

# **10-11. More About Objects and Methods**

[ECE20016/ITP20003] Java Programming

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- Constructors
- Static Variables and Static Methods
- Writing Methods
- Overloading
- Enumeration As A Class
- Packages

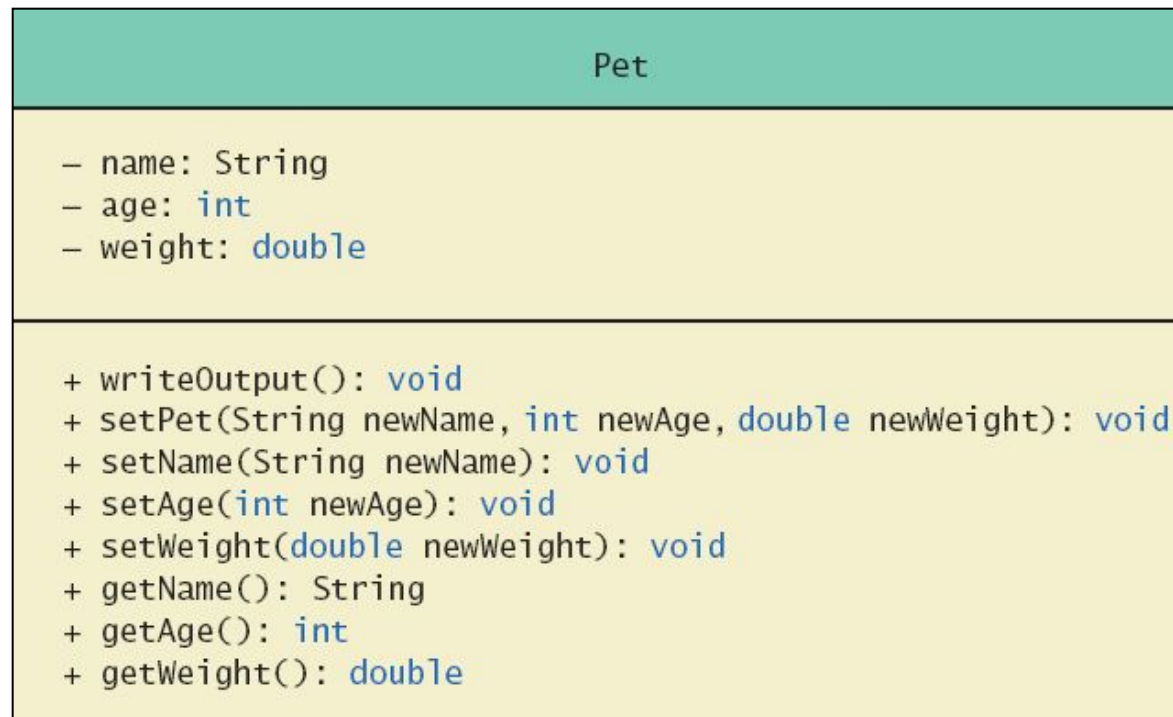
# Defining Constructors



- A special method is called when instance of an object created with *new*
  - Create instances (objects)
  - Initialize values of instance variables
- Can have parameters
  - To specify initial values if desired
- May have multiple definitions with different numbers or types of parameters

# Defining Constructors

- Example class to represent pets
- Class Diagram for Class Pet



# Defining Constructors



## ■ class Pet


### ■ Note different constructors

- `public Pet () // default constructor`
- `public Pet (String initialName, int initialAge, double initialWeight)`
- `public Pet (String initialName)`
- `public Pet (int initialAge)`
- `public Pet (double initialWeight)`

## ■ class PetDemo

- `Pet yourPet = new Pet ("Jane Doe");`

# Defining Constructors



```
My records on your pet are inaccurate.  
Here is what they currently say:  
Name: Jane Doe  
Age: 0  
Weight: 0.0 pounds  
Please enter the correct pet name:  
Moon Child  
Please enter the correct pet age:  
5  
Please enter the correct pet weight:  
24.5  
My updated records now say:  
Name: Moon Child  
Age: 5  
Weight: 24.5 pounds
```

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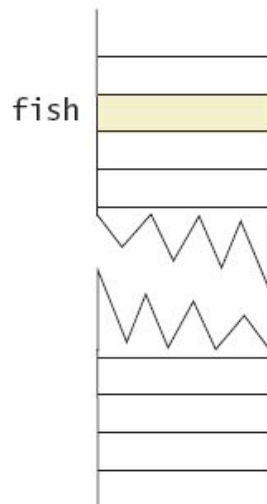
- Constructor without parameters is the default constructor
  - Java will define this automatically if the class designer does not define ANY constructors
  - If you do define a constructor, Java will not automatically define a default constructor
- Usually default constructors not included in class diagram

