

## Finding Molecular Weights

For each of the basic chemical elements, e.g. carbon, hydrogen, mercury, and gold, chemists have created a symbol comprised of one or two letters, in these cases C, H, Hg, and Au, respectively. The first letter is always upper case and the second, if there is one, is lower case. Each element has a certain atomic weight.

A common problem is to calculate the molecular weight of some compound, given the atomic weights of the elements which comprise the molecule. A table of atomic weights is standard and can be found in any chemistry textbook -- here are a few examples:

H	1.0079	O	15.999	F	18.9984
He	4.0026	Na	22.9898	Au	196.9665
Be	9.0122	S	32.06	Hg	200.5
C	12.011	Cl	35.453	Ra	226.0254

Some examples of chemical formula for some common molecules are:

Salt	NaCl
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O
Sulfuric Acid	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>

The subscript after an element symbol means that there are that many atoms of the corresponding element in the molecule. If no subscript is given, it means that there is only one atom of that element. If the element has a two character symbol, the first character is always upper case, and the second is always lower case. Since plain ASCII text contains no subscripts, chemical formula can be expressed with integers in the place of subscripts, e.g.

NaCl      H2O      H2S04

Write a program which reads chemical formulas (in ASCII) and computes and displays the molecular weights. The program does not have to input the atomic weight table, the table may be declared and initialized internally to the program (i.e., "hard coded").

*Assume subscripts in range 2-9.  
Assume input is valid.*

## Time Recording Log

Name: Dalbry  
 LOC Start: \_\_\_\_\_

Project / Module: Molecular Weights  
 LOC End: 27 logical stmts  
64 physical lines

Date	Start	Stop	Interruption Time	Delta Time	Activity	Comments
10/20	1022	1159		37	DESIGN	DESIGN
10/21	1031	1051	1	20	CODE	on paper
	1125	1132		7	CODE	typing
10/22	1540	1606		26	REVIEW	trace
	1615	1616		1	COMP	No Syntax Errors
	1616	1622		6	TEST	Create unit tests w/ BlueJ

Total: 97

# Molecular Weights Program

## Test Data

	input	expected output
H	H	1.0
He	He	2.0
c	H <sub>2</sub>	2.0
o	He	2.0
Na	He <sub>2</sub>	4.0
Cl	HC	4.0
P	O <sub>2</sub> Cl	<del>7.5</del> 13.5
	C <sub>3</sub> O	13.0
	C <sub>3</sub> PO	19.0
	NaP	11.0
	CH <sub>9</sub>	12.0
	HeCl	7.5
	Na <sub>2</sub> He <sub>2</sub>	14.0

# Algorithm Design

e.g. Na2He2  $\uparrow$  Are we at end?

$\uparrow\uparrow$   $\uparrow$  Is next symbol a digit? lowercase  
 $\uparrow$  Is second ~~letter~~ symbol a letter?

Maybe append a sentinel  
so peek() won't crash.

First letter will always be upper case.

Use lookup string? or array?

"H He C O Na Cl P" and parallel weight array.

then use indexOf( 2-char element)

$\uparrow$  Pad 1-char element with  
trailing blank

Each entry is 2-char.

Total = 0

loop through entire expression

multiplier = 1

Element = current char

IF peek is lowercase letter

Append it to element

ops  $\rightarrow$  ELSE Advance current  
Append blank

IF peek is digit

multiplier = digit

Advance current

Total  $\rightarrow$  lookupElementWeight() \* multiplier

End loop

Return Total

$\leftarrow$  ops. Advance current

# Algorithm Trace

Input 'H'

Total	current	mult	element
0	0	1	H

1.0

Input 'He'

0	0	1	H
	1		He

2.0

Input 'HeC'

0	0	1	H
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1.0 oops! current didn't advance

0	0	1	H
---	---	---	---

1.0	1	1	C
-----	---	---	---

4.0

Input 'HeC'

0	0	1	H
---	---	---	---

oops, didn't append blank to single-char element

1

He

2.0	2	1	C_
-----	---	---	----

5.0

Input 'OZP'

