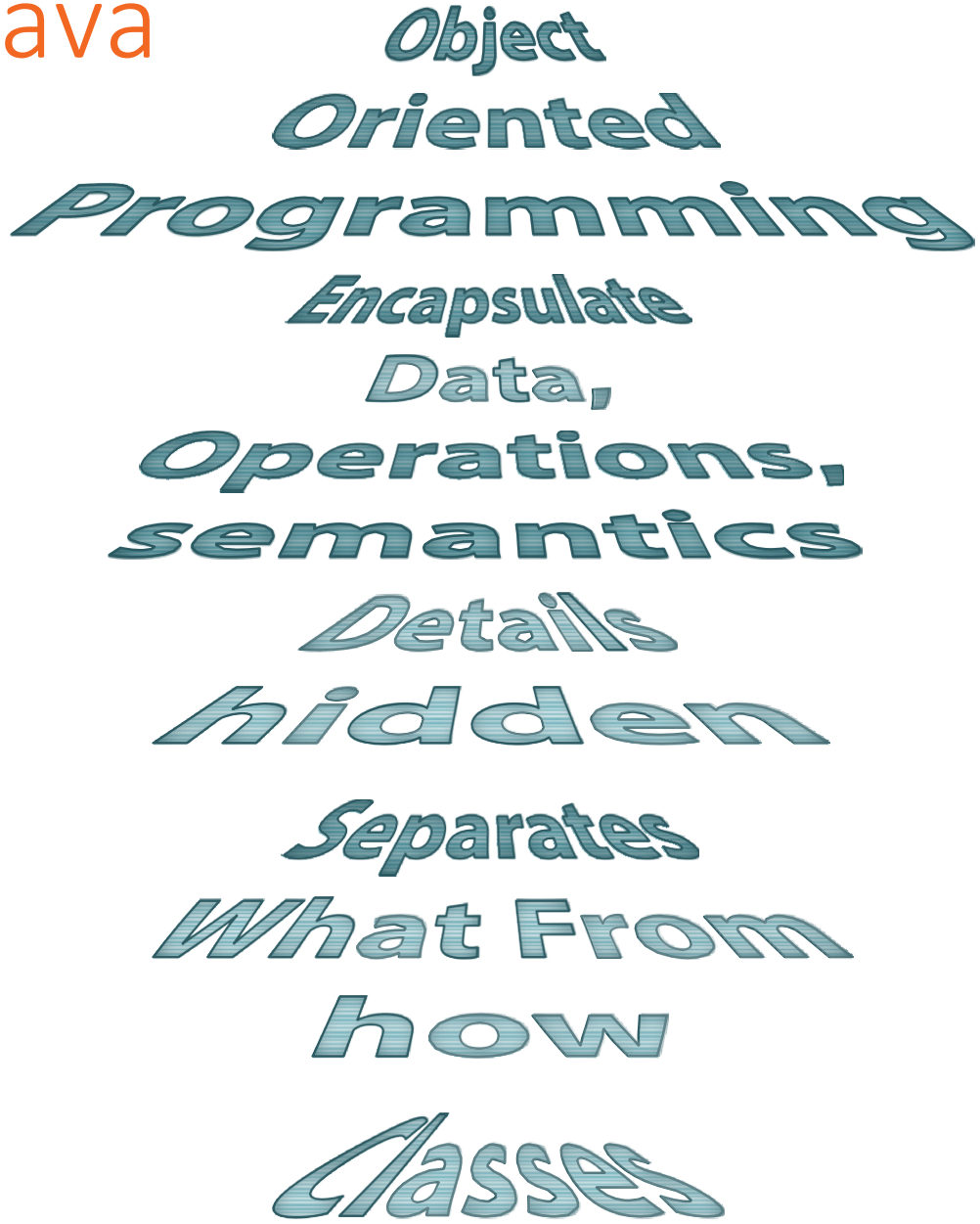
Representing ComplexTypes with Classes

What to Expect in This Module

- Classes
- Using classes
- Classes as reference types
- Encapsulation and access modifiers
- Method basics
- Field accessors and mutators

