

Inheritance
Polymorphism
Abstraction
Encapsulation

Chapter 3 Objects & Classes

information hiding - keeping things "hidden" inside of an object.

- genericly writing code helps for reuse with any type.
- inheritance allows for extending the code.
- Polymorphism allows for implementations of classes with shared logic

Class

↳ fields (data)	Public
↳ members (variables)	Private
methods (functions)	Protected

Javadoc

@author desc * Description

@param x desc * ←

@throws e desc

@return desc

"The importance of proper documentation of classes can never be overstated"

Constructors

- new Class() ← Public Class() "zero param constructor"
- new Class(1) ← Public Class(int a, int b) - used to initialize the object
- new Class(1, 2) ← - defaults used if not specified
- can be more than 1

Accessors (methods)

- Does not alter state

- single version → get state

Mutators (methods)

- changes the objects state

- single version → set state

toString

- creates string representation

@Override

Can be overridden

equals

- Checks for equality by value of objects

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this

- reference to current object
- works as shorthand for constructor

- aliasing can occur when an object's reference is used on r.h.s. l.h.s

(check:

transfer (Account a)
if (a == this)

instance of

- false if null
- true if l.h.s is instance of r.h.s

Static → static members

not static → instance members

Static fields & methods

- Integer.parseInt()
- Math.round()
- called without instance
- can be used to sync data between objects

- Static final PI = 3.14;
- If static wasn't used each object would have copy of PI

Static Initializers

- used when initialization should happen once

```
static int[] = new int [5];
```

```
static {
```

```
    loop
```

- must follow field initializer

Packages

- used to organize code
- classes in separate classes have more restrictions.
- classPath set search dir

Import

- used to import package
- ```
import java.util.*;
```