

Rounding Out Your Java Knowledge

Object Oriented Programming

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Java-Specific Terminology

Generic OO Terminology Used in this Book	Formal Java-Specific Terminology Used by Sun Microsystems	Used to Describe the Following Notion
attribute	field, instance variable	A variable that is created once per object—that is, per each instance of a class. Each object has its own separate set of instance variables.
static variable (informal: static attribute)	static field, class variable	A variable that exists only once per class.
method	instance method	A function that is invoked on an object.
static method	class method	A function that can be called on a class as a whole, without reference to a specific object. Class methods can neither call instance methods nor access instance variables.
feature	member	Those components of a class that can potentially be inherited—for example, instance/class variables and instance/class methods, but not constructors.

The Object Nature of Strings

```
String x = "Foo";  
String y = "bar";  
String z = x + y + "!";
```

- `String` is a reference type
- Variables `x`, `y`, and `z` refers to Objects of type `String`

How can we take advantage of this?

Think about the numerous methods that are declared by the `String` class for manipulating Strings

The Object Nature of Strings

Features

```
String x = "Foo";  
String y = x + "bar";
```

- `int length()`

```
int tres = x.length();
```

- `boolean startsWith(String s)`
- `boolean endsWith(String s)`

```
if (x.startsWith("fo")){...}  
if (x.endsWith("o")){...}  
  
if (y.startsWith('b')){...}
```

compiler ERROR!!! 

The Object Nature of Strings

Features

```
String x = "Foo";  
String y = x + "bar";
```

- boolean contains(String s)

```
if (y.contains(x)){...}  
if (y.contains("oob")){...}
```

- int indexOf(String s)

```
int posOob = s.indexOf("oob");
```

- String replace(char old, char new)

```
String z = y.replace('o', 'a');
```

The Object Nature of Strings

Features

```
String x = "Foo";  
String y = x + "bar";
```

- String substring(int i)

```
String z = y.substring(3);
```

- String substring(int l, int j)

```
String z = y.substring(2,3);
```

- char charAt(int index)

```
for (int i = 0; i < y.length(); i++) {  
    System.out.println(y.charAt(i));  
}
```

The Object Nature of Strings

Features

```
String x = "Foo";  
String y = x + "bar";
```

- boolean equals(String s)

```
String z = "Foo";  
  
if (x.equals(y)){...}  
if (x.equals(z)){...}  
  
if (x == z) {...}
```


The Object Nature of Strings

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These are references

The Object Nature of Strings

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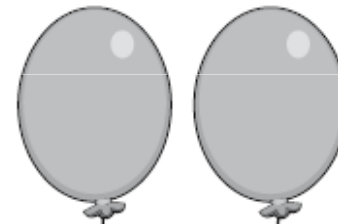
```
if (x.equals(y)){...}
```

```
if (x.equals(z)){...}
```

```
if (x == z) {...}
```



x == y ? true



x == y ? false

→ These are references

The Object Nature of Strings

Strings are Immutable

```
String x = "Foo";
```



The Object Nature of Strings

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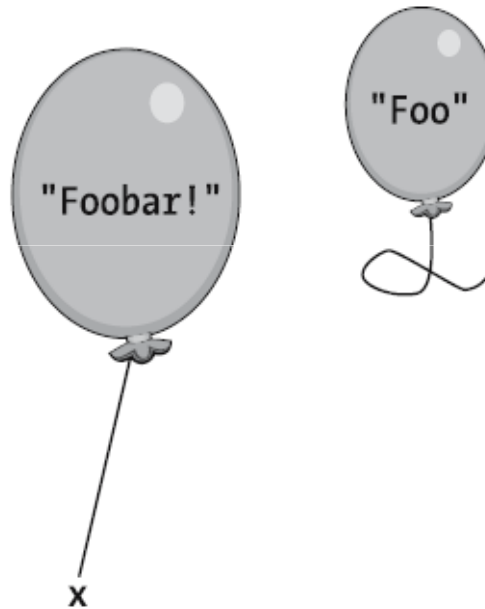


```
String x = x + "bar!";
```

The Object Nature of Strings

Strings are Immutable

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```



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```

The Object Nature of Strings

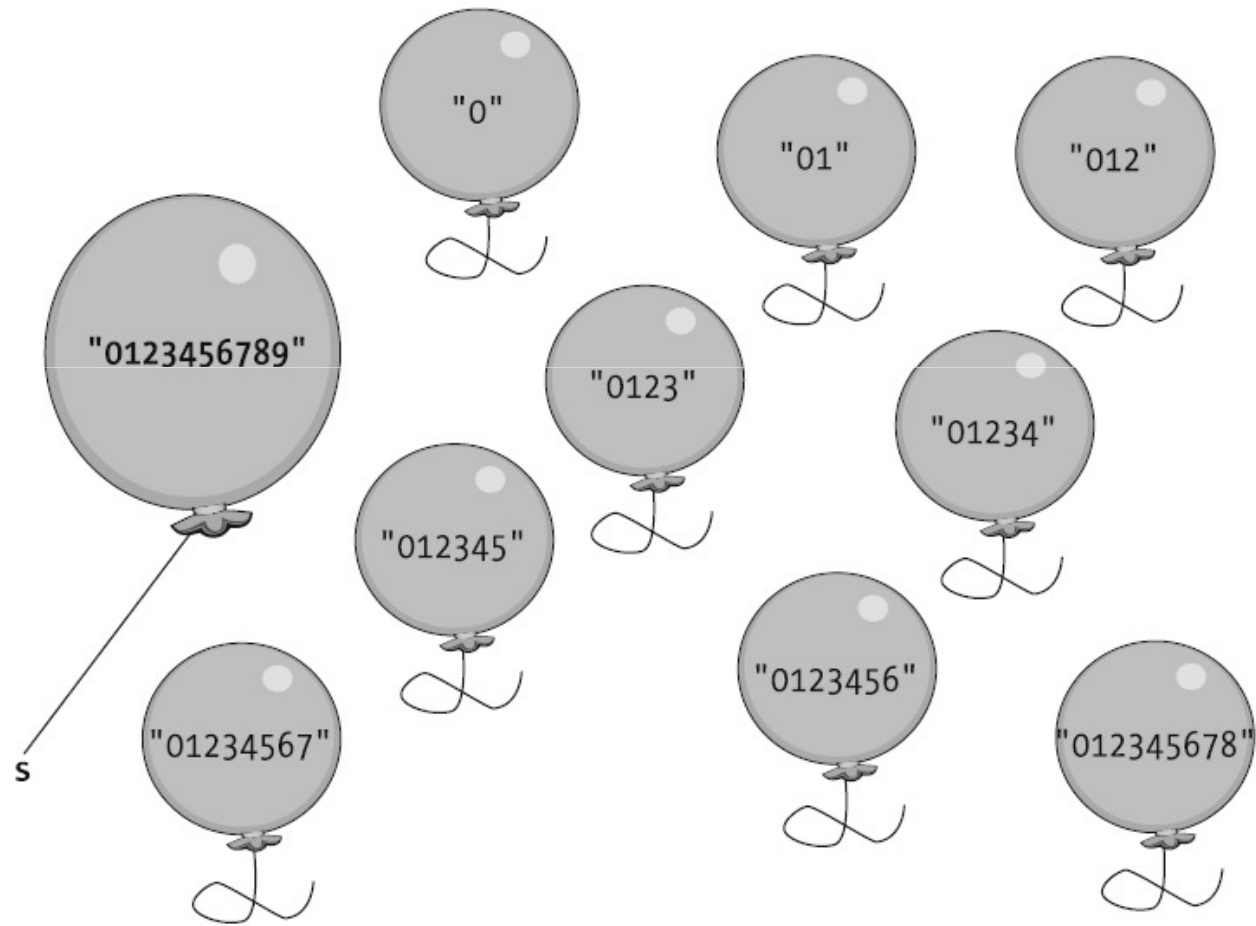
Strings are Immutable

```
String s = "";  
for (int x = 0; x < 10; x++) {  
    // Append another digit to s.  
    s = s + x;  
}
```

```
System.out.println(s);
```

