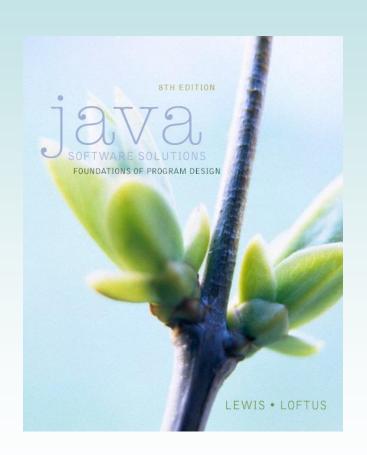
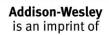
## Chapter 4 Writing Classes



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## Writing Classes

- We've been using predefined classes from the Java API. Now we will learn to write our own classes.
- Chapter 4 focuses on:
  - class definitions
  - instance data
  - encapsulation and Java modifiers
  - method declaration and parameter passing
  - constructors
  - ③ graphical objects
  - © events and listeners
  - buttons and text fields

#### Outline



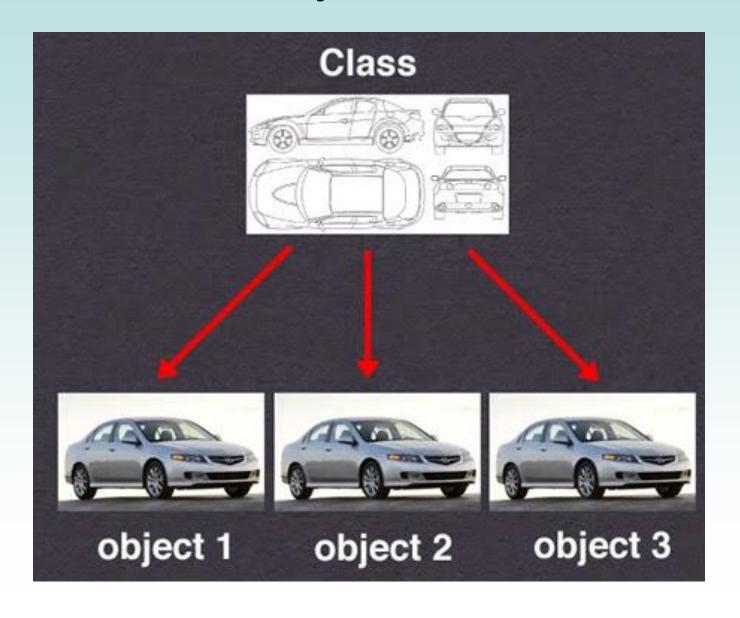
Anatomy of a Class

**Encapsulation** 

**Anatomy of a Method** 

- **Graphical Objects**
- **Graphical User Interfaces**
- **Unit Section** Buttons and Text Fields

## Classes and Objects



## Writing Classes

- Previous examples have used classes from the Java standard class library
- Now we will write classes ourselves
- The class that contains the main method is the starting point of a program
- Object-oriented programming is defining classes that represent objects with well-defined characteristics and functionality

## **Examples of Classes**

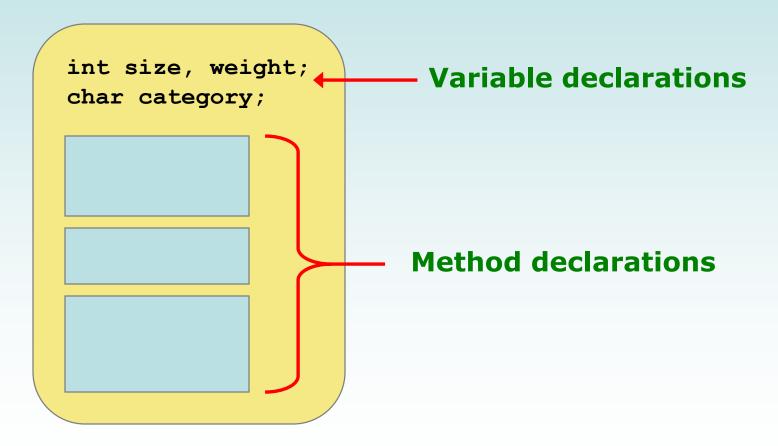
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Student	Name Address Major Grade point average	Set address Set major Compute grade point average
Rectangle	Length Width Color	Set length Set width Set color
Aquarium	Material Length Width Height	Set material Set length Set width Set height Compute volume Compute filled weight
Flight	Airline Flight number Origin city Destination city Current status	Set airline Set flight number Determine status
Employee	Name Department Title Salary	Set department Set title Set salary Compute wages Compute bonus Compute taxes

