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Classes and Objects

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3.1 Objects as Models

Example: A student object

- Attributes (characteristics of the object)
 - height
 - appearance
 - State: (height: 2m, appearance: handsome)
- Behaviour
 - jump
 - smile
 - Possible messages : jump(1 m), smile(number 3)

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Example 2: Car

- The state of a car includes the amount of fuel in the car, the state of the tires, and even the condition of each part in the car.
- For programming purposes, we can focus on just a few elements of the state:
 - Is the engine on?
 - How much fuel remains in the car's tank?
- Operations on a car include:
 - Start the engine.
 - Drive a specified distance.

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3.1 Objects as Models

- A program can be thought of as a model of reality, with *objects* in the program representing physical objects.
- Properties of objects:
 - Attributes (characteristics of the object)
 The set of attributes and their associated values forms the state of the object.
 - Behaviour (operations that can be performed by the object when it receives a message)
- Only attributes and behaviour of interest to us are modelled. Others are ignored. E.g. Student

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Example 1: Bank Account

- A state of a bank account includes the account number, the balance, the transactions performed on the account since it was opened, and so forth.
- For simplicity, let's assume that the state of a bank account consists of just the balance in the account.
- Operations on a bank account include:
 - Deposit money into an account.
 - Withdraw money from the account.
 - Check the balance in the account.
 - Close the account.

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Artificial Objects

- Nearly every "real-world" object can be modeled within a program.
- Programmers also work with artificial objects that don't correspond to objects in the physical world.
- Like all objects, these artificial objects have state and behavior.

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Representing Objects Within a Program

- In Java, the state of an object is stored in *instance* variables (or fields).
- The behavior of an object is represented by instance methods.
- There are also *class variables* and *class methods*, which will be taught later.

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Instance Methods

- In Java, performing an operation on an object is done by calling one of the instance methods associated with the object.
- An instance method may require arguments when it's called, and it may return a value.
- When asked to perform an operation on an object, an instance method can examine and/or change the values stored in any of the object's instance variables.

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Examples of Instance Methods

- Instance methods for cars:
 - startEngine: Stores true into engineIsOn.
 - stopEngine: Stores false into engineIsOn.
 - drive: Reduces fuelRemaining by an amount calculated by dividing the distance traveled by the expected fuel consumption.
 - addFuel: Increases fuelRemaining by a specified amount.

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Instance Variables

- Some instance variables will store a single value. Others may store entire objects.
- Instance variables needed for a bank account:
 - balance (double)
- Instance variables needed for a car:
 - engineIsOn (boolean)
 - fuelRemaining (double)

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Examples of Instance Methods

- Instance methods for bank accounts:
 - deposit: Adds an amount to balance.
 - withdraw: Subtracts an amount from balance.
 - getBalance: Returns value of balance.
 - close: Stores zero into balance.

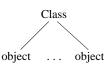
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3.3 Classes

- · The instance variables and instance methods that belong to a particular kind of object are grouped together into a class.
- You can consider a class is a template for objects of the class. E.g., moon cake
- Examples of classes:
 - Student
 - Account
 - Car



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Declaring a Class

- A class declaration contains declarations of instance variables and instance methods.
- Most class declarations also contain declarations of *constructors*, whose job is to initialize objects.
- Form of a class declaration:

```
public class class-name {
  variable-declarations
  constructor-declarations
  method-declarations
```

• The order of declarations usually doesn't matter.

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Declaring Instance Variables

- An instance variable declaration looks the same as the declaration of a variable inside a method, except that an access modifier is usually present: private double balance;
- The only access to balance will be through the instance methods in the Account class.
- The policy of making instance variables private is known as *information hiding*.

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Method Overloading

- Java allows methods to be *overloaded*. Overloading occurs when a class contains more than one method with the same name.
- The methods must have different numbers of parameters or there must be some difference in the types of the parameters.
- Overloading is best used for methods that perform essentially the same operation.
- The advantage of overloading: Fewer method names to remember.