The Object Nature of Strings

Strings are Immutable



The Object Nature of Strings

The StringBuffer class

```
import java.util.StringBuffer;
```

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();  
for (int x = 0; x < 10; x++) {  
    // Append another digit to s.  
    sb.append(x);  
}  
  
System.out.println(sb);
```



Only one object was instantiated

The Object Nature of Strings

The StringTokenizer class

```
import java.util.StringTokenizer;
```

```
String s = "This is a test.";
StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer(s);
while (st.hasMoreTokens()) {
    System.out.println(st.nextToken());
}
```

```
String date = "11/17/1985";
StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer(date, "/");
```

An overloaded form of the constructor,

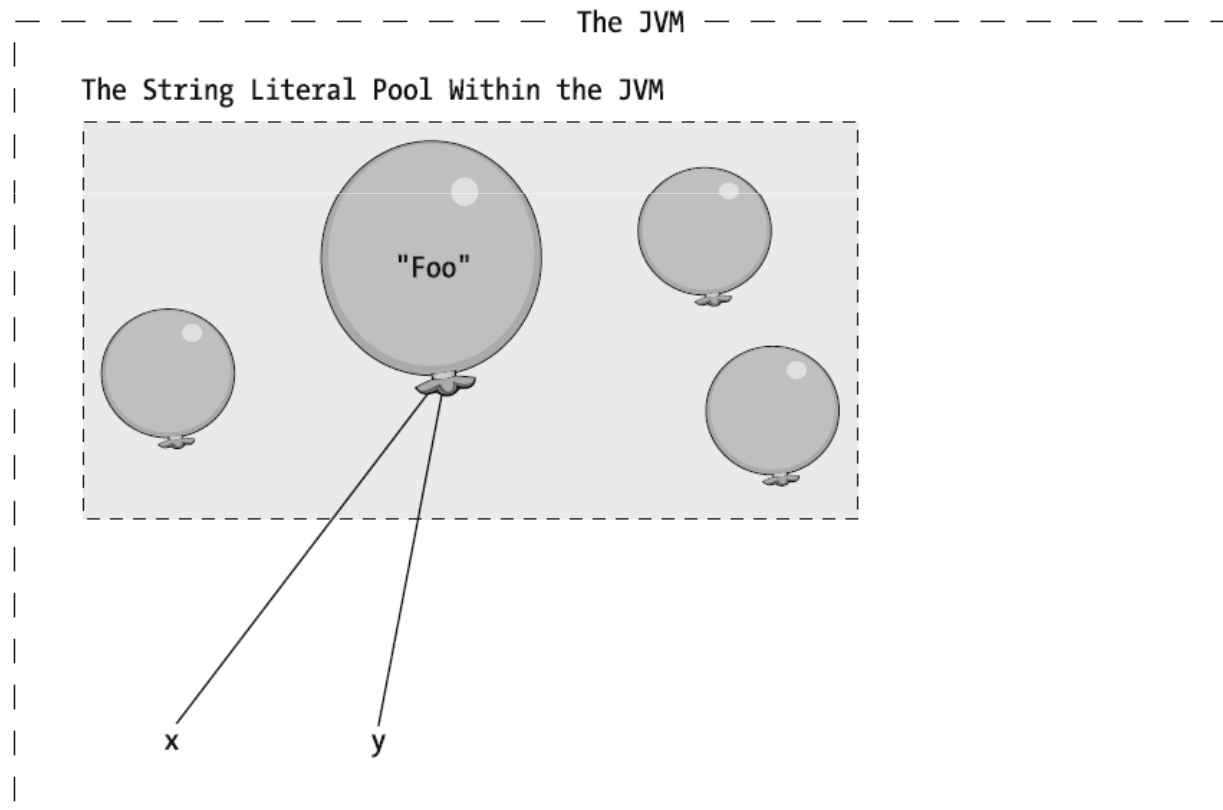
`StringTokenizer(String s, String delimiter),`

**can be used if we want to specify a specific
delimiter to be used when parsing a String.**

The Object Nature of Strings

Instantiating Strings and the String Literal Pool

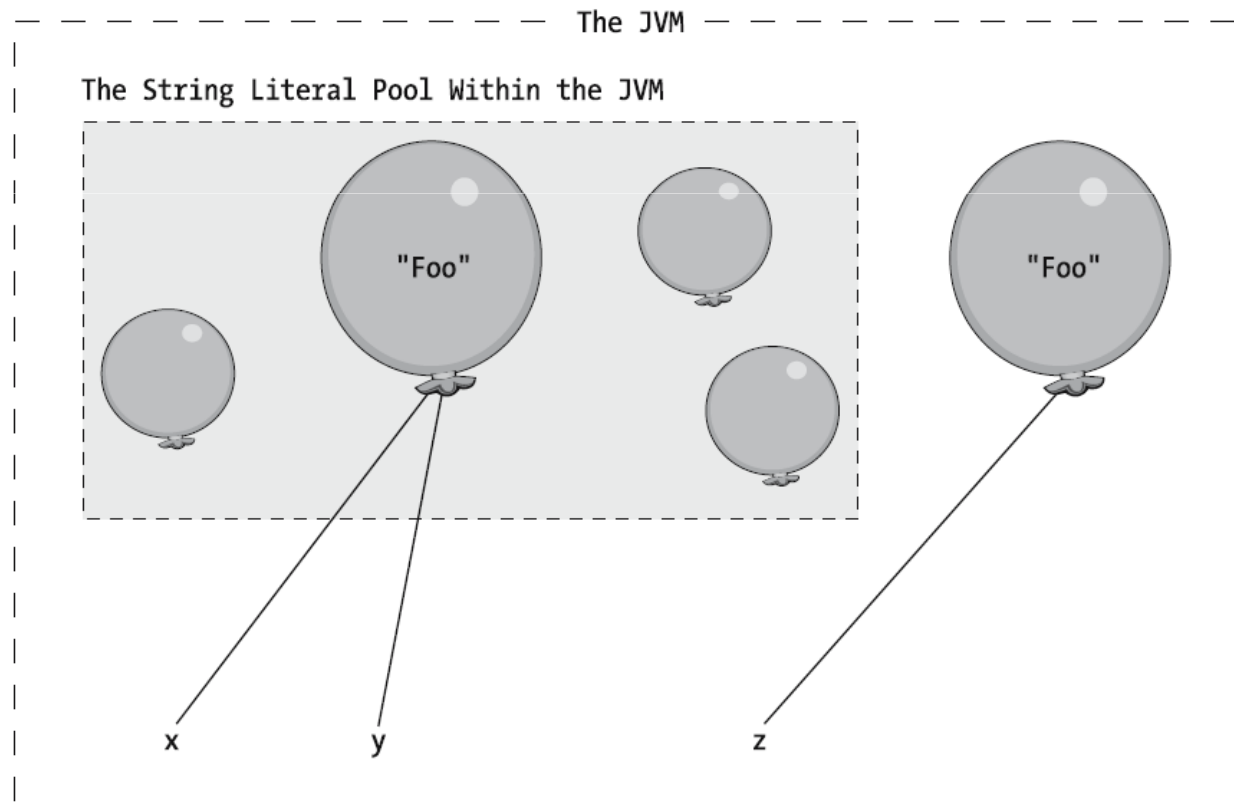
```
String x = "Foo";  
String y = "Foo";
```



The Object Nature of Strings

Instantiating Strings and the String Literal Pool

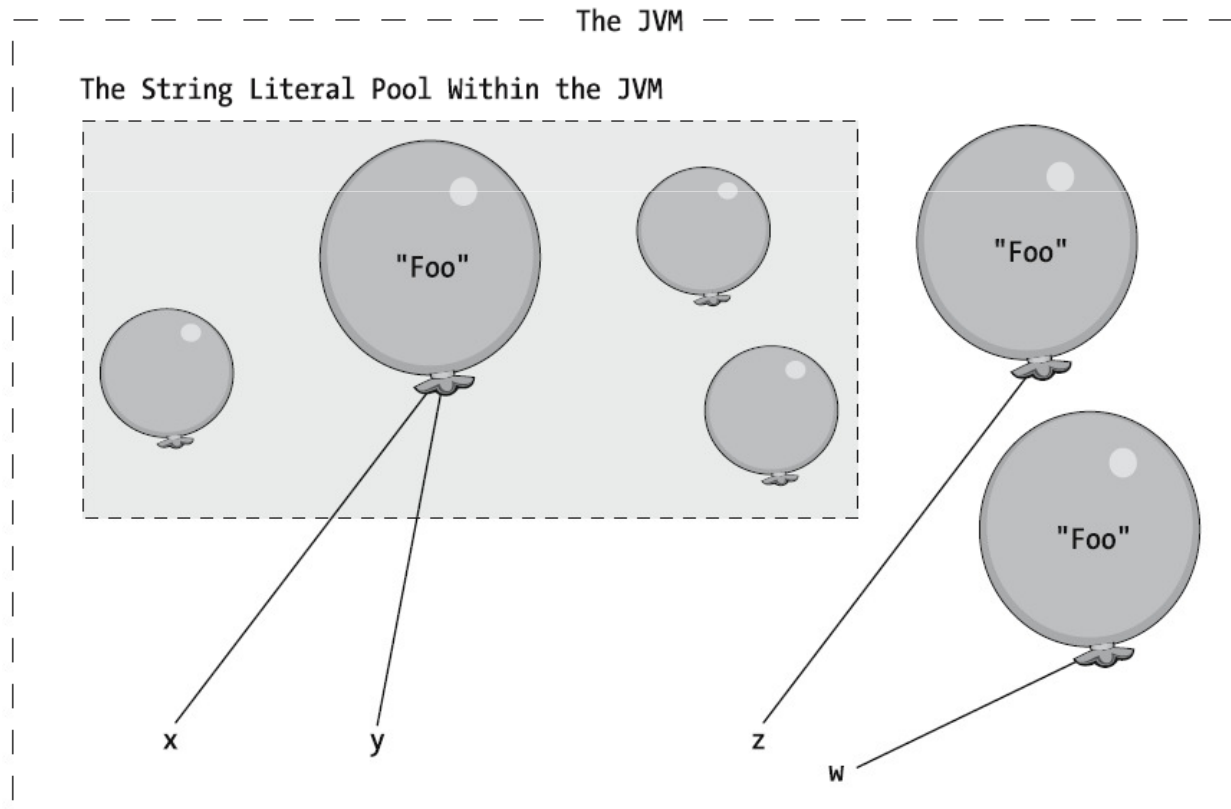
```
String z = new String("Foo");
```



The Object Nature of Strings

Instantiating Strings and the String Literal Pool