## Classes and Objects

- Recall: an object has state and behavior
- Consider a six-sided die:
  - It's state is which face is showing
  - It's behavior is that it can be rolled
- Represent a die with a class called Die that models this state and behavior
  - The class is a blueprint for a die object
- We can then instantiate as many die objects as we need for any particular program

#### Classes

 A class can contain variable declarations (state) and method declarations (behavior)



#### Classes

- The values of its variables define the state of an object
- The methods define the behaviors of the object
- For our Die class, an integer called faceValue holds the current face
- A method "rolls" the die by setting faceValue to a random number between one and six



#### Classes

- Design the Die class so that it is versatile and reusable
- See RollingDice.java
- See Die.java

```
//*************************
   RollingDice.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the creation and use of a user-defined class.
//*********************
public class RollingDice
  // Creates two Die objects and rolls them several times.
  public static void main(String[] args)
    Die die1, die2;
     int sum;
     die1 = new Die();
     die2 = new Die();
     die1.roll(); // roll the die and change its state
     die2.roll();
     System.out.println("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2);
```

```
die1.rol1();
  die2.setFaceValue(4);
  System.out.println("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2);

sum = die1.getFaceValue() + die2.getFaceValue();
  System.out.println("Sum: " + sum);

sum = die1.rol1() + die2.rol1();
  System.out.println("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2);
  System.out.println("New sum: " + sum);
}
```

"Die One: " + die1

— this is string concatenation. The object reference die1 is used to find an object. That object creates a string using its toString() method, which is concatenated to the "Die One: " string.

```
die1.roll();
  die2.setFaceValue(4);
  System.out.println("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2);

sum = die1.getFaceValue() + die2.getFaceValue();
  System.out.println("Sum: " + sum);

sum = die1.roll() + die2.roll();
  System.out.println("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2);
  System.out.println("New sum: " + sum);
}
```

#### Sample Run

```
Die One: 5, Die Two: 2
Die One: 1, Die Two: 4
Sum: 5
Die One: 4, Die Two: 2
New sum: 6
```

```
//**********************
   Die.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents one die with faces showing values
   between 1 and 6.
//************************
public class Die
{
  private final int MAX = 6; // maximum face value
  private int faceValue;  // current value showing on the die
  // Constructor: Sets the initial face value.
  public Die()
    faceValue = 1;
```

```
//-----
// Rolls the die and returns the result.
//-----
public int roll()
 faceValue = (int) (Math.random() * MAX) + 1;
 return faceValue;
//----
// Face value mutator.
//-----
public void setFaceValue(int value)
 faceValue = value;
//-----
// Face value accessor.
//-----
public int getFaceValue()
 return faceValue;
```

#### The Die Class

- The Die class contains two data values
  - a constant MAX that represents the maximum face value
  - an integer faceValue that represents the current face value
- The roll method uses the random method of the Math class to determine a new face value
  - could use a Random object, but does this instead
- There are also methods to explicitly set and retrieve the current face value

## The toString Method

- It's good practice to define a toString method for every class
- The toString method returns a reference to a String that represents the object
- All classes automatically have a toString method, but it might not do what you want
- It is called automatically when an object is concatenated to a string or when it is passed to the println method
- It's also convenient to use for debugging

#### Constructors

 A constructor sets up an object when it is created



- A constructor has the same name as the class
- The Die constructor sets the initial face value of each new die object to one
- A great deal of work is done by the run-time system to create an object
  - all that your constructor does is put in some "final touches"

