



Chapter Two

Java Objects and Class

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Introduction

- ▶ **Java** is an **object-oriented** programming language
- ▶ In object-oriented programming (OOP), programs are organized into **objects**
- ▶ The **properties of objects** are determined by their **class**
- ▶ Objects act on each other by **passing messages**
- ▶ There are some fundamental concepts of OOP

- ***Object***
- ***Class***
- ***Polymorphism***
- ***Inheritance***
- ***Encapsulation***
- ***Abstraction***
- ***Method***
- ***Message***

Object

- ▶ A programming entity that contains state (data) and behavior (methods).
 - State: A set of values (internal data) stored in an object.
 - Behavior: A set of actions an object can perform, often reporting or modifying its internal state.
- ▶ Objects can be used as part of larger programs to solve problems.
- ▶ **Example 1: Dogs**
 - States: name, color, breed, and “is hungry?”
 - Behaviors: bark, run, and wag tail
- ▶ **Example 2: Cars**
 - States: color, model, speed, direction
 - Behaviors: accelerate, turn, change gears

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- ▶ An Object has two primary components:
 - ▶ **state** – properties of the object
 - ▶ **behavior** – operations the object can perform

State = **Properties** Behavior = **Method**

Constructing Objects

- ▶ use the **new** keyword to construct a **new instance** of an Object.
- ▶ **assign this instance** to a **variable** with the same type of the Object
- ▶ Note: **classes** define new datatypes !

LightSwitch ls = new LightSwitch();

Class

- ▶ A class is the **blueprint** from which **individual objects** are created.
- ▶ A class defines a **new data type** which can be used to **create objects** of that type.
- ▶ A *class* is a collection of *fields* (data) and *methods* (procedure or function) that operate on that data.
- ▶ Thus, a class is a **template** for an **object**, and an object is an **instance of a class**.
- ▶ Class= fields + methods

Circle
centre radius
circumference() area()

Classes and Objects

- ▶ A **Java program** consists of one or more classes.
- ▶ A class is an **abstract description** of objects.
- ▶ Here is an example class:

```
class Dog {  
    ...  
    description of a dog goes here  
    ...  
}
```

- Here are some objects of that class:



Creating objects of a class

- **Object** – block of memory that contains space to store all instance variables.
- Objects are created dynamically using the *new* keyword. It's called instantiating an object.
- Example:

```
class_name object_name;  
object_name=new class_name();
```

or

```
class_name object_name=new class_name();
```

- Object's created:
 - **ObjectName.VariableName**
 - **ObjectName.MethodName(parameter-list)**

Methods

- ▶ a collection of statements that are grouped together to perform an operation.

Creating Method

- ▶ **Syntax**

```
public static int methodName(int a, int b) {  
    // body  
}
```

Explanations:

public static – modifier

int – return type

methodName – name of the method

a, b – formal parameters

int a, int b – list of parameters

Method Calling

- ▶ a method, it should be called for using
- ▶ There are two ways in which a method is called:-
 - ❑ method returns a value or
 - ❑ returning nothing (no return value).
- ▶ When a program invokes a method, the program control gets transferred to the called method. This called method then returns control to the caller in two conditions, when –
 - ▶ the return statement is executed.
 - ▶ it reaches the method ending closing brace.

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- ▶ The methods returning void is considered as call to a statement.

- ▶ **Example:**

`System.out.println("This is tutorialspoint.com!");`

- ▶ The method returning value example –

`int result = sum(6, 9);`

- ▶ **The void Keyword**

- ▶ The void keyword allows us to create methods which do not return a value.
- ▶ The void method is which does not return any value.
- ▶ Call to a void method must be a statement.

► **Passing Parameters by Value**

- While working under calling process, arguments is to be passed.
- These should be in the same order as their respective parameters in the method specification.
- Parameters can be passed by value or by reference.
- Passing Parameters by Value means calling a method with a parameter.
- Through this, the argument value is passed to the parameter.

Instance fields

- ▶ also known as instance variables.
- ▶ They are attributes or properties that belong to a specific instance (object) of a class.
- ▶ Each object created from a class can have its own set of values for these instance fields.

- ▶ ***Declaration:***

- declared within a class but outside of any methods or constructors.
- define the state of an object
- marked with access modifiers like private, public, or protected to control their visibility and access.

Example:

```
public class Person {  
    // Instance fields  
    private String name;  
    private int age;  
}
```

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Initialization:

- Instance fields can have default values if not explicitly initialized.

Example,

- numeric types are initialized to 0, and reference types (like objects) are initialized to null.

```
public class Person {  
    private String name = "John";  
    private int age = 30;  
}
```

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► **Access:**

- Instance fields are accessed using the dot (.) notation
- Each object has its own set of field values.

