

6 CREATING YOUR OWN OBJECTS

SECTION 2.4-2.5

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PREVIEW

- Designing and implementing your own objects.
- Trying out your object:
 - DrJava interactions
 - Class “testing” main
 - Java Application
- UML: a way to describe classes and the relationships between them.
- Improving your design.
- Instance variables, local variables, parameters.

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METHOD TERMINOLOGY

```
public Example( )  
{  
    makeShape( 300, 400 );  
}  
  
private void makeShape( int x, int y )  
{  
    _circle = new Ellipse( Color.blue );  
    _circle.setSize( _size, size );  
    _circle.setLocation( x, y );  
}  
  
public Color getCircleColor( )  
{  
    Color c = _circle.getColor( )  
    return c;  
}
```

Constructor method with
no formal parameters
Default Constructor

Signature: Example()

private mutator with two int params
(setter or procedure)

Formal parameters

Actual parameters

Signature: makeShape(int, int)

public accessor with two no params
(getter or function)

Return type
Return value

Signature: getCircleColor()

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METHOD OVERLOADING

- Methods are not identified by their name but by their **signature**
- So **makeTarget(Color c)** and **makeTarget(int x, int y)** are considered different methods.
- When we have multiple methods with the same name (but different signatures) we say that the method name has been **overloaded**.
- Despite the connotation overloading is a good thing.

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TYPES OF VARIABLES

```
public class Thing
{
    private Color myColor;

    public Thing( Color aColor )
    {
        Color tempColor = aColor.darker();
        myColor = aColor;

        .....
    }
}
```

	Example	Scope	Lifetime	Use
Instance Variable	myColor	Class	Instance	Property of Object
Formal Parameter	aColor	method	method	Value passed into method
Local Variable	tempColor	method	method	Temporary value in method

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OO MODELS AND JAVA

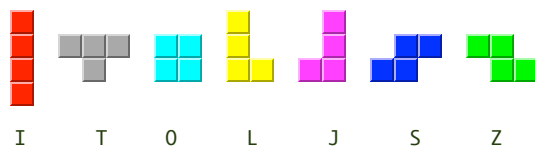
- An OO model contains objects that interact
- Objects have state and behavior.

Model	Java
Object	We define a Class to represent a type of object
Objects have state	We define an objects state with private instance variables
Objects have behavior	We define an objects behavior with public methods

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IMPLEMENTING OBJECTS IN JAVA

- Remember:
 - OOP models require objects.
 - In Java we define Classes in order to create objects
- To see how this is done we will define a class of Tetris "LShapes"



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ANALYZING THE OBJECT LSHAPE

- "An LShape should be composed of 4 tiles, it should have a color and a size and It should be able to fall"
- What are the Shape properties ?
 - tiles, color, size, ... *these will become instance variables*
- What are Shape capabilities?
 - construct itself, fall, getYLocation ,... *these will become methods*

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LShape.java

```
import wheels.users.*;
import java.awt.Color;

/**
 * LShape models a Tetris L Shape that can fall.
 * @author cs415
 */
public class LShape
{
    //----- instance variables -----

    //----- constructors -----

    //----- other methods -----

} // end of class LShape
```

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LSHAPE INSTANCE VARIABLES

```
//----- instance variables -----

private Rectangle _tile1, _tile2, _tile3, _tile4;
//      |1  |
//      |2  |
//      |3 4 |

private Color _myColor;
private int _tileSize;
```

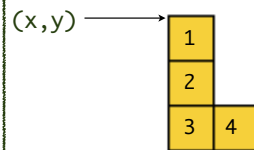
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LSHAPE CONSTRUCTOR

```
//----- constructors -----
public LShape(int x, int y, int size)
{
    _tileSize = size;
    _myColor = Color.orange; // using "Tetris World" colors
    _tile1 = new Rectangle( x,          y          );
    _tile2 = new Rectangle( x,          y + _tileSize );
    _tile3 = new Rectangle( x,          y + _tileSize * 2 );
    _tile4 = new Rectangle( x + _tileSize, y + _tileSize * 2 );

    _tile1.setFillColors( _myColor );
    _tile1.setFrameColors( Color.black );
    _tile2.setFillColors( _myColor );
    _tile2.setFrameColors( Color.black );
    _tile3.setFillColors( _myColor );
    _tile3.setFrameColors( Color.black );
    _tile4.setFillColors( _myColor );
    _tile4.setFrameColors( Color.black );

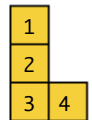
    _tile1.setSize( _tileSize, _tileSize );
    _tile2.setSize( _tileSize, _tileSize );
    _tile3.setSize( _tileSize, _tileSize );
    _tile4.setSize( _tileSize, _tileSize );
}
```



```
LShape s = new LShape( 20, 50, 25 );
```

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fall()

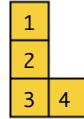


```
/**
 * Make the LShape "fall" one tileSize.
 *
 */
public void fall( )
{
    _tile1.setLocation( _tile1.getXLocation(), _tile1.getYLocation() + _tileSize );
    _tile2.setLocation( _tile2.getXLocation(), _tile2.getYLocation() + _tileSize );
    _tile3.setLocation( _tile3.getXLocation(), _tile3.getYLocation() + _tileSize );
    _tile4.setLocation( _tile4.getXLocation(), _tile4.getYLocation() + _tileSize );
}
```

```
s.fall( );
```

