Building Java Programs

Chapter 7

Lecture 17: Arrays for Tallying; Text Processing

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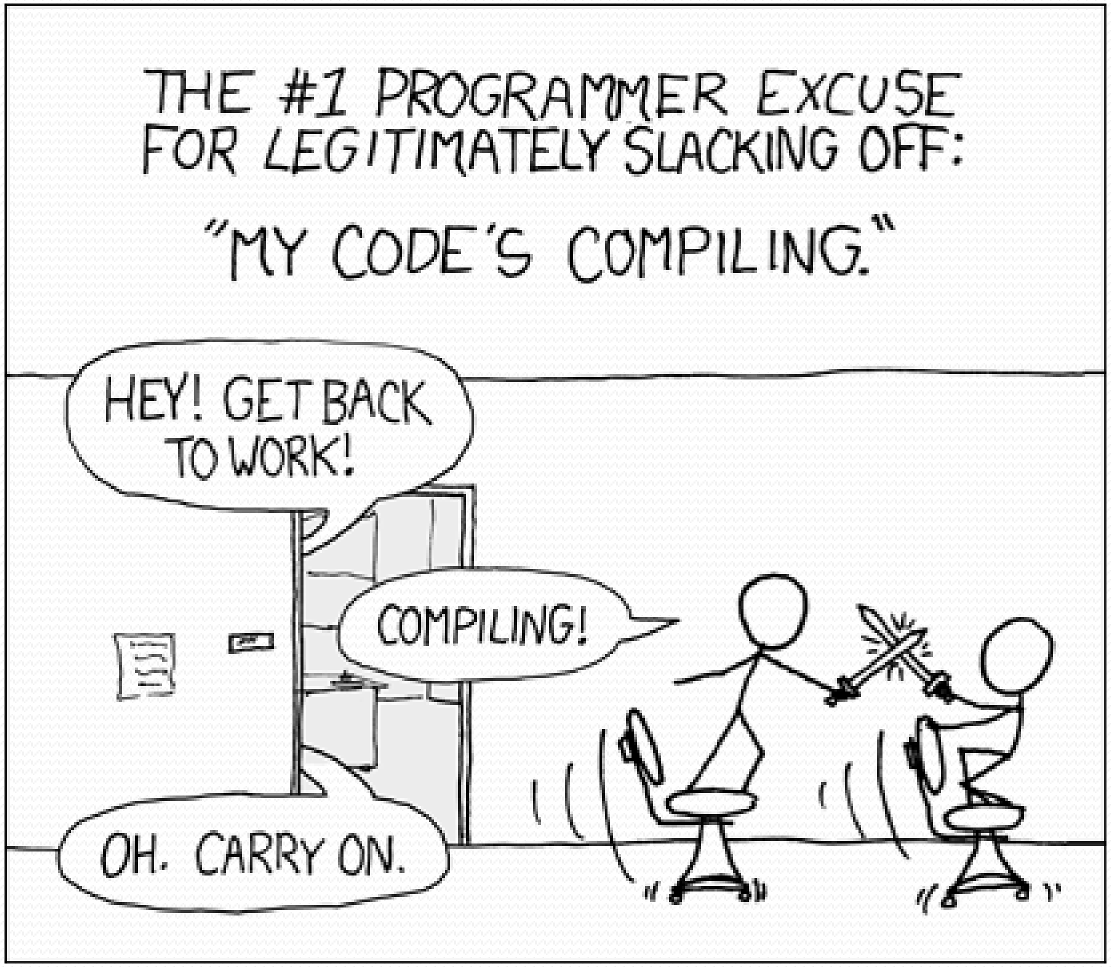
THE #1 PROGRAMMER EXCUSE FOR LEGITIMATELY SLACKING OFF:
"MY CODE'S COMPILING."
HEY! GET BACK TO WORK!
COMPILING!
OH. CARRY ON.

A multi-counter problem

- Problem: Write a method `mostFrequentDigit` that returns the digit value that occurs most frequently in a number.

  - Example: The number 669260267 contains:
    one 0, two 2s, four 6s, one 7, and one 9.

    `mostFrequentDigit(669260267)` returns 6.

  - If there is a tie, return the digit with the lower value.

    `mostFrequentDigit(57135203)` returns 3.

A multi-counter problem

- We could declare 10 counter variables ...

```
int counter0, counter1, counter2, counter3, counter4,
    counter5, counter6, counter7, counter8, counter9;
```

- But a better solution is to use an array of size 10.
  - The element at index *i* will store the counter for digit value *i*.
  - Example for 669260267:

index	*0*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*
value	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0

  - How do we build such an array? And how does it help?

