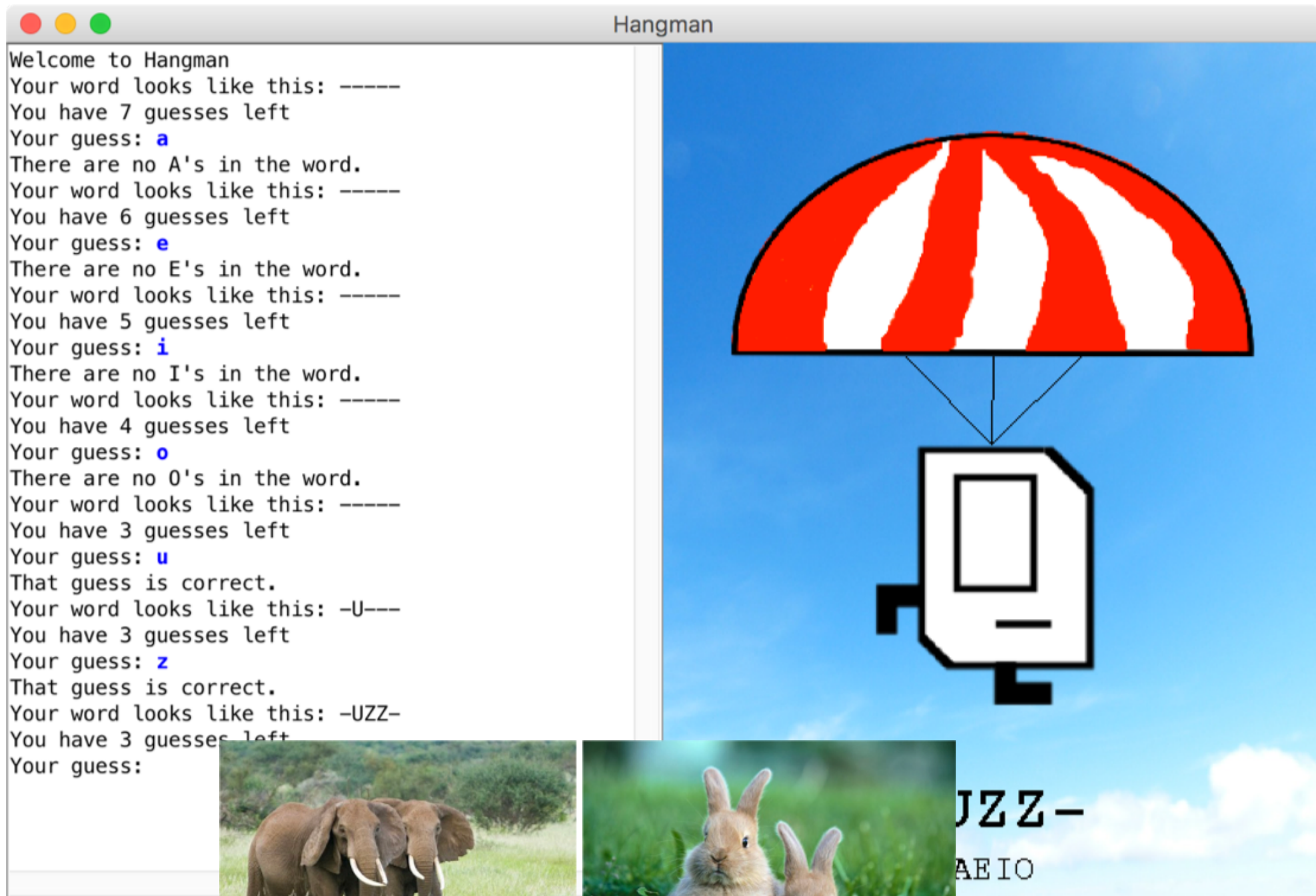






File Reading

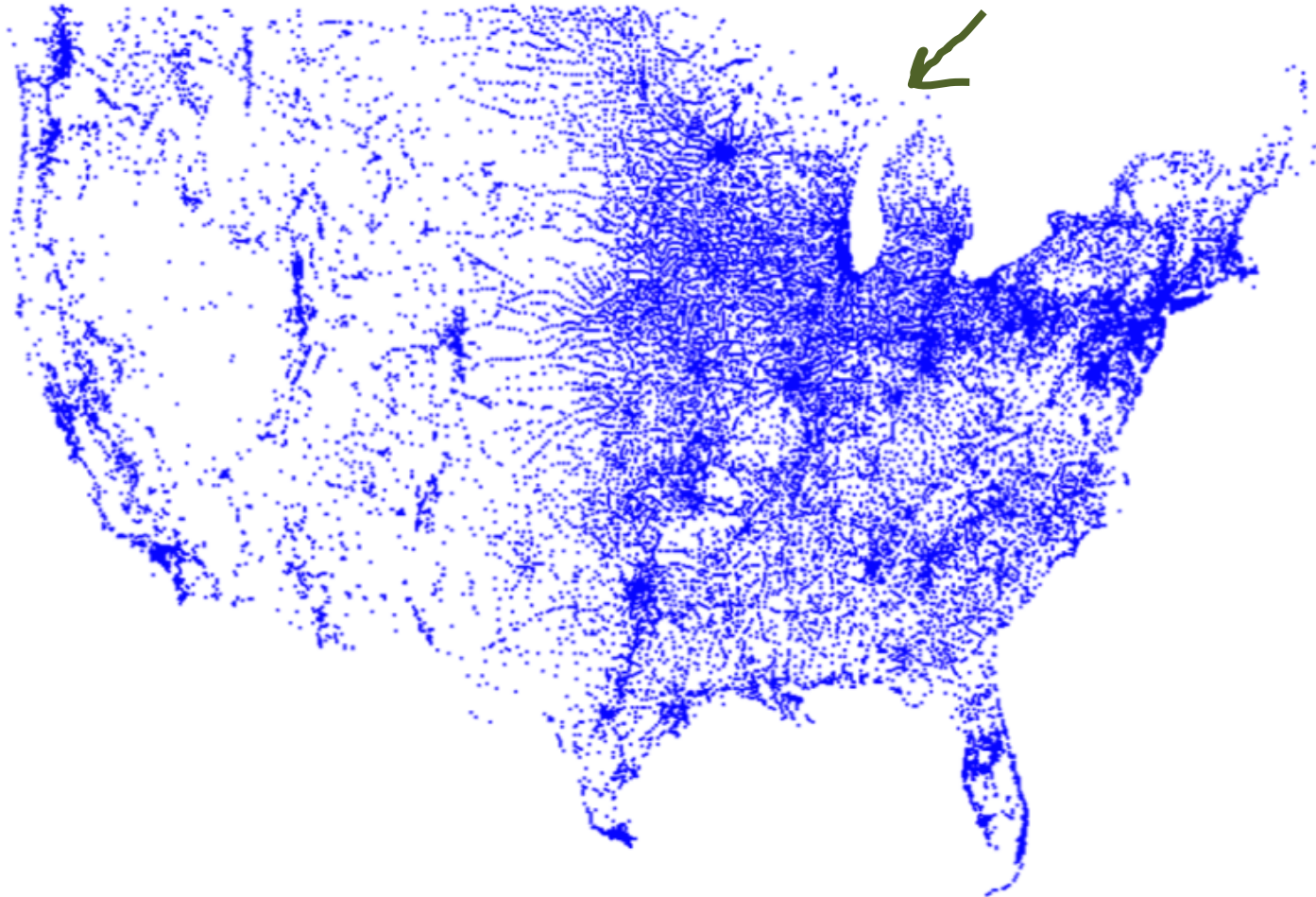
Chris Piech
CS106A, Stanford University

Learning Goals

1. Know how to read a file line by line.



Each blue dot is a tiny
GRect



Chris' Favorite Program



Bright Simons

Underlying Puzzle

Counterfeiter



User



You (Distributor)

