Software Engineering

Lecture 1(c):
Design validation & Coding

Outline

(A) Basic class design with annotation — Lect 1(a,b)

(B) Collection class design with annotation

(C) Design validation & Coding — Lect 1(c)

(D) Type hierarchy — Lect 2

References

- Course book: **Chapters 7**

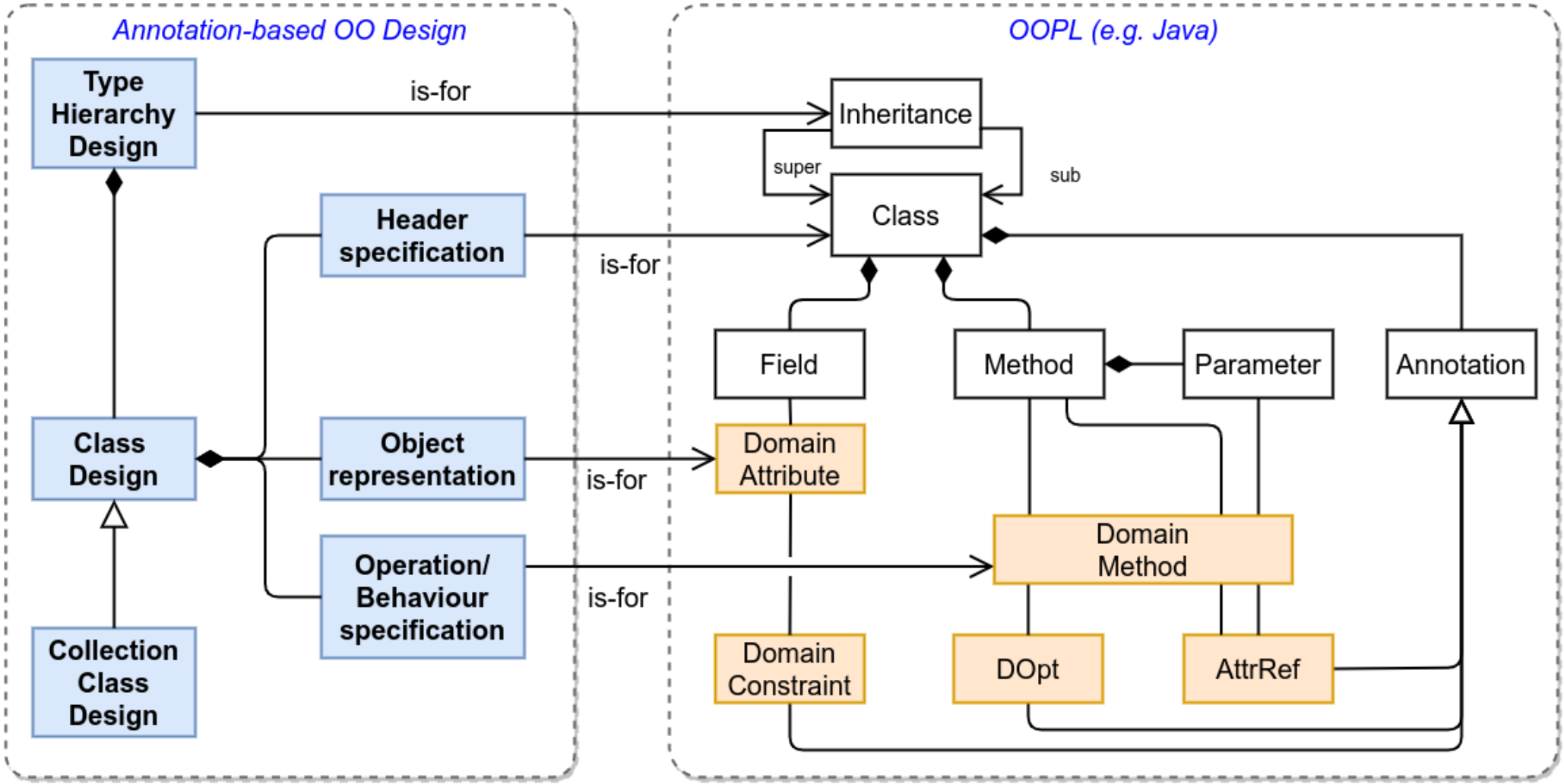
(C.1) Design validation

1) Design review
2) OOPChecker: a design validation tool

Review the design

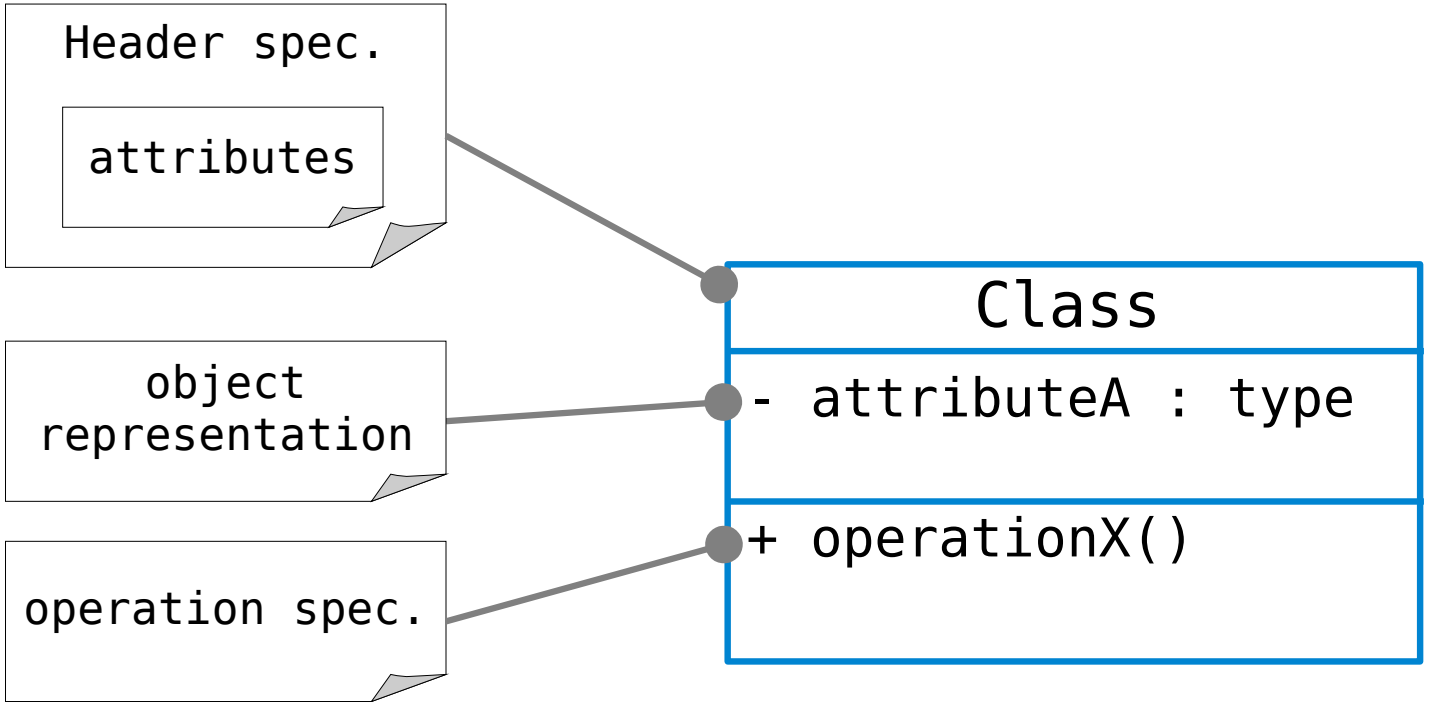
- Helps fix logic errors or make the code compact, before implementation commences:
  - more costly to fix errors once code is written
- Consists in the following checks:
  - check header specification
  - check attribute definitions
  - check object representation
  - check operational specification

Design Method (recap)



(UML class diagram: https://www.uml-diagrams.org/class-diagrams-overview.html)

Review elements



Check header specification

- @overview: states what the abstract concept is
- @attributes: list correct attributes and types
- @object: definition is based on the attribute(s)
- @abstract_properties: domain rules on the attributes are correct

Check attribute definitions

- Formal types are correct
- Concrete types (if any):
  - must be supported by Java
  - must match the formal ones

Check object representation

- Object variables match attribute definitions
- Domain constraint tags match abstract properties

