

# & Object-Oriented Programming

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One of many *programming paradigms* where **functions** are the central players.

Functions can work on data, which can sometimes be other functions.

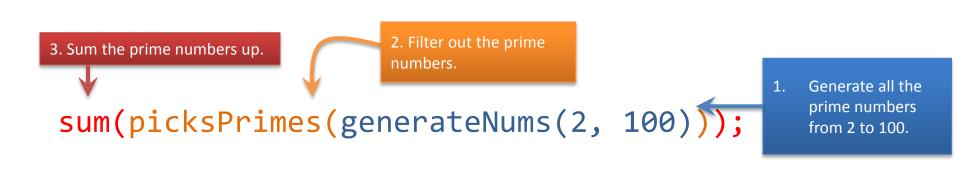
Key Feature: Composition

Functions can receive input from, and provide output to, other functions.

Many problems can be solved by "chaining" the outputs of one function to the inputs of the next.

Key Feature: Composition

Example: Sum of all prime numbers from 2 to 100.



Key Feature: Statelessness

Functions always produce the *same outputs* for the *same inputs*.

This makes them incredibly useful for, for example, processing *a lot* of data *in parallel*.

Key Feature: Statelessness

Because of statelessness, if we need to *update* a piece of data, we need to create a whole new piece of data.

```
String x = "Hello";
words = new String[16];
words[15] = x;
```

Key Feature: Statelessness

Functional programming is clunky for data that changes over time, or that has state.

We need an easier way to work with stateful data.

## **Object-Oriented Programming**

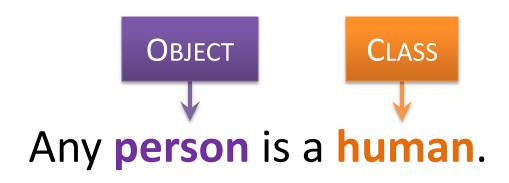
A new programming paradigm where **objects** are the central players.

"object-oriented".

Objects are data structures that are combined with associated behaviors.

They are "smart bags" of data that have state and can interact.

Functions can do one thing; objects can do many related things.





An object is an instance of a class.

For example, a person is an instance of a human.

The class describes its objects: it is a template.

Objects and instance variables have a "has-a" relationship.

An **instance variable** is an **attribute** specific to an instance.

An object has an instance variable.



A single person can eat and sleep.

The population of the Earth is 7 billion.



Objects have certain behaviors, known as **methods**.

There are attributes for the class as a whole, not for specific instances: these are class variables.



```
public class Pokemon
    static int totalPokemon =
                                     CLASS VARIABLE
    String name;
    String owner;
    int hp;
    public Pokemon(String name, String owner, int hit_pts)
        this.name = name;
                                  INSTANCE
        this.owner = owner;
                                  Variables
        this.hp = hit_pts;
        Pokemon.totalPokemon += 1;
```



```
public class Pokemon
    static int totalPokemon = 0;
    String name;
    String owner;
                          CONSTRUCTOR
    int hp;
    public Pokemon(String name, String owner, int hit_pts)
                    this refers to the INSTANCE.
         this.name = name;
         this.owner = owner;
         this.hp = hit pts;
         Pokemon.totalPokemon += 1;
                            Class variables are referenced using the
                             name of the class, since they do not
                                belong to a specific instance.
```



```
public class Pokemon
    static int totalPokemon = 0;
    String name;
    String owner;
    int hp;
    public Pokemon(String name, String owner, int hit_pts)
        this. name = name; 		 Name of the instance (this)
        this.owner = owner;
        this.hp = hit_pts;
        Pokemon.totalPokemon += 1;
                  Total number of Pokémon
```



```
public class Pokemon
    public void increase_hp(int amount)
                                          METHODS
        this.hp += amount;
    public void decrease_hp(int amount) <</pre>
        this.hp -= amount;
```



```
public class Pokemon
    public String getName() { <</pre>
        return this.name;
                                            SELECTORS
    public String getOwner() {
        return this.owner;
    public int getHitPts() {
        return this.hp;
```



```
Pokemon ashs_pikachu = new Pokemon("Pikachu", "Ash",
300);
Pokemon mistys_togepi = new Pokemon("Togepi",
"Misty", 245);
System.out.println(mistys togepi.getOwner());
Misty
System.out.println(ashs_pikachu.getHitPts());
300
ashs_pikachu.increase_hp(150);
System.out.println(ashs_pikachu.getHitPts());
450
                      We now have state!
```

The same expression

evaluates to different values.



#### The statement

Pokemon ashs\_pikachu = new Pokemon("Pikachu",
"Ash", 300);

instantiates a new object.

The Pokemon method (the constructor) is called by this statement.