# Defining Constructors

- A constructor returning a reference

```
Pet fish;
```

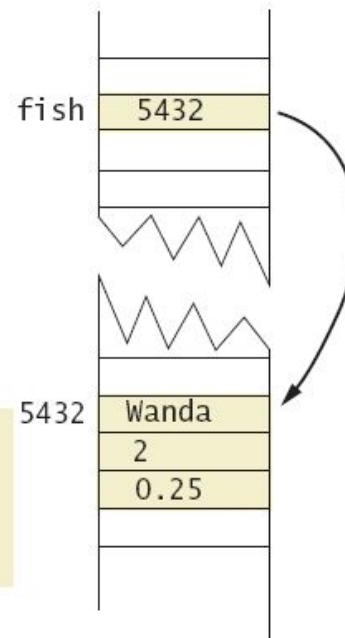
*Assigns a memory location to fish*



*Memory location assigned to fish*

```
fish = new Pet("Wanda", 2, 0.25);
```

*Assigns a chunk of memory for an object of the class Pet—that is, memory for a name, an age, and a weight—and places the address of this memory chunk in the memory location assigned to fish*




*The chunk of memory assigned to fish.name, fish.age, and fish.weight might have the address 5432.*



# Calling Methods from Other Constructors

- Constructor can call other class methods

```
public Pet(String initialName, int initialAge,  
           double initialWeight)  
{  
    setPet(initialName, initialAge, initialWeight);  
}
```



# Calling Constructor from Other Constructors



- Use the *this* reference to call initial constructor

- Example

```
public Pet(String initialName, int initialAge, double initialWeight) // constructor
{
    setPet (initialName, initialAge, initialWeight);
}
```

```
public Pet(String initialName) // constructor
{
    this (initialName, 0, 0);    // calls to initial constructor
}
```

```
public void setPet(String name, int age, double weight){ // a public setter method
    this.name = name;
    this.age = age;
    this.weight = weight;
}
```

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# Static Variables



- **Static variables**, also called **class variables**, are shared by all objects of a class
  - Only one instance of the variable exists
    - Contrast with instance variables
  - Variables declared **static final** are considered **constants** – value cannot be changed
  - Variables declared **static (without final)** can be changed

# Static Variables

```
public class StaticVarDemo {
    public int instanceVar;        // declared as public only for demonstration
    public static int staticVar;  // declared as public only for demonstration

    public static void main(String args[]){
        System.out.println("MyClass.staticVar = " + StaticVarDemo.staticVar);

        StaticVarDemo a1 = new StaticVarDemo();
        StaticVarDemo a2 = new StaticVarDemo();

        System.out.println("a1.instanceVar = " + a1.instanceVar);
        System.out.println("a2.instanceVar = " + a2.instanceVar);
        System.out.println("a1.staticVar = " + a1.staticVar);           // also possible
        System.out.println("a2.staticVar = " + a2.staticVar);           // also possible

        a1.instanceVar++;
        a1.staticVar++;
        System.out.println("a1.instanceVar = " + a1.instanceVar);
        System.out.println("a1.staticVar = " + a1.staticVar);
        System.out.println("a2.instanceVar = " + a2.instanceVar);
        System.out.println("a2.staticVar = " + a2.staticVar);
    }
}
```

# Static Methods



- Some methods may have **no relation to any type of object** (common methods).

Ex)

- Compute max of two integers
- Convert character from upper- to lower case

- **Static method** declared in a class
  - Can be invoked **without using an object**
  - Instead **use the class name**
  - **Cannot access instance variables or instance methods**

# Static Methods

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```
public class DimensionConverter
{
    public static final int INCHES_PER_FOOT = 12;

    public static double convertFeetToInches (double feet)
    {
        return feet * INCHES_PER_FOOT;
    }

    public static double convertInchesToFeet (double inches)
    {
        return inches / INCHES_PER_FOOT;
    }
}
```

# Static Methods