Check operational specification

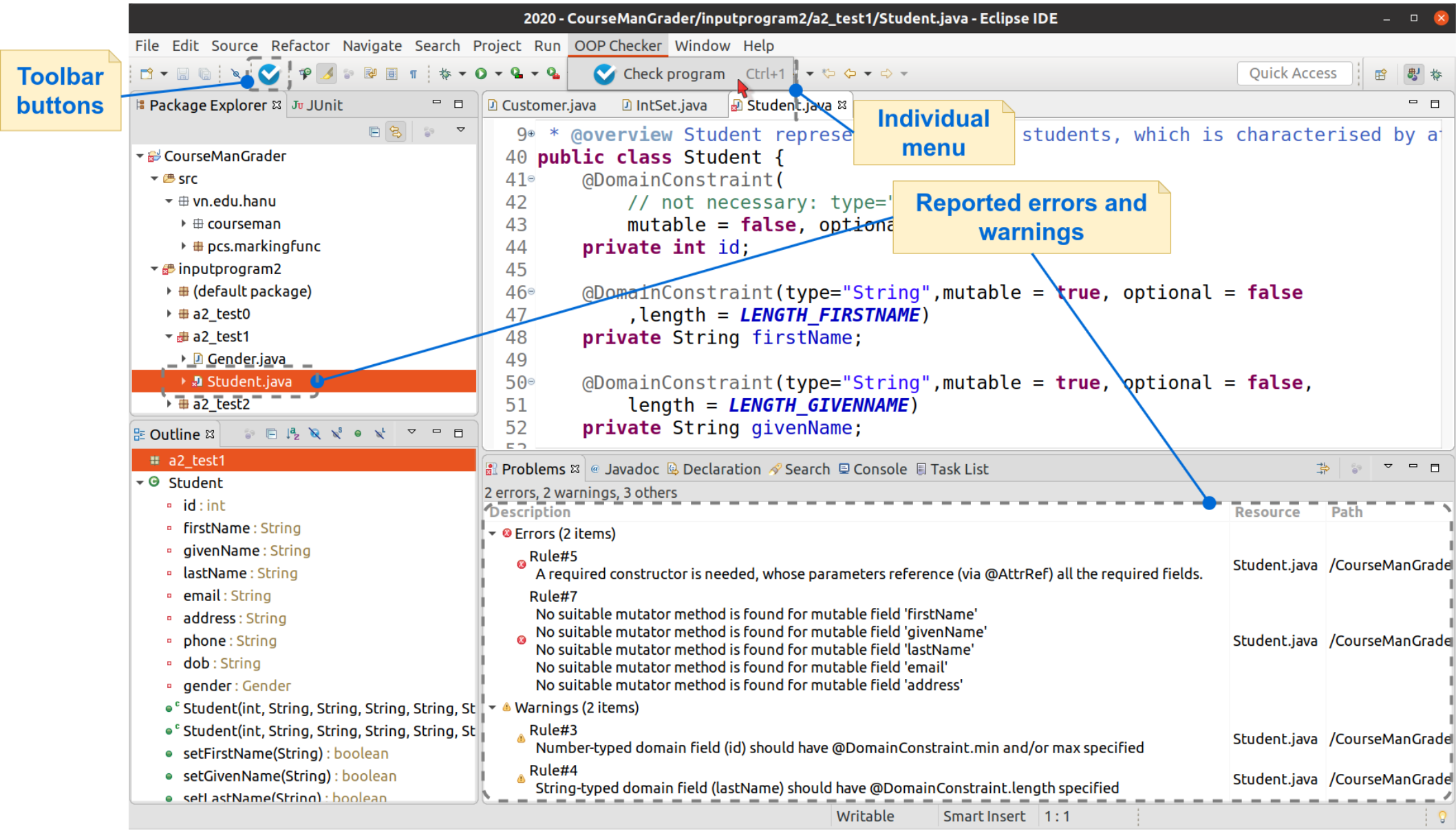
- Ensure that operations result in valid objects
- For each operation, check that:
  - its behaviour is defined with abstract properties in mind
  - it is tagged with suitable annotation(s)
  - it refers to the correct attribute(s)
  - if helper then it needs to be used by other operation(s)

Tool: OOPChecker

- Check the **essential design** of an OOP using its annotation elements
  - Used for the tutorial exercises and assignments
- Design scope:
  - class header
  - fields (attributes)
  - operation header
    - does not check the operation code
- Display design errors and/or warnings at compile time
- Integrated into Eclipse IDE as a plugin:
  - the “Problems” tab displays errors and warnings

