CHAPTER

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Object Oriented Programming – A Case Study



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- A Simple Case Study in Object-Oriented Programming
 - A Cash Register class
 - A simulated cash register that tracks the item count and the total amount due
 - A supermarket system might have several instances of this class:

checkouts + customer services kiosk

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Reminder: Diagram of a Class

Private Data

- Each object has its own private data that other objects cannot directly access
- Methods of the public interface provide access to private data:
- This is called Encapsulation

Class
Private Data
(Variables)

Public Interface (Methods)

Public Interface

- Each object has a set of public methods available for other objects to use
- This public interface is the key to design
- □ There may be private methods too

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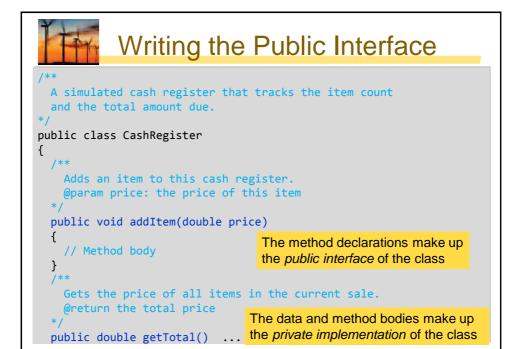


8.3 Public Interface of a Class

- When you design a class, start by specifying the public interface of the new class
 - Example: A Cash Register Class
 - What tasks will this class perform?
 - What methods will you need?
 - What parameters will the methods need to receive?
 - What will the methods return?

Task	Method	Returns
Add the price of an item	addItem(double)	void
Get the total amount owed	<pre>getTotal()</pre>	double
Get the count of items purchased	<pre>getCount()</pre>	int
Clear the cash register for a new sale	<pre>clear()</pre>	void

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Note: Non-static Methods

- We are now writing methods without using the static modifier: public void addItem(double val)
- This is the correct technique when we have a class that we *instantiate*:

```
// Construct a CashRegister object
CashRegister register1 = new CashRegister();
```

And then need to call methods within a specific instance (object):

```
// Invoke a method of the object
register1.addItem(1.95);
```

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8.4 Designing the Data Representation

- An object stores data in instance variables
 - Variables declared inside the class
 - All methods inside the class have access to them
 - · Can change or access them

private double totalPrice;

What data will our CashRegister methods need?

	Task	Method	Data Needed
Add t	he price of an item	addItem()	total, count
Get tl	ne total amount owed	<pre>getTotal()</pre>	total
Get tl	he count of items purchased	<pre>getCount()</pre>	count
Clear	the cash register for a new	clear()	total, count
	<pre>private int itemCount;</pre>	Once again, <i>not</i>	

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8.5 Implementing Instance Methods

static

Implement instance methods that use the private instance variables, for example:

```
public void addItem(double price)
{
  itemCount++;
  totalPrice = totalPrice + price;
}
```

Similarly:

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Task	Method	Returns				
Add the price of an item	addItem(double)	void				
Get the total amount owed	<pre>getTotal()</pre>	double				
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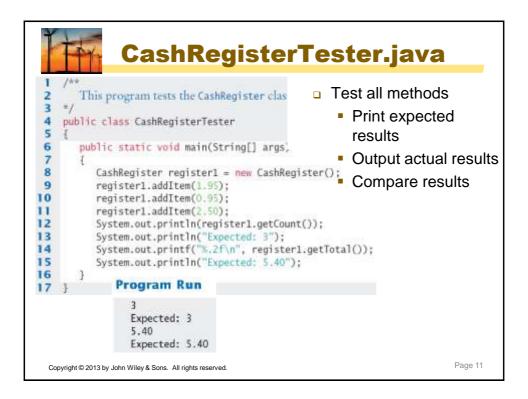
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8.6 Constructors

- A constructor is a method that initializes instance variables of an object
 - It is automatically called when an object is created
 - It has exactly the same name as the class

```
CashRegister.java
        A simulated cash register that tracks the ite 30
                                                            Gets the price of all items in the current sale.
        the total amount due.
                                                            Greturn the total amount
                                                 31
                                                 32
    public class CashRegister
                                                         public double getTotal()
                                                 33
       private int itenCount;
                                                 35
                                                            return totalPrice;
       private double totalPrice;
                                                 36
10
          Constructs a cash register with cleared i
                                                            Gets the number of items in the current sale.
12
                                                 40
                                                            Greturn the item count
       public CashRegister()
14
                                                 42
                                                         public int getCount()
           itemCount = 0:
                                                 43
16
           totalPrice = 0;
                                                            return itemCount;
17
                                                 45
20
           Adds an item to this cash register.
                                                            Clears the item count and the total,
           Oparan price the price of this item
22
                                                         public void clear()
        public void addItem(double price)
23
24
25
                                                            itemCount = 0;
           itemCount++;
                                                            totalPrice = 0;
           totalPrice = totalPrice + price;
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```





Summary: Classes and Objects

- A class describes a set of objects with the same behavior.
 - Every class has a public interface: a collection of methods through which the objects of the class can be manipulated.
 - Encapsulation is the act of providing a public interface and hiding the implementation details.
 - Encapsulation enables changes in the implementation without affecting users of a class

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Summary: Variables and Methods

- An object's instance variables store the data required for executing its methods.
- Each object of a class has its own set of instance variables.
- An instance method can access the instance variables of the object on which it acts.
- A private instance variable can only be accessed by the methods of its own class.

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