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Access Modifiers

- The declaration of an instance variable, a constructor, or an instance method usually begins with an access modifier (public or private).
- An access modifier determines whether that entity can be accessed by other classes (public) or only within the class itself (private).
- The most common arrangement is for instance variables to be private and constructors and instance methods to be public.

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Declaring Instance Methods

- Parts of an instance method declaration:
 - Access modifier
 - Result type. If no value is returned, the result type is void.
 - Method name
 - Parameters
 - Body
- Outline of the deposit method:

```
public void deposit(double amount) {
```

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Declaring Constructors

- When an object is created, its instance variables are initialized by a constructor.
- A constructor looks like an instance method, except that it has no result type and its name is the same as the name of the class itself.
- A constructor for the Account class:

```
public Account(double initialBalance) {
```

• A class may have more than one constructor.

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```
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```

Example: An Account Class

Account.java

```
public class Account {
  // Instance variables
  private double balance;
  // Constructors
  public Account(double initialBalance) {
    balance = initialBalance;
  public Account() {
    balance = 0.0;
```

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3.4 Creating Objects

- Once a class has been declared, it can be used to create objects (*instances* of the class).
- Each instance will contain its own copy of the instance variables declared in the class.
- A newly created object can be stored in a variable whose type matches the object's class:

Account acct;

Technically, acct will store a reference to an Account object, not the object itself.

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3.5 Calling Instance Methods

- Once an object has been created, operations can be performed on it by calling the instance methods in the object's class.
- Form of an instance method call:

```
object . method-name ( arguments )
```

The parentheses are mandatory, even if there are no arguments.

```
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```

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```
// Instance methods
public void deposit(double amount) {
  balance += amount;
public void withdraw(double amount) {
  balance -= amount;
public double getBalance() {
 return balance;
public void close() {
  balance = 0.0;
```

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The new Keyword

- The keyword new, when placed before a class name, causes an instance of the class to be created.
- A newly created object can be stored in a variable: acct = new Account(1000.00);
- The acct variable can be declared in the same statement that creates the Account object:

```
Account acct = new Account(1000.00);
```

• An object can also be created using the second constructor in the Account class:

```
acct = new Account();
```

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Calling Account Instance Methods

- Suppose that acct contains an instance of the Account class.
- Example calls of Account instance methods:

```
acct.deposit(1000.00);
acct.withdraw(500.00);
acct.close();
```

• An object must be specified when an instance method is called, because more than one instance of the class could exist:

```
acctl.deposit(1000.00);
acct2.deposit(1000.00);
```

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Using the Value Returned by an Instance Method

• When an instance method returns no result, a call of the method is an entire statement:

```
acct.deposit(1000.00);
```

- When an instance method does return a result, that result can be used in a variety of ways.
- One possibility is to store it in a variable:

```
double newBalance = acct.getBalance();
```

• Another possibility is to print it:

```
System.out.println(acct.getBalance());
```

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called:

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How Instance Methods Work

- The arguments in the call are copied into the method's

- When the method is finished, the program "returns" to

the point at which the method was called.

• Sequence of events when an instance method is

- The program "jumps" to that method.

corresponding parameters.

- The method begins executing.

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3.6 Writing Programs with Multiple Classes

• A program that tests the Account class:

TestAccount.java

```
public class TestAccount {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Account acct1 = new Account(1000.00);
    System.out.println("Balance in account 1: " +
                       acctl.getBalance());
    acctl.deposit(100.00);
    System.out.println("Balance in account 1: " +
                       acct1.getBalance());
    acctl.withdraw(150.00);
    System.out.println("Balance in account 1: " +
                       acctl.getBalance());
```

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Output of the TestAccount program

