JAVA PROGRAMMING BASICS

Module 2: Java Object-oriented Programming

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Date and time

- Obtaining the Current Date
- The time is the number of milliseconds since January 1, 1970, 00:00:00 GMT.

machine time approach

```
1. Date date = new Date();
2. System.out.println(date);
3. System.out.println(date.getTime());
```

Console output

```
Sun Sep 27 09:45:35 EEST 2015
1443336335584
```

java.util.Date

Date and Time

```
public class Date  implements java.io.Serializable, Cloneable, Comparable<Date> {
    private static final BaseCalendar gcal =CalendarSystem.getGregorianCalendar();
    private static BaseCalendar jcal;
    private transient long fastTime;
// Parse 2-digit years within the correct default century
    private static int defaultCenturyStart;
    public Date() {
        this(System.currentTimeMillis());
    }
    /**
     * Initializes a Date object with the specified number of milliseconds since the
     * standard base time known as "the epoch", namely January 1 1970, 00:00:00 GMT.
     */
    public Date(long date) {
        fastTime = date;
    }
...
}
```

See DateDemo

Date and time

- *Print out the date*

human time approach

```
1. Calendar mcl = Calendar.getInstance();
2. int day = mcl.get(Calendar.DATE);
3. int month = mcl.get(Calendar.MONTH) + 1;
4. int yr = mcl.get(Calendar.YEAR);
5. String dateStr = day + "." + month + "." + yr;
6. System.out.println(dateStr);
```

java.util.Calendar

Date and time

- *Print out the time*

```
1. Calendar mcl = Calendar.getInstance();
2. int hour = mcl.get(Calendar.HOUR);
3. int min = mcl.get(Calendar.MINUTE);
4. int sec = mcl.get(Calendar.SECOND);
5. System.out.println(hour + ":" + min + ":" + sec);
```

Date and Time

```
public abstract class Calendar implements Serializable, Cloneable,
                                          Comparable<Calendar> {

    // The current time is represented in two ways by Calendar: as UTC
    // milliseconds from the epoch (1 January 1970 0:00 UTC), and as local
    // fields such as MONTH, HOUR, AM_PM, etc

    public static final int ERA = 0;
    public static final int YEAR = 1;
    public static final int MONTH = 2;
...
    //A style specifier for getDisplayNames(int, int, Locale) getDisplayNames indicating
    public static final int ALL_STYLES = 0;
    public static final int SHORT = 1;
...
    // 1. Initially, no fields are set, and the time is invalid.
    // 2. If the time is set, all fields are computed and in sync.
    // 3. If a single field is set, the time is invalid.
    // Recomputation of the time and fields happens when the object needs
    // to return a result to the user, or use a result for a computation.
    protected int        fields[];
    protected long       time;
...
```

See CalendarDemo

Formatted date and time output

java.text.DateFormat styles - **int** constants:

• SHORT	13.01.23 10:24
• MEDIUM (default)	13 січ. 2023 р., 10:24:18
• LONG	13 січня 2023 р. 10:24:18 EET
• FULL	п’ятниця, 13 січня 2023 р. 10:24:18 за східноєвропейським стандартним часом

```
Date today = new Date();
DateFormat dtf = DateFormat.getDateTimeInstance(int style);
DateFormat df = DateFormat.getDateInstance(int style);
DateFormat tf = DateFormat.getTimeInstance(int style);
System.out.println(dtf.format(today));
```

See DateFormat

Formatted date and time output

java.util.Calendar styles - **int** constants:

- NARROW_FORMAT J
- SHORT Jan.
- SHORT_STANDALONE Jan
- LONG Januar

You can use _SANDALONE styles to avoid dot printing at the end

```
Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance();
Locale locale = Locale.GERMANY;
System.out.println(cal.getDisplayName(Calendar.MONTH,
                                      Calendar.LONG, locale));
```

See DateFormat

Java Date and Calendar issues

- Date is mutable. It's possible to change the Date instance by client
  without the class-owner of that instance knowing;
- Date constructor parameters are mistakeable (year, month);
- We get timezone using String instead of Enum so we can mistake without exception throw.
- Not intuitive Calendar instance constructing including TimeZone.
- DateFormat cannot be applied to Calendar instance (and SimpleDateFormat is thread-unsafe).