```
String z = new String("Foo");  
String w = new String("Foo");
```



Message Chains

- A “chain” of two or more messages concatenated by periods (“dots”): `p.getName().length()`

Another form of expression

```
Student s = new Student();  
Professor p = new Professor();  
Department d = new Department();  
  
d.setName("MATH");  
p.setDepartment(d);  
s.setAdvisor(p);
```

- Let's evaluate the following line of code

```
s.setMajor(s.getAdvisor().getDepartment().getName());
```

Enums (Enumerations)

J2SE 5.0 and above

```
public enum EnumName {  
    symbolicName1(value1),  
    symbolicName2(value2),  
    //<...>  
    symbolicNameN(valueN);
```

Comma-separated list of name/value pairs.

```
    private final type value;
```

A single attribute.

```
    EnumName(type v) {  
        value = v;  
    }
```

A (nonpublic) constructor

```
    public type value() {  
        return value;  
    }
```

An accessor method

```
}
```

Enums (Enumerations)

J2SE 5.0 and above

```
public enum Major {  
    Math("Mathematics"),  
    Bio("Biology"),  
    CS("Computer Science"),  
    Chem("Chemistry");
```

Comma-separated list of name/value pairs.

```
    private final String value;
```

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        value = v;  
    }
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An accessor method

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Enums (Enumerations)

J2SE 5.0 and above

```
public class Student {  
    private String name;  
    private Major major;  
    // ...
```

It's not a String

```
    public Student(String name, Major major) {  
        this.setName(name);  
        this.setMajor(major);  
    }
```

```
    public void setName(String n) {  
        name = n;  
    }
```

Accessor methods

```
    public void setMajor(Major m) {  
        major = m;  
    }  
}
```


Enums (Enumerations)

J2SE 5.0 and above

```
Major m = Major.CS;  
System.out.println(m);  
System.out.println(m.value());
```

Access the symbol
Access the value

