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Java Foundations

7-1 Creating a Class



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Objectives

- This lesson covers the following objectives:
 - -Create a Java test/main class
 - -Create a Java class in your IDE
 - -Use conditionals in methods
 - -Translate specifications or a description into fields and behaviors





Object-Oriented Concepts

- We've been experimenting with conditional statements and loops for a while
- Now would be a good time to review object-oriented programming concepts and its benefits
- The rest of this section describes object-oriented programming in greater detail





Exercise 1

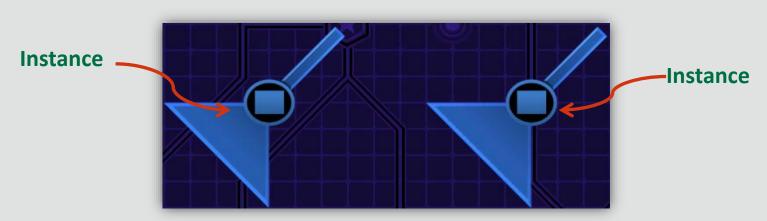
- Play Basic Puzzles 6 and 7
 - https://objectstorage.uk-london 1.oraclecloud.com/n/lrvrlgaqj8dd/b/Games/o/JavaPuzzleBall/index.html
 - -Your Goal: Design a solution that deflects the ball to Duke
- Consider the following:
 - -What happens when you put an icon on the blue wheel?





Java Puzzle Ball Debrief

- What happens when you put icons within a blue wheel?
 - A wall appears on every instance of a blue bumper object
 - Walls give bumpers behaviors that deflect and interact with the ball
 - -All blue bumper instances share these same behaviors



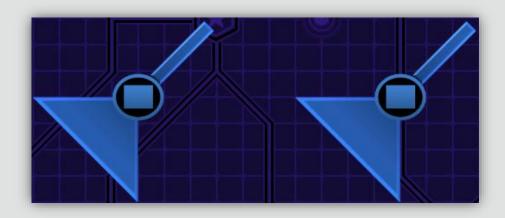




Describing a Blue Bumper

- Properties:
 - -Color
 - -Shape
 - -x-position
 - -x-position

(Fields)



- Behaviors:
 - -Make ping sound
 - -Flash
 - -Deflect ball
 - -Get destroyed

(Methods)



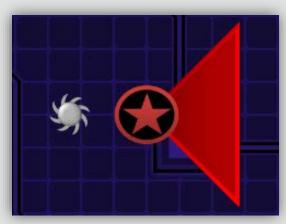
Conditional Logic and Loops in Classes

- Conditionals and loops can play an important role in the methods you write for a class
- The main method was a convenient place to experiment and learn conditional logic and loops
- But remember ...
 - -The main method is meant to be a driver class
 - -Your entire program shouldn't be written in the main method



What If the Ball Collides with a Bumper?





• A method with the following logic is called:



Modeling a Savings Account

You could model one savings account like this:

```
public class SavingsAccount{
  public static void main(String args[]){
    int balance = 1000;
    String name = "Damien";
  }//end method main
}//end class SavingsAccount
```

• And two accounts like this:

```
int balance1 = 1000;
String name1 = "Damien";

int balance2 = 2000;
String name2 = "Bill"; //Copy, Paste, Rename
```



Modeling Many Accounts

• How would you model 1000 accounts?

```
...
//You think ...
//Do I really have to copy and paste 1000 times?
```

• How would you add a parameter for each account?

```
...
//You think ...
//There has to be a better way!
```

- There is a better way:
 - -Use a class
 - -And not the main method



How to Structure a Class

• Code should fit this format:



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```
public class SavingsAccount {
  public double balance;
  public double interestRate = 0.01;
  public String name;

  public void displayCustomer(){
    System.out.println("Customer: "+ name);
  }//end method displayCustomer

}//end class SavingsAccount
```

- With one simple line of code(line 3), all 1000 accounts have an interest rate
 - And we can change the rate at any time for any account



The Main Method as a Driver Class

- Place the main method in a test class
 - -The main method is often used for instantiation

```
public class AccountTest {
   public static void main(String[] args){
        SavingsAccount sa0001 = new SavingsAccount();
        sa0001.balance = 1000;
        sa0001.name = "Damien";
        sa0001.interestRate = 0.02;
        SavingsAccount sa0002 = new SavingsAccount();
        sa0002.balance = 2000;
        sa0002.name = "Bill";
   }//end method main
}//end class AccountTest
```



Exercise 2

- Create a new Java project
- Create an AccountTest class with a main method
- Create a Checking Account class
 - Include fields for balance and name
- Instantiate a CheckingAccount object from the main method
 - Assign values for this object's balance and name fields



Variable Scope

- Fields are accessible anywhere in a class
 - -This includes within methods

```
public class SavingsAccount {
   public double balance;
   public double interestRate;
   public String name;

   public void displayCustomer(){
        System.out.println("Customer: " + name);
        System.out.println("Balance: " + balance);
        System.out.println("Rate: " + interestRate);
    }//end method displayCustomer
}//end class SavingsAccount
```



Variable Scope

- Variables created within a method cannot be accessed outside that method
 - -This includes methods parameters

```
public class SavingsAccount {
   public double balance;
   public double interestRate;
   public String name;
                                            Scope of x
   public void deposit(int x){
      balance += x;
   }//end method deposit
   public void badMethod(){
      System.out.println(x);
                                        Not scope of x
   }//end method badMethod
}//end class SavingsAccount
```

Accessing Fields and Methods from Another Class

- 1. Create an instance
- 2. Use the dot operator (.)

