Objects and Classes

Classes

- Classes are used to create objects
- ArrayList and HashMap are classes that are used to create objects
- How can we create our own classes that create objects?

ArrayList<Integer> arr1 = new ArrayList<>(Arrays.asList(10, 9, 8, 7));

Creating Our Own Classes and Objects

Classes

Let's create a Player class with 3 variables:

- Maximum hit points
- Current hit points
- Name

- public class Player {
 private int maxHP;
 private int hp;
 private String name;

 public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
 this.maxHP = maxHP;
 this.hp = maxHP;
 this.name = name;
 }
 }
- We create the Player class
- A class is a container for:
 - State Variables that are stored in objects of this class
 - Behavior All of the methods that can be called on that object

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public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;

public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
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        this.hp = maxHP;
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

- We'll declare variables outside of all the methods of the class
 - These are called "instance variables"
 - Also called "state variables",
 "fields", "object variables"
- A copy of these variables will be created for each object of type Player

- public class Player {
 private int maxHP;
 private int hp;
 private String name;

 public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
 this.maxHP = maxHP;
 this.hp = maxHP;
 this.name = name;
 }
 }
- We'll write a special method called a constructor
- The name of this method must be the name of the class
- No return type is specified

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
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    private String name;

public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
        this.hp = maxHP;
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

- The constructor is the method that's called when we create a new Player object
- We create Player objects
 - new Player("name", 10);
- This constructor initializes our 3 instance variables

- public class Player {
 private int maxHP;
 private int hp;
 private String name;

 public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
 this maxHP = maxHP;
 this hp = maxHP;
 this name = name;
 }
 }
- The keyword "this" stores a reference to the object that called a method
 - The object that's being constructed when a constructor is called

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP = 10;
    private int hp = 10;
    private String name;

public Player(String name) {
    this name = name;
}
```

- You can also initialize instance variables when they are declared
- Use this if you want every object to have the same initial value for a variable

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;

    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
        this.hp = maxHP;
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

- Our instance variables are all private
 - Very common in Java

- Leverage encapsulation
 - Hide the details of your code
 - Expose public methods for others to interact with your code

So how does anyone use this state?...

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
        this.hp = maxHP;
        this.name = name;
    public int getMaxHP() {
        return this maxHP;
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
    public int getHP() {
        return this.hp;
    public void setHP(int hp) {
        this.hp = hp;
    public String getName() {
        return this name;
    public void setName(String name) {
        this name = name;
```

Getters and Setters!

- Write public methods that allow access to your state
- Getters Return the value of the requested variable
- Setters Takes a value and reassigned the instance variable

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
        this.hp = maxHP;
        this.name = name;
    public int getMaxHP() {
        return this maxHP;
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
    public int getHP() {
        return this.hp;
    public void setHP(int hp) {
        if (hp <= this.maxHP) {</pre>
            this.hp = hp;
        } else {
            this.hp = this.maxHP;
    public String getName() {
        return this name;
    public void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
```

- Why???
 - It would be easier to just make our variables public!
- Control.
 - If we want to sanitize values, add code to the setter
 - If you want to format output, add code to the getter
- If others write code to access your variables directly, you do not have this option!

```
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    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
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```

- You can call your setters in your constructor
- Ensures your checks are ran when an object is created

```
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    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {|
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        this.name = name;
```

