



Java Programming 2

Visibility modifiers, static members

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Question

For the BankAccount class ...

How do we stop other code from directly modifying the fields of individual BankAccount objects?

```
class BankAccount {  
    int balance;  
    String name;  
    void deposit(int value) { this.balance += value; }  
    void withdraw(int value) { this.balance -= value; }  
    BankAccount(String name, int initialAmount) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.balance = initialAmount;  
    }  
}
```

```
BankAccount b = new BankAccount("Mary", 1000);  
b.value += 1000;  
b.name = "Eve";
```

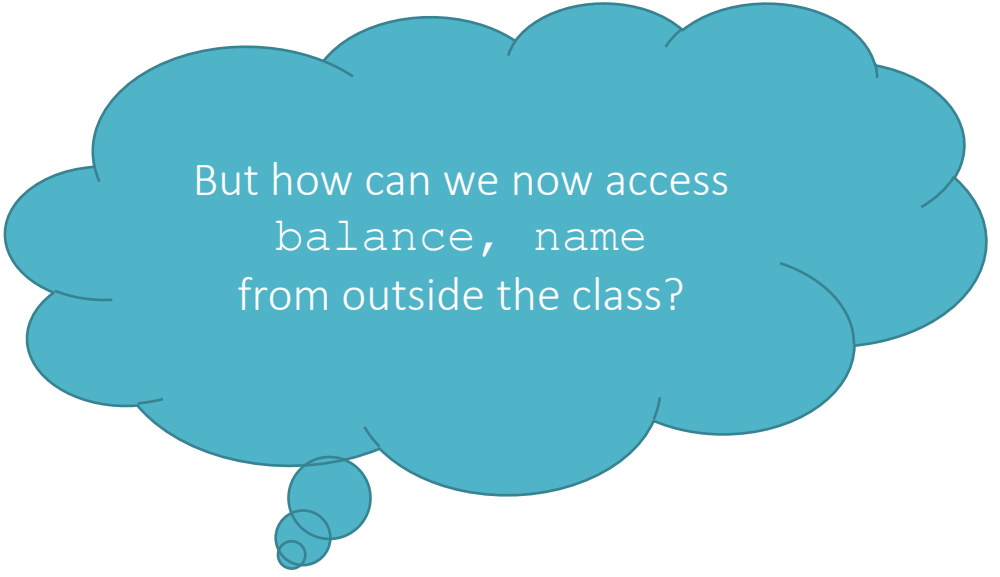
Visibility modifiers

Modifier	Same class	Same package	Any subclass	Any class
<code>public</code>	•	•	•	•
<code>protected</code>	•	•	•	
<i>(default)</i>	•	•		
<code>private</code>	•			

Used to limit the visibility of class members (fields and methods)
Specify as part of member declaration – **private** `int balance;`

Bank account revisited (again)

```
public class BankAccount {  
  
    private int balance;  
    private String name;  
  
    public void deposit(int value) { this.balance += value; }  
    public void withdraw(int value) { this.balance -= value; }  
  
    public BankAccount(String name, int initialAmount) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.balance = initialAmount;  
    }  
}
```



But how can we now access
balance, name
from outside the class?

Getters and setters

Give controlled access to private properties

```
public String getName() {  
    return name;  
}  
  
public void setName (String name) {  
    this.name = name;  
}  
  
// ... and so on
```

Bank account class again

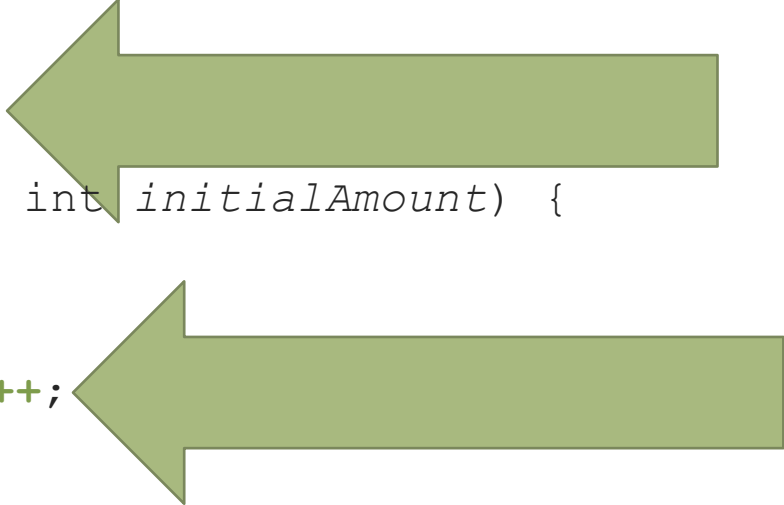
– added ID field

```
public class BankAccount {  
    private int balance;  
    private String name;  
    private int id;  
  
    public BankAccount(String name, int initialAmount) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.balance = initialAmount;  
        this.id = // ??? What to do here ???  
    }  
}
```

