the correspondence between a red-black tree and a 2-4 tree.*

You can design insertion and deletion algorithms for red-black trees without having knowledge of 2-4 trees. However, the correspondence between red-black trees and 2-4 trees provides useful intuition about the structure of red-black trees and operations. For this reason, this section discusses the correspondence between these two types of trees.

To convert a red-black tree to a 2-4 tree, simply merge every red node with its parent to create a 3-node or a 4-node. For example, the red nodes **15** and **34** are merged to their parent to create a 4-node, and the red node **27** is merged to its parent to create a 3-node, as shown in Figure 43.1(b).

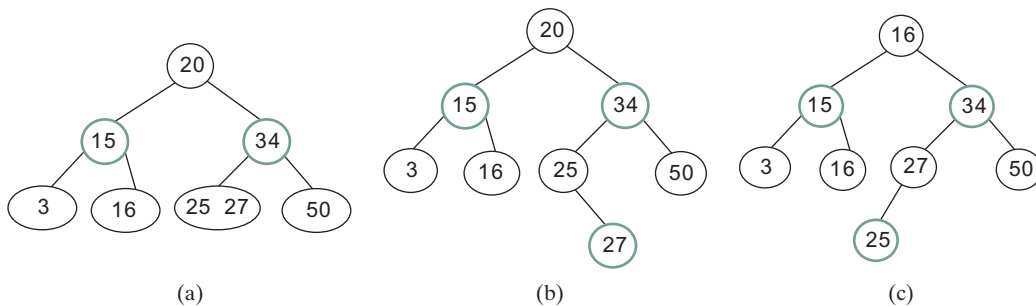
To convert a 2-4 tree to a red-black tree, perform the following transformations for each node  $u$ :

1. If  $u$  is a 2-node, color it black, as shown in Figure 43.2(a).
2. If  $u$  is a 3-node with element values  $e_0$  and  $e_1$ , there are two ways to convert it. Either make  $e_0$  the parent of  $e_1$  or make  $e_1$  the parent of  $e_0$ . In any case, color the parent black and the child red, as shown in Figure 43.2(b).
3. If  $u$  is a 4-node with element values  $e_0$ ,  $e_1$ , and  $e_2$ , make  $e_1$  the parent of  $e_0$  and  $e_2$ . Color  $e_1$  black and  $e_0$  and  $e_2$  red, as shown in Figure 43.2(c).



**FIGURE 43.2** A node in a 2-4 tree can be transformed to nodes in a red-black tree.

Let us apply the transformation for the 2-4 tree in Figure 43.1(b). After transforming the 4-node, the tree is as shown in Figure 43.3(a). After transforming the 3-node, the tree is as shown in Figure 43.3(b). Note the transformation for a 3-node is not unique. Therefore, the conversion from a 2-4 tree to a red-black tree is *not unique*. After transforming the 3-node, the tree could also be as shown in Figure 43.3(c).



**FIGURE 43.3** The conversion from a 2-4 tree to a red-black tree is not unique.

You can prove the conversion results in a red-black tree that satisfies all three properties.

Property 1. The root is black.

Proof: If the root of a 2-4 tree is a 2-node, the root of the red-black tree is black. If the root of a 2-4 tree is a 3-node or 4-node, the transformation produces a black parent at the root.

Property 2. Two adjacent nodes cannot be both red.

Proof: Since the parent of a red node is always black, no two adjacent nodes can be both red.

Property 3. All external nodes have the same black depth.

Proof: When you convert a node in a 2-4 tree to red-black tree nodes, you get one black node and zero, one, or two red nodes as its children, depending on whether the original node is a 2-, 3-, or 4-node. Only a leaf 2-4 node may produce external red-black nodes. Since a 2-4 tree is perfectly balanced, the number of black nodes in any path from the root to an external node is the same.



- 43.2.1** What is a red-black tree? What is an external node? What is black depth?
- 43.2.2** Describe the properties of a red-black tree.
- 43.2.3** How do you convert a red-black tree to a 2-4 tree? Is the conversion unique?
- 43.2.4** How do you convert a 2-4 tree to a red-black tree? Is the conversion unique?

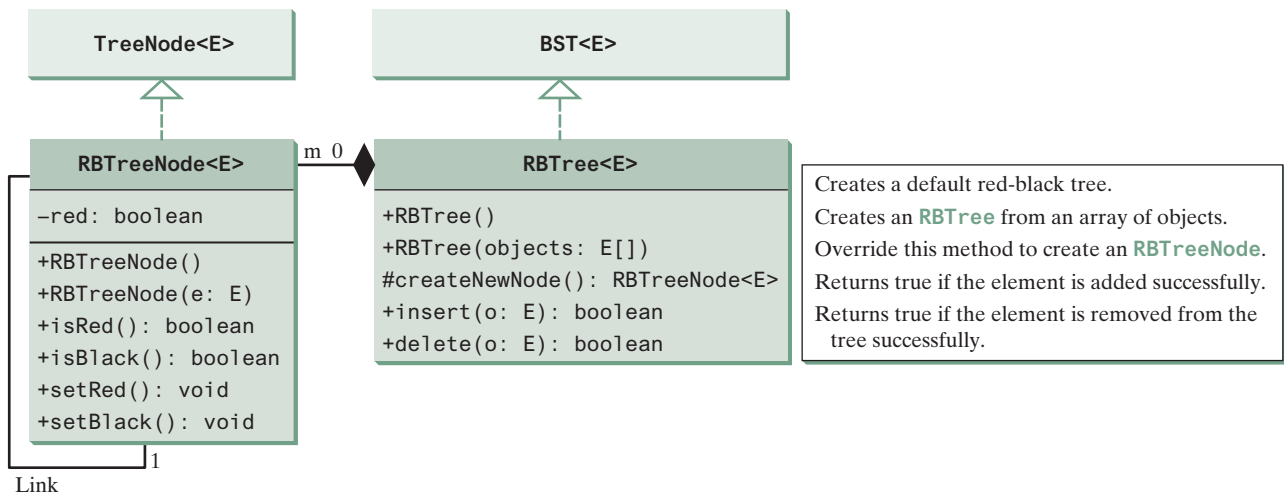


### 43.3 Designing Classes for Red-Black Trees

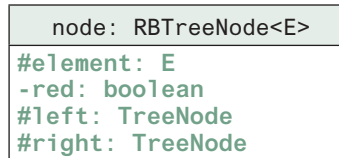
*A red-black tree designs a class for a red-black tree.*

A red-black tree is a binary search tree. So, you can define the **RBTree** class to extend the **BST** class, as shown in Figure 43.4. The **BST** and **TreeNode** classes are defined in §26.2.5.

Each node in a red-black tree has a color property. Because the color is either red or black, it is efficient to use the **boolean** type to denote it. The **RBTreeNode** class can be defined to extend **BST.TreeNode** with the color property. For convenience, we also provide the methods for checking the color and setting a new color. Note that **TreeNode** is defined as a static inner class in **BST**. **RBTreeNode** will be defined as a static inner class in **RBTree**. Note that **BSTNode** contains the data fields **element**, **left**, and **right**, which are inherited in **RBTreeNode**. So, **RBTreeNode** contains four data fields, as pictured in Figure 43.5.



**FIGURE 43.4** The **RBTree** class extends **BST** with new implementations for the **insert** and **delete** methods.



**FIGURE 43.5** An `RBTreeNode` contains data fields `element`, `red`, `left`, and `right`.

In the `BST` class, the `createNewNode()` method creates a `TreeNode` object. This method is overridden in the `RBTree` class to create an `RBTreeNode`. Note the return type of the `createNewNode()` method in the `BST` class is `TreeNode`, but the return type of the `createNewNode()` method in `RBTree` class is `RBTreeNode`. This is fine, since `RBTreeNode` is a subtype of `TreeNode`.

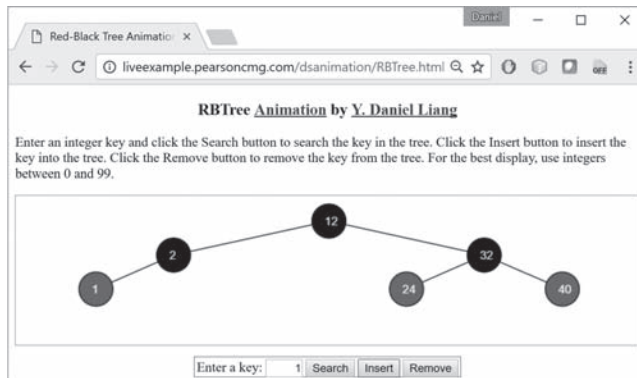
Searching an element in a red-black tree is the same as searching in a regular binary search tree. So, the `search` method defined in the `BST` class also works for `RBTree`.

The `insert` and `delete` methods are overridden to insert and delete an element and perform operations for coloring and restructuring if necessary to ensure that the three properties of the red-black tree are satisfied.



### Pedagogical Note

Run from <http://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/RBTree.html> to see how a red-black tree works, as shown in Figure 43.6.



**FIGURE 43.6** The animation tool enables you to insert, delete, and search elements in a red-black tree visually.

## 43.4 Overriding the insert Method

*This section discusses how to insert an element to red-black tree.*

A new element is always inserted as a leaf node. If the new node is the root, color it black. Otherwise, color it red. If the parent of the new node is red, it violates Property 2 of the red-black tree. We call this a *double-red* violation.

Let  $u$  denote the new node inserted,  $v$  the parent of  $u$ ,  $w$  the parent of  $v$ , and  $x$  the sibling of  $v$ . To fix the double-red violation, consider two cases:

Case 1:  $x$  is black or  $x$  is null. There are four possible configurations for  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$ , and  $x$ , as shown in Figures 43.7(a), 43.8(a), 43.9(a), and 43.10(a). In this case,  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  form a 4-node in the corresponding 2-4 tree, as shown in Figures 43.7(c), 43.8(c), 43.9(c), and 43.10(c), but are represented incorrectly in the red-black tree. To correct this error, restructure and recolor three nodes  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ , as shown in Figures 43.7(b), 43.8(b), 43.9(b), and 43.10(b). Note  $x$ ,  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ , and  $y_3$  may be null.



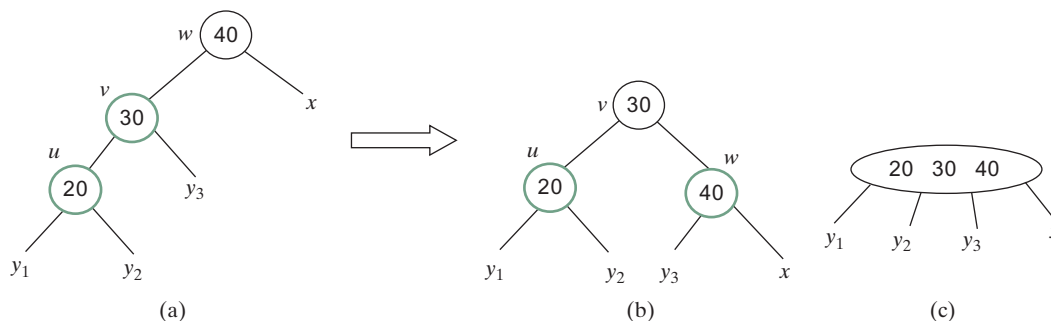


FIGURE 43.7 Case 1.1:  $u < v < w$ .

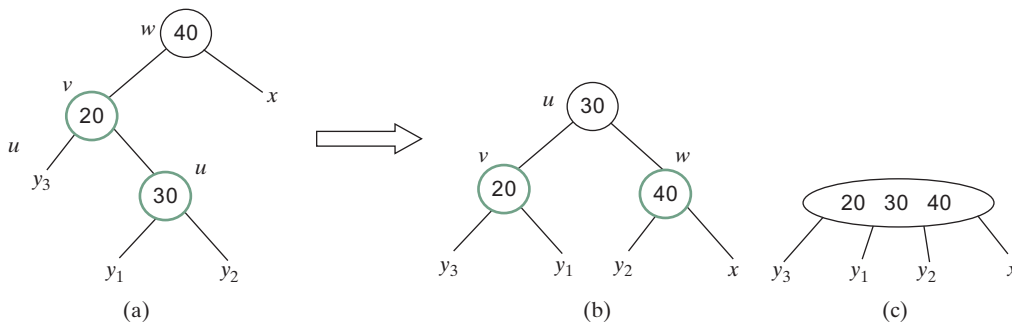


FIGURE 43.8 Case 1.2:  $v < u < w$

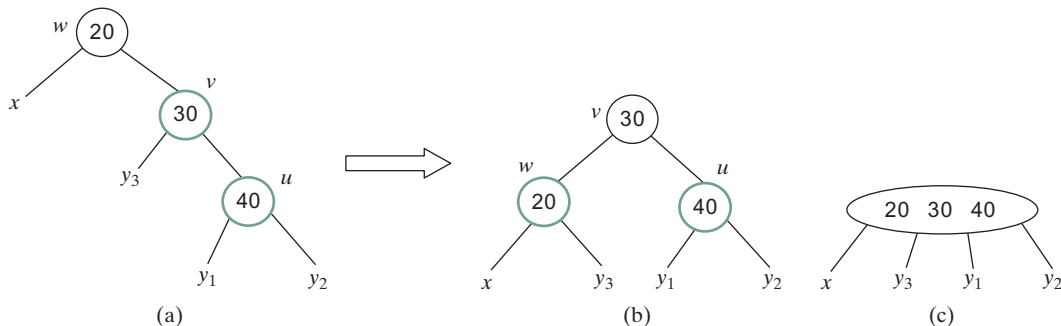


FIGURE 43.9 Case 1.3:  $w < v < u$

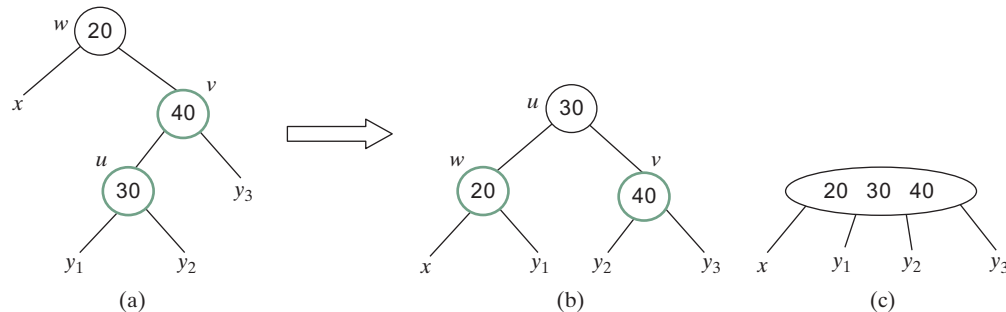


FIGURE 43.10 Case 1.4:  $w < u < v$

Case 2:  $x$  is red. There are four possible configurations for  $u, v, w, w$ , and  $x$ , as shown in Figures 43.11(a), 43.11(b), 43.11(c), and 43.11(d). All of these configurations correspond to an overflow situation in the corresponding 4-node in a 2-4 tree, as shown in Figure 43.12(a). A splitting operation is performed to fix the overflow problem in a 2-4 tree, as shown in Figure 43.12(b). We perform an equivalent recoloring operation to fix the problem in a red-black tree. Color  $w$  and  $u$  red and color two children of  $w$  black. Assume  $u$  is a left child of  $v$ , as shown



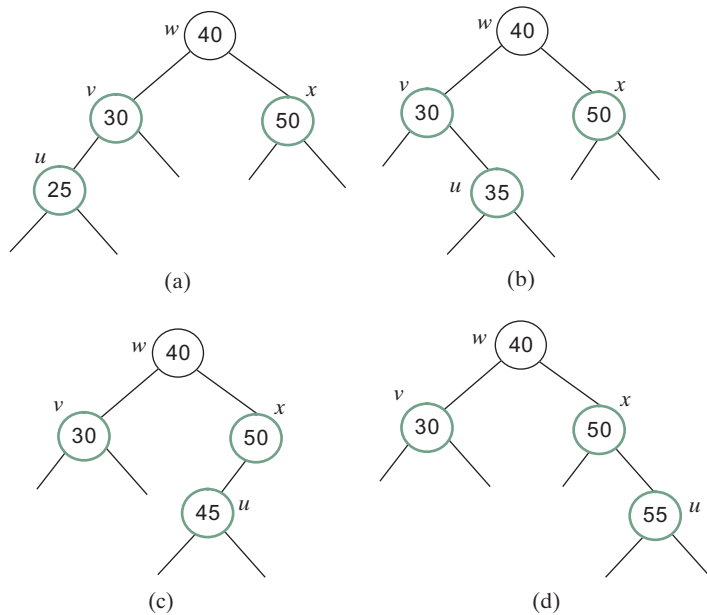


FIGURE 43.11 Case 2 has four possible configurations.

