

Static Variables and Methods

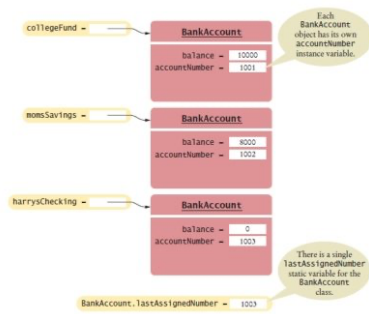


Figure 5 A Static Variable and Instance Variables

- An instance variable for the total is updated in methods that increase or decrease the total amount.

- A counter that counts events is incremented in methods that correspond to the events.

- An object can collect other objects in an array or array list.

- An object property can be accessed with a getter method and changed with a setter method.

- If your object can have one of several states that affect the behavior, supply an instance variable for the current state.
- Make a plan consisting of a series of tasks, each a simple extension of the previous one, and ending with the original problem.

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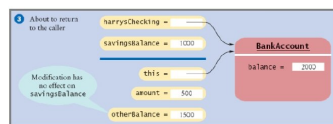


Figure 3(3): Modifying a Numeric Parameter Has No Effect on Caller

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- A class should represent a single concept from a problem domain, such as business, science, or mathematics.

- The public interface of a class is cohesive if all of its features are related to the concept that the class represents.

- References to objects of an immutable class can be safely shared.

- A side effect of a method is any externally

observable data modification.

- In Java, a method can never change the contents of a variable that is passed to a method.
- In Java, a method can change the state of an object reference argument, but it cannot replace the object reference with another.

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public class CashRegister
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{
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    public static final double QUARTER_VALUE = 0.25; public static final double DIME_VALUE = 0.1;
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    public static final double NICKEL_VALUE = 0.05;
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    ...
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    public void receivePayment(int dollars, int quarters,
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    int dimes, int nickels, int pennies) .. }
```