Defining Classes

Classes, Fields, Constructors, Methods



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Defining Simple Classes



 Specification of a given type of object from the real-world

 Classes provide structure for describing and creating objects

Keyword

```
class Car {
    Class body
}
```

Class name

Naming Classes



- Use PascalCase naming
- Use descriptive nouns
- Avoid ambiguous names



```
class Dice { ... }
class BankAccount { ... }
class IntegerCalculator { ... }
```

```
class TPMF { ... }
class bankaccount { ... }
class numcalc { ... }
```

Class Members



- Class is made up of state and behavior
- Fields store state
- Methods describe behaviour

```
class Dog {
  int age;     Fields
  String type;
  void bark(){ ... }
     Method
}
```

Creating an Object



A class can have many instances (objects)

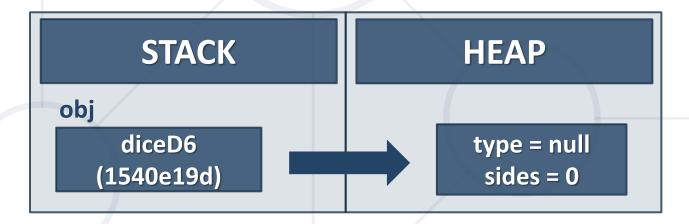
```
class Program {
  public static void main() {
    Car firstCar = new Car();
    Car secondCar = new Car();
                           Use the new keyword
     Variable stores a
        reference
```

Object Reference



- Declaring a variable creates a reference in the stack
- The new keyword allocates memory on the heap

```
Car car = new Car();
```





Classes vs. Objects



 Classes provide structure for creating objects

object D6Dice

An object is a single

instance of a class

Object name

sides: int

class

Dice

Class fields

Class name

sides = 6

Object data

roll(...)

Class actions (methods)





Fields



Class fields have access modifiers, type, and name

```
public class Car { type
    private String brand;
    private int year;
    public Person owner;

...
Fields can be of any
    type
```

Problem: Define Car Class



Create a class Car

```
+brand:String Class fields
+model:String
+horsePower:int

(no actions) Class methods
```

Ensure proper naming!

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        Car car = new Car();
        car.brand = "Chevrolet";
        car.model = "Impala";
        car.horsePower = 390;
        System.out.println(String.format(
                "The car is: %s %s - %d HP",
                car.brand, car.model, car.horsePower
        ));
```

Solution: Define Car Class



```
public class Car {
   String brand;
   String model;
   int horsePower;
}
```

Access Modifiers



- Classes and class members have modifiers
- Modifiers define visibility

Class modifier

```
public class Car {
  private String brand;
  private String model;
}
Member modifier
```

Fields should always be private!



Methods



Store executable code (algorithm) that manipulate state

```
class Car {
  private int horsePower;

public void increaseHP(int value) {
   horsePower += value;
  }
}
```

Getters and Setters



Used to create accessors and mutators (getters and setters)

```
Field is hidden
class Car {
  private int horsePower;
                                      Getter provides
  public int getHorsePower() {
                                       access to field
    return this.horsePower;
           this points to the
            current instance
                                 Setter provide field change
  public void setHorsePower(int horsePower) {
    this.horsePower = horsePower;
```

Getters and Setters



- Keyword this
 - Prevent field hiding
 - Refers to a current object

```
private int horsePower;
public void setSides(int horsePower) {
 this.horsePower = horsePower;
public void setSidesNotWorking(int horsePower) {
  horsePower = horsePower;
```

ToString() Method



- We can use the toString() method to get String representation of an object
- Whenever we try to print the Object reference then internally the toString() method is invoked
- If we did not define the toString() method in your class then
 Object class toString()

```
Car car = new Car();
System.out.println(car); //Car@3feba861
```

ToString() Method



• If you define the toString() method in your class then your implemented/Overridden toString() method will be called...

```
public class Car {
 @Override
 public String toString() {
        return this.brand + ":" + this.model;
Car car = new Car();
System.out.println(car); //BMW:M3
```

Equals() Method



In java equals() method is used to compare equality of two Objects

```
Car firstCar = new Car("BMW","M3");
Car secondCar = new Car("Mercedes","C63 AMG");
boolean isEqual = firstCar.equals(secondCar);
System.out.println(isEqual); //false
```

HashCode() Method



- The method returns the hash code for the Method class object
- The hash code is always the same if the object doesn't change
 - Syntax:

```
Car car = new Car();
int hash = car.hashCode(); //integer value which
represents hashCode value for this class.
System.out.println(hash); //1072408673
```

Problem: Car Info



Create a class Car

```
- == private
                      Car
   -brand:String
                        return type
   +setBrand():void
   +getBrand():String
   +carInfo():String
+ == public
```