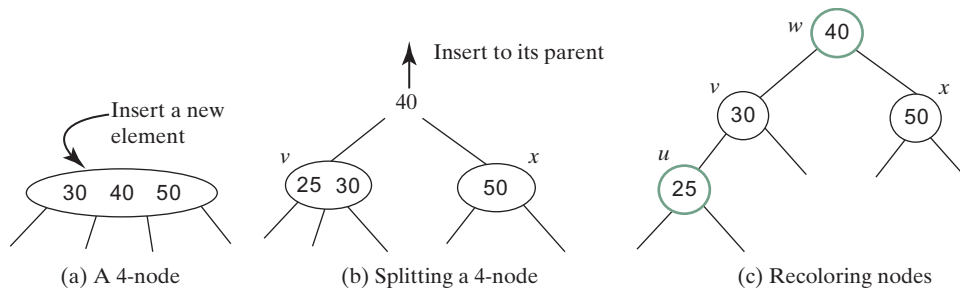


FIGURE 43.12 Splitting a 4-node corresponds to recoloring the nodes in the red-black tree.

in Figure 43.11(a). After recoloring, the nodes are shown in Figure 43.12(c). Now  $w$  is red, if  $w$ 's parent is black, the double-red violation is fixed. Otherwise, a new double-red violation occurs at node  $w$ . We need to continue the same process to eliminate the double-red violation at  $w$ , recursively.

A more detailed algorithm for inserting an element is described in Listing 43.1.

### LISTING 43.1 Inserting an Element to a Red-Black Tree

```

1 public boolean insert(E e) {
2     boolean successful = super.insert(e);
3     if (!successful)
4         return false; // e is already in the tree
5     else {
6         ensureRBTree(e);
7     }
8
9     return true; // e is inserted
10 }
11
12 /** Ensure that the tree is a red-black tree */
13 private void ensureRBTree(E e) {
14     Get the path that leads to element e from the root.

```

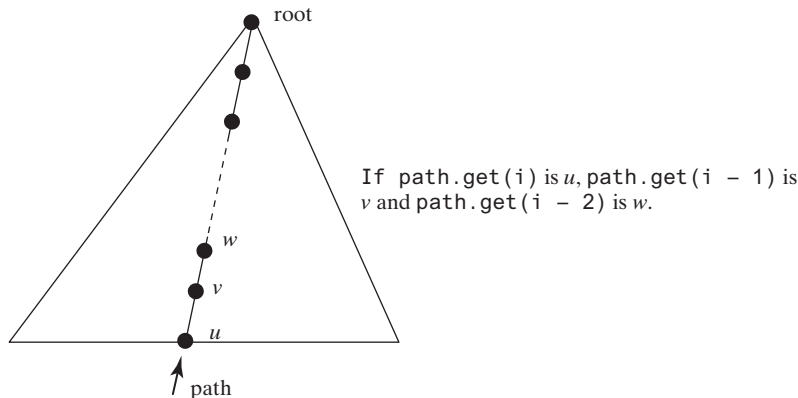
```

15     int i = path.size() - 1; // Index to the current node in the path
16     Get u, v from the path. u is the node that contains e and v
17         is the parent of u.
18     Color u red;
19
20     if (u == root) // If e is inserted as the root, set root black
21         u.setBlack();
22     else if (v.isRed())
23         fixDoubleRed(u, v, path, i); // Fix double-red violation at u
24 }
25
26 /** Fix double-red violation at node u */
27 private void fixDoubleRed(RBTreeNode<E> u, RBTreeNode<E> v,
28     ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path, int i) {
29     Get w from the path. w is the grandparent of u.
30
31     // Get v's sibling named x
32     RBTreeNode<E> x = (w.left == v) ?
33         (RBTreeNode<E>)(w.right) : (RBTreeNode<E>)(w.left);
34
35     if (x == null || x.isBlack()) {
36         // Case 1: v's sibling x is black
37         if (w.left == v && v.left == u) {
38             // Case 1.1: u < v < w, Restructure and recolor nodes
39         }
40         else if (w.left == v && v.right == u) {
41             // Case 1.2: v < u < w, Restructure and recolor nodes
42         }
43         else if (w.right == v && v.right == u) {
44             // Case 1.3: w < v < u, Restructure and recolor nodes
45         }
46         else {
47             // Case 1.4: w < u < v, Restructure and recolor nodes
48         }
49     }
50     else { // Case 2: v's sibling x is red
51         Color w and u red
52         Color two children of w black.
53
54         if (w is root) {
55             Set w black;
56         }
57         else if (the parent of w is red) {
58             // Propagate along the path to fix new double-red violation
59             u = w;
60             v = parent of w;
61             fixDoubleRed(u, v, path, i - 2); // i - 2 propagates upward
62         }
63     }
64 }

```

The `insert(E e)` method (lines 1–10) invokes the `insert` method in the `BST` class to create a new leaf node for the element (line 2). If the element is already in the tree, return false (line 4). Otherwise, invoke `ensureRBTree(e)` (line 6) to ensure that the tree satisfies the color and black depth property of the red-black tree.

The `ensureRBTree(E e)` method (lines 13–24) obtains the path that leads to `e` from the root (line 14), as shown in Figure 43.13. This path plays an important role to implement the algorithm. From this path, you get nodes `u` and `v` (lines 16–17). If `u` is the root, color `u` black (lines 20–21). If `v` is red, a double-red violation occurs at node `u`. Invoke `fixDoubleRed` to fix the problem.



**FIGURE 43.13** The path consists of the nodes from  $u$  to the root.

The `fixDoubleRed` method (lines 27–63) fixes the double-red violation. It first obtains  $w$  (the parent of  $v$ ) from the path (line 29) and  $x$  (the sibling of  $v$ ) (lines 32–33). If  $x$  is empty or a black node, restructure and recolor three nodes  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  to eliminate the problem (lines 35–49). If  $x$  is a red node, recolor the nodes  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$ , and  $x$  (lines 51–52). If  $w$  is the root, color  $w$  black (lines 54–56). If the parent of  $w$  is red, the double-red violation reappears at  $w$ . Invoke `fixDoubleRed` with new  $u$  and  $v$  to fix the problem (line 61). Note that now  $i - 2$  points to the new  $u$  in the path. This adjustment is necessary to locate the new nodes  $w$  and parent of  $w$  along the path.

Figure 43.14 shows the steps of inserting 34, 3, 50, 20, 15, 16, 25, and 27 into an empty red-black tree. When inserting 20 into the tree in (d), Case 2 applies to recolor 3 and 50 to black. When inserting 15 into the tree in (g), Case 1.4 applies to restructure and recolor nodes 15, 20, and 3. When inserting 16 into the tree in (i), Case 2 applies to recolor nodes 3 and 20 to black and nodes 15 and 16 to red. When inserting 27 into the tree in (l), Case 2 applies to recolor nodes 16 and 25 to black and nodes 20 and 27 to red. Now a new double-red problem occurs at node 20. Apply Case 1.2 to restructure and recolor nodes. The new tree is shown in (n).

## 43.5 Overriding the delete Method

*This section discusses how to delete an element to red-black tree.*

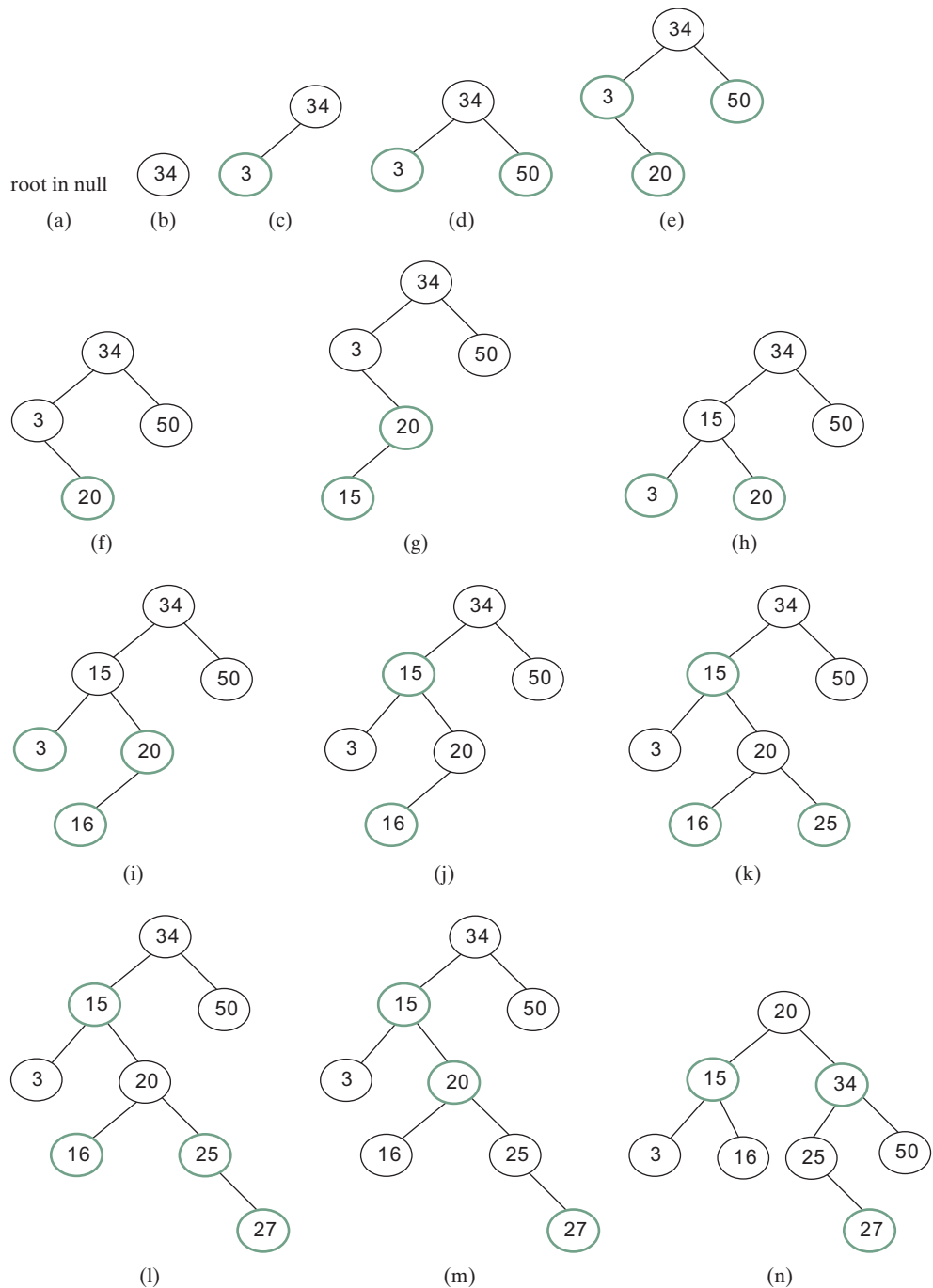
To delete an element from a red-black tree, first search the element in the tree to locate the node that contains the element. If the element is not in the tree, the method returns false. Let  $u$  be the node that contains the element. If  $u$  is an internal node with both left and right children, find the rightmost node in the left subtree of  $u$ . Replace the element in  $u$  with the element in the rightmost node. Now we will only consider deleting external nodes.

Let  $u$  be an external node to be deleted. Since  $u$  is an external node, it has at most one child, denoted by  $childOfu$ .  $childOfu$  may be `null`. Let  $parentOfu$  denote the parent of  $u$ , as shown in Figure 43.15(a). Delete  $u$  by connecting  $childOfu$  with  $parentOfu$ , as shown in Figure 43.15(b).

Consider the following case:

- If  $u$  is red, we are done.
- If  $u$  is black and  $childOfu$  is red, color  $childOfu$  black to maintain the black height for  $childOfu$ .
- Otherwise, assign  $childOfu$  a fictitious *double black*, as shown in Figure 43.16(a). We call this a *double-black problem*, which indicates that the black depth is short by 1, caused by deleting a black node  $u$ .





**FIGURE 43.14** Inserting into a red-black tree: (a) initial empty tree; (b) inserting 34; (c) inserting 3; (d) inserting 50; (e) inserting 20 causes a double red; (f) after recoloring (Case 2); (g) inserting 15 causes a double red; (h) after restructuring and recoloring (Case 1.4); (i) inserting 16 causes a double red; (j) after recoloring (Case 2); (k) inserting 25; (l) inserting 27 causes a double red at 27; (m) a double red at 20 reappears after recoloring (Case 2); and (n) after restructuring and recoloring (Case 1.2).

