

# CMPS 251



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Chapter 8*

## Basic Object-Oriented Programming in Java

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# Outline

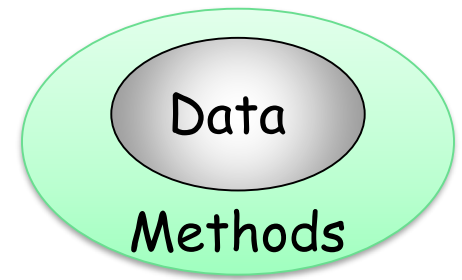
- Classes and Objects
- Attributes with Getters and Setters
- Methods
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# Classes and Objects

# Classes

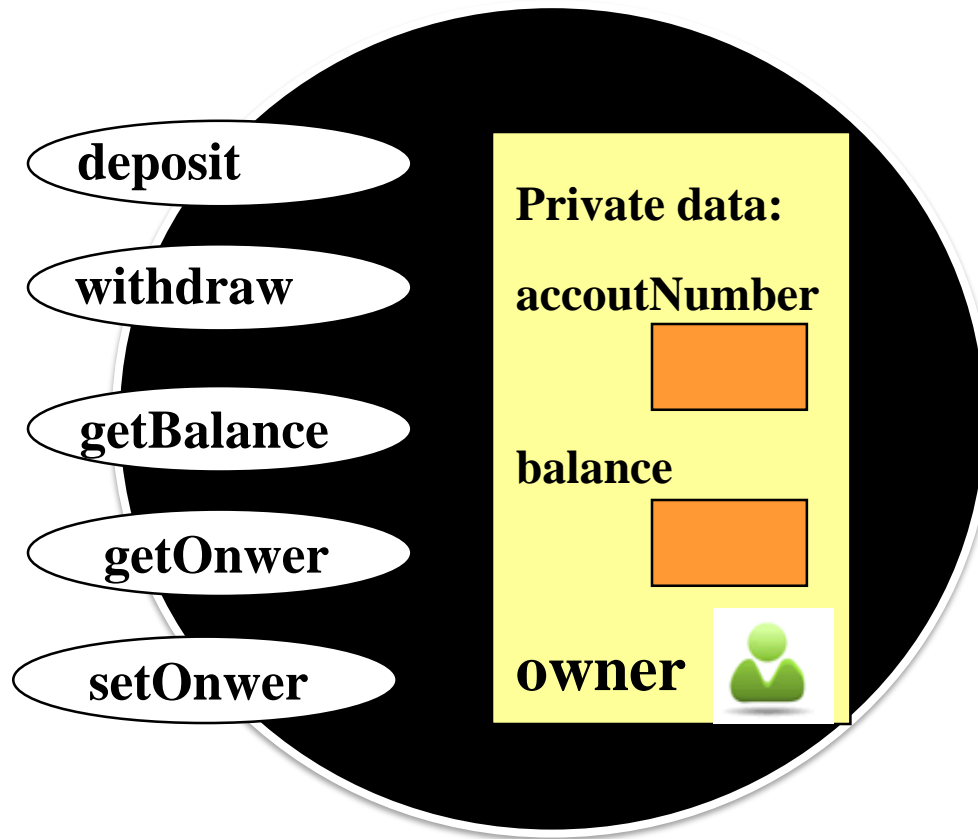
- A class is a **programmer-defined data type** and **objects are variables of that type**
  - Classes allow us to create new data types that are well suited to an application
  - A class contains private **attributes** and public **methods**
- An object is an **instance** of a class  
e.g., `Student quStudent = new Student;`  
This declares quStudent object of type Student. The object is then created using the **new** keyword
- A class can be used as the type of an attribute or local variable or as the return type of a method

# Encapsulation



- **Encapsulation** = an object **combines attributes and methods into a single unit**
  - Hiding implementation from clients
    - Clients access the object via its **public methods (public methods = *interface*)**
  - The data is *hidden*, so it is safe from any accidental alteration
  - Get and Set methods are used to read/write the object's attributes

# BankAccount Example



BankAccount contains **attributes**  
and **methods**

## An Object has:

- **Attributes** – information about the object
- **Methods** – functions the object can perform
- **Relationships** with other objects
  - e.g., A **BankAccount** has an **Owner**
  - A relationship is defined also an attribute