```
Major n = "Computer Engineering";
```

compiler ERROR!!!



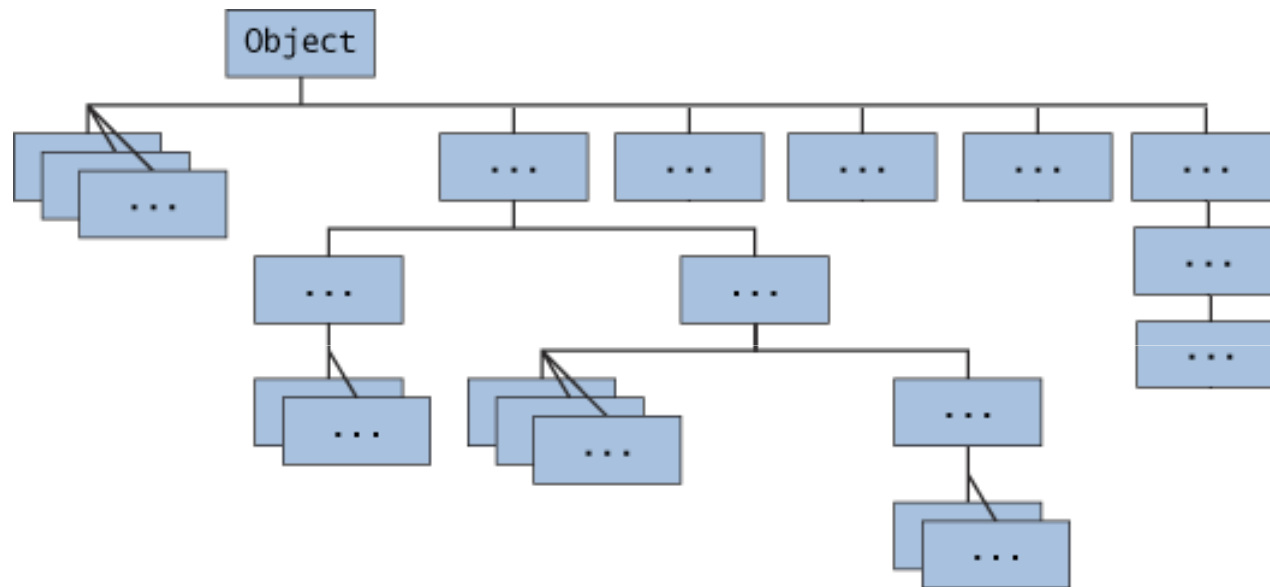
```
Major n = Major.Computer;
```

compiler ERROR!!!



- Prior to J2SE 5.0
 - What was the option for enumerate possible values?
 - What are the characteristics of this values?

Features of the Object Class



For more info:

<http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/lang/Object.html>

Features of the Object Class

```
Professor pr = new Professor();
```

- Class getClass() --- String getName()

```
pr.getClass();  
pr.getClass().getName();
```

We can Test to see if x is referring to a Professor object.

```
if (x != null && x.getClass().getName().equals("Professor")) {...}
```

Another way to do this – referenceVariable instanceof ClassName

```
if (x instanceof Professor) {...}
```

Features of the Object Class

Overriding the toString Method

Recall that the (overloaded) **print** and **println** methods do their best to render whatever expression is passed in as an argument into an equivalent String representation.

```
int x = 7;  
double y = 3.8;  
boolean z = false;  
System.out.println(x);  
System.out.println(y);  
System.out.println(z);
```

and the code for expressions that **resolve** to one of these types:

```
System.out.println(x + y);  
System.out.println(x == y);
```

Features of the Object Class

Overriding the toString Method

If we were to try to print the value of an expression that resolves to an **object reference**.

```
Student s = new Student("Harvey", "123-45-6789");  
System.out.println(s);
```

Features of the Object Class

Overriding the toString Method

If we were to try to print the value of an expression that resolves to an **object reference**.

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This prints something similar to `Student@71f71130`, which represents an internal objectID relevant only to the JVM

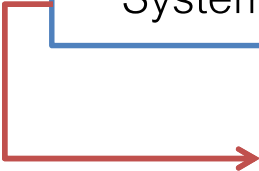
The String representation of an object is obtained with the `toString()` method.

```
System.out.println(s.toString());
```

Features of the Object Class

Overriding the toString Method

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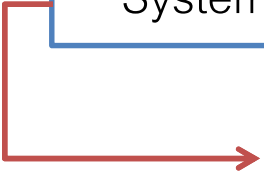


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Features of the Object Class

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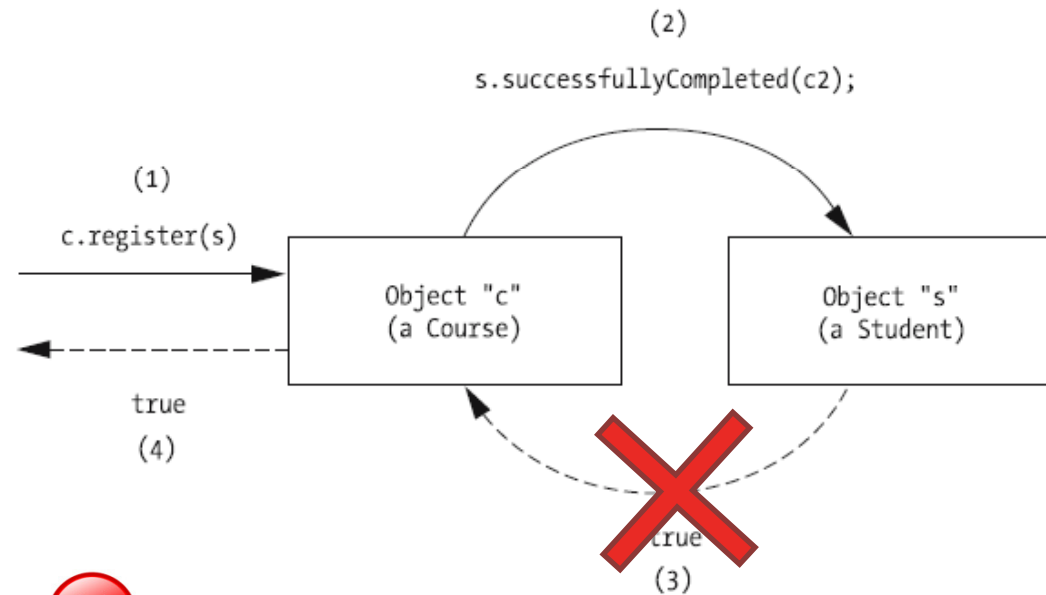
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- Let's override the toString() method, for instance:

```
public class Student {  
    private String name;  
  
    //accessor methods  
    public String toString() {  
        return this.getName() + " (" + this.getSsn() + ")";  
    }  
}
```


Java Exception Handling

- The problem may be something as simple as a logic error that the compiler wasn't able to detect.



runtime ERROR!!!



Java Exception Handling

Unexpected problems can arise as the JVM interprets/executes a Java program, for example:

- A program may be **unable to open a data file** due to inappropriate permissions.
- A program may have **trouble establishing a connection to a database management system** (DBMS) because a user has supplied an invalid password.
- A user may **supply inappropriate data via** an application's user interface—for example, a non-numeric value where a numeric value is expected.

Java Exception Handling

```
public class Problem {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Student s1 = null;  
        Student s2 = null;  
        // ...  
  
        s1 = new Student();  
        // ...  
  