```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class DimensionConverterDemo
{
    public static void main (String [] args)
    {
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner (System.in);
        System.out.println ("Enter a measurement in inches: ");
        double inches = keyboard.nextDouble ();
        double feet = DimensionConverter.convertInchesToFeet (inches);
        System.out.println (inches + " inches = " + feet + " feet.");
        System.out.print ("Enter a measurement in feet: ");
        feet = keyboard.nextDouble ();
        inches = DimensionConverter.convertFeetToInches (feet);
        System.out.println (feet + " feet = " + inches + " inches.");
    }
}
```



# Static Methods



- Result

```
Enter a measurement in inches: 18
18.0 inches = 1.5 feet.
Enter a measurement in feet: 1.5
1.5 feet = 18.0 inches.
```

# Static Methods

```
public class StaticMethodDemo {
    private int att1, att2;

    public void InstanceMethod() {
        System.out.println(
            "This is an instance method.");
        System.out.println("\tatt1 = " + att1 + ",
            att2 = " + att2);
    }

    public static void StaticMethod() {
        System.out.println(
            "This is a static method.");
        // static methods cannot access instance var.
        // System.out.println("\tatt1 = " + att1 + ",
        // att2 = " + att2); // not allowed
    }
}
```

```
public class OtherClass {
    public static void main(String args[]){
        // calling instance method
        StaticMethodDemo a =
            new StaticMethodDemo();
        a.InstanceMethod();

        // calling static method
        StaticMethodDemo.StaticMethod();
        a.StaticMethod(); // also possible
    }
}
```

# Tasks of *main* in Subtasks



- Program may have complicated logic or repetitive code
- You may create **static methods** to accomplish subtasks
  - *main* cannot call instance methods because it's a static method.
- **BUT** it is recommended all actions (including logics) to be defined by methods in an object.
- Use a main method just as an entry point of your program!!!

# The *Math* Class

- Provides many standard mathematical methods
  - Automatically provided, no import needed

Name	Description	Argument Type	Return Type	Example	Value Returned
pow	Power	double	double	<code>Math.pow(2.0, 3.0)</code>	8.0
abs	Absolute value	int, long, float, or double	Same as the type of the argument	<code>Math.abs(-7)</code> <code>Math.abs(7)</code> <code>Math.abs(-3.5)</code>	7 7 3.5
max	Maximum	int, long, float, or double	Same as the type of the arguments	<code>Math.max(5, 6)</code> <code>Math.max(5.5, 5.3)</code>	6 5.5

# The *Math* Class

Name	Description	Argument Type	Return Type	Example	Value Returned
min	Minimum	int, long, float, or double	Same as the type of the arguments	Math.min(5, 6) Math.min(5.5, 5.3)	5 5.3
round	Rounding	float or double	int or long, respectively	Math.round(6.2) Math.round(6.8)	6 7
ceil	Ceiling	double	double	Math.ceil(3.2) Math.ceil(3.9)	4.0 4.0
floor	Floor	double	double	Math.floor(3.2) Math.floor(3.9)	3.0 3.0
sqrt	Square root	double	double	sqrt(4.0)	2.0

# Random Numbers



- `Math.random()` returns a random double that is greater than or equal to zero and less than 1
  - Can scale using addition and multiplication; the following simulates rolling a six sided die  
Ex) `int die = (int) (6.0 * Math.random()) + 1;`
- Java also has a `Random` class to generate random numbers

# Wrapper Classes



- Recall that arguments of primitive type treated differently from those of a class type
  - May need to treat primitive value as an object
- Java provides **wrapper classes** for each primitive type  
*Byte, Short, Integer, Float, Double, Character, Boolean*
  - Allow programmer to have an **object** that corresponds to value of primitive type
  - Contain useful **predefined constants and methods**
  - Wrapper classes have no default constructor
  - Wrapper classes have no *set* methods

# Wrapper Classes

- Static methods in class *Character*

Name	Description	Argument Type	Return Type	Examples	Return Value
toUpperCase	Convert to uppercase	char	char	Character.toUpperCase('a') Character.toUpperCase('A')	'A' 'A'
toLowerCase	Convert to lowercase	char	char	Character.toLowerCase('a') Character.toLowerCase('A')	'a' 'a'
isUpperCase	Test for uppercase	char	boolean	Character.isUpperCase('A') Character.isUpperCase('a')	true false



# Wrapper Classes

- Static methods in class *Character*

Name	Description	Argument Type	Return Type	Examples	Return Value
isLowerCase	Test for lowercase	char	boolean	Character.isLowerCase('A') Character.isLowerCase('a')	false true
isLetter	Test for a letter	char	boolean	Character.isLetter('A') Character.isLetter('%')	true false
isDigit	Test for a digit	char	boolean	Character.isDigit('5') Character.isDigit('A')	true false
isWhitespace	Test for whitespace	char	boolean	Character.isWhitespace(' ') Character.isWhitespace('A')	true false
Whitespace characters are those that print as white space, such as the blank, the tab character ('\\t'), and the line-break character ('\\n').					

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# Formatting Output



- Algorithm to display a double amount as dollars and cents
  1. dollars = the number of whole dollars in amount.
  2. cents = the number of cents in amount. Round if there are more than two digits after the decimal point.
  3. Display a dollar sign, dollars, and a decimal point.
  4. Display cents as a two-digit integer.

# DollarFormatFirstTry

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```
public class DollarFormatFirstTry
{
    public static void write (double amount)
    {
        int allCents = (int) (Math.round (amount * 100));
        int dollars = allCents / 100;
        int cents = allCents % 100;
        System.out.print ('$');
        System.out.print (dollars);
        System.out.print ('.');
        if (cents < 10) {
            System.out.print ('0');
            System.out.print (cents);
        } else
            System.out.print (cents);
    }
}
```

