

CHAPTER5 Defining Classes

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- Classes are the most important language feature that make *object-oriented programming* (*OOP*) possible
- ☐ Programming in Java consists of defining a number of classes
 - Every program is a class
 - ➤ All helping software consists of classes
 - ➤ All programmer-defined types are classes
- ☐ Classes are central to Java



Class Definitions

- ☐ You already know how to use classes and the objects created from them, and how to invoke their methods
 - For example, you have already been using the predefined **String** and **Scanner** classes
- ☐ Now you will learn how to define your own classes and their methods, and how to create your own objects from them



A Class Is a Type

- ☐ A class is a special kind of programmer-defined type, and variables can be declared of a class type
- A value of a class type is called an object or an instance of the class
 - ➤ If Cat is a class, then the phrases "cat is of type Cat," "cat is an object of the class Cat," and "cat is an instance of the class Cat" mean the same thing
- ☐ A class determines the types of data that an object can contain, as well as the actions it can perform



Primitive Type Values vs. Class Type Values

- ☐ A primitive type value is a **single piece of data**
- A class type value or object can have multiple pieces of data, as well as actions called *methods*
 - ➤ All objects of a class have the same methods
 - All objects of a class have the same pieces of data (i.e., name, type, and number)
 - For a given object, each piece of data can hold a different value



- ☐ A class definition specifies the data items and methods that all of its objects will have
- ☐ These data items and methods are sometimes called *members* of the object
- ☐ Data items are called *fields* or *instance variables*
- ☐ Instance variable declarations and method definitions can be placed in any order within the class definition

```
public class Duck {
  public boolean canfly = false;
  public void quack(){
    System.out.println("Quack!!");
  }
}
```



The new Operator

□ An object of a class is named or declared by a variable of the class type:
 ClassName classVar;
 □ The new operator must then be used to create the object and associate it with its variable name:
 classVar = new ClassName();
 □ These can be combined as follows:
 ClassName classVar = new ClassName();

```
public class Farm {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Duck duck = new Duck();
   }
}
```



Instance Variables and Methods

```
    ☐ Instance variables can be defined as in the following two examples
    ➢ Note the public modifier (for now):

            public String instanceVar1;
            public int instanceVar2;

    ☐ In order to refer to a particular instance variable, preface it with its object name as follows:

            objectName.instanceVar1
            objectName.instanceVar2
```



Instance Variables and Methods

■ Method definitions are divided into two parts: a heading and a method body:

 public void myMethod() ← Heading
 code to perform some action and/or compute a value
 }

 ■ Methods are invoked using the name of the calling object and the method name as follows:

 classVar.myMethod();
 Invoking a method is equivalent to executing the method body

```
public class Farm {
public static void main(String[] args) {
 Duck duck = new Duck();
  boolean canTheDuckFly = duck.canfly;
  if(canTheDuckFly == true){
    System.out.println("The duck can fly");
  duck.quack();
```



File Names and Locations

- Reminder: a Java file must be given the same name as the class it contains with an added . java at the end
 - For example, a class named MyClass must be in a file named MyClass.java
- ☐ For now, your program and all the classes it uses should be in the same directory or folder



- ☐ There are two kinds of methods:
 - > Methods that compute and return a value
 - > Methods that perform an action
 - This type of method does not return a value, and is called a **void** method
- ☐ Each type of method differs slightly in how it is defined as well as how it is (usually) invoked



More About Methods

□ A method that returns a value must specify the type of that value in its heading:

public typeReturned methodName(paramList)

□ A void method uses the keyword void in its heading to show that it does not return a value:

public void methodName(paramList)



main is a void Method

- ☐ A program in Java is just a class that has a main method
- ☐ When you give a command to run a Java program, the run-time system invokes the method main
- □ Note that main is a void method, as indicated by its heading:

public static void main(String[] args)



return Statements

☐ The body of both types of methods contains a list of declarations and statements enclosed in a pair of braces

public <void or typeReturned> myMethod()
{

declarations
statements
}
Body



return Statements

- ☐ The body of a method that returns a value must also contain one or more return statements
 - A return statement specifies the value returned and ends the method invocation:

return Expression;