        s1.setName("Fred");  
  
        s2.setName("Mary");  
    }  
}
```

Later on, we instantiate an object for s1 to refer to, but forget to do so for s2.

Still later in our program, we attempt to assign names to both Students.

Java Exception Handling

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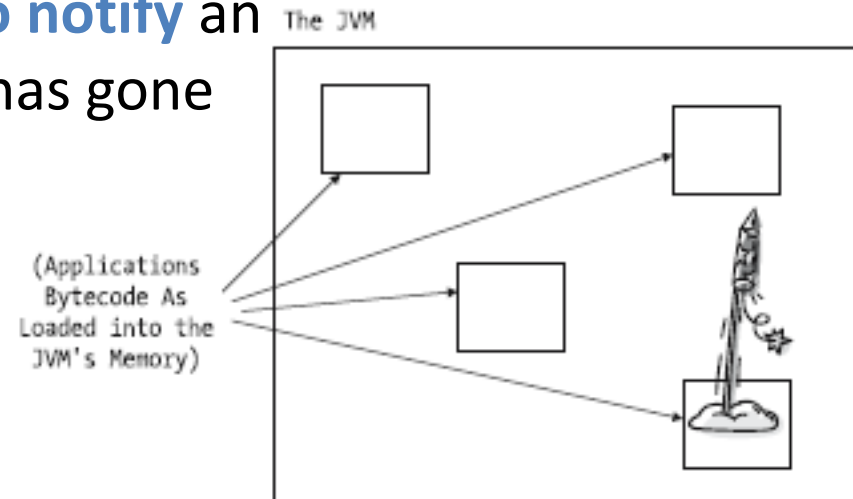
run-time ERROR!!!



Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException
at Problem.main(Problem.java:22)

Java Exception Handling

- An **Exception** is a (recoverable) **Java run-time error**.
- The process whereby the **JVM reports that a run-time error has arisen** is referred as **throwing an exception**.
- When the JVM throws an exception, **it's as if the JVM is shooting off a signal flare to notify** an application that something has gone wrong.



Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling

- The **try** block

We enclose code that is likely to throw an exception. This indicates our intention to **catch** (i.e. to detect and respond to) any exceptions that might be thrown by the JVM.

- The **catch** block

Presents the specific type of exception that is to be caught. We enclose the code to be used in recovering from the exception.

- The **finally** block

The code within a finally block is **guaranteed** to execute no matter what happens in the try/catch code that precedes it

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The Mechanics of Exception Handling

```
try {  
    code liable to throw exception(s) goes here ...  
}  
catch (ExceptionType1 variableName1) {  
    recovery code for ExceptionType1 goes here ...  
}  
catch (ExceptionType2 variableName2) {  
    recovery code for ExceptionType2 goes here ...  
}  
//...  
finally {  
    This code will be executed no matter what ...  
}
```

The finally block is optional ←

→ **The catch blocks are unnecessary if a finally block is present**

Java Exception Handling

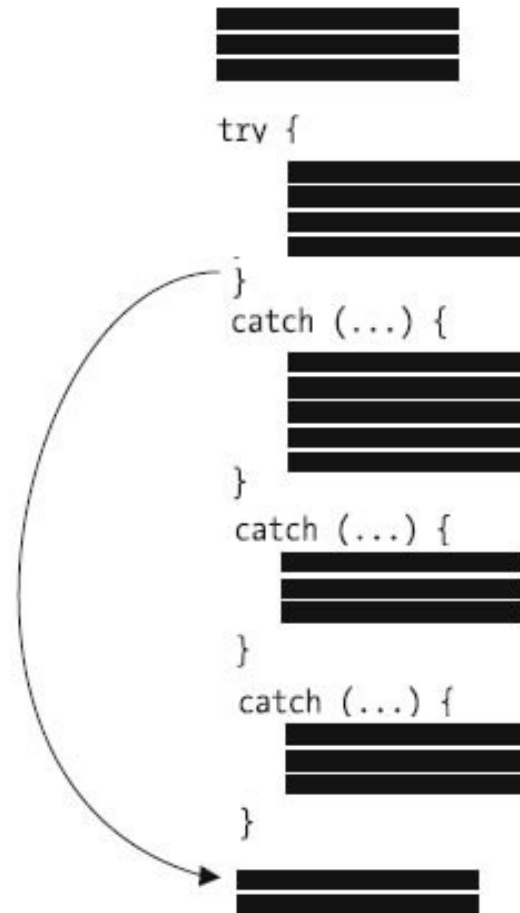
The Mechanics of Exception Handling

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public class Problem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Student s1 = null;
        Student s2 = null;

        s1 = new Student();
        // ...
        try {
            s1.setName("Fred");
            s2.setName("Mary");
        }
        catch (ArithmeticException e) {...} Recovery code for an ArithmeticException goes here ...
        catch (NullPointerException e2) {
            System.out.println("Darn! We forgot to initialize all of the students!");
        }
        catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e3) {...} Recovery code for an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException goes here ...
    }
}
```


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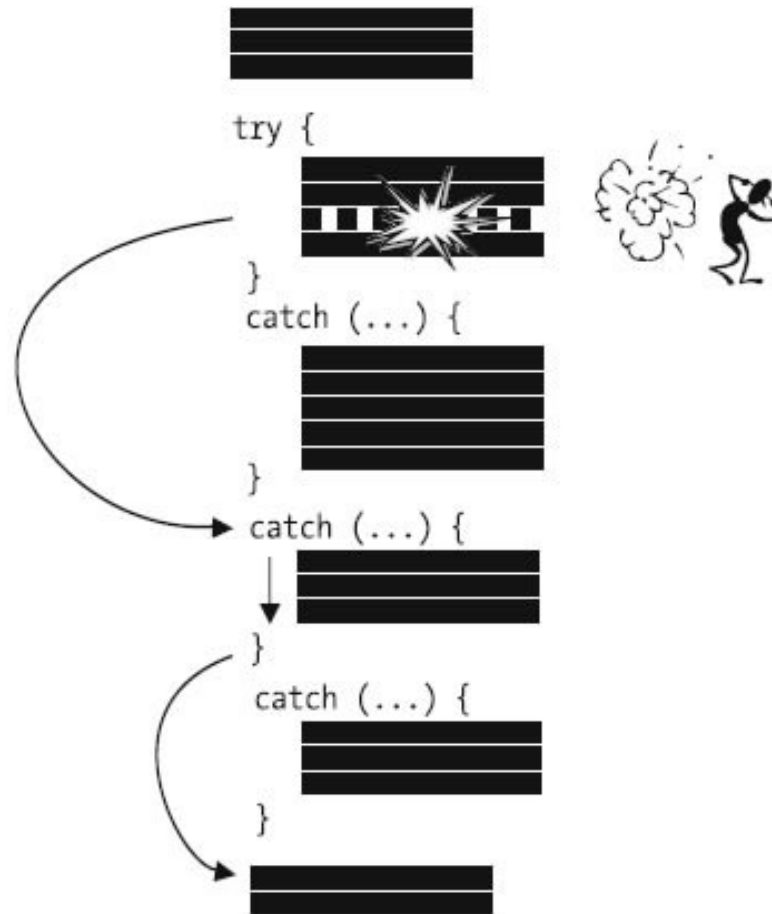
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If no exceptions are thrown in the try block, all catch blocks are bypassed.

