



Programming Fundamentals 1

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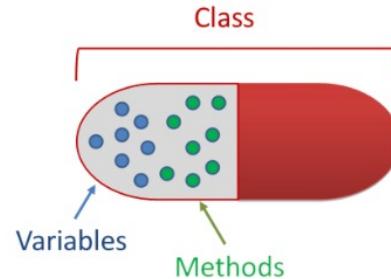
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IntelliJ and Spot

Encapsulation and Spot

Encapsulated Spot



private fields · getters ·
setters · this keyword

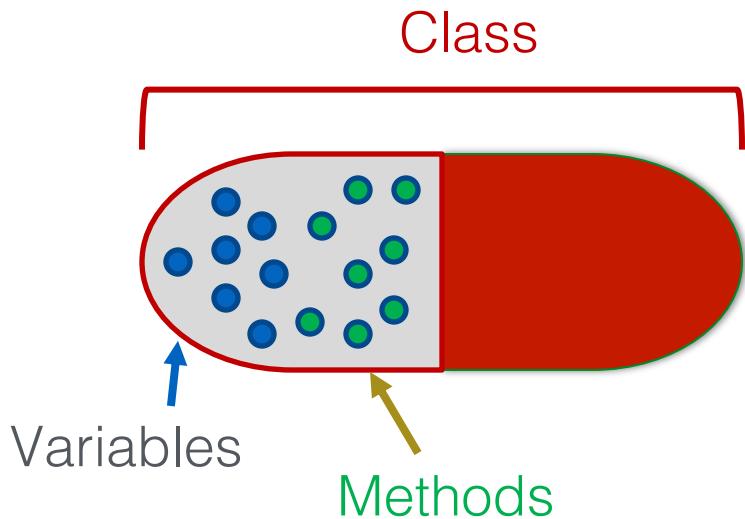


Agenda

- ❑ What is Encapsulation?
- ❑ Spot and Encapsulation
- ❑ Basic Spot Class
- ❑ The `this` keyword

What is Encapsulation?







Encapsulation

- ❑ Encapsulation (data hiding) is a fundamental Object Oriented concept

- ❑ How to achieve encapsulation?
 1. *wrap* the data (fields) and code acting on the data (methods) together as single unit
 2. *hide* the fields from other classes
 3. *access* the fields only through the methods of their current class



Encapsulation in Java – steps 1-3

Encapsulation Step	Approach in Java
1. Wrap the data (fields) and code acting on the data (methods) together as single unit	<pre>public class <i>ClassName</i> { <i>Fields</i> <i>Constructors</i> <i>Methods</i> }</pre>
2. Hide the fields from other classes	Declare the fields of a class as <u>private</u>
3. Access the fields only through the methods of their current class	Provide <u>public</u> getter and setter methods to modify and view the fields values



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 - Visible to the **package**, the default. No modifiers needed
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We will focus on these
this semester

Spot and Encapsulation





Spot and Encapsulation

Step 1

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acting on the data (methods)
together as single unit



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Encapsulation step 1 is complete; all fields, constructors and methods are all in a single unit, called Spot.

```
SpotConsoleV1.0 – Spot.java  
SpotConsoleV1.0 > src > Spot  
Project Commit  
SpotConsoleV1.0 ~/SETU/2022-2023/pf-1  
> .idea  
> out  
> src  
    Driver  
    Spot  
SpotConsoleV1.0.iml  
> External Libraries  
> Scratches and Consoles  
Driver.java > Spot.java  
public class Spot {  
    float xCoord;  
    float yCoord;  
    float diameter;  
  
    public Spot() {  
        xCoord = 100;  
        yCoord = 200;  
        diameter = 40;  
    }  
}  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
```