Example:

```
Person person1 = new Person();  
    person1.name = "Alice";  
    person1.age = 25;  
Person person2 = new Person();  
    person2.name = "Bob";  
    person2.age = 40;
```

► **Scope:**

- Instance fields exist as long as the object they are associated with is in memory.
- They are used to store and manage the object's data, and they are not shared across different instances of the class.

Enumerated types

- ▶ referred to as enums,
- ▶ special data type used to define a set of constant values
- ▶ are a data type in computer programming that define a set of named constant values.
- ▶ powerful for creating well-structured code.
- ▶ used to represent a fixed set of related constants
- ▶ used to represent a finite, discrete set of options or choices.
- ▶ useful to improve code readability and maintainability

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- ▶ To create an enum, use the enum keyword
- ▶ Constants must be in uppercase letters

- ▶ **Example**

```
enum Level {  
    LOW,  
    MEDIUM,  
    HIGH  
}
```

- ▶ can access enum constants with the dot

- ▶ **Example:**

- ▶ Level myVar = Level.MEDIUM;

- ▶ **Example:**

```
enum Color {  
    RED,  
    GREEN,  
    BLUE  
}
```

```
Color selectedColor =  
Color.GREEN;
```


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Example:

- ▶ write a java program tat check if today is Sunday using java enumerated.

enum Day {

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
FRIDAY, SATURDAY

}
public class EnumDay{
public static void main(String[] args) {
Day today = Day. SUNDAY;

if (today == Day. SUNDAY) {
 System.out.println("day is SUNDAY");
else
 System.out.println(" not Sunday ");
 }
}
}

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- **Enums** are often used in switch statements to check for corresponding values:

```
enum Level {  
    LOW,  
    MEDIUM,  
    HIGH  
}  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Level myVar = Level.MEDIUM;  
    }  
}
```

```
switch(myVar) {  
    case LOW:  
        System.out.println("Low level");  
        break;  
    case MEDIUM:  
        System.out.println("Medium level");  
        break;  
    case HIGH:  
        System.out.println("High level");  
        break;  
}
```

Enum and loops

- ▶ The enum type has a `values()` method, which returns an array of all enum constants.
- ▶ This method is useful when you want to loop through the constants of an enum:

```
enum Level {  
    LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH  
}
```

- ▶ **Example:**

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        for (Level myVar : Level.values()) {  
            System.out.println(myVar);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Constructors

- ▶ a **special method** that is used to initialize objects.
- ▶ called when an object of a class is created.
- ▶ It can be used to set initial values for object attributes
- ▶ fundamental building blocks of classes
- ▶ Constructor is **invoked** at the time of **object creation**.
- ▶ **Purpose:**
 - are special methods used to create and initialize objects of a class.
 - called when an object is instantiated (created) using the new keyword.
- ▶ **Naming:**
 - have the same name as the class, and they do not have a return type, not even void.

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Rules for creating constructor

- **Constructor name** must be same as its **class name**
 - **Constructor Name=Class Name**
- **Constructor must have no explicit return type**

Example:

```
public class Person {  
    // Constructor  
  
    public Person() {  
        // Initialization code goes here  
    }  
}
```

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▶ **Types of constructors**

- ▶ Default Constructor
- ▶ Parameterized Constructor
- ▶ *Copy Constructor:*
 - Creates a new object by copying the values from an existing object.
- ▶ *Static Constructor*
- ▶ *Private Constructor:*
 - Used to prevent the instantiation of a class, often in singleton design patterns.

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Types of Constructors

- **Default constructor (No-argument constructor)**

- A constructor that have **no parameter**
- Default values to the object like 0, null etc. depending on the type.

```
<class_name>()  
{  
}
```

- **Parameterized constructor**

- A constructor that have parameters
- Used to provide different values to the distinct objects.

```
<class_name>(parameter list)  
{  
}
```

Example

```
class Student {  
    int id;  
    String name;  
    void display()  
    {  
        System.out.println(id+" "+name);  
    }  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        Student s1=new Student();  
        Student s2=new Student();  
        s1.display();  
        s2.display();  
    }  
}
```

`class_name` `object_name` = `new` `class_name`();

Example:

```
class Student{
    int id;
    String name;
    Student(int i,String n){
        id = i;
        name = n;
    }

    void display(){
        System.out.println(id+" "+name);
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String args[]){
    Student s1 = new Student(111,"Abay");

    Student s2 = new Student(222,"Gebissa");

    s1.display();
    s2.display();
}
}
```

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Example:

```
public class Main {  
    int x;  
    public Main() {  
        x = 5; // Set the initial value for the class attribute x  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Main aa = new Main();  
        // Create an object of class Main (This will call the constructor)  
        System.out.println(aa.x);  
        // Print the value of x  
    }  
}
```

