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Classes

- Everything in Java is object-oriented and class-based
 This means you have to create at least one class to write a Java program
- A class describes an object
 It's like a template for a new kind of object
 When you define a class, you're defining a new data type
 To use the object, you create an instance of the class
 It's a very similar concept in Python

- A class includes:
 Fields (instance variables) that hold the data for each object
 Constructors that describe how to create a new object instance of the class
 Methods that describe the actions the object can perform

Defining a Class Here's simple syntax for defining a sample class: public class ClassName { // The fields (instance variables) of the object // The constructors for creating the object // The methods for communicating with the object

- public is an access modifier that defines the visibility of the class
 public means any other program in the Java project can use the class (i.e., create instances or call methods)
 - We'll talk about other access modifiers later in the course
- . Things in a class can be in any order

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Defining Fields in a Class

- An object's data is stored in fields (instance variables)
- The fields describe the state of the object
 Fields are defined as variable declarations in the class
- Sample class definition with instance variables:

public class ClassName {

// The fields (instance variables) of the object

String name; //declaration to store a String in the object,

defaults to null

double health; //declaration to store a double in the object

int age = 0; //declaration to store an int in the object, initially

set to 0
}

Fields are available throughout the entire class that declares them

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Defining a Constructor for a Class

- A constructor is code to create an object
- The syntax for a constructor is:

public ClassName(parameters) {
 //code using parameters to set up initial state of object

- public means the constructor is accessible by any other program in the Java project
- ClassName has to be the same name as the class that the constructor occurs in
- $\bullet \ \ \, \text{The constructor parameters are a comma-separated list of variable declarations}$

Defining a Constructor for a Class Sample class definition with constructor:

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public class ClassName {
    // The fields (instance variables) of the object
    // String name; // declaration to store a String in the object,
defaults to null
    double health; //declaration to store a double in the object
    int age = 0; //declaration to store an int in the object, initially
set to 0
       public class ClassName {
                   // The constructor for creating the object
public ClassName(parameters) {
   //code using parameters to set up initial state of object
}
```

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Defining a Method in a Class

- A method is a function in an object that allows you to use and communicate with that object
- The syntax for a method is:

```
return-type methodName(parameters) {
   // locally defined variables
   // code using parameters
```

- If a method is to return a result, return-type is the data type of the result
- You must use a return statement to exit the method with a result of the correct type
- If a method doesn't return a result, return-type is void
 This indicates that a method doesn't return a value

 - In this case, you don't need to use a return statement to exit the method $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$

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Defining a Method in a Class

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Sample class definition with a method:
public class ClassName {
    // The fields (instance variables) of the object
    String mames //declaration to store a String in the object, defaults to null
    double head 8; //declaration to store a double in the object, initially set to 0
              // The constructor for creating the object
public ClassName(parameters) {
    //code using parameters to set up initial state of object
               // A method for communicating with the object
String getName(parameters) {
//returns value of 'mame' instance variable
//*this" refers to this instance of the class (ClassName)
return this.name;
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Creating an Instance of a Class

To use a class, you create an instance of the object by calling its constructor and using the keyword new

Here's syntax to define a class and to create an instance:

public class ClassName {

public className(parl, _ parN) {

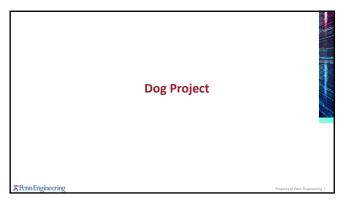
//code using parameters to set up initial state of object
}

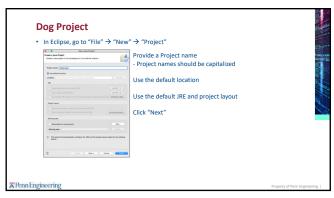
public static void main(String[] args) {

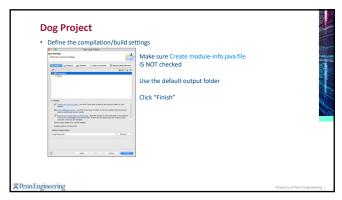
//create instance of className

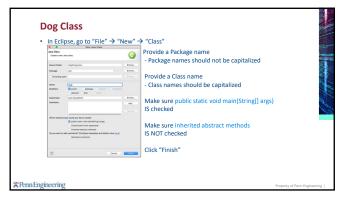
className c = new ClassName(argl, _, argN);
}

new creates a new instance of the object
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Dog Class

• The entry point of your Dog program is the main method

Dog.java & 
1 package pet;
2 as public class Dog {
4 public static void main(String[] args) {
6 // TODO Auto-generated method stub
7 8 }
9 10 }
11
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Dog Class - Methods

The haveBirthday method

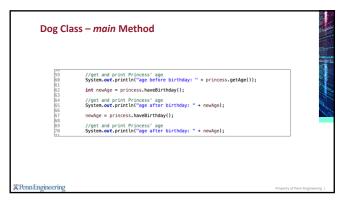
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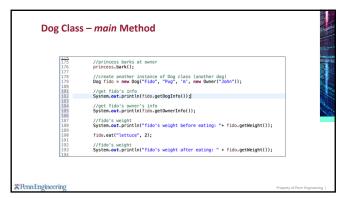
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- Bank - Provide the package name "banking" - Make sure public static void main(String[] args) IS checked - BankAccount - Provide the package name "banking" - Make sure public static void main(String[] args) IS NOT checked - Customer	
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BankAccount Class

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