Expression can be any expression that evaluates to something of the type returned listed in the method heading



return Statements

- A void method need not contain a return statement, unless there is a situation that requires the method to end before all its code is executed
- ☐ In this context, since it does not return a value, a return statement is used without an expression:

return;



Method Definitions

□ An invocation of a method that returns a value can be used as an expression anyplace that a value of the TypeReturned can be used:
 TypeReturned tRVariable;
 tRVariable = objectName.methodName();
 □ An invocation of a void method is simply a statement:
 objectName.methodName();



- ☐ A method that returns a value can also perform an action
- If you want the action performed, but do not need the returned value, you can invoke the method as if it were a **void** method, and the returned value will be discarded:

objectName.returnedValueMethod();

```
public class Duck {

public boolean canfly = false;

public void quack(){
    System.out.println("Quack!!");
}

public String eat(String food){
    String message = "Thank you! The " + food +" is good!";
    return message;
}
```

```
public class Farm {
public static void main(String[] args) {
  Duck duck = new Duck();
  boolean canTheDuckFly = duck.canfly;
  if(canTheDuckFly == true){
    System.out.println("The duck can fly");
  duck.quack();
  String food = "Hamburger";
  String message = duck.eat(food);
  System.out.println(message);
```



Local Variables

- ☐ A variable declared within a method definition is called a *local variable*
 - All variables declared in the **main** method are local variables
 - ➤ All method parameters are local variables
- ☐ If two methods each have a local variable of the same name, they are still two entirely different variables

instance variable

```
public class Duck {
  public boolean canfly = false;

public String eat(String food){
   String message = "Thank you! The " + food +" is good!";
   return message;
  }
}
```



- □ A *block* is another name for a compound statement, that is, a set of Java statements enclosed in braces, {}
- ☐ A variable declared within a block is local to that block, and cannot be used outside the block
- ☐ Once a variable has been declared within a block, its name cannot be used for anything else within the same method definition



Declaring Variables in a for Statement

- ☐ You can declare one or more variables within the initialization portion of a **for** statement
- ☐ A variable so declared will be local to the for loop, and cannot be used outside of the loop
- ☐ If you need to use such a variable outside of a loop, then declare it outside the loop

```
int sum = 0;
for(int i=1; i <= 50; i++)
{
    sum += i;
}
System.out.println("The total is: " + sum);</pre>
```



- ☐ The methods seen so far have had no parameters, indicated by an empty set of parentheses in the method heading
- ☐ Some methods need to receive additional data via a list of *parameters* in order to perform their work
 - These *parameters* are also called *formal parameters*



- ☐ A parameter list provides a description of the data required by a method
 - ➤ It indicates the number and types of data pieces needed, the order in which they must be given, and the local name for these pieces as used in the method

```
public double myMethod(int p1, int p2, double p3)
```



- ☐ When a method is invoked, the appropriate values must be passed to the method in the form of *arguments*
 - Arguments are also called actual parameters
- ☐ The number and order of the arguments must exactly match that of the parameter list
- ☐ The type of each argument must be compatible with the type of the corresponding parameter

```
int a=1,b=2,c=3;
double result = myMethod(a,b,c);
```



- ☐ In the preceding example, the value of each argument (not the variable name) is plugged into the corresponding method parameter
 - This method of plugging in arguments for formal parameters is known as the *call-by-value mechanism*



- ☐ If argument and parameter types do not match exactly, Java will attempt to make an automatic type conversion
 - ➤ In the preceding example, the int value of argument c would be cast to a double
 - A primitive argument can be automatically type cast from any of the following types, to any of the types that appear to its right:

```
byte-short-int-long-float-double char ______
```



- □ A parameters is often thought of as a blank or placeholder that is filled in by the value of its corresponding argument
 □ However, a parameter is more than that: it is actually a local variable
- ☐ When a method is invoked, the value of its argument is computed, and the corresponding parameter (i.e., local variable) is initialized to this value
- □ Even if the value of a formal parameter is changed within a method (i.e., it is used as a local variable) the value of the argument cannot be changed

```
public class Duck {
public boolean canfly = false;
  public void quack(){
   System.out.println("Quack!!");
  public String eat(String food){
    String message = "Thank you! The " + food +" is good!";
    return message;
  public void swim(int distance){
    distance = distance - 1;
   System.out.println("The distance of my swimming is " + distance);
```

```
public class Farm {
public static void main(String[] args) {
 Duck duck = new Duck();
  boolean canTheDuckFly = duck.canfly;
  if(canTheDuckFly == true){
    System.out.println("The duck can fly");
 duck.quack();
 String food = "Hamburger";
  String message = duck.eat(food);
  System.out.println(message);
  int expectedDistance = 10;
  duck.swim(expectedDistance);
 System.out.println("The expected distance is " + expectedDistance);
```