```
public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Car car = new Car();

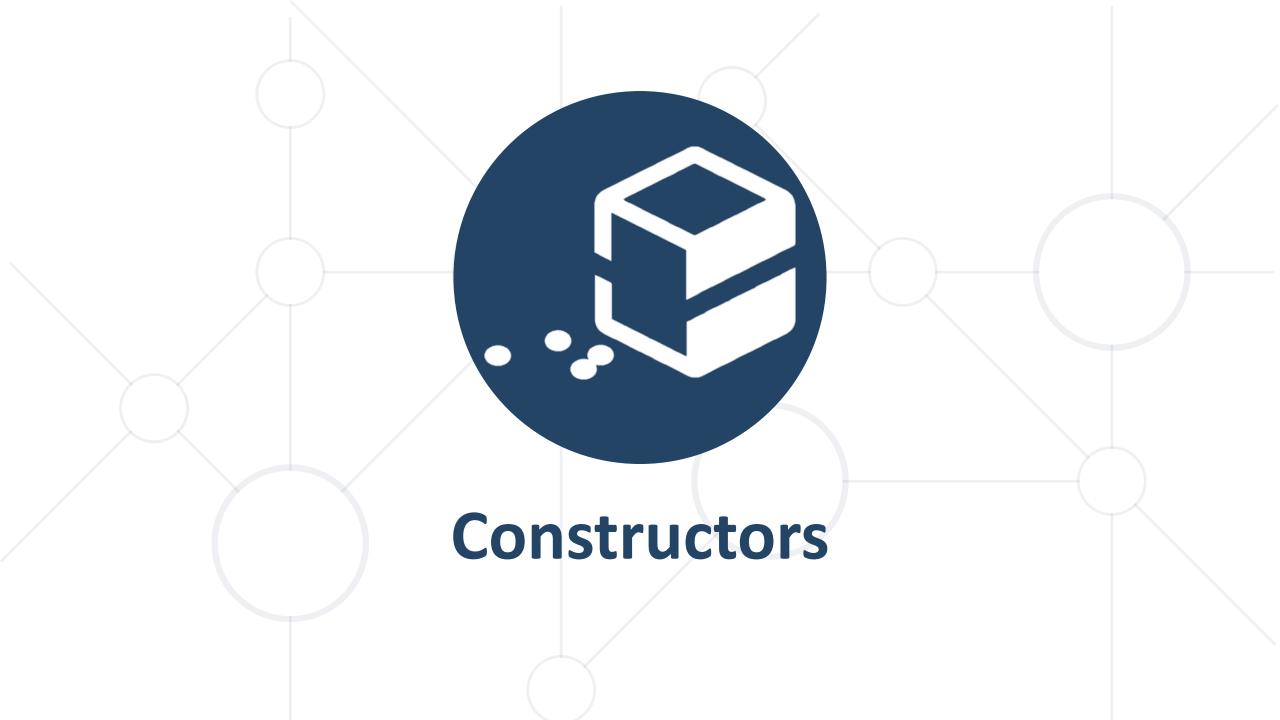
      car.setBrand("TESLA");
      car.setModel("MODEL S");
      car.setHorsePower(503);

      System.out.println(car.carInfo());
   }
}
```

Solution: Car Info



```
public class Car {
  private String brand;
  private String model;
  private int horsePower;
  public void setBrand(String brand) { this.brand = brand; }
  public String getBrand() { return this.brand; }
  public String carInfo() {
   return String.format("The car is: %s %s - %d HP.",
   this.brand, this.model, this.horsePower);
  //TODO: Create the other Getters and Setters
//TODO: Test the program
```



Constructors



- Special methods, executed during object creation
- The only way to call a constructor in Java is through the keyword new

```
public class Car {
  private String brand;
  public Car() {
    this.brand = "BMW";
  }
}
```

Overloading default constructor

Constructors (1)



Special methods, executed during object creation

```
class Car {
  private String brand;
  public Car() {
                                 Overloading default
    this.brand = "unknown";
                                    constructor
```

Constructors (2)



You can have multiple constructors in the same class

```
public class Car {
  private int horsePower; private String brand;
                                Constructor with one
  public Car(String brand) {
                                     parameter
    this.brand = brand;
  public Car(String brand, int horsePower) {
    this.brand = brand;
                                        Constructor with all
    this.horsePower = horsePower;
                                           parameters
```

Object Initial State



Constructors set object's initial state

```
public class Car {
  String brand;
  List<Part> parts;
                                     Always ensure
  public Car(String brand) {
                                      correct state
    this.brand = brand;
    this.parts = new ArrayList<>();
```

Constructor Chaining



Constructors can call each other

