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Basics of Mobile Application Development

OOP and basics of programming techniques



OOP

Concepts and practice

Modelling the world

- Principles
 - Abstraction
 - The properties and parts of the real world are simplified, thus only the essential parts are considered in order to reach the objective which has been set.
 - One abstracts from the unimportant properties and information and the important details are highlighted
 - Differentiation
 - Objects are the entities of the world which have to be modeled.
 - Objects are differentiated based on their important properties and behavior.

Modelling the world

- Principles
 - Classification
 - Object are assorted into categories, classes. Objects with similar properties belong to the same class, and objects with different properties are in different classes.
 - The classes bear the characteristics of the objects in the class. They can be considered as the templates of the objects.
 - Generalization, specialization
 - Similarities and differences are sought in order to create general or special categories and classes.

OOP – principles

- OOP principles (Benjamin C. Pierce)
 - Dynamic binding
 - In case of an object, if there are several implementations of a method, the executed one is selected runtime, dynamically.
 - Encapsulation
 - Data and operations are considered as a single unit
 - Practically it is consistent with the definition of type
 - Subtype polymorphism
 - A typed variable can refer to objects with different (other) subtypes
 - Subtype
 - A type created by specializing an existing one
 - Inheritance, or delegation
 - It is possible to create a new class using an existing one
 - It has the properties of the original class
 - And it also can extend, augment and modify the original class
 - Open recursion
 - Special variable, which enables a method to access the current instance of the class

OOP – keywords

- Object
 - Represents of entities of the real world
- Class of objects
 - Group of similar objects
 - Behavior
 - Structure
 - Template to create objects
- Method
 - A function (procedure) which manipulates the state of an object
- Field
 - A variable defining a property of an object
- Messaging
 - Interaction of objects
 - Interfaces are defined to facilitate the communication of objects
- Abstraction
 - Grouping classes
- Hierarchy
 - Design and implementation tool

OOP – Object

- Object
 - Its state is defined, information is stored
 - Perform tasks, its state can be changed
 - Communicate with another object by messaging
 - Can be identified unambiguously
- Lifecycle
 - Is born – construction and initialization
 - Initial values
 - Tasks executed for initialize
 - Setting the type invariant
 - Exists – operational phase
 - Dies – destruction
 - Freeing resources

OOP – fields and methods

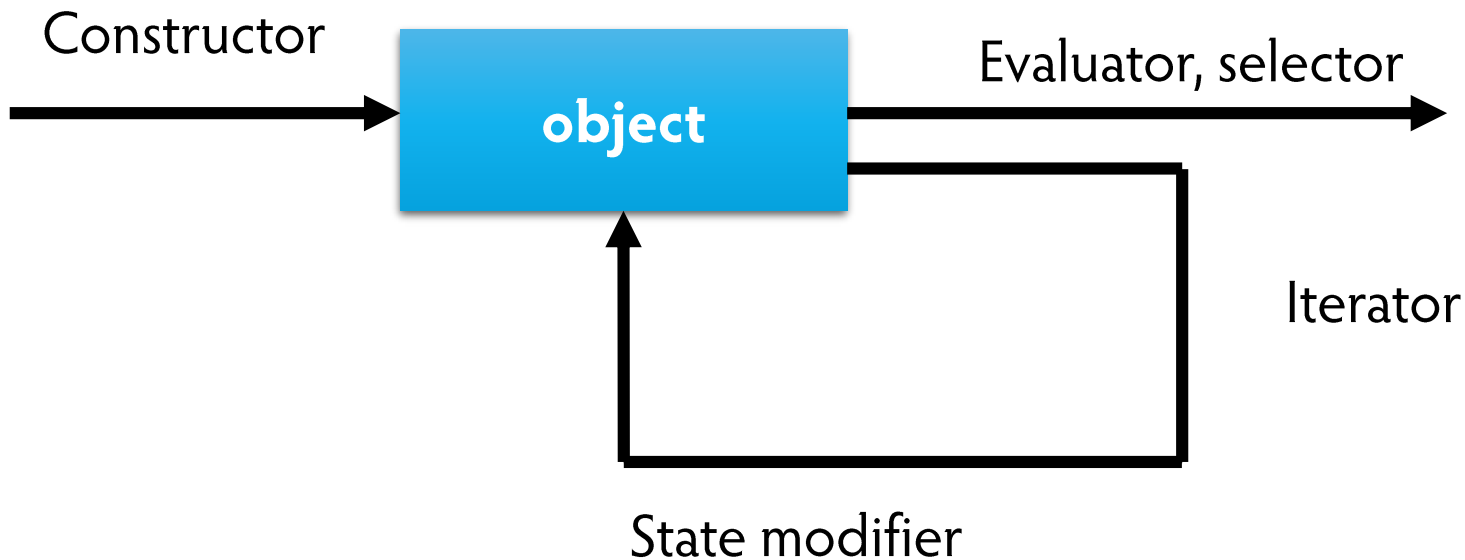
- Class definition
 - Instance variable
 - Separate instance exists for different objects
 - Instance method
 - Works on the state of an instance
 - Class variable
 - Variable for a class
 - Class method
 - Works on the state of the class