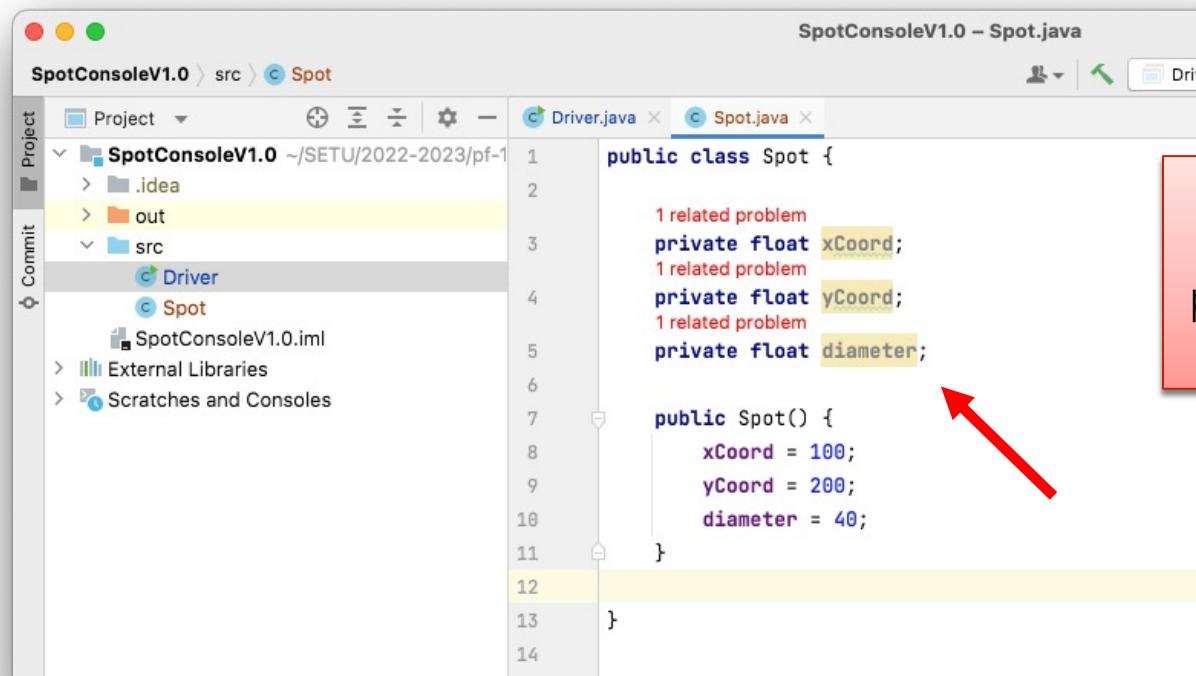


Spot and Encapsulation

Step 2

Hide the data (fields) from other
Classes

Encapsulation Step	Approach in Java
2. Hide the fields from other classes	Declare the fields of a class as <u>private</u>



The screenshot shows the IntelliJ IDEA interface with the project 'SpotConsoleV1.0' open. The 'src' directory contains two files: 'Driver.java' and 'Spot.java'. The 'Spot.java' file is currently selected. The code defines a public class 'Spot' with three private float fields: 'xCoord', 'yCoord', and 'diameter'. It also contains a constructor that initializes these fields to specific values. A red arrow points from the text 'no longer compiling!' in the callout box to the line of code where the constructor is defined.

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    private float diameter;  
  
