

Java classes/objects.

→ Class is like a blueprint for creating instances/objects.

eg. We have a class named "Student". We can create multiple objects/instances from this blueprint (class)

→ This is how you can write a class.

```
public class Student {
```

```
    public static void main (String[] args) {
```

```
        Student student1 = new Student();
```

```
        Student student2 = new Student();
```

```
    }
```

← This is how we can create objects from a class

→ You can also have multiple classes

Note: where ever you see the method main(), that's where the code is usually executed from. Main method is usually in default/first class.

e.g

```
public class SchoolRecords {
```

```
    public static void main (String[] args) {
```

```
        Student std1 = new Student();
```

```
    }
```

← class 1

← creating an object of Student class.

```
public class Student {
```

```
    String name;
```

```
    int age;
```

```
}
```

← class 2

This is how you can organize classes better. Class Student has all the attributes and methods, while SchoolRecords holds the main() method where the code can be executed from.

Attribute:

ex =

```
public class Student {
```

```
    String name;
```

```
    int age;
```

```
    int x = 5;
```

```
}
```

→ these are attributes of class Student.

Every time you create an instance/object, that instance will have these attributes

ex. object student1 will have a name ("Ali") and age (25).

→ Accessing attributes:

```
public class SchoolRecords {
```

```
    public static void main (String[] args) {
```

```
        Student std1 = new Student();
```

```
        std1.name = "Ali Zaim Ali";
```

```
        std1.age = 25;
```

```
    }
```

```
public class Student {
```

```
    String name;
```

```
    int age = 5;
```

```
}
```

← This is how you can create the attributes for a particular student (object).

← note that you can either set a value for all objects that will be created from this class. OR you can not assign a value. You can directly assign a diff value for each object.

Note: This shows how

Student class is a blueprint.

We create std1 object or instance from class Student.

Now std1 can access all the attributes from Student and assign name, age.

Methods : Methods usually perform certain actions.

Ex. creating a method that calculates and prints age

```
public class SchoolRecords {  
    public static void printAge (String dob) {  
        //do some calculations  
        System.out.println("print age")  
    }  
  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        printAge("Feb 16, 1998");  
    }  
}
```

← Method printAge prints my age.

Constructors :

→ A constructor is a special Java method that is used to initialize objects.
Constructor is called when the object is first created.
It is used to set initial values for object attributes.

Ex: public class Student {

int age;
String name;

```
public Student() {  
    name = "Ali";  
    age = 25;  
}
```

← Using this constructor, we can initialize all the Student objects we create to name: Ali and age = 25

```
public Student (String x, int y) {  
    name = x;  
    age = y;  
}
```

← Using this constructor, we can initialize name and age with x and y parameters which will be provided when the object is created.

```
public static void main() {
```

```
    Student s1 = new Student();
```

← for s1, the name and age will be Ali, 25.

```
    Student s2 = new Student("Nick", 17);
```

← Initializing using second constructor. Providing name and age during execution

```
    }  
}
```

Methods (with + without parameters)

You can have methods with and without parameters.

```
Ex: static void printX() {  
    System.out.println("x");  
}
```

```
static void printText(String txt) {  
    System.out.println(txt);  
}
```

```
public static void Main(String args[]) {  
    printX();  
    printText("Ali");  
}
```

← Prints x

← example of calling method without parameters

← Prints Ali

← calling methods with parameters

Summary

Ex:

Student class

```
public class Student {  
    String name;  
    int age;  
    String phone;  
    String email;  
  
    public setAge(int a) {  
        age = a;  
    }  
  
    public setPhone(String ph) {  
        phone = ph;  
    }  
}
```

Attributes

Methods

SchoolRecords class.

```
public class SchoolRecords {  
  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        Student std = new Student();  
        std.setAge(55);  
        std.setPhone("7738185015");  
        System.out.println(std.age);  
    }  
}
```