# **Objects and Classes**

Using Objects and Classes
Defining Simple Classes

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## **Objects**



- An object holds a set of named values
  - E.g. birthday object holds day, month and year
  - Creating a birthday object:



#### **Birthday**

day = 27

month = 11

year = 1996

Object name

Object fields

```
LocalDate birthday =
LocalDate.of(2018, 5, 5);
System.out.println(birthday);
```

Create a new object of type LocalDate

#### Classes



- In programming classes provide the structure for objects
  - Act as a blueprint for objects of the same type
- Classes define:
  - Fields (private variables), e.g. day, month, year
  - Getters/Setters, e.g. getDay, setMonth, getYear
  - Actions (behavior), e.g. plusDays(count), subtract(date)
- Typically a class has multiple instances (objects)
  - Sample class: LocalDate
  - Sample objects: birthdayPeter, birthdayMaria



#### **Objects – Instances of Classes**



- Creating the object of a defined class is called instantiation
- The instance is the object itself, which is created runtime



```
LocalDate date1 = LocalDate.of(2018, 5, 5);
LocalDate date2 = LocalDate.of(2016, 3, 5);
LocalDate date3 = LocalDate.of(2013, 3, 2);
```

# Classes vs. Objects



 Classes provide structure for creating objects

class
LocalDate

day: int

month: int

year: int

plusDays(...)
minusDays(...)

Class name

Class fields

Class actions (methods)

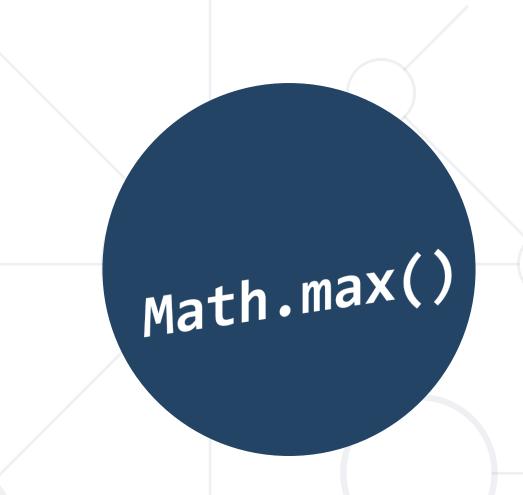
An object is a single instance of a class

object birthdayPeter

day = 27 month = 11 year = 1996 Object name

Object data





# Math, Random, BigInteger ...

Using the Built-In API Classes

#### **Built-In API Classes in Java**



- Java provides ready-to-use classes:
  - Organized inside Packages like: java.util.Scanner, java.utils.List, etc.
- Using static class members:

```
LocalDateTime today = LocalDateTime.now();
double cosine = Math.cos(Math.PI);
```

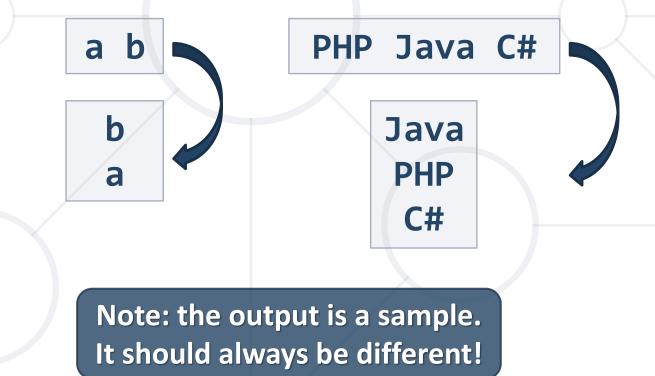
Using non-static Java classes:

```
Random rnd = new Random();
int randomNumber = rnd.nextInt(99);
```

#### **Problem: Randomize Words**



- You are given a list of words
  - Randomize their order and print each word on a separate line



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#### **Solution: Randomize Words**

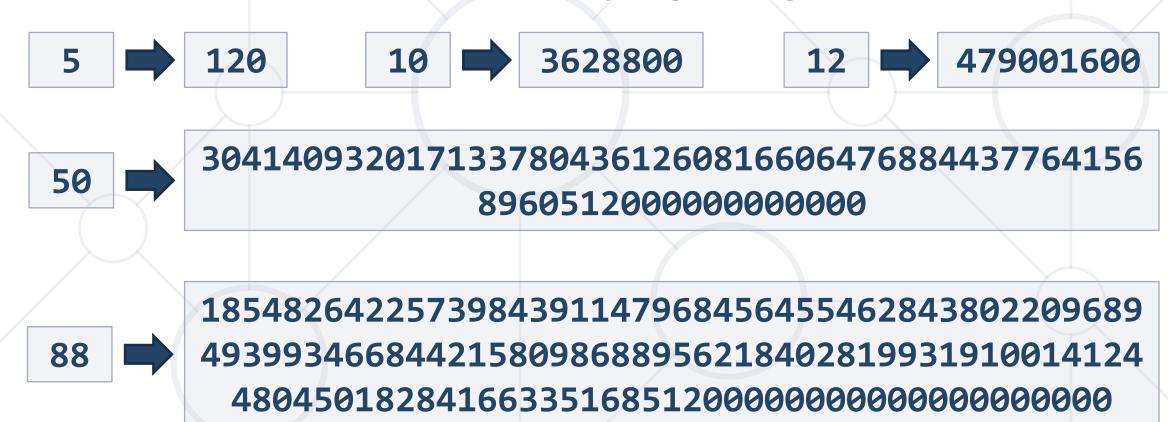


```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
String[] words = sc.nextLine().split(" ");
Random rnd = new Random();
for (int pos1 = 0; pos1 < words.length; pos1++) {
   int pos2 = rnd.nextInt(words.length);
   //TODO: Swap words[pos1] with words[pos2]
System.out.println(String.join(
                       System.lineSeparator(), words));
```

