Listeners

1. The Main app creates a Generator object and invokes its run method.

```
public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
   }
}
```

2. Whenever the **Generator** produces an integer, we want to process it. For example, we can print *. We want to *decouple* the processing of the integers from the production of the integers so that we need not make any changes to the **Generator** class if we want to change the processing of the integers. Hence, we create a **StarPrinter** class with a method **process** to print *.

public class StarPrinter {

```
}
```

3. Whenever the **Generator** produces an integer, it should invoke the **process** method on a **StarPrinter** object.

```
public class Generator {
  public void run() {
    ...
    while (true) {
        ...
        int value = random.nextInt(...);
    }
}
```

```
???.process();
}
}
```

How do we store the reference ??? to a StarPrinter object in the Generator class?

```
4.
public class Generator {
   private ??? x;
   public void run() {
        ...
      while (true) {
            ...
        this.x.process();
      }
   }
}
```

What is the type of the attribute \mathbf{x} ?

```
5.
```

```
public class PlusPrinter {
   public void process() {
      System.out.println("+");
   }
}
```

How can we modify the type of the attribute **x** and the classes **StarPrinter** and **PlusPrinter** so that the class **Generator** can use both?

- 6. How do we initialize the **listener** attribute of the **Generator** class?
- 7. Which changes do we have to make if we want to associate multiple listeners with the generator? For example, we would like a * and + to be printed whenever an integer is produced.
- 8. Instead of

private Listener listener;

what do we use to represent a collection of Listeners?

- 9. Where and how do we initialize the attribute **listeners**?
- 10. How do we add a listener to the **listeners**?
- 11. How do we invoke the **process** method on the **listeners**?
- 12. Whenever the **Generator** produces an integer, we want to print it. How does the **Generator** pass the produced integer to the **Listener**?

13.

```
public class ValuePrinter implements Listener {
  public void process() {
    ???
  }
  public void process(int value) {
    System.out.println(value);
  }
}
```

Since the class **ValuePrinter** implements the interface **Listener**, it has to provide an implementation of **process()** and **process(int)**. How to implement **process()**?

14.

```
public class StarPrinter implements Listener {
  public void process() {
    System.out.println("*");
  }
  public void process(int value) {
    ???
  }
}
```

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15. The **run** method of the **Generator** class is modified as follows.

```
final int STOP = 5;
boolean done = false;
while (!done) {
   ...
   done = random.nextInt(STOP) == 0;
}
```

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- 17. Whenever the **Generator** terminates, we want to print the sum of the integers it produced. Which changes have to be made to the **ListenerAdapter** class?
- 18. Implement the **SumPrinter** class?

public class SumPrinter {