```
public class AccountTest {
   public static void main(String[] args){
   1) SavingsAccount sa0001 = new SavingsAccount();
     rsa0001.name = "Damien";
   sa0001.deposit(1000);
}//end class AccountTest
public class SavingsAccount {
   public String name;
   public double balance;
   public void deposit(int x){
      balance += x;
   }//end method deposit
}//end class SavingsAccount
```



Passing Values to Methods

- 1000 is passed to the deposit() method
- The value of x becomes 1000

```
public class AccountTest {
   public static void main(String[] args){
      SavingsAccount sa0001 = new SavingsAccount();
      sa0001.name = "Damien";
      sa0001.deposit(1000);
}//end class AccountTest
public class SavingsAccount {
   public String name;
   public double balance;
                               x = 1000
   public void deposit(int x){
      balance += x;
   }//end method deposit
}//end class SavingsAccount
```



Exercise 3

- Continue editing the AccountTest project
- Write a withdraw() method for checking accounts that:
 - -Accepts a double argument for the amount to be withdrawn
 - -Prints a warning if the balance is too low to make the withdrawal
 - -Prints a warning if the withdrawal argument is negative
 - -If there are no warnings, the withdrawal amount is subtracted from the balance. Print the new balance
- Test this method with the instance from Exercise 2



What if I Need a Value from a Method?

- Variables are restricted by their scope
- But it's still possible to get the value of these variables out of a method

```
public class SavingsAccount {
   public double balance;
   public double interestRate;
   public String name;

public void calcInterest(){
   double interest = balance*interestRate/12;
   }//end method calcInterest
}//end class SavingsAccount
```



Returning Values from Methods

- If you want to get a value from a method ...
 - -Write a return statement
 - -Change the method type from void to the type that you want returned

```
public class SavingsAccount {
   public double balance;
   public double interestRate;
   public String name;

   //This method has a double return type
   public double calcInterest(){
        double interest = balance * interestRate / 12;
        return interest;
   }//end method calcInterest
}//end class SavingsAccount
```



Returning Values: Example

When getInterest() returns a value ...

```
public class AccountTest {
   public static void main(String[] args){
      SavingsAccount sa0001 = new SavingsAccount();
      sa0001.balance = 1000;
      sa0001.balance += sa0001.calcInterest();
}//end class AccountTest
```

It's the equivalent of writing ...

```
public class AccountTest {
   public static void main(String[] args){
      SavingsAccount sa0001 = new SavingsAccount();
      sa0001.balance = 1000;
      sa0001.balance += 0.83;
}//end class AccountTest
```

 But it's better and more flexible because the value is calculated instead of hard-coded



Summary About Methods

```
Method name

Parameters

public double calculate(int x, double y){
   double quotient = x/y;
   return quotient;
}//end method calculate
```



Limiting the Main Method

- The main method should be as small as possible
- The example below isn't very good because ...
 - Increasing an account's balance based on interest is a typical behavior of accounts
 - The code for this behavior should instead be written as a method within the SavingsAccount class
 - -It's also dangerous to have an account program where the balance field can be freely manipulated

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   public static void main(String[] args){
      SavingsAccount sa0001 = new SavingsAccount();
      sa0001.balance = 1000;
      sa0001.balance += sa0001.calcInterest();
   }//end method main
```



The Rest of This Section

- We'll learn how to avoid these problematic scenarios when developing a class
- But for this lesson, just focus on understanding how to:
 - Interpret a description or specification
 - Break it into properties and behaviors
 - Translate those properties and behaviors into fields and methods



Exercise 4

- Continue editing the AccountTest project
- Create a new class according to the description
- Be sure to instantiate this class and test its methods
 - -Create a Savings Bond
 - A person may purchase a bond for any term between 1 and
 60 months
 - A bond earns interest every month until its term matures (0 months remaining)
 - -The term and interest rate are set at the same time
 - -The bond's interest rate is based on its term according to the following tier system:

0–11 months : 0,5%

12-23 months: 1,0%

24-35 months: 1,5%

36-47 months: 2,0%

48–60 months: 2,5%



Describing a Savings Bond

- Properties:
 - -Name
 - -Balance
 - -Term
 - -Months Remaining
 - -Interest Rate



Behaviors:

- –Set Interest Rate Based on Term
- -Earn Interest
- -Mature (0 months remaining)



Translating to Java Code: Part 1

Your Bond class may have represented fields like this:

```
public class Bond{
   public String name;
   public double balance, rate;
   public int term, monthsRemaining;
```

Code continued on next slide...



Translating to Java Code: Part 2

• And include the following methods:

```
public void setTermAndRate(int t){
   if(t>=0 && t<12)
      rate = 0.005;
   else if(t>=12 && t<24)
      rate = 0.010;
   else if(t>=24 && t<36)</pre>
      rate = 0.015;
   else if(t>=36 && t<48)
      rate = 0.020;
   else if(t>=48 && t<=60)
      rate = 0.025;
   else{
      System.out.println("Invalid Term");
      t = 0;
   term = t:
   monthsRemaining = t;
}//end method setTermAndRate
                                Code continued on next slide...
```



Translating to Java Code: Part 3

```
public void earnInterest(){
      if(monthsRemaining > 0){
         balance += balance * rate / 12;
         monthsRemaining--;
         System.out.println("Balance: $" + balance);
         System.out.println("Rate: " + rate);
         System.out.println("Months Remaining: "
                             + monthsRemaining);
      else{
         System.out.println("Bond Matured");
      }//endif
   }//end method earnInterest
}//end class Bond
```



Summary

- In this lesson, you should have learned how to:
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