

# List 4 attributes and 4 actions that all the animals from the next slide share. For example: attribute: weight action: sleep





Race: White Rhino Weight (kg): 2300 Height (meters): 1.8

**Sex:** Female **Home:** Africa Foods: {fruits, bushes, grass} Hunger: 10



Name: Yogi

Race: Grizzly bear Weight (kg): 270 Height (meters): 2

Sex: Male

**Home:** Jellystone

Park

Foods: {fish, fruit,

insects} **Hunger:** 6



Name: Rocket Race: Racoon Weight (kg): 7

Height (meters): 0.3

Sex: Male

**Home:** Monterrey **Foods:** {trash,

insects} Hunger: 8



Name: Simba Race: Lion

Weight (kg): 190 Height (meters): 1.2

Sex: Male

**Hogar:** South Africa Foods: {gazelle,

zebra}

Hunger: 2

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  - Animal.java
  - AnimalDemo.java

Lets start by creating a project called **AnimalProject**.

Inside the project, we will create a new package animal containing two classes:

- 1. Animal.java
- 2. AnimalDemo.java

```
public class Animal {
  public String name;
  public String race;
  public String[] foods; //array with food the animal likes
  public int hunger; //0 -> not hungry, 10 -> very hungry
}
```

package animal;

Java classes can be made up of a list of attributes.

In the following example, we will use the Animal class to create a template that can represent any animal.

```
package animal;
public class AnimalDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Animal rhino = new Animal();
    rhino.name = "Sally";
    rhino.race = "White Rhino";
    rhino.hunger = 10; //very hungry!
    rhino.foods = new String[]{"fruit", "bushes", "grass"};
```

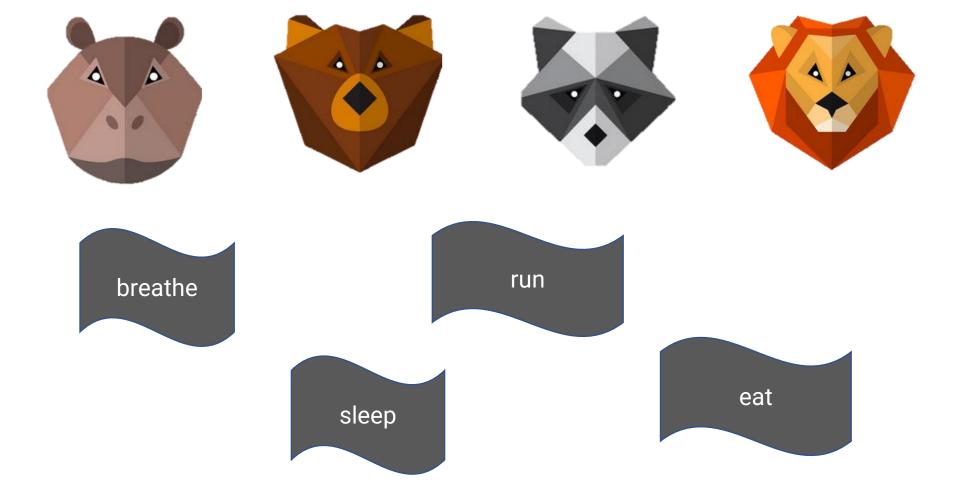


Pay special attention to the following instruction:
Animal rhino = new Animal();

We are instantiating an object of the Animal class. In other words, we are creating a variable that holds everything that we defined in the Animal.java class.

```
public class AnimalDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
   Animal rhino = new Animal();
   rhino.name = "Sally";
   rhino.race = "White Rhino";
   rhino.hunger = 10; //very hungry!
   rhino.foods = new String[]{"fruit", "bushes", "grass"};
   Animal bear = new Animal();
    bear.name = "Yogi";
    bear.race = "Grizzly";
    bear.hunger = 5; //moderate
   bear.foods = new String[] {"fish", "berries"};
```

package animal;



### **Instance methods**

Classes can implement <u>behaviors</u> through the execution of methods.