Demo

OOPChecker as an Eclipse plugin



Quick user guide

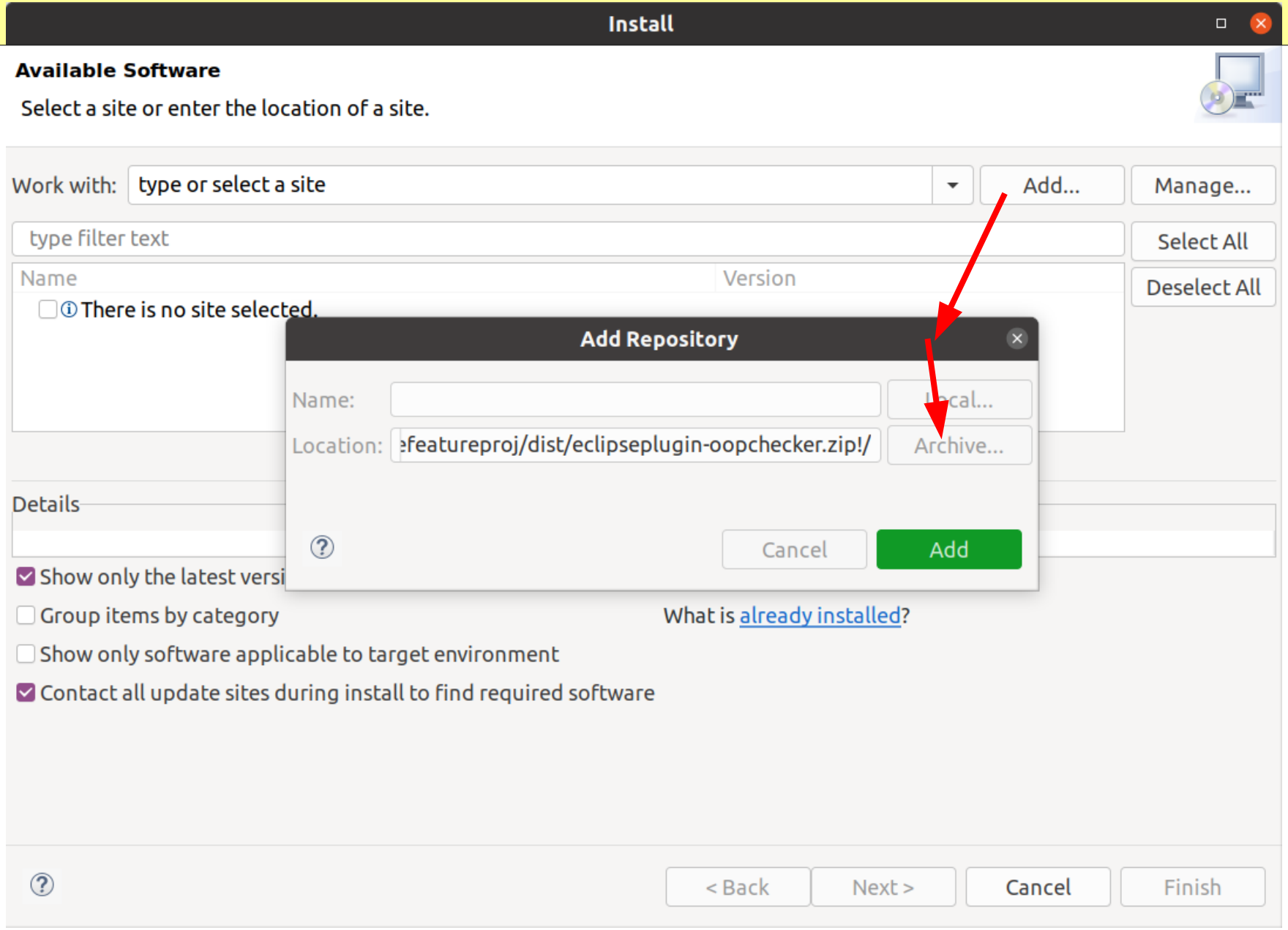
- Select a class of a package
- Click the toolbar button 
  - or the menu item “Check program” in the “OOP Checker” menu
- Check the dialog to see if any problems/warnings are reported:
  - If so, go to the “Problems” view to see and fix them
- Subsequent runs on the same file remove the previous problems/warnings (if any)

EXercise

Set up and usage

- Download file `eclipseplugin-oopchecker.zip`
- Eclipse: Help/Install New Software...
- Follow the dialogs to complete...