#### **Problem: Big Factorial**



Calculate n! (n factorial) for very big n (e.g. 1000)



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#### **Solution: Big Factorial**



```
import java.math.BigInteger;
                                            Use the
                                       java.math.BigInteger
int n = Integer.parseInt(sc.nextLine());
BigInteger f = new BigInteger(String.valueOf(1));
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
  f = f.multiply(BigInteger
       .valueOf(Integer.parseInt(String.valueOf(i))));
System.out.println(f);
```





# **Creating Custom Classes**

**Defining Classes** 

# **Defining Simple Classes**



 Specification of a given type of objects from the real-world

Classes provide structure for describing and creating objects



#### **Naming Classes**



- Use PascalCase naming
- Use descriptive nouns
- Avoid abbreviations (except widely known, e.g. URL,

HTTP, etc.)





```
class Dice { ... }
class BankAccount { ... }
class IntegerCalculator { ... }
```

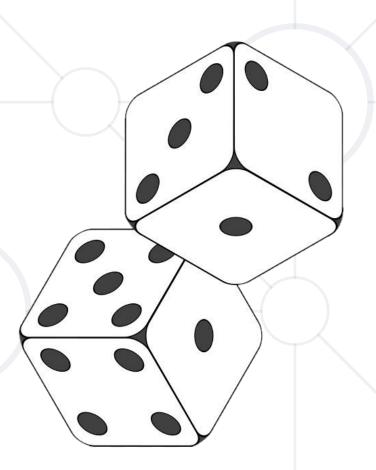
```
class TPMF { ... }
class bankaccount { ... }
class intcalc { ... }
```

## **Class Members**



- Class is made up of state and behavior
- Fields store values
- Methods describe behaviour

```
class Dice {
  private int sides; Field
  public void roll() { ... } Method
}
```

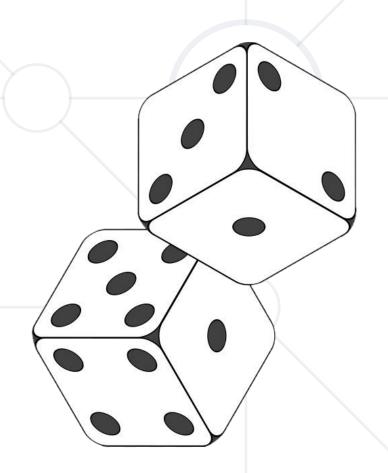


#### Methods



Store executable code (algorithm)

```
class Dice {
 public int sides;
  public int roll() {
    Random rnd = new Random();
    int sides = rnd.nextInt(this.sides + 1);
    return sides;
```



#### **Getters and Setters**



```
class Dice {
 public int getSides() { return this.sides; }
 public void setSides(int sides) {
   this.sides = sides;
  public String getType() { return this.type; }
 public void setType(String type) {
   this.type = type;
                                 Getters & Setters
```

## **Creating an Object**



A class can have many instances (objects)

```
class Program {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Dice diceD6 = new Dice();
    Dice diceD8 = new Dice();
}
    Use the new keyword
```



Variable stores a reference

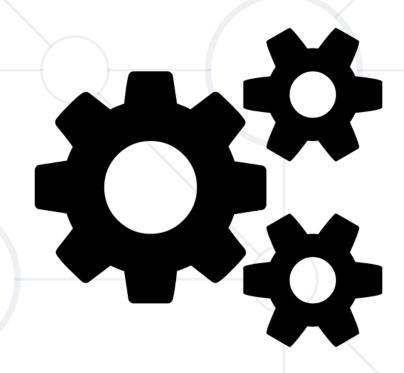
#### Constructors



Special methods, executed during object creation

```
class Dice {
  public int sides;
  public Dice() {
    this.sides = 6;
  }
  Overloading default
    constructor
```

Constructor name is the same as the name of the class



#### Constructors (2)



You can have multiple constructors in the same class

```
class Dice {
  public int sides;
  public Dice() { }
  public Dice(int sides) {
    this.sides = sides;
```

```
class StartUp {
public static void main(String[] args) {
  Dice dice1 = new Dice();
  Dice dice2 = new Dice(7);
```

#### **Problem: Students**



- Read students until you receive "end" in the following format:
  - "{firstName} {lastName} {age} {hometown}"
  - Define a class Student, which holds the needed information
  - If you receive a student which already exists (matching firstName and lastName), overwrite the information
- After the end command, you will receive a city name
- Print students which are from the given city in the format: "{firstName} {lastName} is {age} years old."

# **Solution: Students (1)**



```
public Student(String firstName, String lastName,
                                    int age, String city){
   this.firstName = firstName;
    this.lastName = lastName;
    this.age = age;
    this.city = city;
   // TODO: Implement Getters and Setters
```

# Solution: Students (2)



```
List<Student> students = new ArrayList<>();
String line;
while (!line.equals("end")) {
 // TODO: Extract firstName, lastName, age, city from the input
  Student existingStudent = getStudent(students, firstName, lastName);
  if(existingStudent != null) {
    existingStudent.setAge(age);
    existingStudent.setCity(city);
  } else {
    Student student = new Student(firstName, lastName, age, city);
    students.add(student);
  line = sc.nextLine();
```

# Solution: Students (3)





## Summary



- Classes define templates for object
  - Fields
  - Constructors
  - Methods
- Objects
  - Hold a set of named values
  - Instance of a class





# Questions?

















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