

Object Oriented Programming with Java

03 - Introduction to Classes and Objects



Object Oriented Programming

Our lives are focussed around objects







- We use these objects in an abstract way for designing software
- So, objects are abstracted to computer code for reusability
- These abstract blueprints are classes



What is a class?





Car analogy

- Engineers create the blueprints in order to manufacture a brand new car model
- All the details like how the engine functions or how the gas emission is managed are in the blueprints
- The car design will have details about certain behaviors (move, accelerate,..) and the materials being used
- Does a driver need to know all the details about the production and the functioning of the parts?
- No! He just needs to drive the car.



What is an object?

- Objects are specific instances of classes
- Objects have a state and behavior



```
A car has a
-color, speed, capacity
-a pedal for
accelerating and
breaking
```

 Classes are the blueprints containing the details about the state and the behaviour of objects

Car class:

-What happens in the engine to accelerate/break?

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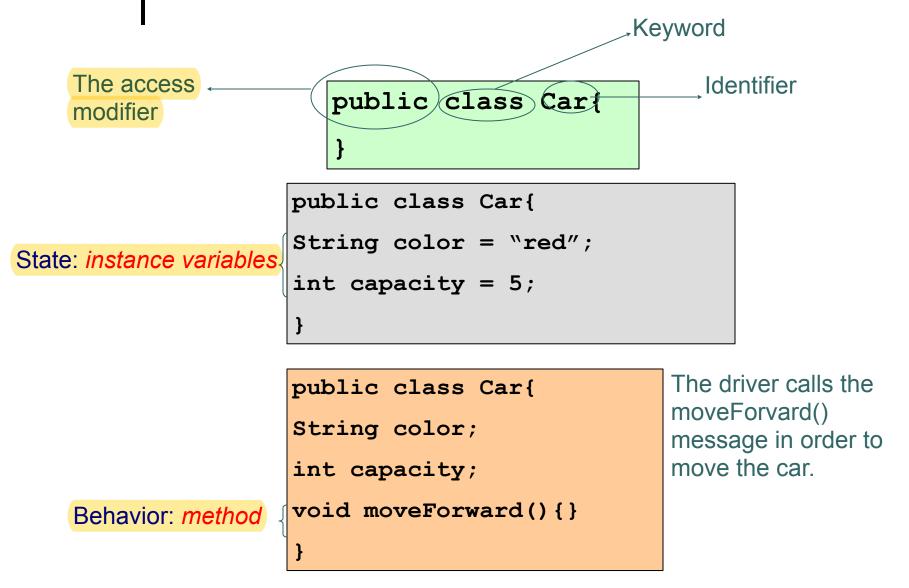


State & Behavior of an Object

- State: Classes contain one or more attributes
 - Specified by instance variables
 - Carried with the object as it is used
- Behavior: Classes provide one or more methods
 - Method represents task in a program
 - Describes the mechanisms that actually perform its tasks
 - Hides from its user the complex tasks that it performs
 - Method call tells method to perform its task



Class Declaration





OOP Rule - Abstraction

- Abstraction is simplifying complex reality by modeling classes appropriate to the problem
- Computer programmers use abstraction to understand and solve problems and communicate their solutions with the computer in some particular computer language
- Ex : Real life Car → Car Class





- Set of statements that performs a specific task
- Single unit, and named with an identifier
- Functions are usually called "Methods" in Java
- "main" method does the all job and calls the other functions
- A program can have only one "main" function as a starting point
- Methods are reusable, therefore they can be called from main method more than once or they can be called from other functions
- Every method can have its own variables that are declared and used in its scope but these **local variables** can not be accessed directly from outer scope of the methods



Methods

- Parameters are used to send data to a method within the method they behave like variables
- Return values are used to receive data from a method
- Method decleration in Java:



Methods

 If a method doesn't return any value instead of a return type we use the keyword void (Ex: main method)

```
public static void main ( String [ ] args )
{
  int result = multiplyTwoNumbers(28,1290);
  System.out.println ( "The result is = " + result );
}
```



Variable Length Argument Lists

- Unspecified number of arguments
- Use ellipsis (...) in method's parameter list
 - Can occur only once in parameter list
 - Must be placed at the end of parameter list
- Array whose elements are all of the same type

```
public double avarage(double... numbers) {
     double total = 0.0;
     for(double d: numbers) {
         total += d;
     }
     return total/numbers.length;
}
```



