

#### Lecture 5 - OOP concepts in Java

- Packages
- Exceptions



### Packages

## Packages

- A way of grouping different (related) classes in Java.
- Java itself provides many packages
  - E.g. Math, I/O, Exception, etc.
- Packages are used to provide
  - Access restrictions
  - Namespace management

### How to create packages

Simply put "package" in the beginning of a class (should be the first line).

- myClass1 and myClass2 are now part of example\_package
- A package typically has many classes.

### Creating packages example

```
package graphics;
public interface Draggable { . . . }
package graphics;
public abstract class Graphic { . . . }
package graphics;
public class Circle extends Graphic implements Draggable { . . . }
package graphics;
public class Rectangle extends Graphic implements Draggable { . . . }
package graphics;
public class Point extends Graphic implements Draggable { . . . }
Source: oracle.com
```

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#### Using classes from external packages

- Use import keyword.
  - Can import the entire package. E.g.,
    - import java.lang.\*;
    - import mypackage.\*;
  - Or, can import specific classes in a package
    - import mypackage.myclass;
- E.g. Use math functions. import java.lang.math; public class myClass { public double computeArea (int r) { return ( math.PI \* r \* r); } }

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#### Packages ... contd.

- Packages can be created, included in a hierarchical way
  - E.g., com. mycompany.mypackage
    - Package from mycompany
  - com.anothercompany.package
    - Package from another company.
  - They can be included as
    - import com.mycompany.mypackage
    - import com.anothercompany.mypackage



### Exceptions

- A way to handle error or unexpected conditions.
- Used to ensure that error conditions are handled gracefully.
- In Java, there is a class called Exception that is used to handle any generic exceptional condition.
  - Exception is derived from Throwable
- Many kinds of specific exceptions are also available
  - I/O exceptions
  - Array out of bound exceptions
  - Class not found exception
  - No such method exception
- Users can define their own exceptions
  - Derive their class from Exception



#### How to catch exceptions

Use try catch statements

```
try
{
    // some code
}
catch (AnyException e)
{
    // Error handling code
}
```

- AnyException is any Exception
  - Can be Java defined exception, or user defined

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#### Throwing Exceptions

- Throw an exception using throw (e);
- Any exception user defined or Java defined exception (e) can be thrown.



#### Throwing exceptions ... contd.

The function that throws any exception should define it.
 void function1() throws AnyException

```
{

// code

// in case of error conditions

throw (new AnyException( ) );
}
```

Any function calling myFunction should catch the exception



#### Java - finally

- finally a way to handle any left over (cleanup) issues.
- Should be present in the end, after try and catch are done.
- Typically used to clean up resources, open files, file descriptors, sockets, etc.