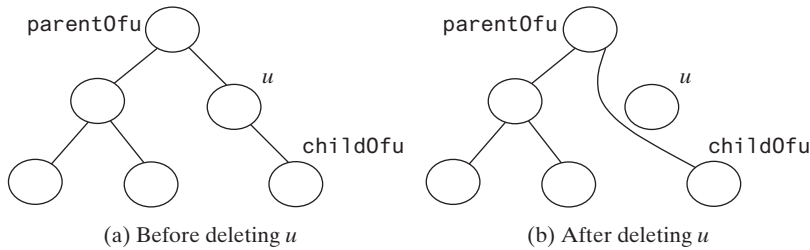


FIGURE 43.15  $u$  is an external node and `childOfu` may be null.

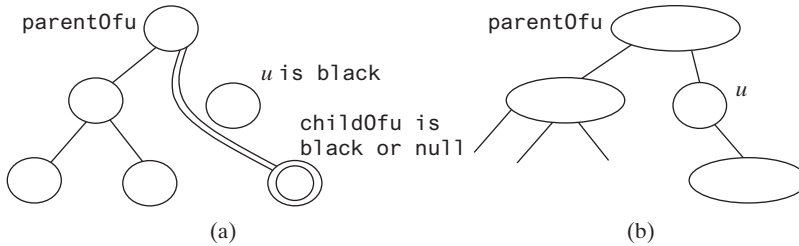


FIGURE 43.16 (a) `childOfu` is denoted double black. (b)  $u$  corresponds to an empty node in a 2-4 tree.

A double black in a red-black tree corresponds to an empty node for  $u$  (i.e., underflow situation) in the corresponding 2-4 tree, as shown in Figure 43.16(b). To fix the double-black problem, we will perform equivalent transfer and fusion operations. Consider three cases:

**Case 1:** The sibling  $y$  of `childOfu` is black and has a red child. This case has four possible configurations, as shown in Figures 43.17(a), 43.18(a), 43.19(a), and 43.20(a). The dashed circle denotes that the node is either red or black. To eliminate the double-black problem, restructure and recolor the nodes, as shown in Figures 43.17(b), 43.18(b), 43.19(b), and 43.20(b).

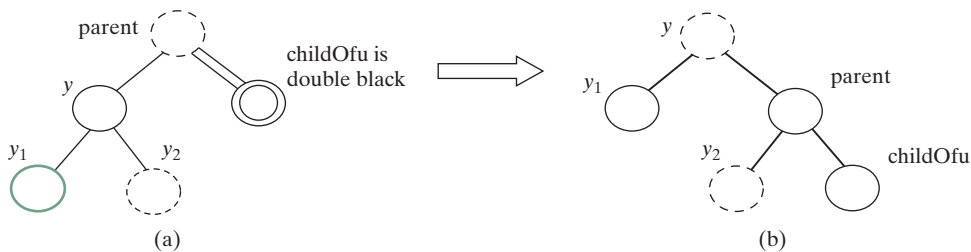


FIGURE 43.17 Case 1.1: The sibling  $y$  of `childOfu` is black and  $y_1$  is red.

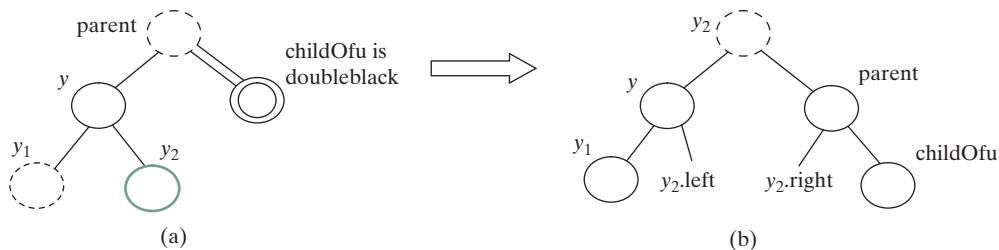


FIGURE 43.18 Case 1.2: The sibling  $y$  of `childOfu` is black and  $y_2$  is red.

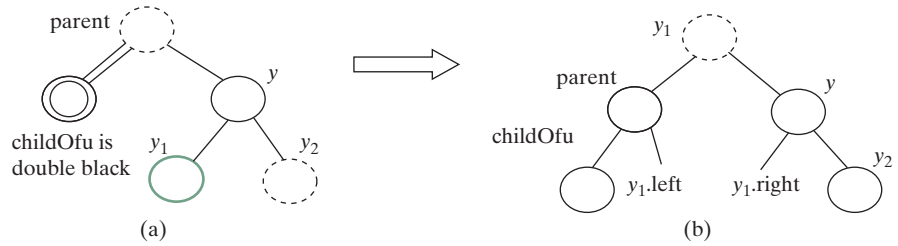


FIGURE 43.19 Case 1.3: The sibling  $y$  of  $childOfu$  is black and  $y_1$  is red.

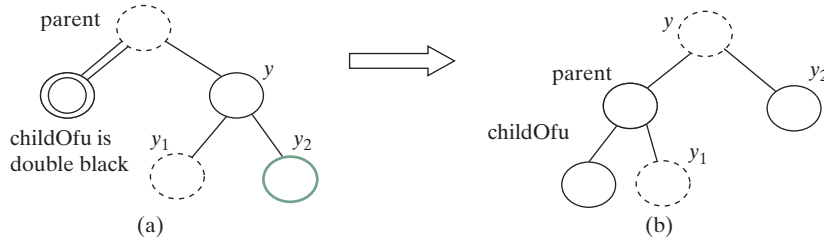


FIGURE 43.20 Case 1.4: the sibling  $y$  of  $childOfu$  is black and  $y_2$  is red.



**Note**

Case 1 corresponds to a *transfer* operation in the 2-4 tree. For example, the corresponding 2-4 tree for Figure 43.17(a) is shown in Figure 43.21(a), and it is transformed into Figure 43.21(b) through a transfer operation.

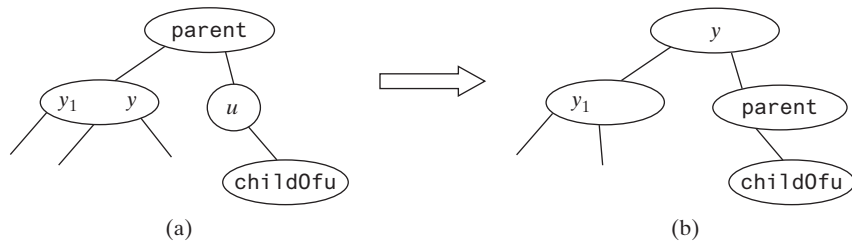


FIGURE 43.21 Case 1 corresponds to a transfer operation in the corresponding 2-4 tree.

**Case 2:** The sibling  $y$  of  $childOfu$  is black and its children are black or **null**. In this case, change  $y$ 's color to red. If **parent** is red, change it to black, and we are done, as shown in Figure 43.22. If **parent** is black, we denote **parent** double black, as shown in Figure 43.23. The double-black problem *propagates* to the parent node.

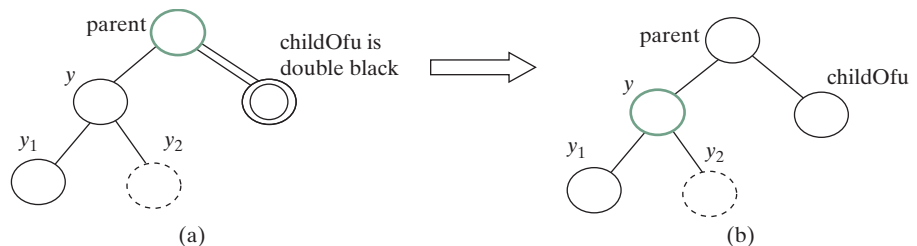


FIGURE 43.22 Case 2: Recoloring eliminates the double-black problem if **parent** is red.

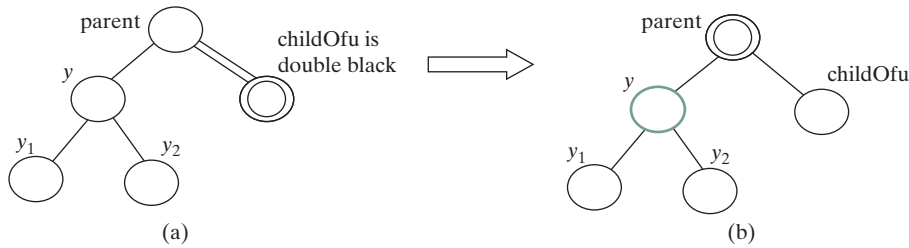


FIGURE 43.23 Case 2: Recoloring propagates the double-black problem if **parent** is black.



**Note**

Figures 43.22 and 43.23 show that **childOfu** is a right child of **parent**. If **childOfu** is a left child of **parent**, recoloring is performed identically.



**Note**

Case 2 corresponds to a *fusion* operation in the 2-4 tree. For example, the corresponding 2-4 tree for Figure 43.22(a) is shown in Figure 43.24(a), and it is transformed into Figure 43.24(b) through a fusion operation.

**Case 3:** The sibling **y** of **childOfu** is red. In this case, perform an *adjustment* operation. If **y** is a left child of **parent**, let **y1** and **y2** be the left and right children of **y**, as shown in Figure 43.25. If **y** is a right child of **parent**, let **y1** and **y2** be the left and right child of **y**, as shown in Figure 43.26. In both cases, color **y** black and **parent** red. **childOfu** is still a fictitious double-black node. After the adjustment, the sibling of **childOfu** is now black, and either Case 1 or Case 2 applies. If Case 1 applies, a one-time restructuring and recoloring operation eliminates the double-black problem. If Case 2 applies, the double-black problem cannot reappear, since **parent** is now red. Therefore, one-time application of Case 1 or Case 2 will complete Case 3.



**Note**

Case 3 results from the fact that a 3-node may be transformed in two ways to a red-black tree, as shown in Figure 43.27.

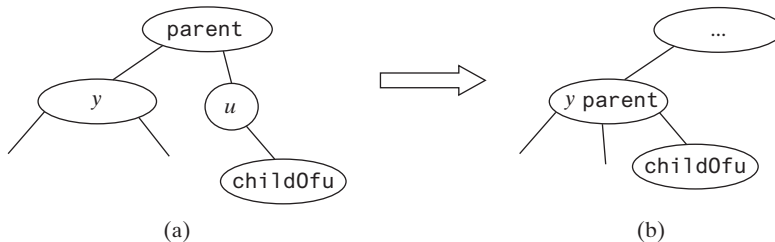


FIGURE 43.24 Case 2 corresponds to a fusion operation in the corresponding 2-4 tree.

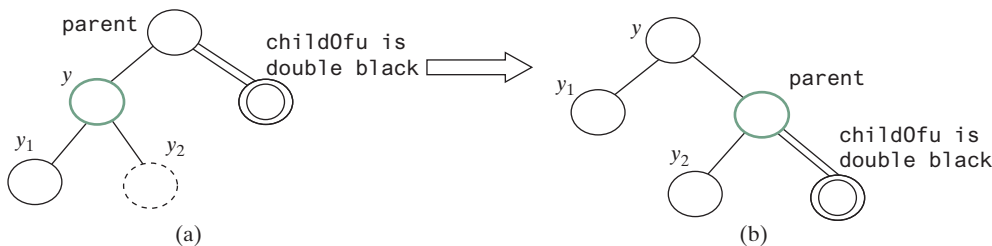


FIGURE 43.25 Case 3.1: **y** is a left red child of **parent**.

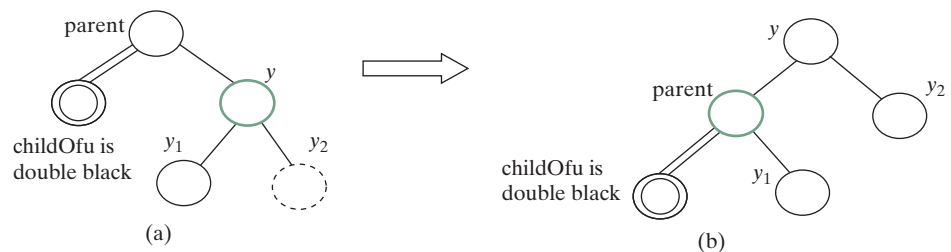


FIGURE 43.26 Case 3.2:  $y$  is a right red child of  $parent$ .

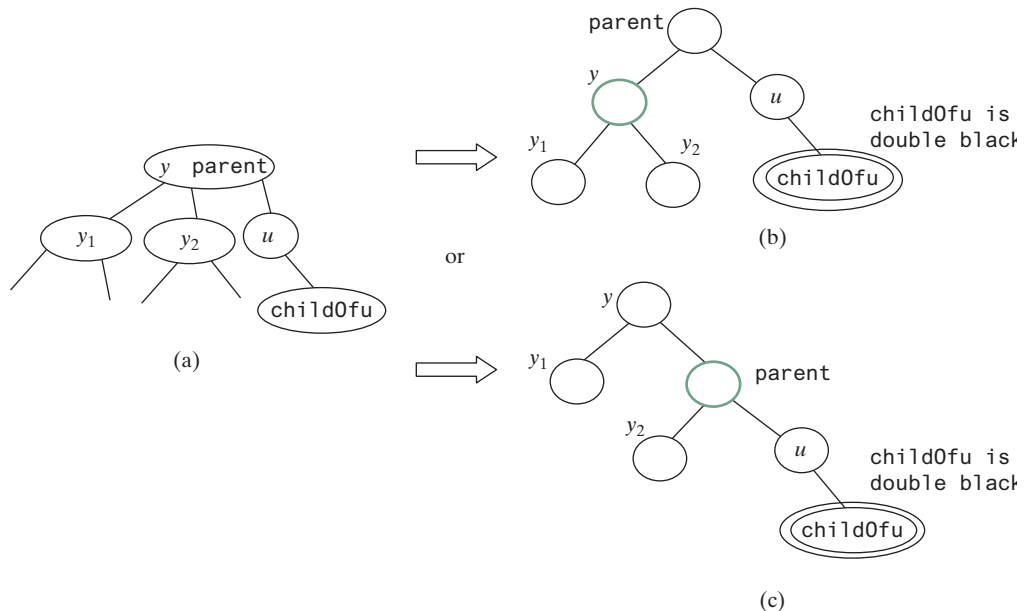


FIGURE 43.27 A 3-node may be transformed in two ways to red-black tree nodes.

Based on the foregoing discussion, Listing 43.2 presents a more detailed algorithm for deleting an element.

