



Java programming for C/C++ developers Part II

Lecture 3

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Outline



- Introduction to Class
- Primitive Type Values vs. Class Type Values
- Instance Variables and Methods
- Class Constructor
- Full Java Example
- Common **Class** differences between C++ and Java



A Class Is a Type

- A class is a special kind of programmer-defined type, and variables can be declared of a class type
- A value of a class type is called an object or an instance of the class
 - If A is a class, then the phrases "X is of type A," "X is an object of the class A," and "X is an instance of the class A" mean the same thing
- A class determines the types of data that an object can contain, as well as the actions it can perform

Example



football



tennis ball



rugby ball



Instances of the class **Ball**

Class **Ball**



Fields:

Color, Size, Shape

Methods:

Set_Ball_Color()

Set_Ball_Size()

Set_Ball_Shape()

Primitive Type Values vs. Class Type Values



- A primitive type value is a single piece of data
- A class type value or object can have multiple pieces of data, as well as actions called *methods*
 - ✓ All objects of a class have the same methods
 - ✓ All objects of a class have the same pieces of data (i.e., name, type, and number)
 - ✓ For a given object, each piece of data can hold a different value



The Contents of a Class Definition

- A class definition specifies the **data items** (*fields*) and **methods** that all of its objects will have
- These data items and methods are sometimes called **members** of the object
- **Data items** are called **fields or instance variables**
- Instance variable declarations and method definitions can be placed in any order within the class definition

The `new` Operator



- An object of a class is named or declared by a variable of the class type:

```
ClassName classVar;
```

- The `new` operator must then be used to create the object and associate it with its variable name:

```
classVar = new ClassName();
```

- These can be combined as follows:

```
ClassName classVar = new ClassName();
```

Instance Variables and Methods



- Instance variables can be defined as in the following two examples
 - Note the **public** modifier (for now):
`public String instanceVar1;`
`public int instanceVar2;`
- In order to refer to a particular instance variable, preface it with its object name as follows:

`objectName.instanceVar1`

`objectName.instanceVar2`

Constructors



- A *constructor* is a special kind of method that is designed to initialize the instance variables for an object:

```
public ClassName (anyParameters) {code}
```

- A constructor must have the same name as the class
- A constructor has no type returned, not even **void**
- Constructors are typically overloaded

Constructors



- A constructor is called when an object of the class is created using **new**

```
ClassName objectName = new ClassName(anyArgs) ;
```

- The name of the constructor and its parenthesized list of arguments (if any) must follow the **new** operator
- This is the **only** valid way to invoke a constructor: a constructor cannot be invoked like an ordinary method
- If a constructor is invoked again (using **new**), the first object is discarded and an entirely new object is created
 - If you need to change the values of instance variables of the object, use mutator methods instead

You Can Invoke Another Method in a Constructor



- The first action taken by a constructor is to create an object with instance variables
- Therefore, it is legal to invoke another method within the definition of a constructor, since it has the newly created object as its calling object
 - For example, **mutator** methods can be used to **set** the values of the instance variables
 - It is even possible for one constructor to invoke another

Class Example 1/2



```
public class Time1
{
    private int hour; // 0 - 23
    private int minute; // 0 - 59
    private int second; // 0 - 59

    // set a new time value using universal time; throw an
    // exception if the hour, minute or second is invalid
    public void setTime( int h, int m, int s )
    {
        // validate hour, minute and second
        if ( ( h >= 0 && h < 24 ) && ( m >= 0 && m < 60 ) &&
            ( s >= 0 && s < 60 ) )
        {
            hour = h;
            minute = m;
            second = s;
        } // end if

        else
            throw new IllegalArgumentException(
                "hour, minute and/or second was out of range" );
    } // end method setTime

    // convert to String in universal-time format (HH:MM:SS)
    public String toUniversalString()
    {
        return String.format( "%02d:%02d:%02d", hour, minute, second );
    } // end method toUniversalString

    // convert to String in standard-time format (H:MM:SS AM or PM)
    public String toString()
    {
        return String.format( "%d:%02d:%02d %s",
            ( ( hour == 0 || hour == 12 ) ? 12 : hour % 12 ),
            minute, second, ( hour < 12 ? "AM" : "PM" ) );
    } // end method toString
} // end class Time1
```

Class Name

Fields

mutator method

method

Class Example 2/2



```
public class Time1Test
{
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        // create and initialize a Time1 object
        Time1 time = new Time1(); // invokes Time1 constructor

        // output string representations of the time
        System.out.print( "The initial universal time is: " );
        System.out.println( time.toUniversalString() );
        System.out.print( "The initial standard time is: " );
        System.out.println( time.toString() );
        System.out.println(); // output a blank line

        // change time and output updated time
        time.setTime( 13, 27, 6 );
        System.out.print( "Universal time after setTime is: " );
        System.out.println( time.toUniversalString() );
        System.out.print( "Standard time after setTime is: " );
        System.out.println( time.toString() );
        System.out.println(); // output a blank line

        //
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        System.out.printf( "Exception: %s\n\n", e.getMessage() );
        // end catch

        / display time after attempt to set invalid values
        ystem.out.println( "After attempting invalid settings:" );
        ystem.out.print( "Universal time: " );
        ystem.out.println( time.toUniversalString() );
        ystem.out.print( "Standard time: " );
        System.out.println( time.toString() );
    } // end main
} // end class Time1Test
```

