

this keyword

- ❑ The **this** object reference is a local variable in instance member methods referring the caller object
- ❑ **this** keyword is used as a reference to the current object which is an instance of the current class
- ❑ The **this** reference to the current object is useful in situations where a local variable hides, or shadows, a field with the same name.



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- ❑ If a method needs to pass the current object to another method, it can do so using the this reference.
- ❑ Note that the this reference cannot be used in a static context, as static code is not executed in the context of any object



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1  class Box
2  {
3      private int l,b,h;
4      public void setDimension(int l,int b,int h) //instance member function
5      { this.l=l; this.b=b; this.h=h; }
6      public void sendBox()
7      {
8          GiftTaker gf=new GiftTaker();
9          gf.acceptGift(this);
10     }
11 }
12 public class Example
13 {
14     public static void main(String[]args) //static member function
15     {
16         Box b1=new Box();
17         b1.setDimension(12,10,5);
18         b1.sendBox();
19     }
20 }
```