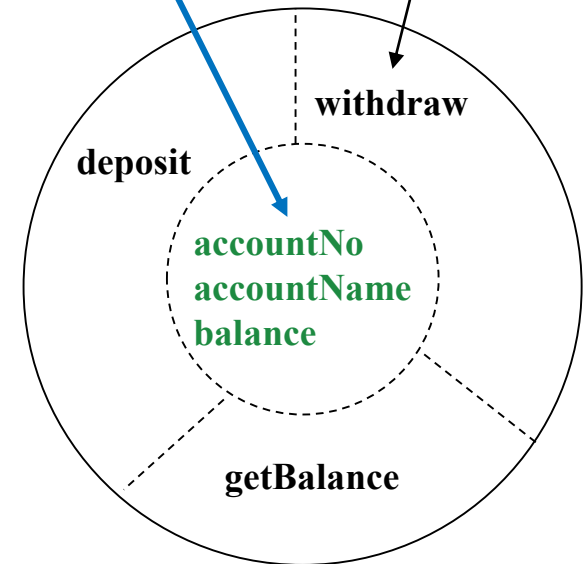
# Encapsulation - Example

```
public class Account {  
    private int accountNo;  
    private String accountName;  
    private double balance;  
  
    public void deposit(double amount) {  
        balance += amount;  
    }  
    public void withdraw(double amount) {  
        balance -= amount;  
    }  
    public double getBalance() {  
        return balance;  
    }  
    .....  
}
```

private data

Attributes

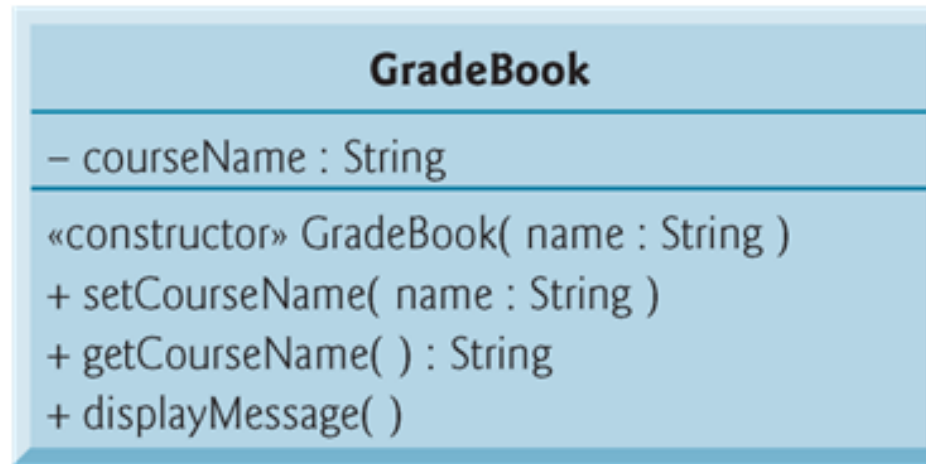
Methods



Bank Account Object

public methods

# UML class diagram for class GradeBook



- Unified Modeling Language (UML) class diagram
  - A rectangle with three compartments
    - Top compartment contains the **name of the class**
    - Middle compartment contains the **class's attributes**
      - (-) in front of an attribute indicates it is private
    - Bottom compartment contains the **class's functions**
      - (+) in front of a method indicates it is public



# Using a class

- A class is a programmer-defined type
  - Can be used to create objects i.e., variables of the class type
  - A class can be viewed as a *factory* for objects
  - To use a class you must create an object from a class (this is called **instantiation**)
    - To drive a car you must manufacture the car based on its design!
- **Dot operator ( . )**
  - Used to **access an object's attributes and call its methods**
  - **Call causes the method to perform its task.**
  - e.g. : `myGradeBook.displayMessage("Welcome to CMPS251 Computer Programming")`  
Calls the method `displayMessage`

