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Class and Object

- **Class** - the “**blue-print**” that describes the possible behaviours and states that object of its type support.
- **Object** - an **instance** of the class (the **houses** built from the blue-print). Have specific values of the states and behaviours.

Class and Object: example

Example

- **Class:** bird
- **State:** size, colour, family, etc.
- **Behavior:** flying, swimming, eating, etc.
- **Objects:** sparrow, duck, goose, etc.
- Object_Sparrow States: size = small, colour = brown-grey, family = Passeridae; Sparrow Behavior: flying

Class bird example: class definition

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    public String size, colour, family;  
  
    // Behaviors  
    void bird_behavior_flying() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is flying now");  
    }  
  
    void bird_behavior_swimming() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is swimming now");  
    }  
  
    void bird_behavior_eating() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is eating now");  
    }  
  
}
```


Class bird example: objects

```
public class animals extends bird {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        bird sparrow = new bird(); //create an object sparrow from the class bird  
        bird pigeon = new bird(); //create an object pigeon from the class bird  
        // Assign values to every state of the object sparrow  
        sparrow.colour = "brown-gray";  
        sparrow.size = "small";  
        sparrow.family = "Passeridae";  
        // Assign values to every state of the object pigeon  
        pigeon.colour = "white";  
        pigeon.size = "medium";  
        pigeon.family = "Columbidae";  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird sparrow is " + sparrow.size + " in size and has "  
        + sparrow.colour + " colour. The family: " + sparrow.family);  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_eating() on the object  
        sparrow.bird_behavior_eating();  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird pigeon is " + pigeon.size + " in size and has "  
        + pigeon.colour + " colour. The family: " + pigeon.family);  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_flying() on the object  
        pigeon.bird_behavior_flying();  
    }  
}
```

The result:

The bird sparrow is small in size and has brown-gray colour. The family: Passeridae
The bird is eating now

The bird pigeon is medium in size and has white colour. The family: Columbidae
The bird is flying now

Class bird example: objects

We can **manually** assign the values of the states to every object.

```
// Assign values to every state of the object sparrow
sparrow.colour = "brown-gray";
sparrow.size = "small";
sparrow.family = "Passeridae";
// Assign values to every state of the object pigeon
pigeon.colour = "white";
pigeon.size = "medium";
pigeon.family = "Columbidae";
```

But what if we have hundreds of the similar objects?? *Can we do better?*

Class bird example: objects

Yes we can!

We need to use **constructors**!

With multiple constructors we can create the objects with all or just several same states.

Class bird example: class definition with constructors

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    public String size, colour, family;  
  
    // Constructors  
    bird(){size = "big"; colour = "gray-brown-black"; family = "Anatidae";};  
    bird(String i){size = "big"; colour = i; family = "Anatidae";};  
    bird(String i, String j, String k){size = i; colour = j; family=k;};  
  
    // Behaviors  
    void bird_behavior_flying() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is flying now");  
    }  
  
    void bird_behavior_swimming() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is swimming now");  
    }  
  
    void bird_behavior_eating() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is eating now");  
    }  
}
```


Class bird example: objects with constructors

```
public class animals extends bird {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        // create an object gooseCanada from the class bird with the 1st (default) constructor  
        bird gooseCanada = new bird();  
        // create an object swan from the class bird with the 2nd constructor  
        bird swan = new bird("white");  
        // create an object sparrow from the class bird with the 3rd constructor  
        bird sparrow = new bird("small","brown-gray","Passeridae");  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird sparrow is " + sparrow.size + " in size and has "  
        + sparrow.colour + " colour. The family: " + sparrow.family);  
  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_eating() on the object  
        sparrow.bird_behavior_eating();  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird swan is " + swan.size + " in size and has "  
        + swan.colour + " colour. The family: " + swan.family);  
  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_flying() on the object  
  
        swan.bird_behavior_flying();  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird Canada goose is " + gooseCanada.size + " in size and has "  
        + gooseCanada.colour + " colour. The family: " + gooseCanada.family);  
  
        // Invoke sequentially multiple methods on the object  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_swimming();  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_flying();  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_eating();  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_swimming();  
    }  
}
```


Class bird example: objects with constructors

```
public class animals extends bird {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        // create an object gooseCanada from the class bird with the 1st (default) constructor  
        bird gooseCanada = new bird();  
        // create an object swan from the class bird with the 2nd constructor  
        bird swan = new bird("white");  
        // create an object sparrow from the class bird with the 3rd constructor  
        bird sparrow = new bird("small","brown-gray","Passeridae");  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird sparrow is " + sparrow.size + " in size and has "  
+ sparrow.colour + " colour. The family: " + sparrow.family);  
  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_eating() on the object  
        sparrow.bird_behavior_eating();  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird swan is " + swan.size + " in size and has "  
+ swan.colour + " colour. The family: " + swan.family);  
  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_flying() on the object  
  
        swan.bird_behavior_flying();  
  
        System.out.println("\nThe bird Canada goose is " + gooseCanada.size + " in size and has "  
+ gooseCanada.colour + " colour. The family: " + gooseCanada.family);  
  
        // Invoke sequentially multiple methods on the object  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_swimming();  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_flying();  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_eating();  
        gooseCanada.bird_behavior_swimming();  
    }  
}
```

The bird sparrow is small in size and has brown-gray colour. The family: Passeridae
The bird is eating now

The bird swan is big in size and has white colour. The family: Anatidae
The bird is flying now

The bird Canada goose is big in size and has gray-brown-black colour. The family: Anatidae
The bird is swimming now
The bird is flying now
The bird is eating now
The bird is swimming now

