

CMPSC 111
Introduction to Computer Science I
Fall 2014

Practical 2

11–12 September 2014

Due in Bitbucket by midnight of the day of your practical
“Checkmark” grade

Summary

Create a Java program that prints something “interesting”, using the `git add`, `git commit`, and `git push` commands to upload it to your Git repository hosted by Bitbucket. See the end of the assignment for a few hints and suggestions for creating Java programs that perform output.

Review the Textbook

Be sure to read Section 2.1 of your book—it explains how to print some of the special characters, a topic that is also discussed at the end of this assignment.

Exercise: Print Something “Interesting”

Create a Java program that uses a sequence of *no more than ten* `System.out.println` statements to print something “interesting.” You may *not* use any other features of Java, such as variables, loops, etc. However, you are *required* to use at least one of the “escaped” characters, such as `\n` or `\\`. Remember, it is possible to get pictures that are taller than ten lines by using the `\n` character in your `println` statements. Please see an instructor if you have questions about this requirement.

Your program must print your name and today’s date (using “`new Date()`” in a `println` statement). This will not count as part of your ten print statements.

You must come up with an *original* design—*under no circumstances* should you copy a design from another source, such as an “ASCII Art” web site. (However, you may look at such sites for inspiration.) The next two pages furnish two examples that you are encouraged to try. As you complete these two examples, please take time to pause and reflect on why the program produces the output that it does. If you cannot get one of these examples to work, then please show a teaching assistant or a course instructor the problem that you are encountering.

Preparing for the Programming Task

Before you start creating the Java program required by this assignment, you should separately type the commands “`cd cs111F2014`”, “`cd cs111F2014-<your user name>`”, and “`cd practicals`” in your terminal window. Once you are in the `practicals/` directory of your Git repository, you can type the command `mkdir practical02` to create a new directory for this assignment. You can run the `gvim` command from this directory when you are ready to begin to implement the required Java program. Please see an instructor if you have problems with these preparatory steps.

Example 1: File "PrintName.java"

```

//*****
// Bob Roos
// Practical 2, 11-12 September 2014
//
// Prints a name 'Bob'
//*****
import java.util.Date;
public class PrintName
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Bob Roos, CMPSC 111\n" + new Date() + "\n");
        System.out.println("  ___      __");
        System.out.println(" |  \\      |");
        System.out.println(" |__/  __  |__");
        System.out.println(" |  \\ /  \\ |  \\");
        System.out.println(" _|__/  \\__/_|__");
    }
}

```

OUTPUT:

```

javac PrintName.java
java PrintName
Bob Roos, CMPSC 111
Wed Sep 10 21:04:41 EST 2014

```

```

  ___      __
 |  \\      |
 |__/  __  |__
 |  \\ /  \\ |  \\
 _|__/  \\__/_|__

```

Example 2: File “PrintFace.java”

```

//*****
// Janyl Jumadinova
// Practical 2, 11-12 September 2014
// Prints a face
//*****
import java.util.Date;
public class PrintFace
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Janyl Jumadinova, CMPSC 111\n" + new Date() + "\n");
        System.out.println("  \\\\\\|\\|\\|//");
        System.out.println("  /      \\");
        System.out.println("  |  --  --  |");
        System.out.println(" @|  0 0  |@");
        System.out.println("  |   V   |");
        System.out.println("   \\  \\_/  /");
        System.out.println("    \\___/");
    }
}

```

OUTPUT:

```

javac PrintFace.java
java PrintFace
Janyl Jumadinova, CMPSC 111
Wed Sep 10 21:11:55 EST 2014

```

```

  \\\\\\|\\|\\|//
  /      \\
  |  --  --  |
 @|  0 0  |@
  |   V   |
   \\  \\_/  /
    \\___/

```

Using Version Control Correctly

As you are typing your program in the `gvim` text editor, you should regularly save your files. Once you have created a preliminary version of your program and it compiles and runs as anticipated, you should use the “`git add`” command to stage it in your Git repository. Next, you can use the “`git commit`” command to save it in your local repository with a version control message. Finally, you can run “`git push`” to transfer your file to the Bitbucket servers. For this practical

assignment, you do *not* have to hand in a hard copy of anything—just upload your Java program and an output produced by your program to Bitbucket using the `git` commands.

Please review your “Git Cheatsheet” and talk with a member of the class, a course instructor, or a teaching assistant if you do not understand how to use the Git version control system.

Hints About Java Programming and Escaped Characters

The name of your program file (for instance, “`PrintFace.java`”) must be the same as the name in the “`public class ...`” statement—see earlier examples where you practiced this skill.

The characters “`\`” (backslash) and “`”`” (double-quote) require special handling. To print them out, you need to put an extra “`\`” in front of them. For instance,

```
The statement:    System.out.println("backslash: \\, quote: \");
prints:          backslash: \, quote: "
```

General Guidelines for Practical Sessions

- **Experiment!** Practical sessions are for learning by doing without the pressure of grades or “right/wrong” answers. So try things! The best way to learn is by trying things out.
- **Submit *Something*.** Your grade for this assignment is a “checkmark” indicating whether you did or did not complete the work and submit something to the Bitbucket repository using the “`git add`”, “`git commit`”, and “`git push`” commands.
- **Practice Key Laboratory Skills.** As you are completing this assignment, practice using the `gvim` text editor and the Ubuntu terminal until you can easily use their most important features. Additionally, ask a teaching assistant or a course instructor to teach you some of the advanced features of `gvim` and the terminal, thereby helping you to work more effectively.
- **Try to Finish During the Class Session.** Practical exercises are not intended to be the equal of the laboratory assignments. If you are simply a slow typist, I’ve given you until the end of the day, but ideally you should upload a file, even a non-working one, by the end of the class period. You also should ensure that, for this assignment and all subsequent assignments, you can confidently upload files to your Git repository during the practical session.
- **Help One Another!** If your neighbor is struggling and you know what to do, offer your help. Don’t “do the work” for them, but advise them on what to type or how to handle things. If you are stuck on a part of this practical session and you could not find any insights in either your textbook or online sources, formulate an intelligent question to ask your neighbor, a teaching assistant, or a course instructor. Try to strike the right balance between asking for help when you cannot solve a problem and working independently to find a solution.
- **Update Your Repository Often!** You should `add`, `commit`, and `push` your updated files each time you work on them, always including descriptive messages about each code change.
- **Review the Honor Code Policy on the Syllabus.** Remember that while you may discuss programs with other students in the course, programs that are nearly identical to, or merely variations on, the work of others will be taken as evidence of violating the Honor Code.