Browse to the plugin archive file



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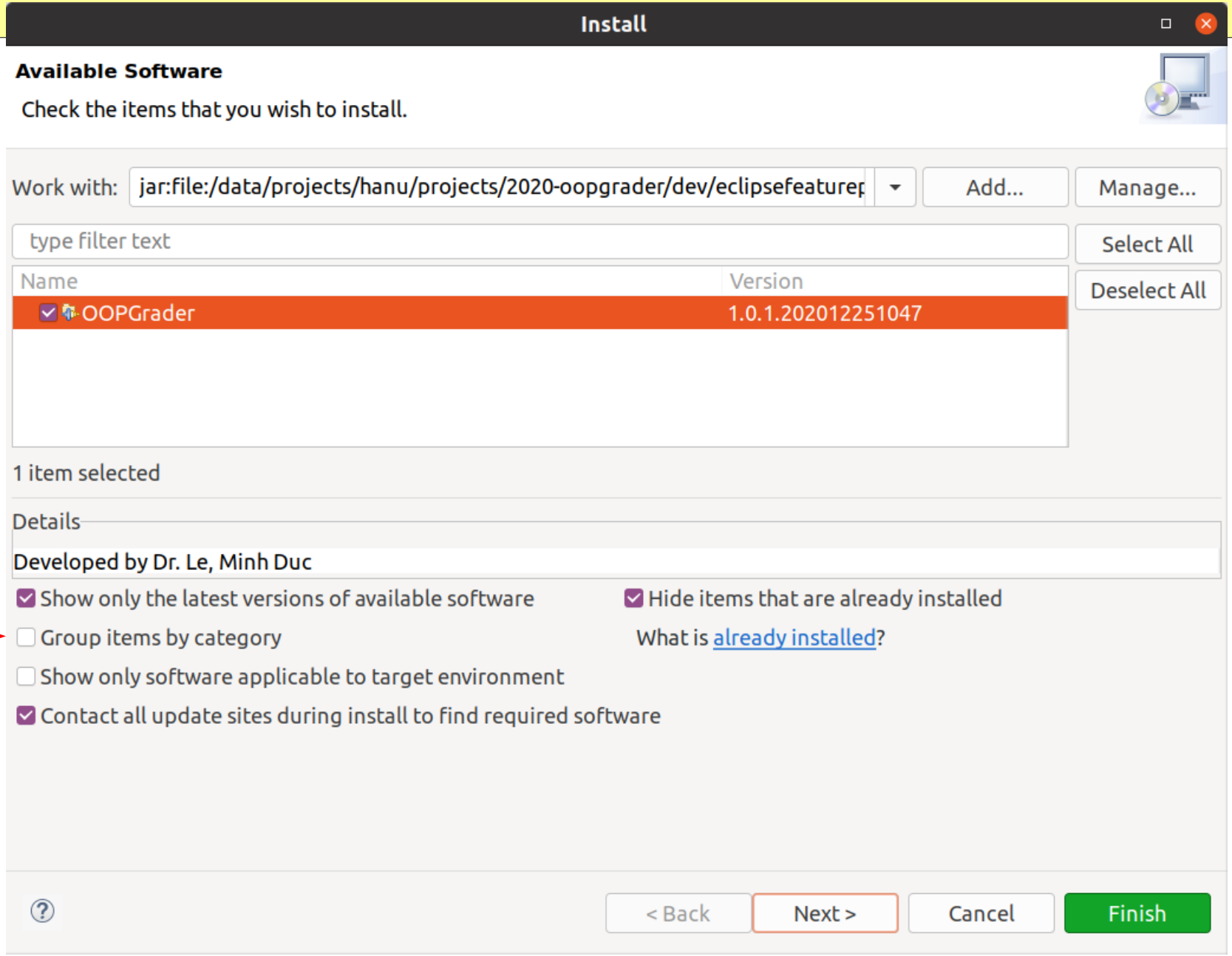