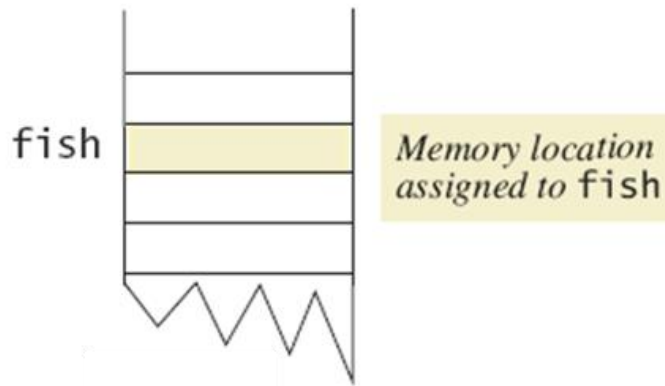
# Instantiation

- Instantiation = Object creation with ***new*** keyword
- **Memory is allocated for the object's** attributes as defined in the class
- Initialization of the object attributes as specified through a ***constructor***
  - ***constructor*** a special method invoked when objects are created
  - Constructors are discuss further in these slides

# Using **new** ClassName constructs the object and **returns** a reference

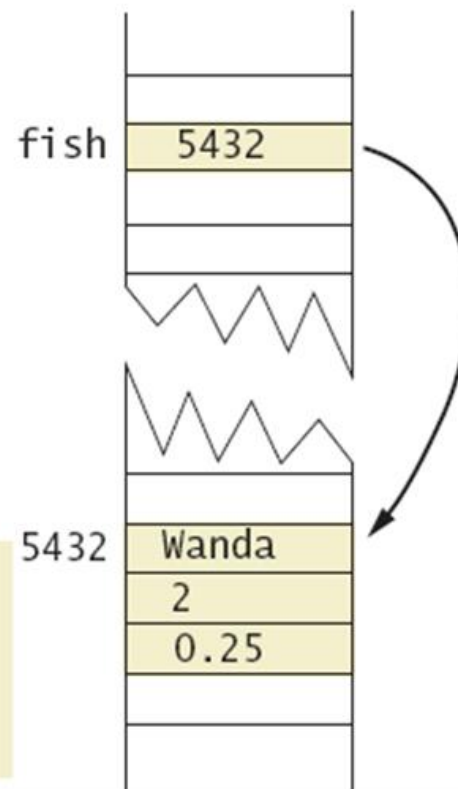
```
Pet fish;
```

*Assigns a memory location to fish*



```
fish = new Pet();
```

*Assigns a chunk of memory for an object of the class Pet—that is, memory for a name, an age, and a weight—and places the address of this memory chunk in the memory location assigned to fish*



# Objects and References

- Once a class is defined, you can declare variables (object reference) of that type

```
Ship ship1, ship2;  
Point startPoint;  
Color blue;
```

- Object references are initially **null**
  - The **null** is a special value in Java and is not equal to zero
- The **new** operator is required to explicitly create the object

```
ClassName variableName = new ClassName();
```

# Java Naming Conventions

- Start classes with uppercase letters

```
/** Short description of the class */  
public class MyClass {  
    ...  
}
```

Use JavaDoc-style  
comments

- Start other things with lowercase letters
  - attributes, local variables, methods, method parameters

```
public class MyClass {  
    private String firstName, lastName;  
    public String getFullName() {  
        String name = firstName + " " + lastName;  
        return name;  
    }  
}
```

# Attributes

# Attributes

- **Attributes** = data that is stored inside an object. Also called 'Instance variables', 'data members' or object state

- Syntax

```
public class MyClass {  
    private SomeType attribute1;  
    private SomeType attribute2;  
    //ToDo: provide getters and setters  
}
```

It is conventional to  
make all attributes  
private

- Motivation

- Lets an object have persistent values (i.e., a state)

- In OOP, objects have three characteristics: **state**, **behavior**, and **identity**. The attributes provide the state.