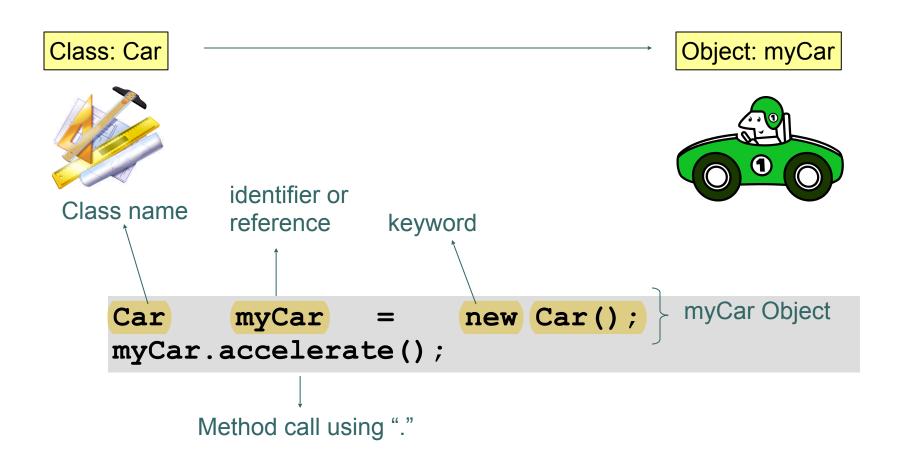


Basic Scope Rules

- Scope of a parameter declaration is the body of the method in which appears
- Scope of a local-variable declaration is from the point of declaration to the end of that block
- Scope of a local-variable declaration in the initialization section of a for header is the rest of the for header and the body of the for statement
- Scope of a method or field of a class is the entire body of the class



Instantiating an Object from a Class







Constructors

- A method to initialize variables of a class
- Java requires a constructor for every class
- Java will provide a default no-argument constructor if none is provided
- Called when keyword new is followed by the class name and parentheses
- Constructors can take parameters but cannot return a value
- Constructors can be overloaded

```
public class Car{
    private String color;
    private int capacity;

    public Car() {
        color = "Blue";
        capacity = 5;
    }
}
constructor is a method with the same name of the class without a return value
```



Packages & import Statements

- Packages are directories containing group of classes
- Package declaration should be made before any statements
- import statements are used in order to instantiate and use methods of classes in other packages
- can use "*" to import all classes of a package





- java.lang is implicitly imported into every program (contains System, String, etc.)
- Imports unnecessary if fully-qualified names are used (ex: java.util.ArrayList)



Access Modifiers - public and private

- public/private access modifiers can be used with methods and instance variables
- Classes cannot be private
- private variables and methods are accessible only to methods of the class in which they are declared
- public variables and methods are accessible to methods of other classes and objects



Access Modifiers - protected and default

- protected access modifier:
 - Classes cannot be protected
 - protected fields and methods can only be accessed from the same package
- default access modifier
 - If no access mod. is defined classes, fields and methods act like protected



OOP Rule - Encapsulation

- It is the hiding of the internal mechanisms and data structures (state) of a component
- Users of the component only need to know what the comp. does, and cannot make themselves dependent on the details of how it does it
- The purpose is to achieve potential for change
- Also protects the integrity of the object
- Ex: Driver only needs to know how to drive the car



Set - Get Methods

 Client of an object calls the class's public methods to manipulate the private fields of an object of the class

```
public class Car{
    private String color;

public void setColor(String color) {
        this.color = color;
    }
    public String getColor() {
        return this.color;
    }
}
```



Shadowing

- When a method, declares its own local variables with the same identifiers of some instance variables, the inner variable shadows the outer variable.
- To overcome shadowing we use this keyword to refer to the instance variables of the class

```
public class Car{
    private String color;

public Car(String color) {
        this.color = color;
    }
    public void setColor(String color) {
        this.color = color;
    }
}
```



Primitive Types vs. Reference Types

- Primitive types (boolean, byte, short, int, long, float, double) can store only one value
- Primitive type instance variables are initialized by default (byte, short, int, long, float, double to "0", boolean to "false")
- All other types except primitive are reference types (like objects we created)
- Reference types hold a reference pointing to the actual object in the memory
- Ref. type instance variables are initialized by default to null



