

CS205 Object Oriented Programming in Java

Module 2 - Core Java Fundamentals (Part 7)

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Topics



- Core Java Fundamentals:
- **✓** Returning Objects
- ✓ Recursion
- **✓** Access Control
- **✓ Static Members**

Returning objects



- A method can return any type of data,
 - Primitive data (int ,float, char, double etc.)
 - class types(objects) that you create.
 - etc.



```
// Returning an object.
                                  class RetOb {
                                  public static void main(String args[]) {
class Test {
                                  Test ob1 = new Test(2);
   int a;
                                  Test ob2;
   Test(int i)
                                  ob2 = ob1.increase();
                                  System.out.println("ob1.a: " + ob1.a);
        a = i;
                                  System.out.println("ob2.a: " + ob2.a);
                                  ob2 = ob2.increase ();
Test increase()
                                  System.out.println("increase ob2.a: "+ob2.a);
                                                   OUTPUT
Test temp = new Test(a+10);
                                                   ob1.a: 2
                                                   ob2.a: 12
return temp;
                                                   increase ob2.a: 22
                            ob2
                                                           a 12
                                      temp
```

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Recursion



- Recursion is the process of defining something in terms of itself.
- A method that calls itself is called *recursive function*.

```
// A simple example of recursion.
class Factorial {
    int fact(int n)
        int result;
        if(n==1)
          return 1;
        result = n* fact(n-1);
        return result;
class Recursion {
public static void main(String args[]) {
Factorial f = new Factorial();
int s = f.fact(3)
System.out.println("Factorial of 3 is " + s);
```



Example



```
class Recursion2 {
class RecTest {
                                       public static void main(String args[])
int values[];
RecTest(int i) {
                                       RecTest ob = new RecTest(5);
values = new int[i];
                                       int i;
                                       for(i=0; i<5; i++)
void printArray(int i) {
                                          ob.values[i] = i;
if(i==0)
                                       ob.printArray(5);
   return;
else
  printArray(i-1);
System.out.println("[" + (i-1) + "] " + values[i-1]);
```



OUTPUT [0] 0 [1] 1 [2] 2 [3] 3 [4] 4 [5] 5

Access Control



- Through encapsulation, we can **control** what parts of a program can **access the members** of a class.
 - By controlling access, you can prevent misuse.
- How a member can be accessed is determined by the access specifier that modifies its declaration
- Java's access specifiers are
 - **✓** public
 - **✓** private
 - **✓** protected
 - ✓ default

Access Control(contd.)



- When a **member** of a class is modified by the **public** specifier, then that <u>member can be accessed by any other code.</u> (ACCESSIBLE TO ALL)
 - public int i;
- When a member of a class is specified as **private**, then that member can only be <u>accessed by any members of the</u> same class.
 - private int a;

Access Control(contd.)



• When a member of a class is specified as **protected**, then that member can be accessed within the package and by any of its subclasses.

protected char c;

- When <u>no access specifier</u> is there, then its access specifier is **default.**
 - It can be accessed within its own package, but cannot be accessed outside of its package

int c;

Access sprcifier-E.g.



```
class A{
   public int i;
   private double j;
   protected char c;
   float f;
                           //default access
   public int myMethod(int a, char b)
                                                //public method
   { //..
```

	PRIVATE	DEFAULT	PROTECTED	PUBLIC
Same class	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Same package Subclass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Same package Non-subclass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Different package Subclass	No	No	Yes	Yes
Different package Non-subclass	No	No	No	Yes

