



Object Oriented Programming  
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## Instantiation

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A constructor is a method used to create an instance of a class



A constructor (in Java) is a method with the same name as its class



A constructor has no return type



A constructor is used to initialize an object



Constructor types:

**Default Constructor**

**No arguments  
Constructor**

**Parametrized Constructor**

# Example

## Chicken

- id : int
- name : String
- color : String
- age : int
- molting : bool

- +doStuff(forTime : int)
- cluck()
- wander()
- eat()
- drink()
- poop()
- layAnEgg() : Egg

**Chicken()**

**Chicken(int: id, name: String, color: String, age: int, molting: bool)**

# Default Constructor

- It is provided by Java, (inherited from the **Object** class)
- It does not receive arguments.
- It is always there, when the class does not have an implicit constructor
- It is used when the object's properties are initialized by individual methods (getters), after its instantiation

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Chicken chicken = new Chicken();  
    System.out.println(chicken);  
}
```

```
Chicken{id=0, name=null, color=null, age=0, isMolting=false}
```

# No-Arg constructor

- Constructor with no arguments
- Used to initialize the state of an object
- For example, resources, network connections, logs, etc.
- It replaces the default constructor.

```
public Chicken() {  
    id = 0;  
    name = "";  
    color = "";  
    age = 1;  
    isMolting = false;  
}
```

```
Chicken{id=0, name=, color=, age=1, isMolting=false}
```

# Parametrized Constructor

- When the object is instantiated, it will initialize its state to the values sent through the arguments

```
public Chicken(int id, String name, String color, int age,
               boolean isMolting) {
    this.id = id;
    this.name = name;
    this.color = color;
    this.age = age;
    this.isMolting = isMolting;
}
```

```
Chicken chicken = new Chicken(1, "Lucy", "white", 2, false);
System.out.println(chicken);
```

```
Chicken{id=1, name=Lucy, color=white, age=2, isMolting=false}
```