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getYLocation()



```
/**
 * Return the LShape y location.
 */
public int getYLocation( )
{
    // the location of the Shape is the location of _tile1.
    return _tile1.getYLocation();
}
```

```
int y = s.getYLocation();
```

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TRYING OUT LSHAPE

- We have a few ways to try out Lshape
 - Use the DrJava interactions pane: a quick and easy way to test
 - Create a few Tiles and send them messages
 - Write a main method in the LShape class
 - Write a main method in the Tile Class: a "testing main"
 - Write a Java application that uses the LShape: a tetris game?
 - This is the real reason for creating LShape

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LSHAPE IN DRJAVA

- In the DrJava Interactions pane enter the following

```
Welcome to DrJava
>import wheelsunh.users.*;
>Frame display = new Frame();
>LShape one = new LShape(200,200);
>LShape two = new LShape(300,200);
>one.fall();
>one.fall();
```

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A MAIN METHOD IN

- Add a main method to the LShape class

```
.
.
.
public static void main( String[] args )
{
    Frame f = new Frame();
    LShape one = new LShape( 200, 300 );
    LShape two = new LShape( 200, 200 );
    one.fall();
}
.
.
.
```

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AN LSHAPE APPLICATION

- Write an application that uses LShape

```
/**
 * This class tries out the LShape object.
 */
public class LShapeTester
{
    private LShape one,two;

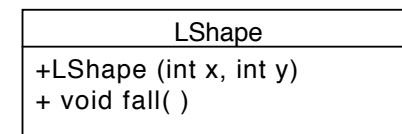
    LShapeTester()
    {
        Lshape one = new LShape( 200, 200 );
        LShape two = new LShape( 300, 200 );
        one.fall();
    }
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        new Frame();
        LShapeTester app = new LShapeTester();
    }
} // end of class LShapeTester
```

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UML



- We can describe the classes in our model and the relationships among them with UML diagrams.
- We describe the LShape class as follows:



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UML

- UML can be used to show the relationships among the objects.
- LShape “has” four tiles; these are its [components](#).
- The LShape is composed of its tiles, it is the container of the component Rectangles.
- We diagram the component/container relationship as follows.



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CHANGING THE DESIGN

- The code for LShape is fairly complicated.
- To create each tile we create its rectangle, frame it, color it, size it and position it.
- To make each tile fall get its position and calculate its new position.
- If we had a Tile object that could do these things for itself we could simplify LShape.

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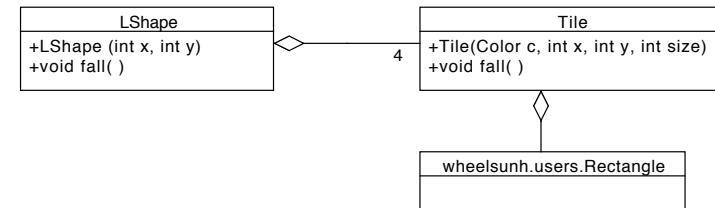
Dream... If we had a Tile object with the proper behavior we could simplify LShape

```
// instance variables: Tiles instead of Rectangles
private Tile _tile1, _tile2, _tile3, _tile4;
.
.
.
public LShape( int x, int y )
{
    tileSize = 20;
    myColor = Color.orange;
    _tile1 = new Tile( _myColor, x,          y,          _tileSize );
    _tile2 = new Tile( _myColor, x,          y + _tileSize, _tileSize );
    _tile3 = new Tile( _myColor, x,          y + _tileSize * 2, _tileSize );
    _tile4 = new Tile( _myColor, x + tileSize, y + _tileSize * 2, _tileSize );
}

public void fall()
{
    _tile1.fall();
    _tile2.fall();
    _tile3.fall();
    _tile4.fall();
}
```

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THE NEW DESIGN



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TILE.JAVA

```
import wheelsunh.users.*;
import java.awt.Color;

/**
 * Tile models a Tetris tile with a given color, location and size.
 * The tile can fall.
 * @author cs415
 */
public class Tile
{
    private Rectangle _body;
    private Color _color;
    private int _size;
    private int _x, _y;

    /**
     * Constructor
     */
    public Tile( Color color, int x, int y, int size )
    {
        // to be done
    }

    /**
     * Fall.
     */
    public void fall()
    {
        // to be done
    }
}
```

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TILE METHODS

```
public Tile( java.awt.Color color, int x, int y, int size )
{
    _color = color;
    _x = x;
    _y = y;
    _size = size;
    _size = size;
    _body = new Rectangle( _x, _y );
    _body.setColor( _color );
    _body.setSize( _size, _size );
    _body.setFrameColor( Color.black );
}

public void fall()
{
    _body.setLocation( _body.getXLocation(), _body.getYLocation() + _size );
}
```

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NEXT TIME

- Some systems may have many objects, how can we manage this complexity?
- In everyday life we organize the objects around us by grouping them together based on shared features.
 - Each object then shares most of its properties and capabilities with its group.
 - Each object specializes the group by adding only a few specialized features
- This is an ability we want in OOP.
- Read Chapter 3.

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