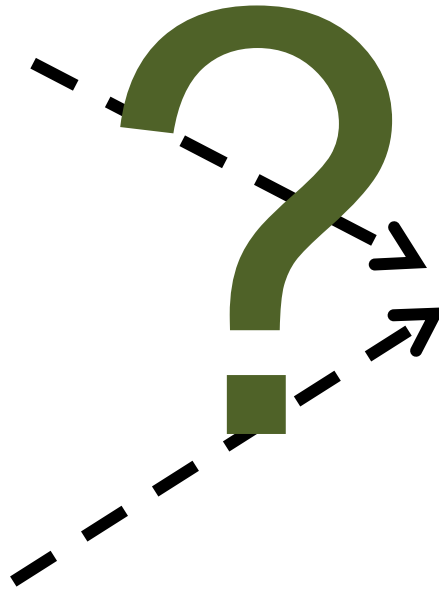


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Make a code to
put on every box



1. Unique

2. Impossible to guess

Insight

So that it is impossible to guess

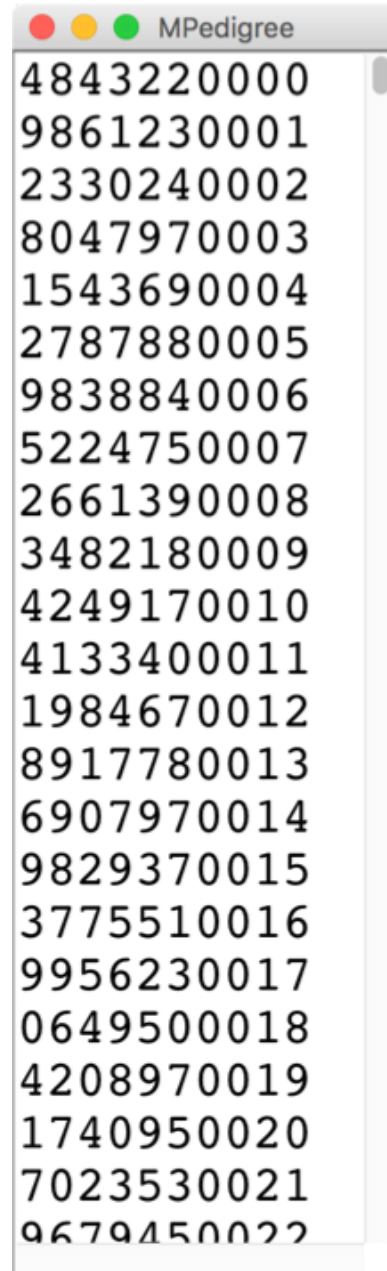
Concatenation

$$\text{Code} = \text{RandomNum} + \text{UniqueNum}$$

So that no two codes are the same



M-Pedigree



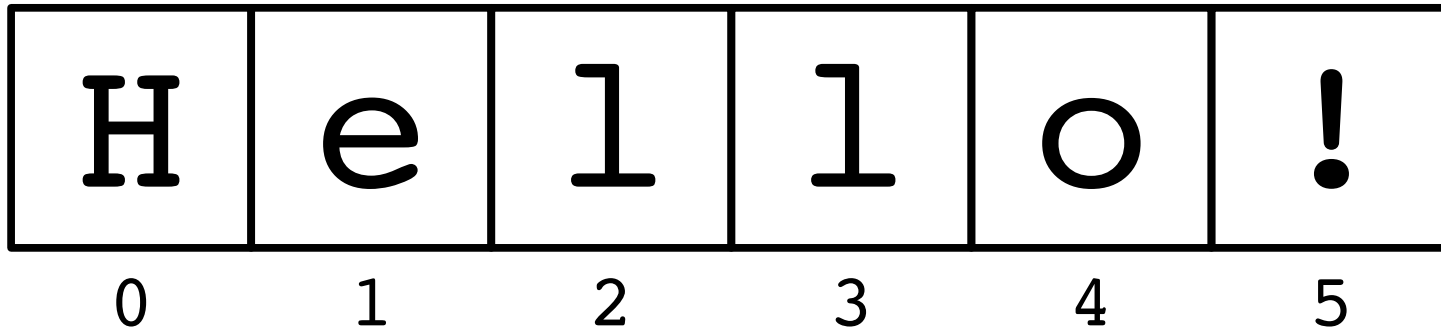
The screenshot shows a window titled "MPedigree" with a list of 22 numerical IDs, each consisting of 10 digits. The IDs are listed in a vertical column, and the window has a standard macOS-style title bar with red, yellow, and green buttons.