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```
Balance in account 1: 1000.0
Balance in account 1: 1100.0
Balance in account 1: 950.0
Balance in account 1: 0.0
Balance in account 2: 0.0
Balance in account 2: 500.0
Balance in account 2: 150.0
Balance in account 2: 0.0
```

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```
acctl.close();
System.out.println("Balance in account 1: " +
                   acct1.getBalance());
Account acct2 = new Account();
System.out.println("Balance in account 2: " +
                   acct2.getBalance());
acct2.deposit(500.00);
System.out.println("Balance in account 2: " +
                  acct2.getBalance());
acct2.withdraw(350.00);
System.out.println("Balance in account 2: " +
                   acct2.getBalance());
acct2.close();
System.out.println("Balance in account 2: " +
                   acct2.getBalance());
```

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Compiling a Program with Multiple Classes

- The TestAccount class, together with the Account class, form a complete program.
- If the classes are stored in separate files, they could be compiled using the following commands:

```
javac Account.java
javac TestAccount.java
```

• As an alternative, both files can be compiled with a single command:

```
javac TestAccount.java
```

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Compiling a Program with Multiple Classes

- When a file is compiled, the compiler checks whether its dependent classes are up-to-date.
- If the .java file containing a dependent class has been modified since the .class file was created, javac will recompile the .java file automatically.
- When TestAccount. java is compiled, the javac compiler will look for Account. java and compile it if necessary.

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Executing a Program with Multiple Classes

Command to execute the TestAccount program:

java TestAccount

The Account class is not mentioned.

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3.7 How Objects Are Stored

• A variable of an ordinary (non-object) type can be visualized as a box:

int i;

i

 Assigning a value to the variable changes the value stored in the box:

i = 0;

i O

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Object Variables

- An object variable, on the other hand, doesn't actually store an object. Instead, it will store a *reference* to an object.
- An object variable can still be visualized as a box:

Account acct;

acct

• Suppose that a new object is stored into acct:

acct = new Account(500.00);

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Object Variables

• The Account object isn't stored in the acct box. Instead, the box contains a reference that "points to" the object:



 In many programming languages, including C++, a variable such as acct would be called a *pointer* variable.

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The null Keyword

• To indicate that an object variable doesn't currently point to an object, the variable can be assigned the value null:

acct = null;

- When an object variable stores null, it's illegal to use the variable to call an instance method.
- If acct has the value null, executing the following statement will cause a run-time error (NullPointerException):

acct.deposit(500.00);

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Object Assignment

• If i has the value 10, assigning i to j gives j the value 10 as well:

10 i = i;10

• Changing the value of i has no effect on j:

20 i = 20;10

• Assignment of objects doesn't work the same way.

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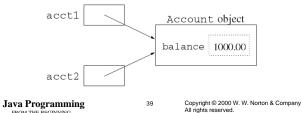
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Object Assignment

- An operation that changes the acct1 object will also change the acct 2 object, and vice-versa.
- The statement

acct1.deposit(500.00);

will change the balance of acct 2 to \$1000.00:



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Garbage

- Objects can become "orphaned" during program execution.
- Consider the following example:

acct1 = new Account(100.00); acct2 = new Account(200.00); acct1 = acct2;

• After these assignments, the object that acct1 previously referred to is lost. We say that it is garbage.

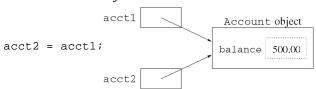
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Object Assignment

- Assume that acct1 contains a reference to an Account object with a balance of \$500.
- Assigning acct1 to acct2 causes acct2 to refer to the same object as acct1:



• acct1 and acct2 are said to be aliases, because both represent the same object.

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Cloning

- Usually the creation of a new object that's identical to an existing object is allowed.
- The new object is said to be a *clone* of the old one.
- Clones are created by calling the clone method.

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Garbage Collection

- Java provides automatic garbage collection: as a Java program runs, a software component known as the garbage collector watches for garbage and periodically "collects" it.
- The recycled memory can be used for the creation of new objects.
- Garbage collection normally takes place when the program isn't doing any other useful activity.
- Java is the first widely used programming language to incorporate garbage collection.

