

Exercise 5.1

Optimizing code

SKILLS:

After this exercise you get the ability to find bottlenecks in code and to remove them.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The goal is to find a better solution to the given ones.

WORK STEPS:

Improve:

```
// class initialization
public class cls_init1 {
    static class Data {
        private int month;
        private String name;
        Data(int i, String s) {
            month = i;
            name = s;
        }
    }
    Data months[] = {
        new Data(1, "January"),
        new Data(2, "February"),
        new Data(3, "March"),
        new Data(4, "April"),
        new Data(5, "May"),
        new Data(6, "June")
    };
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        final int N = 250000;
        cls_init1 x;
        Timer t = new Timer();
        for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
            x = new cls_init1();
        t.print("I am inefficient");
    }
}
```

Tell the difference between using `==` and `String.equals()` to compare strings. Make use of interning strings.

Exercise 5.2

Avoiding memory leaks

SKILLS:

After this exercise you will know how memory leaks occur and to avoid them.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The goal is to create memory leaks in Java and to find them using jVisualVM.

WORK STEPS:

- Define a pool of objects and try to create a memory leak inside of it.
- Show at least two different ways for achieving the previous goal.
- Find the leaks using jVisualVM and store the memory dump as documentation for this exercise.