- Notice that nothing in this class is static
- Use static if a method/variable should belong to the *class*
- Do not use static if a method/ variable should belong to an object created from the class

```
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    private int maxHP;
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    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) { |
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
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        return this.maxHP;
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
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```

- Classes define new types
 - The ArrayList class defines the ArrayList type
 - Our Player class defines the Player type
- We can use Player wherever we could use any other type
 - As variable types
 - As parameter types in methods
 - As the return type of methods
 - As type parameters of data structures

Stack Memory

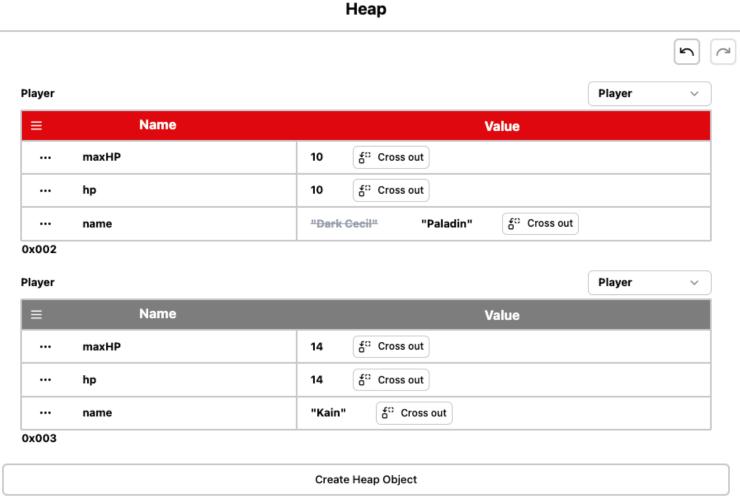
- Only primitive types are stored directly on the stack as values
 - double
 - int
 - char
 - boolean
 - String*
 - Double/Integer/Character/Boolean*
- Everything else is stored on the heap with only their references stored on the stack**
 - This includes every object created from a class that you wrote

*Strings and boxed types are actually more complex, but we will treat them as though they are on the stack in this course because they behave exactly as a value on the stack