- ☐ Do not be surprised to find that people often use the terms parameter and argument interchangeably
- ☐ When you see these terms, you may have to determine their exact meaning from context



The this Parameter

- All instance variables are understood to have <the calling object>. in front of them
- ☐ If an explicit name for the calling object is needed, the keyword this can be used
 - >myInstanceVariable always means and is always interchangeable with this.myInstanceVariable



The this Parameter

- **this** *must* be used if a parameter or other local variable with the same name is used in the method
 - ➤ Otherwise, all instances of the variable name will be interpreted as local

```
class A{
  int someVariable = 10;
  public void method1(int newVariable){
    this.someVariable = newVariable
  }
  instance local
}
```



The this Parameter

- ☐ The this parameter is a kind of hidden parameter
- ☐ Even though it does not appear on the parameter list of a method, it is still a parameter
- ☐ When a method is invoked, the calling object is automatically plugged in for this

```
public class Duck {
public boolean canfly = false;
public Duck(boolean canfly){
  this.canfly = canfly;
}
public void quack(){
  System.out.println("Quack!!");
}
public String eat(String food){
  String message = "Thank you! The " + food +" is good!";
  return message;
public void swim(int distance){
  distance = distance - 1;
  System.out.println("The distance of my swimming is " + distance);
```

```
public class Farm {
public static void main(String[] args) {
  Duck duck = new Duck(true);
  boolean canTheDuckFly = duck.canfly;
  if(canTheDuckFly == true){
    System.out.println("The duck can fly");
  duck.quack();
  String food = "Hamburger";
  String message = duck.eat(food);
  System.out.println(message);
  int expectedDistance = 10;
  duck.swim(expectedDistance);
  System.out.println("The expected distance is " + expectedDistance);
```



Encapsulation

- Encapsulation means that the data and methods of a class are combined into a single unit (i.e., a class object), which hides the implementation details
 - ➤ Knowing the details is unnecessary because interaction with the object occurs via a well-defined and simple interface
 - ➤ In Java, hiding details is done by marking them private



public and private Modifiers

- ☐ The modifier public means that there are no restrictions on where an instance variable or method can be used
- ☐ The modifier **private** means that an instance variable or method cannot be accessed by name outside of the class
 - It is considered good programming practice to make all instance variables private
 - Most methods are public, and thus provide controlled access to the object
 - Usually, methods are **private** only if used as helping methods for other methods in the class

Encapsulation Display 4.10 Encapsulation

An encapsulated class Implementation details Interface available to a hidden in the capsule: programmer using the class: Private instance variables Programmer who Comments Headings of public accessor, Private constants uses the class Private methods mutator, and other methods Bodies of public and Public defined constants private method definitions

A class definition should have no public instance variables.

```
public class Duck {
  private boolean canfly = false;
  public boolean getCanfly(){
    return canfly;
  }
  ...
}
```

```
public class Farm {
public static void main(String[] args) {
  Duck duck = new Duck(true);
  boolean canTheDuckFly = duck.getCanfly();
  if(canTheDuckFly == true){
    System.out.println("The duck can fly");
```



- Overloading is when two or more methods in the same class have the same method name
- ☐ To be valid, any two definitions of the method name must have different *signatures*
 - A signature consists of the name of a method together with its parameter list
 - Differing signatures must have different numbers and/or types of parameters