Class Name

Main method

CLASS

Object Oriented Programming

C++ vs. JAVA

Class



- Class is a template used to create objects
- A class consists of
 - a collection of *fields*, or *variables*
 - all the operations (called *methods*) that can be performed on those fields
 - can be *instantiated*
- A class describes objects and operations defined on those objects
- In Java everything belongs to a class and there are no global methods.
- Class methods in C++ can be defined either inside or outside of the class, but Java methods are only allowed to be defined inside of the class.

Class (C++ vs. JAVA)



- In Java Class, fields can be given initial values at the same time as they are declared; but direct assignments to fields cannot be done in C++;
- In C++, all field initialization must be performed using the constructor.
- C++ [stack-based objects] and Java use “.” to accessing instance methods of objects but operator “->” also is used in C++ when accessing objects allocated in the heap
- Java class (and array) types are **REFERENCE TYPES**

Class (C++ vs. JAVA) 1/5

C++

```
class MyClass {  
    public:  
    void MyMethod();  
    void MyInlineMethod() {}  
};  
  
void MyClass::MyMethod() {};  
  
int main() {  
    MyClass stack;  
    stack.MyMethod();  
  
    MyClass* heap = new MyClass();  
    heap->MyMethod();  
    delete heap; }  

```

Java

```
class MyClass {  
    public void MyMethod() {}  
  
    public static void main(String[] a)  
    {  
        MyClass c = new MyClass();  
        c.MyMethod();  
    }  
}
```

Class (C++ vs. JAVA) 2/5

C++

```
class Car{           // Declares class Car
    int x; public:
    Car(): x(0) {}// Constructor for Car initializes
                // x to 0. If the initializer were
                // omitted, the variable would not
                // be initialized to a specific
                // value.

    int Wheels (int i) { // Member function
        return 3*i + x;
    }
};
```

Java

```
class Car{           // Defines class
    Car
    private int x;    // Member variable,
                    // normally variables are declared as
                    // private to enforce encapsulation
                    //initialized to 0 by default

    public Car() { // Constructor for Car
    }

    public int Wheels(int i) {
        // Member method

        return 3*i + x;
    }
}
```

Class (C++ vs. JAVA) 3/5

C++

```
Car a;  
// declares a to be a Car object value,  
// initialized using the default constructor.  
// Another constructor can be used as  
Car a(args);  
  
a.x = 5; // modifies the object a  
cout << b.x << endl;  
// outputs 0, because b is  
// a different object than a
```

Java

```
Car a;  
// declares a to be a reference to a Car  
object  
a = new Car();  
// initializes using the default constructor  
// Another constructor can be used as  
Car a = new Car(args);  
a.x = 5; // modifies the object reference  
System.out.println(b.x);  
// outputs 0, because b points to  
// a different object than a
```

Class (C++ vs. JAVA) 4/5

C++

```
Car *c;  
// declares c to be a pointer to a  
// car object (initially  
// undefined; could point anywhere)  
  
Car *d = c;  
// binds d to reference the same object as c  
  
c->x = 5;  
// modifies the object referenced by c  
  
a.Wheels (5); // invokes Car::Wheels() for a  
  
c->Wheels(5);  
// invokes Car::Wheels() for *c
```

Java

```
Car c;  
// declares c to be a reference to a Car  
// object (initially null if c is a class member;  
// it is necessary to initialize c before use  
// if it is a local variable)  
  
Car d = c;  
// binds d to reference the same object as c  
  
c.x = 5;  
// modifies the object referenced by c  
  
da.Wheels (5); //invokes Car.Wheels()  
  
c.Wheels(5); //invokes Car.Wheels()
```

In java, value로 전달
call by reference X

Class (C++ vs. JAVA) 5/5

C++

```
const Car *a; // it is not possible to
              //modify the object
              // pointed to by a through a
```

```
Car *const b = new Car();
// a declaration of a "const" pointer
b = new Car ();
//ILLEGAL, it is not allowed to re-bind it
b->x = 5;
// LEGAL, the object can still be modified
```

Java

```
final Car a; // a declaration of a "final"
              // it is possible to modify the object,
              // but the reference will constantly point
              // to the first object assigned to it
```

```
final Car b = new Car();
// a declaration of a "final" reference
b = new Car();
// ILLEGAL, it is not allowed to re-bind it
b.x = 5;
// LEGAL, the object can still be modified
```

Car b가 다른 car로 바뀌면 X
but, b안의 멤버들은 변경가능

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