### LISTING 43.2 Deleting an Element from a Red-Black Tree

```

1 public boolean delete(E e) {
2     Locate the node to be deleted
3     if (the node is not found)
4         return false;
5
6     if (the node is an internal node) {
7         Find the rightmost node in the subtree of the node;
8         Replace the element in the node with the one in rightmost;
9         The rightmost node is the node to be deleted now;
10    }
11
12    Obtain the path from the root to the node to be deleted;
13
14    // Delete the last node in the path and propagate if needed
15    deleteLastNodeInPath(path);
16

```



```

17     size--; // After one element deleted
18     return true; // Element deleted
19 }
20
21 /** Delete the last node from the path. */
22 public void deleteLastNodeInPath(ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path) {
23     Get the last node u in the path;
24     Get parentOfu and grandparentOfu in the path;
25     Get childOfu from u;
26     Delete node u. Connect childOfu with parentOfu
27
28     // Recolor the nodes and fix double black if needed
29     if (childOfu == root || u.isRed())
30         return; // Done if childOfu is root or if u is red
31     else if (childOfu != null && childOfu.isRed())
32         childOfu.setBlack(); // Set it black, done
33     else // u is black, childOfu is null or black
34         // Fix double black on parentOfu
35         fixDoubleBlack(grandparentOfu, parentOfu, childOfu, path, i);
36 }
37
38 /** Fix the double black problem at node parent */
39 private void fixDoubleBlack(
40     RBTreeNode<E> grandparent, RBTreeNode<E> parent,
41     RBTreeNode<E> db, ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path, int i) {
42     Obtain y, y1, and y2
43
44     if (y.isBlack() && y1 != null && y1.isRed()) {
45         if (parent.right == db) {
46             // Case 1.1: y is a left black sibling and y1 is red
47             Restructure and recolor parent, y, and y1 to fix the problem;
48         }
49         else {
50             // Case 1.3: y is a right black sibling and y1 is red
51             Restructure and recolor parent, y1, and y to fix the problem;
52         }
53     }
54     else if (y.isBlack() && y2 != null && y2.isRed()) {
55         if (parent.right == db) {
56             // Case 1.2: y is a left black sibling and y2 is red
57             Restructure and recolor parent, y2, and y to fix the problem;
58         }
59         else {
60             // Case 1.4: y is a right black sibling and y2 is red
61             Restructure and recolor parent, y, and y2 to fix the problem;
62         }
63     }
64     else if (y.isBlack()) {
65         // Case 2: y is black and y's children are black or null
66         Recolor y to red;
67
68         if (parent.isRed())
69             parent.setBlack(); // Done
70         else if (parent != root) {
71             // Propagate double black to the parent node
72             // Fix new appearance of double black recursively
73             db = parent;
74             parent = grandparent;
75             grandparent =
76                 (i >= 3) ? (RBTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i - 3)) : null;

```

```

77     fixDoubleBlack(grandparent, parent, db, path, i - 1);
78     }
79     }
80     else if (y.isRed()) {
81         if (parent.right == db) {
82             // Case 3.1: y is a left red child of parent
83             parent.left = y2;
84             y.right = parent;
85         }
86         else {
87             // Case 3.2: y is a right red child of parent
88             parent.right = y.left;
89             y.left = parent;
90         }
91
92         parent.setRed(); // Color parent red
93         y.setBlack(); // Color y black
94         connectNewParent(grandparent, parent, y); // y is new parent
95         fixDoubleBlack(y, parent, db, path, i - 1);
96     }
97 }

```

The `delete(E e)` method (lines 1–19) locates the node that contains `e` (line 2). If the node does not exist, return `false` (lines 3–4). If the node is an internal node, find the right most node in its left subtree and replace the element in the node with the element in the right most node (lines 6–9). Now the node to be deleted is an external node. Obtain the path from the root to the node (line 12). Invoke `deleteLastNodeInPath(path)` to delete the last node in the path and ensure that the tree is still a red-black tree (line 15).

The `deleteLastNodeInPath` method (lines 22–36) obtains the last node `u`, `parentOfu`, `grandparentOfu`, and `childOfu` (lines 23–26). If `childOfu` is the root or `u` is red, the tree is fine (lines 29–30). If `childOfu` is red, color it black (lines 31–32). We are done. Otherwise, `u` is black and `childOfu` is `null` or black. Invoke `fixDoubleBlack` to eliminate the double-black problem (line 35).

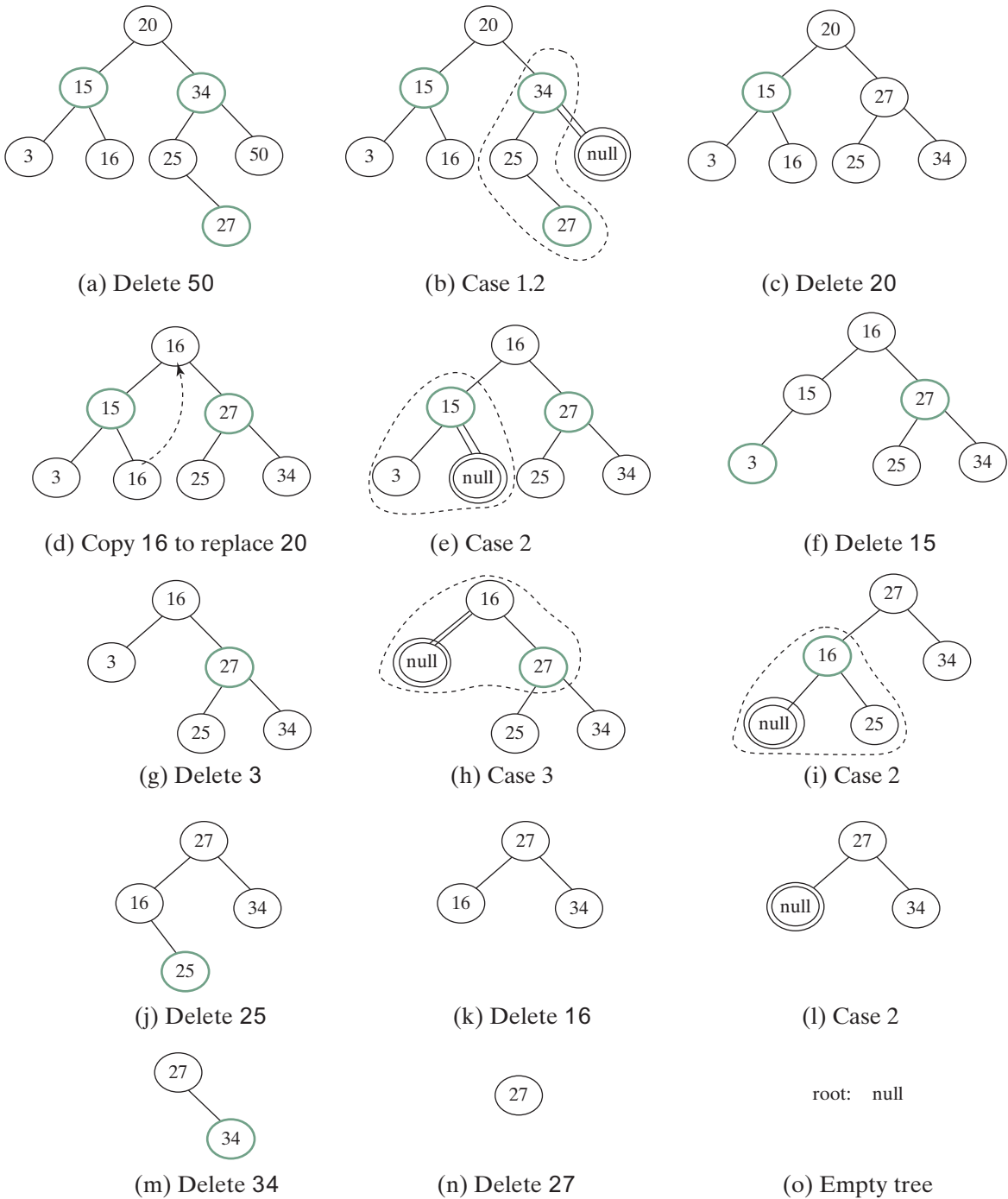
The `fixDoubleBlack` method (lines 39–97) eliminates the double-black problem. Obtain `y`, `y1`, and `y2` (line 42). `y` is the sibling of the double-black node. `y1` and `y2` are the left and right children of `y`. Consider three cases:

1. If `y` is black and one of its children is red, the double-black problem can be fixed by one-time restructuring and recoloring in Case 1 (lines 44–63).
2. If `y` is black and its children are `null` or black, change `y` to red. If `parent` of `y` is black, denote `parent` to be the new double-black node and invoke `fixDoubleBlack` recursively (line 77).
3. If `y` is red, adjust the nodes to make `parent` a child of `y` (lines 84, 89) and color `parent` red and `y` black (lines 92–93). Make `y` the new parent (line 94). Recursively invoke `fixDoubleBlack` on the same double-black node with a different color for `parent` (line 95).

Figure 43.28 shows the steps of deleting elements. To delete `50` from the tree in Figure 43.28(a), apply Case 1.2, as shown in Figure 43.28(b). After restructuring and recoloring, the new tree is as shown in Figure 43.28(c).

When deleting `20` in Figure 43.28(c), `20` is an internal node, and it is replaced by `16`, as shown in Figure 43.28(d). Now Case 2 applies to deleting the rightmost node, as shown in Figure 43.28(e). Recolor the nodes results in a new tree, as shown in Figure 43.28(f).

When deleting `15`, connect node 3 with node 20 and color node 3 black, as shown in Figure 43.28(g). We are done.



**FIGURE 43.28** Delete elements from a red-black tree.

After deleting **25**, the new tree is as shown in Figure 43.28(j). Now delete **16**. Apply Case 2, as shown in Figure 43.28(k). The new tree is shown in Figure 43.28(l).

After deleting **34**, the new tree is as shown in Figure 43.28(m).

After deleting **27**, the new tree is as shown in Figure 43.28(n).



- 43.5.1** What are the data fields in `RBTreeNode`?
- 43.5.2** How do you insert an element into a red-black tree and how do you fix the double-red violation?
- 43.5.3** How do you delete an element from a red-black tree and how do you fix the double-black problem?
- 43.5.4** Show the change of the tree when inserting **1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9, 7, 5, 8**, and **6** into it, in this order.
- 43.5.5** For the tree built in the preceding question, show the change of the tree after deleting **1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9, 7, 5, 8**, and **6** from it in this order.



## 43.6 Implementing `RBTree` Class

*This section implements the `RBTree` class.*

Listing 43.3 gives a complete implementation for the `RBTree` class.

### LISTING 43.3 `RBTree.java`

```

1  import java.util.ArrayList;
2
3  public class RBTree<E extends Comparable<E>> extends BST<E> {
4      /** Create a default RB tree */
5      public RBTree() {
6      }
7
8      /** Create an RB tree from an array of elements */
9      public RBTree(E[] elements) {
10         super(elements);
11     }
12
13     @Override /** Override createNewNode to create an RBTreeNode */
14     protected RBTreeNode<E> createNewNode(E e) {
15         return new RBTreeNode<E>(e);
16     }
17
18     @Override /** Override the insert method to
19         balance the tree if necessary */
20     public boolean insert(E e) {
21         boolean successful = super.insert(e);
22         if (!successful)
23             return false; // e is already in the tree
24         else {
25             ensureRBTree(e);
26         }
27
28         return true; // e is inserted
29     }
30
31     /** Ensure that the tree is a red-black tree */
32     private void ensureRBTree(E e) {
33         // Get the path that leads to element e from the root
34         ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path = path(e);
35
36         int i = path.size() - 1; // Index to the current node in the path
37
38         // u is the last node in the path. u contains element e
39         RBTreeNode<E> u = (RBTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i));

```

```

40
41 // v is the parent of of u, if exists
42 RBTTreeNode<E> v = (u == root) ? null :
43     (RBTTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i - 1));
44
45 u.setRed(); // It is OK to set u red
46
47 if (u == root) // If e is inserted as the root, set root black
48     u.setBlack();
49 else if (v.isRed())
50     fixDoubleRed(u, v, path, i); // Fix double-red violation at u
51 }
52
53 /** Fix double-red violation at node u */
54 private void fixDoubleRed(RBTTreeNode<E> u, RBTTreeNode<E> v,
55     ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path, int i) {
56     // w is the grandparent of u
57     RBTTreeNode<E> w = (RBTTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i - 2));
58     RBTTreeNode<E> parentOfw = (w == root) ? null :
59         (RBTTreeNode<E>)path.get(i - 3);
60
61     // Get v's sibling named x
62     RBTTreeNode<E> x = (w.left == v) ?
63         (RBTTreeNode<E>)(w.right) : (RBTTreeNode<E>)(w.left);
64
65     if (x == null || x.isBlack()) {
66         // Case 1: v's sibling x is black
67         if (w.left == v && v.left == u) {
68             // Case 1.1: u < v < w, Restructure and recolor nodes
69             restructureRecolor(u, v, w, w, parentOfw);
70
71             w.left = v.right; // v.right is y3 in Figure 43.6
72             v.right = w;
73         }
74         else if (w.left == v && v.right == u) {
75             // Case 1.2: v < u < w, Restructure and recolor nodes
76             restructureRecolor(v, u, w, w, parentOfw);
77             v.right = u.left;
78             w.left = u.right;
79             u.left = v;
80             u.right = w;
81         }
82         else if (w.right == v && v.right == u) {
83             // Case 1.3: w < v < u, Restructure and recolor nodes
84             restructureRecolor(w, v, u, w, parentOfw);
85             w.right = v.left;
86             v.left = w;
87         }
88         else {
89             // Case 1.4: w < u < v, Restructure and recolor nodes
90             restructureRecolor(w, u, v, w, parentOfw);
91             w.right = u.left;
92             v.left = u.right;
93             u.left = w;
94             u.right = v;
95         }
96     }
97     else { // Case 2: v's sibling x is red
98         // Recolor nodes
99         w.setRed();
100        u.setRed();