# DollarFormatFirstTryDriver

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class DollarFormatFirstTryDriver
{
    public static void main (String [] args)
    {
        double amount;
        String response;
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner (System.in);
        System.out.println ("Testing DollarFormatFirstTry.write:");
        do {
            System.out.println ("Enter a value of type double:");
            amount = keyboard.nextDouble ();
            DollarFormatFirstTry.write (amount);
            System.out.println ();
            System.out.println ("Test again?");
            response = keyboard.next ();
        }
        while (response.equalsIgnoreCase ("yes"));
        System.out.println ("End of test.");
    }
}
```

# Formatting Output

## ■ Result

Testing DollarFormatFirstTry.write:

Enter a value of type double:

1.2345

\$1.23

Test again?

yes

Enter a value of type double:

1.235

\$1.24

Test again?

yes

Enter a value of type double:

9.02

\$9.02

Test again?

yes

Enter a value of type double:

-1.20

\$-1.0-20

Test again?

no

*Oops. There's  
a problem here.*

# Formatting Output

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- `class DollarFormat`
  - Note code to handle negative values
- `DollarFormatFirstTryDriver` will now print values correctly

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# Overloading Basics



- Two or more methods **may have the same name within the same class.**
- Java distinguishes the methods by **number and types of parameters.**
  - If it cannot match a call with a definition, it attempts to do type conversions.
  - A method's name and number and type of parameters is called **the signature.**
    - `myMethod(int a, int b)`
    - `myMethod()`
    - `myMethod(double a, double b, double c)`
    - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type\\_signature#Java](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type_signature#Java)

# Overload

```
public class Overload
{
    public static void main (String [] args)
    {
        double average1 = Overload.getAverage (40.0,
50.0);
        double average2 = Overload.getAverage (1.0,
2.0, 3.0);
        char average3 = Overload.getAverage ('a', 'c');
        System.out.println ("average1 = " + average1);
        System.out.println ("average2 = " + average2);
        System.out.println ("average3 = " + average3);
    }
}
```

```
public static double getAverage (double first,
double second)
{
    return (first + second) / 2.0;
}
```

```
public static double getAverage (double first,
double second, double third)
```

```
{
    return (first + second + third) / 3.0;
}
```

```
public static char getAverage (char first, char
second)
```

```
{
    return (char) (((int) first + (int) second) / 2);
}
}
```

```
average1 = 45.0
average2 = 2.0
average3 = b
```

# Overloading and Type Conversion

- Overloading and automatic type conversion can conflict
- Remember the compiler attempts to overload before it does type conversion
  - Ex) The Pet class has two constructors

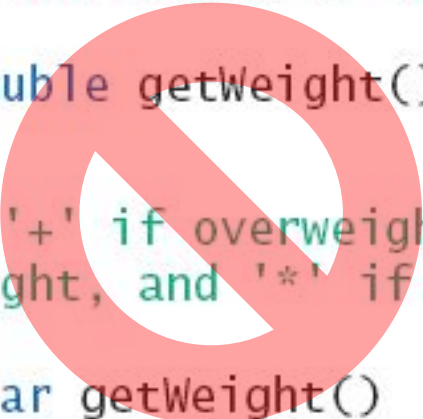
```
public Pet (int initialAge)
public Pet (double initialWeight)
```

    - If we pass an **integer** to the constructor we get **the constructor for age**, even if we intended the constructor for weight
- Use descriptive method names, avoid overloading

# Overloading and Return Type

- You must not overload a method where the only difference is the type of value returned
  - The signatures are the same