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Memory Leaks

- Other popular languages rely on the program to explicitly release memory that's no longer needed.
- This practice is potentially more efficient, but it's also error-prone.
- Failing to recover garbage causes available memory to decrease (a *memory leak*).
- After a period of time, a program with a memory leak may run out of memory entirely.
- Releasing memory prematurely is even worse, often causing programs to crash.

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3.8 Developing a Fraction Class

- Fractions can be thought of as objects, so it's not hard to develop a Fraction class.
- A Fraction object will need to store a numerator and a denominator. Both are integers.
- There are many potential operations on fractions, including adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.

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A First Attempt

• A first attempt at writing the Fraction class:

```
public class Fraction {
 private int numerator;
 private int denominator;
 public Fraction(int num, int denom) {
   numerator = num;
    denominator = denom;
  // Methods will go here
```

• A Fraction object will be created as follows:

```
Fraction f = new Fraction(4, 8);
```

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Getters and Setters

• The Fraction class will need methods named getNumerator and getDenominator:

```
public int getNumerator() {
  return numerator;
public int getDenominator() {
  return denominator;
```

• An instance method that does nothing but return the value of an instance variable is said to be an accessor (or a getter).

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Getters and Setters

- By convention, names of getters start with the word get.
- Sample calls of getNumerator and getDenominator:

```
int num = f.getNumerator();
int denom = f.getDenominator();
```

- An instance method that stores its parameter into an instance variable is said to be a mutator (or setter).
- Names of setters begin with the word set.

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```
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```

Getters and Setters

• Potential setters for the Fraction class:

```
public void setNumerator(int num) {
  numerator = num;
public void setDenominator(int denom) {
  denominator = denom;
```

• Sample calls of setNumerator and setDenominator:

```
f.setNumerator(5);
f.setDenominator(6);
```

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Writing the add Method

• A method that adds Fraction objects f1 and £2 would need to be called in the following way:

```
Fraction f3 = f1.add(f2);
```

• add would have the following appearance:

```
public Fraction add(Fraction f) {
```

The parameter £ represents the second of the two fractions to be added.

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Writing the add Method

• The add method can be shortened slightly by combining the constructor call with the return statement:

```
public Fraction add(Fraction f) {
 int num = numerator * f.getDenominator() +
           f.getNumerator() * denominator;
 int denom = denominator * f.getDenominator();
 return new Fraction(num, denom);
}
```

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Immutable Objects

- Setters can be useful, because they allow us to change data stored in private variables.
- In some cases, however, we may not want to allow changes to an object's instance variables. [how to do?]
- Such an object is said to be *immutable* (unchangeable).
- The advantage of making objects immutable is that they can be shared without problems.
- · Some of the classes in the Java API have this property, including the String class.

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Writing the add Method

• A first attempt at writing the add method:

```
public Fraction add(Fraction f) {
 int num = numerator * f.getDenominator() +
            f.getNumerator() * denominator;
 int denom = denominator * f.getDenominator();
 Fraction result = new Fraction(num, denom);
 return result;
```

• numerator and denominator refer to the numerator and denominator of the Fraction object that's calling add.

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Writing the add Method

• The add method can be further simplified by having it access f's numerator and denominator variables directly:

```
public Fraction add(Fraction f) {
  int num = numerator * f.denominator +
           f.numerator * denominator;
  int denom = denominator * f.denominator;
 return new Fraction(num, denom);
```

 Instance variables are accessed using a dot, just as instance methods are called using a dot.

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Adding a toString Method

• The value stored in a Fraction object named f could be printed in the following way:

```
System.out.println(f.getNumerator() + "/" +
                   f.getDenominator());
```

• The following method makes it easier to print

```
public String toString() {
  return numerator + "/" + denominator;
```

• In Java, the name toString is used for a method that returns the contents of an object as a string.