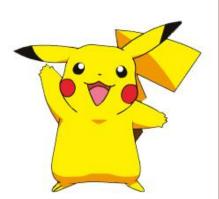
Objects can only be created by the constructor.

## **Smart Bags of Data**

```
Pokemon ashs_pikachu = new Pokemon("Pikachu",
"Ash", 300);
```

```
Pokemon mistys_togepi = new Pokemon("Togepi",
"Misty", 245);
```

#### The statements above create two new objects:



Instance variables:
name
owner
hp

Methods:
increase\_hp
decrease\_hp
getName
getOwner
getHitPts



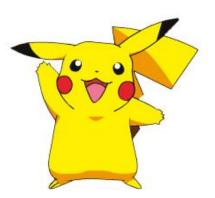
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## **Smart Bags of Data**

Each object gets its own set of instance variables.

Each object is a "smart bag" of data: it has data and it can also manipulate the data.



Instance variables:
name
owner
hp

Methods:
increase\_hp
decrease\_hp
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## Calling Instance Methods

Each method belongs to an instance. You call it using the name of that instance.

ashs\_pikachu.increase\_hp(150);



## **Object Identity**

Every object has its own set of independent instance variables and methods.

Accident the same object

```
Pokemon ashs_pikachu = new Pokemon("Pikachu", "Ash", 300);

Pokemon brocks_pikachu = ashs_pikachu;

System.out.println(brocks_pikachu == ashs_pikachu);

true

The == operator checks if the two variables evaluate to the same object.

Pokemon brocks_pikachu = new Pokemon("Pikachu", "Brock", 300);

System.out.println(brocks_pikachu == ashs_pikachu);

false
```

to two different variables.



Which methods in the Pokemon class should be modified to ensure that the HP never goes down below zero?

How should it be modified?

```
We modify the decrease_hp method:
public void decrease_hp(int amount)
{
    this.hp -= amount;
    if (this.hp < 0)
     {
        this.hp = 0;
    }
}</pre>
```



Write the method attack that takes another Pokemon object as an argument. When this method is called on a Pokemon object, the object screams (i.e. prints) its name and reduces the HP of the opposing Pokémon by 50.

```
System.out.println(mistys_togepi.getHitPts());
245
ashs_pikachu.attack(mistys_togepi);
Pikachu!
System.out.println(mistys_togepi.getHitPts());
195
```



Write the method attack that takes another Pokemon object as an argument. When this method is called on a Pokemon object, the object screams (i.e. prints) its name and reduces the HP of the opposing Pokémon by 50.

```
public void attack(Pokemon other)
{
    System.out.println(this.getName() + "!");
    other.decrease_hp(50);
}
```

#### A Note About Variables

All instance variables so far have not had their visibility set.

We will want to change this later!

We will see why when we talk about public vs. private visibility.

The private visibility tells Java, and other Java programmers, to not use the variable outside the class.



#### **Properties**

We can create attributes that are computed from other attributes, but need not necessarily be instance variables.

Say we want each Pokemon object to say its complete name, constructed from its owner's name and its own name.

## **Properties**

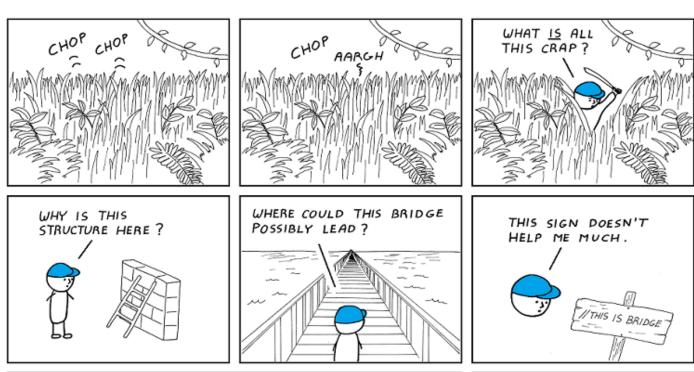
One way is to define a new *method*.

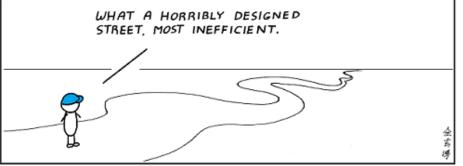
```
public class Pokemon
{
    ...
    public String completeName()
    {
        return this.owner + "'s" + this.name;
    }
}
System.out.println(ashs_pikachu.completeName());
Ash's Pikachu
```

However, this seems like it should be an attribute (something the data *is*), instead of a method (something the data can *do*).

Today's Coding Tip:

Make sure you (and others) can understand your code







I hate reading other people's code.