**Stack and heap allocations vary by compiler and JVM implementations. With modern optimizations, we can never be sure where our values will be stored We'll use this simplified view so we can move on and learn Computer Science

Diagram





package week4;

private int maxHP;
private int hp;
private String name;

public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
 this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
 this.setName(name);
}

public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
 this.maxHP = maxHP;
}

public void setHP(int hp) {
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 this.hp = hp;
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}

public String getName() {
 return name;
}

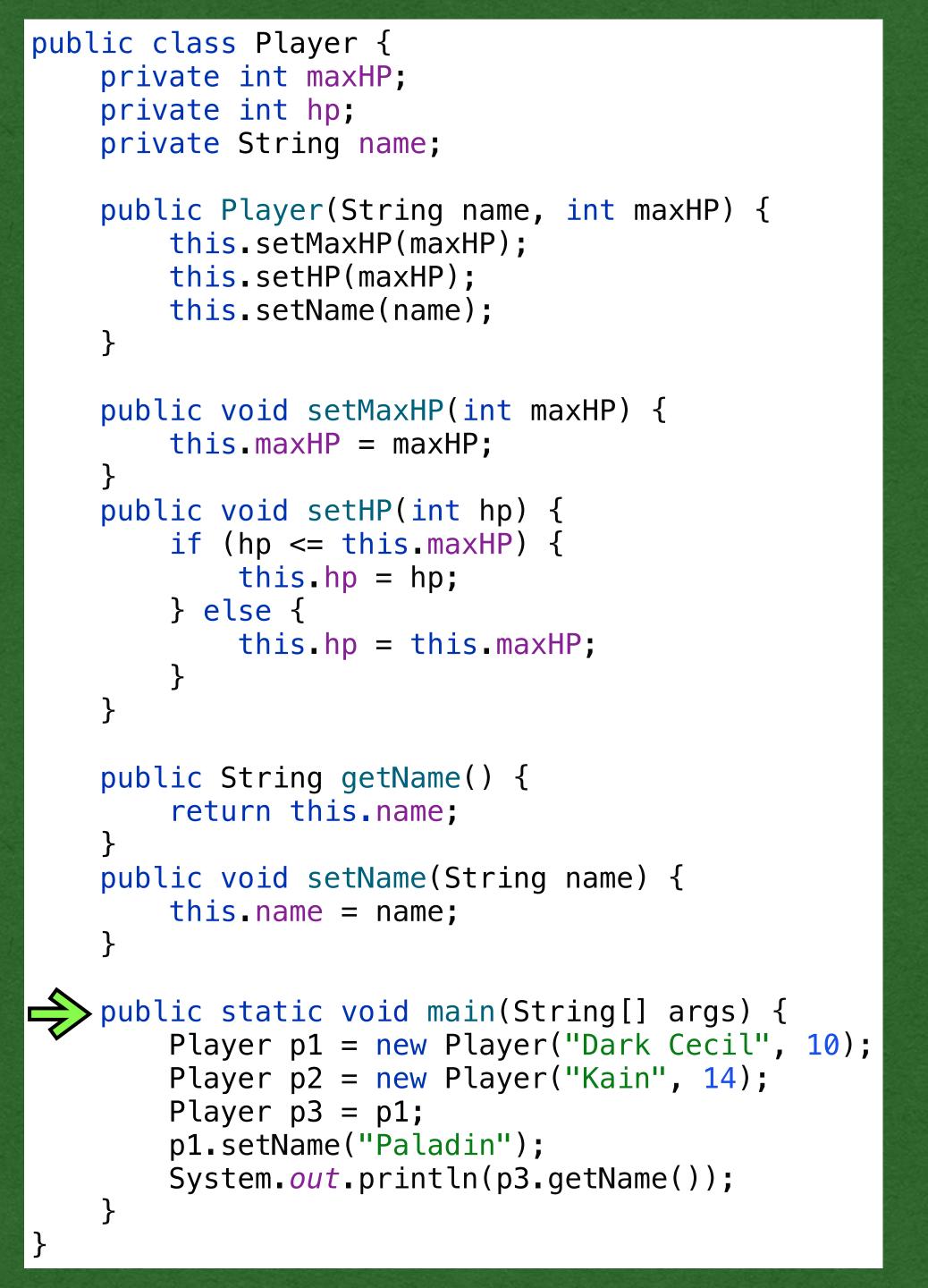
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 this.name = name;