## Scope

- The scope of a variable is the area in a source program in which that variable can be referenced (used)
- A variable declared at the class level (an instance variable)
  can be used by all methods in that class
  - instance variables hold their values as long as their object exists
  - their value may be changed with an assignment statement
- A variable declared within a method can be used only in that method
  - A variable declared within a method is called a local variable
- In the Die class, the variable result is declared inside the toString method — it is local to that method and cannot be used anywhere else

#### Instance Variables

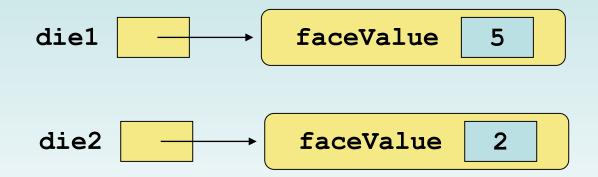
- A variable declared at the class level (such as faceValue)
  is called an instance variable
- Each instance (object) has its own instance variables
- A class describes (declares) the type of the data, but it does not reserve memory space for it
  - that happens when an object is constructed
- Each time a Die object is created, a new faceValue variable (a part of the object) is created as well
- The objects of a class share the method definitions, but each object has its own instance variables
- That's the only way two objects can have different states

#### Instance Data

- The objects of a class share method definitions, but each object has its own data
- Conceptually, each object has its own methods, identical to the methods of every other object of the same class.
  - In reality, objects don't need their own copy and so share the actual code with other objects of the same type.

#### Instance Data

• The two Die objects from the RollingDice program:



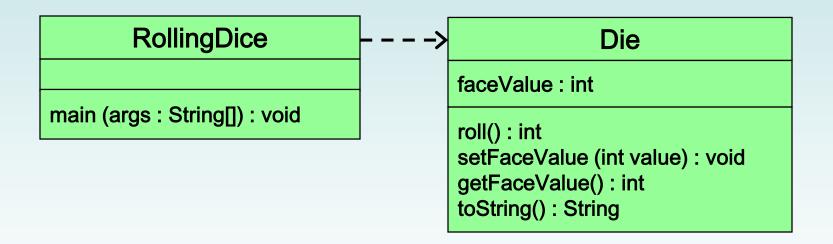
Each object maintains its own faceValue variable, and thus its own state

## **UML** Diagrams

- UML stands for the Unified Modeling Language
- UML diagrams show relationships among classes and objects
- A UML class diagram consists of one or more classes, each with sections for the class name, state (data), and behavior (methods)
- Lines between classes represent associations
- A dotted arrow shows that one class uses the other (calls its methods)

## **UML Class Diagrams**

• A UML class diagram for the RollingDice program:



What is the relationship between a class and an object?

What is the relationship between a class and an object?

A class is the definition/pattern/blueprint for an object. It defines the data that will be managed by an object but doesn't reserve memory space for it.

Many objects can be created from a class, and each object has its own instance data.

Where are instance variables declared?

What is the scope of instance variables?

What are local variables?

Where are instance variables declared?

At the class level.

What is the scope of instance variables?

They can be referenced in any method of the class.

What are local variables?

Local variables are declared within a method, and are only accessible in that method.

#### Outline

**Anatomy of a Class** 



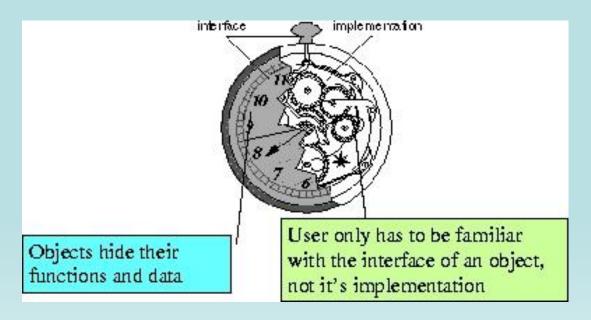
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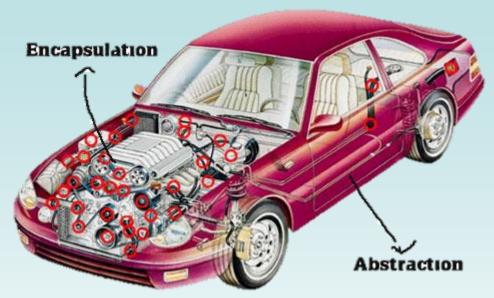
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#### Two views of an object:

