More Sophisticated Behaviour

Technical Support System V1.0

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Lectures and Labs

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  - Objects First with Java
    - A Practical Introduction using BlueJ,
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Topic List

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The Java class library (**API**)

- **API**: *Application Programmers' Interface*

- Thousands of **classes**.
- Tens of thousands of **methods**.
- Many useful classes that make life much easier.
- A competent Java programmer **must be able to work with the libraries**.
- Documentation of the Java libraries is in HTML format (generated using **javadoc** comments).
- Readable in a web browser.

Using **library classes**

- Classes from the library must be imported
  - using an ***import*** statement

```
import javax.swing.*;
```

```
import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
```

  - exception are classes from *java.lang*

- They can then be used like classes from the current project.

Working with the **library**

You should:

- know some important packages/classes by name.
- know how to find out about other classes.

Remember:

- We only need to know the **interface**,
  not the **implementation**.

- **API** contains the **interface description**
  for all library classes.

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Interface vs implementation

The documentation includes:

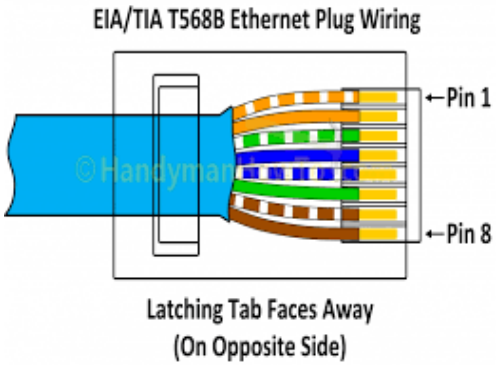
- Class name;
- Class description;
- List of constructors and methods
- Return values and parameters for constructors and methods
- Description of the purpose of each constructor and method

→ **the *interface* of the class**

Interface vs **implementation**

*The documentation **does not** include*

- private fields
  - (most fields are private)
- private methods
- the bodies
  - (source code) for each method



Cat5e Wire Diagram for T568B (Straight Through Cable)				
RJ45 Pin #	Wire Color (T568A)	Wire Diagram (T568A)	10Base-T Signal 100Base-TX Signal	1000Base-T Signal
1	White/Orange		Transmit+	BI_DA+
2	Orange		Transmit-	BI_DA-
3	White/Green		Receive+	BI_DB+
4	Blue		Unused	BI_DC+
5	White/Blue		Unused	BI_DC-
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Technical Support System **V1**

01

Console based system.

02

Textual dialog system

- you enter text on the console and the system will provide a response.

03

System always responds with the same String:

- *"That sounds interesting. Tell me more…"*

Technical Support System V1

Sample

```
Welcome to the DodgySoft Technical Support System.

Please tell us about your problem. We will assist you
with any problem you might have. Please type 'bye'
to exit our system.
> my computer is broken
That sounds interesting. Tell me more...
> really broken
That sounds interesting. Tell me more...
> help me
That sounds interesting. Tell me more...
> pleaseeeeeee
That sounds interesting. Tell me more...
> BETY
That sounds interesting. Tell me more...
> BYE
Nice talking to you. Bye...
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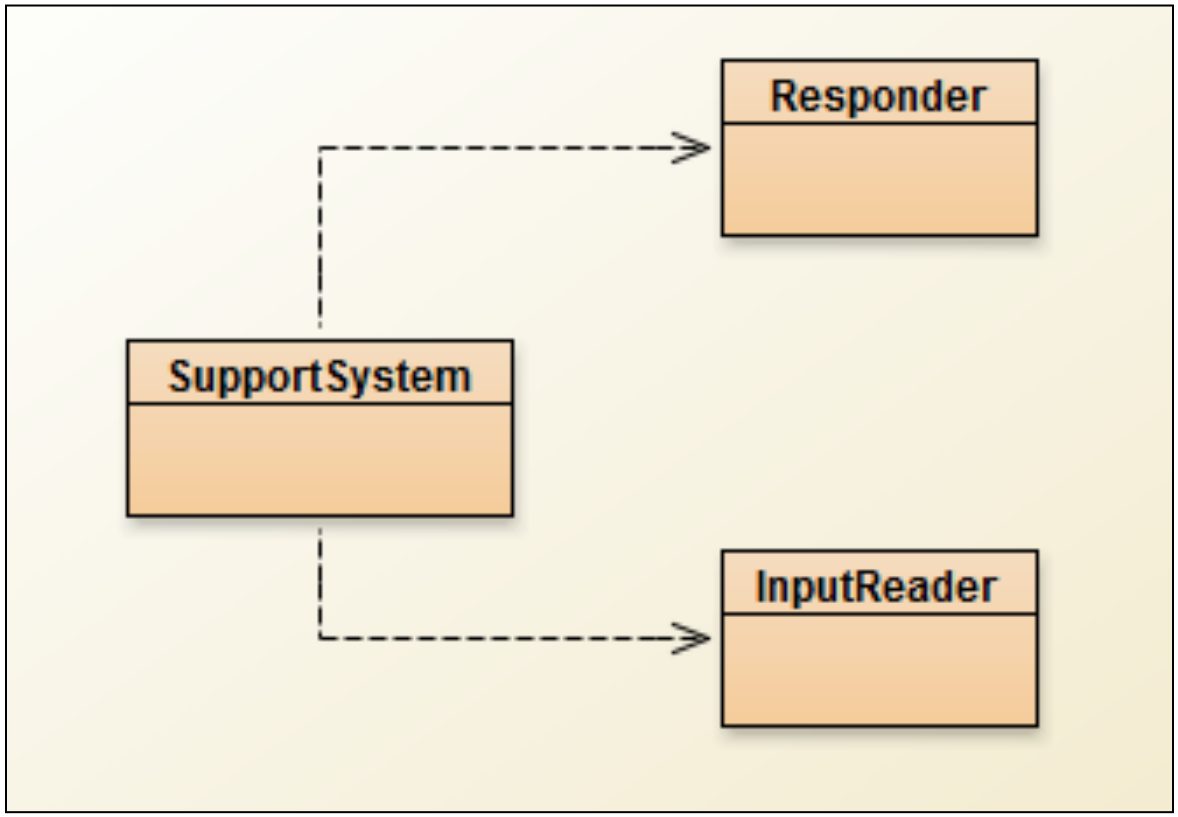
Class Diagram



Three Classes

InputReader

Fields
- **input**

Methods
- **InputReader()**
- **getInput()**

Responder

Fields

Methods
- **generateResponse()**
- **Responder()**

SupportSystem

Private Fields
- **reader**
- **responder**

Methods
- **SupportSystem()**
- **main()**
- **start()**
- **printWelcome()**
- **printGoodbye()**

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```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class InputReader{

    Scanner input;

    public InputReader(){
        input = new Scanner(System.in);
    }

    /**
     * Read a line of text from the console and return it as a String.
     *
     * @return  A String typed by the user.
     */
    public String getInput() {
        System.out.print("> ");                // print prompt
        String inputLine = input.nextLine().trim().toLowerCase();
        return inputLine;
    }
}
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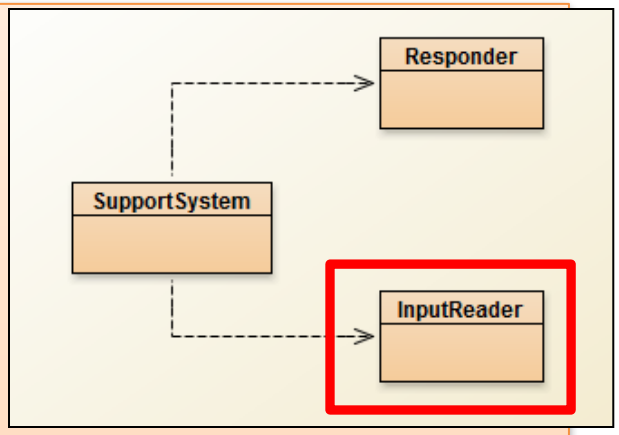

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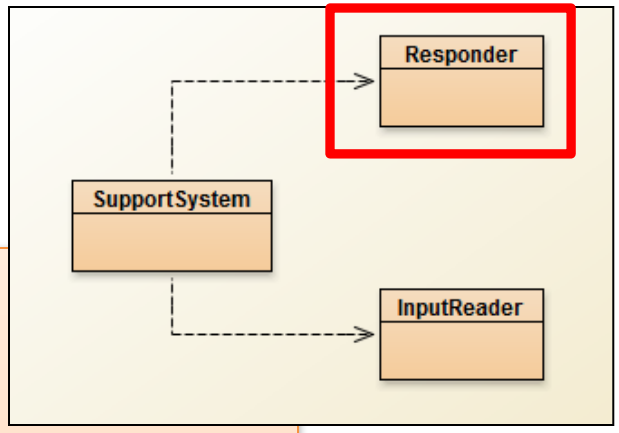