```

```

101         ((RBTreeNode<E>)(w.left)).setBlack();
102         ((RBTreeNode<E>)(w.right)).setBlack();
103
104         if (w == root) {
105             w.setBlack();
106         }
107         else if (((RBTreeNode<E>)parentOfw).isRed()) {
108             // Propagate along the path to fix new double-red violation
109             u = w;
110             v = (RBTreeNode<E>)parentOfw;
111             fixDoubleRed(u, v, path, i - 2); // i - 2 propagates upward
112         }
113     }
114 }
115
116 /** Connect b with parentOfw and recolor a, b, c for a < b < c */
117 private void restructureRecolor(RBTreeNode<E> a, RBTreeNode<E> b,
118     RBTreeNode<E> c, RBTreeNode<E> w, RBTreeNode<E> parentOfw) {
119     if (parentOfw == null)
120         root = b;
121     else if (parentOfw.left == w)
122         parentOfw.left = b;
123     else
124         parentOfw.right = b;
125
126     b.setBlack(); // b becomes the root in the subtree
127     a.setRed(); // a becomes the left child of b
128     c.setRed(); // c becomes the right child of b
129 }
130
131 @Override /** Delete an element from the RBTree.
132  * Return true if the element is deleted successfully
133  * Return false if the element is not in the tree */
134 public boolean delete(E e) {
135     // Locate the node to be deleted
136     TreeNode<E> current = root;
137     while (current != null) {
138         if (e.compareTo(current.element) < 0) {
139             current = current.left;
140         }
141         else if (e.compareTo(current.element) > 0) {
142             current = current.right;
143         }
144         else
145             break; // Element is in the tree pointed by current
146     }
147
148     if (current == null)
149         return false; // Element is not in the tree
150
151     java.util.ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path;
152
153     // current node is an internal node
154     if (current.left != null && current.right != null) {
155         // Locate the rightmost node in the left subtree of current
156         TreeNode<E> rightMost = current.left;
157         while (rightMost.right != null) {
158             rightMost = rightMost.right; // Keep going to the right
159         }
160

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161     path = path(rightMost.element); // Get path before replacement
162
163     // Replace the element in current by the element in rightMost
164     current.element = rightMost.element;
165 }
166 else
167     path = path(e); // Get path to current node
168
169 // Delete the last node in the path and propagate if needed
170 deleteLastNodeInPath(path);
171
172 size--; // After one element deleted
173 return true; // Element deleted
174 }
175
176 /** Delete the last node from the path. */
177 public void deleteLastNodeInPath(ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path) {
178     int i = path.size() - 1; // Index to the node in the path
179     // u is the last node in the path
180     RBTreeNode<E> u = (RBTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i));
181     RBTreeNode<E> parentOfu = (u == root) ? null :
182         (RBTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i - 1));
183     RBTreeNode<E> grandparentOfu = (parentOfu == null ||
184         parentOfu == root) ? null :
185         (RBTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i - 2));
186     RBTreeNode<E> childOfu = (u.left == null) ?
187         (RBTreeNode<E>)(u.right) : (RBTreeNode<E>)(u.left);
188
189     // Delete node u. Connect childOfu with parentOfu
190     connectNewParent(parentOfu, u, childOfu);
191
192     // Recolor the nodes and fix double black if needed
193     if (childOfu == root || u.isRed())
194         return; // Done if childOfu is root or if u is red
195     else if (childOfu != null && childOfu.isRed())
196         childOfu.setBlack(); // Set it black, done
197     else // u is black, childOfu is null or black
198         // Fix double black on parentOfu
199         fixDoubleBlack(grandparentOfu, parentOfu, childOfu, path, i);
200 }
201
202 /** Fix the double-black problem at node parent */
203 private void fixDoubleBlack(
204     RBTreeNode<E> grandparent, RBTreeNode<E> parent,
205     RBTreeNode<E> db, ArrayList<TreeNode<E>> path, int i) {
206     // Obtain y, y1, and y2
207     RBTreeNode<E> y = (parent.right == db) ?
208         (RBTreeNode<E>)(parent.left) : (RBTreeNode<E>)(parent.right);
209     RBTreeNode<E> y1 = (RBTreeNode<E>)(y.left);
210     RBTreeNode<E> y2 = (RBTreeNode<E>)(y.right);
211
212     if (y.isBlack() && y1 != null && y1.isRed()) {
213         if (parent.right == db) {
214             // Case 1.1: y is a left black sibling and y1 is red
215             connectNewParent(grandparent, parent, y);
216             recolor(parent, y, y1); // Adjust colors
217
218             // Adjust child links
219             parent.left = y.right;

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220         y.right = parent;
221     }
222     else {
223         // Case 1.3: y is a right black sibling and y1 is red
224         connectNewParent(grandparent, parent, y1);
225         recolor(parent, y1, y); // Adjust colors
226
227         // Adjust child links
228         parent.right = y1.left;
229         y.left = y1.right;
230         y1.left = parent;
231         y1.right = y;
232     }
233 }
234 else if (y.isBlack() && y2 != null && y2.isRed()) {
235     if (parent.right == db) {
236         // Case 1.2: y is a left black sibling and y2 is red
237         connectNewParent(grandparent, parent, y2);
238         recolor(parent, y2, y); // Adjust colors
239
240         // Adjust child links
241         y.right = y2.left;
242         parent.left = y2.right;
243         y2.left = y;
244         y2.right = parent;
245     }
246     else {
247         // Case 1.4: y is a right black sibling and y2 is red
248         connectNewParent(grandparent, parent, y);
249         recolor(parent, y, y2); // Adjust colors
250
251         // Adjust child links
252         y.left = parent;
253         parent.right = y1;
254     }
255 }
256 else if (y.isBlack()) {
257     // Case 2: y is black and y's children are black or null
258     y.setRed(); // Change y to red
259     if (parent.isRed())
260         parent.setBlack(); // Done
261     else if (parent != root) {
262         // Propagate double black to the parent node
263         // Fix new appearance of double black recursively
264         db = parent;
265         parent = grandparent;
266         grandparent =
267             (i >= 3) ? (RBTreeNode<E>)(path.get(i - 3)) : null;
268         fixDoubleBlack(grandparent, parent, db, path, i - 1);
269     }
270 }
271 else { // y.isRed()
272     if (parent.right == db) {
273         // Case 3.1: y is a left red child of parent
274         parent.left = y2;
275         y.right = parent;
276     }
277     else {
278         // Case 3.2: y is a right red child of parent
279         parent.right = y.left;
280         y.left = parent;

```



```

281     }
282
283     parent.setRed(); // Color parent red
284     y.setBlack(); // Color y black
285     connectNewParent(grandparent, parent, y); // y is new parent
286     fixDoubleBlack(y, parent, db, path, i - 1);
287 }
288 }
289
290 /** Recolor parent, newParent, and c. Case 1 removal */
291 private void recolor(RBTreeNode<E> parent,
292     RBTreeNode<E> newParent, RBTreeNode<E> c) {
293     // Retain the parent's color for newParent
294     if (parent.isRed())
295         newParent.setRed();
296     else
297         newParent.setBlack();
298
299     // c and parent become the children of newParent; set them black
300     parent.setBlack();
301     c.setBlack();
302 }
303
304 /** Connect newParent with grandParent */
305 private void connectNewParent(RBTreeNode<E> grandparent,
306     RBTreeNode<E> parent, RBTreeNode<E> newParent) {
307     if (parent == root) {
308         root = newParent;
309         if (root != null)
310             newParent.setBlack();
311     }
312     else if (grandparent.left == parent)
313         grandparent.left = newParent;
314     else
315         grandparent.right = newParent;
316 }
317
318 @Override /** Preorder traversal from a subtree */
319 protected void preorder(TreeNode<E> root) {
320     if (root == null) return;
321     System.out.print(root.element +
322         ((RBTreeNode<E>)root).isRed() ? " (red) " : " (black) ");
323     preorder(root.left);
324     preorder(root.right);
325 }
326
327 /** RBTreeNode is TreeNode plus color indicator */
328 protected static class RBTreeNode<E> extends Comparable<E>> extends
329     BST.TreeNode<E> {
330     private boolean red = true; // Indicate node color
331
332     public RBTreeNode(E e) {
333         super(e);
334     }
335
336     public boolean isRed() {
337         return red;
338     }
339
340     public boolean isBlack() {
341         return !red;

```

```

342     }
343
344     public void setBlack() {
345         red = false;
346     }
347
348     public void setRed() {
349         red = true;
350     }
351
352     int blackHeight;
353 }
354 }

```

The `RBTree` class extends `BST`. Like the `BST` class, the `RBTree` class has a no-arg constructor that constructs an empty `RBTree` (lines 5–6) and a constructor that creates an initial `RBTree` from an array of elements (lines 9–11).

The `createNewNode()` method defined in the `BST` class creates a `TreeNode`. This method is overridden to return an `RBTreeNode` (lines 14–16). This method is invoked in the `insert` method in `BST` to create a node.

The `insert` method in `RBTree` is overridden in lines 20–29. The method first invokes the `insert` method in `BST`, then invokes `ensureRBTree(e)` (line 25) to ensure that tree is still a red-black tree after inserting a new element.

The `ensureRBTree(E e)` method first obtains the path of nodes that lead to element `e` from the root (line 34). It obtains `u` and `v` (the parent of `u`) from the path. If `u` is the root, color `u` black (lines 47–48). If `v` is red, invoke `fixDoubleRed` to fix the double red on both `u` and `v` (lines 49–50).

The `fixDoubleRed(u, v, path, i)` method fixes the double-red violation at node `u`. The method first obtains `w` (the grandparent of `u` from the path) (line 57), `parentOfw` if exists (lines 58–59), and `x` (the sibling of `v`) (lines 62–63). If `x` is `null` or black, consider four sub-cases to fix the double-red violation (lines 67–96). If `x` is red, color `w` and `u` red and color `w`'s two children black (lines 101–104). If `w` is the root, color `w` black (lines 104–106). Otherwise, propagate along the path to fix the new double-red violation (lines 109–111).

The `delete(E e)` method in `RBTree` is overridden in lines 134–174. The method locates the node that contains `e` (lines 136–146). If the node is null, no element is found (lines 148–149). The method considers two cases:

- If the node is internal, find the rightmost node in its left subtree (lines 156–159). Obtain a path from the root to the rightmost node (line 161), and replace the element in the node with the element in the rightmost node (line 164).
- If the node is external, obtain the path from the root to the node (line 167).

The last node in the path is the node to be deleted. Invoke `deleteLastNodeInPath(path)` to delete it and ensure the tree is a red-black after the node is deleted (line 170).

The `deleteLastNodeInPath(path)` method first obtains `u`, `parentOfu`, `grandparentOfu`, and `childOfu` (lines 180–187). `u` is the last node in the path. Connect `childOfu` as a child of `parentOfu` (line 190). This in effect deletes `u` from the tree. Consider three cases:

- If `childOfu` is the root or `childOfu` is red, we are done (lines 193–194).
- Otherwise, if `childOfu` is red, color it black (lines 195–196).
- Otherwise, invoke `fixDoubleBlack` to fix the double-black problem on `childOfu` (line 199).

The **fixDoubleBlack** method first obtains **y**, **y1**, and **y2** (lines 207–210). **y** is the sibling of the first double-black node, and **y1** and **y2** are the left and right children of **y**. Consider three cases:

- If **y** is black and **y1** or **y2** is red, fix the double-black problem for Case 1 (lines 213–255).
- Otherwise, if **y** is black, fix the double-black problem for Case 2 by recoloring the nodes. If parent is black and not a root, propagate double black to parent and recursively invoke **fixDoubleBlack** (lines 264–268).
- Otherwise, **y** is red. In this case, adjust the nodes to make parent the child of **y** (lines 272–281). Invoke **fixDoubleBlack** with the adjusted nodes (line 286) to fix the double-black problem.

The **preorder** (**TreeNode<E> root**) method is overridden to display the node colors (lines 319–325).

## 43.7 Testing the **RBTree** Class

*This section gives a test program that uses the **RBTree** class.*

Listing 43.4 gives a test program. The program creates an **RBTree** initialized with an array of integers **34**, **3**, and **50** (lines 4–5), inserts elements in lines 10–22, and deletes elements in lines 25–46.



### LISTING 43.4 TestRBTree.java

```

1 public class TestRBTree {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         // Create an RB tree
4         RBTree<Integer> tree =
5             new RBTree<Integer>(new Integer[]{34, 3, 50});
6         printTree(tree);
7
8         tree.insert(20);
9         printTree(tree);
10
11        tree.insert(15);
12        printTree(tree);
13
14        tree.insert(16);
15        printTree(tree);
16
17        tree.insert(25);
18        printTree(tree);
19
20        tree.insert(27);
21        printTree(tree);
22
23        tree.delete(50);
24        printTree(tree);
25
26        tree.delete(20);
27        printTree(tree);
28
29        tree.delete(15);
30        printTree(tree);
31

```

```

32     tree.delete(3);
33     printTree(tree);
34
35     tree.delete(25);
36     printTree(tree);
37
38     tree.delete(16);
39     printTree(tree);
40
41     tree.delete(34);
42     printTree(tree);
43
44     tree.delete(27);
45     printTree(tree);
46 }
47
48 public static <E extends Comparable<E>>
49     void printTree(BST <E> tree) {
50     // Traverse tree
51     System.out.print("\nInorder (sorted): ");
52     tree.inorder();
53     System.out.print("\nPostorder: ");
54     tree.postorder();
55     System.out.print("\nPreorder: ");
56     tree.preorder();
57     System.out.print("\nThe number of nodes is " + tree.getSize());
58     System.out.println();
59 }
60 }

```



```

Inorder (sorted): 3 34 50
Postorder: 3 50 34
Preorder: 34 (black) 3 (red) 50 (red)
The number of nodes is 3

Inorder (sorted): 3 20 34 50
Postorder: 20 3 50 34
Preorder: 34 (black) 3 (black) 20 (red) 50 (black)
The number of nodes is 4

Inorder (sorted): 3 15 20 34 50
Postorder: 3 20 15 50 34
Preorder: 34 (black) 15 (black) 3 (red) 20 (red) 50 (black)
The number of nodes is 5

Inorder (sorted): 3 15 16 20 34 50
Postorder: 3 16 20 15 50 34
Preorder: 34 (black) 15 (red) 3 (black) 20 (black) 16 (red) 50 (black)
The number of nodes is 6

Inorder (sorted): 3 15 16 20 25 34 50
Postorder: 3 16 25 20 15 50 34
Preorder: 34 (black) 15 (red) 3 (black) 20 (black) 16 (red) 25 (red)
50 (black)
The number of nodes is 7

Inorder (sorted): 3 15 16 20 25 27 34 50
Postorder: 3 16 15 27 25 50 34 20

```

```

Preorder: 20 (black) 15 (red) 3 (black) 16 (black) 34 (red) 25 (black)
          27 (red) 50 (black)
The number of nodes is 8

Inorder (sorted): 3 15 16 20 25 27 34
Postorder: 3 16 15 25 34 27 20
Preorder: 20 (black) 15 (red) 3 (black) 16 (black) 27 (red)
          25 (black) 34 (black)
The number of nodes is 7

Inorder (sorted): 3 15 16 25 27 34
Postorder: 3 15 25 34 27 16
Preorder: 16 (black) 15 (black) 3 (red) 27 (red) 25 (black) 34 (black)
The number of nodes is 6

Inorder (sorted): 3 16 25 27 34
Postorder: 3 25 34 27 16
Preorder: 16 (black) 3 (black) 27 (red) 25 (black) 34 (black)
The number of nodes is 5

Inorder (sorted): 16 25 27 34
Postorder: 25 16 34 27
Preorder: 27 (black) 16 (black) 25 (red) 34 (black)
The number of nodes is 4

Inorder (sorted): 16 27 34
Postorder: 16 34 27
Preorder: 27 (black) 16 (black) 34 (black)
The number of nodes is 3

Inorder (sorted): 27 34
Postorder: 34 27
Preorder: 27 (black) 34 (red)
The number of nodes is 2

Inorder (sorted): 27
Postorder: 27
Preorder: 27 (black)
The number of nodes is 1

Inorder (sorted):
Postorder:
Preorder:
The number of nodes is 0

```

Figure 43.14 shows how the tree evolves as elements are added to it, and Figure 43.28 shows how the tree evolves as elements are deleted from it.