Operations of objects

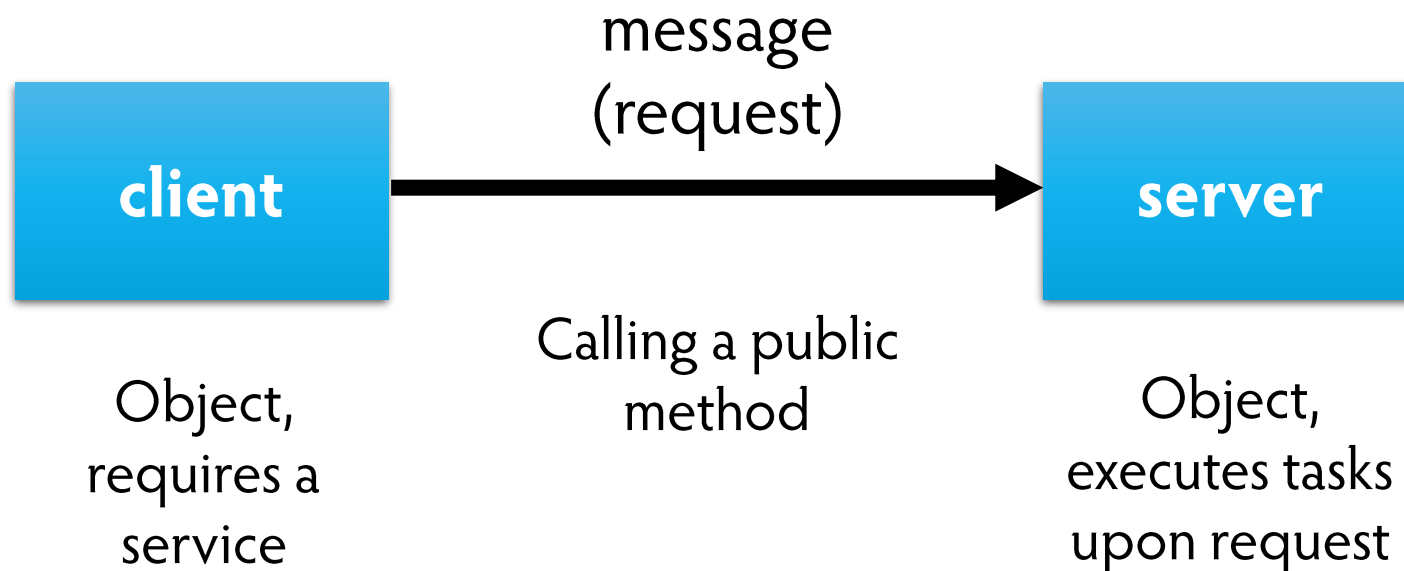
- Export operations
 - Called by other objects
- Import operations
 - Called by the object to provide its defined service
- Operations can be sorted as follows
 - Constructor: to create an object
 - State modifier
 - Selector: to select (except) a part of an object
 - Evaluator: to query features of an object
 - Iterator: to discover (or roam)