}

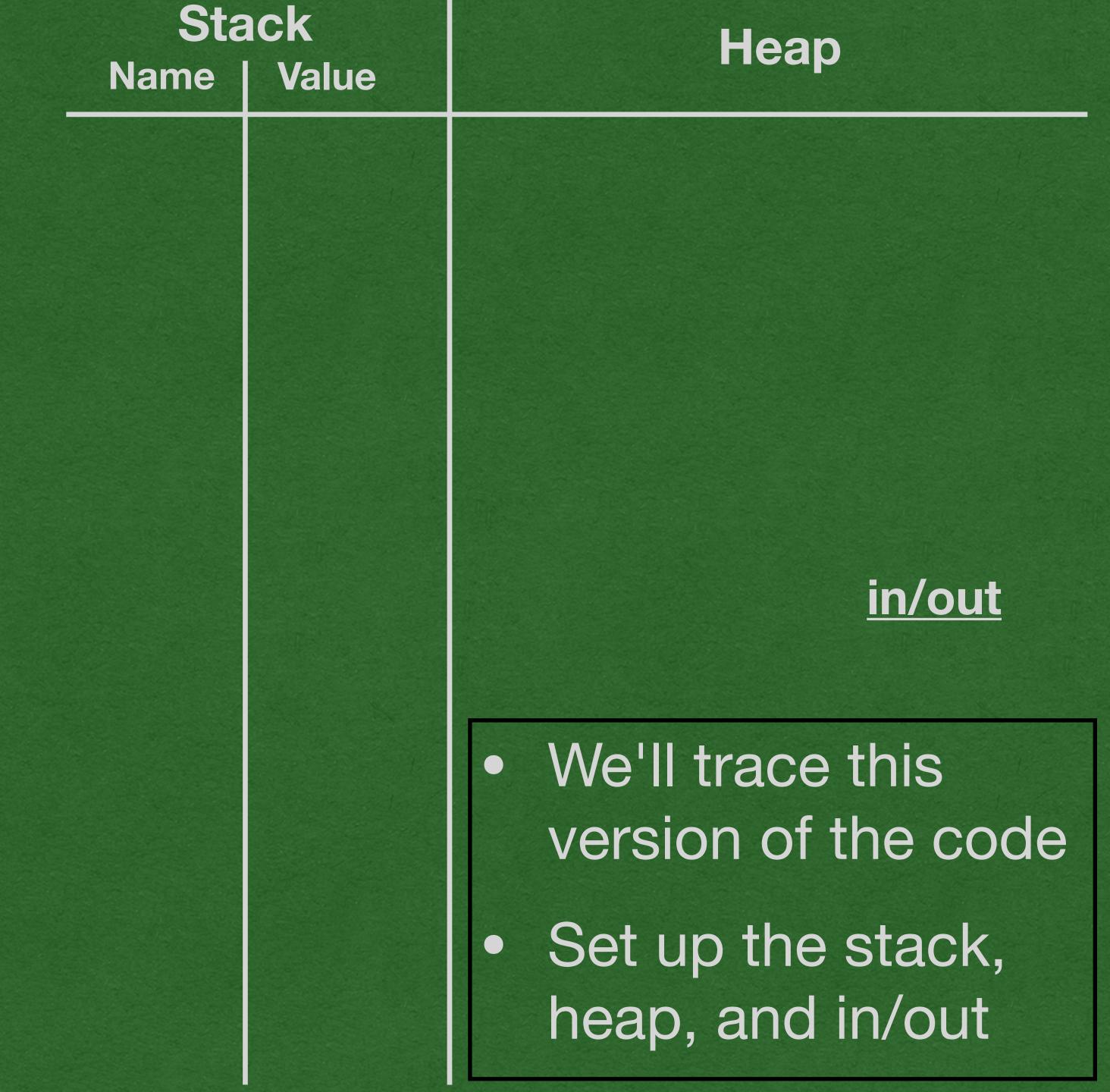
public static void main(String[] args) {
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 Player p2 = new Player("Kain", 14);
 Player p3 = p1;
 Player p4 = newe("Paladin");
 System.out.println(p3.getName());
}
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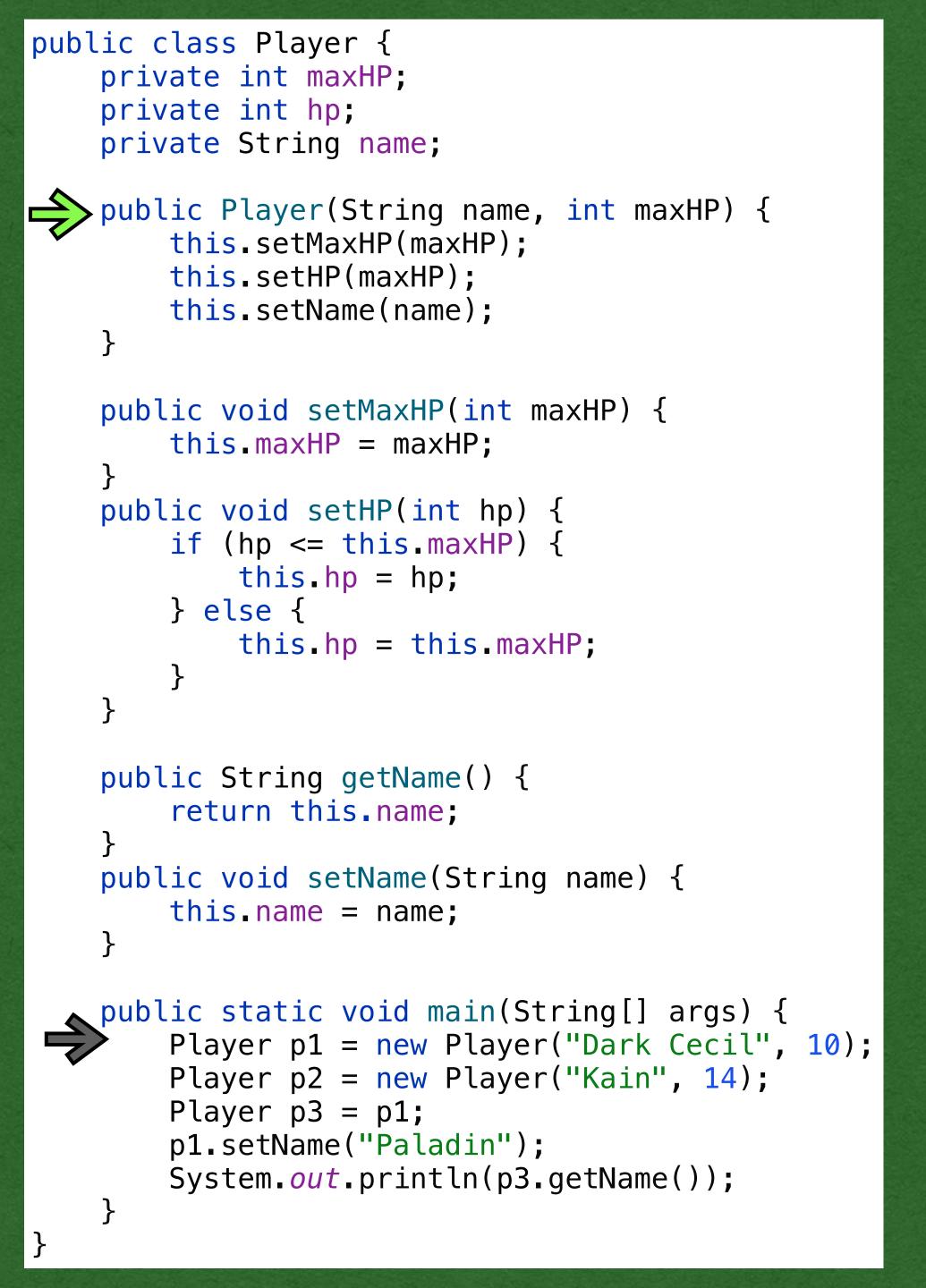
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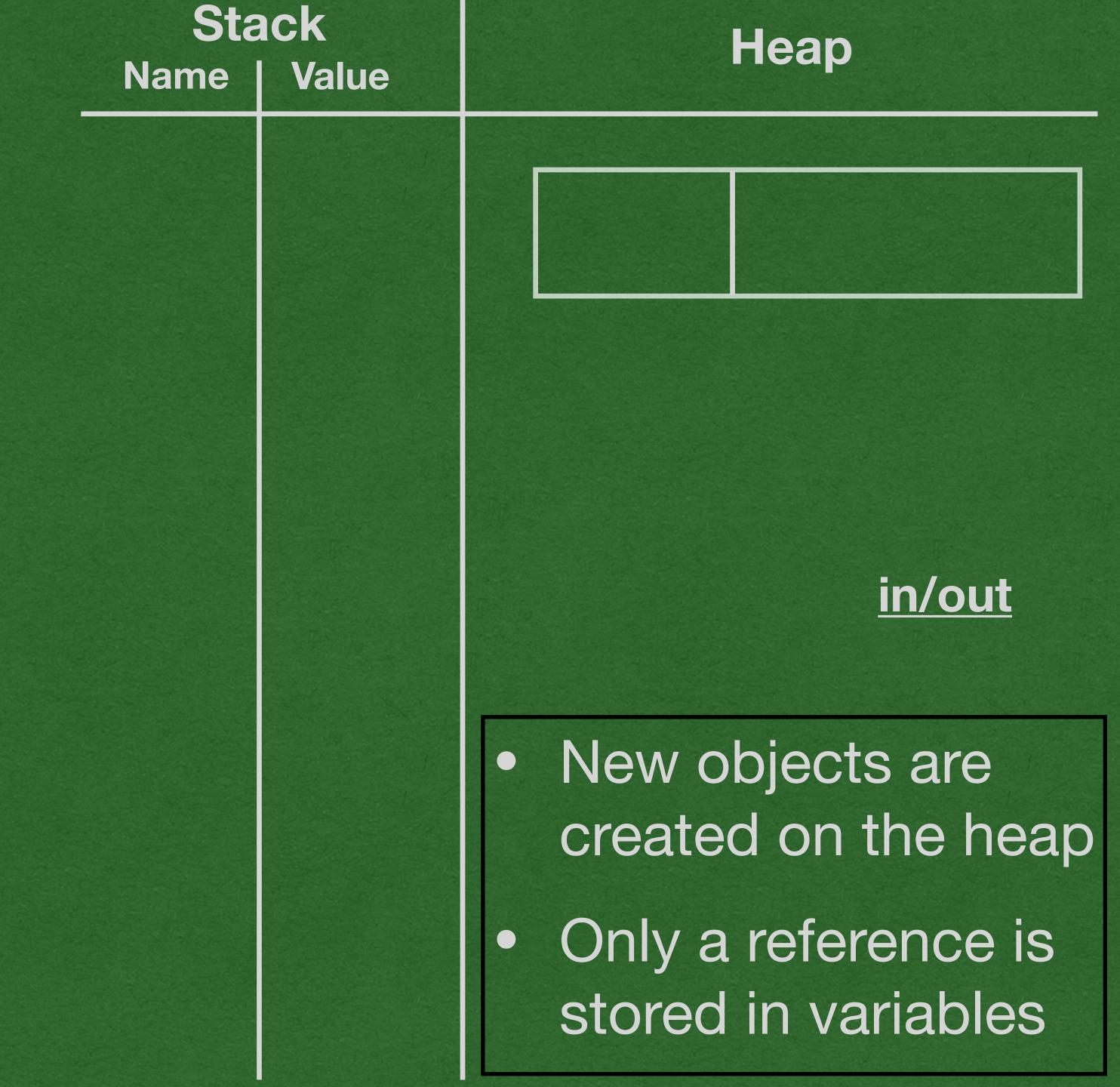
Paladin 🗙

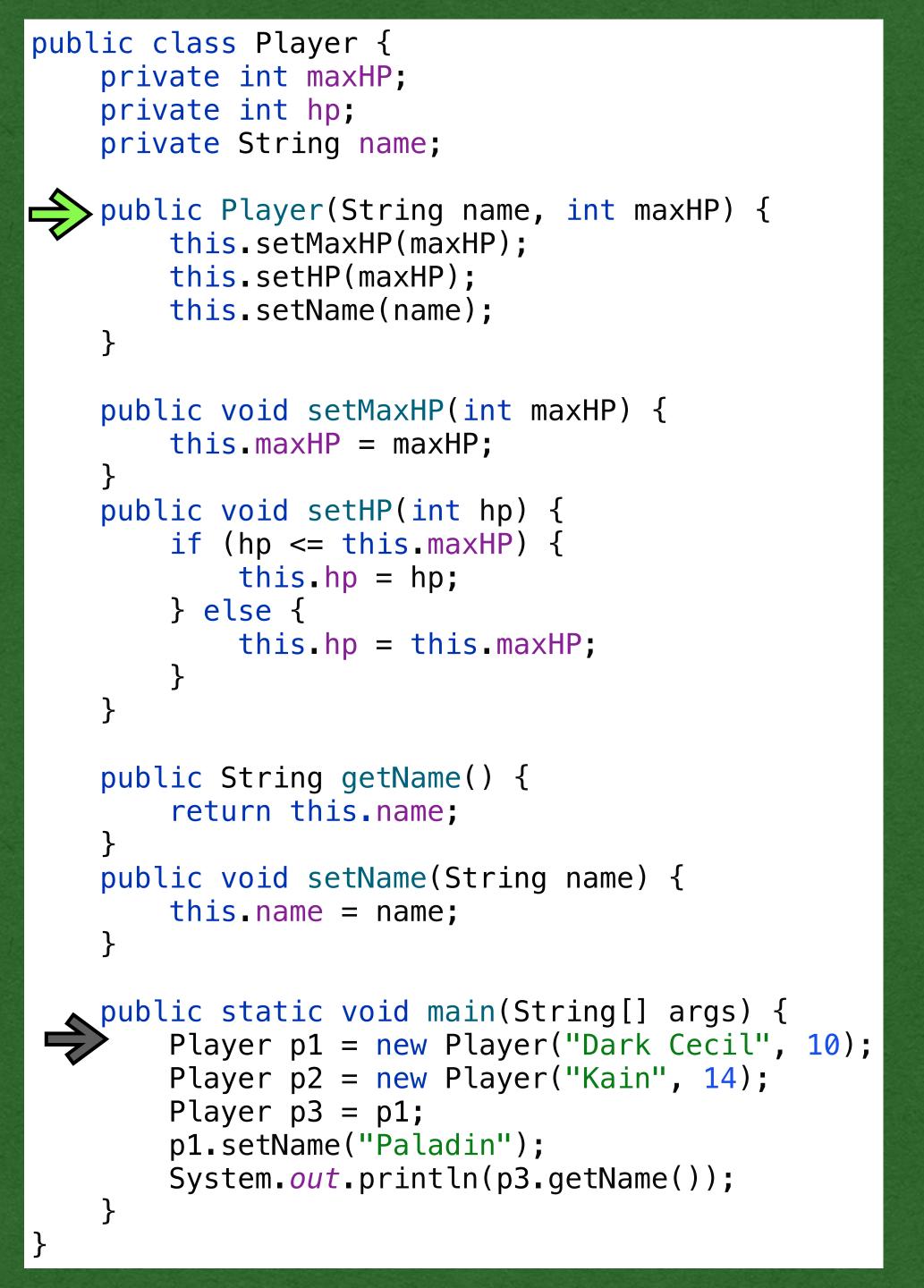
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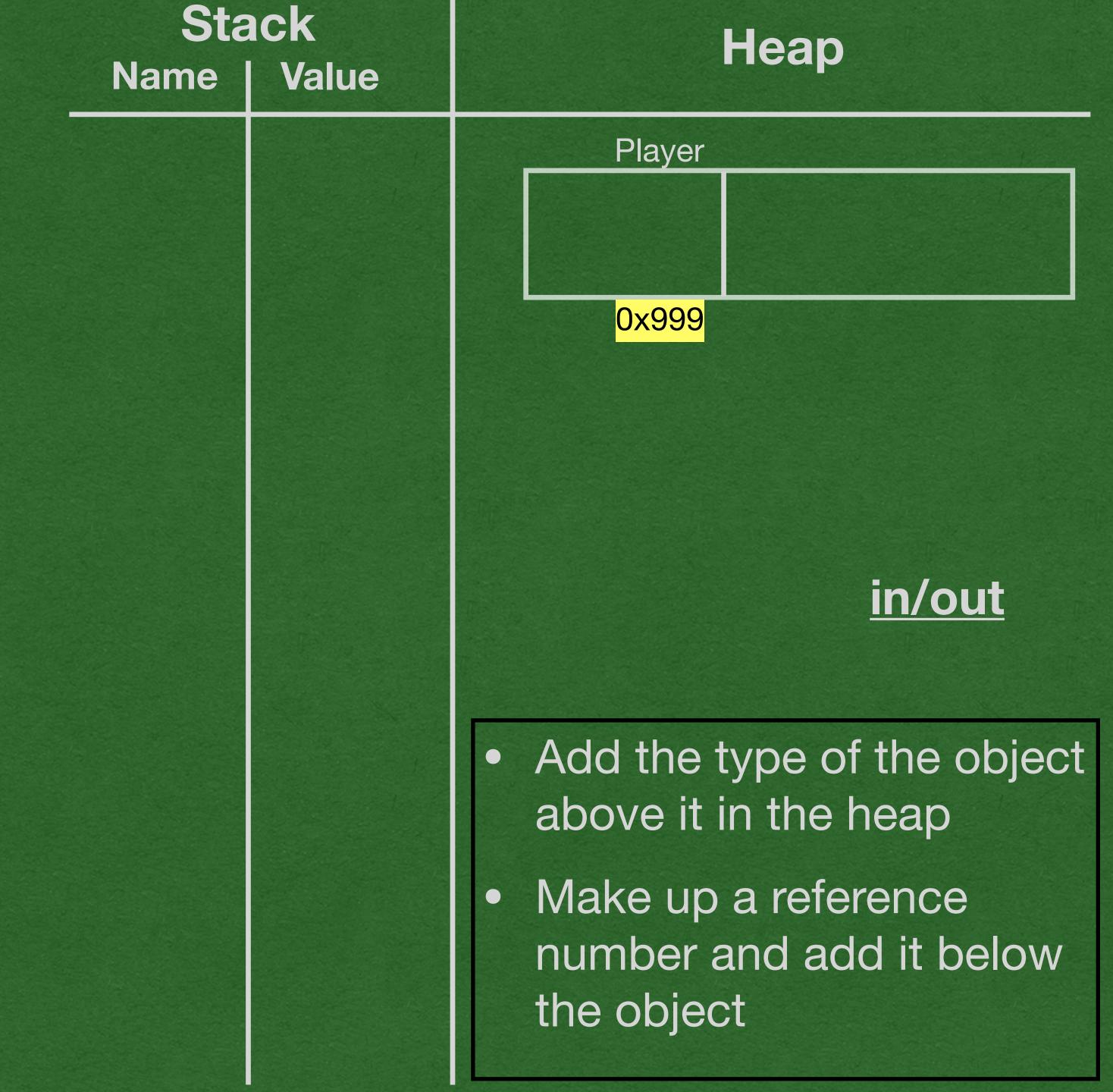


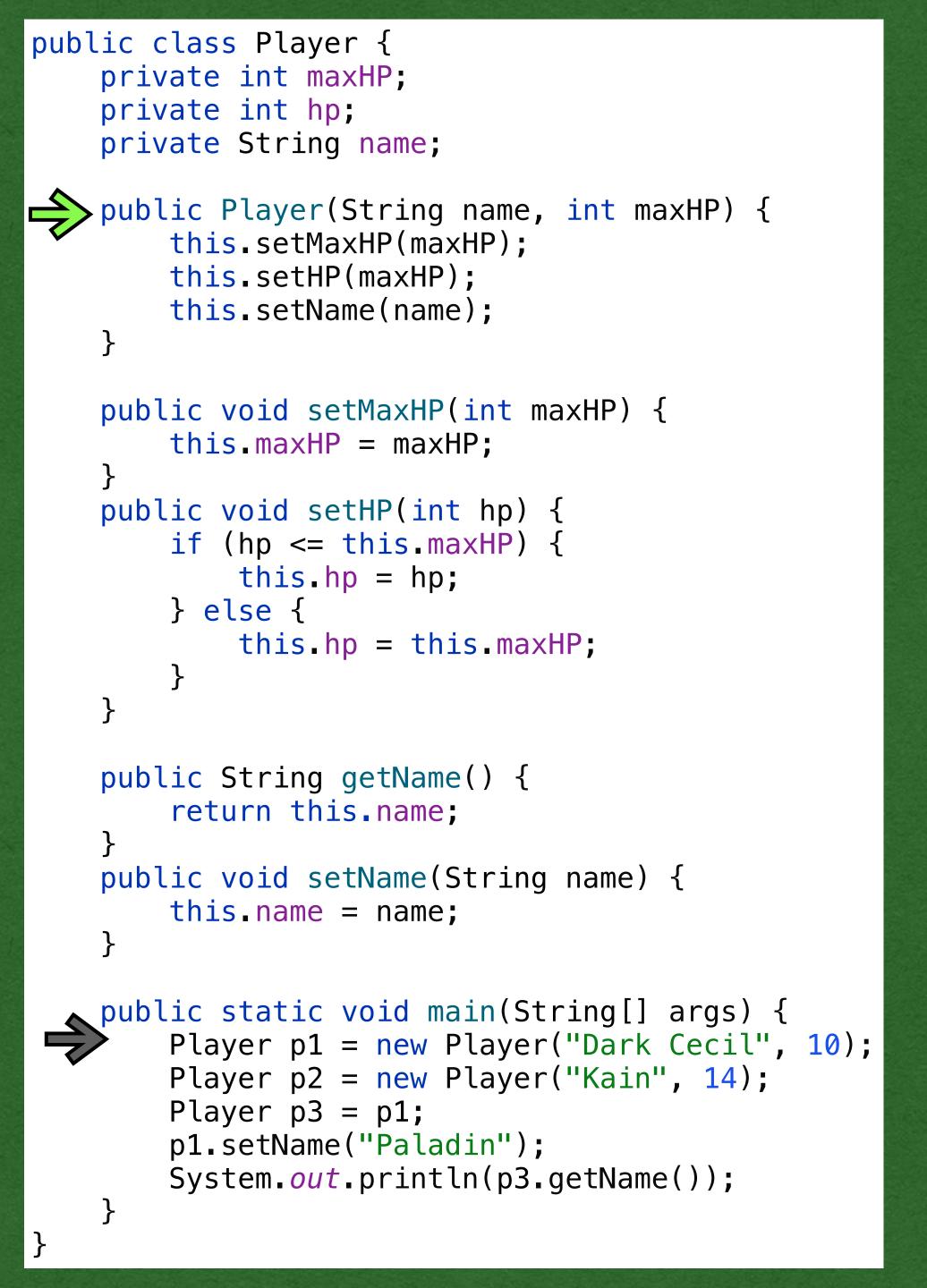


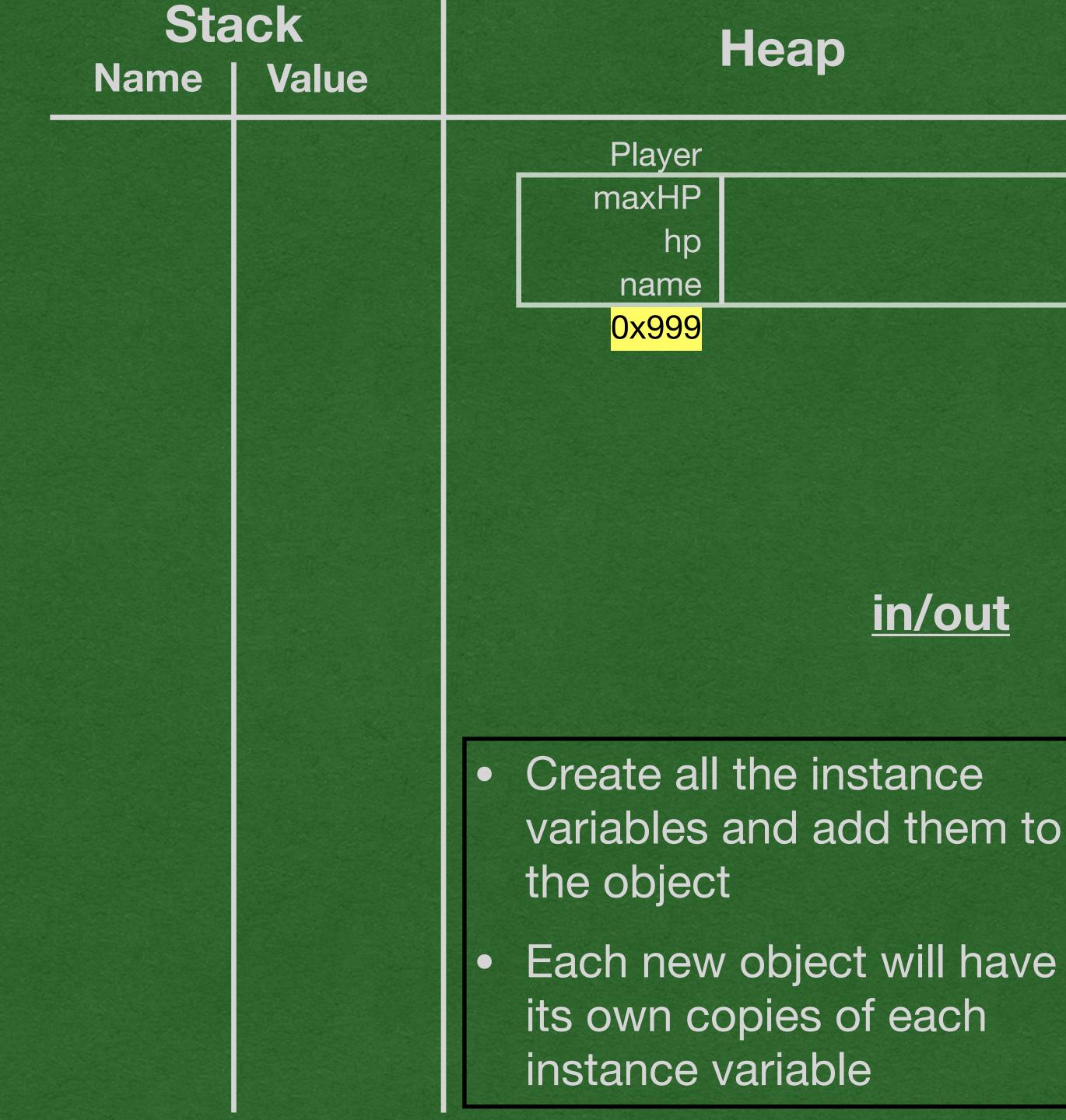




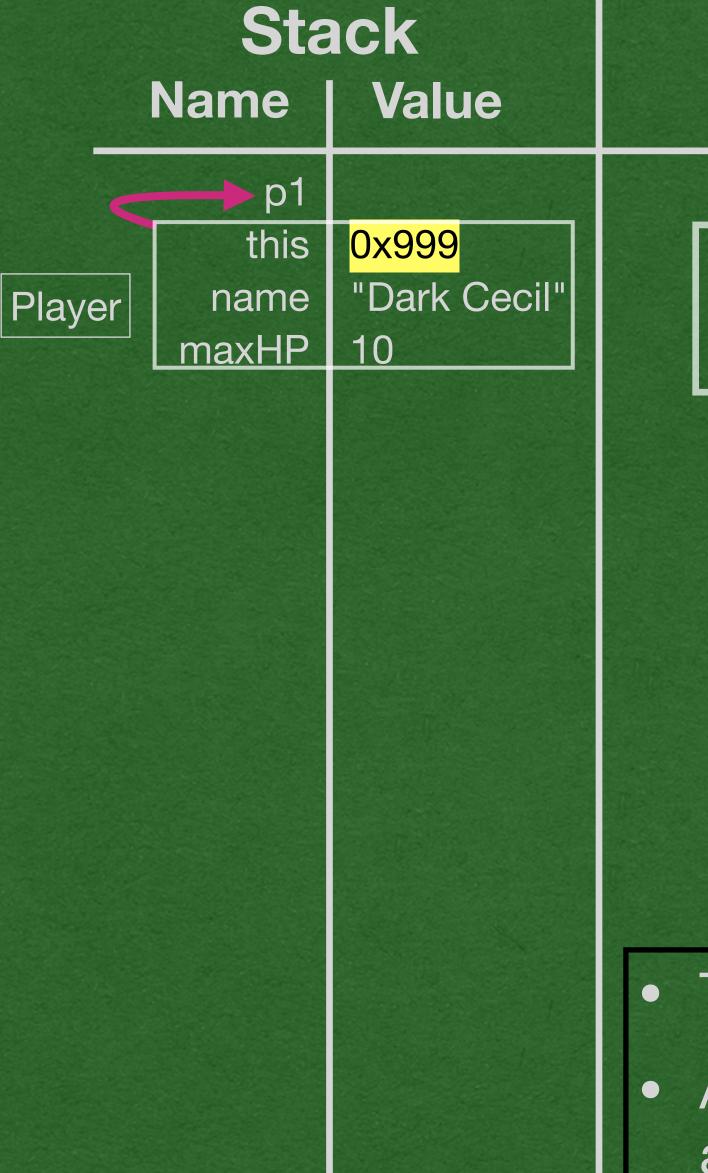