- internal the details of the variables and methods of the class that defines it
- external the services that an object provides and how the object interacts with the rest of the system

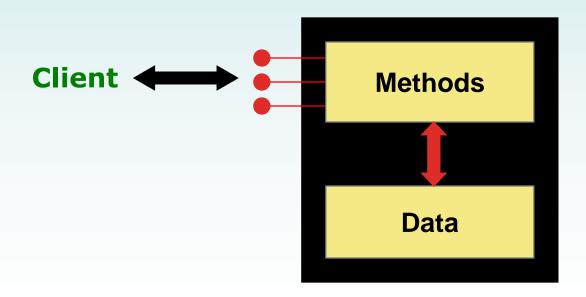


- From the external view, an object is an encapsulated entity, providing a set of specific services
- These services define the interface to the object

- One object (called the *client*) may use another object for the services it provides
- The client of an object may request its services (call its methods) without knowing how those services are accomplished
- Any changes to an object's state (its variables) should be made only by that object's methods
- We should make it difficult, if not impossible, for a client to access an object's variables directly
- That is, an object should be self-governing

- One object (called the *client*) may use another object for the services it provides
  - We have used methods of String objects without knowing the details of how they work.
  - You can use a car object without knowing the details of how it works.
  - Other cars should not be able to affect the inner workings of your car.
- The client of an object may request its services (call its methods), but it should not have to be aware of how those services are accomplished

- An encapsulated object can be thought of as a black box — its inner workings are hidden from the client
- The client invokes the interface methods and they manage the instance data



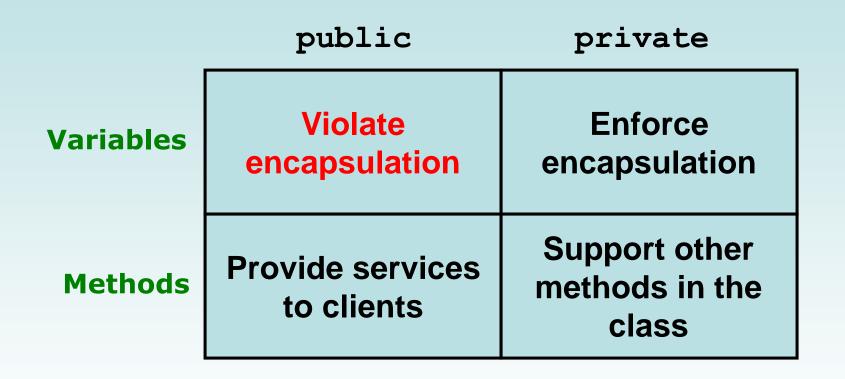
## Visibility Modifiers

- In Java, encapsulation is done using visibility modifiers
- A modifier is a word that specifies the characteristics of a method or data
- The final modifier defines constants
- Three visibility modifiers: public, protected, and private
- The protected modifier involves inheritance, which we will discuss later

- Members of a class that are declared with public visibility can be referenced anywhere
  - "member" means instance variable or method
- Members of a class that are declared with private visibility can be referenced only within that class
- Members declared without a visibility modifier have default visibility and can be referenced by any class in the same package

- Public variables violate encapsulation because they allow the client to modify the values directly
- Instance variables should be declared with private visibility
- It is acceptable to give a constant public visibility, which allows it to be used outside of the class
  - Public constants do not violate encapsulation because, although the client can access them, their values cannot be changed