# Attributes

- Attributes = Local variables in a class definition
  - Exist throughout the life of the object
  - **Each object of a class maintains its own copy of attributes**
    - e.g., different accounts can have different balances
- Access-specifier **private** used for Data hiding
  - Makes an attribute or a method accessible only to methods of the class
- An attempt to access a **private** attribute outside a class is a compilation error



# Accessor methods

- Ideas
  - Attributes should always be private
    - And made accessible to outside world with get and set methods
- Syntax

```
/** Short description of the class */
public class MyClass {
    private String firstName;
    public String getFirstName() { return(firstName); }
    public void setFirstName(String firstName)
        { this.firstName = firstName; }
}
```
- Motivation
  - Limits accidental changes
  - Allow data validation before assigning values to the object attributes

# Accessor methods

## *get* Methods and *set* Methods

- Best practice is to provide a *get* method to *read* an attribute and a *set* method to *write* to an attribute
  - Data is protected from the client. Get and set methods are used rather than directly accessing the attributes
  - Using *set* and *get* functions allows the programmer to control how clients access *private* data + *allow data validation*:
    - Can return errors indicating that attempts were made to assign invalid data
  - *set* and *get* methods should also be used even inside the class

# Examples of Validation

```
class Date {  
    int day, month;  
    // setDay assigns its argument to the private member day.  
    public void setDay(int day)  
    {  
        if (day >= 1 && day <= 31)  
            this.day = day;  
        else  
            throw new Exception("The day must me between 1 and 31");  
    }  
    // setMonth assigns its argument to the private member month.  
    public void setMonth(int month)  
    {  
        if (month >= 1 && month <= 12)  
            this.month = month;  
        else  
            throw new Exception("The month must me between 1 and 12");  
    }  
}
```

Exception will be  
discussed later

! An attempt to access a `private` member outside a class is a syntax error

# No all attributes need Getters and Setters

- Some attributes might not need both getters and setters. They should be provided only when appropriate
  - It is common to have fields that can be set at instantiation, but never changed again (immutable field).

```
public class Student {  
    private final String studentId;  
    public Student(String studentId) {  
        this.studentId = studentId;  
    }  
    public String getStudentId() { return(studentId); }  
    // No setStudentId method  
}
```

**final** = value of the attribute cannot be changes once initialized

# Generating Getters and Setters

- Eclipse will automatically generate getters/setters from instance variables
  - R-click anywhere in code
  - Choose Source → Generate Getters and Setters
  - However, if you later click on instance variable and do Refactor → Rename, Eclipse will not automatically rename the accessor methods

# Methods

# Overview

- Definition
  - Functions that are defined inside a class. Also called “member functions”.
- Syntax

Use void if the method returns nothing.

```
public ReturnType methodName(Type1 param1, Type2 param2, ...) {  
    ...  
    return somethingOfReturnType;  
}
```

If the method is called only by other methods in the same class, make it private.
- Motivation
  - Lets an object calculate values or do computations, usually based on its current state (i.e. attributes)
    - In OOP, objects have **state** and **behavior**. The **methods** provide the behavior

# Calling Methods

- The usual way that you call a method is by doing the following:

```
variableName.methodName(argumentsToMethod);
```

- For example, the built-in `String` class has a method called `toUpperCase` to convert to uppercase
  - This method doesn't take any parameters, so you just put empty parentheses after the method name.

```
String s1 = "Hello";
```

```
String s2 = s1.toUpperCase(); // s2 is now "HELLO"
```



# Static Methods

- Also known as “class methods” (vs. “instance methods”)– Static functions do not access any non-static methods or attributes within their class
- You call a static method through the class name

**ClassName.functionName(arguments);**

- For example, the **Math** class has a static method called **cos** that expects a **double** precision number as an argument
  - So you can call **Math.cos(3.5)** without ever having any object (instance) of the **Math** class
- E.g., the `main` method is a static method so the system can call it without first creating an object

# Static Methods are often used for Helper Class

```
public class NameUtils {  
    public static String randomFirstName() {  
        int num = (int) (Math.random()*1000);  
        return("Ali" + num);  
    }  
  
    public static String randomLastName() {  
        int num = (int) (Math.random()*1000);  
        return("Faleh" + num);  
    }  
}
```

# When to use Static Methods

- Define static methods in the following scenarios only:
  - If you are writing **utility classes** e.g., Math class
    - e.g., `int answer = Math.sin(45);`
  - Methods such as **sorts or comparisons** that operate on multiple objects of a class and are not tied to any particular instance
    - E.g., `Car theMoreEfficientOf( Car car1, Car car2 )`
  - Classes for which **only one instance is needed for the whole application**
  - Wrapper classes –see next slide-

