## **Model 1** Reference Types

```
int count;
                                      count
                                                  0
double price;
String name;
Scanner in:
                                                1.99
                                      price
count = 0;
price = 1.99;
                                       name
                                                                Beyonce
name = "Beyonce";
in = new Scanner(System.in);
                                                               System in
                                          in
```

Java has eight primitive types (see ??). All other types of data are called *reference* types, because **their value is a memory address**. When drawing memory diagrams, use an arrow to reference other memory locations (rather than make up integer values for the actual addresses).

## Questions (20 min)

**Start time:** 

1. What are the names of the reference types in the example above?

String and Scanner

- 2. Notice the pattern Java uses for type names like int and String:
  - a) Are reference type names all lowercase or capitalized? Capitalized
  - b) Are primitive type names all lowercase or capitalized? All lowercase
- 3. Variables in Java can use at most eight bytes of memory. Explain why the values "Beyonce" and System. in cannot be stored directly in the memory locations for name and in.

Both values are much larger than eight bytes, so they need to be stored somewhere else.

**4**. What is the value of the variable count? What is the value of the variable price?

The values are 0 and 1.99. They are stored directly in the variable's memory.

5. What is the value of the variable name? What is the value of the variable in?

The values are memory addresses. They reference the location where the actual data is stored.

**6**. Carefully explain what it means to assign one variable to another. For example, what does the statement price = count; do in terms of memory?

Assignment simply copies the value of one variable to another. In the case of reference types, it only copies the memory location.

7. Draw a memory diagram for the following code. Make sure your answer is consistent with what you wrote for #6.

```
int width;
double score;
                                            width
                                                      20
Scanner input;
String first;
String other;
                                                     20.0
                                            score
width = 20;
score = 0.94;
                                            input
                                                                     System.in
input = new Scanner(System.in);
first = "Taylor";
score = width;
                                            first
                                                                      Taylor
other = first;
                                            other
```

**8**. What is the output of the following statements after running the code above? Explain your answer using the diagram.

```
first = "Swift";
System.out.println(other);
```

The output is Taylor, because changing the value (i.e., reference) of first does not affect the value of other.

**9**. (Optional) Paste the contents of *TaylorSwift.java* into Java Visualizer. What differences do you notice between the diagram in Java Visualizer and yours from #7?

Answers might include:

- The variables are drawn in (method) frames.
- There are no boxes drawn around the objects.