- Methods that provide the object's services are declared with public visibility so that they can be invoked by clients
- Public methods are also called service methods
- A method created simply to assist a service method is called a support method
  - Since a support method is not intended to be called by a client, it should be declared with private visibility



## **Accessors and Mutators**



- Because instance data is private, a class usually provides services to access and modify data values
- An accessor method returns the current value of a variable
- A mutator method changes the value of a variable

## Accessors and Mutators

- The names of accessor and mutator methods take the form getX and setX, respectively, where X is the name of the value
  - this is a convention among programmers, not a requirement of syntax
- They are sometimes called getters and setters

### **Mutator Restrictions**

- The use of mutators restricts a client's options to modify an object's state
  - enforces modularity
  - you don't want your car stereo to affect the brakes
- A mutator often checks that values are OK
- For example, the setFaceValue mutator of the Die class should restrict the value to the valid range (1 to MAX)

## **Quick Check**

Why was the faceValue variable declared as private in the Die class?

Why is it ok to declare MAX as public in the Die class?

## **Quick Check**

Why was the faceValue variable declared as private in the Die class?

By making it private, each Die object controls its own data and allows it to be modified only by the well-defined operations it provides.

Why is it ok to declare MAX as public in the Die class?

MAX is a constant. Its value cannot be changed. Therefore, there is no violation of encapsulation.

## **Outline**

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Anatomy of a Method

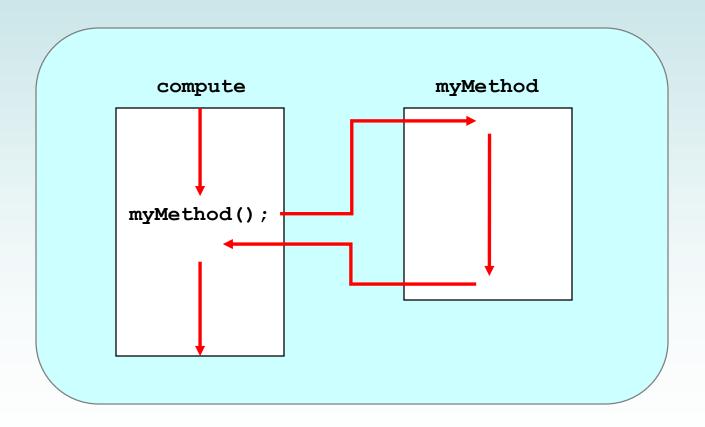
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### **Method Declarations**

- A method declaration specifies the code that will be executed when a method of an object is invoked (called)
- When a method is invoked, control jumps to the method and executes its code
- When complete, control returns to the place where the method was called and continues on from there
- The invocation may or may not return a value, depending on how the method is defined

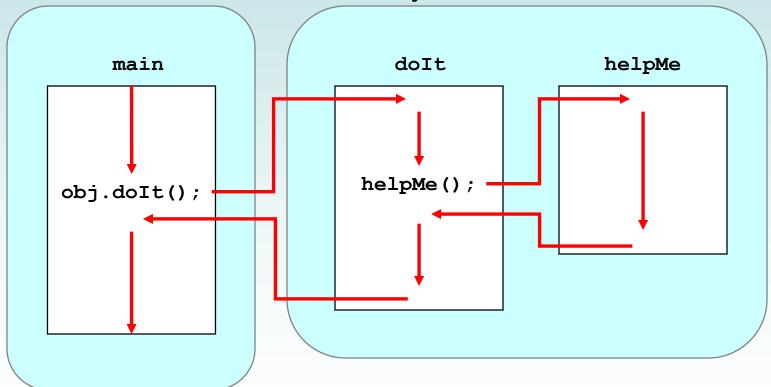
## Method Control Flow

 If the called method is in the same class, only the method name is needed to call it