# Wrapper Classes

- Java provides *wrapper classes* for each primitive type
- Allow programmer to have an object that corresponds to value of primitive type
- Contain useful predefined constants and methods
- Wrapper classes have no default constructor
  - Programmer must specify an initializing value when creating new object
- Wrapper classes have no **set** methods

# Wrapper Class Example: Static methods in **Character** class

Name	Description	Argument Type	Return Type	Examples	Return Value
toUpperCase	Convert to uppercase	char	char	Character.toUpperCase('a') Character.toUpperCase('A')	'A' 'A'
toLowerCase	Convert to lowercase	char	char	Character.toLowerCase('a') Character.toLowerCase('A')	'a' 'a'
isUpperCase	Test for uppercase	char	boolean	Character.isUpperCase('A') Character.isUpperCase('a')	true false
isLowerCase	Test for lowercase	char	boolean	Character.isLowerCase('A') Character.isLowerCase('a')	false true
isLetter	Test for a letter	char	boolean	Character.isLetter('A') Character.isLetter('%')	true false
isDigit	Test for a digit	char	boolean	Character.isDigit('5') Character.isDigit('A')	true false
isWhitespace	Test for whitespace	char	boolean	Character.isWhitespace(' ') Character.isWhitespace('A')	true false

Whitespace characters are those that print as white space, such as the blank, the tab character ('\t'), and the line-break character ('\n').

# Method Visibility

- public/private distinction
  - A declaration of **private** means that “outside” methods cannot call it – only methods within the same class can
    - Attempting to call a private method outside the class would result in an error at compile time
  - Only use **public** for methods that *your class will make available to users*
  - You are **free to change or eliminate private** methods without telling users of your class
- Attributes are private by convention

# Static Variables

- Static variables are shared by all objects of a class
  - Only one instance of the variable exists
  - It can be accessed by all instances of the class
- Static variables also called *class variables*
  - Contrast with *instance variables*
- Variables declared static final are considered constants – value **cannot** be changed
- Variables declared **static** (without **final**) can be changed

# Methods Overloading

- Idea
  - Classes can have more than one method (or constructor) with the same name
  - The methods (or constructors) have to differ from each other by **having different number or types of parameters** (or both), so that Java can always tell which one you mean
    - A method's name and number and type of parameters is called the *signature*
- Syntax

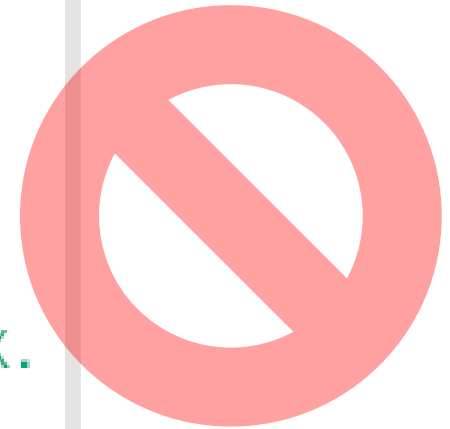
```
public class MyClass {  
    public double getRandomNum() { ...};  
    public double getRandomNum(double range) { ... }  
}
```
- Motivation
  - Lets you have the same name for methods doing similar operations (**ease learning and understanding your program**)
  - Overloaded constructors let you **build instances in different ways**



# Overloading and Return Type

- You must not overload a method where the only difference is the type of value returned

```
/**  
 Returns the weight of the pet.  
 */  
public double getWeight()  
  
/**  
 Returns '+' if overweight, '-' if  
 underweight, and '*' if weight is OK.  
 */  
public char getWeight()
```



# Constructors

# Overview

- Definition
  - Constructor is a special initialization method called when an object is created with `new`.
- Syntax
  - Constructor has the same name as the class and has no return type (not even void).

```
public class MyClass {  
    public MyClass(args) { ... }  
}
```
- Motivation
  - Lets you build an instance of the class and at the same time **initialize** the object attributes
  - Lets you **enforce the initialization of some object attributes** at the time of the object creation
  - Lets you run some custom initialization logic when the class is instantiated (e.g., open a file)