Reference Type Assignments

 When reference of an object is assigned to a previously created reference, the two objects point to the same object in the memory

```
Student stu1 = new Student();
stu1.setName("Ahmet");
Student stu2 = stu1;
System.out.println(stu1.getName());
stu2.setName("Mehmet");
System.out.println(stu1.getName());
```

Output:
Ahmet
Mehmet

stu1 and stu2 refer to the same object in memory. So, whenever one changes the other is affected too



Argument Promotion and Casting

- Java will promote a method call argument to match its corresponding method parameter according to the promotion rules
- Values in an expression are promoted to the "highest" type in the expression (a temporary copy of the value is made)
- Converting values to lower types results in a compilation error, unless the programmer explicitly forces the conversion to occur
 - Place the desired data type in parentheses before the value
 - example: (int) 4.5





Argument Promotion and Casting

Туре	Valid promotions
double	None
float	double
long	float or double
int	long, float or double
char	int, long, float or double
short	int, long, float or double (but not char)
byte	short, int, long, float or double (but not char)
boolean	None (boolean values are not considered to be numbers in Java)

```
double d = 3 + 3.1233;
long l = 3 + 12000L;

int c = 12;
void someMethod() {
    doSomething(c);
}
void doSomething(double d) {}
c is an int but passed to the
method which takes a double
argument. casting occures
implicitly
```

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Pass-by-value / Pass-by-Reference

- Pass-by-value
 - When a method is invoked with a *primitive* type parameter *the value* of the variable is copied and passed to the method, the original variable isn't effected

```
void someMethod() {
int x = 3;
changeValue(x);
System.out.println("x=" + x);
}
public void changeValue(int x) {
    x += 2;
    System.out.println("x=" + x);
}
```



Pass-by-value / Pass-by-Reference

Pass-by-reference

- When a method is invoked with a reference type parameter a copy of the reference of the object is passed to the method.
- So, both references point to the same object and the object's state can be modified through a method

```
Output: Name: Ali
void someMethod() {
   Student s = new Student();
   changeValue(s);
   System.out.println("Name: " + stu.getName());
}

public void changeValue(Student stu) {
      stu.setName("Ali");
      System.out.println("Name: " + stu.getName());
}
```



Pass-by-value / Pass-by-Reference

- Passing arrays/array elements to methods
 - Arrays are reference types, so their reference is copied and send to the method as parameter
 - Array elements differ according to the type of the element.
 - primitive type → pass by value
 - reference type → pass by reference



static Methods

- Applies to the class as a whole instead of a specific object of the class
- Call a static method by using the method call:
 ClassName.methodName(arguments)
- All methods of the Math class are static
 - example: Math.sqrt(900.0)
- static methods cannot call non-static methods/fields of the same class directly

```
public static int makeSum(int a, int b) {
    return a + b;
}
```



static fields

- static fields (or class variables)
 - Are fields where one copy of the variable is shared among all objects of the class
- o Ex : Math.PI
- Used when:
 - all objects of the class should share the same copy of this variable or
 - this variable should be accessible even when no objects of the class exist



Why main method is static

- Method main
 - main is declared static so it can be invoked without creating an object of the class containing main
 - Any class can contain a main method
 - The JVM invokes the main method belonging to the class specified by the first command-line argument to the java command





Constants

- Constants
 - Keyword final
 - Cannot be changed after initialization
 - Should be assigned a value at declaration or constructor
- Math.PI and Math.E are final static
 fields of the Math class





Method Overloading

- Multiple methods with the same name, but different types, number or order of parameters in their parameter lists
- Compiler decides which method is being called by matching the method call's argument list (method signature) to one of the overloaded methods' parameter lists
 - A method's name and number, type and order of its parameters form its signature
- Differences in return type are irrelevant in method overloading
 - Overloaded methods can have different return types
 - Methods with different return types but the same signature cause a compilation error



Lab: The Pen

- Create three objects:
 - Circle: has a radius (int) and color (String)
 - Rectangle: has a width and height (both int) and color (String)
 - Pen: Has two methods:
 - draw (Rectangle r): writes out the area of "r"
 - draw (Circle c): writes out the area of "c"
 - changeColor (String color, Rectangle r)
 - changeColor (String color, Circle c): changes color of shapes and writes them out
 - From main method, instantiate a Pen and practice methods of it