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► ***Example: Constructor wit parameters***

```
public class Main {  
    int x;  
    public Main(int y) {  
        x = y;  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Main aa = new Main(5);  
        System.out.println(aa.x);  
    }  
}
```

Java - Methods

- ▶ a collection of statements that are grouped together to perform an operation. Example:
 - When you call the `System.out.println()` method, the system actually executes several statements in order to display a message on the console.
- ▶ ***Creating Method***
 - ▶ Considering the following example to explain the syntax of a method
 - ▶ ***Syntax***

```
public static int methodName(int a, int b) {  
    // body  
}
```

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❑ **Constructor Overloading**

- a technique in which a class can have any number of constructors that differ in parameter lists.
- The compiler differentiates these constructors by taking into account the number of parameters in the list and their type.

❑ **Method Overloading**

- class have multiple methods by the same name but different parameters, it is known as Method Overloading.

Example: Constructor Overloading

```
class Student{
    int id;
    String name;
    int age;
    Student(int i,String n){
        id = i;
        name = n;
    }
    Student(int i,String n,int a){
        id = i;
        name = n;
        age=a;
    }
}
```

```
void display(){
    System.out.println(id+" "+name+" "+age);
}
public static void main(String args[]){
    Student s1 = new
    Student(111,"yemane");
    Student s2 = new
    Student(222,"Aryan",25);
    s1.display();
    s2.display();
}
}
```

Methods

- ▶ a block of code which only runs when it is called.
- ▶ You can pass data, known as parameters, into a method.
- ▶ used to perform certain actions, and they are also known as **functions**.
- ▶ Objects interact with each other by passing **messages**.
- ▶ **Purpose**
 - functions defined within a class to perform specific tasks or operations.
 - They define the behavior of the class and enable you to encapsulate functionality.
- ▶ **Naming**
 - Methods have names that are relevant to the action they perform.
 - They can have various return types, including void for methods that do not return a value.

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```
public class Calculator {  
    // Method to add two numbers and return the result  
    public int add(int num1, int num2) {  
        return num1 + num2;  
    }  
  
    // Method with no return value  
    public void display(String message) {  
        System.out.println(message);  
    }  
}
```


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Example: Methods with parameters

```
public class Main {  
    static void myName(String fname) {  
        System.out.println(fname + " Sinodos");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Name("Abel");  
        Name("Marta");  
        Name("Yonas");  
    }  
}
```

Method Overloading

- ▶ Refer to the multiple methods with the same name in a class, as long as they have different parameter lists.

```
public class Calculator {  
    public int add(int num1, int num2) {  
        return num1 + num2;  
    }  
  
    public double add(double num1, double num2)  
    {  
        return num1 + num2;  
    }  
}
```

Cont'd

Example:

```
static int add(int x, int y) {  
    return x + y;  
}  
static double add(double x, double y) {  
    return x + y;  
}  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    int num1 = add(8, 5);  
    double num2 = add(4.3, 6.26);  
    System.out.println("int: " + num1);  
    System.out.println("double: " + num2);  
}
```

Example of Method

```
public class AddIntegers {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int num1 = 5;  
        int num2 = 7;  
        int sum = addNumbers(num1, num2);  
        System.out.println("Sum: " + sum);  
    }  
  
    public static int addNumbers(int a, int b) {  
        return a + b;  
    }  
}
```

Example – Constructor

```
public class AddIntegers {  
    private int num1;  
    private int num2;  
  
    // Constructor to initialize the two integers  
    public AddIntegers(int num1, int num2) {  
        this.num1 = num1;  
        this.num2 = num2;  
    }  
  
    // Method to add the two integers  
    public int add() {  
        return num1 + num2;  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // Create an object of the AddIntegers class and pass the  
    two integers to the constructor  
    AddIntegers adder = new AddIntegers(5, 7);  
  
    // Call the add() method to get the result  
    int sum = adder.add();  
  
    System.out.println("The sum of the two integers is: " +  
sum);  
}
```

Access Modifiers

- ▶ are keywords that determine the visibility or accessibility of classes, methods, fields, and other members within a program.
- ▶ There are four main access modifiers in Java:
 - `public`: Accessible from anywhere.
 - `protected`: Accessible within the same package and in subclasses.
 - `default`: Accessible only within the same package.
 - `private`: Accessible only within the same class.
- ▶ Additionally, Java provides two more access modifiers for classes:
 - `final`: A final class cannot be extended (subclassed).
 - `abstract`: An abstract class cannot be instantiated on its own and is meant to be subclassed.

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► **Example:**