# Initializing Objects with Constructors

- **Constructors** = **'Methods'** used to initialize an object's attributes when it is created
  - **Call made implicitly** when the object is instantiated
    - There is no explicit way to call the constructor
  - A constructor has the same name as the class and has no return type - Not even `void`
- A class can have zero, one or more different constructors
  - We distinguish between constructors using different number and types of parameters
- Default constructor has no parameters
  - Java will define this automatically if the class does not have any constructors
  - If you do define a constructor, Java will not automatically define a default constructor

# Example: No Constructor Defined


- Person

```
public class Person {  
    private String firstName, lastName;  
    //+ get and set methods not shown  
}
```

- PersonTest

```
public class PersonTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Person ali = new Person();  
        ali.setFirstName("Ali");  
        ali.setLastName("Faleh");  
        // doSomethingWith(ali);  
    }  
}
```

It took three lines of code to make a properly constructed person. It would be possible for a programmer to build a person and forget to assign a first or last name.



# Example: User-Defined Constructor

- Person

```
public class Person {  
    private String firstName, lastName;  
    //+ get and set methods not shown  
    public Person(String firstName, String lastName) {  
        this.firstName = firstName;  
        this.lastName = lastName;  
    }  
}
```

- PersonTest

```
public class PersonTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Person p = new Person("Ali", "Faleh");  
        // doSomethingWith(ali);  
    }  
}
```

It took one line of code to make a properly constructed person. It would not be possible for a programmer to build a person and forget to assign a first or last name.

# Constructor Example

- Constructor= special method that handles initialization
- Example: BankAccount
- A constructor **is invoked during object construction**:

The Constructor is automatically called when the object is **instantiated**

BankAccount aliAccount =  
**new** BankAccount();  
aliAccount.deposit( 1000 );

Method call

```
public class BankAccount
{
    private double balance;

    public BankAccount() {
        balance = 0;
    }

    double getBalance()
    {
        return balance;
    }

    void deposit( double amount )
    {
        balance = balance + amount;
    }
    ...
}
```

**Constructor**

# The `this` Variable

- The `this` object reference can be used inside any non-static method to refer to the current object
  - `this` is used to refer to the object from inside its class definition
  - The keyword `this` stands for the receiving object
- The common uses of the `this` reference are:

## 1. To pass a reference to the current object as a parameter to other methods

```
someMethod(this);
```

## 2. To resolve name conflicts

- Using `this` permits the use of attributes in methods that have local variables with the same name
  - Note that it is only necessary to say `this.attributeName` when you have a local variable and a class attribute with the same name; otherwise just use `attributeName` with no `this`



# JavaDoc

# Comments and JavaDoc

- Java supports 3 types of comments
  - `//` Comment to end of line.
  - `/*` Block comment containing multiple lines.  
Nesting of comments is not permitted. `*/`
  - `/**` A JavaDoc comment placed before class definition and non-private methods.  
Text may contain (most) HTML tags, hyperlinks, and JavaDoc tags. `*/`
- JavaDoc
  - Used to generate on-line documentation  
`javadoc Foo.java Bar.java (or *.java)`
- More information about JavaDoc available @  
<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/technotes/tools/windows/javadoc.html>

# Useful Javadoc Tags

- **@author**
  - Specifies the author of the document
  - Must use `javadoc -author ...` to generate in output

```
/** Description of some class ...
 *
 *      @author <a href="author@coding.com">
 *              Java Programmer</a>
 */
```
- **@version**
  - Version number of the document
  - Must use `javadoc -version ...` to generate in output
- **@param**
  - Documents a method argument
- **@return**
  - Documents the return type of a method

# Useful Javadoc Command-line Arguments

- **-author**
  - Includes author information (omitted by default)
- **-version**
  - Includes version number (omitted by default)
- **-noindex**
  - Tells `javadoc` not to generate a complete index
- **-notree**
  - Tells `javadoc` not to generate the `tree.html` class hierarchy
- **-link, -linkoffline**
  - Tells `javadoc` where to look to resolve links to other packages

**-link** `http://download.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/`

**-linkoffline** `http://download.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/`  
`c:\jdk1.7\docs\api`

# JavaDoc: Example

```
/** Account example to demonstrate OOP in Java.
 *
 *      @author <a href="author@coding.com">
 *              Java Programmer</a>
 */
public class Account {
    private int accountNo;
    private String accountName;
    private double balance;

    /** Build account with specified parameters. */
    public Account(int accountNo, String accountName, double
balance)
    {
        this.accountNo = accountNo;
        this.accountName = accountName;
        this.balance = balance;
    }
    ...
}
```

# JavaDoc Example

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QuBank

**Class Account**

java.lang.Object  
    QuBank.Account

---

```
public class Account
extends java.lang.Object
```

Account example to demonstrate OOP in Java.

