

# Model 1 Object Methods

In addition to providing constructors, getters, and setters, classes often provide `equals` and `toString` methods. These methods make it easier to work with objects of the class.

As a team, review the provided *Color.java* and *Point.java* files. Run each program to see how it works. Then answer the following questions using the source code (don't just guess).

## Questions (15 min)

**Start time:**

1. Based on the output of *Color.java*, what is the value of each expression below?

```
Color black = new Color();  
Color other = new Color(0, 0, 0);  
Color gold = new Color(255, 215, 0);
```

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) <code>black == other</code>   | d) <code>black.equals(other)</code> |
| b) <code>black == gold</code>    | e) <code>black.equals(gold)</code>  |
| c) <code>black.toString()</code> | f) <code>gold.toString()</code>     |

2. What is the purpose of the `toString` method?

3. Based on the output of *Point.java*, what is the value of each expression below?

```
Point p1 = new Point();  
Point p2 = new Point(0, 0);  
Point p3 = new Point(3, 3);
```

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) <code>p1 == p2</code>      | d) <code>p1.equals(p2)</code>       |
| b) <code>p1.toString()</code> | e) <code>p1.equals("(0, 0)")</code> |
| c) <code>p3.toString()</code> | f) <code>p3.equals("(3, 3)")</code> |

4. What is the purpose of the `equals` method?

5. Examine *Point.java* again. What is the purpose of the `if`-statement in the `equals` method?
  
6. How could you modify the `equals` method to cause both #3e and #3f to return `true`?