Operations of objects

- Export operations



Client sends a message



Client sends message to server

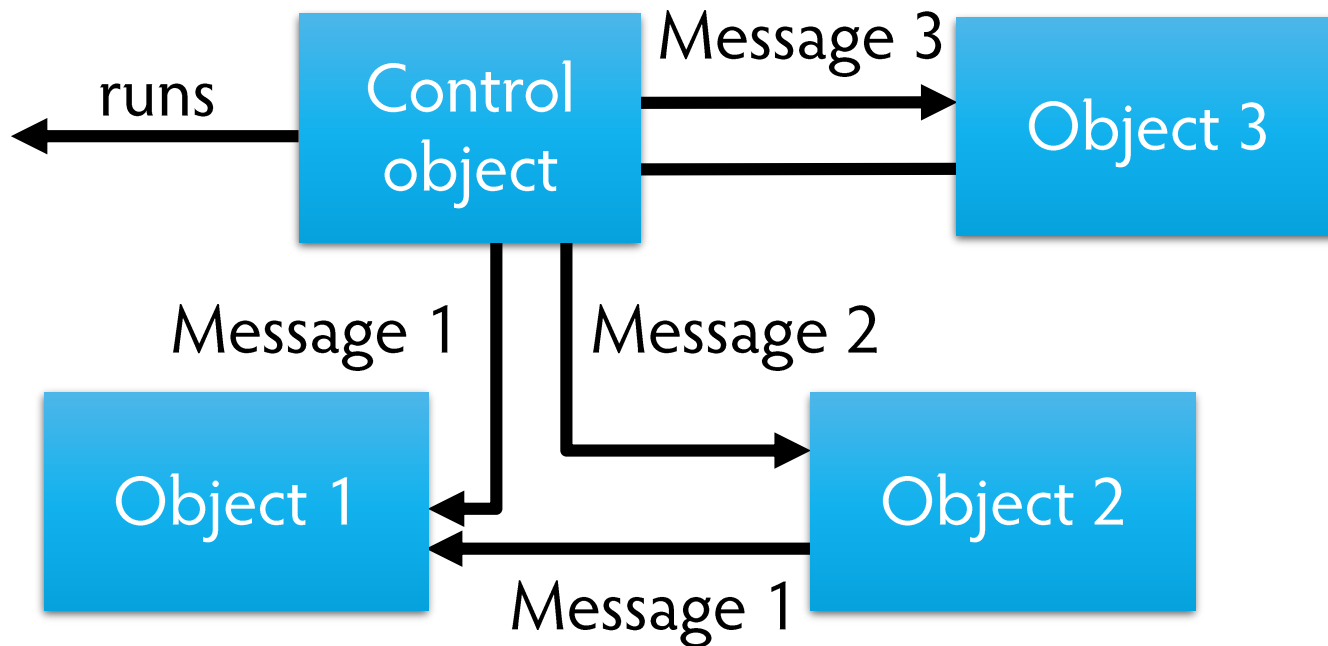
- Client
 - Active object, perform operations on other objects, but operations are not performed on it
 - Do not have any export interface
 - E.g.: Clock – performs an operation regularly
- Server
 - Passive object has only export interface
 - Waits for messages, do not require services
 - Do not have any import interface
- Agent
 - General object, both with import and export interface

this

- Separate memory allocation is made for instance variables
 - Instance methods are working in this state-space
 - However, instance methods are stored only once
 - So, how do we know the which one is the actual instance which is calling a method?
 - We need a pointer which refers to the actual instance, in any of the methods
 - The parameter „**this**” is used for this purpose
 - It means that in case of an object wants to send a message to itself; then it should call **this.message(parameters)** form.
 - So, in all methods, the reference for the actual instance should use this variable.
 - However, it is the default in several languages

OO program

- An OOP program is a set of communicating objects.
- Each object has its purpose, authority and scope of duties.



OOP – operational expectations

- Encapsulation
 - Data and operation performed on them considered a single unit
- Information hiding
 - The „private matters” of an object can only be accessed through methods
 - In case of some language this mechanism can be bypassed (not recommended)
- Code reuse
 - The code can be used to create
 - New instance with additional functions
 - New class with new, additional function, or to change existing behavior

OOP – Inheritance

- Creating a new class based on an existing one
 - The existing methods and fields are used to create new functionality
 - Augment (extend) a class
 - Override existing methods and field, according to the new function
- Design level step
 - Creating a subtype
 - IS-A type relation
 - One can create a HAS-A relation, however, it is not subtype
- Code reuse