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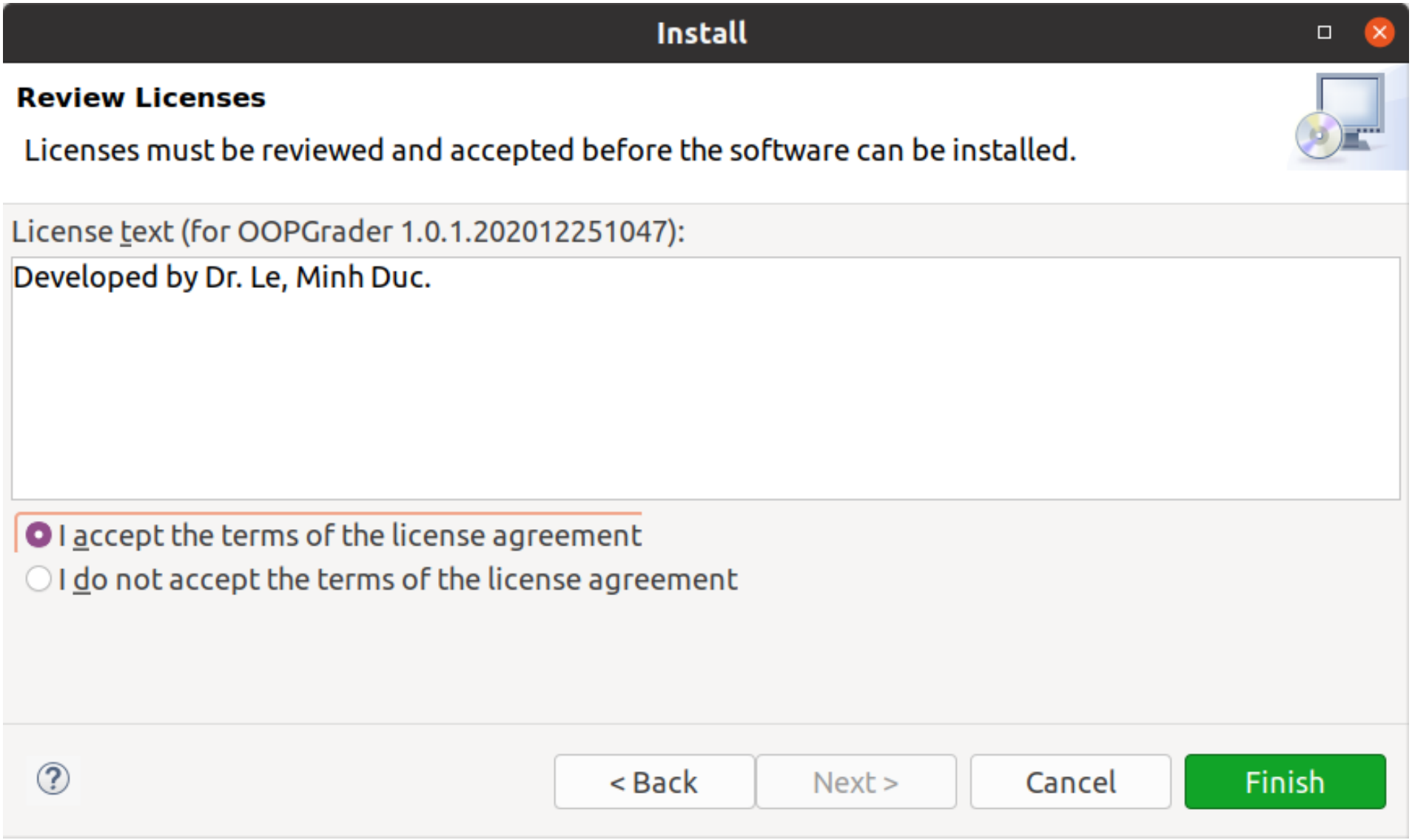
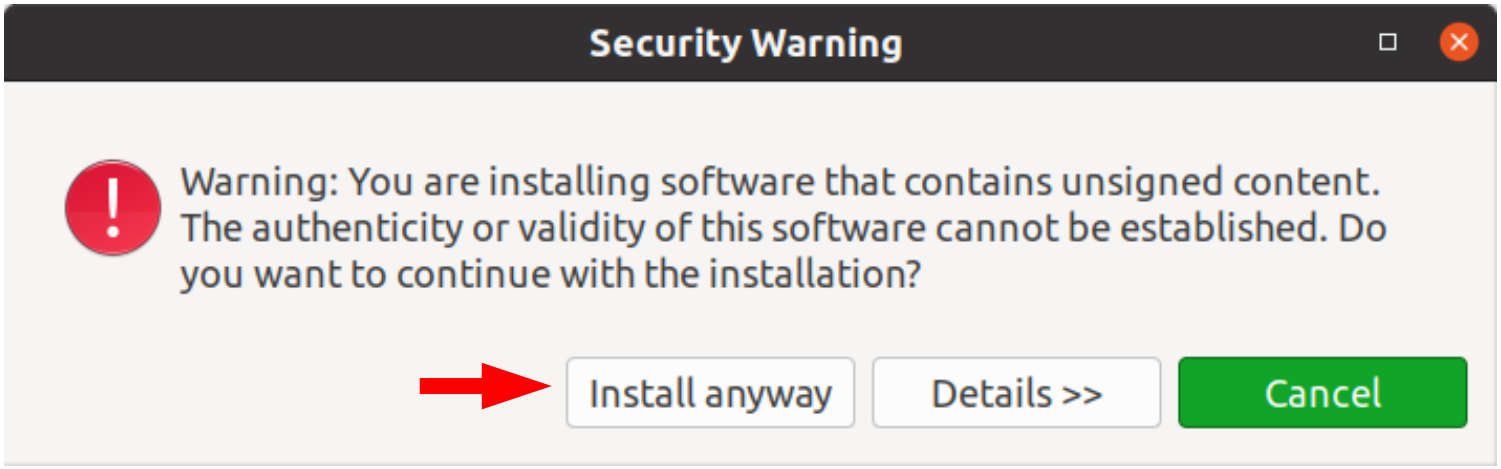
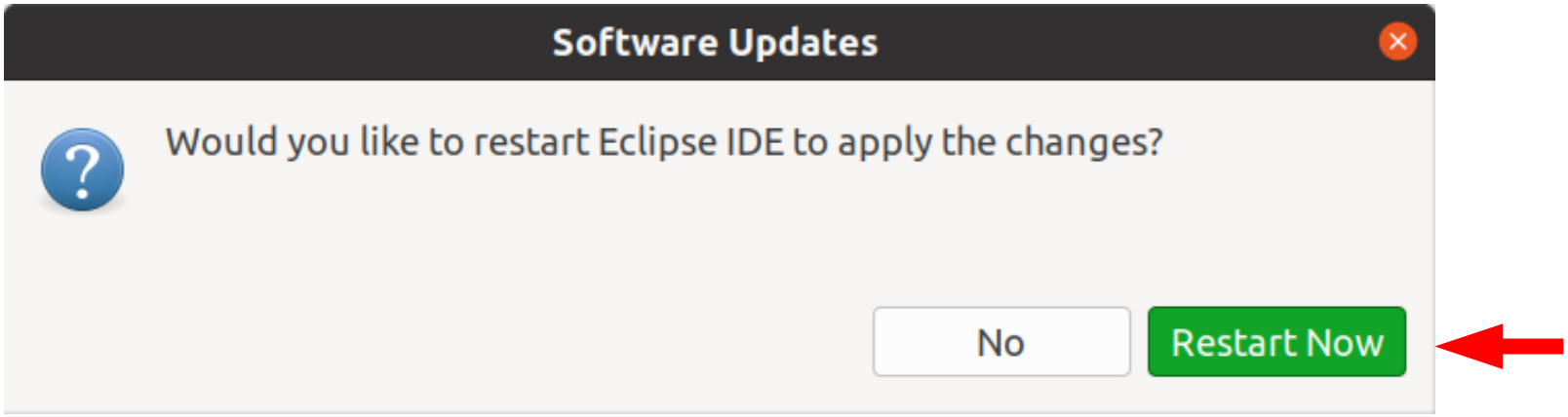


