



Chapter 2: **Object Oriented Programming in Java**

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Title:

Object Oriented Programming in Java

Key Words:

Classes and Objects, Inheritance, Polymorphism.

Summary:

This unit provides an overview of the object oriented programming in Java.

Outcomes:

Student will learn in this unit:

- Declaring classes.
- Using polymorphism and inheritance.

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1. Object Oriented Programming in Java

Learning outcomes:

Learning main object oriented programming using Java.

Classes and objects:

- **class:** A program entity that represents either:
 - A program / module, or
 - A template for a new type of objects.
 - The Point class is a template for creating Point objects
- **object:** An entity that combines state and behavior.
 - object-oriented programming (OOP): Programs that perform their behavior as interactions between objects.

Fields:

- **field:** A variable inside an object that is part of its state.
 - Each object has *its own copy* of each field.
 - **encapsulation:** Declaring fields `private` to hide their data.
- Declaration syntax:
`private type name`
- Example:

```
public class Student {  
    private String name; // each object now has  
    private double gpa;  // a name and gpa field  
}
```

Instance methods:

- **instance method:** One that exists inside each object of a class and defines behavior of that object.

```
public type name(parameters) { statements;  
}
```

- Example:

```
public void shout() {  
    System.out.println("HELLO THERE!");  
}
```

A Point class:

```
public class Point  
{  
    private int x;  
    private int y;  
    // Changes the location of this Point object.  
    public void draw(Graphics g) {  
        g.fillOval(x, y, 3, 3);  
        g.drawString("(" + x + ", " + y + ")", x, y);  
    }  
}
```

- Each `Point` object contains data fields named `x` and `y`.
- Each `Point` object contains a method named `draw` that draws that point at its current `x/y` position.

The implicit parameter:

- implicit parameter:

The object on which an instance method is called.

- During the call `p1.draw(g)` ;
the object referred to by `p1` is the implicit parameter.
- During the call `p2.draw(g)` ;
the object referred to by `p2` is the implicit parameter.
- The instance method can refer to that object's fields.
We say that it executes in the *context* of a particular object.
`draw` can refer to the `x` and `y` of the object it was called on

Kinds of methods:

- Instance methods take advantage of an object's state.
 - Some methods allow clients to access / modify its state.
- **accessor**: A method that lets clients examine object state.
 - Example: A `distanceFromOrigin` method that tells how far a `Point` is away from `(0, 0)`.
 - Accessors often have a non-void return type.
- **mutator**: A method that modifies an object's state.
 - Example: A `translate` method that shifts the position of a `Point` by a given amount.

Constructors:

- **constructor**: Initializes the state of new objects.

```
public type(parameters) {  
    statements;  
}
```

- Example:

```
public Point(int initialX, int initialY)  
    { x = initialX;  
      y = initialY;
```

- runs when the client uses the new keyword
- does not specify a return type; implicitly returns a new object
- If a class has no constructor, Java gives it a *default constructor* with no parameters that sets all fields to 0.

toString method:

- Tells Java how to convert an object into a `String`

```
public String toString() {  
    code that returns a suitable String;  
}
```

- Example:

```
public String toString() {  
    return "(" + x + ", " + y + ")";  
}
```

- Called when an object is printed / concatenated to a `String`:

```
Point p1 = new Point(7, 2);  
System.out.println("p1: " + p1);
```

- Every class has a `toString`, even if it isn't in your code.
 - Default is class's name and a hex number: `Point@9e8c34`

this keyword:

- **this**: A reference to the implicit parameter.
 - *implicit parameter*: object on which a method is called
- Syntax for using `this`:
 - To refer to a field:
`this.field`
 - To call a method:
`this.method(parameters);`
 - To call a constructor from another constructor:
`this(parameters);`

Static methods:

- **static method:** Part of a class, not part of an object.
 - shared by all objects of that class
 - good for code related to a class but not to each object's state
 - does not understand the *implicit parameter*, this; therefore, cannot access an object's fields directly
 - if public, can be called from inside or outside the class
- Declaration syntax:

```
public static type name(parameters) {  
statements;  
}
```

2. Inheritance

Learning outcomes: using inheritance:

- **inheritance:** A way to form new classes based on existing classes, taking on their attributes / behavior.
 - a way to group related classes
 - a way to share code between two or more classes
- One class can *extend* another, absorbing its data / behavior.
 - **superclass:** The parent class that is being extended.
 - **subclass:** The child class that extends the superclass and inherits its behavior.
 - Subclass gets a copy of every field and method from superclass

