

Review Session

Classes, Objects, String Formatting



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Classes and Objects

- If we want to create an object (instance of a class) we need to use the class constructor (new) – we will talk and learn more about this beginning next week.
 - If you are wondering, String is a special kind of class that does not use new explicitly to create an object 😊
- Consider the following instruction:

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
```

- Since Java needs to relate a type to every variable that is used, in the previous instruction we are using the type of a class, named Scanner, to create a variable, in this case an object (instance of a class) named scanner.

We use the constructor (new) and the name of the class (that is actually the name of the constructor).

Scanner needs a parameter to create an object, so we provide System.in, meaning that we are going to read data from the console.

Classes and Objects

- Now consider the following instruction:

```
Rectangle example = new Rectangle(10, 4);
```

- Rectangle is a class that we created during our lecture. The instruction above is creating an object (instance of a class) named example. The type of that object is Rectangle.
- We are using “new” to call the constructor Rectangle, which does not have any parameter.
- Below we have two uses of the example object. Remember: to call a method of an object you need to have *objectName.methodName(list of parameters)*. You also need to pay attention to what the method is going to return.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Rectangle example = new Rectangle(10, 4);  
    double width = example.getWidth();  
    System.out.printf("Width: %d\n", width);  
    System.out.println(example.getHeight());  
}
```

```
public class Rectangle {
```

```
    private double height;  
    private double width;
```

```
    public Rectangle(double height, double width){  
        this.height = height;  
        this.width = width;  
    }
```

```
    public void setHeight(double height){  
        this.height = height ;  
    }
```

```
    public double getHeight(){  
        return height;  
    }
```

```
    public double getWidth(){  
        return width;  
    }  
}
```

String formatting

- In the example we are printing 3 different variables in the same printf
- The order of the variables after the comma matters
- Everything between " " will be printed, including commas, spaces, etc.
- %d – will be substitute by value1, which is int
- %.2f – will be substitute by value2, which is a double, and it will print just 2 decimals after the point
- %% - will print one %
- \n – will do a new line
- %s – will be substitute by color, which is a String

```
public class StringFormatProgram {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int value1 = 12;  
        double value2 = 40.213;  
        String color = "blue";  
        System.out.printf("%d, %.2f%% \n %s", value1, value2, color);  
    }  
}
```

```
12, 40.21%  
blue
```