```
/**  
 Returns the weight of the pet.  
 */  
public double getWeight()  
  
/**  
 Returns '+' if overweight, '-' if  
 underweight, and '*' if weight is OK.  
 */  
public char getWeight()
```



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# Enumeration as a Class

- Consider defining an enumeration for suits of cards

```
enum Suit { CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES }
```

- Compiler creates a **class *Suit*** with methods

- equals() – tests whether current object is the same with other object
- compareTo() - compares with other Suit object. It returns a negative, zero or a positive according to the comparison result
- ordinal() returns the position or the ordinal value
- toString() – returns the string form such as “HEARTS”.
- valueOf() – eg. Suit.valueOf(“HEARTS”) returns the object Suit.HEARTS.

For more,

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/1.5.0/docs/api/java/lang/Enum.html>

# Enumeration as a Class

- Enhanced Enumeration *Suit*

```
enum Suit
{
    // strings as the values for the enumerated objects
    CLUBS ("black"), DIAMONDS ("red"), HEARTS ("red"), SPADES ("black");

    private final String color;

    private Suit (String suitColor)
    {
        color = suitColor;
    }

    public String getColor ()
    {
        return color;
    }
}
```

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# Packages and Importing



- A **package** is *a named collection of classes* grouped together into a folder
  - Name of folder is name of package
  - Library of classes for use in any program
- Each class
  - Placed in a separate file
  - Has this line **at the beginning of the file**  
`package Package_Name;`
- Classes use packages by use of **import** statement

# Package Names and Directories



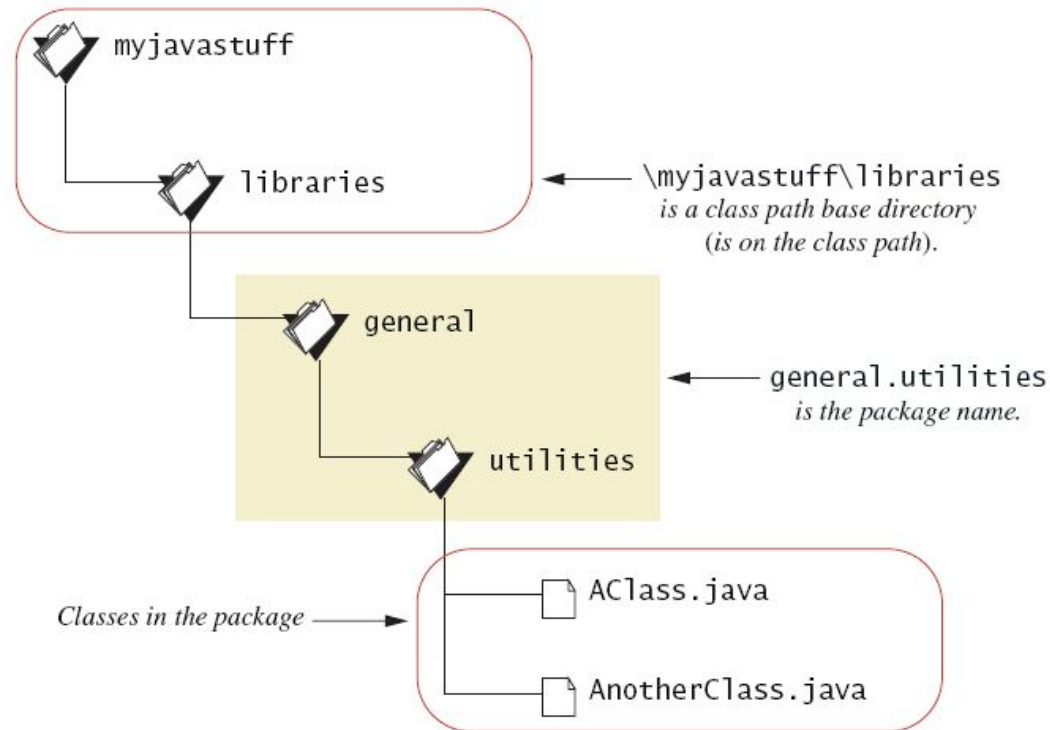
- Package name tells compiler path name for directory containing classes of package
  - Search for package begins in **class path base directory**
    - Package name uses dots in place of / or \

Ex) CLASSPATH= .;C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.6.0\_05\lib\;  
CLASSPATH= .; %JAVA\_HOME%\lib\;

- **Name of package** uses **relative path name** starting from any directory in class path

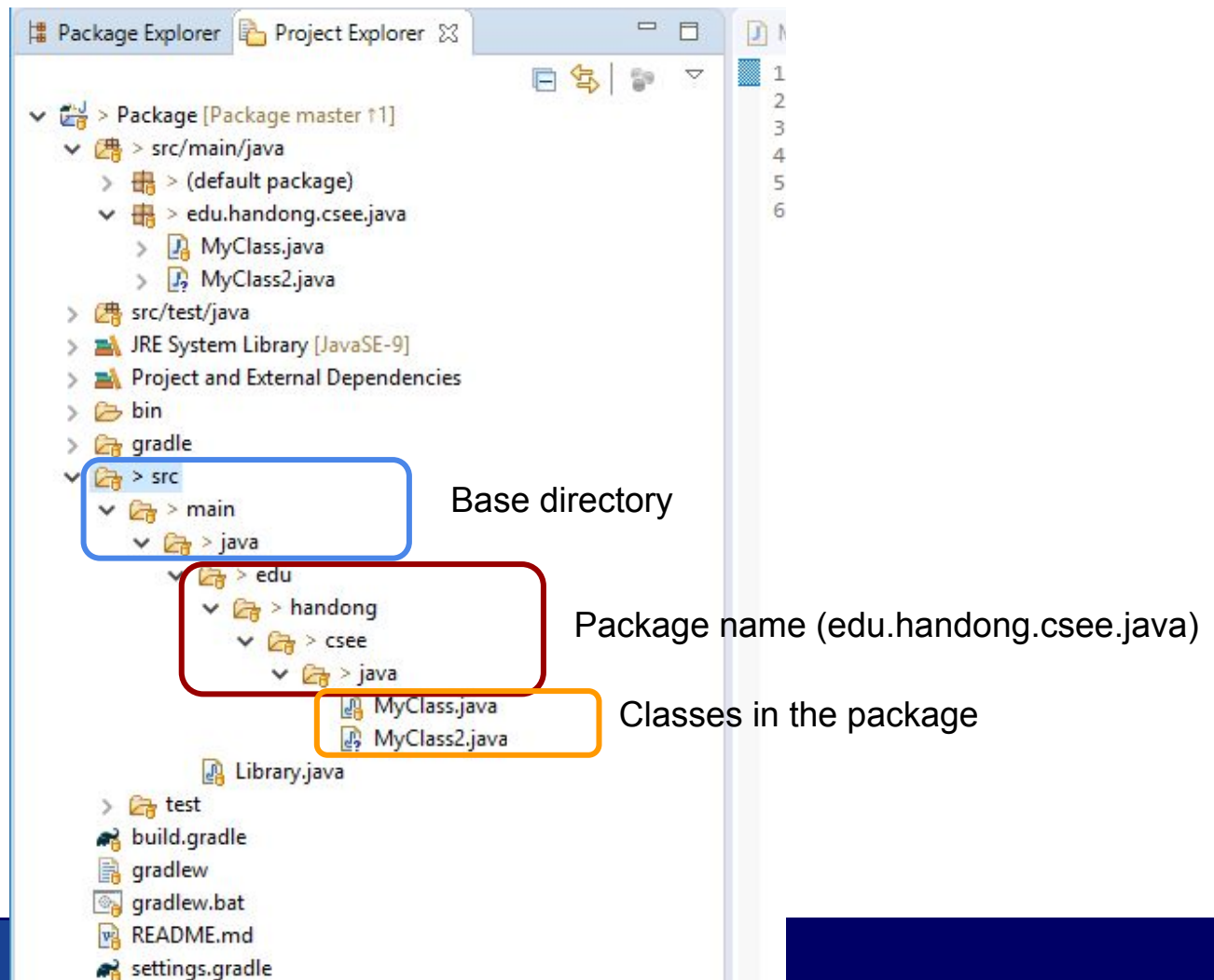
# Package Names and Directories

- A package name



# Package Names and Directories

- A package directories in Project Explorer in Eclipse (Window → Show View → Project Explorer)



# Name Clashes (conflicts)

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- Packages help in dealing with name clashes
  - When two classes have same name
- Different programmers may give same name to two classes
  - Ambiguity resolved by using the package name