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```

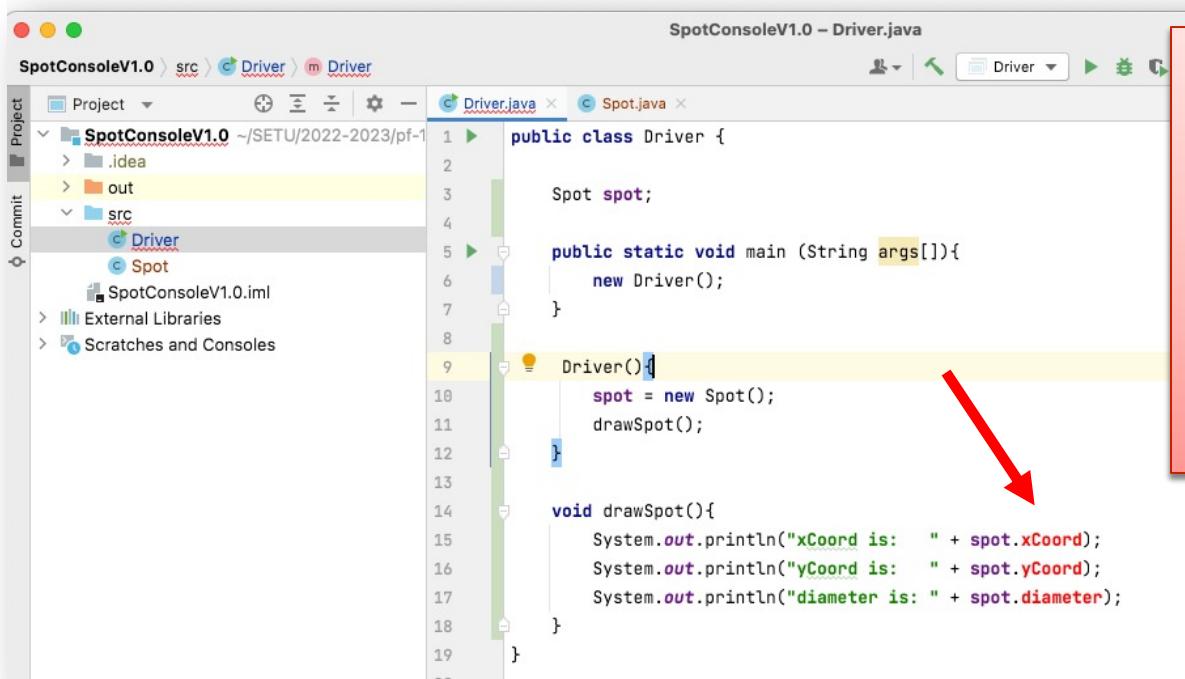
Encapsulation step 2
We have made our fields private, however our app is no longer **compiling!**

Encapsulation Step

Approach in Java

2. **Hide** the fields from other classes

Declare the fields of a class as private



```

SpotConsoleV1.0 - Driver.java
public class Driver {
    Spot spot;

    public static void main (String args[]){
        new Driver();
    }

    Driver(){
        spot = new Spot();
        drawSpot();
    }

    void drawSpot(){
        System.out.println("xCoord is: " + spot.xCoord);
        System.out.println("yCoord is: " + spot.yCoord);
        System.out.println("diameter is: " + spot.diameter);
    }
}

```

Encapsulation step 2

The problem lies in the Driver class:

- We are trying to directly access fields that are now private.
- These fields are no longer visible in Driver.



Encapsulation Step

2. **Hide** the fields from other classes

Approach in Java

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The private fields are not viewable or updatable outside the class Spot. Other classes don't know these exist.



Spot and Encapsulation

Step 3

Access the data (fields) *only* through the methods of their current class



Solution: *Get*ters and *Set*ters

Encapsulation Step 3

Provide public **getter** and **setter methods** to modify and view the fields values.



Getters (Accessor Methods)

❑ Accessor methods

- return information about the **state** of an object i.e. the values stored in the fields

❑ A ‘getter’ method

- is a specific type of **accessor** method and typically:
 - ◆ **contains a return statement**
(as the last executable statement in the method)
 - ◆ **defines a return type**
 - ◆ **does NOT change the object state**

Getters

```
public float getDiameter() {  
    return diameter;  
}
```

visibility modifier

return type

method name

parameter list
(empty)

return statement

start and end of method body (block)



Setters (Mutator methods)

❑ Mutator methods

- change (i.e. mutate) an object's state

❑ A 'setter' method

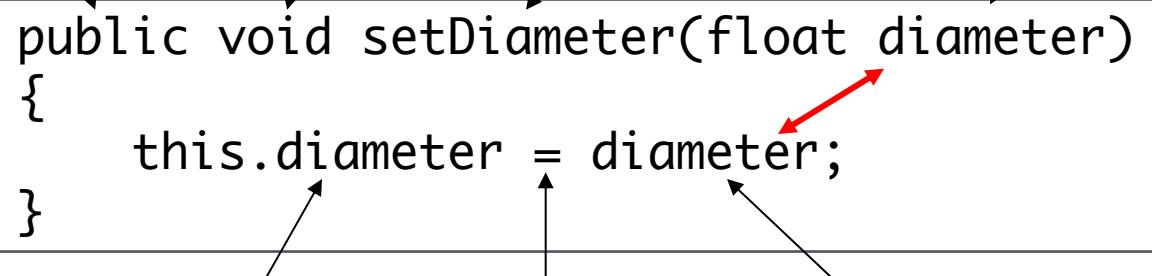
- is a specific type of mutator method and typically:
 - ◆ contains an assignment statement
 - ◆ takes in a parameter
 - ◆ changes the object state.