OOP (and not OOP) – Definition

- Overload
 - Two methods with the same name, but different signature
 - The number or type of the parameters are different
 - `int add(int a, int b)`
 - `double add(double a, double b)`
- Override
 - Derived class has a method with the same name and signature
 - If and only if dynamic binding occurs as well, otherwise it is hiding
 - Some of the languages, you have to use a keyword.
 - Objective Pascal: **virtual**, **override**
- Hiding
 - Derived class has a method with the same name and signature
 - But there is no dynamic binding
 - Fields and variables can hide each other in a block as well as in a child class

Abstract class

- Design tool
 - To generalize
 - Subtype relation often requires creating abstract classes
- Abstract class: incomplete class
 - There are functions which implementations are not known in the class
 - The implementation is provided by one of the derived classes

Polymorphism, dynamic binding

- Polymorphism is the capability when a variable can refer to different type of objects
 - Now we consider only the subtype polymorphism
 - Type A is the subtype of type B if the following is true: type A can be used in all situations where type B can be used
 - Static type: defined at declaration
 - Dynamic type: the type the actual object referred by the variable
 - The dynamic type can be the static type of any of its derived classes.
 - The static type is permanent, and set in the source code, while dynamic type can vary in runtime
- Dynamic binding
 - The dynamic call is the event when we call a method of an object allowed by its static type, but the implementation executed which corresponds to the dynamic type.
 - Dynamic binding happens only when the derived class overrides the method (not hiding)



C++

Class definition

- `class aclass : public parent_1, public parent_2 {
 // Fields
 private:
 int counter = 0;

 public:
 aclass();
 void add(int howmany);
 void print() const;
}`
- `aclass::aclass(int start) { counter = start; }`
- `void aclass::add(int howmany)
 {counter += howmany; }`
- `void aclass ::print const { cout << counter; }`

Keywords

• Fields

- **public** – all objects have access (this, children, others)
- **protected** – this and children objects can access
- **private** – only this class can access (and friends)
- **const** – constant variable, its value cannot be changed
- **static** – class variable (can be accessed without instantiation)

• Methods

- **public protected private static**
- **const** – does not change the state of the class
- **void** – when there is no return value
- **virtual** – functions with dynamic binding (overriding instead of hiding)
- After signature = 0 ; – pure virtual, abstract function
- **throw** – throwable exception can be listed

Type and passing parameters

- In C++ regular variables and pointer as passed by value
 - Formal parameters are declared as local variables
 - They are initialized with the values of the actual parameters
 - Regular variable holds the value which is assigned
 - In case of a pointer, this is the memory address
 - Thus a copy is created of the original variable to an other part of the memory
 - As a result, the formal and actual parameters are in different places
- In C++ a reference formal parameter declares a (new) reference to the actual parameter
 - The original memory location has a new variable name
 - All of the changes performed through the formal parameter (local variable) effects the original memory location

Constant parameters

- It can be avoided that the called function can change the value of the original value
 - Then the parameter is constant
 - **const int & i**
 - You can pass large objects without copying them as well as you can prohibit any of changes
- It works with pointers as well
 - **void f(int * const p)**
 - The address is constant (as that is the value of the variable)
 - **void f(const int * p)**
 - You cannot change the referred memory
 - **void f(int const * p)** is equivalent
 - **void f(int const * const p)**
 - Both address and referred memory is constant

Inheritance

- The graph representation (directed graph) of the inheritance relations can be called as class hierarchy
- In C++ multiple inheritance exists.
 - Thus the graph is a general directed graph
- Inheritance can be
 - **public** – Visibility modifiers are unchanged, but **private** members cannot be accessed in derived classes
 - IS-A relation
 - **protected** – Public functions and fields will be **protected**
 - **private** – Public functions and fields will be **private**
- Default is **private**

Multiple inheritance

- A class can inherit (directly) from several other classes
- What happens if there are functions with the same name in different parents?
 - A decision must be made
 - Scope operator
 - `d.Base1::f()` ;
 - `d.Base2::f()` ;
- Diamond problem
 - Virtual inheritance
 - **`class C: public virtual Base`**