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Adding a tostring Method

• The toString method makes it easier to display the value stored in a Fraction object:

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

• The statement can be shortened even further:

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

When given an object as its argument, System.out.println will automatically call the object's toString method.

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Fraction class so far

```
public class Fraction {
  private int numerator;
  private int denominator;
  public Fraction(int num, int denom) {
    numerator = num;
    denominator = denom;
  public int getNumerator() {
    return numerator;
  public int getDenominator() {
    return denominator;
```

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Fraction class so far

```
public Fraction add(Fraction f) {
    int num = numerator * f.denominator +
              f.numerator * denominator;
    int denom = denominator * f.denominator;
   return new Fraction(num, denom);
 public String toString() {
   return numerator + "/" + denominator;
}
```

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3.9 Java's string Class

- The Java API provides a huge number of prewritten classes. Of these, the String class is probably the most important.
- Instances of the String class represent strings of characters.
- The String class belongs to a package named java.lang.
- The java.lang package is automatically imported into every program. (No other package has this property.)

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Creating Strings

- In Java, every string of characters, such as "abc", is an instance of the String class.
- String variables can be assigned String objects as their values:

```
String strl, str2;
```

• String is the only class whose instances can be created without the word new:

```
str1 = "abc";
```

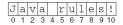
This is an example of *magic*.

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Visualizing a String

- A String object can be visualized as a series of characters, with each character identified by its position.
- The first character is located at position 0.
- A visual representation of the string "Java rules!":



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Common String Methods

- One version of the indexOf method searches for a string (the "search key") within a larger string, starting at the beginning of the larger string.
- *Example:* Locating the string "at" within str1: index = strl.indexOf("at");

After this assignment, index will have the value 1.

• If "at" had not been found anywhere in strl. indexOf would have returned -1.

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Common String Methods

- lastIndexOf is similar to indexOf, except that searches proceed backwards, starting from the end of the string.
- *Example:* Finding the last occurrence of "at" in str1:

```
index = str1.lastIndexOf("at");
```

The value of index after the assignment will be

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Common String Methods

- The String class has a large number of instance methods.
- Assume that the following variable declarations are in effect:

```
String str1 = "Fat cat", str2;
char ch;
int index;
```

• The charAt method returns the character stored at a specific position in a string:

```
ch = strl.charAt(0); // Value of ch is now 'F'
ch = strl.charAt(6); // Value of ch is now 't'
```

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Common String Methods

- The other version of indexOf begins the search at a specified position, rather than starting at position 0.
- This version is particularly useful for repeating a previous search to find another occurrence of the search key.
- Example: Finding the second occurrence of "at" in str1:

```
index = strl.indexOf("at", index + 1);
index will be assigned the value 5.
```

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Common String Methods

- The second version of lastIndexOf begins the search at a specified position.
- Example: Finding the next-to-last occurrence of

```
index = strl.lastIndexOf("at", index - 1);
The value of index after the assignment will be
```

• The String class has additional versions of indexOf and lastIndexOf, whose first argument is a single character rather than a string.

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Common String Methods

- The length method returns the number of characters in a string.
- For example, strl.length() returns the length of str1, which is 7.
- The substring method returns a *substring*: a series of consecutive characters within a string.
- One version of substring selects a portion of a string beginning at a specified position:

```
str2 = str1.substring(4);
```

After the assignment, str2 will have the value "cat".

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Common String Methods

- toLowerCase and toUpperCase will convert the letters in a string to lowercase or uppercase.
- After the assignment

```
str2 = str1.toLowerCase();
```

the value of str2 is "fat cat".

• After the assignment

```
str2 = str1.toUpperCase();
```

the value of str2 is "FAT CAT".

• Characters other than letters aren't changed by toLowerCase and toUpperCase.

