

Alternate assignment; emailed about

2.2.8

Create a class method

- Class methods don't reference an object, they refer the class name
- I.e. calling methods from the math class
- Public static → used to invoke a class method

Create a class variable

- Methods not the only constructs called without instantiating objects
- Owner class variable is owned by class, not instantiated objects
 - One value for all objects instantiated by class
- Static variables
- Can be declared public or private

Public or Private

- Private = accessed only via getter, can't be directly accessed out of class
- If public: classname.Variablename allows for access
- Can be directly printed
- Getters return value of variable
- Variable modifications in one object will impact the overall

Access to Class Variables

- Class variables do not have a this reference
 - This refers to the current object
 - Static methods aka class methods = no object
 - Static variables aka class variables = no object

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Variable scope → defines where a variable is accessible/visible in a program

- Parameters scoped only for method (doesn't exist outside method)
 - Variables defined in method exist in just method
 - I.e. info variable accessed only by toString, method in which it is declared
 - System can't directly print local variables
 - Local variables can't be made public or private
 - Public and private only apply to instance/class variables
 - Method can return value
- Instance variables → scope = class
- Class methods → class variables

Duplicate variables with differing scope

- Adjust rating logic error → variable hiding
- Incorrect variable naming can cause obvious or hidden errors
 - Will often impact function

Keyword static in method header to make it a class method