## 43.8 Performance of the RBTee Class

*This search, insertion, and deletion operations take  $O(\log n)$  time in a red-black tree.*

The search, insertion, and deletion times in a red-black tree depend on the height of the tree. A red-black tree corresponds to a 2–4 tree. When you convert a node in a 2–4 tree to red-black tree nodes, you get one black node and zero, one, or two red nodes as its children, depending on whether the original node is a 2-node, 3-node, or 4-node. So, the height of a red-black tree



**TABLE 43.1** Time Complexities for Methods in **RBT**ree, **AVL**Tree, and **Tree234**

Methods	Red-Black Tree	AVL Tree	2-4 Tree
search (e: E)	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
insert (e: E)	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
delete (e: E)	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
getSize()	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
isEmpty()	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$

is at most as twice that of its corresponding 2–4 tree. Since the height of a 2–4 tree is  $\log n$ , the height of a red-black tree is  $2\log n$ .

A red-black tree has the same time complexity as an AVL tree, as shown in Table 43.1. In general, a red-black is more efficient than an AVL tree, because a red-black tree requires only one-time restructuring of the nodes for insert and delete operations.

A red-black tree has the same time complexity as a 2–4 tree, as shown in Table 43.1. In general, a red-black is more efficient than a 2–4 tree for two reasons:

1. A red-black tree requires only one-time restructuring of the nodes for insert and delete operations. However, a 2–4 tree may require many splits for an insert operation and fusion for a delete operation.
2. A red-black tree is a binary search tree. A binary tree can be implemented more space efficiently than a 2–4 tree, because a node in a 2–4 tree has at most three elements and four children. Space is wasted for 2-nodes and 3-nodes in a 2–4 tree.

Listing 43.5 gives an empirical test of the performance of AVL trees, 2–4 trees, and red-black trees.

### LISTING 43.5 TreePerformanceTest.java

```

1 public class TreePerformanceTest {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         final int TEST_SIZE = 500000; // Tree size used in the test
4
5         // Create an AVL tree
6         Tree<Integer> tree1 = new AVLTree<Integer>();
7         System.out.println("AVL tree time: " +
8             getTime(tree1, TEST_SIZE) + " milliseconds");
9
10        // Create a 2-4 tree
11        Tree<Integer> tree2 = new Tree24<Integer>();
12        System.out.println("2-4 tree time: "
13            + getTime(tree2, TEST_SIZE) + " milliseconds");
14
15        // Create a red-black tree
16        Tree<Integer> tree3 = new RBTTree<Integer>();
17        System.out.println("RB tree time: "
18            + getTime(tree3, TEST_SIZE) + " milliseconds");
19    }
20
21    public static long getTime(Tree<Integer> tree, int testSize) {
22        long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis(); // Start time
23
24        // Create a list to store distinct integers
25        java.util.List<Integer> list = new java.util.ArrayList<Integer>();

```

```

26     for (int i = 0; i < testSize; i++)
27         list.add(i);
28
29     java.util.Collections.shuffle(list); // Shuffle the list
30
31     // Insert elements in the list to the tree
32     for (int i = 0; i < testSize; i++)
33         tree.insert(list.get(i));
34
35     java.util.Collections.shuffle(list); // Shuffle the list
36
37     // Delete elements in the list from the tree
38     for (int i = 0; i < testSize; i++)
39         tree.delete(list.get(i));
40
41     // Return elapse time
42     return System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime;
43 }
44 }

```

```

AVL tree time: 7609 milliseconds
2-4 tree time: 8594 milliseconds
RB tree time: 5515 milliseconds

```



The `getTestTime` method creates a list of distinct integers from `0` to `testSize - 1` (lines 25–27), shuffles the list (line 29), adds the elements from the list to a tree (lines 32–33), shuffles the list again (line 35), removes the elements from the tree (lines 38–39), and finally returns the execution time (line 42).

The program creates an AVL (line 6), a 2-4 tree (line 11), and a red-black tree (line 16). The program obtains the execution time for adding and removing **500000** elements in the three trees.

As you see, the red-black tree performs the best, followed by the AVL tree.



### Note

The `java.util.TreeSet` class in the Java API is implemented using a red-black tree. Each entry in the set is stored in the tree. Since the `search`, `insert`, and `delete` methods in a red-black tree take  $O(\log n)$  time, the `get`, `add`, `remove`, and `contains` methods in `java.util.TreeSet` take  $O(\log n)$  time.



### Note

The `java.util.TreeMap` class in the Java API is implemented using a red-black tree. Each entry in the map is stored in the tree. The order of the entries is determined by their keys. Since the `search`, `insert`, and `delete` methods in a red-black tree take  $O(\log n)$  time, the `get`, `put`, `remove`, and `containsKey` methods in `java.util.TreeMap` take  $O(\log n)$  time.

## KEY TERMS

black depth 43-2

double-black violation 43-11

double-red violation 43-7

external node 43-9

red-black tree 43-2

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

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1. A red-black tree is a binary search tree, derived from a *2-4 tree*. A red-black tree corresponds to a 2-4 tree. You can convert a red-black tree to a 2-4 tree or vice versa.
2. In a red-black tree, each node is colored red or black. The root is always black. Two adjacent nodes cannot be both red. All external nodes have the same black depth.
3. Since a red-black tree is a binary search tree, the `RBTtree` class extends the `BST` class.
4. Searching an element in a red-black tree is the same as in binary search tree, since a red-black tree is a binary search tree.
5. A new element is always inserted as a leaf node. If the new node is the root, color it black. Otherwise, color it red. If the parent of the new node is red, we have to fix the *double-red violation* by reassigning the color and/or restructuring the tree.
6. If a node to be deleted is internal, find the rightmost node in its left subtree. Replace the element in the node with the element in the rightmost node. Delete the rightmost node.
7. If the external node to be deleted is red, simply reconnect the parent node of the external node with the child node of the external node.
8. If the external node to be deleted is black, you need to consider several cases to ensure that black height for external nodes in the tree is maintained correctly.
9. The height of a red-black tree is  $O(\log n)$ . So, the time complexities for the `search`, `insert`, and `delete` methods are  $O(\log n)$ .



## QUIZ

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Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.

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## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

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- \*43.1 (*red-black tree to 2-4 tree*) Write a program that converts a red-black tree to a 2-4 tree.
- \*43.2 (*2-4 tree to red-black tree*) Write a program that converts a red-black tree to a 2-4 tree.
- \*\*\*43.3 (*red-black tree animation*) Write a GUI program that animates the red-black tree `insert`, `delete`, and `search` methods, as shown in Figure 43.6.
- \*\*43.4 (*Parent reference for RBTtree*) Suppose the `TreeNode` class defined in `BST` contains a reference to the node's parent, as shown in Exercise 26.17. Implement the `RBTtree` class to support this change. Write a test program that adds numbers 1, 2, . . . , 100 to the tree and displays the paths for all leaf nodes.



# TESTING USING JUNIT

## Objectives

- To know what JUnit is and how JUnit works (§44.2).
- To create and run a JUnit test class from the command window (§44.2).
- To create and run a JUnit test class from NetBeans (§44.3).
- To create and run a JUnit test class from Eclipse (§44.4).



## 44.1 Introduction



Key  
Point

*JUnit is a tool for testing Java programs.*

At the very beginning of this book in Section 2.16, we introduced software development process that includes requirements specification, analysis, design, implementation, testing, deployment, and maintenance. Testing is an important part of this process. This chapter introduces how to test Java classes using JUnit.

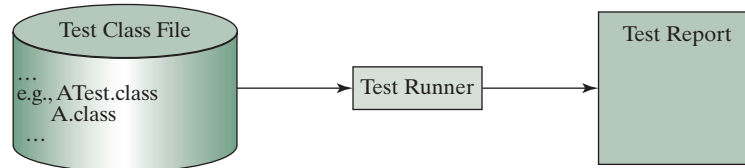
## 44.2 JUnit Basics



Key  
Point

*To test a class, you need to write a test class and run it through JUnit to generate a report for the class.*

JUnit is the de facto framework for testing Java programs. JUnit is a third-party open-source library packed in a jar file. The jar file contains a tool called *test runner*, which is used to run test programs. Suppose you have a class named **A**. To test this class, you write a test class named **ATest**. This test class, called a *test runner*, contains the methods you write for testing class **A**. The test runner executes **ATest** to generate a test report, as shown in Figure 44.1.



**FIGURE 44.1** JUnit test runner executes the test class to generate a test report.

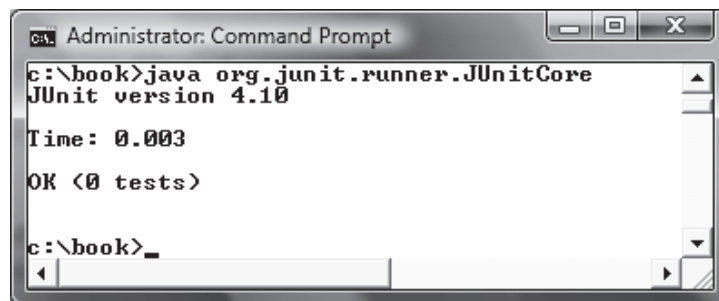
You will see how JUnit works from an example. To create the example, first you need to download JUnit from <http://sourceforge.net/projects/junit/files/>. At present, the latest version is junit-4.10.jar. Download this file to c:\book\lib and add it to the classpath environment variable as follows:

```
set classpath=.;%classpath%;c:\book\lib\junit-4.10.jar
```

To test if this environment variable is set correctly, open a new command window, and type the following command:

```
java org.junit.runner.JUnitCore
```

You should see the message displayed as shown in Figure 44.2.



**FIGURE 44.2** The JUnit test runner displays the JUnit version.

To use JUnit, create a test class. By convention, if the class to be tested is named **A**, the test class should be named **ATest**. A simple template of a test class may look like this:

```

1 package mytest;
2
3 import org.junit.*;
4 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
5
6 public class ATest {
7     @Test
8     public void m1() {
9         // Write a test method
10    }
11
12    @Test
13    public void m2() {
14        // Write another test method
15    }
16
17    @Before
18    public void setUp() throws Exception {
19        // Common objects used by test methods may be set up here
20    }
21 }

```

This class should be placed in a directory under mytest. Suppose the class is placed under c:\book\mytest. You need to compile it from the mytest directory and run it from c:\book as shown in the following screen shot.

```

Command Prompt
c:\book\mytest>notepad ATest.java

c:\book\mytest>javac ATest.java

c:\book\mytest>cd ..

c:\book>java org.junit.runner.JUnitCore mytest.ATest
JUnit version 4.10
..
Time: 0.02

OK (2 tests)

c:\book>

```

Note the command to run the test from the console is:

```
java org.junit.runner.JUnitCore mytest.ATest
```

When this command is executed, **JUnitCore** controls the execution of **ATest**. It first executes the **setUp()** method to set up the common objects used for the test, and then executes test methods **m1** and **m2** in this order. You may define multiple test methods if desirable.

The following methods can be used to implement a test method:

**assertTrue(booleanExpression)**

The method reports success if the booleanExpression evaluates true.

**assertEquals(Object, Object)**

The method reports success if the two objects are the same using the **equals** method.

**assertNull(Object)**

The method reports success if the object reference passed is **null**.

**fail(String)**

The method causes the test to fail and prints out the string.

Listing 44.1 is an example of a test class for testing `java.util.ArrayList`.

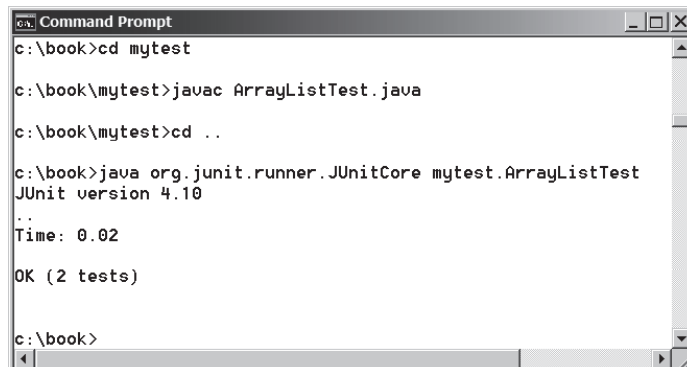
### LISTING 44.1 ArrayListTest.java

```

1 package mytest;
2
3 import org.junit.*;
4 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
5 import java.util.*;
6
7 public class ArrayListTest {
8     private ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
9
10    @Before
11    public void setUp() throws Exception {
12    }
13
14    @Test
15    public void testInsertion() {
16        list.add("Beijing");
17        assertEquals("Beijing", list.get(0));
18        list.add("Shanghai");
19        list.add("Hongkong");
20        assertEquals("Hongkong", list.get(list.size() - 1));
21    }
22
23    @Test
24    public void testDeletion() {
25        list.clear();
26        assertTrue(list.isEmpty());
27
28        list.add("A");
29        list.add("B");
30        list.add("C");
31        list.remove("B");
32        assertEquals(2, list.size());
33    }
34 }

```

A test run of the program is shown in Figure 44.3. Note that you have to first compile `ArrayListTest.java`. The `ArrayListTest` class is placed in the `mytest` package. So you should place `ArrayListTest.java` in the directory named `mytest`.



```

Command Prompt
c:\book>cd mytest

c:\book\mytest>javac ArrayListTest.java

c:\book\mytest>cd ..

c:\book>java org.junit.runner.JUnitCore mytest.ArrayListTest
JUnit version 4.10
..
Time: 0.02

OK (2 tests)

c:\book>

```

FIGURE 44.3 The test report is displayed from running `ArrayListTest`.

No errors are reported in this JUnit run. If you mistakenly change

```
assertEquals(2, list.size());
```

in line 32 to

```
assertEquals(3, list.size());
```

Run `ArrayListTest` now. You will see an error reported as shown in Figure 44.4.