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Chaining Calls of Instance Methods

- When an instance method returns an object, that object can be used to call another instance method.
- For example, the statements

```
str2 = str1.trim();
```

str2 = str2.toLowerCase();

can be combined into a single statement:

```
str2 = str1.trim().toLowerCase();
```

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- The other version of substring accepts two arguments:
 - The position of the first character to include in the substring
 - The position of the first character *after* the end of the substring
- Example:

```
str2 = str1.substring(0, 3);
```

After the assignment, str2 will have the value "Fat".

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Common String Methods

- The trim method removes spaces (and other invisible characters) from both ends of a string.
- After the assignments

```
str1 = " How now,
                    brown cow?
str2 = str1.trim();
```

the value of str2 will be

"How now, brown cow?"

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Using + to Concatenate Strings

- One of the most common string operations is concatenation: joining two strings together to form a single string.
- The String class provides a concat method that performs concatenation, but it's rarely used.
- Concatenation is so common that Java allows the use of the plus sign (+) to concatenate strings:

```
str2 = str1 + "s";
```

str2 now contains the string "Fat cats".

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Using + to Concatenate Strings

• The + operator works even if one of the operands isn't a String object. The non-String operand is converted to string form automatically:

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Using + to Concatenate Strings

• In order for the + operator to mean string concatenation, at least one of its two operands must be a string:

```
System.out.println("Java" + 1 + 2);
  // Prints "Java12"
System.out.println(1 + 2 + "Java");
  // Prints "3Java"
```

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Using + to Concatenate Strings

• The += operator can be used to add characters to the end of a string:

```
String str = "The quick brown fox ";
str += "jumped over ";
str += "the lazy doq.";
```

The final value of str will be "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog."

 Concatenating a number with an empty string will convert the number to string form. For example, if i contains 37, then i + " " is the string " 37 ".

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- If the + operator is used to combine a string with any other kind of object, the object's toString method is called.
- The statement

```
System.out.println("Value of fraction: " + f); has the same effect as
```

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Using + to Concatenate Strings

• The + operator is useful for breaking up long strings into smaller chunks:

```
System.out.println(
  "Bothered by unsightly white space? " +
  "Remove it quickly and\neasily with " +
  "the new, improved trim method!");
```

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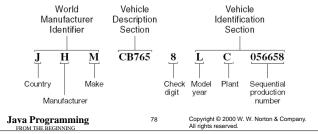
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Program: Decoding a Vehicle Identification Number

• The manufacturer of a vehicle assigns it a unique identifying number, called the *Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)*. A VIN packs a large amount of information into a 17-character string:



The Check Digit in a VIN

- The check digit in a VIN is computed from the other characters in the VIN; its purpose is to help detect errors.
- The check digit algorithm used in vehicle identification numbers will catch most common errors, such as a single incorrect character or a transposition of two characters.

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The **VIN** Program

 The VIN program will split a VIN into its constituent pieces. The VIN is entered by the user when prompted:

```
Enter VIN: JHMCB7658LC056658
World manufacturer identifier: JHM
```

Vehicle description section: CB765

Check digit: 8
Vehicle identification section: LC056658

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VIN. java

```
// Displays information from a VIN entered by the user
import java.util.Scanner;
public class VIN {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
    // Prompt the user to enter a VIN
    System.out.print("Enter VIN: ");
    String vin = input.nextLine();

    // Extract the parts of the VIN
    String manufacturer = vin.substring(0, 3);
    String description = vin.substring(3, 8);
    String checkDigit = vin.substring(8, 9);
    String identification = vin.substring(9);
```

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A Condensed Version of the **VIN** Program VIN2.java

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3.10 Case Study: Checking an ISBN Number

- An ISBN (International Standard Book Number) is a unique number assigned to a book when it's published, such as 0–393–96945–2.
- The number at the end is a check digit that's calculated from the other digits in the ISBN.
- Our goal is to write a program named CheckISBN that calculates the check digit for an ISBN entered by the user:

```
Enter ISBN: 0-393-96945-2
Check digit entered: 2
Check digit computed: 2
```

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Design of the CheckISBN Program

- The CheckISBN program will have four steps:
 - 1. Prompt the user to enter an ISBN.
 - 2. Compute the check digit for the ISBN.
 - 3. Display the check digit entered by the user.
 - 4. Display the computed check digit.
- The ISBN will be stored as a string, and the other variables will be integers.

