



Object Oriented Programming with Java 8

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Agenda

- Constructor
- This reference
- Package
- Scanner Class



this current object reference

- If we call non static method on instance(actually object reference) then compiler implicitly pass, reference of current/calling instance as a argument to the method implicitly. To store reference of current/calling instance, compiler implicitly declare one reference as a parameter inside method. It is called this reference.
- **Using this reference, non static fields and non static methods are communicating with each other. Hence this reference is considered as a link/connection between them.**
- Definition
 - Ø **"this" is implicit reference variable that is available in every non static method of class which is used to store reference of current/calling instance.**
- Inside method, to access members of same class, use this keyword is optional

Uses of this keyword :

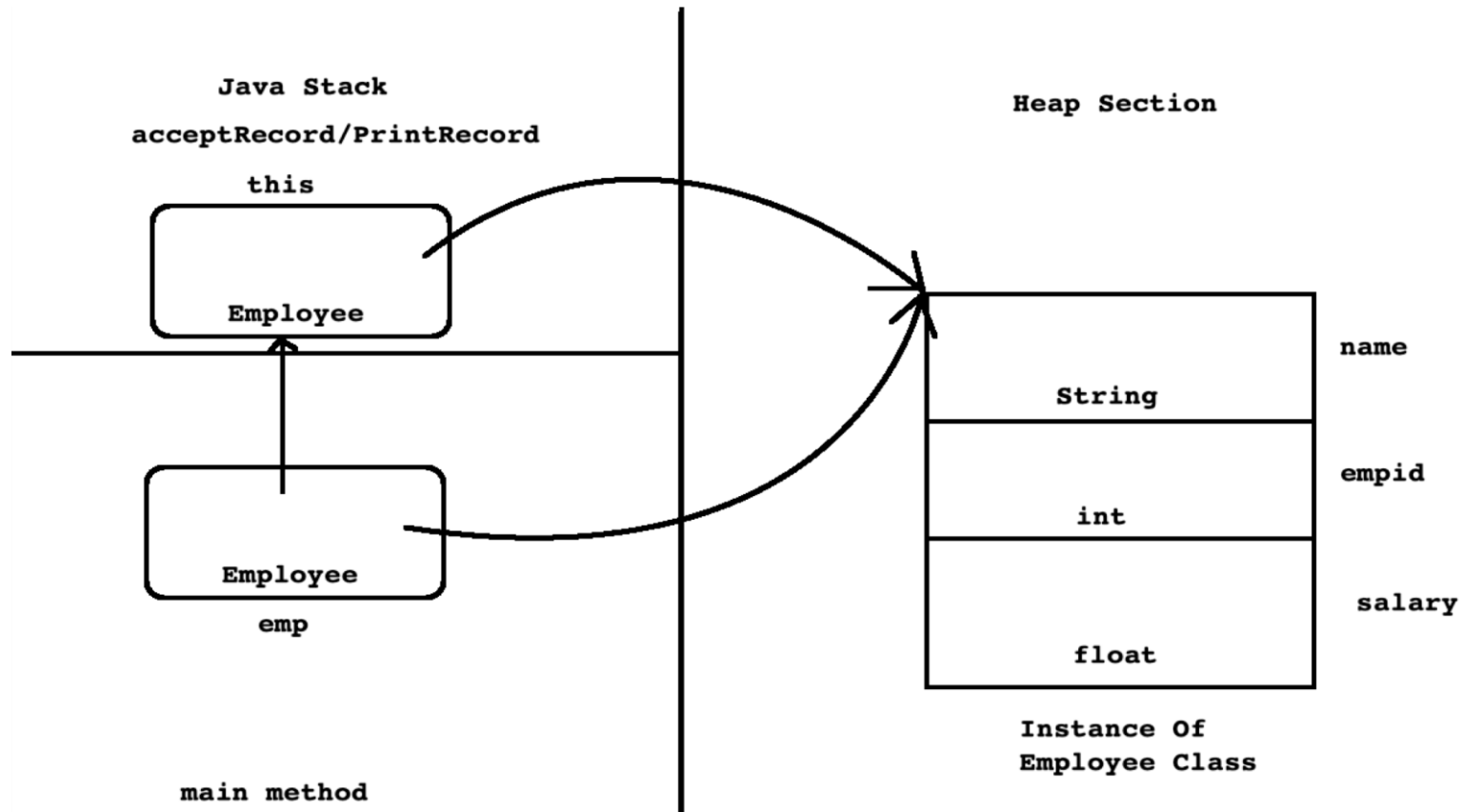
1. To unhide , instance variables from method local variables.(to resolve the conflict)

eg : this.name=name;

2. To invoke the constructor , from another overloaded constructor in the same class.(constructor chaining , to avoid duplication)



this reference



this reference

- If name of local variable/parameter and name of field is same then preference is always given to the local variable.

```
class Employee{  
    private String name;  
    private int empid;  
    private float salary;  
    public void initEmployee(String name, int empid, float salary ){  
        this.name = name;  
        this.empid = empid;  
        this.salary = salary;  
    }  
}
```



Constructor

- If we want to initialize instance then we should define constructor inside class.
- Constructor look like method but it is not considered as method.
- It is special because:
 - Its name is same as class name.
 - It doesn't have any return type.
 - It is designed to be called implicitly
 - It is called once per instance.
- We can not call constructor on instance explicitly
Employee emp = new Employee();
emp.Employee(); //Not Ok

- **Types of constructor:**
 1. Parameterless constructor
 2. Parameterized constructor
 3. Default constructor .