4843220000
9861230001
2330240002
8047970003
1543690004
2787880005
9838840006
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2661390008
3482180009
4249170010
4133400011
1984670012
8917780013
6907970014
9829370015
3775510016
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0649500018
4208970019
1740950020
7023530021
9679450022



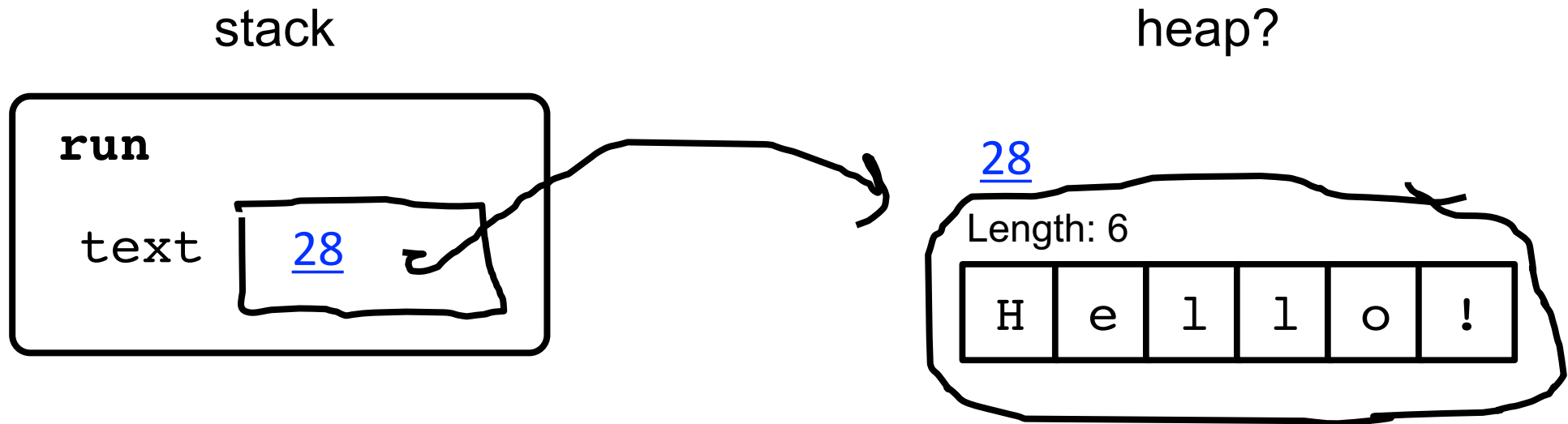
How strings are represented

```
public void run() {  
    String text = "hello!";  
}
```



How it is actually stored

```
public void run() {  
    String text = "hello!";  
}
```



H	e	l	l	o	!
0	1	2	3	4	5

text.charAt (*index*)



Recall Palindromes

Here are some palindromes in other languages:

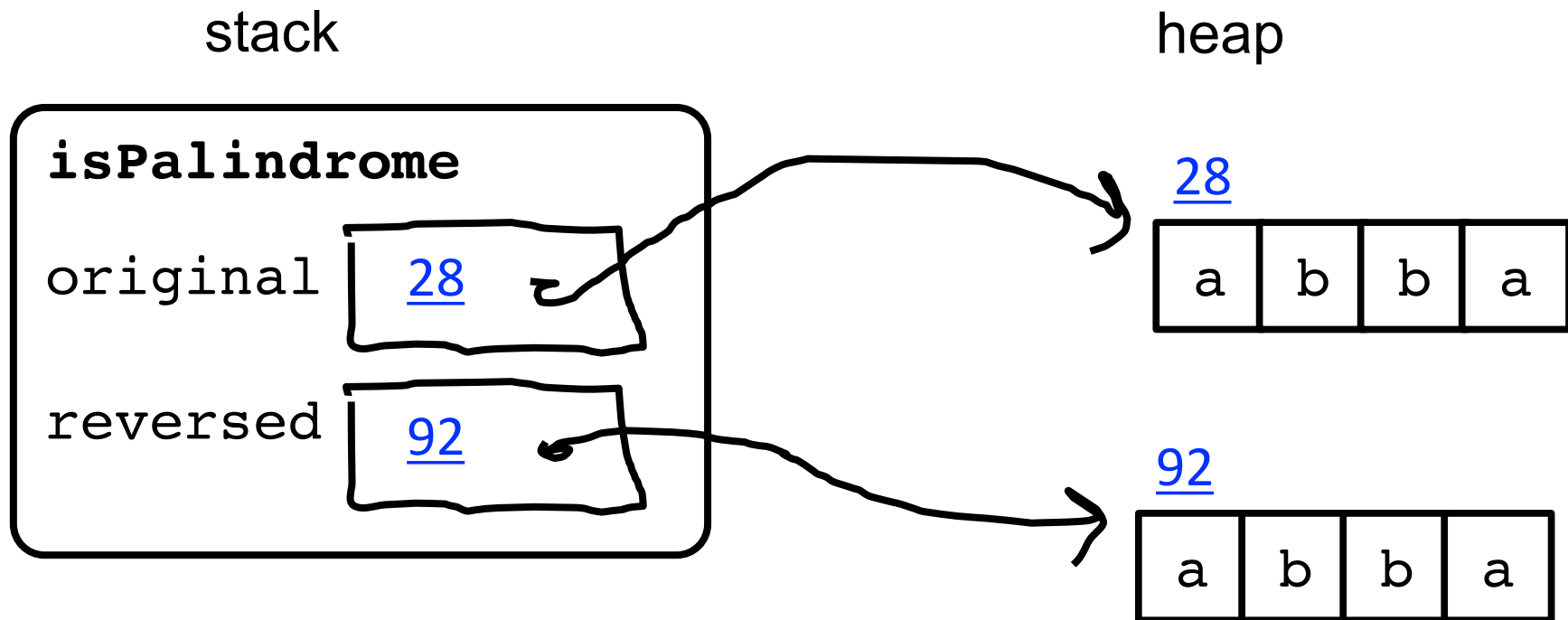
- بلح تعلق تحت قلعة حلب (Dates hang underneath a castle in Halab)
- 여보, 안경 안보여 (Honey, I can't see my glasses)
- कड़क (a loud thunderous sound)
- 上海自來水來自海上 (Shanghai tap water originates from "above" the ocean)

The comedian Dmitri Martin also has a routine about palindromes; check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hUHDIOaziU>



First try
original == reverse
What went wrong?

```
private boolean isPalindrome(String original) {  
    String reversed = reverse(original);  
    return reversed == original;  
}
```





Use `.equals` to compare
strings, not `==`



</ Review>

A silhouette of a person with glasses is shown in profile on the right side of the image, looking towards a large, colorful DNA microarray. The microarray consists of many vertical columns of small, multi-colored squares (red, green, blue, yellow) representing different genetic markers. A white arrow points from a text box to a specific column in the array.

ATGCTTAAACC..

Human Genome Project

"ATGCCAGGAC"

"GGACTTACATTTTTT"

"ATTTTTTGGCCGGCC"

The human genome has 3 billion base pairs



Compose Problem

strand1 "ATGCCAGGAG"

strand2 "GGAGTTACATTTT"

result "ATGCCAGGAGTTACATTTT"

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Ha. Gene was working on
The Genome project ☺



Did Gene Myers define all those
little pieces as constants?

File Processing!

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Getting Data into Programs

- Put it directly in the program:
 - Define constants holding your values.
- Get it from the user:
 - Mouse events, `nextLine`, etc.
- Generate it randomly:
 - Use a `RandomGenerator`.
- Get it from an external source.
 - Store it in a file and read it later.



