CSC 131 SP’19 In-Class Activity

Classes and UML

The String class provides methods for working with text. The Random class provides methods for generating random numbers. In this activity, you’ll learn how to make your own classes that represent everyday objects.

## Content Learning Objectives

*After completing this activity, students should be able to:*

* Define the terms: attribute, method, constructor, instance.
* Implement non-static methods based on a UML diagram.
* Implement class inheritance based on a UML diagram.

## Process Skill Goals

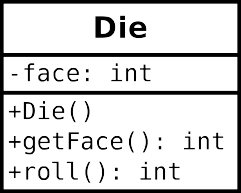
*During the activity, students should make progress toward:*

* Writing method signatures exactly as shown in a UML diagram. (Information Processing)

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# Model 1 The Die Class

When you define a class in Java, you are defining a new data type. Classes have *attributes* (data) and *methods* (code). A *class diagram* is a graphical summary of the attributes and methods.



Simulates a Die object.

public class Die { private int face;

Constructs a new die with a random face value.

public Die() { this.face = 1;

}

Gets the current face value of the die.

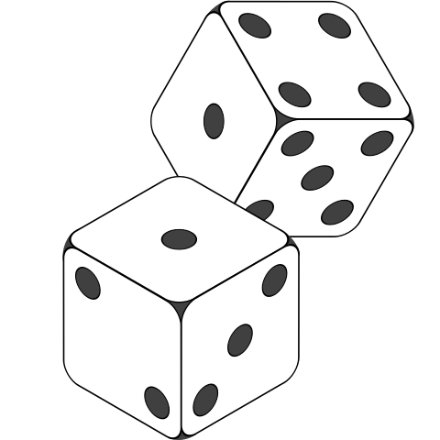
©return current face value of the die

public int getFace() { return this.face;

}

Simulates the roll of the die.

©return new face value of the die



1;

public int roll() {

this.face = (int) (Math.random() 6) + return this.face;

}

}

## Questions (15 min) Start time:

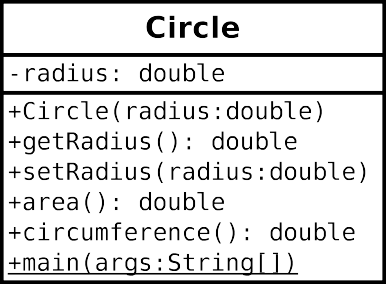
1. What are the attributes of Die? What are the methods?
2. In the class diagram, what do the - and + symbols represent? What does the : represent?
3. Write a statement that *declares* a Die variable named lucky.
4. Each *instance* of a class (in memory) is called an object. Write a statement that *instantiates* a

new Die object and assigns it to lucky.

1. When you instantiate an object, you invoke a *constructor*. This method has no return type and has the same name as the class itself. What does the Die constructor do?
2. Notice how the roll method refers to face, yet that variable is not declared in the method. What does the roll method change, in terms of the Die object?
3. What is the purpose of the getFace method? Show how you would use it in a main method of another class.

# Model 2 The Circle Class

Unified Modeling Language (UML) provides a way of graphically illustrating a class’s design, independent of the programming language.



## Questions (18 min) Start time:

1. What are the attributes and methods of Circle, and what is their *visibility*?
2. Based on [Model 1](#_bookmark0) and [Model 2,](#_bookmark1) what is typically public and what is typically private?
3. How would you declare a variable named unit that is a Circle object? How would you instantiate a circle with a radius of 1.0 and assign it to unit?
4. Write the code inside Circle.java (you need to create this class in Eclipse) that declares the radius attribute.
5. Write the code for getRadius. (Don’t worry about Javadoc comments for this activity.)
6. Write the code for setRadius. Note there are two variables named radius: the parameter of setRadius, and this.radius for the object itself. Before you set the radius, first check if the parameter is negative, and if it is, set this.radius to zero instead.
7. Write the complete code for area and circumference. The area of a circle is *πr*2, and the circumference is 2*πr*. Ideally, each method should be one line of code. (In Java, you may use the final constant Math.PI for your convenience.)
8. Write a main method that creates a Circle object with a radius of 2.0 and displays its area and circumference on the screen.

# Model 3 The Bicycle & MountainBike Classes

Unified Modeling Language also provides a way to represent inheritance between classes.



## Questions (15 min) Start time:

1. What does represent? (i.e., what is the name of this relationship?)
2. In terms of Object-Oriented Programming, which one between Bicycle and MountainBike is the super class?

For question 18, 19, 20, please write the code in Eclipse.

1. A stub is a function that has the expected signature (i.e. name and accepted arguments). Try to create MountainBike with method stubs.

19. For each MountainBike object, its initial seatHeight is startHeight. Complete the constructor.

20. For each MountainBike object, method setHeight() can update seatHeight to newValue. Complete method setHeight().

21. For MountainBike class, its toString() is implemented as follows:

public String toString(){

        return (super.toString()+

                "\nseat height is "+seatHeight);

}

What’s the output when the following test class is executed?

public class Test{

    public static void main(String args[]){

        MountainBike mb = new MountainBike(3, 100, 25);

        System.out.println(mb.toString());

    }

}