Creating an array of tallies

```
// assume n = 669260267
int[] counts = new int[10];
while (n > 0) {
    // pluck off a digit and add to proper counter
    int digit = n % 10;
    counts[digit]++;
    n = n / 10;
}
```

index	*0*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*
value	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0

Tally solution

```
// Returns the digit value that occurs most frequently in n.
// Breaks ties by choosing the smaller value.
public static int mostFrequentDigit(int n) {
    int[] counts = new int[10];
    while (n > 0) {
        int digit = n % 10;  // pluck off a digit and tally it
        counts[digit]++;
        n = n / 10;
    }

    // find the most frequently occurring digit
    int bestIndex = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i < counts.length; i++) {
        if (counts[i] > counts[bestIndex]) {
            bestIndex = i;
        }
    }

    return bestIndex;
}
```

Section attendance question

- Read a file of section attendance (*see next slide*):

```
yynyyynayayynyyyayanyyyaynayyayyanayyyanyayna
ayyanyyyyayanaayyanayyyananayayaynyayayynynya
yyayaynyyayyanynnyyyayyanayaynannnyyayyayayny
```

- And produce the following output:

```
Section 1
Student points: [20, 16, 17, 14, 11]
Student grades: [100.0, 80.0, 85.0, 70.0, 55.0]

Section 2
Student points: [16, 19, 14, 14, 8]
Student grades: [80.0, 95.0, 70.0, 70.0, 40.0]

Section 3
Student points: [16, 15, 16, 18, 14]
Student grades: [80.0, 75.0, 80.0, 90.0, 70.0]
```

  - Students earn 3 points for each section attended up to 20.

Section input file

```
student    012340123401234012340123401234012340123401234
week         1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9
section 1  yynyyynayayynyyyayanyyyaynayyayyanayyyanyayna
section 2  ayyanyyyyayanaayyanayyyananayayaynyayayyynynya
section 3  yyayaynyyayyanynnyyyayyanayaynannnyyayyayayny
```

- Each line represents a section.
- A line consists of 9 weeks' worth of data.
  - Each week has 5 characters because there are 5 students.
- Within each week, each character represents one student.
  - `a` means the student was absent (+0 points)
  - `n` means they attended but didn't do the problems (+1 points)
  - `y` means they attended and did the problems (+3 points)

Section attendance answer

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class Sections {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("sections.txt"));
        int section = 1;
        while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            String line = input.nextLine();      // process one section
            int[] points = new int[5];
            for (int i = 0; i < line.length(); i++) {
                int student = i % 5;
                int earned = 0;
                if (line.charAt(i) == 'y') {     // c == 'y' or 'n' or 'a'
                    earned = 3;
                } else if (line.charAt(i) == 'n') {
                    earned = 1;
                }
                points[student] = Math.min(20, points[student] + earned);
            }

            double[] grades = new double[5];
            for (int i = 0; i < points.length; i++) {
                grades[i] = 100.0 * points[i] / 20.0;
            }

            System.out.println("Section " + section);
            System.out.println("Student points: " + Arrays.toString(points));
            System.out.println("Student grades: " + Arrays.toString(grades));
            System.out.println();
            section++;
        }
    }
}
```

Data transformations

- In many problems we transform data between forms.
  - Example: digits $\rightarrow$ count of each digit $\rightarrow$ most frequent digit
  - Often each transformation is computed/stored as an array.
  - For structure, a transformation is often put in its own method.

- Sometimes we map between data and array indexes.
  - by position (store the *i* th value we read at index *i*)
  - tally (if input value is *i*, store it at array index *i*)
  - explicit mapping (count `'J'` at index 0, count `'X'` at index 1)

- *Exercise:* Modify our Sections program to use static methods that use arrays as parameters and returns.

Array param/return answer

```
// This program reads a file representing which students attended
// which discussion sections and produces output of the students'
// section attendance and scores.

import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class Sections2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("sections.txt"));
        int section = 1;
        while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            // process one section
            String line = input.nextLine();
            int[] points = countPoints(line);
            double[] grades = computeGrades(points);
            results(section, points, grades);
            section++;
        }
    }

    // Produces all output about a particular section.
    public static void results(int section, int[] points, double[] grades) {
        System.out.println("Section " + section);
        System.out.println("Student scores: " + Arrays.toString(points));
        System.out.println("Student grades: " + Arrays.toString(grades));
        System.out.println();
    }

    ...
```

Array param/return answer

```
    ...

    // Computes the points earned for each student for a particular section.
    public static int[] countPoints(String line) {
        int[] points = new int[5];
        for (int i = 0; i < line.length(); i++) {
            int student = i % 5;
            int earned = 0;
            if (line.charAt(i) == 'y') {      // c == 'y'  or  c == 'n'
                earned = 3;
            } else if (line.charAt(i) == 'n') {
                earned = 2;
            }
            points[student] = Math.min(20, points[student] + earned);
        }
        return points;
    }

    // Computes the percentage for each student for a particular section.
    public static double[] computeGrades(int[] points) {
        double[] grades = new double[5];
        for (int i = 0; i < points.length; i++) {
            grades[i] = 100.0 * points[i] / 20.0;
        }
        return grades;
    }
}
```