```
public class Responder{

    /**
     * Construct a Responder - nothing to do
     */
    public Responder(){
    }

    /**
     * Generate a response.
     * @return   A string that should be displayed as the response
     */
    public String generateResponse(){
        return "That sounds interesting. Tell me more...";
    }
}
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public class SupportSystem{
    private InputReader reader;
    private Responder responder;

    public SupportSystem() {
        reader = new InputReader();
        responder = new Responder();
    }

    public static void main(String[] argvs){
        SupportSystem app = new SupportSystem();
        app.start();
    }

    public void start(){
         printWelcome();
         String input = reader.getInput();
         while(! input.startsWith("bye")) {
             String response = responder.generateResponse();
             System.out.println(response);
             input = reader.getInput();
         }
         printGoodbye();
    }
```

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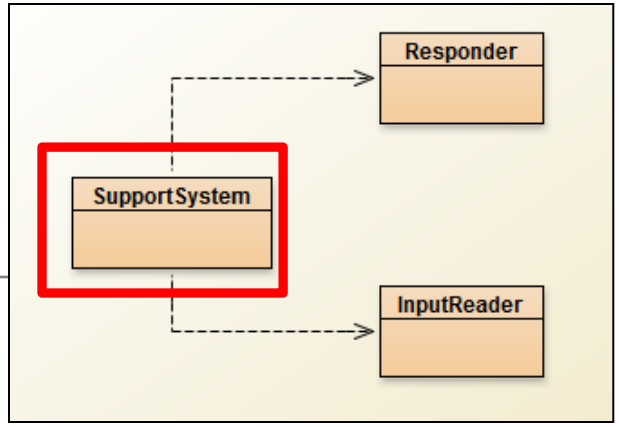

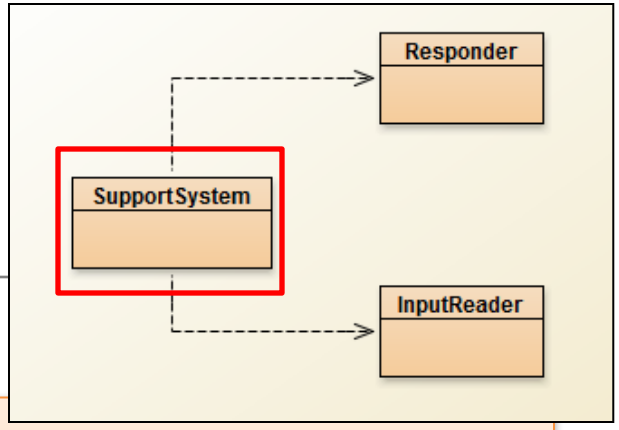


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private void printWelcome(){
      System.out.println("Welcome to the DodgySoft Technical Support System.");
      System.out.println();
      System.out.println("Please tell us about your problem. We will assist you");
      System.out.println("with any problem you might have. Please type 'bye'");
      System.out.println("to exit our system.");
   }

   private void printGoodbye(){
      System.out.println("Nice talking to you. Bye...");
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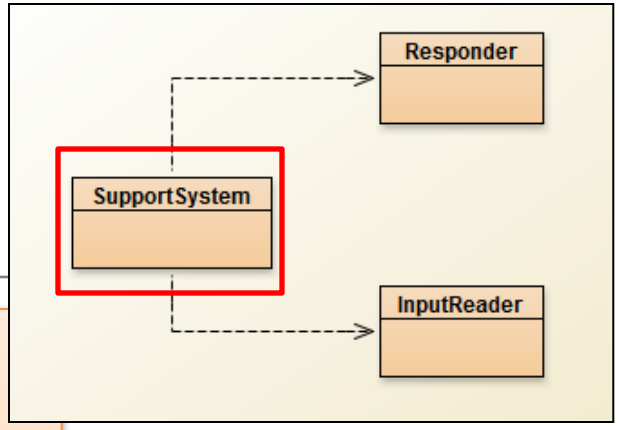
Main loop structure

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}
```

```
Get input
while(input does not start with "bye"){
    do something (i.e. print response)
    Get some new input
}
```

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