

Numbers as Strings

Due Date:

This assignment is due by Friday, January 13 *by the beginning of lecture*.

Purpose:

This laboratory assignment is a chance to review problem decomposition by methods. This is likely the last laboratory assignment to be focussed solely on static methods. Use this assignment to practice good functional decomposition.

Numbers to Strings

- ⇒ Implement a static `String numberToString(int n)` that converts a integer n between 1 (inclusive) and one billion (exclusive) into a `String`. The `numberToString` method can cover a larger range if you wish. It should take appropriate action if the argument is out of range.

For instance `numberToString(312000789)` should return three hundred twelve million seven hundred eighty-nine.

Carefully think about how to decompose this problem. For instance, if you have a method that can handle the range 1–999, how can you use that method to create another method that handles the range 1–999 999?

Aim to create methods that have well-defined purposes, but which have no more than around twenty lines of code each. Exploit small private static arrays of `Strings` if you can.

- ⇒ Implement a test method that provides *automated* testing of the `numberToString` method. Here, “automated” means that the test method does not require human input. Think carefully about what test cases provide good automated testing.
- ⇒ Determine the total number of 'w's in the words “one, two, three, . . . , thirty-four million nine hundred ninety-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-eight, thirty-four million nine hundred ninety-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine, thirty-five million.”

Coding Practices

- Your program must consist of at least three classes:
 - one containing functions to convert positive integers to strings;
 - one containing test functions to test the class above; and
 - One to count 'w's.
- Your code should obey the following rules.
 - All member variables must be either private or final (both is fine).
 - Non-void return type functions should have minimal side-effects. Executing the same non-void function twice in a row with the same arguments should produce the same result.
- Your code must conform to the following standards:
 - Class names **must be** capitalized.
 - Method names, member variables, and local variables **must** begin with a lower-case letter.
 - (exceptions) public static final variables may have all-caps names.
 - Methods and member variable declarations must be indented with respect to the surrounding class.
 - More generally, method bodies, loop bodies, and so on must be indented.
- Your test methods should be automated. That is, they should not require user input, and should provide fairly terse output, especially if they succeed.

English Grammar for Numbers

- The first nineteen positive integers are
 - one • two • three • four
 - five • six • seven • eight
 - nine • ten • eleven • twelve
 - thirteen • fourteen • fifteen • sixteen
 - seventeen • eighteen • nineteen

- The first 9 multiples of ten are: ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, and ninety.
- Note the spellings of four, fourteen, and forty.
- Also note that eighteen has only one 't'.
- For $20 \leq n < 100$ where $n = a \cdot 10 + b$, and $2 \leq a < 10$, and $0 \leq b < 10$, first comes the word for $10a$, then, if $b > 0$, a hyphen and the word for b .
- For $100 \leq n < 1000$ where $n = a \cdot 10^2 + b$, and $1 \leq a < 10$, and $0 \leq b < 10^2$, first comes the word for a then a space then "hundred", then, if $b > 0$, a space and the words for b .
- For $10^3 \leq n < 10^6$ where $n = a \cdot 10^3 + b$, and $1 \leq a < 1000$, and $0 \leq b < 10^3$, first comes the word(s) for a then a space then "thousand", then, if $b > 0$, a space and the words for b .
- For $10^6 \leq n < 10^9$ where $n = a \cdot 10^6 + b$, and $1 \leq a < 1000$, and $0 \leq b < 10^6$, first comes the word(s) for a then a space then "million", then, if $b > 0$, a space and the word(s) for b .
- The word "and" is not used for integers. (one hundred and twenty-three thousandths means 100.023; whereas one hundred twenty-three thousandths means 0.123)