Constructor

- Constructor
 - Code, which is executed automatically when the class is instantiated
 - Its name is the same as the class, and it has no return value
 - It is similar to methods, but there are differences (it is not member, because it cannot be inherited)
 - All classes has constructors
 - If we do not define, the compiler creates
 - But only when there is no programmer defined constructor
 - Several constructors can exist, the can be overridden
 - The constructor of a derived class called after the constructor of the base class
 - In C++11 constructors can be delegated
 - Avoid cyclic call

Destructor

- Destructor
 - Destructor is a code which is responsible to free resources most of the cases
 - Prepare to die
 - Classes should have virtual destructors
 - If there is no chance to have a derived class it is not necessary

Friend

- A function can access to any fields of a class
 - Even private
 - Encapsulation can be violated
 - Keyword **friend** have to be used
 - A friend can access the private and protected parts of a class
 - Typical examples are the input/output stream operators (<<, >>)
friend std::ostream& **operator** <<
(std::ostream& stream, **const** Object& z);

delete and default functions

- Compiler creates a bunch of functions, if they are not defined manually
- Starting from C++11 this automatism can be controlled.
 - To create use **default**
 - To avoid use **delete**
- ```
class Car {
 public:
 Car() = default;
 Car(const _car&) = default;
 Car& operator=(const _car&) = delete;
 virtual ~C() = default;
};
```

# delete and default functions

- The class-level operators (&, \*, ->, new, delete) also can be controlled.
- **Class C {**  
    **public:**  
        **void \*operator new(size\_t) = delete;**  
        **void \*operator new[](size\_t) =**  
    **delete;**  
};
- **int main() {**  
    **C \*c = new C;**  
    **C \*t = new C[3];**  
    **C c;**  
    **C t[10];**  
}

# Assignment operator, copy constructor

- They can be used to copy an object
- Assignment operator is called when the variable is assigned to a new (existing) value
- Copy constructor called when the parameter is passed by value
- They are declared automatically
  - In case of dynamic memory allocation, the automatically generated assignment operator and copy constructor cause shallow copy
    - As only the pointer is copied not the referred memory
  - As a result they must be declared manually

# Assignment operator, copy constructor

```
class A {
 A (const A& _other);
 A& operator= (const A& _other);
 A (A&& _other); // move constructor
 A& operator= (A&& _other); // move operator
};

A e, f, g;
g(std::move(f));
e = std::move(g);
```

- [http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/move\\_constructor](http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/move_constructor)
- [http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/move\\_operator](http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/language/move_operator)

# User defined literals

- As of C++11 user can defined new literals

- ```
inline double operator"" _deg (long double degree) {  
    return degree * 3.14159265 / 180.0;  
}
```
- ```
double rad = 90.0_deg; // degree = 1.570796325
```
- ```
unsigned operator"" _Magic(const char* _magic) {  
    unsigned b = 0;  
    for(unsigned int i = 0; _magic[i]; ++i)  
        b = b*2 + (_magic[i] == '1');  
    return b;  
}
```
- ```
int mask = 110011_Magic; // mask = 51
```



# Java

# Class definition

```
public class AClass extends Parent implements Interface
{
 private int counter;

 public AClass()
 {
 counter = 0;
 }

 public void add(int howmany) throws MyException
 {
 this.counter += howmany;
 }

 public void print()
 {
 System.out.println(counter);
 }
}
```

# Keywords

- Class
  - **public** – everyone can access
  - **final** – cannot be derived
  - **abstract** – abstract class, with abstract method(s)
  - **extends** – to provide the parent class
  - **implements** – to list the implemented interfaces
- All of them are optional. The default visibility is package private – it means that the class is accessible in the package only.
- Fields
  - **public** – everyone can access (this class, derived class, inside and outside of the package)
  - **protected** – can be accessed in this class, derived classes and in the package
  - default visibility – package private, can be access inside of the package (this class, and ...)
  - **private** – only this class
  - **final** – its value cannot be changed, constant
  - **volatile** – always committed to the shared memory in case of threading
  - **static** – class variable (can be accessed without instantiation)

# Keywords

- **final** – again
  - What is constant? The value:
    - In case of primitives it is the value
    - In case of Object it is the reference to the object
  - It has no effect on the fields of the referred object
- Methods
  - **public protected private abstract static**
  - **final** – cannot be overridden or hidden
  - **synchronized** – mutual exclusion can be achieved in threading
  - **void** – if there is no return value
  - **throws** – the throwable exception must be enumerated