Reading Files

- Virtually all programs that you've used at some point read files from disk:
 - Word processing (documents)
 - Web browser (cookies)
 - Games (saved progress)
 - Eclipse (Java files)
 - Music player (songs)



The structure of files

- A file is just a series of *bits* (ones and zeros).
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Step one:
Open the file for reading.



Reading in a File

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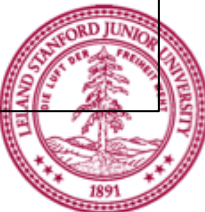


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```
import java.util.*;    // for Scanner  
import java.io.*;      // for File
```



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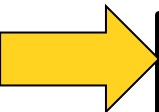
```
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```

Step Two:

Read the file, one line at a time.



Reading in a File



**Yesterday, upon the stair,
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Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("mydata.txt"));
```

```
// Yesterday, upon the stair  
String line1 = input.nextLine();
```



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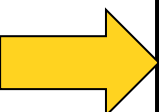
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```

```
// Yesterday, upon the stair
```

```
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```



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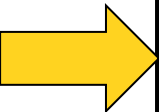
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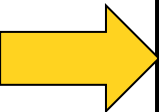
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```

```
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```

```
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String line2 = input.nextLine();
```



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```

```
...
```

```
// He wasn't there again today  
String line3 = input.nextLine();
```



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```

```
...
```

```
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```



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```

```
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```

```
// I wish, I wish he'd go away  
String line4 = input.nextLine();
```



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```

```
...
```

```
// - Hughes Mearns, "Antagonish"
```

```
String line5 = input.nextLine();
```



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```

```
...  
// prints all lines in the file  
while (input.hasNextLine()) {  
    String line = input.nextLine();  
    println(line);  
}
```



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Step Three: close the file.



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}  
  
input.close();
```



Scanner Methods

Method	Description
<code>sc.nextLine()</code>	reads and returns a one- <i>line</i> String from the file
<code>sc.next()</code>	reads and returns a one-word String from the file
<code>sc.nextInt()</code>	reads and returns an <code>int</code> from the file
<code>sc.nextDouble()</code>	reads and returns a <code>double</code> from the file
<code>sc.hasNextLine()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there are any more lines
<code>sc.hasNext()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there are any more tokens
<code>sc.hasNextInt()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there is a next token and it's an <code>int</code>
<code>sc.hasNextDouble()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there is a next token and it's a <code>double</code>
<code>sc.close();</code>	should be called when done reading the file



Let “try” it out!

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There's a "catch"

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Sometimes things break

- Programs sometimes encounter unexpected errors.
- Sometimes these are bugs:
 - Dividing by zero.
 - Sending a message to a **null** object.
- Sometimes these are due to external factors:
 - Network errors.
 - Missing files.



Exceptional cases

- If Java encounters a case where it can't proceed as normal, it will cause an *exception*.
- Java requires that your program handle certain types of exceptions.
- Think of exceptions as rerouting control in an emergency:
 - If all goes well, program continues as usual.
 - If something goes wrong, handle the emergency.



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```

```
input.close();
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File concepts in one slide

1. Make a Scanner (lets call it input) to open a file for reading

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("poem.txt"));
```

2. Use scanner.nextLine to get one line from the file

```
input.nextLine(); // returns the next line
```

3. Both the above operations are “dangerous” so we need to use a try/catch loop

```
try{  
    // live dangerously  
} catch (Exception e){  
    // have heath insurance  
}
```

4. You can either handle the problem or throw a runtime exception

```
throw new RuntimeException("AHHHH!");
```



lets **throw** it all together.

Thanks Keith Schwarz for some great slides to build off!

The classic file reading program.

- The idiomatic “read all the lines of a file” code is shown here:

```
try {
    Scanner input = /*...open the file... */
    while (input.hasNextLine()) {
        String line = input.nextLine();
        /* ... process current line ... */
    }
    input.close();
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}
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Understanding this code is about 95%
of what we want you to know for files in
CS106A



US Census Data



Thanks Keith for the cool dataset