See DateCalendarIssues

Java Date-Time API

- **Java Date-Time API** was introduced in the Java SE 8 (package **java.time**)
- **Java Date-Time API** based on the ISO-8601 *Data elements and interchange formats - Representation of dates and times,* that uses the de facto world *Gregorian calendar*.
- **Java Date-Time API** uses **java.time.chrono** package tools for alternative calendar systems (*Japanese Imperial* or *Thai Budd*hist or you can create your own).
- **Java Date-Time API** uses the *Unicode Common Locale Data Repository (CLDR)* with the world's largest collection of locale data available and the *Time-Zone Database (TZDB)*
- Most of the Date-Time API classes create immutable (and thread-safe) objects.
- The Date-Time API provides a fluent interface, making the code easy to read.

Since JDK 8

Java Date-Time API Temporal classes

The **java.time** package provides the main classes for dealing with dates and times (we call temporal objects for these classes instances):

- **LocalDate** - represents a date (year, month, day).
- **LocalTime** - represents time in a 24-hour day (hour, minute, second, nanosecond).
- **LocalDateTime** - represents the date and time combined, in terms of both date and time fields. A date-time has no time zone.
- **ZonedDateTime** - represents the date-time with a time zone.
- **Instant** - represents a measurement of time starting from an epoch (Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 GMT). An instant values store as a *long*-type seconds and *int*-type nanoseconds, both can be a negative value.
- **Period** - represents the difference between two dates in years, months, and days. It related to date timeline and timezones. It can be negative.
- **Duration** - represents the difference between two times in seconds and nanoseconds. It does not related to date timeline and timezones. It can be negative.

java.time package

Java Date-Time API Basic TemporalClasses

Class or Enum	Year	Month	Day	Hours	Minutes	Seconds*	Zone Offset	Zone ID	toString Output
LocalDate	✔	✔	✔						2013-08-20
LocalTime				✔	✔	✔			08:16:26.943
LocalDateTime	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔			2013-08-20T08:16:26.937
ZonedDateTime	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	2013-08-21T00:16:26.941+09:00[Asia/Tokyo]
Instant						✔			2013-08-20T15:16:26.355Z
Period	✔	✔	✔				***	***	P10D (10 days)
Duration			**	**	**	✔			PT20H (20 hours)

* with nanosecond precision,
** has methods to provide time in these units.
*** daylight saving time or other local time differences are observed.