The result:

Encapsulation

*What will happen if we'll change the **modifier** of the class states from “**public**” to “**private**” and we'll try to assign the values of the states from the main function?*

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    private String size, colour, family;  
  
    // Behaviors  
    void bird_behavior_flying() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is flying now");  
    }  
}
```


Encapsulation

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    private String size, colour, family;  
    // Behaviors  
    void bird_behavior_flying() {  
        System.out.println("The bird is flying now");  
    }  
}
```

The result is ...

```
public class animals extends bird {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        bird sparrow = new bird(); //create an object sparrow from the class bird  
        // Assign values to every state of the object sparrow  
        sparrow.colour = "brown-gray";  
        sparrow.size = "small";  
        sparrow.family = "Passeridae";  
  
        // Invoke method bird_behavior_eating() on the object  
        sparrow.bird_behavior_eating();  
    }  
}
```


Encapsulation

*The **result** is an **exception** (doesn't compile) as the states of the class with the **modifier** “**private**” becomes **not visible**. So it can't be changed somehow from another class.*

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.Error: Unresolved compilation problems:  
The field bird.colour is not visible  
The field bird.size is not visible  
The field bird.family is not visible
```


Encapsulation

*The **benefit of encapsulation** is that we can, for instance, define the possible values of the states. This values can't be changed to another (not in our list) like it's possible with the “public” modifier.*

Let's look at the example.

Encapsulation: example

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    private String size, colour, family;  
  
    // The method to change the state of the size  
    // according to the 3 possible values  
    void changeStateSize(String isize){  
        if (isize == "big") {  
            size = "big";  
            System.out.println("\nThe size was changed to big");  
        }  
  
        if (isize == "medium"){  
            size = "medium";  
            System.out.println("\nThe size was changed to medium");  
        }  
  
        if (isize == "small"){  
            size = "small";  
            System.out.println("\nThe size was changed to small");  
        }  
    }  
  
    // Print the current value of the size  
    void birdSize() {  
        System.out.println("The bird size is:" + size);  
    }  
}
```


Encapsulation: example

```
public class animals extends bird {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        bird sparrow = new bird(); //create an object sparrow from the class bird  
        // Assign value to the state size of the object sparrow with the class method  
        // Let's try to change the size with the value from the list  
        sparrow.changeStateSize("small");  
        sparrow.birdSize();  
        // Let's try to change the size with the value NOT from the list  
        sparrow.changeStateSize("huge");  
        sparrow.birdSize();  
    }  
}
```

The result:

```
The size was changed to small  
The bird size is:small  
The bird size is:small
```


Immutability

In general we can change the values of the states multiple times.

Let's look at the example.

Immutability: example of changing the values

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    public String size;  
    public String colour, family;  
  
    // Constructors  
    bird(){size = "big"; colour = "gray-brown-black"; family = "Anatidae";};  
    bird(String i){size = "big"; colour = i; family = "Anatidae";};  
    bird(String i, String j, String k){size = i; colour = j; family=k;};  
  
    // Print the current value of the size  
    void birdSize() {  
        System.out.println("The bird size is:" + size);  
    }  
}
```


Immutability: example of changing the values

```
public class animals extends bird {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // create an object swan from the class bird with the 2nd constructor  
        bird swan = new bird("big", "white", "Anatidae");  
        // create an object sparrow from the class bird with the 3rd constructor  
        swan.birdSize();  
        // Let's change the value of the size  
        swan.size = "small";  
        swan.birdSize();  
    }  
}
```

The result:

```
The bird size is:big  
The bird size is:small
```


Immutability: the same example with the “final” keyword

*Let's add “final” keyword to add **immutability** and run the same code.*

```
public class bird {  
  
    // States  
    public final String size;  
    public String colour, family;  
}
```

The result is an exception:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.Error: Unresolved compilation problem:  
The final field bird.size cannot be assigned
```

But if we'll comment the change:

```
        swan.birdSize();  
// Let's change the value of the size  
//        swan.size = "small";  
        swan.birdSize();
```

The code works:

```
The bird size is:big  
The bird size is:big
```


Method Overloading

Method ***overloading*** is used when several *methods* of the same class have the *same name* but *different number or type of the parameters*.

Method Overloading: example

```
public class valuesXY {  
  
    // States of different types  
    private int x;  
    private float y;  
    private double z;  
  
    // Default constructor. The values of the states should be 0 or 0.0  
    valuesXY(){  
  
    // Method writeNumber() with the parameter of type int  
    public void writeNumber(int temp){x = temp;}  
  
    // Method writeNumber() with the parameter of type float  
    public void writeNumber(float temp){y = temp;}  
  
    // Method writeNumber() with the parameter of type double  
    public void writeNumber(double temp){z = temp;}  
  
    // Print the current values of the states  
    public void printValues(){  
        System.out.println("The value of x is: " + x + " and y is: " + y+ " and z is: " + z);  
    }  
}
```


Method Overloading: example

```
public class Overloading extends valuesXY{

    public static void main(String[] args) {
// New object x1 from the class valuesXY
        valuesXY x1 = new valuesXY();
// Assign different values to the states with the same-named method
        x1.printValues();
        x1.writeNumber(99);
        x1.printValues();
        x1.writeNumber(3.5f);
        x1.printValues();
        x1.writeNumber(44.4);
        x1.printValues();
    }
}
```

The result:

```
The value of x is: 0 and y is: 0.0 and z is: 0.0
The value of x is: 99 and y is: 0.0 and z is: 0.0
The value of x is: 99 and y is: 3.5 and z is: 0.0
The value of x is: 99 and y is: 3.5 and z is: 44.4
```