Inheritance syntax:

```
public class name extends superclass {
```

- Example:

```
public class Secretary extends Employee {  
    ...  
}
```

Overriding methods

- **override:** To write a new version of a method in a subclass that replaces the superclass's version.
- No special syntax required to override a superclass method. Just write a new version of it in the subclass.

```
public class Secretary extends Employee {  
    // overrides getVacationForm in  
    Employee public String  
    getVacationForm() {  
        return "pink";  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

super keyword:

- Subclasses can call overridden methods with super

`super.method(parameters)`

- Example:

```
public class LegalSecretary extends Secretary {  
    public double getSalary() {  
        double baseSalary =  
            super.getSalary();  
        return baseSalary + 5000.0;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Polymorphism:

- **polymorphism:** Ability for the same code to be used with different types of objects and behave differently with each.
- Example: `System.out.println` can print any type of object.
 - Each one displays in its own way on the console.
- A variable of type *T* can hold an object of any subclass of T.
Employee ed = new LegalSecretary();
 - You can call any methods from `Employee` on `ed`.
 - You can *not* call any methods specific to `LegalSecretary`.
- When a method is called, it behaves as a `LegalSecretary`.

```
System.out.println(ed.getSalary()); //55000.0  
System.out.println(ed.getVacationForm()) //pink
```

3. Advanced Topics in OOP

Learning outcomes: Learning some advanced topics in OOP:

- **inheritance:** Forming new classes based on existing ones.
 - **superclass:** Parent class being extended.
 - **subclass:** Child class that inherits behavior from superclass.
 - gets a copy of every field and method from superclass
- **override:** To replace a superclass's method by writing a new version of that method in a subclass.

```
public class Lawyer extends Employee {  
    // overrides getSalary in Employee; a raise!  
    public double getSalary() {  
        return 55000.00;  
    }  
}
```

The super keyword:

- Syntax:

```
super.method(parameters)
```

```
super (parameters);
```

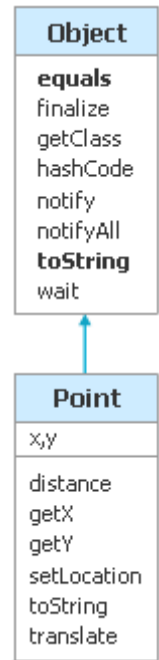
- Subclasses can call overridden methods/constructors with `super`

```
public class Lawyer extends Employee
{ private boolean passedBarExam;
  public Lawyer(int vacationDays, boolean bar)
  { super(vacationDays * 2);
    this.passedBarExam = bar;
  }
  public double getSalary() {
    double baseSalary = super.getSalary();
    return baseSalary + 5000.00;    // $5K raise
  }
  ...
}
```

The class Object:

- The class `Object` forms the root of the overall inheritance tree of all Java classes.
 - Every class is implicitly a subclass of `Object`
- The `Object` class defines several methods that become part of every class you write. For example:
 - `public String toString()`

Returns a text representation of the object, usually so that it can be printed.



Object methods:

method	description
<code>protected Object clone()</code>	creates a copy of the object
<code>public boolean equals(Object o)</code>	returns whether two objects have the same state
<code>protected void finalize()</code>	used for garbage collection
<code>public Class<?> getClass()</code>	info about the object's type
<code>public int hashCode()</code>	a code suitable for putting this object into a hash collection
<code>public String toString()</code>	text representation of object
<code>public void notify()</code> <code>public void notifyAll()</code> <code>public void wait()</code> <code>public void wait()</code>	methods related to concurrency and locking

Using the Object class:

- You can store any object in a variable of type Object.

```
Object o1 = new Point(5, -3);  
Object o2 = "hello there";
```

- You can write methods that accept an Object parameter.

```
public void  
    checkNotNull(Object  
        o) { if (o != null) {  
            throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        }  
}
```

- You can make arrays or collections of Objects.

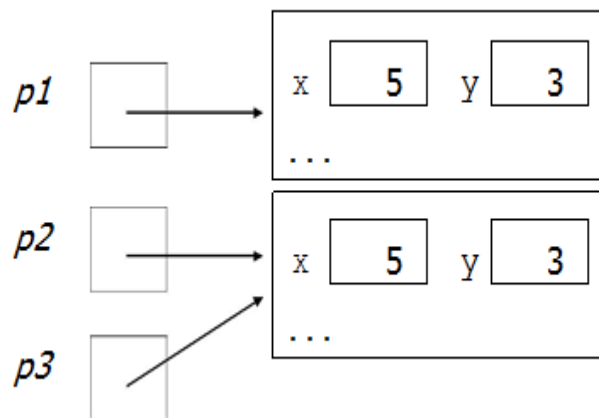
```
Object[] a = new  
Object[5]; a[0] = "hello";  
a[1] = new Random();  
List<Object> list = new ArrayList<Object>();
```