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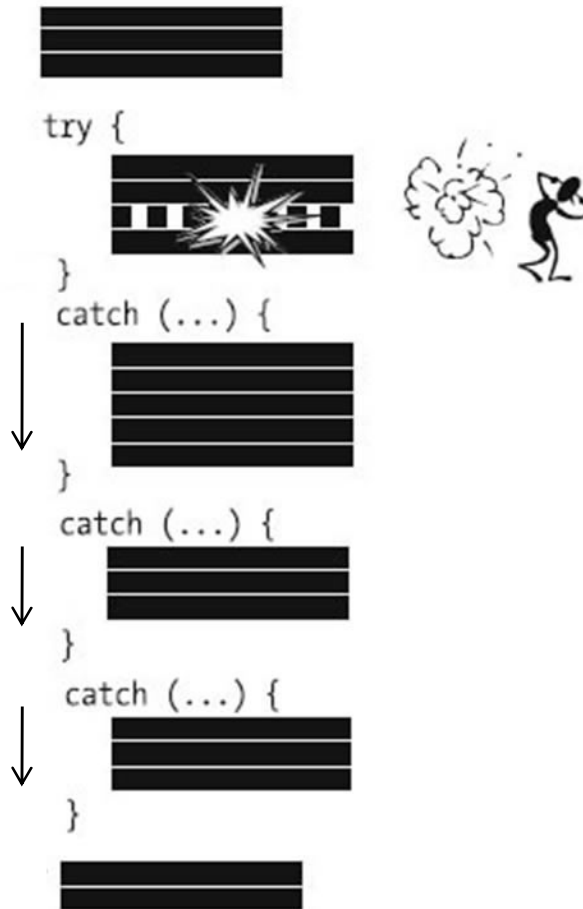
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If an exception arises, the first matching catch block, if any, is executed, and the rest are skipped.

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The Mechanics of Exception Handling



If no matching catch clause is found, the exception is said to be uncaught

Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling



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Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling

```
public class Problem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Student s1 = null;
        Student s2 = null;

        s1 = new Student();
        // ...
        System.out.println("We're about to enter the try block ...");
        try {
            System.out.println("We're about to call s1.setName(...)");
            s1.setName("Fred");
            System.out.println("We're about to call s2.setName(...)");
            s2.setName("Mary");
            System.out.println("We've reached the end of the try block ...");
        }
        //...
```

Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling

```
//...Here are our catch blocks (three in total).
catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Executing the first catch block ...");
}
catch (NullPointerException e2) {
    System.out.println("Executing the second catch block ...");
}
catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e3) {
    System.out.println("Executing the third catch block ...");
}

System.out.println("We're past the last catch block ...");
}
```

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}
catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e3) {
    System.out.println("Executing the third catch block ...");
}
finally {
    System.out.println("Executing the finally block ...");
}
System.out.println("We're past the last catch block ...");
}
```



Let's try the finally block

Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling

- The **finally** block [is optional as you have seen]

The code within a finally block is **guaranteed** to execute no matter what happens in the try/catch code that precedes it—that is, whether any of the following happen:

- The try block executes to completion without throwing any exceptions whatsoever.
- The try block throws an exception that is handled by one of the catch blocks.
- The try block throws an exception that is **not handled** by any of the catch blocks.

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The Mechanics of Exception Handling

- Two more changes in our example:
 - Let's now **repair the code** in our try block so that it doesn't throw any exceptions, to see what output our program will produce.
 - Once again **let the program throws a NullPointerException**, but **we are not going to catch it**.

Java Exception Handling

Catching Exceptions

Consider the following three-class example:

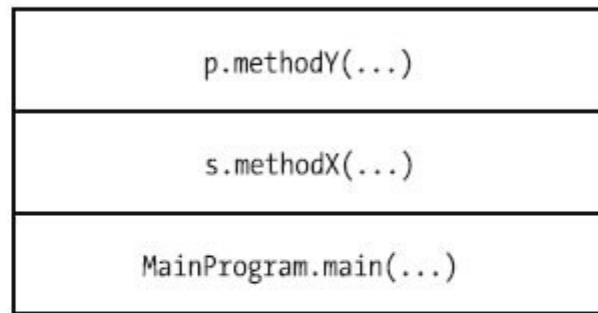
```
public class MainProgram {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Student s = new Student();  
        s.methodX();  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Student {  
    public void methodX() {  
        Professor p = new Professor();  
        p.methodY();  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Professor {  
    public void methodY() {  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

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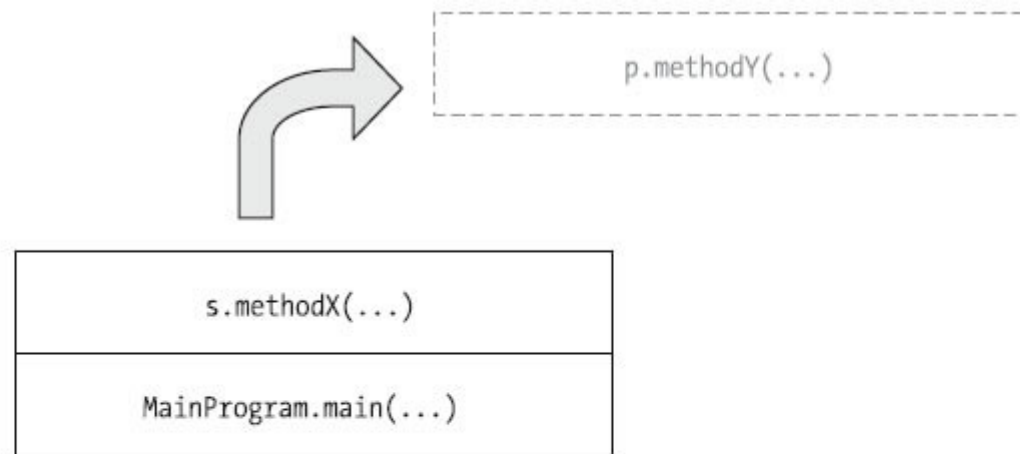
Catching Exceptions



- When the JVM executes our MainProgram, its **main method** is invoked, which in turn invokes **s.methodX()**, which in turn invokes **p.methodY()**;—this produces what is known as a **call stack** at run time.

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Catching Exceptions

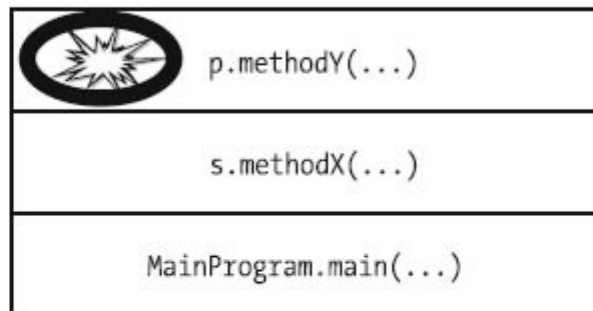


- A **stack** is a **last-in, first-out (LIFO)** data structure; the most recent method call is pushed onto the top of the call stack, and when that method exits, it is removed from (popped off of) the call stack.

Java Exception Handling

Catching Exceptions

A **NullPointerException** is thrown while executing **methodY**. If the appropriate try/catch logic is incorporated within the body of **methodY** then neither the Student nor MainProgram classes will be aware that such an exception was ever thrown.

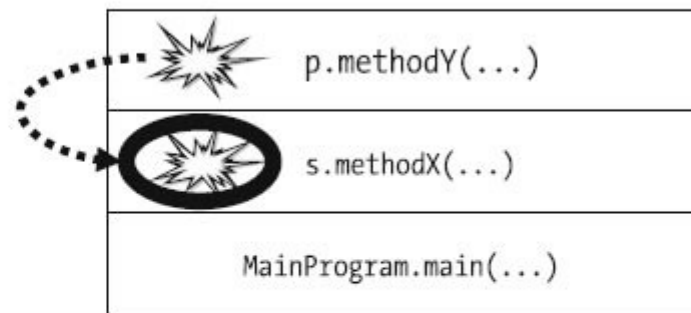


```
public class Professor {  
    public void methodY() {  
        try {...}  
        catch (NullPointerException e) {...}  
    }  
}
```

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Catching Exceptions

methodY does not catch/handle **NullPointerException**.