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Computing the Check Digit

• Computation of the check digit for the ISBN 0-393-96945-2:

```
total = 0 \times 10 + 3 \times 9 + 9 \times 8 + 3 \times 7 + 9 \times 6 + 6 \times 5 + 9 \times 4 + 4 \times 3 + 5 \times 2
      = 0 + 27 + 72 + 21 + 54 + 30 + 36 + 12 + 10
Check digit: 10 - ((262 - 1) \text{ mod } 11) = 10 - (261 \text{ mod } 11) = 10 - 8 = 2
```

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Extracting Digits from the ISBN

- Searching for the dashes can be done by calling the indexOf method.
- The substring method can extract a portion of the original ISBN.
- The + operator can put the pieces together to form the reduced ISBN.
- The following expression extracts a digit and converts it to a number:

Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(i, i + 1)) i is the position of the digit in the reduced ISBN.

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Computing the Check Digit

- The check digit is calculated by multiplying the first nine digits in the number by 10, 9, 8, ..., 2, respectively, and summing these products to get a value we'll call total.
- The check digit is now determined by the expression

10 - ((total - 1) mod 11)

• The value of this expression is a number between 0 and 10. If the value is 10, the check digit is X.

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Extracting Digits from the ISBN

- In order to compute the check digit, the first nine digits in the ISBN must be extracted and converted to numeric form.
- Since the position of the first two dashes may vary, the program will need to search for them.
- Once the dashes have been found, the program can extract the language code, publisher, and book number and join these into a single string, the "reduced ISBN."
- If the original ISBN is "0-393-96945-2", the reduced ISBN will be "039396945".

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Displaying the Check Digit

- If the check digit is 10, the program will need to display the letter X instead of a normal digit.
- This problem can be solved by creating a string containing the digits from 0 to 9, plus the letter X: final String DIGITS = "0123456789X";
- The value of the check digit can be used to select one of the characters in DIGITS. If the check digit is stored in the variable checkDigit, the expression will be

DIGITS.charAt(checkDigit)

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CheckISBN.java

```
// Program name: CheckISBN
// Author: K. N. King
// Written: 1998-04-17
// Modified: 1999-02-11
// Prompts the user to enter an ISBN number. Computes the
// check digit for the ISBN. Displays both the check digit
// entered by the user and the check digit computed by the
// program.
import java.util.Scanner;
public class CheckISBN {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
    // Prompt the user to enter an ISBN
    System.out.print("Enter ISBN: ");
    String originalISBN = input.nextLine();
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```

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Chapter 3: Classes and Objects // Determine location of dashes int dashPos1 = originalISBN.indexOf("-"); int dashPos2 = originalISBN.indexOf("-", dashPos1 + 1);

// Remove dashes from ISBN

String reducedISBN =

originalISBN.substring(0, dashPos1) +
originalISBN.substring(dashPos1 + 1, dashPos2) +
originalISBN.substring(dashPos2 + 1, 11);

// Compute the check digit for the ISBN
int total =
 10 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(0, 1)) +

7 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(1, 2)) +
8 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(2, 3)) +
7 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(3, 4)) +

7 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(3, 4)) + 6 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(4, 5)) + 5 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(5, 6)) +

5 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(5, 6)) +
4 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(6, 7)) +
3 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(7, 8)) +

3 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(7, 8))
2 * Integer.parseInt(reducedISBN.substring(8, 9));

int checkDigit = 10 - ((total - 1) % 11);

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