Classes in Java

- Java is an object-oriented language
- Objects encapsulates data, operations, and usage semantics
  - Allows storage and manipulation details to be hidden
  - Separates “what” is to be done from “how” it is done
- Classes provide a structure for describing and creating objects



Classes

- A class is a template for creating an object
  - Declared with the class keyword followed by the class name
  - Java source file name normally has same name as the class
    - We'll talk more about this shortly
  - Body of the class is contained within brackets

Flight.java

```
class Flight {

}
```

Classes

- A class is made up of both state and executable code
  - Fields
    - Store object state
  - Methods
    - Executable code that manipulates state and performs operations
  - Constructors
    - Executable code used during object creation to set the initial state

Flight.java

```
class Flight {
   int passengers;
   int seats;

   Flight() {
     seats = 150;
     passengers = 0;
   }

   void add1Passenger() {
     if(passengers < seats)
        passengers += 1;
   }
}
```

Using Classes

- Use the new keyword to create a class instance (a.k.a. an object)
  - Allocates the memory described by the class
  - Returns a reference to the allocated memory

```
Flight nycToSf;
nycToSf = new Flight();
Flight slcToDallas = new Flight();

slcToDallas.add1Passenger();
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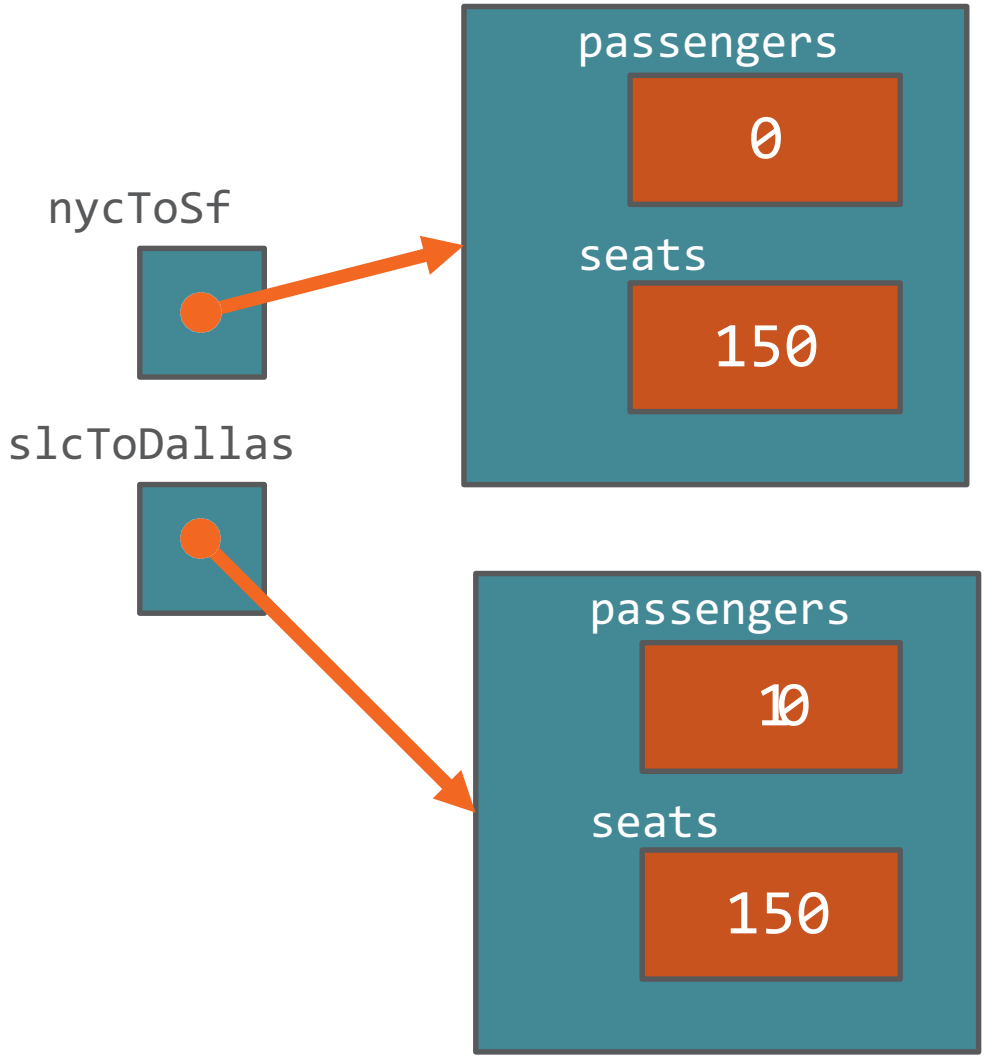

Classes Are Reference Types