```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
   public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
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        Player p3 = p1;
        p1.setName("Paladin");
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```



Player

maxHP

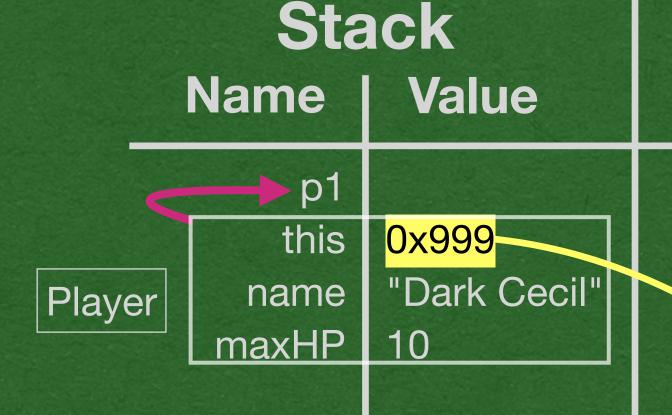
hp

name

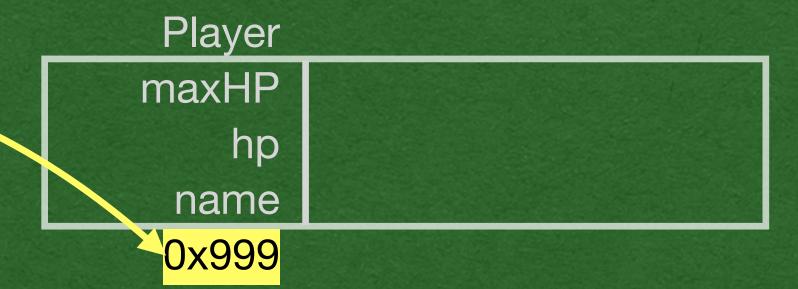
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- The constructor is a method
- Add it to the stack along with all of its parameters
- Constructors return a reference to the object that was created

```
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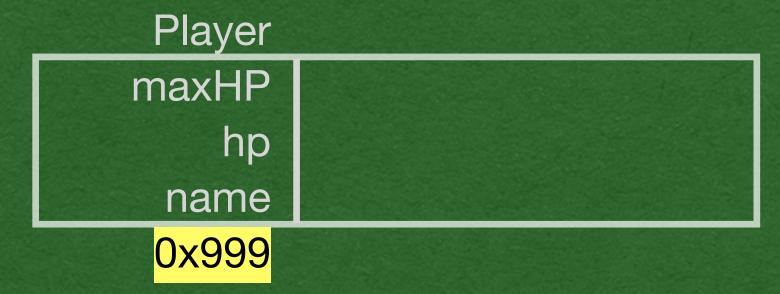
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Notation Note:

- I'll stop drawing reference arrows in slides to reduce clutter
- References will be color coded

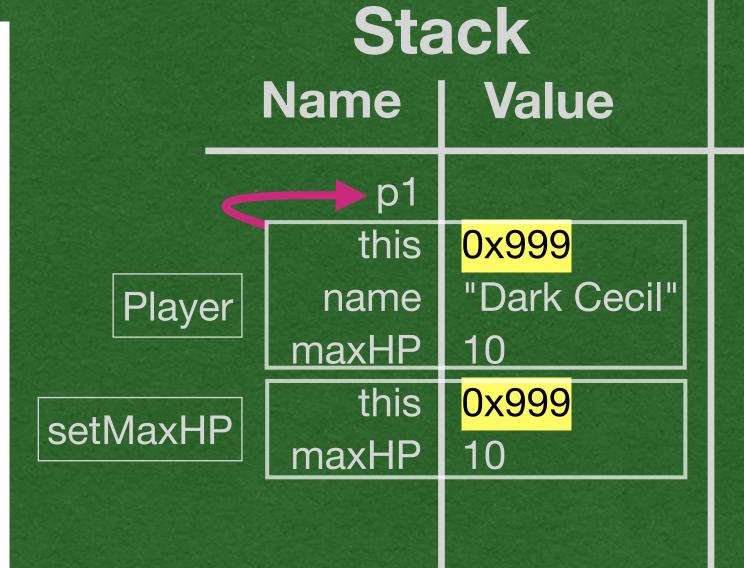
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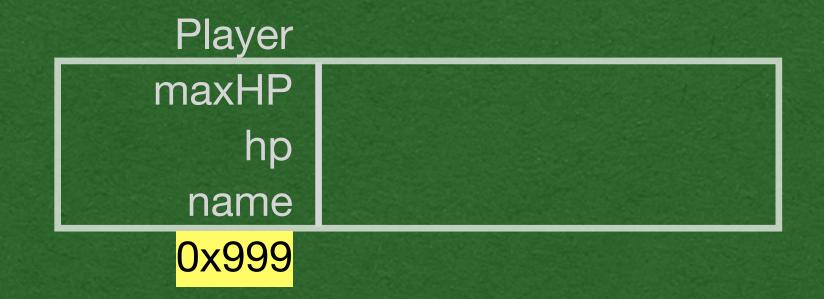




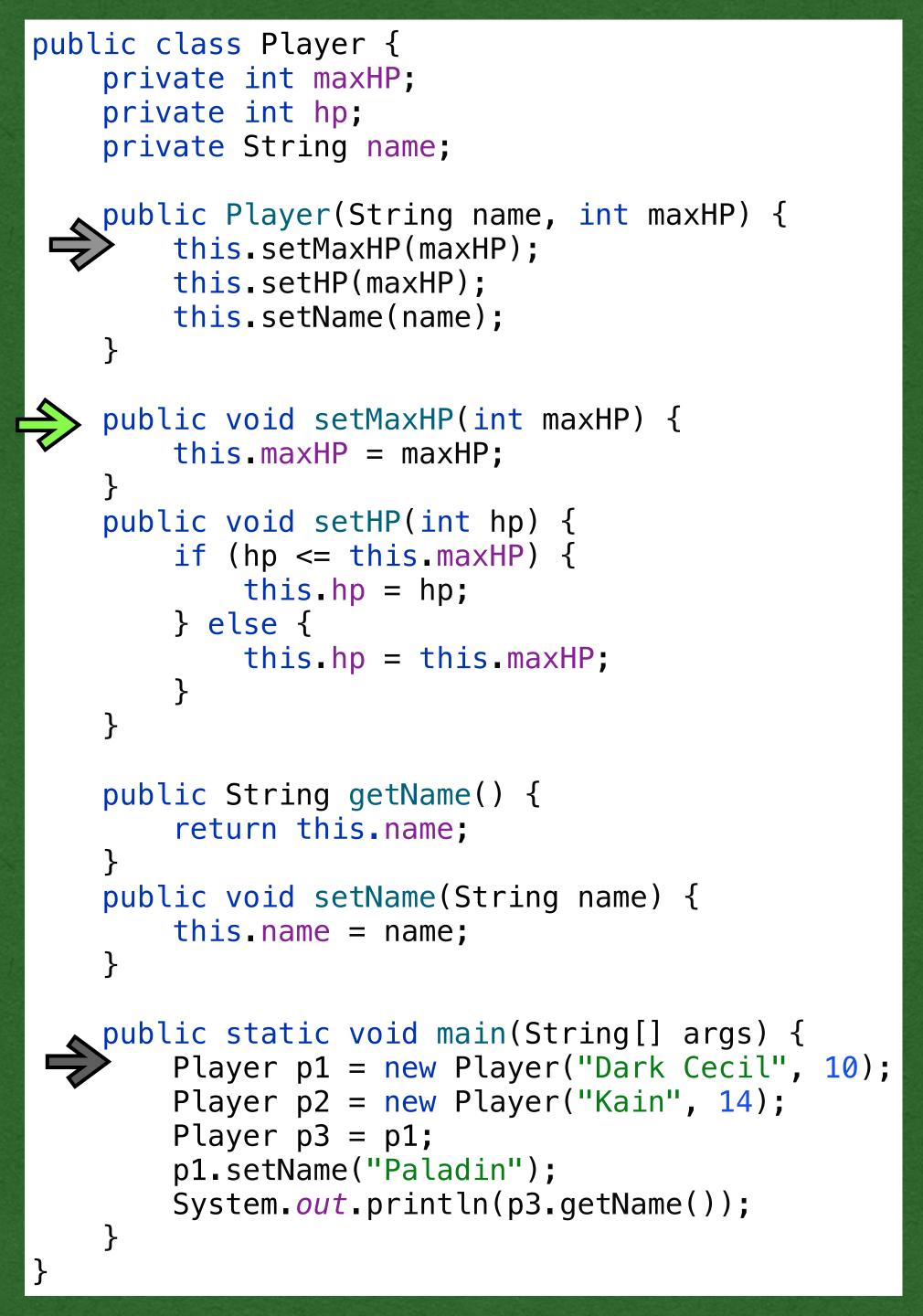
- All [non-static] methods have a "hidden" parameter of this
- For constructors, this
 stores a reference to the
 object that is being created

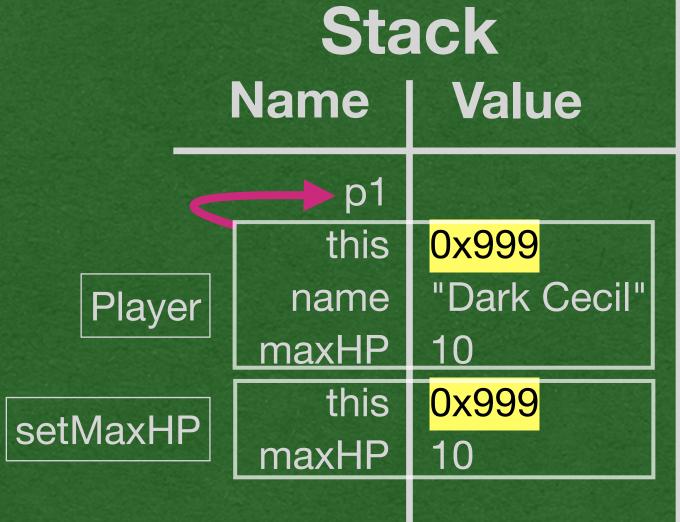
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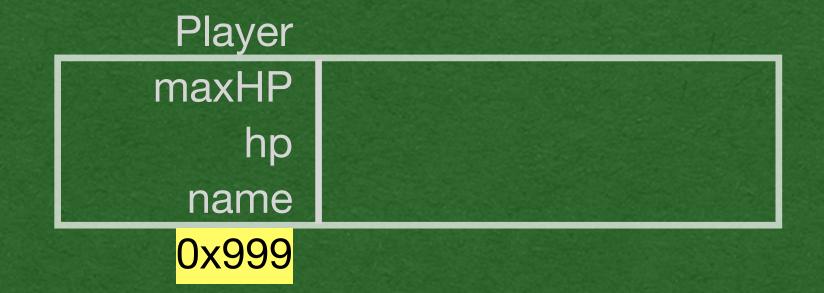




- Our constructor calls a setter method
- Methods contain a reference to the calling object in this

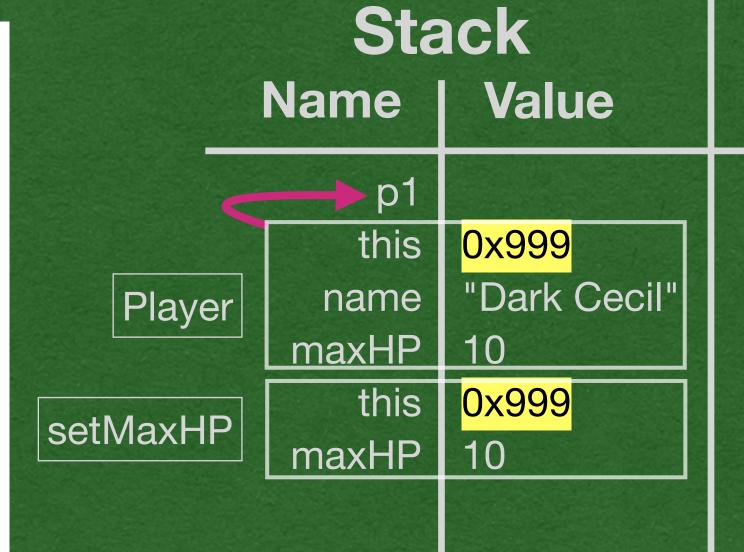


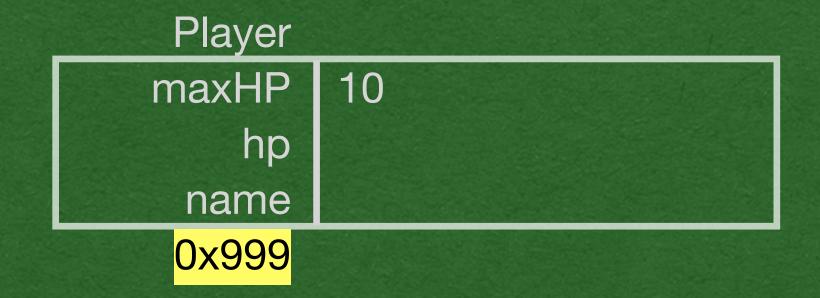




- This method was called by this in the Player constructor stack frame which stores the reference 0x999
- 0x999 is the object that called setMaxHP so that stack frame's this stores 0x999