Follow the instructions to install...

- “Install anyway”



- “Restart now”



(C.2) Coding (implementation)

1) General guidelines
2) Constructors
3) Mutators
4) Observers
5) Default
6) Helpers
7) Examples

General guidelines

- Write code that conforms to the behaviour description
- Make the most of the built-in operations of the chosen data types:
  - e.g. use `Vector` operations to implement `IntSet`
- Use helper operations where needed
  - e.g. to validate input data
- Use the `this` keyword to access other members that have the same name

Constructors

- Focus on the essential constructor
- If input validation fails for some input:
  - throws NotPossibleException with a message containing the constructor name and input value
  - exception is defined in the `utils` package

Example: Customer

```
/**
 * ...
 */
public Customer(@AttrRef("id") int custID,
        @AttrRef("name") String name)
        throws NotPossibleException {

  if (!validateId(custID)) {
    throw new NotPossibleException(
      "Customer.init: Invalid customer id: " + custID);
  }

  if (!validateName(name)) {
    throw new NotPossibleException(
      "Customer.init: Invalid customer name: " + name);
  }

  id = custID;
  this.name = name;
}
```

Using Customer()

```
Customer c;
try {
   c = new Customer(id,name);
   System.out.println("Created customer: " + c);
} catch (NotPossibleException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

Example: IntSet

```
/**
 * @effects initialise <tt>this</tt> to be empty
 */
public IntSet() {
  elements = new Vector<>();
}
```

Using IntSet()

```
IntSet s = new IntSet();
```

Mutators

- Customer
- IntSet

Example: Customer

```
/**
 * @effects <pre>
 *   if name is valid
 *     set this.name=name
 *     return true
 *   else
 *     return false</pre>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.Mutator) @AttrRef("name")
public boolean setName(String name) {
  if (validateName(name)) {
    this.name = name;
    return true;
  } else {
    return false;
  }
}
```

Example: IntSet

```
/**
 * @modifies <tt>this</tt>
 * @effects <pre>
 *   if x is already in this
 *     do nothing,
 *   else
 *     add x to this, i.e., this_post = this + {x}
 *   </pre>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.MutatorAdd)
public void insert(int x) {
  if (getIndex(x) < 0)
    elements.add(x); // auto-boxing
}
```

```
/**
 * @modifies <tt>this</tt>
 * @effects <pre>
 *   if x is not in this
 *     do nothing
 *   else
 *     remove x from this, i.e.
 *   this_post = this - {x}</pre>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.MutatorRemove)
public void remove(int x) {
  int i = getIndex(x);
  if (i < 0)
    return;
  elements.set(i, elements.lastElement());
  elements.remove(elements.size() - 1);
}
```

Observers

- Customer
- IntSet

Example: Customer

```
/**
 * @effects return <tt>id</tt>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.Observer) @AttrRef("id")
public int getId() {
  return id;
}

/**
 *
 * @effects return <tt>name</tt>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.Observer) @AttrRef("name")
public String getName() {
  return name;
}
```

Example: IntSet

```
/**
 * @effects <pre>
 *  if x is in this
 *    return true
 *  else
 *    return false</pre>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.ObserverContains)
public boolean isIn(int x) {
  return (getIndex(x) >= 0);
}