Overloading and Automatic Type Conversion

- ☐ If Java cannot find a method signature that exactly matches a method invocation, it will try to use automatic type conversion
- ☐ The interaction of overloading and automatic type conversion can have unintended results
- ☐ In some cases of overloading, because of automatic type conversion, a single method invocation can be resolved in multiple ways
 - ➤ Ambiguous method invocations will produce an error in Java

```
public class Duck {
 public void quack(){
    System.out.println("Quack!!");
  public void quack(String sound){
    System.out.println(sound);
public class Farm {
public static void main(String[] args) {
 Duck duck = new Duck(true);
 duck.quack();
 duck.quack("Ga Ga Ga");
```



Pitfall: You Can Not Overload Based on the Type Returned

- The signature of a method only includes the method name and its parameter types
 - > The signature does not include the type returned
- ☐ Java does not permit methods with the same name and different return types in the same class



- ☐ Although many programming languages, such as C++, allow you to overload operators (+, -, etc.), Java does not permit this
 - ➤ You may only use a method name and ordinary method syntax to carry out the operations you desire



☐ A *constructor* is a special kind of method that is designed to initialize the instance variables for an object:

public ClassName(anyParameters){code}

- A constructor must have the same name as the class
- A constructor has no type returned, not even void
- > Constructors are typically overloaded



- ☐ A constructor is called when an object of the class is created using **new**
 - ClassName objectName = new ClassName(anyArgs);
 - The name of the constructor and its parenthesized list of arguments (if any) must follow the **new** operator
 - This is the **only** valid way to invoke a constructor: a constructor cannot be invoked like an ordinary method
- ☐ If a constructor is invoked again (using **new**), the first object is discarded and an entirely new object is created
 - ➤ If you need to change the values of instance variables of the object, use mutator methods instead



You Can Invoke Another Method in a Constructor

- ☐ The first action taken by a constructor is to create an object with instance variables
- Therefore, it is legal to invoke another method within the definition of a constructor, since it has the newly created object as its calling object
 - For example, mutator methods can be used to set the values of the instance variables
 - ➤ It is even possible for one constructor to invoke another



A Constructor Has a this Parameter

- ☐ Like any ordinary method, every constructor has a this parameter
- ☐ The this parameter can be used explicitly, but is more often understood to be there than written down
- ☐ The first action taken by a constructor is to automatically create an object with instance variables
- ☐ Then within the definition of a constructor, the this parameter refers to the object created by the constructor



- ☐ If you do not include any constructors in your class, Java will automatically create a *default* or *no-argument* constructor that takes no arguments, performs no initializations, but allows the object to be created
- ☐ If you include even one constructor in your class, Java will not provide this default constructor
- ☐ If you include any constructors in your class, be sure to provide your own no-argument constructor as well



Default Variable Initializations

- ☐ Instance variables are automatically initialized in Java
 - boolean types are initialized to false
 - > Other primitives are initialized to the zero of their type
 - Class types are initialized to null
- ☐ However, it is a better practice to explicitly initialize instance variables in a constructor
- □ Note: Local variables are not automatically initialized



The StringTokenizer Class

- The StringTokenizer class is used to recover the words or *tokens* in a multi-word String
 - ➤ You can use whitespace characters to separate each token, or you can specify the characters you wish to use as separators
 - In order to use the **StringTokenizer** class, be sure to include the following at the start of the file:

import java.util.StringTokenizer;

Display 4.17 Some Methods in the Class StringTokenizer

The class StringTokenizer is in the java.util package.

public StringTokenizer(String theString)

Constructor for a tokenizer that will use whitespace characters as separators when finding tokens in the String.

public StringTokenizer(String theString, String delimiters)

Constructor for a tokenizer that will use the characters in the string delimiters as separators when finding tokens in the String.

public boolean hasMoreTokens()

Tests whether there are more tokens available from this tokenizer's string. When used in conjunction with nextToken, it returns true as long as nextToken has not yet returned all the tokens in the string; returns false otherwise.

Display 4.17 Some Methods in the Class StringTokenizer

public String nextToken()

Returns the next token from this tokenizer's string. (Throws NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens to return.)⁵

public String nextToken(String delimiters)

First changes the delimiter characters to those in the string delimiters. Then returns the next token from this tokenizer's string. After the invocation is completed, the delimiter characters are those in the string delimiters.