Recall: comparing objects:

- The == operator does not work well with objects.
 - It compares references, not objects' state.
 - It produces true only when you compare an object to itself.

```
Point p1 = new Point(5, 3);  
Point p2 = new Point(5, 3);  
Point p3 = p2;
```

```
// p1 == p2 is false;  
// p1 == p3 is false;  
// p2 == p3 is true  
// p1.equals(p2)?  
// p2.equals(p3)?
```



Default equals method:

- The `Object` class's `equals` implementation is very simple:

```
public class Object {  
    ...  
    public boolean equals(Object  
        o) { return this ==  
        o;  
    }  
}
```

- However:
 - When we have used `equals` with various objects, it didn't behave like `==`. Why not? `if (str1.equals(str2)) { ...`
 - The [Java API documentation for equals](#) is elaborate. Why?

Implementing equals:

- Syntax:

```
public boolean equals(Object name) {  
    statement(s) that return a boolean value ;  
}
```
- The parameter to `equals` must be of type `Object`.
- Having an `Object` parameter means *any* object can be passed.
 - If we don't know what type it is, how can we compare it?

Casting references:

```
Object o1 = new Point(5, -3);  
Object o2 = "hello there";  
  
((Point) o1).translate(6, 2);           // ok  
int len = ((String) o2).length();       // ok  
Point p = (Point) o1;  
int x = p.getX();                       // ok
```

- Casting references is different than casting primitives.
 - Really casting an `Object` **reference** into a `Point` reference.
 - Doesn't actually change the object that is referred to.
 - Tells the compiler to assume that `o1` refers to a `Point` object.

The instanceof keyword:

- Syntax:

```
if (variable instanceof type) {  
    statement(s);  
}
```
- Asks if a variable refers
- to an object of a given type.
 - Used as a boolean test.

```
String s = "hello";  
Point p = new Point();
```

expression	result
s instanceof Point	false
s instanceof String	true
p instanceof Point	true
p instanceof String	false
p instanceof Object	true
s instanceof Object	true
null instanceof String	false
null instanceof Object	false

equals method for Points:

```
// Returns whether o refers to a Point object with
// the same (x, y) coordinates as this Point.
boolean equals(Object o) { if (o instanceof Point) {
    // o is a Point; cast and compare it Point
    other = (Point) o;
    return x == other.x && y == other.y; } else {
    // o is not a Point; cannot be equal
    return false;
}
}
```

More about equals:

- Equality is expected to be reflexive, symmetric, and transitive:

a.equals(a) is true for every object
a.equals(b) \leftrightarrow b.equals(a)
(a.equals(b) && b.equals(c)) \leftrightarrow a.equals(c)

- No non-null object is equal to null:

a.equals(null) is false for every object a

- Two sets are equal if they contain the same elements:

```
Set<String> set1 = new HashSet<String>();
Set<String> set2 = new TreeSet<String>();
for(String s: "hi how are you".split(" ")) {
    set1.add(s); set2.add(s);
}
System.out.println(set1.equals(set2)); // true
```

The hashCode method:

```
public int hashCode()
```

Returns an integer hash code for this object, indicating its preferred to place it in a hash table / hash set.

- Allows us to store non-`int` values in a hash set / map:

```
public static int hashFunction(Object o) {  
    return Math.abs(o.hashCode()) % elements.length;  
}
```

- How is `hashCode` implemented?
 - Depends on the type of object and its state.
Example: a `String`'s `hashCode` adds the ASCII values of its letters.
 - You can write your own `hashCode` methods in classes you write.
All classes come with a default version based on memory address.

Polymorphism:

- **polymorphism:** Ability for the same code to be used with different types of objects and behave differently with each.
- A variable or parameter of type T can refer to any subclass of T.

```
Employee ed = new Lawyer();  
Object otto = new Secretary();
```

- When a method is called on `ed`, it behaves as a `Lawyer`.
- You can call any `Employee` methods on `ed`. You can call any `Object` methods on `otto`.
 - You can *not* call any `Lawyer`- only methods on `ed` (e.g. `sue`).
 - You can *not* call any `Employee` methods on `otto` (e.g. `getHours`).

Polymorphism examples:

- You can use the object's extra functionality by casting.

```
Employee ed = new Lawyer();  
ed.getVacationDays();           // ok  
otto.getVacationDays();         // compiler error  
(Employee otto).getVacationDays(); // ok  
(Lawyer otto).sue();           // runtime error
```

- You can't cast an object into something that it is not.

```
Object otto= new Secretary();  
System.out.println(otto.toString()); // ok  
otto.getVacationDays();             // compiler error  
(Employee otto).getVacationDays(); // ok  
(Lawyer otto).sue();               // runtime error
```