```
public class Player {
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    private int hp;
    private String name;
   public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
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        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
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```





- The setter method changes the value of a variable stored in the heap
- Follow the reference stored in this and set its maxHP variable

```
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    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
   public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
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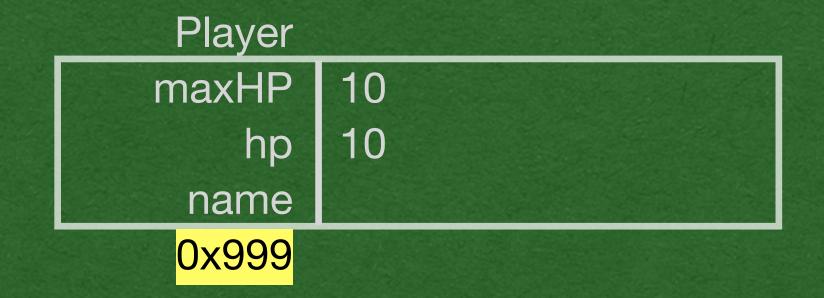
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Notation Note:

- I'll gray out a stack frame that is removed from the stack
- This will have the same meaning as crossing it out
- Makes the variables readable

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
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in/out

 Calling setHP will set the hp variable on the heap for this object

```
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    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
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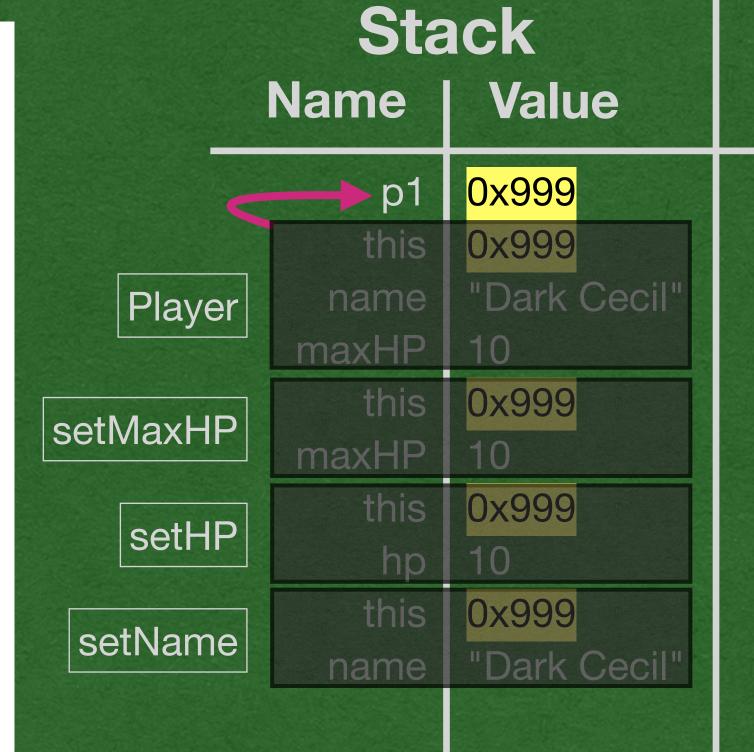




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 Repeat the process for name

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
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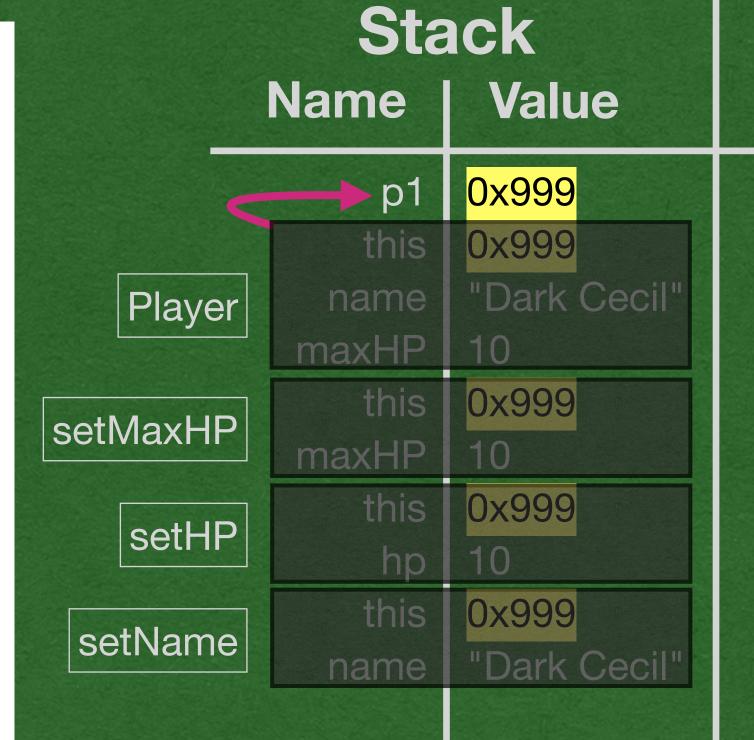




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 Constructor method calls return a reference to the object that was created

```
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    private int maxHP;
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    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
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        this.setHP(maxHP);
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```



```
Player

maxHP 10
hp 10
name "Dark Cecil"