# Visibility

| Originating object |         | Target object |           |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|---------|
| Package            | Class   | public        | protected | no modifier default | private |
| Same               | This    | X             | X         | X                   | X       |
|                    | Inner   | X             | X         | X                   | X       |
|                    | Derived | X             | X         | X                   |         |
|                    | Other   | X             | X         | X                   |         |
| Other              | Derived | X             | X         |                     |         |
|                    | Other   | X             |           |                     |         |

# Types, parameter passing

- In Java parameters always passed by value
  - Thus the value is copied
  - In case of reference type the value is the memory address, so the address is copied this the parameter passing seems „by reference”
    - However the wrapper counterparts are immutable, as a result they behave as the primitive ones
- Primitives:
  - byte, short, int, long, float, double, char, boolean
- Everything other is reference type, derived from Object class
- Primitive – Wrapper pairs
  - Byte, Short, Integer, Long, Float, Double, Character, Boolean
    - Immutable – new instance is created once it is changed
- Warning! String is immutable

# Inheritance

- The graph representation (directed graph) of the inheritance relations can be called as class hierarchy
- In Java there is an universal base class, the `Object`, everything is derived from `Object`
- In Java there is no multiple inheritance, thus the class hierarchy is represented by a tree
- Implicit extends `Object` in case of no manual extends given
- `Object`: pre defined in `java.lang`
  - There are methods required to exist in all objects

# Initialization of an object

- The order of execution
  - Static initialization block of the base class
  - Static initialization block of the derived class
  - Initialization block(s) of the base class
  - Constructor of the base class
  - Initialization block(s) of the derived class
  - Constructor of the derived class
- The constructor of the base class is executed before any constructor of the derived class
  - Even if it is not called explicitly
    - In that case the constructor with same signature is called
    - If it does not exist then an Exception is thrown
- The constructor without parameters is created by the compiler if and only if there is no other constructor is defined

# Initialization block

- Initialization block: Block of statements (instance level and class level as well) to initialize variables

```
public class A{
 static int i=10;
 static int ifact;
 static {
 ifact=1;
 for (int j=2; j<=10; j++){
 ifact*=j;
 }
 }
 int [] array = new int[10];
 {
 for (int i=0; i<10; i++){
 array[i]=(int)Math.random();
 }
 }
}
```

# Initialization block

- Class level: executed when the class is initialized, substitutes the class constructor (as they do not exist)
- Object level: executed when the object is instantiated, augmenting the constructors.
  - In case of anonymous classes, it substitutes the constructors
- There may be several initialization blocks in a class
- Execution order is the order of the definition (merged with the variable initializations)
  - Variables defined later cannot be referenced
- return statement is not allowed

# Java – implicit type conversion

- Subtypes
  - Subtypes can be handled as general types
  - So a derived class can be handled as its ancestors
- The object is not converted
  - `java.lang.ClassCastException` is raised when the type is not compatible
  - Use **`instanceof`** operator!

# Interfaces

- Interfaces can be implemented by classes
- Keyword
  - **public class** Apple **implements** Edible
  - If a class implements an interface then the interface can be used as static type
- Static type vs dynamic type:
  - `Edible apple = new Apple();`  
`Edible pear = new Pear();`
  - Supposing that
    - Apple **implements** Edible
    - Pear **implements** Edible
- Interfaces can be inherited
  - All the constants and member functions can be inherited from the superclass
    - Implementation not, but that cannot be there.
- Multiple inheritance is possible!
  - As interfaces are „abstract” there is no problem with the inheritance of implementation

# Modifiers

- Functions
  - Methods are always **public abstract**.
    - These keywords are optional
    - Using others is error
- Constants
  - All fields are **public static final**
  - Not required
- What are the differences between abstract class and interfaces?

# Homework – Deadline: 10/01/18 10.15 am

- Create a C++ program which demonstrates the proper and improper usage of friend
  - Read first!
  - Defining friend operators might be appropriate!
  - Violating the encapsulation and data hiding is inappropriate!
- Create a Java demonstration where it is a good option to use default interface methods.
  - Read first!
  - Also, demonstrate why it should be considered as the last resort!



# Programming patterns

Next week