```
Flight flight1 = new Flight();
Flight flight2 = new Flight();

flight2.add1Passenger();
System.out.println(flight2.passengers);

flight2 = flight1;
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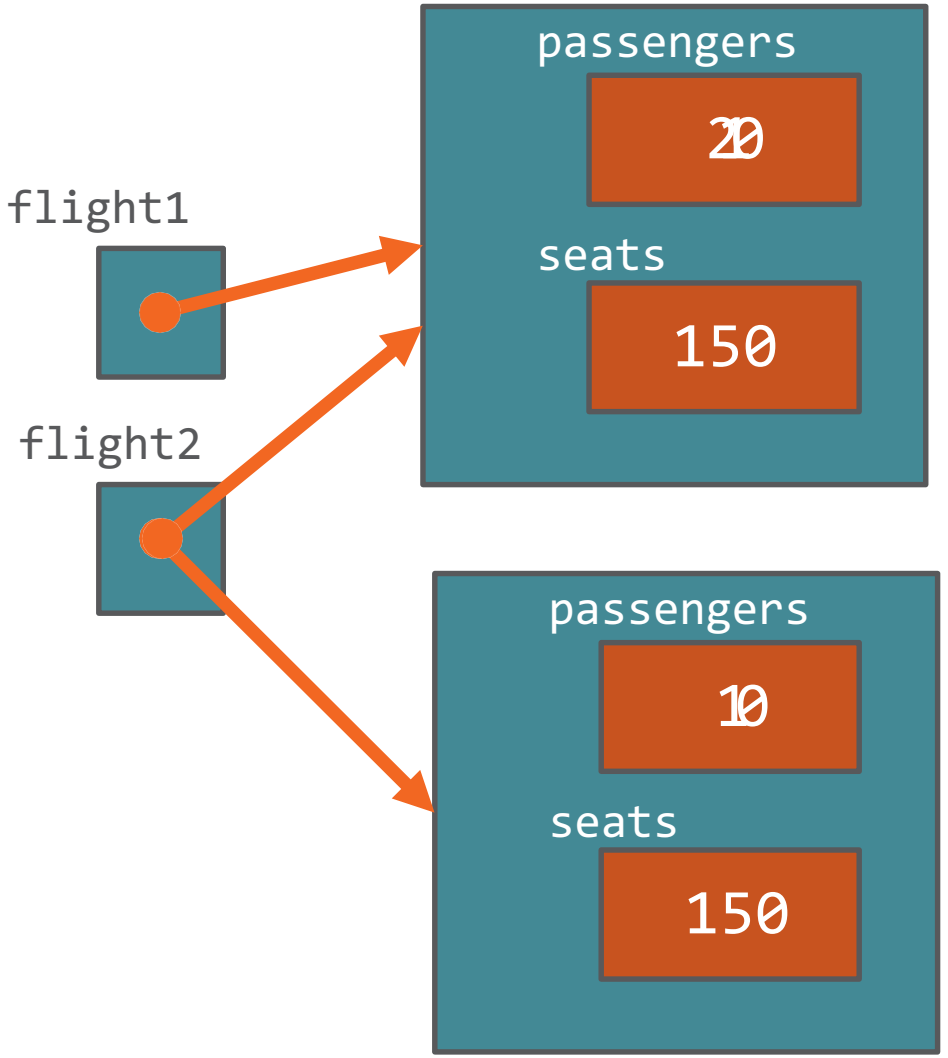