SAME CLASS

SAME PACKAGE, SAME PACKAGE

ALL

ANY SUBCLASS

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```
class AccessTest {
class Test
                                     public static void main(String args[]) {
                                     Test ob = new Test();
                // default access
int a;
                                     ob.a = 10;
public int b; // public access
                                     ob.b = 20;
private int c; // private access
                                     // ob.c = 100; // Error! // PRIVATE
                                     // You must access private variable c
void setc(int i)
                         //setter
                                        //through its methods
                                     ob.setc(100);
                                                          // OK
c = i;
                                     System.out.println("a="+ ob.a);
                                     System.out.println("b="ob.b");
                                     System.out.println("c= " + ob.getc() );
int getc()
                 //getter
return c;
```

static Members



- Usually we access the member of another class using object. Syntax is: objectname.member;
- If we want to access a member of another class without using object, then we have to make it a make it a static member.
 - Static <u>class member</u> is **independent of any object** of that class. We can make a member static by <u>preceding the member declaration with the keyword **static.**</u>

static datatype member;



- When a member is declared **static**, it can be accessed before any objects of its class are created, and without reference to any object.
- Static member can be accessed using

classname.member;



- The most common example of a **static member is** main function.
 - main() is declared as static because it must be called before any objects is created.
- Instance variables declared as **static** are <u>global variables</u>.
- When objects of its class are declared, separate copy of a static variable is NOT made.
- All instances(objects) of the class share the same static variable.



- Methods declared as static(static methods) have several restrictions:
 - static methods can only call other static methods.
 - static methods must only access static data.
 - static methods cannot refer to this or super.



• If we need to do computation to initialize your static variables, we can declare a static block that gets executed exactly once, when the class is first loaded.



// Demonstrate static variables, methods, and blocks.

```
class UseStatic {
static int a = 3;
static int b;
static void show(int x) {
System.out.println("x = " + x);
System.out.println("a = " + a);
System.out.println("b = " + b);
static {
System.out.println("Static block initialized.");
b = a * 4;
public static void main(String args[])
{show(42);
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```

OUTPUT

Static block initialized.

$$x = 42$$

$$a = 3$$

$$b = 12$$

Working of e.g. code



- As soon as the **UseStatic** class is loaded, all of the static statements are run.
 - First, static member **a** is set to 3,
 - then the static block executes, which prints a message and then initializes b to a * 4 or 12.
 - Then main() is called, which calls show(), passing 42 to x.
 - The three println() statements in show refer to the two static variables a and b, as well as to the local variable x.



if we want to call a static method from outside its class,
 we can do so using the following general form:

classname.method()

• Here classname is the name of the class in which the static method is declared.

Non-static method invocation & lava



```
class Demo {
int a = 42;
int b = 99;
void callme()
System.out.println("a = " + a);
class Sample {
public static void main(String args[]) {
Demo dm=new Demo ();
dm.callme();
System.out.println("b = " + dm.b);
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```

static method invocation



```
class StaticDemo {
static int a = 42;
static int b = 99;
static void callme()
System.out.println("a = " + a);
class StaticByName {
public static void main(String args[])
StaticDemo.callme();
System.out.println("b = " + StaticDemo.b);
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```

Nonnstatic members

```
class Demo {
int a = 42;
int b=5;
void callme()
System.out.println("a = " + a);
class Sample {
public static void main(String args[])
Demo dm=new Demo();
dm.callme();
System.out.println("b = " + dm.b);
```

static members Java

```
class StaticDemo {
int a = 42;
static int b = 5;
static void callme()
System.out.println("a = " + a);
class StaticByName {
public static void main(String args[])
StaticDemo.callme();
System.out.println("b = " + StaticDemo.b);
} }
```

```
class Sample
static int a = 0;
int b;
Sample()
                        OUTPUT
                        ob1
   b=0;
                        static after +2 a = 2
                        b = 2 = 2
                        ob2
                        static after +2 a = 4
void callme()
                        b after +2 = 2
a=a+2;
b=b+2;
System.out.println("static after +2 a = " + a);
System.out.println("b after +2 = " + b);
```

```
class Samplestat {
public static void main(String args[])
Sample ob1=new Sample();
System.out.println("ob1");
ob1.callme();
Sample ob2=new Sample();
System.out.println("ob2");
ob2.callme();
} }
                static variable
ob1
```

Reference



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