Java Tutoring Session 1

CS 5004

Topics covered

Programming fundamentals

- Variables (assignment, declaration) common variable types
- Conditionals, loops, arrays & arraylists
- Classes, methods and method signatures

Object Oriented Programming basics

- Four key principles: Abstraction, encapsulation, polymorphism, and inheritance
- Generics
- Interfaces

Git / GitHub / Command line

Java Basics: Hello World

See code demo

Object Oriented Programming

Fundamentals

Principles of object oriented programming

The four fundamental principles of OOP

- 1. Encapsulation
- 2. Abstraction
- 3. Inheritance
- 4. Polymorphism

The central component of object oriented programming is in the name - it's about objects

What are objects and classes?

<u>Classes</u> are the fundamental building blocks in Java - they are like a blueprint for creating objects (instances of that class)

In Java, every source file can contain at most one public class (must match the name of the file)

Objects are entities that you can manipulate by calling one or more of its methods

- Let's look at the anatomy of an object
- Objects contain instance variables, constructors, and methods

Instance Variables

Instance variables store data for an object (attributes, member variables)

Syntax:

Syntax 3.1 Instance Variable Declaration

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Syntax public class ClassName
{
    private typeName variableName;
    }

public class Counter
{
    public class Counter
{
        has a separate copy of this instance variable, should always
        be private.
}

Type of the variable
```

Image: Cay Horstmann

Access specifier, type of the instance variable, name of the instance variable

Constructor

Very similar to a method but the name is always the same as the class and there is no return type (not even void!)

Its job is to initialize the instance variables of an object.

Can also overload constructors

Syntax 2.3 Object Construction

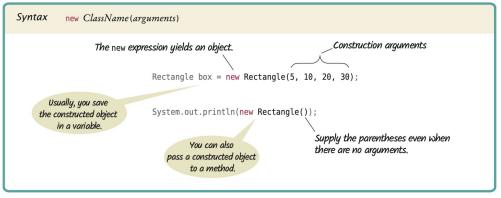


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Methods

Accessor/Mutator methods (getter/setter)

Method signature is comprised of:

- 1. Scope (public vs private)
- 2. Static or non-static (invoked with or without an instance of a class)
- 3. Return type
- 4. Method name
- 5. Parameter list

Person Class

Code demo

Four Key Principles of OOP

Encapsulation

Encapsulation is the process of hiding some of the implementation details and providing methods for accessing data

The idea that we are bundling together attributes and methods within a single unit

This allows for:

- Data hiding (internal state of an object is hidden from the outside world) we can only interact with the object through the well-defined methods
- Better code organization

Abstraction

Process where you hide the implementation details from the user and only show the functionalities that are relevant to them

Separate between the interface and the implementation

Abstract methods in interfaces

Inheritance

Inheritance is a mechanism wherein a new class is derived from an existing class. In Java, classes may inherit or acquire the properties and methods of other classes

Example: a bank account all has features but certain account types extended certain classes

Polymorphism

The ability for the same entity (method or operator or object) to perform different operations in different scenarios, Java Generics

Example: overriding or overloading methods

Command line fundamentals and Git

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