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**The Last Eclipse**

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Strange things never cease to happen. These things themselves make the world go round. Consider this: Many years ago, a solar eclipse happened in one primitive part of the earth. You know what it meansday changed to night. And the ignorant villagers, who didn't know what had just happened, thought that the world has come to an end. See farmers racing down to their village huts! Behold mothers frantically searching for their weeping babies in the village playground! Watch birds and domestic animals hastily making to their hiding places! Chaos!!

But I am not going to talk of those who committed suicide either by drinking poison or drowning in the village river before the end comes. Neither am I going to say of the village priest who immediately made a sacrifice to appease the gods, who he thought had gone mad. No, I am not going to talk of those.

My concern is the richest man in the village who made a feast for the villagers. He had all his livestock slaughtered, tore his yam barns and invited all the villagers for the last supper. But as they were eating under the moonlight, watching the stars and waiting for the world to end, night changed to day. And the surprised villagers turned the last supper to a happy celebration, eating up all the rich man's possessions. The man could not stop them because he had asked them to feast. So he became known as the most foolish man of the year. But that's a different matter.

When Gavrillo Princip fired an "innocent" shot in Sarajevo killing Archduke Ferdinand, never did he know that the events that would follow it would eventually lead to the death of innocence in 1914. Before that first world war began, British then foreign minister, Neil Chamberlain leaned over a window, and said: "The lights are going out all over Europe. We shall never see it lit again in our life time." The report did not state that he shook his head. Maybe he did. And it did not say that he dropped a tear. Perhaps, he did. The rest is history now. Millions dead!

But man, "the most wicked of God's creations", according to one source, has refused to learn from history. And soon, he will trigger up events that will lead, not to a third world war, but to the last eclipse. How will that happen? you may ask.

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Now, look closely to the Middle East and consider this scenario. America defies world opinion, and declares war on an Arab country suspected of having "weapons of mass destruction" Thousands of Muslims perish. Some Osama rallies the Muslim world, and declares a jihad against the U. S. Then America backed by NATO hits back. Under pressure, the jihadists crack a dirty nuke. And America drops the real one. Lights out!

This may sound hypothetical. But remember how the First World War started. Just a lone bullet. In fact, all fratricidal wars have begun by just one shot. So, the bottomline is that wars do not solve problems. Instead, they compound it. We are not here talking of the problem of refugees, or of hunger and the

spread of diseases. Neither are we saying of the violence that will follow something like pieces of peace.

Man has forgotten the past; and in the words of George Santayana he is "condemned to repeat it." What a pity! Yet, some biologists call him Homo Sapienman, the wise. Show me your wisdom.

So, when you see man, do not call him "the most wicked of God's creations." For he does not even know that he cannot run away from the "last eclipse." Neither is he going to celebrate it. The earth is a closed place. And NASA does not even have a space ship right now to fly us out of here (suppose there is another home in outer space). Rather, call man "the most foolish of God`s creations". Or isn't he?

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Now, use

msnmlib 1.2

(the website is in Korean), you can write programs as client to MSN servers.

You can write msn robots or your own MSN Messenger use Java.

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Here I have a very short tutorial on how to use msnmlib 1.2, and my Java development IDE is

Eclipse

3.0

Prepare: If you had already downloaded msnmlib 1.2 package from the official project website, then unzip it to any folder on your HDD. Here I use d:java\_devcommon, you will get a jar file: msnm.jar. Otherwise, you have to download the latest version of msnmlib from

the official web site

or

the project page on sourceforge

First step, open your Eclipse IDE and use New Project wizard to create a new java project in your default workspace (of coz, you can use another workspace), and name your project (here I use jRCS, which means java Realtime Customer Service System)

Second, In Eclipse, Select menu Window → Preference, expand the Java node in the left treeview, and then expand Build path node in Java node, and then select node User Libraries. We will add a new user library refer to the path where you place your msnmlib jar file. Click new... to add a new user library MSN\_LIB and click Add Jars... to make the user library variable refer to msnmlib jar file: d:java\_devcommonmsnm.jar

Now, edit properties of project jRCS by select the context menu of jRCS node in the Project Explorer. Here we will edit the Java Build Path and add a new library for this project. Of coz, we will add the pre-defined User Library MSN\_LIB here.

Ok, finally, we have our development environment set up. It's time for coding!

Coding Step 1: Create your own MsnAdapter class for an adapter that can listen to the events fired by MSN Messenger. You should make your adapter class extend from the parent class rath.msnm.event.MsnAdapter. The MsnAdapter class has more than 10 methods for event listening. But you have not to implement all the methods, and by using Eclipse New Class Wizard, it is not a hard job to implement a lot of methods. For short and easy, we only implement method MsnAdapter.instantMessageReceived(SwitchboardSession ss, MsnFriend friend, MimeMessage mime).

Method instantMessageReceived is invoked by the MsnMessenger instance every time when you receive a new message (MimeMessage) from MsnFriend.

Here is my code to reply to the friend "How are you doing":

```
public class MSNAdapter extends MsnAdapter {
    MSNMessenger msn;
```

```
public MSNAdapter(MSNMessenger msn) {
this.msn = msn;
}

public void instantMessageReceived(SwitchboardSession ss,
MsnFriend friend, MimeMessage mime) {
System.out.println(friend.getFriendlyName()
+" send me some msg:"+mime.getMessage());
try
{
// create a new message
MimeMessage mm = new MimeMessage();

// remember to append the

trail to
// your message
mm.setMessage("How are you doing?

");
// set the message kind to MESSAGE --!!!
// you have to do this.
mm.setKind(mm.KIND_MESSAGE);

if (robot.msn.sendMessage(mm,ss)
{
// message sent successfully
System.out.println("send msg ok!");
}else{
// failed
System.out.println("send msg faild!");
}
}catch(Exception e){
e.printStackTrace();
}
}
}
```

Coding Step 2: Write a public class with the static main method as your own msn client.

```
public class Client {

public static void main(String[] args) {
Email = "your@hotmail.com";
```

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```
Password = "you_msn_account_password";
// create a new MSNMessenger instance msn
msn = new MSNMessenger(Email,Password);
// set the initial status to online.
msn.setInitialStatus(UserStatus.ONLINE);
// register your pre-created adapter to msn
msn.addMsnListener(new MSNAdapter(msn));
// login into the msn network
msn.login();

System.out.println("Waiting for the response....");
}
}
```

Coding Step 3: Debug or run your application. In the context menu of project jRCS, select Run --> Java Application, Eclipse will compile the code and run the application in the Console.

If you have your msn account set properly, and you have another msn account that add this msn account as contact, you will see this msn account log in, and then you can send some message to this contact as you wish, however the Contact will only and always answer you "How are you doing?".\*\_^

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