

#### What is this? Why do we care?

- -> keep track of functions
- -> local variables on stack
- Use this to reference the current object
- -> arguments, return values on stack
- All objects are accessed by references. Objects are on heap
- References are like pointers but
   Java automatically dereferences when needed.
- Give each idea one name
  - Name field and constructor parameters the same.
  - Ex: name both numStudents, vs using each of:

```
1 - studentCount
```

- 2 numStudents
  - n
  - numberStds

```
public class Course {
    private int numStudents;

    public Course(int numStudents) {
        this.numStudents = numStudents;
    }
}
```

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#### Pass by value

suppose we have a reference (calling code) to a clock -> can change properties of the clock if create a new clock

-> no way to change calling code pointing to new clock from old clock just by passing value

- Java uses pass by value reference
  - Passing a primitive type passes its value.
  - Passing an object passes (by value) a reference to the object
- What this means
  - When passed a primitive type, changes inside a method have no effect outside the method.
  - When passed an object, you can modify its state.
  - You cannot change which object it points to private String background; this.background = background; this.background = background; }

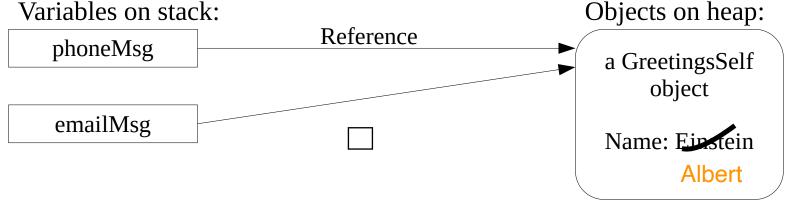
```
not constructor but factory methodoblic Clock makeGreatClock(){ return new Clock();
```

changeClock(myClock);

#### Multiple Object Reference

- = on an **object reference** copies the reference
- Example no operator override in java copy: shallow vs deep

```
GreetingsSelf phoneMsg = new GreetingsSelf("Einstein");
GreetingsSelf emailMsg = phoneMsg;
emailMsg.setName("Albert");
```



- Automatic Garbage Collection
  - Objects with no references to them are automatically deleted.

#### Comments

- JavaDoc:
  - commenting syntax used to generate documentation.
    - on a class: above a class to describe purpose of class
    - on a method: above a method (or field) to explain it
      - Suggest only using for API methods: stable interface and requires solid documentation for external users.
- Commenting Rules (this course):

RULE 1: comemnt purpose of each class

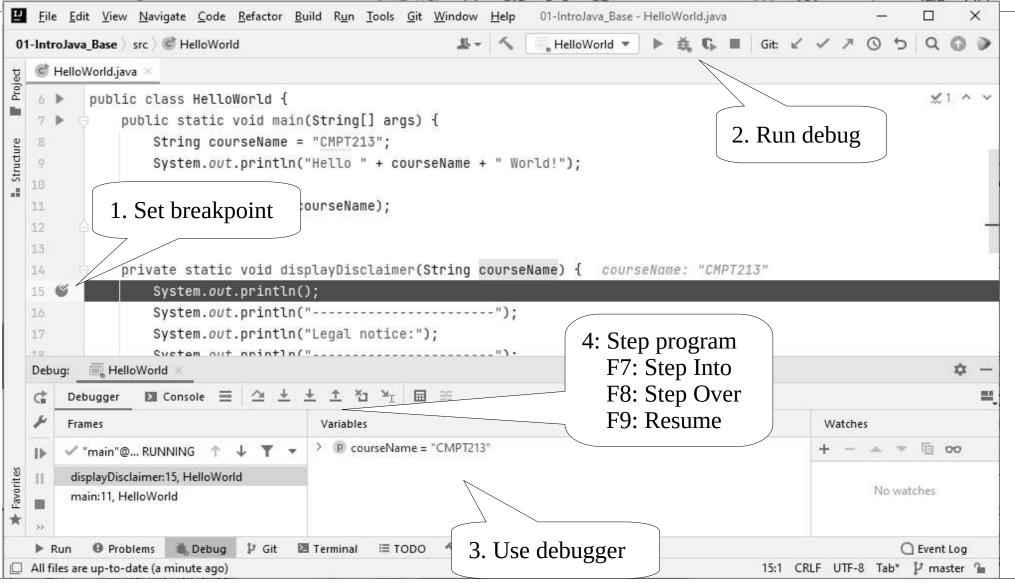
RULE 2: Name fields, methods, and parameters well so

you dont have to comment them

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Integrated Debugger

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CODE DEMO: Debugger

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# What is the most over-used key word in C-based languages?

Static!

in C++, 4 ways to use static in Java, 3 ways

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## Static when to use static? -> when you want objects to share/use the same data

- Static method
  - can be called before creating new object Can be called on the class (no object required).
  - Also called class methods
- Static field accessible by all objects of the class
  - Shared by all instances of the class.
  - Also called class data
  - Often used for constants:
     public static final int DAYS\_PER\_WEEK = 7;
- Static local in C/C++
  - Not supported in Java.