(Throws NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens to return. Throws NullPointerException if delimiters is null.)⁵

public int countTokens()

Returns the number of tokens remaining to be returned by nextToken.

```
import java.util.StringTokenizer;

public class StringTokenizerTest {

  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String in = "Hello,World,Java";
    StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer(in, ",");
    while(st.hasMoreTokens()) {
        String token = st.nextToken();
        System.out.println(token);
    }
   }
}
```



Static Methods

□ A static method is one that can be used without a calling object
 □ A static method still belongs to a class, and its definition is given inside the class definition
 □ When a static method is defined, the keyword static is placed in the method header
 public static returnedType myMethod(parameters)

 □ Static methods are invoked using the class name in place of a calling object

returnedValue = MyClass.myMethod(arguments);

```
public class StaticTest {
public static void main(String[] args) {
         int sum = Tool.add(1,1);
         System.out.println(sum);
public class Tool {
public static int add(int a, int b){
         return a+b;
```



Pitfall: Invoking a Nonstatic Method Within a Static Method

- A static method cannot refer to an instance variable of the class, and it cannot invoke a nonstatic method of the class
 - A static method has no this, so it cannot use an instance variable or method that has an implicit or explicit this for a calling object
 - ➤ A static method can invoke another static method, however

```
public class StaticTest {
public static void main(String[] args) {
         int sum = add(1,1);
         System.out.println(sum);
         StaticTest st = new StaticTest();
         sum = st.add2(2,2);
                                     //Cannot be: sum = add2(2,2);
 }
public static int add(int a, int b){
         return a+b;
 }
public int add2(int a, int b){
         return a+b;
 }
```



Static Variables

- A static variable is a variable that belongs to the class as a whole, and not just to one object
 - There is only one copy of a static variable per class, unlike instance variables where each object has its own copy
- ☐ All objects of the class can read and change a static variable
- ☐ Although a static method cannot access an instance variable, a static method can access a static variable
- ☐ A static variable is declared like an instance variable, with the addition of the modifier static

private static int myStaticVariable;



Static Variables

- ☐ Static variables can be declared and initialized at the same time
 - private static int myStaticVariable = 0;
- ☐ If not explicitly initialized, a static variable will be automatically initialized to a default value
 - **boolean** static variables are initialized to **false**
 - ➤ Other primitive types static variables are initialized to the zero of their type
 - Class type static variables are initialized to null
- ☐ It is always preferable to explicitly initialize static variables rather than rely on the default initialization



Static Variables

- ☐ A static variable should always be defined private, unless it is also a defined constant
 - The value of a static defined constant cannot be altered, therefore it is safe to make it public
 - In addition to **static**, the declaration for a static defined constant must include the modifier **final**, which indicates that its value cannot be changed

```
public static final int BIRTH_YEAR = 1954;
```

☐ When referring to such a defined constant outside its class, use the name of its class in place of a calling object

```
int year = MyClass.BIRTH_YEAR;
```

```
public class StaticTest {
public static int port = 80;
public static void main(String[] args) {
 StaticTest obj1 = new StaticTest();
 StaticTest obj2 = new StaticTest();
 System.out.println(StaticTest.port);
 System.out.println(obj1.port);
 System.out.println(obj2.port);
 StaticTest.port = 1234;
 System.out.println(obj1.port);
 obj2.port = 5678;
 System.out.println(obj1.port);
```



The Math Class

- ☐ The Math class provides a number of standard mathematical methods
 - It is found in the java.lang package, so it does not require an import statement
 - All of its methods and data are static, therefore they are invoked with the class name **Math** instead of a calling object
 - The Math class has two predefined constants, **E** (e, the base of the natural logarithm system) and **PI** (π , 3.1415 . . .)

```
area = Math.PI * radius * radius;
```

Display 5.6 Some Methods in the Class Math

The Math class is in the java. lang package, so it requires no import statement.

public static double pow(double base, double exponent)

Returns base to the power exponent.

EXAMPLE

Math.pow(2.0,3.0) returns 8.0.



Some Methods in the Class Math (Part 2 of 5)

Display 5.6 Some Methods in the Class Math

```
public static double abs(double argument)
public static float abs(float argument)
public static long abs(long argument)
public static int abs(int argument)
```

Returns the absolute value of the argument. (The method name abs is overloaded to produce four similar methods.)