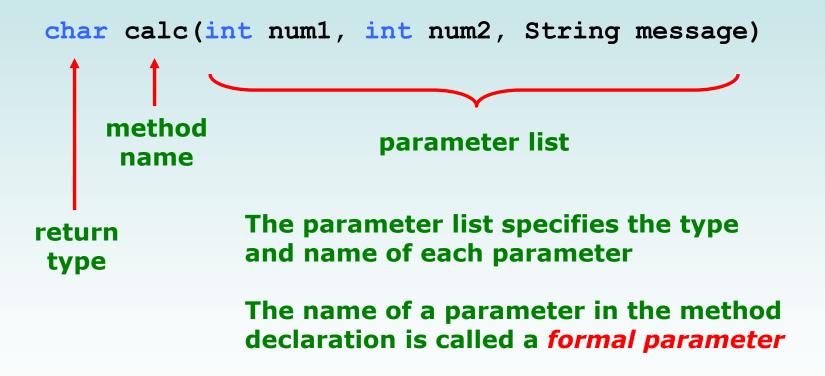
### Method Control Flow

- The called method is often part of another class or object
- Use a reference to that object to call its method



### Method Header

A method declaration begins with a method header



## Method Body

The method header is followed by the method body

```
char calc(int num1, int num2, String message)
{
  int sum = num1 + num2;
  char result = message.charAt(sum);

  return result;
  sum and result
  are local variables

  The return expression each time the
```

The return expression must be consistent with the return type

They are created each time the method is called, and are destroyed when it finishes executing

### The return Statement

- The return type of a method is the type of value that the method sends back to the calling location
- A method that does not return a value has a void return type
- A return statement specifies the value that will be returned

return expression;

expression must conform to the return type

#### **Parameters**

 Call by value: When a method is called, the actual parameters in the invocation are copied into the formal parameters in the method header

```
ch = obj.calc(25, count, "Hello");

char calc(int num1, int num2, String message)
{
  int sum = num1 + num2;
  char result = message.charAt(sum);

  return result;
}
```

### **Local Data**

- Local variables are declared inside a method
  - but the variables don't actually exist until the method is called
- When a method is invoked, automatic local variables are created for the formal parameters and local variables
  - like getting a phone call and taking out a clean sheet of paper to write things down on and to calculate with
  - the parameters are the data you are given
  - the local variables are used for calculation

### **Local Data**

- When the method finishes, all local variables are destroyed (including the formal parameters)
  - finished with the phone call:
    - tell the caller the result of calculation
    - crumple up the paper and toss it in the waste
- Instance variables hold the state of the object and exist as long as the object exists

## Bank Account Example

Represent a bank account
 by a class named Account

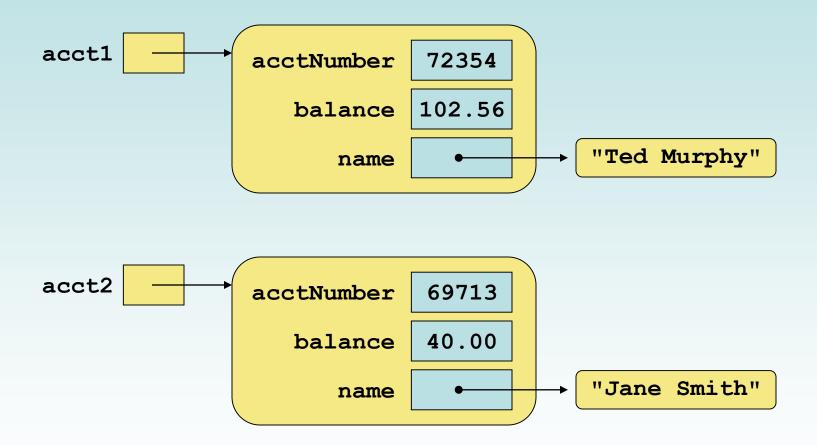


- It's state includes the account number, the current balance, and the name of the owner
- An account's services include deposits, withdrawals, and adding interest

## **Driver Programs**

- A driver program drives the use of other parts of a program
- Driver programs are often used to test other parts of the software
- The Transactions class contains a main method that drives the use of the Account class, exercising its services
- See Transactions.java
- See Account.java

