

# Challenges and Key Concepts

## Part I

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### >> Challenge 1. Add a class

- Add a VolleyBall class
- Place the class it in a [folder / package] named: TwoDaysTechIntroExampleClasses
- Add a constant field to hold the DIAMETER = 21
- Use the frmStart class to send the diameter to the console

#### OO - KEY CONCEPTS

##### **const** (only c#):

- the value is immutable
- It does not change over the life of the program
- It is called "compile-time" value
- only primitive or "built-in" types are allowed to be declared const
- const can't be declared static, by default are static
- needs to get initialized

##### **final** (only java):

- can only be assigned once
  - (use static final to constants)
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### >> Challenge 2. Change the code to follow the standard

- Follow the directions

#### TOWA STANDARD - KEY CONCEPTS

##### **class prefix:**

- prefix indicating the type of object
- prefixDescriptiveName (camel case)

(StdRef pp 19)

##### **primitive prefix:**

- int, long, num, str, bool
- prefixDescriptiveName (camel case)

(StdRef pp 19)

##### **120 max LOC length:**

- mandatory

**/\*TASK xxx\*/ ... /\*END-TASK\*/**

- xxx - description of the task

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- to separate types (classes, enum, ...)

##### **col 61 comment:**

- **//** **//comment**
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### >> Challenge 3. Add a calculated static variable and a static constructor

- Add a private, static `numCircumference` variable and its get method
- Add a private method to calculate the `numCircumference` variable
- Add a static constructor and invoke the method
- Send the `numCircumference` value to the console

#### OO – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **static:**

- Modifier that can be used with classes, fields, methods, properties, and constructors
- An static class cannot be instantiated, it contains only static members
- A static member belongs to the type itself rather than to a specific object
- You access the members of a static class by using the class name itself

##### **static constructor:**

- Initializes static members of the class
- Parameter-less
- Default static constructor initializes static fields to their default value

#### TOWA STANDARD – KEY CONCEPTS

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- to separate methods

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- to separate support methods

##### **\_Z suffix**

- variable with a property associated

(StdRef pp 19)

##### **function method**

- produce a result
- can only include input parameters (`_I`)
- must not alter any variables
- only one return, the last instruction
- prefixDescriptiveName (camel case)
- should be a prepared for comment method

(StdRef pp 22)

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### >> Challenge 4. Add an instance variable and a constructor

- Add an instance private readonly variable named *intId* and its *get* method
- Add a constructor that receives an integer and set the *Id* to the object
- Create objects and send their *Id*'s value to the console

#### OO – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **constructor:**

- Method whose name is the same as the class
- Default constructor instantiates the object and sets member variables to the default values
- It does not include return type
- Its signature includes only the name and its parameter list

##### **readonly** (only c#):

- can only be assigned in a *constructor*

##### **format:**

- (C#) `String.Format, {index[:format]}`  
format: `###0, 0.0%`
- (java) `MessageFormat.format {index[,formatType[,subformatPattern]]}`  
formatType: number, date, time  
subformatPattern: `###0, 0.0%`

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### >> Challenge 5. Add a *BasketBall* class similar to the *VolleyBall* class

- Set the *const int DIAMETER* to 23
- Create objects and send their *Id*'s value to the console

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### >> Challenge 6. Add a *SoccerBall* class similar to the *VolleyBall* class

- Set the *const int DIAMETER* to 21
  - Create objects and send their *Id*'s value to the console
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### >> Challenge 7. Add an abstract class

- Name the class *BallBallAbstract*
- Do not forget to use the *abstract* keyword
- Do not forget add the needed comments according to the standard
- Make the classes inherit from the *Ball* class
- Declare abstract the *numCircumference* property in the abstract class and override it in the concrete ones.
- Move the *intId* and the constructor to the abstract class, make the constructor in the concrete classes to call the base constructor
- Move the *numCalculateCircumference* method to the abstract class and make it *protected*
- The *numCalculateCircumference* should receive the *IntDIAMETER* as a parameter
- The static constructor in the concrete classes should call the method from the abstract class

#### OO – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **abstract:**

- in a class declaration indicates that is intended to be a base class
- in a method indicates that does not contain implementation
- method marked as abstract must be implemented (overridden) by classes that derive from the abstract class
- An abstract class cannot be instantiated

##### **override:**

- An override method provides a new implementation of a member that is inherited from a base class
- The overridden base method must have the same signature
- (c#) *override* modifier
- (java) *@Override*

##### **protected:**

- member access modifier
- the member is accessible within its class and by derived class instances

#### TOWA STANDARD – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **\_I suffix:**

- Add *\_I* to input parameters

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### >> Challenge 8. Create DUMMY objects from the different classes

- Add the parameter-less constructor to the concrete classes
- Create *DUMMY* objects and send them to the console

#### OO – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **constructor overloading:**

- multiple constructors with different signature
- doesn't have a return type

##### **DUMMY:**

- It is an object with values without meaning
- Use a parameter-less constructor

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### >> Challenge 9. Create an object factory for objects

- Name the object factory method in the abstract class: *newball*
- The *newball* calls the *newballxxx* method in the concrete classes
- Do not forget to add the abstract declaration of the *newballxxx*
- Do not forget add the override keyword in the *newball* methods of the concrete classes

#### OO – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **object factory:**

- mechanism for creating instances of classes
  - single place where different objects can be created
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### >> Challenge 10. Add nullable and enum type variables

- Add the *guest* variable, it can be null
- Overload the constructor to set the *guest* value
- Add the *type* and make it an enumeration (*VOLLEY*, *BASKET*, *SOCCER*)
- The constructors in the concrete class set the *type*

#### OO – KEY CONCEPTS

##### **nullable:**

- *int?* - primitive that can be null

##### **Integer:**

- class that wraps a value of a primitive type *int* in an object
- an object of type *Integer* contains a single field whose type is *int*

##### **enum:**

- use *enum* keyword to create enumeration
  - a type that consists of a set of named constants
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