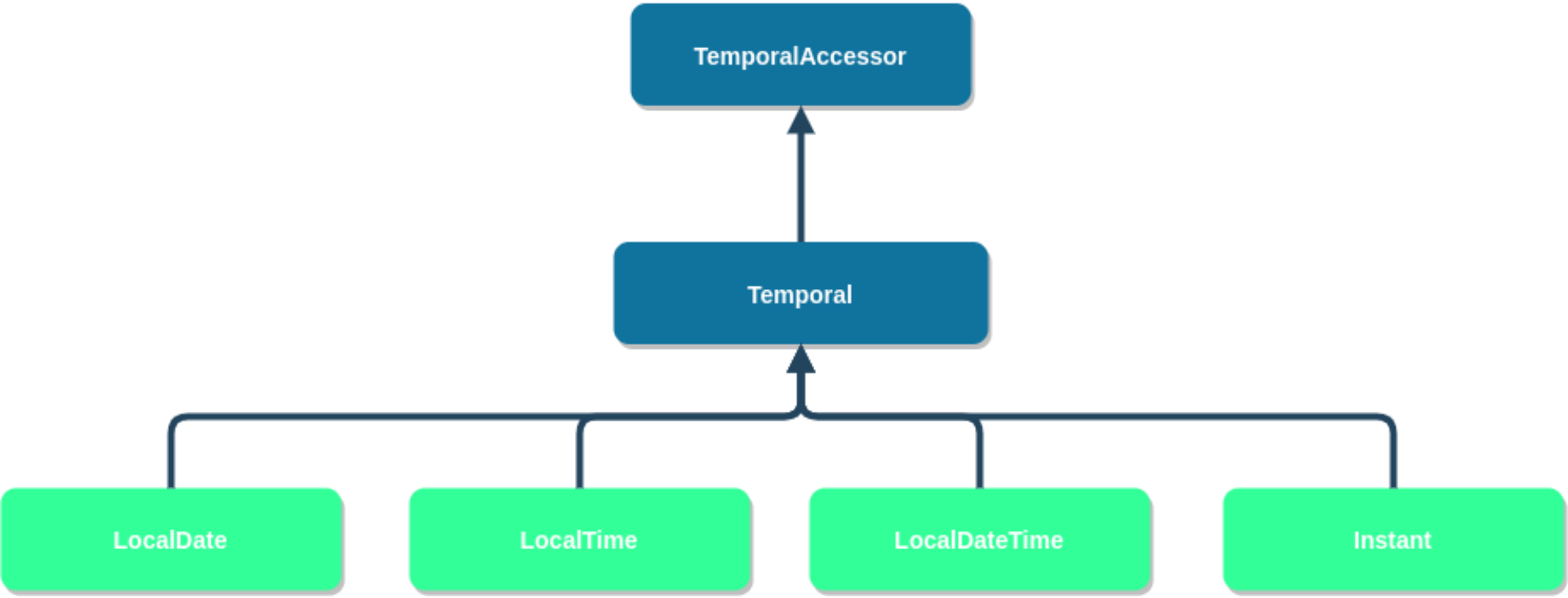
Throwing java.time.DateTimeException indicates problems with creating, querying and manipulating date-time objects.

Java Date-Time API Supplement Classes

Class or Enum	Year	Month	Day	Hours	Minutes	Seconds*	Zone Offset	Zone ID	toString Output
DayOfWeek**			✓						FRIDAY
MonthDay		✓	✓						--08-20
Month**		✓							AUGUST
YearMonth	✓	✓							2013-08
Year	✓								2013
OffsetTime				✓	✓	✓	✓		08:16:26.957-07:00
OffsetDateTime	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2013-08-20T08:16:26.954-07:00
ZoneId								✓	Europe/Paris
ZoneOffset							✓		+02:00

* Seconds are captured to nanosecond precision.
* This is enum

Java Date-Time API main classes hierarchy



All temporal classes common methods

Method	Use
of(int year, int month, ...)	**static**. Construct temporal object from provided temporal fields.
int **get**(TemporalField field)	Return a specific field of this temporal object.
boolean **isSupported**(TemporalField field)	Check specific property of this temporal object.
minus(long val, ChronoUnit unit) **minusXXX**(long val)	Returns a copy of the target object after subtracting an amount of time.
plus(long val, ChronoUnit unit) **plusXXX**(long val)	Returns a copy of the target object after adding an amount of time.
atTime(int hour, int minute, ...)	Create a new temporal object by combining this temporal object and another temporal object. Not provided by ZonedDateTime class.
with(TemporalField field, long newVal) **withXXX**(long newVal)	Create a copy of this temporal object with one field modified.
toXXX()	Convert this temporal object to another type.

