Overview of Object Oriented Programming and Java

OOP Lecture 1

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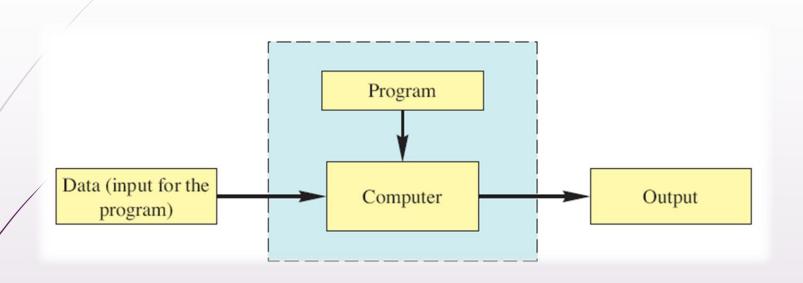
Programs

- A program is a set of instructions for a computer to follow.
- We use programs almost daily (email, word processors, video games, bank ATMs, etc.).
- ► Following the instructions is called *running* or executing the program.

Input and Output

- Normally, a computer receives two kinds of input:
 - The program
 - ■The data needed by the program.
- The output is the result(s) produced by following the instructions in the program.

Running a Program



- Sometimes the computer and the program are considered to be one unit.
 - Programmers typically find this view to be more convenient.

Programming Languages

- High-level languages are relatively easy to use
 - Java, C#, C++, Visual Basic, Python, Ruby.
- Unfortunately, computer hardware does not understand high-level languages.
 - Therefore, a high-level language program must be translated into a *low-level language*.

Compilers

- A compiler translates a program from a high-level language to a low-level language the computer can run.
- You compile a program by running the compiler on the high-level-language version of the program called the source program.
- Compilers produce machine- or assembly-language programs called object programs.
- Most high-level languages need a different compiler for each type of computer and for each operating system.
- Most compilers are very large programs that are expensive to produce.

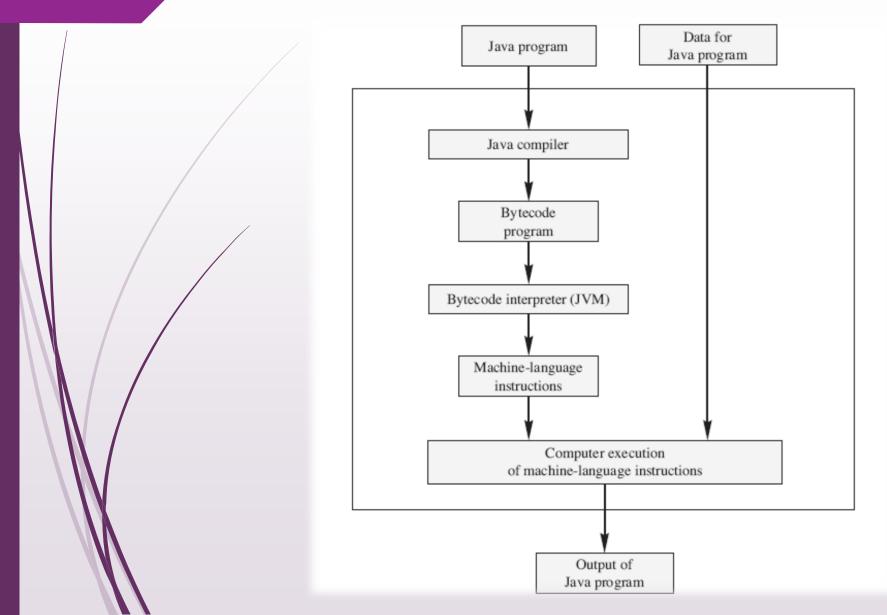
Java Byte-Code

- The Java compiler does not translate a Java program into assembly language or machine language for a particular computer.
- Instead, it translates a Java program into byte-code.
 - Byte-code is the machine language for a hypothetical computer (or interpreter) called the Java Virtual Machine.