```
class Car {
  private String brand;
  private int horsePower;
  public Car(String brand, int horsePower) {
    this.brand = brand;
    this.horsePower = horsePower;
  public Car(String brand) {
    this(brand, -1);
```

Problem: Constructors



Create a class Car

```
Car
-brand:String
-model:String
-horsePower:int
+Car(String brand)
+Car(String brand, String model,
    int horsePower)
+carInfo():String
```

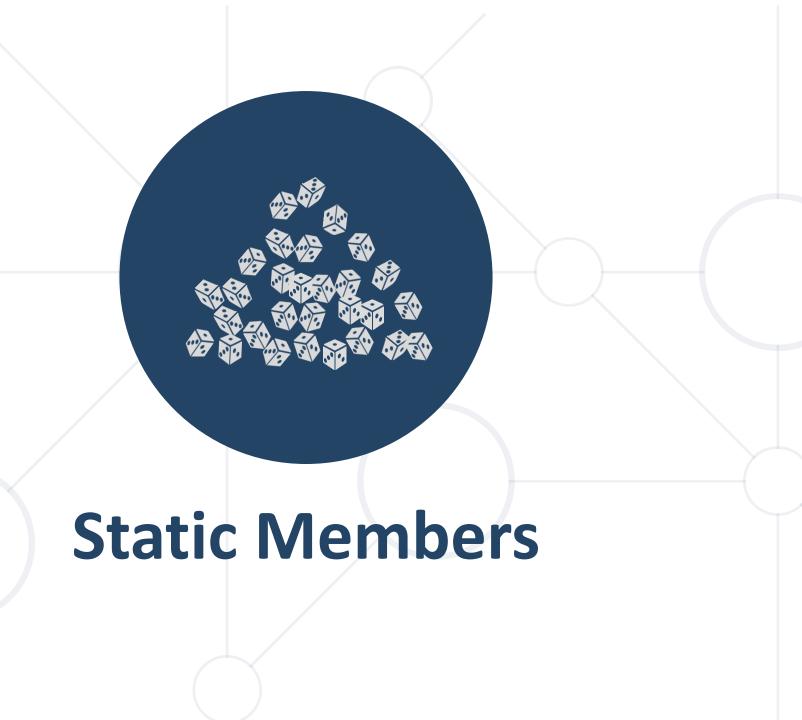


```
Car firstCar =
    new Car( brand: "Chevrolet");
Car secondCar =
    new Car( brand: "Chevrolet", model: "Impala", horsePower: 390);
System.out.println(firstCar.carInfo());
System.out.println(secondCar.carInfo());
```

Solution: Constructors



```
public Car(String brand) {
 this.brand = brand;
 this.model = "unknown";
 this.horsePower = -1;
public Car(String brand, String model, int horsePower) {
 this(brand);
 this.model = model;
 this.horsePower = horsePower;
```



Static Members



- Access static members through the class name
- Static members are shared class-wide
- You don't need an instance



Static Members



```
class BankAccount {
  private static int accountsCount;
  private static double interestRate;
  public BankAccount() {
    accountsCount++;
  public static void setInterestRate(double rate) {
    interestRate = rate;
```

Problem: Bank Account



- Create a class BankAccount
- Support commands:
 - Create
 - Deposit (ID) (Amount)
 - SetInterest {Interest}
 - GetInterest {ID} {Years}
 - End

```
BankAccount
                           underline ==
-id:int (starts from 1)
                              static
-balance:double
-interestRate:double (default: 0.02)
+setInterest(double interest):void
+getId():int
+getInterest(int years):double
+deposit(double amount):void
```

Create
Deposit 1 20
GetInterest 1 10
End

Account ID1 Created
Deposited 20 to ID1
4.00
(20 * 0.02) * 10

Solution: Bank Account



```
public class BankAccount {
  private final static double DEFAULT INTEREST = 0.02;
  private static double rate = DEFAULT INTEREST;
  private static int bankAccountsCount;
  private int id;
  private double balance;
 // continue...
```

Solution: Bank Account (2)



```
public BankAccount() {
  this.id = ++bankAccountsCount;
public static void setInterest(double interest) {
  rate = interest;
// TODO: int getId()
// TODO: double getInterest(int years)
// TODO: void deposit(double amount)
// TODO: override toString()
```

Solution: Bank Account (2)



```
HashMap<Integer, BankAccount> bankAccounts = new HashMap<>();
while (!command.equals("End")) {
 //TODO: Get command args
  switch (cmdType) {
    case "Create": // TODO
   case "Deposit": // TODO
   case "SetInterest": // TODO
    case "GetInterest": // TODO
  //TODO: Read command
```

Summary



- Classes define specific structure for objects
 - Objects are particular instances of a class
- Classes define fields, methods, constructors and other members
- Constructors are invoked when creating new class instances
- Constructors initialize the object's initial state





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