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
c:\book>java org.junit.runner.JUnitCore mytest.ArrayListTest
JUnit version 4.10
.E
Time: 0.016
There was 1 failure:
1) testDeletion(mytest.ArrayListTest)
java.lang.AssertionError: expected:<3> but was:<2>
    at org.junit.Assert.fail(Assert.java:93)
    at org.junit.Assert.failNotEquals(Assert.java:647)
    at org.junit.Assert.assertEquals(Assert.java:128)
    at org.junit.Assert.assertEquals(Assert.java:472)
    at org.junit.Assert.assertEquals(Assert.java:456)
    at mytest.ArrayListTest.testDeletion(ArrayListTest.java:32)
```

FIGURE 44.4 The test report reports an error.

You can define any number of test methods. In this example, the two test methods `testInsertion` and `testDeletion` are defined. JUnit executes `testInsertion` and `testDeletion` in this order.



#### Note

The test class must be placed in a named package such as `mytest` in this example. The JUnit will not work if the test class is placed a default package.

Listing 44.2 gives a test class for testing the `Loan` class in Listing 10.2. For convenience, we create `Loan.java` in the same directory with `LoanTest.java`. The `Loan` class is shown in Listing 44.3.

### LISTING 44.2 `LoanTest.java`

```
1 package mytest;
2
3 import org.junit.*;
4 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
5
6 public class LoanTest {
7     @Before
8     public void setUp() throws Exception {
9     }
10
11     @Test
12     public void testPaymentMethods() {
13         double annualInterestRate = 2.5;
14         int numberOfYears = 5;
15         double loanAmount = 1000;
16         Loan loan = new Loan(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears,
17             loanAmount);
18 }
```

```

19     assertTrue(loan.getMonthlyPayment() ==
20         getMonthlyPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears,
21             loanAmount));
22     assertTrue(loan.getTotalPayment() ==
23         getTotalPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears,
24             loanAmount));
25 }
26
27 /** Find monthly payment */
28 private double getMonthlyPayment(double annualInterestRate,
29     int numberOfYears, double loanAmount) {
30     double monthlyInterestRate = annualInterestRate / 1200;
31     double monthlyPayment = loanAmount * monthlyInterestRate / (1 -
32         (1 / Math.pow(1 + monthlyInterestRate, numberOfYears * 12)));
33     return monthlyPayment;
34 }
35
36 /** Find total payment */
37 public double getTotalPayment(double annualInterestRate,
38     int numberOfYears, double loanAmount) {
39     return getMonthlyPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears,
40         loanAmount) * numberOfYears * 12;
41 }
42 }

```

### LISTING 44.3 Loan.java

```

1 package mytest;
2
3 public class Loan {
4     private double annualInterestRate;
5     private int numberOfYears;
6     private double loanAmount;
7     private java.util.Date loanDate;
8
9     /** Default constructor */
10    public Loan() {
11        this(2.5, 1, 1000);
12    }
13
14    /** Construct a loan with specified annual interest rate,
15        number of years, and loan amount
16        */
17    public Loan(double annualInterestRate, int numberOfYears,
18        double loanAmount) {
19        this.annualInterestRate = annualInterestRate;
20        this.numberOfYears = numberOfYears;
21        this.loanAmount = loanAmount;
22        loanDate = new java.util.Date();
23    }
24
25    /** Return annualInterestRate */
26    public double getAnnualInterestRate() {
27        return annualInterestRate;
28    }
29
30    /** Set a new annualInterestRate */
31    public void setAnnualInterestRate(double annualInterestRate) {
32        this.annualInterestRate = annualInterestRate;
33    }

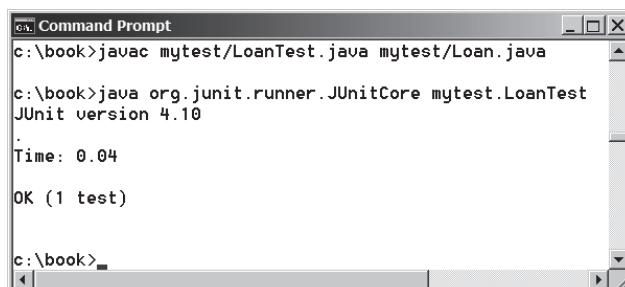
```

```

34
35  /** Return numberOfYears */
36  public int getNumberOfYears() {
37      return numberOfYears;
38  }
39
40  /** Set a new numberOfYears */
41  public void setNumberOfYears(int numberOfYears) {
42      this.numberOfYears = numberOfYears;
43  }
44
45  /** Return loanAmount */
46  public double getLoanAmount() {
47      return loanAmount;
48  }
49
50  /** Set a new loanAmount */
51  public void setLoanAmount(double loanAmount) {
52      this.loanAmount = loanAmount;
53  }
54
55  /** Find monthly payment */
56  public double getMonthlyPayment() {
57      double monthlyInterestRate = annualInterestRate / 1200;
58      double monthlyPayment = loanAmount * monthlyInterestRate / (1 -
59          (1 / Math.pow(1 + monthlyInterestRate, numberOfYears * 12)));
60      return monthlyPayment;
61  }
62
63  /** Find total payment */
64  public double getTotalPayment() {
65      double totalPayment = getMonthlyPayment() * numberOfYears * 12;
66      return totalPayment;
67  }
68
69  /** Return loan date */
70  public java.util.Date getLoanDate() {
71      return loanDate;
72  }
73 }

```

The `testPaymentMethods()` in `LoanTest` creates an instance of `Loan` (line 16–17) and tests whether `loan.getMonthlyPayment()` returns the same value as `getMonthlyPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount)`. The latter method is defined in the `LoanTest` class (lines 28–34).



**FIGURE 44.5** The JUnit test runner executes `LoanTest` and reports no errors.

The `testPaymentMethods()` also tests whether `loan.getTotalPayment()` returns the same value as `getTotalPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount)`. The latter method is defined in the `LoanTest` class (lines 37–41).

A sample run of the program is shown in Figure 44.5.



- 44.2.1 What is JUnit?
- 44.2.2 What is a JUnit test runner?
- 44.2.3 What is a test class? How do you create a test class?
- 44.2.4 How do you use the `assertTrue` method?
- 44.2.5 How do you use the `assertEquals` method?



### 44.3 Using JUnit from NetBeans

*JUnit is intergrated with NetBeans. Using NetBeans, the test program can be automatically generated and the test process can be automated.*

An IDE such as NetBeans and Eclipse can greatly simplify the process for creating and running test classes. This section introduces using JUnit from NetBeans, and the next section will introduce using JUnit from Eclipse.

If you are not familiar with NetBeans, see Supplement II.B. Assume you have installed NetBeans 8 or higher. Create a project named `chapter44` as follows:

- Step 1: Choose *File, New Project* to display the New Project dialog box.
- Step 2: Choose Java in the Categories section and Java Application in the Projects section. Click *Next* to display the New Java Application dialog box.
- Step 3: Enter `chapter44` as the Project Name and `c:\book` as Project Location. Click *Finish* to create the project as shown in Figure 44.6.

To demonstrate how to create a test class, we first create a class to be tested. Let the class be `Loan` from Listing 10.2. Here are the steps to create the `Loan` class under `chapter44`.

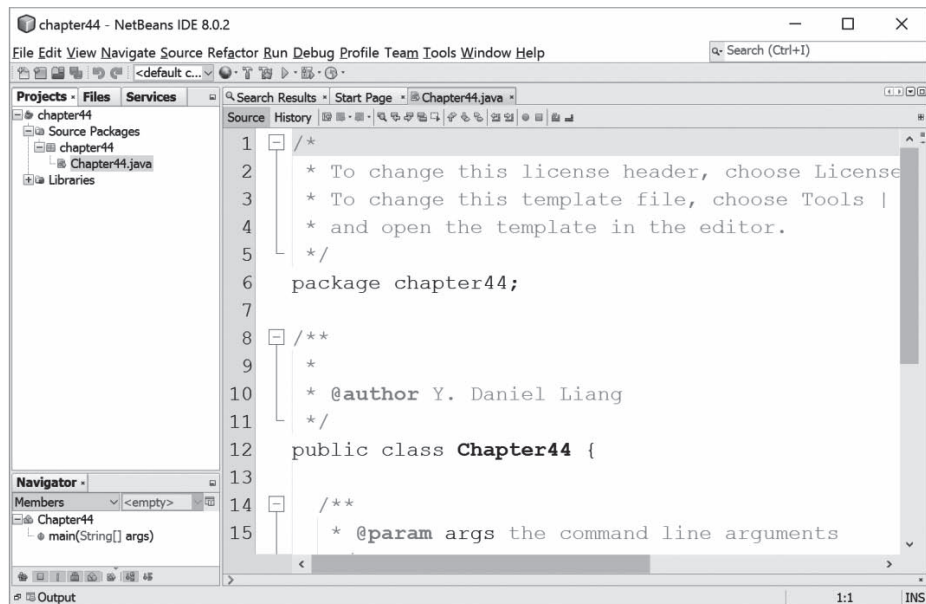


FIGURE 44.6 A new project named `chapter44` is created.



Step 1: Right-click the project node **chapter44** and choose *New, Java Class* to display the New Java Class dialog box.

Step 2: Enter **Loan** as Class Name and **chapter44** in the Package field and click *Finish* to create the class.

Step 3: Copy the code in Listing 10.2 to the **Loan** class and make sure the first line is **package chapter44**, as shown in Figure 44.7.

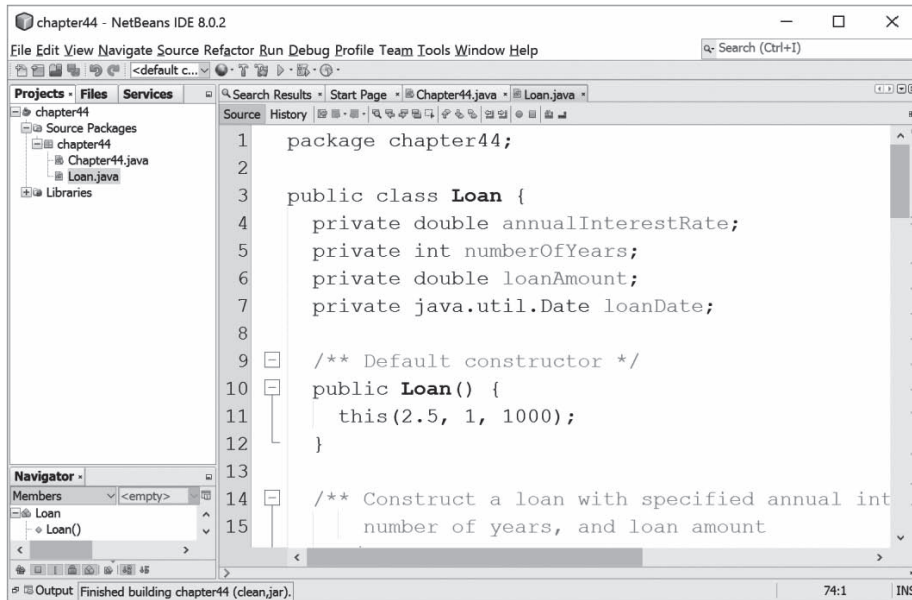


FIGURE 44.7 The **Loan** class is created.

Now you can create a test class to test the **Loan** class as follows:

Step 1: Right-click **Loan.java** in the project to display a context menu and choose *Tools, Create/Update Test* to display the Create Test dialog box, as shown in Figure 44.8.

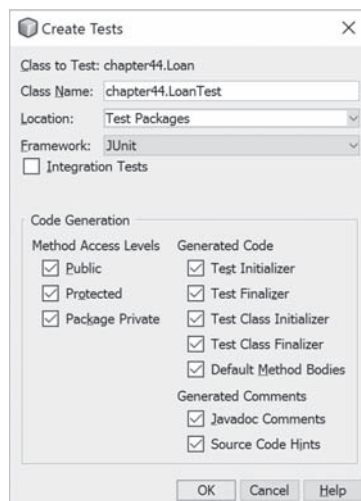


FIGURE 44.8 The Create Tests dialog box creates a Test class.

Step 2: Click OK. You will see the Select JUnit version dialog box displayed as shown in Figure 44.9. Choose JUnit 4.x. Click OK to generate a test class named **LoanTest** as shown in Figure 44.10. Note that LoanTest.java is placed under the Test Packages node in the project.

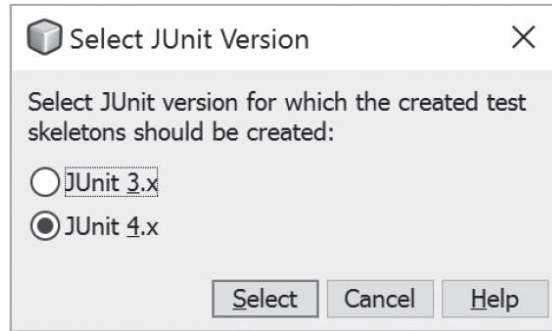


FIGURE 44.9 You should select JUnit 4.x framework to create test classes.

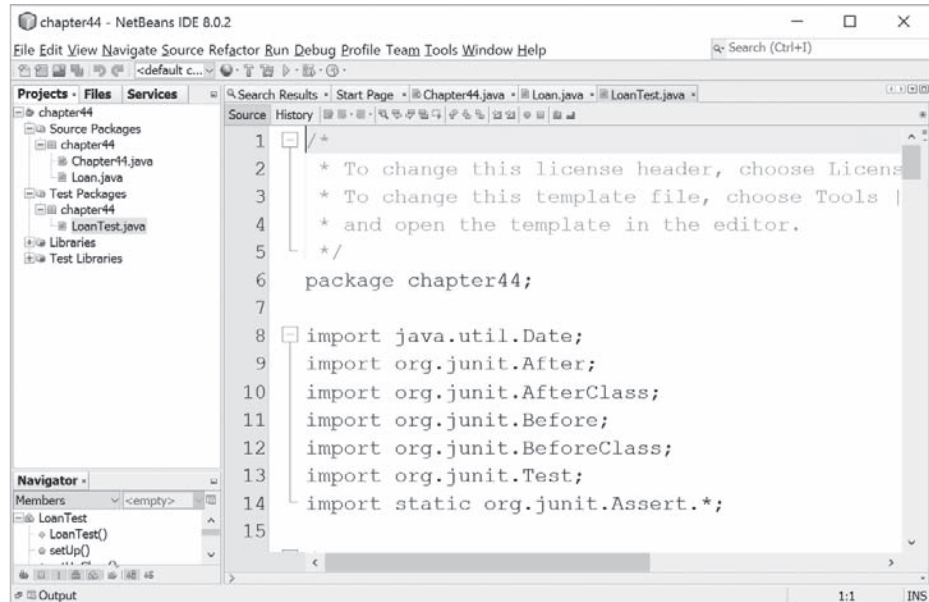


FIGURE 44.10 The LoanTest class is automatically generated.

You can now modify `LoanTest` by copying the code from Listing 44.2. Run `LoanTest.java`. You will see the test report as shown in Figure 44.11.

The screenshot shows the NetBeans IDE interface. The main editor displays the `LoanTest.java` file with the following code:

```

1 package chapter44;
2
3 import org.junit.*;
4 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
5
6 public class LoanTest {
7     @Before
8     public void setUp() throws Exception {
9     }
10
11     @Test
12     public void testPaymentMethods() {
13         double annualInterestRate = 2.5;
14         int numberOFYears = 5;

```

The Output window at the bottom shows the test results:

```

Output - chapter44 (test)
Testsuite: chapter44.LoanTest
Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0.047 sec

test:
Deleting: C:\Users\Y6930~1.DAN\AppData\Local\Temp\TEST-chapter44.LoanTest.xml
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 0 seconds)

```

FIGURE 44.11 The test report is displayed after the `LoanTest` class is executed.

## 44.4 Using JUnit from Eclipse

*JUnit is integrated with Eclipse. Using Eclipse, the test program can be automatically generated and the test process can be automated.*

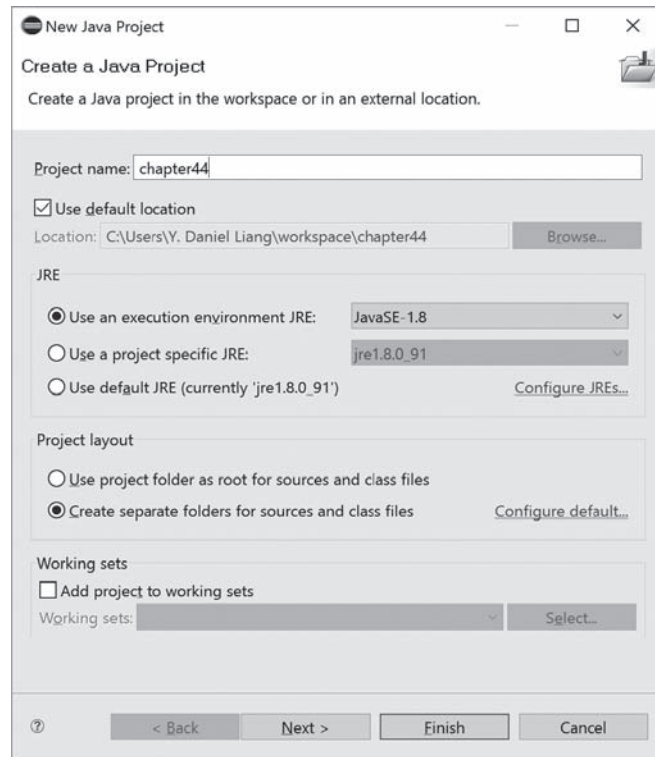


This section introduces using JUnit from Eclipse. If you are not familiar with Eclipse, see Supplement II.D. Assume you have installed Eclipse 4.5 or higher. Create a project named `chapter50` as follows:

Step 1: Choose *File, New Java Project* to display the New Java Project dialog box, as shown in Figure 44.12.

Step 2: Enter `chapter50` in the project name field and click *Finish* to create the project.

To demonstrate how to create a test class, we first create a class to be tested. Let the class be `Loan` from Listing 10.2. Here are the steps to create the `Loan` class under `chapter44`.



**FIGURE 44.12** The New Java Project dialog creates a new project.

Step 1: Right-click the project node **chapter44** and choose *New, Class* to display the New Java Class dialog box, as shown in Figure 44.13.

Step 2: Enter **mytest** in the Package field and click *Finish* to create the class.

Step 3: Copy the code in Listing 10.2 to the **Loan** class and make sure the first line is **package mytest**, as shown in Figure 44.14.

Now you can create a test class to test the **Loan** class as follows:

Step 1: Right-click **Loan.java** in the project to display a context menu and choose *New, JUnit Test Case* to display the New JUnit Test Case dialog box, as shown in Figure 44.15.

Step 2: Click *Finish*. You will see a dialog prompting you to add JUnit 4 to the project build path. Click *OK* to add it. Now a test class named **LoanTest** is created as shown in Figure 44.16.

You can now modify **LoanTest** by copying the code from Listing 44.2. Run **LoanTest.java**. You will see the test report as shown in Figure 44.17.

## KEY TERMS

JUnit 44-2

JUnitCore 44-2

test class 44-2

test runner 44-2

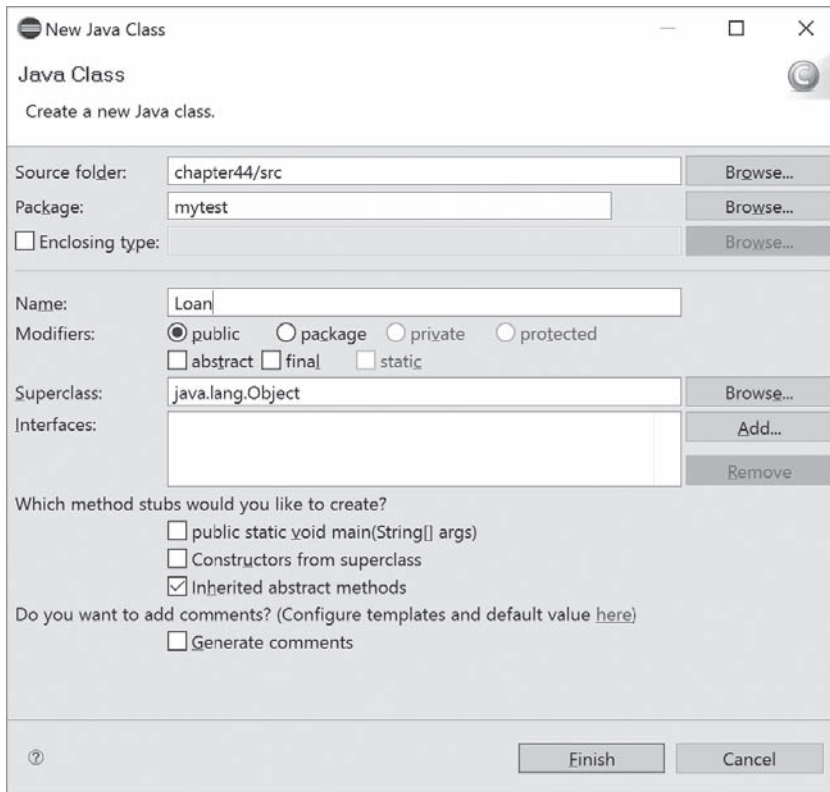


FIGURE 44.13 The New Java Class dialog creates a new Java class.

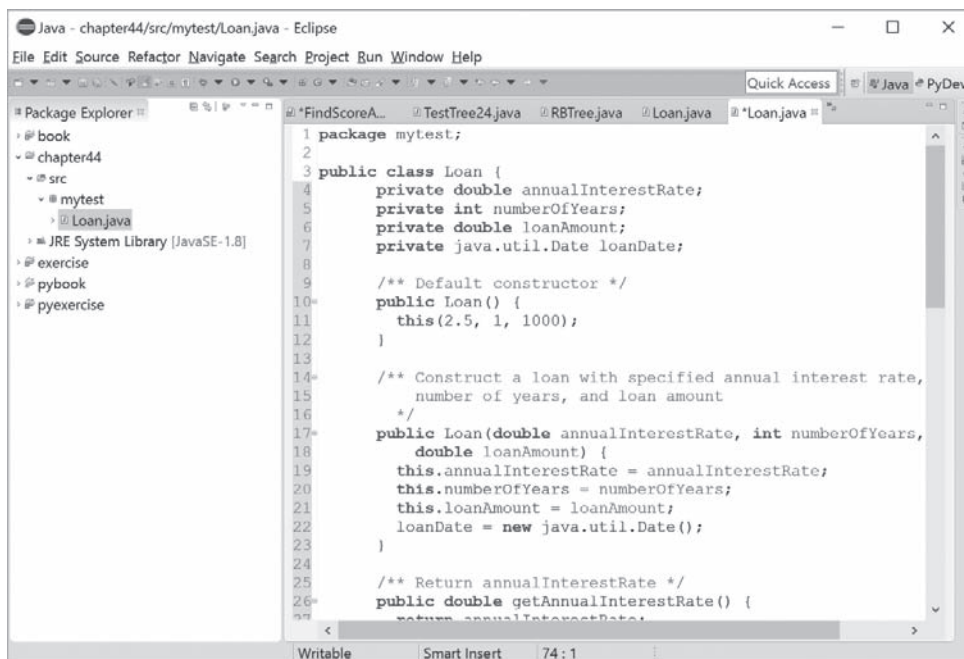


FIGURE 44.14 The Loan class is created.

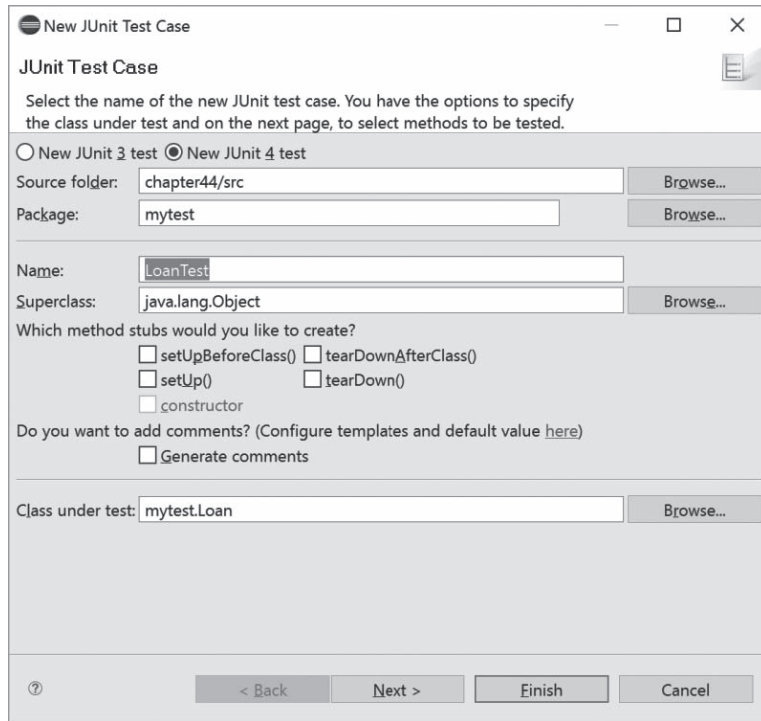


FIGURE 44.15 The New JUnit Test Case dialog box creates a Test class.

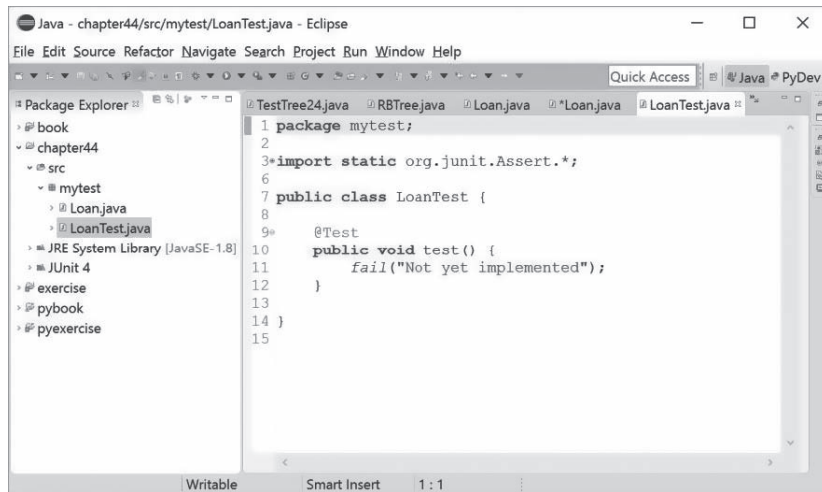


FIGURE 44.16 The LoanTest class is automatically generated.

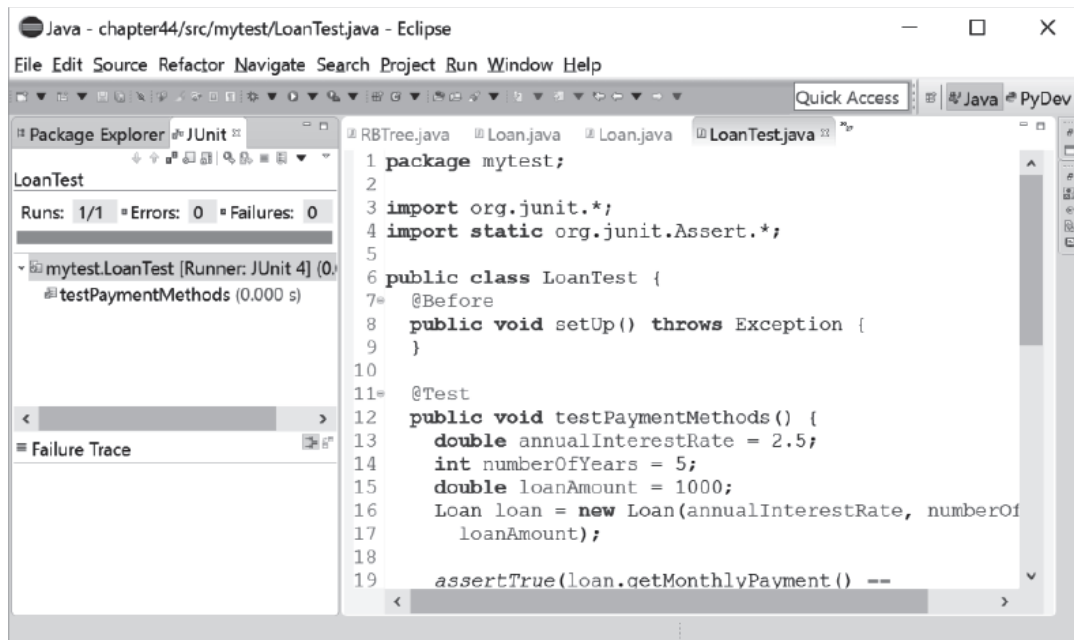


FIGURE 44.17 The test report is displayed after the `LoanTest` class is executed.

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. JUnit is an open-source framework for testing Java programs.
2. To test a Java class, you create a test class for the class to be tested and use JUnit's test runner to execute the test class to generate a test report.
3. You can create and run a test class from the command window or use a tool such as NetBeans and Eclipse.

## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.



## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

- 44.1 Write a test class to test the methods `length`, `charAt`, `substring`, and `indexOf` in the `java.lang.String` class.
- 44.2 Write a test class to test the methods `add`, `remove`, `addAll`, `removeAll`, `size`, `isEmpty`, and `contains` in the `java.util.HashSet` class.
- 44.3 Write a test class to test the method `isPrime` in Listing 6.7, `PrimeNumberMethod.java`.
- 44.4 Write a test class to test the methods `getBMI` and `getStatus` in the `BMI` class in Listing 10.4.

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