

Java Exercises

fc - dec 2010

1. Java installation

- Install jdk1.6.x
- Add jdk1.6.x/bin at the beginning of the PATH
- Editor Textpad / Notepad++ (Windows) / Scite (Linux)
- Integrated compilation in the editor / javac in the terminal
- Create a directory for these exercises, e.g. **java/**

2. Exercises

a. Write the Training application

- See the Java training, page 10
- Type in an editor
- Save in correct directory / File.java

Help:

- ✓ compile from **java/**
- ✓ javac directory/File.java
- ✓ java package.ClassName

b. Write the two classes Tree and SpatializedTree

- Two classes -> two files
- Also in the training package

Help:

- ✓ See the Java training, page 24 and page 31

c. Add properties to these trees

- Add the following properties to the trees
- **id**: unique identifier - int
- **age**: age of the tree (years) - int
- **height**: height of the tree (m) - double
- **crownBaseHeight**: height of the crown base (m) - double
- **crownRadius**: max radius of the crown (m) - double

Help:

- ✓ In which class should you add these properties ?
- ✓ Add the accessors to get / set the values for these properties
- ✓ Organise your classes: keep variables order for accessors, mind indentation, white lines...

d. Add / update the constructors in the two tree classes

- All trees must be built with all their properties in the constructor

Help:

- ✓ Mind constructor chaining
- ✓ The properties must be managed at the level of their class
- ✓ Let the one who knows do (*Qui sait fait*) e.g. dbh is managed in Tree, x is managed in SpatializedTree

e. In the Training class, add a method to create a list of trees

- Takes 3 parameters: **numberOfTrees**, **xSize** and **ySize** (terrain size in m)
- **For each tree** to be created:
 - **id**: from 1 to n
 - **age**: random between 1 and 25
 - **x, y**: random in the terrain, **z**: 0
 - **height**: age / 2
 - **dbh**: age
 - **crownBaseHeight**: height * 0.25
 - **crownRadius**: you choose
- Returns the tree list

Help:

- ✓ Use java.util.Random
- ✓ nextDouble (): a double in [0, 1[
- ✓ nextInt (n): an int in [0, n[
- ✓ Remember the for (...) {...} loop, see java training page 18

f. In the Training class, add a method to write a list of trees in a file

- Takes two parameters: **treeList** and **fileName**
- See Capsis Web Site > Documentation > 2.2 Developing modules > Tips and tricks > Write text to a file
- Write a line **for each tree**
- Variables separated by tabs
- id age x y z height dbh crownBaseHeight crownRadius

Help:

- ✓ Mind the exceptions handling, see java training page 20
- ✓ Create the line in a String
- ✓ Do not forget the newLine after each line

- ✓ Write a header line at the beginning: # id age x y...
- ✓ Do not forget to close the file
- ✓ In case of trouble, write to System.err (System.err.println ("Error, could not...");)

g. Create a list of trees and write them to a file

- Work in Training.main
- Use the two methods upper to create the list and write the file
- Work with local variables: int numberOfTrees = ... double xSize = ... double ySize = ...
- Write a file with a hardcoded name in the current directory

Help:

- ✓ This version works with hardcoded values for x, xSize, ySize, fileName
- ✓ Assign directly your values to local variables
- ✓ The next exercise is about passing the values to the program

h. Pass the values to the program on the command line

- e.g. java training.Training 25 50 30 trees.txt
- Read the parameters of the command line
- Order: **numberOfTrees, xSize, ySize, fileName**
- Use these parameters to create the file instead of the hardcoded values

Help:

- ✓ The parameters of the command line are passed to the main (String[] args) method
- ✓ This is an array of String
- ✓ Loop on the parameters to evaluate them
- ✓ Evaluate the 4 parameters and transform them into resp. **int, double, double, String**
- ✓ int i = new Integer (String).intValue ()
- ✓ double d = new Double (String).doubleValue ()
- ✓ In case of error, write a message on System.err and stop the program