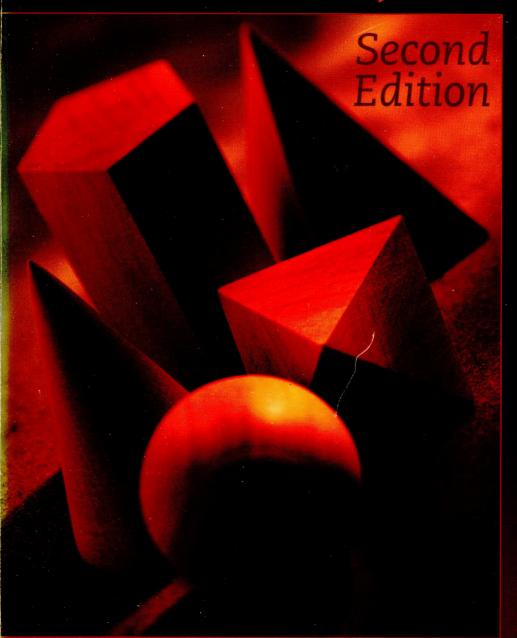
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#### **DEDICATION**

To Elliot's family: Caryn, Debbie, Robin and Jeff, Richard, Jacquie, and Dustin

> and to Ursula's family: Jim, Chris, Henry, Kathy and their little girl

#### **Preface**

This textbook is intended for a first course in problem solving and program design with Java (CS1). It assumes no prior knowledge of computers or programming, and for most of its material, high school algebra is sufficient mathematics background. A limited knowledge of discrete mathematics is desirable for a few sections.

#### **Problem Solving and Program Design**

The primary emphasis in this text is on **problem solving** with Java. We accomplish this by selecting features of the language that lend themselves to good program design. We also emphasize abstraction and follow a standard five-step approach to program design (problem specification, analysis, design, implementation, and testing). We have modified this time-tested approach for software development to the object-oriented paradigm. We follow it faithfully in the solution of more than 20 case studies throughout the book. Ten of the case studies are new to this edition.

#### Classes and Objects Early

Students use predefined classes like **String** and **Math** to write small applications in Chapter 2. They begin to write their own worker classes to model real-world objects in Chapter 3. Examples are a **FoodItem** class, a **CoinChanger** class, a **Circle** class, and a **Washer** class. Methods are introduced in Chapter 2 and thoroughly covered in Chapter 3.

#### **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)**

We continue to use worker classes in applications and discuss OOP concepts in an informal manner. We provide a detailed discussion of OOP in Chapter 6. We introduce class hierarchies, inheritance, interfaces, and abstract classes by studying several case studies that use these features.

#### Standard Input/Output Stressed

We use standard Java for input and output. Starting in Chapter 1, we use class <code>JOptionPane</code> (part of <code>Swing</code>) for windows-based input and output and we use the console window for more extensive output. In Chapter 3, we provide an optional package with static methods for input (based on <code>JOptionPane</code>) that simplifies data entry with dialog windows. The input methods check for number format errors and can check for range violations. Most programs in the book use standard Java I/O methods, but students can use the optional package if they wish.

This is a departure from the first edition, which utilized a nonstandard graphical user interface (GUI) package. Our experience is that many of the benefits of this package can be derived through class <code>JOptionPane</code>. Many Java programming instructors preferred to teach standard methods rather than rely on a nonstandard package. We hope that we have met the needs of most users by relying on standard input/output and by also providing an optional nonstandard package that is simpler to use.

#### **Applets and Applications**

We focus on applications in Chapters 2 and 3, where we attempt to teach the basics of simple programs that calculate results. We use applications rather than applets because we don't want students to have to deal with the details of providing a GUI. We introduce applets, HyperText Markup Language (HTML), and graphics programming using the AWT Graphics class to draw simple graphical patterns in Chapter 3. When we cover GUIs in Chapter 7, we use **Swing** components (see below).

#### **Control Structures and Indexed Data Structures**

In this edition, we cover selection and loop control structures together in Chapter 4. However, the control structures are not intermixed. We complete the selection control structures before we begin loop control structures, so instructors can separate these structures if they wish to.