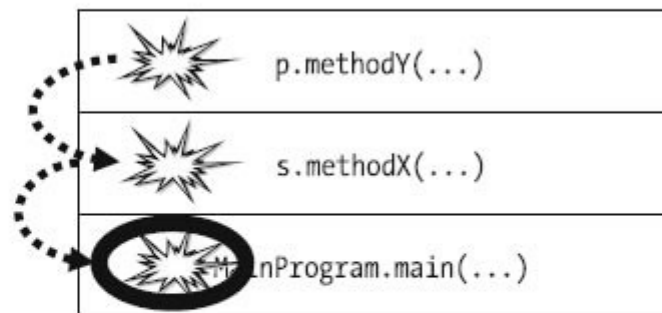


```
public class Professor {  
    public void methodY() {  
        // A NullPointerException is thrown here, but  
        // is NOT caught/handled.  
    }  
}
```

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Catching Exceptions

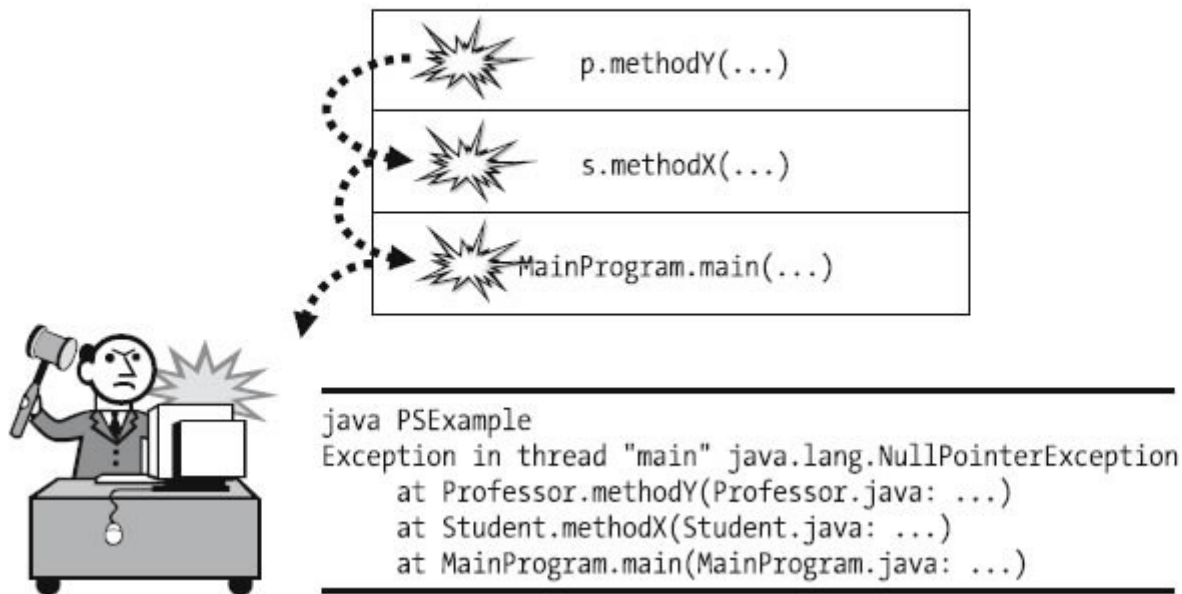
The **NullPointerException** makes its way to the main method.



Finally, what happened if the main method doesn't handle the exception?

Java Exception Handling

Catching Exceptions



run-time ERROR!!!



Java Exception Handling

Interpreting Exception Stack Traces

```
java PSExample  
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException  
    at Student.print(Student.java:10)  
    at Professor.printAdviseeInfo(Professor.java:11)  
    at PSExample.main(PSExample.java:12)
```

Reading the stack trace from top to bottom:

- The actual **NullPointerException** arose on line 10 of the Student class:
- That line of code is within the body of the print method of the Student class, which was invoked from line 11 of the Professor class:
- And, that line of code is within the body of the printAdviseeInfo method of the Professor class, which was in turn invoked from the PSExample class's main method on line 12:

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The Exception Class Hierarchy

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[Serializable](#)

Direct Known Subclasses:

[AclNotFoundException](#), [ActivationException](#), [AlreadyBoundException](#), [ApplicationException](#), [AWTException](#), [BackingStoreException](#), [BadAttributeValueExpException](#), [BadBinaryOpValueExpException](#), [BadLocationException](#), [BadStringOperationException](#), [BrokenBarrierException](#), [CertificateException](#), [ClassNotFoundException](#), [CloneNotSupportedException](#), [DataFormatException](#), [DatatypeConfigurationException](#), [DestroyFailedException](#), [ExecutionException](#), [ExpandVetoException](#), [FontFormatException](#), [GeneralSecurityException](#), [GSSEException](#), [IllegalAccessException](#), [IllegalClassFormatException](#), [InstantiationException](#), [InterruptedException](#), [IntrospectionException](#), [InvalidApplicationException](#), [InvalidMidiDataException](#), [InvalidPreferencesFormatException](#), [InvalidTargetObjectTypeException](#), [InvocationTargetException](#), [IOException](#), [JAXBException](#), [JMEException](#), [KeySelectorException](#), [LastOwnerException](#), [LineUnavailableException](#), [MarshalException](#), [MidiUnavailableException](#), [MimeTypeParseException](#), [MimeTypeParseException](#), [NamingException](#), [NoninvertibleTransformException](#), [NoSuchFieldException](#), [NoSuchMethodException](#), [NotBoundException](#), [NotOwnerException](#), [ParseException](#), [ParserConfigurationException](#), [PrinterException](#), [PrintException](#), [PrivilegedActionException](#), [PropertyVetoException](#), [RefreshFailedException](#), [RemarshalException](#), [RuntimeException](#), [SAXException](#), [ScriptException](#), [ServerNotActiveException](#), [SOAPException](#), [SQLException](#), [TimeoutException](#), [TooManyListenersException](#), [TransformerException](#), [TransformException](#), [UnmodifiableClassException](#), [UnsupportedAudioFileException](#), [UnsupportedCallbackException](#), [UnsupportedFlavorException](#), [UnsupportedLookAndFeelException](#), [URIReferenceException](#), [URISyntaxException](#), [UserException](#), [XAException](#), [XMLParseException](#), [XMLSignatureException](#), [XMLStreamException](#), [XPathException](#)

```
public class Exception
extends Throwable
```

The class `Exception` and its subclasses are a form of `Throwable` that indicates conditions that a reasonable application might want to catch.