**Author:**  
    Java Programmer

**Constructor Summary**

**Constructors**

Constructor and Description
<code><b>Account</b>(int accountNo, java.lang.String accountName)</code>
<code><b>Account</b>(int accountNo, java.lang.String accountName, double balance)</code>
Build account with specified parameters.

# Programming Conventions and Best Practices

- Make all attributes private and provide getters and setters
- Class names start with upper case
- Method names and variable names start with lower case
- Choose **meaningful names** for classes, methods and variables
  - makes programs more readable and understandable
- Use JavaDoc-style comments to generate useful documentation
- Indent nested blocks consistently to communicate the structure of your program
  - **Proper indentation helps comprehension**

# Summary

- In OOP, we write classes
- A class consists of attributes to store data and methods to perform actions
- Once a class has been defined, objects of that class can be created (instantiated)
- Methods are invoked on an object, and may cause the data of the object to change
- A **static** method can be called without creating an object
- A **static** variable is shared by all objects of the class
- Constructor method creates, initializes objects of a class
  - Default constructor has no parameters
- Methods overloading allow us to have multiple methods or constructors with the same name.
  - They must differ in argument signatures (number and/or type of parameters)



# Banking System Example

QuBank 🔍

BankUI
<u>+main(args : String []) : void</u>

**This is the main  
class to run the App**

Account
<<Property>> -accountNo : int
<<Property>> -accountName : String
<<Property>> -balance : double
+Account(accountNo : int, accountName : String, balance : double)
+Account(accountNo : int, accountName : String)
+deposit(amount : double) : String
+withdraw(amount : double) : String

Bank has  
many  
Accounts

Bank
<u>-lastAccountNo : int = 0</u>
<u>-accounts : Account = new ArrayList&lt;&gt;()</u>
<u>+addTestAccounts() : void</u>
<u>+addAccount(account : Account) : void</u>
<u>+getAccount(accountNo : int) : Account</u>
<u>+getBalance(accountNo : int) : double</u>
<u>+deposit(accountNo : int, amount : double) : String</u>
<u>+withdraw(accountNo : int, amount : double) : String</u>
<u>+getFormattedBalance(accountNo : int) : String</u>



# Bookstore System example

QuBookstore

BookStoreUI
<pre>+main(args : String []) : void +addItemsToShoppingCart() : ShoppingCart +displayShoppingCart(shoppingCart : ShoppingCart) : void</pre>

**This is the main class to run the App**

DataEntryUtils
<pre>+getString(scanner : Scanner, prompt : String) : String +getInt(scanner : Scanner, prompt : String) : int +getInt(scanner : Scanner, prompt : String, min : int, max : int) : int +getDouble(scanner : Scanner, prompt : String) : double +getDouble(scanner : Scanner, prompt : String, min : double, max : double) : double</pre>

**This is a utility class to ease data entry**

**A CartItem is for one particular book**

CartItem
<pre>&lt;&lt;Property&gt;&gt; -quantity : int &lt;&lt;Property&gt;&gt; -book : Book +CartItem() +CartItem(book : Book, quantity : int) +getTotal() : double +getFormattedTotal() : String</pre>

ShoppingCart
<pre>&lt;&lt;Property&gt;&gt; -cartItems : CartItem +ShoppingCart() +addItem(cartItem : CartItem) : void +getTotal() : double +getFormattedTotal() : String</pre>

**A Shopping Cart contains 1 or many items**

Book
<pre>&lt;&lt;Property&gt;&gt; -code : String &lt;&lt;Property&gt;&gt; -description : String &lt;&lt;Property&gt;&gt; -price : double +Book() +Book(code : String, description : String, price : double) +getFormattedPrice() : String</pre>

BookCatalog
<pre>-books : Book = new ArrayList&lt;&gt;() +addTestBooks() : void +getBook(bookCode : String) : Book</pre>

**The BookCatlog contains many books**