We study arrays in Chapter 5, along with other Java indexed data collections, the **Vector** class and **ArrayList** class. We also discuss wrapper classes for the primitive types in this chapter.

#### **GUIs**

We revisit applets and HTML in Chapter 7 when we describe how to build GUIs using **Swing** components. We also show how to use class **JFrame** to write applications that have GUIs. We show several examples of GUIs in both applications and applets.

#### **Exceptions and Streams**

Chapter 8 is a new chapter on exceptions and streams. Knowing how to catch and throw exceptions is critical to stream processing, so we begin the chapter with a discussion of exceptions. The chapter covers streams of characters, binary streams, and streams of objects.

#### **Coverage of Advanced Topics**

Chapters 9 and 10 concern themselves with more traditional aspects of programming often found in CS2: recursion and processing linked data structures. We develop classes for linked lists, stacks, queues, and binary search trees. We define the node structure in inner classes. We also show how to use the **LinkedList** collection class and the **ListIterator** class. Many CS1 courses would not include this advanced material.

#### Flexibility of Coverage

There is sufficient material in the textbook for one and a half semesters or for two quarters. We consider Chapters 1 through 7 the core of the book, and they should be covered by all students. The first four chapters (through control structures) must be covered in sequence:

- 1. Introduction to Computers, Problem Solving, and Programming
- 2. Using Primitive Data Types and Using Classes
- 3. Object-Oriented Design and Writing Worker Classes
- 4. Control Structures: Decisions and Loops

The next three chapters deal with arrays, OOP, and GUI design, and they can be covered in a variety of ways:

- 5. Arrays and Vectors
- 6. Class Hierarchies, Inheritance, and Interfaces
- 7. Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs)

Faculty who want to cover GUIs earlier can cover Chapter 7 first, omitting the few examples that involve arrays. Similarly, faculty who want to cover OOP details earlier can introduce the fundamentals of using arrays (Sections 5.1–5.3) and then cover Chapter 6 in detail. Then continue with the rest of Chapter 5 or Chapter 7.

Chapter 9, Recursion, could also be introduced earlier. Sections 9.1–9.3 could be covered after Chapter 4 and the rest of the chapter could be covered after Chapter 5.

#### **Pedagogical Features**

We employ several pedagogical features to enhance the usefulness of the book as a teaching tool. Discussion of some of these features follows.

**End-of-Section Exercises:** Most sections end with a number of self-check exercises, including exercises that require analysis of program fragments as well as short programming exercises. Answers to odd-numbered self-check exercises appear at the back of the book; answers to other exercises are provided in the Instructor's Manual.

**End-of-Chapter Exercises:** Each chapter ends with a set of quick-check exercises with answers. There are also chapter review exercises with solutions provided in the Instructor's Manual.

**End-of-Chapter Projects:** There are several projects at the end of each chapter that are suitable for programming assignments. Answers to selected projects appear in the Instructor's Manual.

**Examples and Case Studies:** The text contains a large number and variety of programming examples. Whenever possible, examples contain complete class or method definitions rather than incomplete fragments. Each chapter contains one or more case studies that are solved following the software development method.

**Syntax Displays:** The syntax displays describe the syntax and semantics of each new Java feature complete with examples.

**Program Style Displays:** The program style displays discuss issues of good programming style.

**Error Discussions and Chapter Review:** Each chapter ends with a section that discusses common programming errors. Chapter reviews include a table of new Java constructs.

#### **Appendixes and Supplements**

**Appendixes:** The text concludes with several appendixes covering the Java language, HTML, unicode, Borland JBuilder, resources for finding out more about Java, and a summary of Java class libraries.

**Packages and Classes:** Further information about this textbook can be found at www.aw.com/cssupport. You will be able to download package psJava and source code for all the classes provided in the textbook.

**Instructor's Manual:** Access to an online instructor's manual is available through your Addison-Wesley sales representative. The Instructor's Manual contains answers to selected exercises and projects and is available to qualified instructor's only.

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