## Bank Account Example



```
//***********************
   Transactions.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the creation and use of multiple Account objects.
//***********************
public class Transactions
  // Creates some bank accounts and requests various services.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     Account acct1 = new Account("Ted Murphy", 72354, 102.56);
     Account acct2 = new Account("Jane Smith", 69713, 40.00);
     Account acct3 = new Account("Edward Demsey", 93757, 759.32);
     acct1.deposit(25.85); // ignore returned value of deposit()
     double smithBalance = acct2.deposit(500.00);
     System.out.println("Smith balance after deposit: " + smithBalance);
```

```
System.out.println("Smith balance after withdrawal: " +
                    acct2.withdraw (430.75, 1.50));
acct1.addInterest();
acct2.addInterest();
acct3.addInterest();
System.out.println();
System.out.println(acct1); // automatically use toString()
System.out.println(acct2);
System.out.println(acct3);
```

#### **Output**

```
Smith balance after deposit: 540.0
Smith balance after withdrawal: 107.55

72354 Ted Murphy $132.90
69713 Jane Smith $111.52
93757 Edward Demsey $785.90
```

```
//****************************
// Account.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//
   Represents a bank account with basic services such as deposit
// and withdraw.
//***********************
import java.text.NumberFormat;
public class Account
  private final double RATE = 0.035; // interest rate of 3.5%
  private long acctNumber;
  private double balance;
  private String name;
  // Sets up the account by defining its owner, account number,
  // and initial balance.
  public Account(String owner, long account, double initial)
     name = owner;
     acctNumber = account;
     balance = initial;
```

```
Deposits the specified amount into the account. Returns the
// new balance.
//-----
public double deposit(double amount)
  balance = balance + amount;
  return balance;
}
//-----
// Withdraws the specified amount from the account and applies
// the fee. Returns the new balance.
public double withdraw(double amount, double fee)
  balance = balance - amount - fee;
  return balance;
```

```
//-----
// Adds interest to the account and returns the new balance.
//-----
public double addInterest()
 balance += (balance * RATE);
  return balance;
// Returns the current balance of the account.
//-----
public double getBalance()
  return balance;
//-----
// Returns a one-line description of the account as a string.
public String toString()
  NumberFormat fmt = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance();
  return (acctNumber + "\t" + name + "\t" + fmt.format(balance));
```

## Improvements

- There are some improvements that can be made to the Account class
- getters and setters could have been defined for all data
- The design of some methods could also be more robust, such as verifying that the amount parameter to the withdraw method is positive

## Constructors Revisited

- A constructor has no return type specified in the method header, not even void
- A common error is to put a return type on a constructor, which makes it a "regular" method that happens to have the same name as the class
- The programmer does not have to define a constructor for a class
- Each class has a default constructor that accepts no parameters

## **Quick Check**

How do we express which Account object's balance is updated when a deposit is made?

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How do we express which Account object's balance is updated when a deposit is made?

Each account is referenced by an object reference variable:

```
Account myAcct = new Account (...);
```

and when a method is called, you call it through a particular object:

```
myAcct.deposit(50);
```

### Outline

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# © Graphical Objects

- Some objects contain information about how to show the object visually
  - how big to draw it, what color to use, border style...
- Most GUI components are graphical objects
- Various methods change this information
- We did this in Chapter 2 when we defined the paint method of an applet