Bank account class again

– added ID field

```
public class BankAccount {  
    private int balance;  
    private String name;  
    private int id;  
  
    private static int NEXT_ID = 0;  
  
    public BankAccount(String name, int initialAmount) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.balance = initialAmount;  
        this.id = BankAccount.NEXT_ID++;  
    }  
}
```



Static members

Associated directly with the class itself, not with any object of that class

Static field: only one variable, no matter how many objects of the class have been created (even zero)

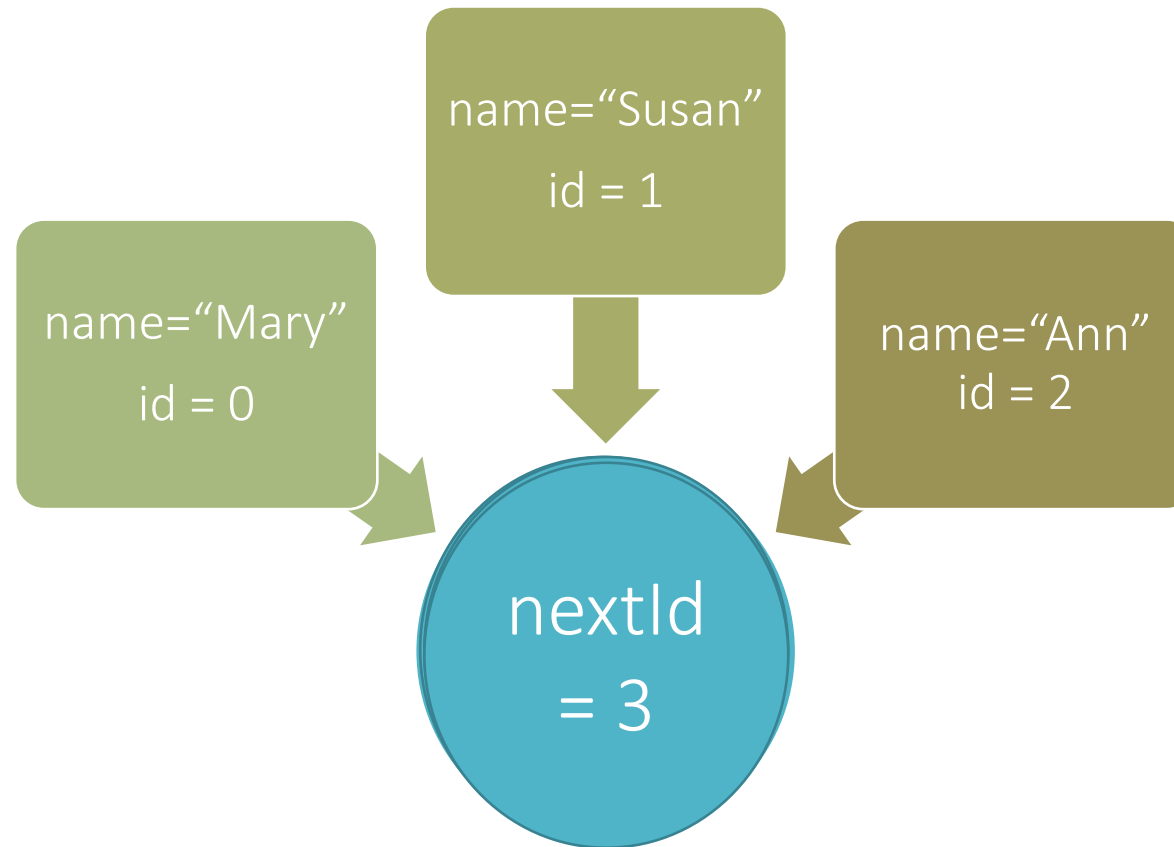
Examples you have seen: `Double.MAX_VALUE`, `System.out`

Static method: performs a general task for the class; can only access other static members

Examples you may have seen: `Math.random()`, `Integer.parseInt()`

In updated `BankAccount` class, `NEXT_ID` field is static (why?)

Static and instance fields in BankAccount



Understanding `System.out.println("hello")`

The name of
a built-in Java
class

An instance method
of the
`PrintStream` class

A static field of the `System`
class – field type is
`java.io.PrintStream`