EXAMPLE

Math.abs(-6) and Math.abs(6) both return 6. Math.abs(-5.5) and Math.abs(5.5) both return 5.5.

```
public static double min(double n1, double n2)
public static float min(float n1, float n2)
public static long min(long n1, long n2)
public static int min(int n1, int n2)
```

Returns the minimum of the arguments n1 and n2. (The method name min is overloaded to produce four similar methods.)

EXAMPLE

Math.min(3, 2) returns 2.



Some Methods in the Class Math (Part 3 of 5)

Display 5.6 Some Methods in the Class Math

```
public static double max(double n1, double n2)
public static float max(float n1, float n2)
public static long max(long n1, long n2)
public static int max(int n1, int n2)
```

Returns the maximum of the arguments n1 and n2. (The method name max is overloaded to produce four similar methods.)

EXAMPLE

Math.max(3, 2) returns 3.

public static long round(double argument)
public static int round(float argument)

Rounds its argument.

EXAMPLE

Math.round(3.2) returns 3; Math.round(3.6) returns 4.

Display 5.6 Some Methods in the Class Math

public static double ceil(double argument)

Returns the smallest whole number greater than or equal to the argument.

EXAMPLE

Math.ceil(3.2) and Math.ceil(3.9) both return 4.0.

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Display 5.6 Some Methods in the Class Math

public static double floor(double argument)

Returns the largest whole number less than or equal to the argument.

EXAMPLE

Math.floor(3.2) and Math.floor(3.9) both return 3.0.

public static double sqrt(double argument)

Returns the square root of its argument.

EXAMPLE

Math.sqrt(4) returns 2.0.



Random Numbers

☐ The **Math** class also provides a facility to generate pseudo-random numbers

public static double random()

- ➤ A pseudo-random number appears random but is really generated by a deterministic function
 - There is also a more flexible class named Random
- ☐ Sample use: double num = Math.random();
- ☐ Returns a pseudo-random number greater than or equal to 0.0 and less than 1.0

```
public class MathExample {
public static void main(String[] args){
    int i = 7;
    int j = -9;
   double x = 72.3;
   double v = 0.34;
    System.out.println("i is " + i);
    System.out.println("j is " + j);
   System.out.println("x is " + x);
   System.out.println("y is " + y);
    System.out.println("|" + i + "| is " + Math.abs(i));
   System.out.println("|" + j + "| is " + Math.abs(j));
    System.out.println("|" + x + "| is " + Math.abs(x));
    System.out.println("|" + y + "| is " + Math.abs(y));
   System.out.println(x + " is approximately " + Math.round(x));
    System.out.println(y + " is approximately " + Math.round(y));
```

} }

```
System.out.println("The ceiling of " + i + " is " + Math.ceil(i));
 System.out.println("The ceiling of " + j + " is " + Math.ceil(j));
 System.out.println("The ceiling of " + x + " is " + Math.ceil(x));
 System.out.println("The ceiling of " + y + " is " + Math.ceil(y));
 System.out.println("min(" + i + "," + j + ") is " + Math.min(i,j));
 System.out.println("min(" + x + "," + y + ") is " + Math.min(x,y));
 System.out.println("min(" + i + "," + x + ") is " + Math.min(i,x));
 System.out.println("min(" + y + "," + j + ") is " + Math.min(y,j));
 System.out.println("max(" + i + ", " + j + ") is " + Math.max(i, j));
 System.out.println("max(" + x + "," + y + ") is " + Math.max(x,y));
 System.out.println("max(" + i + "," + x + ") is " + Math.max(i,x));
 System.out.println("max(" + y + ", " + j + ") is " + Math.max(y,j));
 System.out.println("Pi is " + Math.PI);
 System.out.println("e is " + Math.E);
System.out.println("pow(2.0, 2.0) is " + Math.pow(2.0, 2.0));
System.out.println("pow(10.0, 3.5)) is " + Math.pow(10.0,3.5));
System.out.println("pow(8, -1) is " + Math.pow(8, -1));
System.out.println("Here's one random number: " + Math.random());
System.out.println("Here's another random number: " + Math.random());
```