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### Static: What fails to compile?

```
public class StaticFun {
   public static final int TARGET_NUM_HATS = 10;
   private static int countNumMade = \overline{0};
   private int favNum = 0;
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       // WHICH OF THESE 4 LINES GIVES A COMPILE TIME ERROR?
       changeFavNum(42); FAILED - a static function has to call a static function/var
       displayInfo();
       favNum = 10; FAILED - same reason
       countNumMade = 9;
   private void changeFavNum(int i) {
       favNum = TARGET NUM HATS + i;
       displayInfo();
   private static void displayInfo() {
       System.out.println("TARGET_NUM_HATTS: " + TARGET_NUM_HATS);
                                                 " + countNumMade);
       System.out.println("countNumMade:
       System.out.println("favNum:
                                                   + favNum);
                                 FAILED - cuz it has no access to non-static field
```

NOTE: constructor needs to create a full form object

### Static Factory Method

a method that makes an object, method is static

- Static Factory Method
  - A static method which creates an object
  - Like a constructor, but more flexible: can give it adescriptive name
  - A common design pattern
- Example

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# Classes, Strings, Collections,

### toString()

- All Java objects have a toString() method
  - All classes inherit from Object, which implements toString()
- Returns a String object which describes the object
  - Used for **debugging**, not formatted screen/file output
  - Recommended format:

### String Demo

```
static void demoStringConcat() {
   String guess1 = "hello " + 42;
                                                       What does each String
   String guess2 = "hello " + 4 + 2;
                                                       hold?
   String guess3 = 42 + "hello";
   String guess4 = 4 + 2 + "hello";
   String guess5 = new Integer(42).toString();
Integer, Double, Boolean, Long are Wrappers/Wrapper classes
static void demoStringToNumber() {
                                                                Also have:
   String myInput = "42";
                                                           Double.parseDouble(...)
   int theValue = Integer.parseInt(myInput);
                                                          Boolean.parseBoolean(...)
              their functions (.parseInt) are static
                                                            Long.parseLong(...)
   // Current date/time to string
   Date now = new Date();
                                                        Date.toString() gives:
   String msg = "Currently " + now;
                                                  Thu Jan 16 13:49:46 PST 2014
   System.out.println(msg);
                                                        Date in java.util.Date
   // Demo bad conversion
                                                                 Throws
    int oops = Integer.parseInt("Oops");
                                                          NumberFormatException
                                                              = DemoStrings.java
                                                                                 14
```



- Strings are Immutable
   Once created, they cannot be changed at all
  - To "change" a string, create a new one

```
Example
    String msg = "H";
    msg = msg + "i";
    msg += '!';
    int count = msg.length();

Creates 3 strings;

2 for garbage collection:..

"H" and "Hi"
```

- Java does not support overloaded operators in general, except for + and += on Strings.
  - String still immutable, even with +=
     how does it work with +=

### **Comparing Strings**

```
    Compare strings using equals()

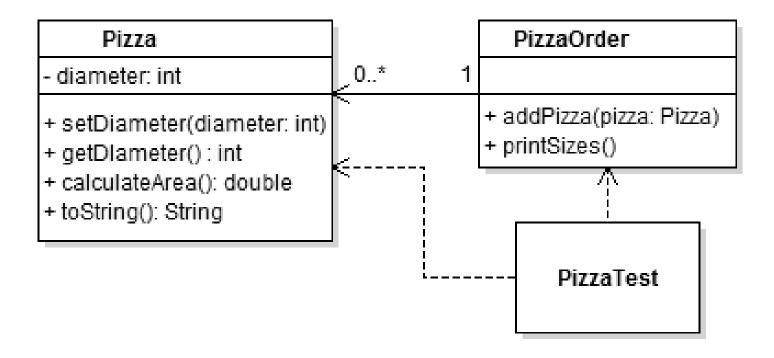
      String password = getDaUsersPassword();
      if (password.equals("12345")) {
         System.out.println("The air-shield opens.");

    Don't use ==

    - == compares the memory locations
      if (password == yourGuess) {
         String msg = "Wow! The program stores the"
            + "password and your guess at the same "
            + "memory location! Crazy!";
         System.out.println(msg);
```

#### **UML**

 We will create the following classes in this section of the slides.



#### List and ArrayList

- Generic: works with different types of objects
- Java includes many generic Collections.
  - ArrayList implements the List interface and is backed by an array (fast), and dynamically resizes.

- Collections only store objects not primitive types
  - To store primitives, use built in wrapper classes:
     Integer, Long, Double, etc.
- Why List and ArrayList?
  - Design Principle: program to an interface, not an implementation

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# When is your code done? Coding Standards

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#### Clean Code

- Correct Code
  - Implements the requirements.
  - Has no (few) bugs.
- Clean Code
  - is correct
  - Conforms to coding standard
  - easy to read
  - easy to maintain
- Professionals write clean code.

#### **Coding Standard**

- Course (and most companies) has a coding standard (See web page)
  - Your code must conform to this style guide.
  - Each assignment may mention some specifics.
  - Different than textbook:
    - K&R style bracket placement
    - Always include { }, even on one-line if/else
    - List fields before methods
- Activity
  - Read Coding Standard.
  - Go through the Person class and clean it up.

#### Summary

- Use one clear name for an idea.
- References to objects, everything pass-by-value.
- Static makes class methods and class data.
- String: Immutable class for working with all strings.
- Show classes with UML class diagram.
- Coding standard enforced for clean code.