Parameterless Constructor

- If we define constructor without parameter then it is called as parameterless constructor.
- It is also called as zero argument / user defined default constructor.
- If we create instance without passing argument then parameterless constructor gets called.

```
public Employee( ){  
    //TODO  
}
```

```
Employee emp = new Employee( ); //Here on instance parameterless ctor will call.
```



Parameterized Constructor

- If we define constructor with parameter then it is called as parameterized constructor.
- If we create instance by passing argument then parameterized constructor gets called.

```
public Employee( String name, int empid, float salary ){  
    //TODO  
}
```

```
Employee emp = new Employee( "ABC", 123, 8000 ); //Here on instance parameterized ctor will call.
```



Default Constructor

- If we do not define any constructor inside class then compiler generate one constructor for the class by default. It is called default constructor.
- Compiler generated default constructor is parameterless.
- Compiler never generate default parameterized constructor. In other words, if we want to create instance by passing arguments then we must define parameterized constructor inside class.



Constructor Chaining

- We can call constructor from another constructor. It is called constructor chaining.
- For constructor chaining, we should use this statement.
- this statement must be first statement inside constructor body.
- Using constructor chaining, we can reduce developers effort.

```
class Employee{  
    //TODO : Field declaration  
    public Employee( ){  
        this( "None", 0, 8500 );    //Constructor Chaining  
    }  
    public Employee( String name, int empid, float salary ){  
        this.name = name;  
        this.empid = empid;  
        this.salary = salary;  
    }  
}
```



What is Scanner ?

- A class (java.util.Scanner) that represents text based parser(has inherent small ~ 1K buffer)
- It can parse text data from any source --Console input,Text file , socket, string

e.g. Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
 System.out.print("Enter your name: ");
 String name = input.next ();
 System.out.println("Your name is " + name);
 input.close();



User Input Using Scanner class.

- Scanner is a final class declared in java.util package.
- Methods of Scanner class:

1. `public String nextLine()`
2. `public int nextInt()`
3. `public float nextFloat()`
4. `public double nextDouble()`

- How to user Scanner?

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);  
String name = sc.nextLine( );  
int empid = sc.nextInt( );  
float salary = sc.nextFloat( );
```



Package

- Package is a Java language feature which helps developer to:
 1. To group functionally equivalent or related types together.
 2. To avoid naming clashing/collision/conflict/ambiguity in source code.
 3. To control the access to types.
 4. To make types easier to find(from the perspective of java docs).
- Consider following class:
 - `java.lang.Object`
 - Here java is main package, lang is sub package and Object is type name.



Package

- Not necessarily but as shown below, package can contain some or types.
 1. Sub package
 2. Interface
 3. Class
 4. Enum
 5. Exception
 6. Error
 7. Annotation Type



Package Creation

- package is a keyword in Java.
- To define type inside package, it is mandatory write package declaration statement inside .java file.
- Package declaration statement must be first statement inside .
- If we define any type inside package then it is called as packaged type otherwise it will be unpackaged type.
- Any type can be member of single package only.

<pre>package p1; //OK class Program{ //TODO }</pre>	<pre>package p1, p2; //NOT OK class Program{ //TODO }</pre>	<pre>package p1; //OK package p2; //NOT OK class Program{ //TODO } package p3; //Not OK</pre>
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Un-named Package

- If we define any type without package then it is considered as member of unnamed/default package.
- Unnamed packages are provided by the Java SE platform principally for convenience when developing small or temporary applications or when just beginning development.
- An unnamed package cannot have sub packages.
- In following code, class Program is a part of unnamed package.

```
class Program{  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello");  
    }  
}
```



Naming Convention

- For small programs and casual development, a package can be unnamed or have a simple name, but if code is to be widely distributed, unique package names should be chosen using qualified names.
- Generally Package names are written in all lower case to avoid conflict with the names of classes or interfaces.
- Companies use their reserved internet domain name to begin their package names. For example : `com.example.mypackage`
- Following examples will help you in deciding name of package:
 1. `java.lang.reflect.Proxy`
 2. `oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver`
 3. `com.mysql.jdbc.cj.Driver`
 4. `org.cdac.sunbeam.dac.utils.Date`



How to use package members in different package?

- If we want to use types declared inside package anywhere outside the package then
 1. Either we should use fully qualified type name or
 2. import statement.
- If we are going to use any type infrequently then we should use fully qualified name.
- Let us see how to use type using package name.

```
class Program{  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        java.util.Scanner sc = new java.util.Scanner( System.in );  
    }  
}
```



How to use package members in different package?

- If we are going to use any type frequently then we should use import statement.
- Let us see how to import Scanner.

```
import java.util.Scanner;

class Program{

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner sc = new Scanner( System.in );

    }

}
```



How to use package members in different package?

- There can be any number of import statements after package declaration statement
- With the help of (*) we can import entire package.

```
import java.util.*;
class Program{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner( System.in );
    }
}
```



How to use package members in different package?

- Another, less common form of import allows us to import the public nested classes of an enclosing class. Consider following code.

```
import java.lang.Thread.State;
class Program{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Thread thread = Thread.currentThread( );
        State state = thread.getState( );
    }
}
```

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