This methods use the attributes of the object to represent the state of it. Lets simulate an animal eating on the following example:

# eat() method

- 1. An animal will only eat when it is hungry.
- 2. An animal will only eat things that it likes.
- 3. When an animal eats, its hunger will decrease.

```
public class Animal {
 public String name;
 public String race;
  public String[] foods; //array with food the animal likes
 public int hunger; //1 -> not hungry, 10 -> very hungry
  public void eat(String inputFood) {
   if (hunger <= 0) {</pre>
     System.out.println("I'm full!");
                                                               Through the eat method, any
     return;
                                                               object from the Animal class can
                                                               implement the action of eating.
   //check if Animal eats inputFood
   for(String food: foods) {
     if (food.equals(inputFood)) {
       //When animal eats, hunger is decreased
         hunger--;
         System.out.println("Delicious! I love " + inputFood);
         return;
   System.out.println("I don't like " + inputFood);
```

package animal;

```
bear.foods = new String[] {"fish", "berries"};
//We call method eat with the bear object
bear.eat("bushes"); //hunger = 3
bear.eat("fish"); //hunger = 2
bear.eat("berries"); //hunger = 1
bear.eat("fruit"); //hunger = 1
bear.eat("fish"); //hunger = 0
bear.eat("fish"); //Bear is not hungry anymore
                                                Output
                                                 I don't like bushes
                                                 Delicious! I love fish
                                                 Delicious! I love berries
                                                 I don't like fruit
                                                 Delicious! I love fish
                                                 I'm full!
```

Animal bear = new Animal();

bear.hunger = 3; //moderate

bear.name = "Yogi";

bear.race = "Grizzly";

#### **Classes and Methods**

A Java class will be comprised of:

- Attributes (data)
- Methods (actions or behaviors)

#### **Constructor Method**

By running the next line of code, we are running the **constructor method** of the Animal class.

```
Animal rhino = new Animal();
```

The constructor is a special type of method that allows us to set initial values to the object attributes.

A constructor <u>has no return value</u>, and can be invoked by using the name of the class.

```
package animal;
  public class Animal {
 public String name;
  public String race;
  public String[] foods; //array with food the animal likes
  public int hunger; //1 -> not hungry, 10 -> very hungry
  //Constructor
  public Animal(String name, String race, String[] foods, int hunger) {
   this.name = name;
   this.race = race;
    this.foods = foods;
    this.hunger = hunger;
                                           Pay close attention to:
  }
                                           this.name is referring the instance
 //rest of the code
                                           variable defined as part of the class.
                                           name is referencing to the input
                                           parameter of the method
```

```
package animal;
public class AnimalDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
   Animal bear = new Animal();
   bear.name = "Yogi";
   bear.race = "Grizzly";
   bear.hunger = 3; //moderate
   bear.foods = new String[] {"fish", "berries"};
            This code can be converted to:
package animal;
public class AnimalDemo {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   Animal bear = new Animal("Yogi", "Grizzly", new String[] {"fish", "berries"}, 3);
```

## Keeping objects consistent

The object information must maintain internal congruency so that our programs work as expected.

For example, <a href="hunger">hunger</a> should only be updated when we use method eat()!!! Otherwise, someone could overwrite hunger with an invalid value!

How can we achieve this?

#### **Access Modifiers**

If we switch the access modifier from public to private, then its contents will be protected against changes from the AnimalDemo class!

```
package animal;

public class Animal {
    public String name;
    public String race;
    public String[] foods; //array with food the animal likes
    private int hunger; //1 -> not hungry, 10 -> very hungry

    //...
    //rest of the code
    //...
}
```

#### Compile error

- The field Animal.hunger is not visible
- 2 quick fixes available:
  - Change visibility of 'hunger' to 'package'
  - Create getter and setter for 'hunger'...

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