/**
 * @effects return the cardinality of <tt>this</tt>
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.ObserverSize)
public int size() {
  return elements.size();
}
```

cont'd

```
/**
 * @effects
 *  if this is not empty
 *    return Integer[] array of elements of this
 *  else
 *    return null
 */
@DOpt(type=OptType.Observer)
public Integer[] getElements() {
  if (size() == 0)
    return null;
  else
    return elements.toArray(new Integer[size()]);
}
```

Default

- `toString`:
  - to create a string representation similar to the typical object using the current object state
- `equals`: two techniques
  - compare references: use operator ==
    - the default behaviour of `Object.equals`
  - compare states (common): use the attribute values
    - If value is object then may also need to invoke `equals` on it
    - If value is a collection then need to compare size and elements

Example: Customer

```
@Override
public String toString() {
   return "Customer:<" + id + "," + name + ">";
}
```

- Using `String.format`

```
@Override
public String toString() {
   return String.format("Customer:<%d,%s>", id, name);
}
```

```java
@Override
public boolean equals(Object o) {
  if (o == null || !(o instanceof Customer))
    return false;

  int yourID = ((Customer) o).id;
  return yourID == id;
}
```

Example: IntSet

```
@Override
public String toString() {
  if (size() == 0)
    return "IntSet:{ }";

  String s = "IntSet:{" +
         elements.elementAt(0).toString();
  for (int i = 1; i < size(); i++) {
    s = s + " , " + elements.elementAt(i).toString();
  }

  return s + "}";
}
```

Example: IntSet (using StringBuilder)

```
@Override
public String toString() {
  if (size() == 0)
    return "IntSet:{ }";

  StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder("IntSet:{");
  s.append(elements.elementAt(0).toString());
  for (int i = 1; i < size(); i++) {
    s.append(" , ")
     .append(elements.elementAt(i).toString());
  }
  s.append("}");
  return s.toString();
}
```

```java
@Override
public boolean equals(Object o) {
  if (o == null || !(o instanceof IntSet))
    return false;

  // use Vector.equals to compare elements
  Vector<Integer> yourEls = ((IntSet)o).elements;
  return elements.equals(yourEls);
}
```

Helpers

- repOK
- Data validation
- Utility

Example: Customer.repOK

why?

```
/**
 * @effects <pre>
 *              if this satisfies abstract properties
 *                return true
 *              else
 *                return false</pre>
 */
public boolean repOK() {
  if (!validateId(id) || !validateName(name)) {
    return false;
  }

  return true;
}
```

Example: IntSet.repOK

why?

```
/**
 * @effects  ...
 */
public boolean repOK() {
  if (elements == null) return false;

  for (int i = 0; i < elements.size(); i++) {
    Integer x = elements.get(i);
    /* omitted due to the use of generic
      if (!(x instanceof Integer)) return false;
     */
    for (int j = i + 1; j < elements.size(); j++) {
      if (elements.get(j).equals(x)) return false;
    }
  }
  return true;
}
```

Example: Customer validation

```
/**
 * @effects <pre>
 *             if id is valid
 *               return true
 *             else
 *               return false
 *           </pre>
 */
private boolean validateId(int id) {
  if (id < MIN_ID) {
    return false;
  }
  return true;
}
```

```
/**
 * @effects <pre>
 *             if name is valid
 *               return true
 *             else
 *               return false
 *           </pre>
 */
private boolean validateName(String name) {
  if (name == null || name.length() > LENGTH_NAME) {
    return false;
  }
  return true;
}
```

Utility

- `IntSet.getIndex`
- [!] `Rat.reduce`

Example: IntSet.getIndex

```
/**
 * @effects <pre>
 *  if x is in this
 *    return the index where x appears
 *  else
 *    return -1</pre>
 */
private int getIndex(int x) {
  for (int i = 0; i < elements.size(); i++) {
    if (x == elements.get(i))
      return i;
  }

  return -1;
}
```

Application examples

- Wrapper classes: a bit more
- Integers: use IntSet
- CRM: use Customer

More about wrapper classes

- Wrapper class objects can be created using:
  - auto-boxing
  - constructor operation
  - `parse`*X* operation (*X* is the primitive type: Int, Long, ...)
- Conversion to primitive can be performed using:
  - auto-unboxing
  - *x*`Value` operation (*x* is the primitive type: int, long, ...)

Example

`chap5_2.apps.Wrappers`

- Create an Integer object
- Perform integer and conversion operations

Integers

`chap5_2.apps.Integers`

- Create an `IntSet` from a given array of integers
- Print set using `toString`

Customers

`chap5_2.apps.CRM`

- Create some Customer objects
- Use a static (class) variable to generate object ids
- Use try...catch to handle object creation error

Q & A