```
public class Numbers {  
    final int x = 10;  
    final double pi = 3.14;  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Numbers aa = new Numbers();  
        aa.x = 50;  
        aa.PI = 25;  
        System.out.println(aa.x);  
        System.out.println(pi.x);  
    }  
}
```

Find Output?

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```
public class Main {  
    static void myStaticMethod() {  
        System.out.println("Static methods . . .");  
    }  
    // Public method  
    public void myPublicMethod() {  
        System.out.println("Public methods . . .");  
    }  
    public static void main(String[ ] args) {  
        myStaticMethod(); // Call the static method  
        // myPublicMethod(); error  
  
        Main aa = new Main(); // Create an object of Main  
        aa.myPublicMethod(); // Call the public method  
    }  
}
```

- A static method means that it can be accessed without creating an object of the class, unlike public:

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- Difference between constructor and method

Constructor

- Constructor is used to initialize the state of an object.
- Constructor must not have return type.
- Constructor is invoked implicitly.
- The java compiler provides a default constructor if you don't have any constructor.
- Constructor name must be same as the class name.

Method

- Method is used to expose behaviour of an object.
- Method must have return type.
- Method is invoked explicitly.
- Method is not provided by compiler in any case.
- Method name may or may not be same as class name.

Encapsulation

- ▶ A fundamental principles of object-oriented programming in Java.
- ▶ Means make sure that "sensitive" data is hidden from users.
 - declare class variables/attributes as private
 - provide public get and set methods to access and update the value of a private variable
- ▶ Bundling of data (attributes or fields) and methods (functions) that operate on that data into a single unit, known as a class.
- ▶ The class is typically declared as private, and access to that data is controlled through public methods, which are called getters and setters.
- ▶ This ensures that the data is only accessed and modified in a controlled and consistent manner, promoting data integrity and security.

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- ▶ **Encapsulation** is one of the four fundamental OOP concepts.
- ▶ The other three are **inheritance**, **polymorphism**, and **abstraction**.
- ▶ a mechanism of **wrapping the data** (variables) and code acting on the data (methods) together as a single unit.
- ▶ Variables of a class will be hidden from other classes, and can be accessed only through the methods of their current class. Therefore, it is also known as **data hiding**.
- ▶ To achieve encapsulation in Java –
 - Declare the variables of a class as **private**.
 - Provide **public setter and getter methods** to modify and view the variables values.

Example

```
public class EncapTest {  
    private String name;  
    private String idNum;  
    private int age;  
    public int getAge() {  
        return age; }  
    public String getName() {  
        return name; }  
    public String getIdNum() {  
        return idNum; }
```

```
    public void setAge( int newAge) {  
        age = newAge; }  
    public void setName(String newName) {  
        name = newName; }  
    public void setIdNum( String newId) {  
        idNum = newId;  
    } }
```

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- ▶ The public setXXX() and getXXX() methods are the access points of the instance variables of the EncapTest class.
- ▶ Normally, these methods are referred as getters and setters. Therefore, any class that wants to access the variables should access them through these getters and setters.
- ▶ The variables of the EncapTest class can be accessed using the following program:

```
public class RunEncap {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        EncapTest encap = new EncapTest();  
        encap.setName("James");  
        encap.setAge(20);  
        encap.setIdNum("12343ms");  
        System.out.print("Name : " + encap.getName() + " Age : " + encap.getAge()); } }
```

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► ***Key aspects of encapsulation***

- Data Hiding
- Public Methods
- Access Control:
 - Defines which methods and data members are accessible to the outside world and which are kept private.
- Information Abstraction:
 - abstracts the implementation details of a class and focuses on what the class can do rather than how it does it.

Benefits of encapsulation

▶ **Data Protection**

- prevent accidental or unauthorized modifications
- The **fields** of a class can be made **read-only** or **write-only**.
- A class can have **total control** over what is stored in its **fields**.

▶ **Flexibility**

- allows you to change the internal implementation of a class without affecting the code that uses the class

▶ **Code Maintainability**

- It promotes code organization and makes it easier to understand and maintain by providing a clear and well-defined structure.

▶ **Reusability**

- used as building blocks in different parts of a program or in different programs altogether, enhancing code reusability.

Example

```
public class Student {  
    // Private fields (data)  
    private String name;  
    private int age;  
  
    // Public constructor  
    public Student(String name, int age) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.age = age;  
    }  
  
    // Public getter method for name  
    public String getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    // Public setter method for name  
    public void setName(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    // Public getter method for age  
    public int getAge() {  
        return age;  
    }  
  
    // Public setter method for age  
    public void setAge(int age) {  
        if (age >= 0) {  
            this.age = age;  
        }  
    }  
}
```


Question



End of Chapter 2

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