

Objects and Classes

Objects

Objects have State and Behavior

Objects

- State / Variables
 - Objects store their state in variables
- Behavior / Functions
 - Objects contain functions that can depend on its state
 - [Vocab] When a function is part of an object it's called a **method**

Object With State

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  var x: Int = 10  
  var y: Int = 7  
  
  // Behavior of the object  
  def doubleX(): Unit = {  
    this.x *= 2  
  }  
  
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- Any variable outside of all methods is part of the state of the object
- Keyword **this** stores a reference to the enclosing object
- Use `this.<variable_name>` to access state from within the object

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- Declare variables using **var** if the value can change
- Declare variables using **val** to prevent the value from changing
- Changing a value declared with **val** will cause an error

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- The variables defining the state of an object have many different names
 - Instance variables
 - Member variables
 - Fields
 - State variables

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object ObjectMain {  
  
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {  
    ObjectWithState.doubleX()  
    println(ObjectWithState.x)  
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- Any code with access to an object can also access its state/behavior with the dot notation

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- The state of an object can be changed
- We called a method that changed the value of a state variable

Every *value* in Scala is an **object**

Classes

- Every value in Scala is an object
 - You can use the . dot operator to access the state and behaviour of any value
 - Example: Calling methods from a String object (length, split, contains, toLowerCase)
 - Example: Accessing the PI value from the Math object

Classes

- Classes are templates used to create objects
 - Objects are **instantiated** from classes using the keyword **new**
- Classes define a type
 - Used to create many objects of the same type
 - Each object can have a different state
 - Each has its own copies of the state variables

Classes

- Let's create a Player class with
 - A location on an x/y coordinate system
 - A fixed max hit points
 - Current hit points
 - The ability to damage other players

Classes

```
class Player(var xLocation: Double, var yLocation: Double, val maxHitPoints: Int) {  
  
    var hp: Int = this.maxHitPoints  
    val damageDealt: Int = 4  
  
    def takeDamage(damage: Int): Unit = {  
        this.hp -= damage  
    }  
  
    def attack(otherPlayer: Player): Unit = {  
        otherPlayer.takeDamage(this.damageDealt)  
    }  
  
    def conscious(): Boolean = {  
        this.hp > 0  
    }  
  
    def move(dx: Double, dy: Double): Unit = {  
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- Define a class to represent a player in a game
- We'll analyze this code piece by piece

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- This class defines several state variables
- Each object of type Player will contain its own copies of each of these variables

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- This class has several methods that define its behaviour
- These methods can be called on each object of type Player

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- Classes contain a method called a constructor
- This method is called when a new object is created using this class
- Any code calling the constructor can use its parameters to set the initial state of the created object

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- [Scala] All constructor parameters become state variables
- The constructor parameters can be declared with either val or var
 - If neither val nor var is used, the parameter is a val **and** it cannot be accessed from outside the class

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- The keyword "this" is a reference to the current object
- It is used to access the state and behavior of the object

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- When you write a class, you define a new type
- This type can be used like any other type
 - Variable of this type, methods that take this type as a parameter, etc

Classes

```
// ...  
val player1: Player = new Player(0.0, 0.0, 10)  
val player2: Player = new Player(7.0, -4.0, 10)  
  
player2.move(-6.5, 3.4)  
  
player2.attack(player1)  
player2.attack(player1)  
  
assert(player1.hp == 2)  
  
// ...
```

- Use the keyword **new** to call the constructor method
- The constructor creates a new object of this type
- The constructor returns a reference to the new object

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- Use the references to these objects to access their state and behaviour
- Each object has its own copy of all the state variables
- Allows player1 and player2 to move independently and have different hp

Classes

- Int, Double, Boolean, List, Array, Map
 - Are all classes
 - We use these classes to create objects

```
var list: List[Int] = List(2, 3, 4)
```

- Create objects by calling the constructor for that class
- List is setup in a way that we don't use **new**
- For our classes we will use the **new** keyword

Testing Classes Demo