Java Byte-Code

- A byte-code program is easy to translate into machine language for any particular computer.
- A program called an *interpreter* translates each byte-code instruction, executing the resulting machine-language instructions on the particular computer before translating the next byte-code instruction.
- Most Java programs today are executed using a Just-In-Time or JIT compiler in which byte-code is compiled as needed and stored for later reuse without needing to be re-compiled.

Compiling and Running a Program



Compiling, Interpreting, Running

- Use the compiler to translate the Java program into byte-code (done using the javac command).
- Use the Java virtual machine for your computer to translate each byte-code instruction into machine language and to run the resulting machine-language instructions (done using the java command).

Portability

- After compiling a Java program into byte-code, that byte-code can be used on any computer with a byte-code interpreter and without a need to recompile.
- Byte-code can be sent over the Internet and used anywhere in the world.
- This makes Java suitable for Internet applications.

Class Loader

- A Java program typically consists of several pieces called classes.
- Each class may have a separate author and each is compiled (translated into byte-code) separately.
- A class loader (called a linker in other programming languages) automatically connects the classes together.

First Java Program

- 1. Create the program by typing it into a text editor and saving it to a file named, say,
- "MyProgram.java".
- 2. Compile it by typing "javac MyProgram.java" in the terminal window.
- 3. Run (or execute) it by typing "java MyProgram" in the terminal window.

Some Terminology

- The item(s) inside parentheses are called argument(s) and provide the information needed by methods.
- ► A *variable* is something that can store data.
- An instruction to the computer is called a statement; it ends with a semicolon.
- The grammar rules for a programming language are called the **syntax** of the language.

Printing to the Screen

```
System.out.println ("Whatever you want to print");
```

- System.out is an object for sending output to the screen.
- println is a method to print whatever is in parentheses to the screen.

Compiling and Running

- Use an IDE (integrated development environment) which combines a text editor with commands for compiling and running Java programs.
- When a Java program is compiled, the bytecode version of the program has the same name, but the ending is changed from .java to .class.

Compiling and Running

- A Java program can involve any number of classes.
- The class to run will contain the words

public static void main(String[] args)

Sample Java Program

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class FirstJavaProgram {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
  Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
  int a = input.nextInt();
  System.out.println("User given input is: "+a);
  String day = "This is my first Java Program";
  System.out.println(day);
```

Programming Basics: Outline

- Object-Oriented Programming
- Algorithms
- Testing and Debugging
- Software Reuse

Programming

- Programming is a creative process.
- Programming can be learned by discovering the techniques used by experienced programmers.
- These techniques are applicable to almost every programming language, including Java.

Object-Oriented Programming

- Our world consists of objects (people, trees, cars, cities, airline reservations, etc.).
- Objects can perform actions which affect themselves and other objects in the world.
- Object-oriented programming (OOP) treats a program as a collection of objects that interact by means of actions.

OOP Terminology

- Objects, appropriately, are called objects.
- Actions are called methods.
- Objects of the same kind have the same type and belong to the same class.
 - Objects within a class have a common set of methods and the same kinds of data but each object can have it's own data values.

OOP Design Principles

- OOP adheres to three primary design principles:
 - Encapsulation
 - Polymorphism
 - Inheritance

Introduction to Encapsulation

- The data and methods associated with any particular class are encapsulated ("put together in a capsule"), but only part of the contents is made accessible.
- Encapsulation provides a means of using the class, but it omits the details of how the class works.
- Encapsulation often is called information hiding.

Encapsulation Example