Since:

JDK1.0

See Also:

[Error](#), [Serialized Form](#)

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The Exception Class Hierarchy

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DETAIL: FIELD | [CONSTR](#) | [METHOD](#)

Java™ Platform
Standard Ed. 6java.sql
Class DataTruncation[java.lang.Object](#)
└─ [java.lang.Throwable](#)
 └─ [java.lang.Exception](#)
 └─ [java.sql.SQLException](#)
 └─ [java.sql.SQLWarning](#)
 └─ [java.sql.DataTruncation](#)All Implemented Interfaces:
[Serializable](#), [Iterable](#)<[Throwable](#)>public class DataTruncation
extends [SQLWarning](#)

A catch clause for a given exception type X will catch that specific type of exception or any of its subtypes, by virtue of the “is a” nature of inheritance.

List catch clauses in most specific to least specific order after a try block.

Do you know why?

Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling

```
try {  
    // attempt to write data to a database  
}  
catch (DataTruncation e1) {  
    // Catch the most specific exception type first;  
}  
catch (SQLWarning e2) {  
    // ... then, the next most specific ...  
}  
catch (SQLException e3) {  
    // ... working our way up to the most general.  
}
```

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```
try { // database access operation... }  
catch (SQLException e) {...}
```

 **This will catch DataTruncation exceptions, so, why bother?**

Java Exception Handling

The Mechanics of Exception Handling

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}  
catch (SQLWarning e2) {...}  
catch (SQLException e3) {...}
```

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catch (SQLWarning e2) {...}  
catch (DataTruncation e1) {...}
```



→ These catch clauses are wasted – they can never be reached

Java Exception Handling

Catching the Generic Exception Type

- Some programmers use the “lazy” approach of catching the most generic Exception type and then doing **nothing to recover**, just to silence the compiler.

```
try {  
    // anything...  
}  
catch (Exception e) {}
```

→ Empty braces → do NOTHING to recover!

- This is not a good practice!** We’re masking the fact that an exception has occurred.
Our program may be in a serious state of dysfunction, perhaps coming to a screeching halt (!), but it will remain silent.

Java Exception Handling

Catching the Generic Exception Type

- One legitimate case in which we might wish to do so is if we are writing a special-purpose error-handling subsystem for an application, as suggested by the following pseudocode:

```
public class Example {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        try {  
            // all of our main application logic is here ...  
        }  
        catch (Exception e) {  
            MyExceptionHandler.handleException(e);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



**What can you say about the
MyExceptionHandler.handleException() method?**

Java Exception Handling

Compiler Enforcement of Exception Handling

- Generally speaking, the Java compiler will force us to enclose code that is liable to throw an exception in a try block with an appropriate catch block(s).

Unreported exception java.io.FileNotFoundException; must be caught or declared to be thrown

- In such a situation, we have two choices:
 - Ideally, we'd enclose the code in question in a try block with an appropriate catch block (or blocks):
 - Alternatively, we may add a throws clause to the header of the method in which the uncaught exception might arise.

Java Exception Handling

Compiler Enforcement of Exception Handling

```
public class FileIOExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        try {  
            // open the file of interest;  
            // while (end of file not yet reached)  
            // read next line from file;  
        }  
        catch (FileNotFoundException e) { ...}  
    }  
}
```

```
public class FileIOExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {  
        // open the file of interest;  
        // while (end of file not yet reached)  
        // read next line from file;  
    }  
}
```

Java Exception Handling

Compiler Enforcement of Exception Handling

- The only exception types that the compiler doesn't mandate catching are those derived from the RuntimeException class.
 - NullPointerException
 - ArithmeticException
 - ClassCastException
 - IndexOutOfBoundsException

Java Exception Handling

Taking Advantage of the Exception That We've "Caught"

```
try {  
    // try to open a nonexistent file named Foo.dat ...  
}  
catch (FileNotFoundException e) {  
    System.out.println("Error opening file " + e.getMessage());  
}
```

```
try {  
    // try to open a nonexistent file named Foo.dat ...  
}  
catch (FileNotFoundException e) {  
    e.printStackTrace();  
}
```

Java Exception Handling

Nesting of try/catch Blocks

- A `try` statement may be nested inside either the `try` or `catch` block of another `try` statement.

```
try {  
    // open a user-specified file  
}  
catch (FileNotFoundException e) {  
    try {  
        // open a DEFAULT file instead ...  
    }  
    catch (FileNotFoundException e2) {  
        // attempt to recover ...  
    }  
}
```

We couldn't find the user-specified file, perhaps we might want to open a DEFAULT file... but what if the DEFAULT file cannot be found, either?

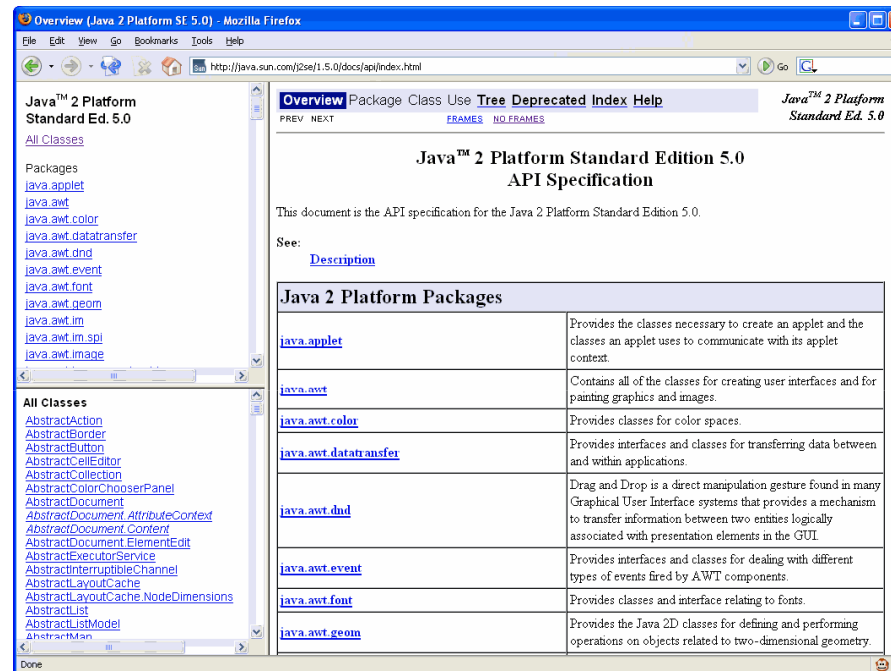
Behind the Scenes of the JVM

- When you run a Java program, you're actually launching the JVM, which in turn goes through the following process:
 1. The JVM searches for the specified bytecode file in its classpath.
 2. If the file is found, the JVM loads the bytecode into its memory.
 3. The JVM searches the bytecode for the official main method header: `public static void main(String[] args)`.
 4. If the file is found, the JVM executes the main method to launch the application.



The JVM's Class Loader

Javadoc Comments



@see

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/javadoc/writingdoccomments/index.html>

In Eclipse: **Project>Generate Javadoc...**

Java Archive (JAR) Files

- The Java bytecode comprising an application is commonly bundled and delivered in the form of a **Java Archive (JAR) file**.
- In Eclipse:
Right click on the Project > Export > JAR File

Right click on the Project > Build Path > Add External Archives...

More info

<http://java.sun.com/developer/Books/javaprogramming/JAR/basics/>

UML

1. Introduction
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3. Package Diagrams
4. Use Cases – Organizes the behaviors of the system
5. Sequence Diagrams – Focuses on the time ordering of messages
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