Wrapper Classes

- ☐ *Wrapper classes* provide a class type corresponding to each of the primitive types
 - This makes it possible to have class types that behave somewhat like primitive types
 - The wrapper classes for the primitive types byte, short, long, float, double, and char are (in order) Byte, Short, Long, Float, Double, and Character
- ☐ Wrapper classes also contain a number of useful predefined constants and static methods



Wrapper Classes

- □ Boxing: the process of going from a value of a primitive type to an object of its wrapper class
 - To convert a primitive value to an "equivalent" class type value, create an object of the corresponding wrapper class using the primitive value as an argument
 - The new object will contain an instance variable that stores a copy of the primitive value
 - Unlike most other classes, a wrapper class does not have a no-argument constructor

```
Integer integerObject = new Integer(42);
```



- □ *Unboxing*: the process of going from an object of a wrapper class to the corresponding value of a primitive type
 - ➤ The methods for converting an object from the wrapper classes Byte, Short, Integer, Long, Float, Double, and Character to their corresponding primitive type are (in order) byteValue, shortValue, intValue, longValue, floatValue, doubleValue, and charValue
 - None of these methods take an argument
 int i = integerObject.intValue();



Automatic Boxing and Unboxing

- ☐ Starting with version 5.0, Java can automatically do boxing and unboxing
- ☐ Instead of creating a wrapper class object using the **new** operation (as shown before), it can be done as an automatic type cast:

Integer integerObject = 42;

☐ Instead of having to invoke the appropriate method (such as intValue, doubleValue, charValue, etc.) in order to convert from an object of a wrapper class to a value of its associated primitive type, the primitive value can be recovered automatically

int i = integerObject;



Constants and Static Methods in Wrapper Classes

- Wrapper classes have static methods that convert a correctly formed string representation of a number to the number of a given type
 - The methods Integer.parseInt, Long.parseLong, Float.parseFloat, and Double.parseDouble do this for the primitive types (in order) int, long, float, and double
- Wrapper classes also have static methods that convert from a numeric value to a string representation of the value
 - For example, the expression
 Double.toString(123.99);
 returns the string value "123.99"
- ☐ The Character class contains a number of static methods that are useful for string processing

```
public class WrapperClassTest {

public static void main(String[] args) {
   int k = 100;
   Integer it1 = new Integer(k);
   int m = it1.intValue();

   System.out.println(m*k);
}
```

```
public class WrapperClassTest {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Integer it1 = new Integer(100);
      System.out.println(it1);
   }
}
```

```
public class WrapperClassTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    double pi = Double.parseDouble("3.14");
    System.out.println(pi);

    Double d = new Double("1.5");
    String str = d.toString();
    System.out.println(str);
  }
}
```

```
import java.util.Scanner;
import java.util.StringTokenizer;
public class Parser {
  public static void main(String args[]) {
    Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
    System.out.print("Enter a sentence and I'll display each
word you entered: ");
    String sentence = keyboard.nextLine();
   // Parse the string into tokens and echo back to the user
   StringTokenizer tk = new StringTokenizer(sentence, " ");
    System.out.println("Here are the tokens: ");
   while (tk.hasMoreTokens()) {
      System.out.println(tk.nextToken());
```

```
public class Student {
 private String name;
  private double gpa;
 /** Constructors */
 public Student() {
    name = null;
   gpa = 0.0;
  public Student(String n, double g) {
    name = n;
    gpa = g;
  /** Accessor methods */
  public String getName() {
    return name;
  public double getGPA() {
    return gpa;
 /** Mutator methods */
  public void setName(String n) {
    name = n;
  public void setGPA(double g) {
    if ((g >= 0) \&\& (g <= 4))
    gpa = g;
```

```
/** Facilitator methods */
 public String toString() {
   return (name + ":"+ gpa);
 public boolean equals(Student s) {
   return (name.equalsIgnoreCase(s.name));
 public static void main(String[] args){
   Student student1 = new Student("Mike", 90);
   student1.setGPA(92);
   System.out.println(student1.getName());
   System.out.println(student1.getGPA());
   System.out.println(student1.toString());
   Student student2 = new Student("Mary", 90);
   if(student2.equals(student1)){
     System.out.println("student1 is student2!");
   }else{
     System.out.println("student1 is not student2!");
```



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