0	0	1	O_
---	---	---	----

1

2

8.0	2	1	P_
-----	---	---	----

14.0

## /\*\* Find Molecular Weights \*/

```
public class Molecules
{
    private final static String symbolLookup
        = "H He C O Na Cl P ";
    private final static double[] weightLookup
        = { 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0 };
    static
    public double findMolecularWeight (String molecule)
    {
        // Append a sentinel character to string
        molecule = molecule + ".";
        double total = 0.0; // total weight

        int current = 0; // current position in string
        // loop through all symbols in molecule
        while ( molecule.charAt(current) != '.' )
        {
            int multiplier = 1; // default multiplier
            String element = molecule.charAt(current);

            char peek = molecule.charAt(current + 1);

            if ( character.isLowerCase(peek) )
            {
                element += peek;
                current++;
            }
            else
            {
                element += ".";
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
peek = molecule.charAt(current + 1);  
if (Character.isDigit(peek))  
{  
    multiplier = (int)peek - (int)'0';  
    current++;  
}
```

```
// Do lookup in tables  
int offset = symbolLookup.indexOf(element);  
float weight = weightLookup[offset/2];
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total += weight * multiplier;  
current++;
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}
```

```
return total;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

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1  /**
2   * Find Molecular Weights.
3   *
4   * @author J. Dalbey
5   * @version 10/2009
6   */
7  public class Molecules
8  {
9      // Lookup table for element symbols
10     private final static String symbolLookup = "H HeC O NaClP ";
11     // Lookup table for element weights
12     private final static double[] weightLookup =
13     {
14         1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0
15     };
16     // sentinel character to mark end of formula
17     private final static char kSentinel = '.';
18
19     /** Find weight of a molecule.
20      * @param molecule the string containing the chemical formula
21      * @return double the weight of the molecule
22      */
23     public static double findMolecularWeight(String molecule)
24     {
25         // Append a sentinel character to formula
26         molecule += kSentinel;
27         double total = 0.0; // total weight
28         int current = 0; // current position in formula
29
30         // Loop through all symbols in formula
31         while (molecule.charAt(current) != kSentinel)
32         {
33             int multiplier = 1; // default multiplier
34             String element = "" + molecule.charAt(current);
35
36             char peek = molecule.charAt(current+1);
37             // Is it a two-char element?
38             if (Character.isLowerCase(peek))
39             {
40                 element += peek;
41                 current++;
42             }
43             else
44             {
45                 element += ' ';
46             }
47
48             peek = molecule.charAt(current+1);
49             // Does it have a subscript?
50             if (Character.isDigit(peek))
51             {
52                 multiplier = (int) peek - (int) '0';
53                 current++;
54             }
55
56             // Go lookup element in table
57             int offset = symbolLookup.indexOf(element);
58             float double weight = weightLookup[offset/2];
59             total += weight * multiplier;
60             current++;
61         }
62         return total;

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*is arg a string? ✓*



molecule = 'H'

" = "H."

	total	current	multiplier	element	peek	offset	weight
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	0.0	0	1	H	.		
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45				H <sub>-</sub>			
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48					.		
----	--	--	--	--	---	--	--

57						0	
----	--	--	--	--	--	---	--

58							1.0
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59	1.0						
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60		1					
----	--	---	--	--	--	--	--

62	1.0 ✓						
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molecule = "HZ"

" = "HZ."

	0.0	0	1	H	2		
--	-----	---	---	---	---	--	--

				H <sub>-</sub>			
--	--	--	--	----------------	--	--	--

					2		
--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--

52			2				
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53		1					
----	--	---	--	--	--	--	--

57						0	
----	--	--	--	--	--	---	--

58							1.0
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59	2.0						
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60		2					
----	--	---	--	--	--	--	--

62	2.0 ✓						
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molecule = "He2."

	0.0	0	1	H	e		
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40				He			
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		1					
--	--	---	--	--	--	--	--

48					2		
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			2				
--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--

		2					
--	--	---	--	--	--	--	--

57						2	
----	--	--	--	--	--	---	--

							2.0
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----

59	4.0						
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		3					
--	--	---	--	--	--	--	--

26 molecule = "C3PO."

0.0 0 1 C 3

C- 3

3

1

4

3.0

9.0

2

1

P 0

P 0

12

6.0

15.0

3

1

O .

O- .

6

4.0

19.0

4

62

19.0

26 molecule = "CH<sub>9</sub>,"

0,0    0    1    C    H  
C-  
H

57

4

58

3,0

59

3,0

60

1

1

H

9

H-

48

9

1

9

2

0

12,0

3

1,0

62

12,0 ✓

Defect Types		
10 Syntax	50 Architecture	90 Build, Package
20 Assignment	60 Data	100 Environment
30 Algorithm	70 Checking	110 System
40 Interface	80 Documentation	

Tally Marks by Inject Phase	
- Design	X Compile
/ Code	⊕ Test
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## Defect Tally

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 Program Molecules Program # \_\_\_\_\_

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