Setters

```
public void setDiameter(float diameter)
{
    this.diameter = diameter;
}
```

visibility modifier return type method name parameter

field being mutated assignment statement Value passed as a parameter



The diagram shows a Java code snippet for a setter method. The code is enclosed in a rectangular box. Annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the code:

- "visibility modifier" points to the `public` keyword.
- "return type" points to the `void` keyword.
- "method name" points to the identifier `setDiameter`.
- "parameter" points to the `diameter` parameter in the method signature.
- "field being mutated" points to the `this.diameter` field reference.
- "assignment statement" points to the `=` operator in the assignment expression.
- "Value passed as a parameter" points to the `diameter` variable in the assignment expression.



Getters/Setters

- ❑ For **each instance field** in a class, you are normally asked to write:
 - A **getter**
 - ◆ *Return statement*
 - A **setter**
 - ◆ *Assignment statement*

Encapsulation Step	Approach in Java
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Spot and Encapsulation

Step 3

Getters



Encapsulation Step 3:
Provide public getter
methods to view the
fields values.

Spot
class

```
public float getxCoord() {  
    return xCoord;  
}  
  
public float getyCoord() {  
    return yCoord;  
}  
  
public float getDiameter() {  
    return diameter;  
}
```

Spot

xCoord
yCoord
diameter

Spot()
getxCoord()
getyCoord()
getDiameter()



Encapsulation Step 3:

Use these new getter methods to view the fields values.

Driver class

```
void drawSpot(){  
    System.out.println("-----");  
    System.out.println("xCoord:      " + spot.getxCoord());  
    System.out.println("yCoord:      " + spot.getyCoord());  
    System.out.println("diameter:     " + spot.getDiameter());  
    System.out.println("-----");  
}
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Spot and Encapsulation

Step 3

Setters



Encapsulation Step 3:
Provide public setter
methods to update the
fields values.

Spot class

```
public void setxCoord(float xCoord) {  
    this.xCoord = xCoord;  
}  
  
public void setyCoord(float yCoord) {  
    this.yCoord = yCoord;  
}  
  
public void setDiameter(float diameter) {  
    this.diameter = diameter;  
}
```

Spot
xCoord
yCoord
diameter
Spot() getxCoord() getyCoord() getDiameter() setxCoord(float) setyCoord(float) setDiameter(float)



New values for xCoord, yCoord, diameter...

- To demonstrate the use of these mutator/setter methods, we need to update the **Spot** variables with new values.
- The easiest way to get new values is to ask the user to enter them on the console.
- To do this, we will use the **Scanner** class (which we will cover in more detail next week).

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}
```



```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

```
public class Driver {
```

```
    Spot spot = new Spot();
```

```
    Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
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Driver class

Scanner Class to
read from the console



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Driver class

Method to ask the user to enter new values for the three fields.

```
void updateSpotDetails(){  
    System.out.print("Enter new xCoord value: ");  
    float enteredXCoord = input.nextFloat();  
    System.out.print("Enter new yCoord value: ");  
    float enteredYCoord = input.nextFloat();  
    System.out.print("Enter new diameter value: ");  
    float enteredDiameter = input.nextFloat();  
    spot.setxCoord(enteredXCoord); ←  
    spot.setyCoord(enteredYCoord);  
    spot.setDiameter(enteredDiameter);  
}
```

The setters are then called to update the values in the **spot** object.

The `this` Keyword





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The instance fields (**global**) are named the same as the parameters for the setters (which are **local fields**).

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This is called **name** overloading.

We use **this.** to distinguish between **local** and **global** variables.

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this. refers to the current objects fields i.e. the **global** ones.



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Questions?



Thanks.