Encapsulation and Access Modifiers

The internal representation of an object is generally hidden

This concept is known as *encapsulation*

Java uses *access modifiers* to achieve encapsulation

Basic Access Modifiers

Modifier	Visibility	Usable on Classes	Usable on Members
no access modifier	Only within its own package (a.k.a. package private)	Y	Y
public	Everywhere	Y	Y
private	Only within its own class	N *	Y

* As private applies to top-level classes; private is available to nested-classes

Applying Access Modifiers

```
Flight flight1 = new Flight();

System.out.println(flight1.passengers);

flight1.add1Passenger();

flight1.handleTooMany();
```

```
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           }

   public  void add1Passenger() {
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              else
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   private void handleTooMany() {
              System.out.println("Too many");
           }
    }
```

Flight.java

Naming Classes

- Class names follow the same rules as variable names
- Class name conventions are similar to variables with some differences
  - Use only letters and numbers
  - First character is always a letter
  - Follow the style often referred to as “Pascal Case”
    - Start of each word, including the first, is upper case
    - All other letters are lower case
  - Use simple, descriptive nouns
  - Avoid abbreviations unless abbreviation’s use is more common than full name

```
class BankAccount { ... }
class Person { ... }
class TrainingVideo { ... }
class URL { ... }
```

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- Executable code that manipulates state and performs operations
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    - Should be a verb or action
  - Return type
    - Use void when no value returned
  - Typed parameter list
    - Can be empty
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```
return-type  name ( typed-parameter-list ) {
    statements
}
```

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    float sum = x + y;
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- A method returns a single value
  - A primitive value
  - A reference to an object
  - A reference to an array
    - Arrays are objects

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public class Flight {
  private int passengers;
  private int seats;
  // constructor and other methods elided for clarity

  public boolean hasRoom(Flight f2) {
     int total = passengers + f2.passengers;
     if (total <= seats)
        return true;
     else
        return false;
  }
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     Flight newFlight = new Flight();
     newFlight.seats = seats;
     newFlight.passengers = passengers + f2.passengers;
     return newFlight;
  }
```

Method Return Values

```
Flight lax1 = new Flight();
Flight lax2 = new Flight();
// add passengers to both flights

Flight lax3;
if(lax1.hasRoom(lax2))
    lax3 =
       lax1.createNewWithBoth(lax2);
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```

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  - *this* is an implicit reference to the current object
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    - Allows an object to pass itself as a parameter
  - *null* is a reference literal
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if(lax1.hasRoom(lax2))
    lax3 =
       lax1.createNewWithBoth(lax2);
// do some other work
if(lax3 != null)
   System.out.println("Flights combined");
```

Field Encapsulation

In most cases, a class' fields should not be directly accessible outside of the class

Helps to hide implementation details

Use methods to control field access

Accessors and Mutators

- Use the accessor/mutator pattern to control field access
  - Accessor retrieves field value
    - Also called getter
    - Method name: get*FieldName*
  - Mutator modifies field value
    - Also called setter
    - Method name: set*FieldName*

```
public class Flight {
  private int passengers;
  private int seats;
  // other members elided for clarity

  public int getSeats() {
     return seats;
  }


  public void setSeats(int seats) {
     this.seats = seats;
  }
```

Accessors and Mutators

```
Flight slcToNyc = new Flight();
slcToNyc.setSeats(150);
System.out.println(slcToNyc.getSeats());
```

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  public int getSeats() {
     return seats;
  }

  public void setSeats(int seats)
  {  this.seats = seats;
  }

}
```

Summary

- A class is a template for creating an object
  - Declared with class keyword
  - Class instances (a.k.a. objects) allocated with new keyword
- Classes are reference types
- Use access modifiers to control encapsulation
- Methods manipulate state and perform operations
  - Use return keyword to exit and/or return a value
- Fields store object state
  - Interaction normally controlled through accessors(getters) and mutators(setters)