```
public class Student{
  private String name;

public String getName(){
    return name;
}

public void setName(String name)
{
    this.name=name
}

class Test{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Student s=new Student();
        s.setname("Peter");
        System.out.println(s.getName());
}

this.name=name
}
```

No outside class can access private data member (variable) of other class.

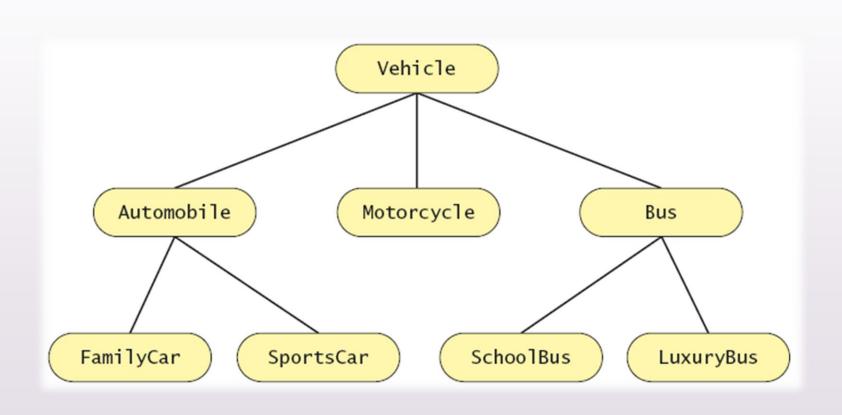
Outside class can access private data fields via public methods.

Data can only be accessed by public methods thus making the private fields and their implementation hidden for outside classes. That's why encapsulation is known as data hiding.

Introduction to Polymorphism

- From the Greek meaning "many forms"
- The same program instruction adapts to mean different things in different contexts.
 - A method name, used as an instruction, produces results that depend on the class of the object that used the method.
 - Everyday analogy: "take time to recreate" causes different people to do different activities.

Introduction to Inheritance



Introduction to Inheritance

- Classes can be organized using inheritance.
- A class at lower levels inherits all the characteristics of classes above it in the hierarchy.
- At each level, classifications become more specialized by adding other characteristics.
- Higher classes are more inclusive; lower classes are less inclusive.

Inheritance in Java

- Used to organize classes
- "Inherited" characteristics do not need to be repeated.
- New characteristics are added.

Algorithms

- By designing methods, programmers provide actions for objects to perform.
- An algorithm describes a means of performing an action.
- Once an algorithm is defined, expressing it in Java (or in another programming language) usually is easy.

Algorithms

- An algorithm is a set of instructions for solving a problem.
- An algorithm must be expressed completely and precisely.
- Algorithms usually are expressed in English or in pseudocode.

Reusable Components

- Most programs are created by combining components that exist already.
- Reusing components saves time and money.
- Reused components are likely to be better developed, and more reliable.
- New components should designed to be reusable by other applications.

Testing and Debugging

- Eliminate errors by avoiding them in the first place.
 - Carefully design classes, algorithms and methods.
 - Carefully code everything into Java.
- Test your program with appropriate test cases (some where the answer is known), discover and fix any errors, then retest.

Errors

- An error in a program is called a bug.
- Eliminating errors is called debugging.
- Three kinds or errors
 - ■Syntax errors
 - Runtime errors
 - Logic errors

Syntax Errors

- Grammatical mistakes in a program
 - The grammatical rules for writing a program are very strict
- The compiler catches syntax errors and prints an error message.
- Example: using a period where a program expects a comma

Runtime Errors

- Errors that are detected when your program is running, but not during compilation
- When the computer detects an error, it terminates the program and prints an error message.
- Example: attempting to divide by 0

Logic Errors

- Errors that are not detected during compilation or while running, but which cause the program to produce incorrect results
- Example: an attempt to calculate a Fahrenheit temperature from a Celsius temperature by multiplying by 9/5 and adding 23 instead of 32

Software Reuse

- Programs not usually created entirely from scratch
- Most contain components which already exist
- Reusable classes are used
 - Design class objects which are general
 - Java provides many classes

Summary

- You have completed an overview of the Java programming language.
- You have been introduced to program design and object-oriented programming.