XXX can be a specific field, a specific unit or a class name

Additional common methods for LocalDate, LocalTime, LocalDateTime, ZonedDateTime, Instant

Method	Use
now()	**static**. Obtain the current date and/or time from the system clock in the default or specified time zone.
from(TemporalAccessor temporal)	**static.** Obtain a specialized instance of this temporal class from temporal class instance-parameter.
long **until**(Temporal endExclusive, TemporalUnit unit)	Calculates the amount of time until another date-time in terms of the specified unit.
parse(CharSequence text, DateTimeFormatter formatter)	**static.** Obtain a temporal instance from a specified text string.
String **format**(DateTimeFormatter formatter)	Create a text representation of this temporal object using a specified formatter. Instant class does not provide this method.
boolean **isEqual/isBefore/ isAfter**(ChronoLocalDateTime<?> other)	**default.**

See LocalDateTimeDemo

See DateSupplementClassesDemo

See EnumsDemo

Time Zone and Offset Classes

- A *time zone* is a region of the Earth where the same standard time is used. The time observed in a region is usually referred to as the *local time*.
- Each time zone is described by an *identifier* and usually has the format *region/city* (Asia/Tokyo) and an *offset* in time from Greenwich/UTC time (Coordinated Universal Time).
- Java uses the IANA *Time Zone Database* (TZDB) maintained by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) that updates the database regularly, in particular, regarding changes to the rules for DST practiced by a time zone.
- GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) has zero offset from UTC/Greenwich (UTC+0), thus the two are often used as synonyms, for example, GMT-4 is equivalent to UTC-4. However, *GMT is a time zone*, whereas *UTC is a time standard*.

Time Zone and Offset Classes

- The following three classes in the **java.time** package are important when dealing with date and time in different time zones and daylight saving time (DST):
  ZoneId
  ZoneOffset
  ZonedDateTime

See TimeZoneClassesDemo

Period

- For representing an amount of time, the Date and Time API provides the two classes **Period** and **Duration**.
- A **Period** uses date-based amount of time (years, months, days) so it can be used with LocalDate, LocalDateTime and ZonedDateTime classes.
- The total period of time is represented by all three units together: months, days, and years.
- A **Period** of one day, when added to a ZonedDateTime, may vary according to the time zone. For example, if it occurs on the first or last day of daylight saving time.
- The **Period** class provides various get methods, such as getMonths, getDays, and getYears, so that You can extract the amount of time from the period.

See PeriodDemo

Duration

- A **Duration** implements a time-based amount of time in terms of *seconds* and *nanoseconds*, using a *long* and an *int* value for these time units, respectively.
- A **Duration** instance can represent an amount of time in terms of *days*, *hours*, and *minutes*. As these time units have fixed lengths, it makes interoperability between these units possible.
- The **Duration** class can be used with the LocalTime and LocalDateTime classes.
- A **Duration** is most suitable in situations that measure machine-based time, such as code that uses an Instant object.

See DurationDemo

Instant Class

- An **Instant** object represents a point on the timeline, measured with nanosecond precision from a starting point or origin that is, January 1, 1970, at midnight GMT - and is called *epoch*.
- **Instants** before the epoch have negative values, whereas instants after the epoch have positive values.
- An **Instant** object is modeled with two values:
  - A long value to represent the epoch-second
  - An int value to represent the nano-of-second (0 - 999_999_999)
- The **Instant** class can be used for representing computer time, specially timestamps that identify to a higher precision when an event occurred on the timeline. Instants are suitable for persistence purposes - for example, in a database.

See InstantDemo

Temporals Converting from/to Legacy Date & Calendar

From	To	Comments
java.util.Date	java.time.LocalDateTime	The Date **toInstant()** and **LocalDateTime .ofInstant(Instant instant, ZoneId zone)** methods
java.time.LocalDateTime	java.util.Date	The **Date.from(Instant instant)** and LocalDateTime **atZone(ZoneId zone)** and ZonedDateTime **toInstant()** methods
java.util.GregorianCalendar	java.time.ZonedDateTime	The **Calendar.getInstance()** and **ZonedDateTime .ofInstant(Instant instant, ZoneId zone)** methods
java.time.ZonedDateTime	java.util.GregorianCalendar	The **GregorianCalendar.from(ZonedDateTime zdt)** method

- An object of the java.util.Date represents time, date, and time zone. It can be converted to java.time.Instant object.
- Also we can create the java.util.Date object from the java.time.Instant object.

See LegacyCodeConvertDemo