0x999
```

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 What happens on the line that initializes p2?

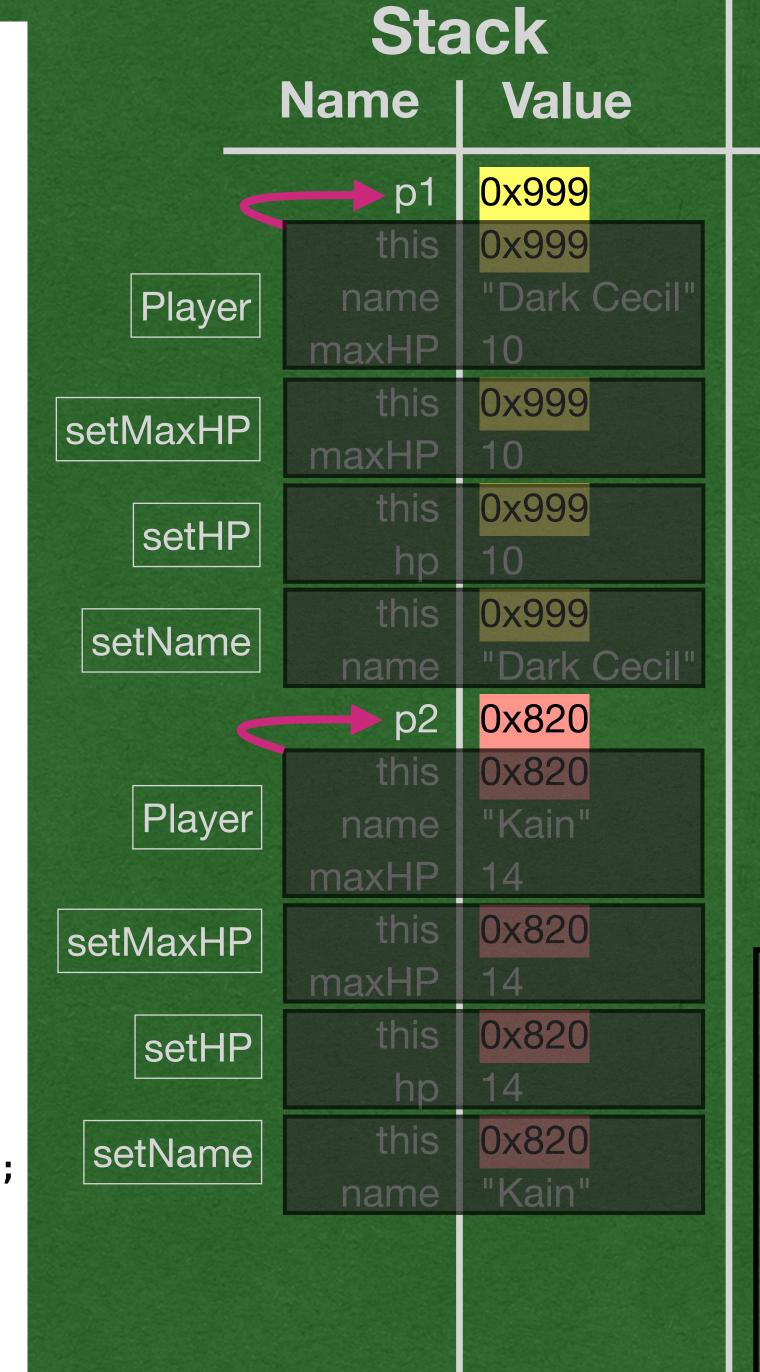
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        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
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        Player p3 = p1;
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```





- Whenever you see *new*, a new object is created on the heap
- We have 2 objects of type Player
 - Each object has its own copies of each instance variable

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
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            this.hp = hp;
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    public String getName() {
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    public void setName(String name) {
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    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Player p1 = new Player("Dark Cecil", 10);
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        Player p3 = p1;
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        System.out.println(p3.getName());
```



```
Player
maxHP
        10
    hp
        "Dark Cecil"
 name
 0x999
 Player
maxHP
         14
         14
    hp
        "Kain"
 name
 0x820
                in/out
```

 What happens on the line that initializes p3?

```
public class Player {
    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
    public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
        this.maxHP = maxHP;
    public void setHP(int hp) {
        if (hp <= this.maxHP) {</pre>
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- If you don't see new, no object is created
- Assign p3 the same reference stored in p1
- Still only 2 objects on the heap

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```

- setName is called from p1 which stores 0x999
- this is assigned 0x999

```
public class Player {
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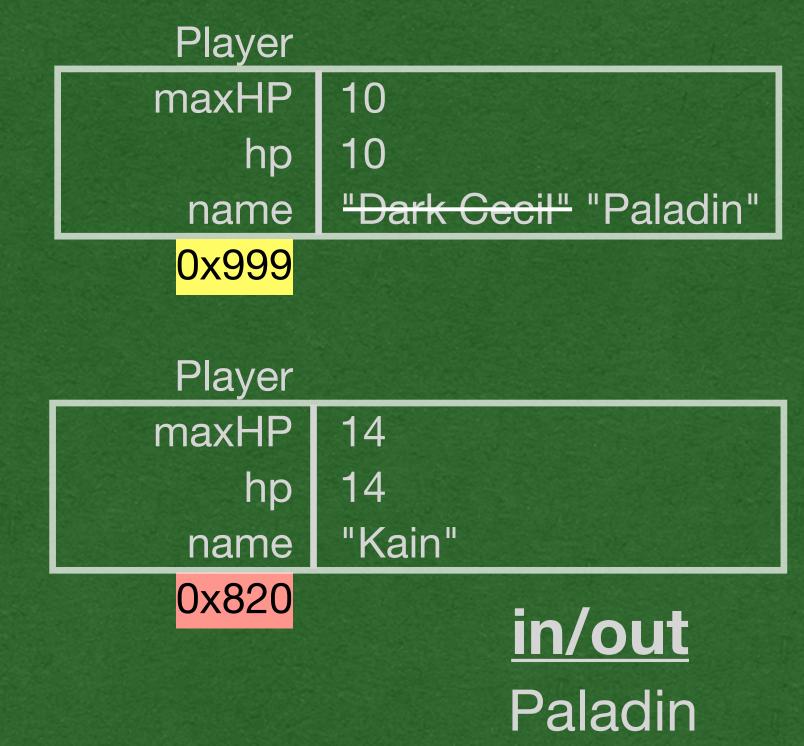


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                 in/out
```

- getName is called from p3 which stores 0x999
- this is assigned 0x999

```
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    private int maxHP;
    private int hp;
    private String name;
    public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
        this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
        this.setHP(maxHP);
        this.setName(name);
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        this.maxHP = maxHP;
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- p1 and p3 *refer* to the same object
- Any change made using one variable, affects both variables!

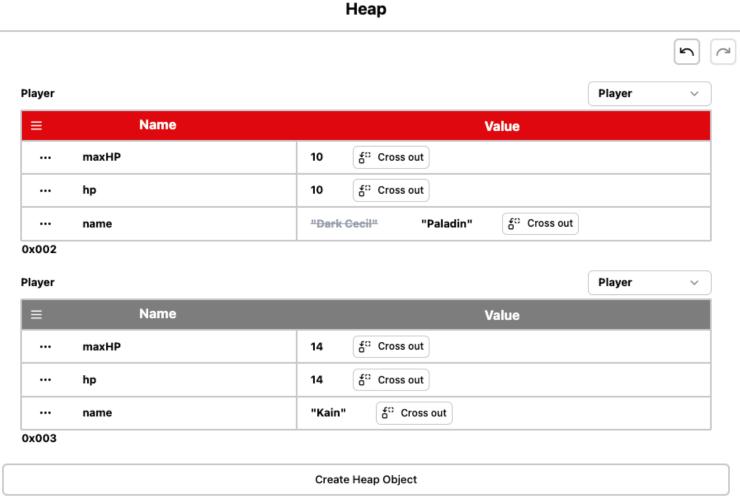
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End Program





package week4;

private int maxHP;
private int hp;
private String name;

public Player(String name, int maxHP) {
 this.setMaxHP(maxHP);
 this.setName(name);
}

public void setMaxHP(int maxHP) {
 this.maxHP = maxHP;
}

public void setHP(int hp) {
 if (hp <= this.maxHP) {
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 } else {
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 return name;
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 Player p4 = newe("Paladin");
 System.out.println(p3.getName());
}
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Paladin 🗙

Create IO Line