# © Smiling Face Example

- The SmilingFace program draws a face by defining the paintComponent method of a panel
- See SmilingFace.java
- See SmilingFacePanel.java
- The main method of the SmilingFace class instantiates a SmilingFacePanel and displays it
- The SmilingFacePanel class is derived from the JPanel class using inheritance

```
//***********************
   SmilingFace.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of a separate panel class.
//*********************
import javax.swing.JFrame;
public class SmilingFace
  //----
  // Creates the main frame of the program.
  public static void main(String[] args)
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Smiling Face");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
    SmilingFacePanel panel = new SmilingFacePanel();
    frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//*****
                               Smiling Face
                                                          ********
    SmilingFac
//
                   Always remember that you are unique!
    Demonstrat
//*******
                                                          ********
import javax.s
public class S
                          Just like everyone else.
       Creates
  public stat
      JFrame frame = new JFrame("Smiling Face");
      frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
      SmilingFacePanel panel = new SmilingFacePanel();
      frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
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      frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//***************************
   SmilingFacePanel.java
                           Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of a separate panel class.
//***********************
import javax.swing.JPanel;
import java.awt.*;
public class SmilingFacePanel extends JPanel
{
  private final int BASEX = 120, BASEY = 60; // base point for head
  // Constructor: Sets up the main characteristics of this panel.
  public SmilingFacePanel()
     setBackground(Color.blue);
     setPreferredSize(new Dimension(320, 200));
     setFont(new Font("Arial", Font.BOLD, 16));
continue
```

```
public void paintComponent(Graphics page)
{
      super.paintComponent(page);
     page.setColor(Color.yellow);
     page.fillOval(BASEX, BASEY, 80, 80); // head
     page.fillOval(BASEX-5, BASEY+20, 90, 40); // ears
     page.setColor(Color.black);
     page.drawOval(BASEX+20, BASEY+30, 15, 7); // eyes
     page.drawOval(BASEX+45, BASEY+30, 15, 7);
     page.fillOval(BASEX+25, BASEY+31, 5, 5); // pupils
     page.fillOval(BASEX+50, BASEY+31, 5, 5);
     page.drawArc(BASEX+20, BASEY+25, 15, 7, 0, 180); // evebrows
     page.drawArc(BASEX+45, BASEY+25, 15, 7, 0, 180);
     page.drawArc(BASEX+35, BASEY+40, 15, 10, 180, 180); // nose
     page.drawArc(BASEX+20, BASEY+50, 40, 15, 180, 180); // mouth
     page.setColor(Color.white);
     page.drawString("Always remember that you are unique!",
                         BASEX-105, BASEY-15);
     page.drawString("Just like everyone else.", BASEX-45,
                         BASEY+105);
```

# © Smiling Face Example

- Every Swing component has a paintComponent method
- The paintComponent method accepts a
   Graphics object that represents the graphics
   context for the panel
- We define the paintComponent method to draw the face with appropriate calls to the Graphics methods
- Note the difference between drawing on a panel and adding other GUI components to a panel

# © Splat Example

- The Splat example is structured a bit differently
- It draws a set of colored circles on a panel, but each circle is represented as a separate object that maintains its own graphical information
- The paintComponent method of the panel "asks" each circle to draw itself
- See Splat.java
- See SplatPanel.java
- See Circle.java

```
//***********************
// Splat.java
                 Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of graphical objects.
//*********************
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
public class Splat
{
  // Presents a collection of circles.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     JFrame frame = new JFrame("Splat");
     frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
     frame.getContentPane().add(new SplatPanel());
     frame.pack();
     frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//********
                                                       *****
                                Splat
   Splat.java
//
   Demonstrate
//********
                                                       *****
import javax.sv
import java.awt
public class Sr
     Presents
   public static void main(String[] args)
      JFrame frame = new JFrame("Splat");
      frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
      frame.getContentPane().add(new SplatPanel());
      frame.pack();
      frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
SplatPanel.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of graphical objects.
//*********************
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
public class SplatPanel extends JPanel
{
  private Circle circle1, circle2, circle3, circle4, circle5;
  // Constructor: Creates five Circle objects.
  public SplatPanel()
     circle1 = new Circle(30, Color.red, 70, 35);
     circle2 = new Circle(50, Color.green, 30, 20);
     circle3 = new Circle(100, Color.cyan, 60, 85);
     circle4 = new Circle(45, Color.yellow, 170, 30);
     circle5 = new Circle(60, Color.blue, 200, 60);
     setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300, 200));
     setBackground(Color.black);
   }
continue
```

```
continue
   // Draws this panel by requesting that each circle draw itself.
   public void paintComponent(Graphics page)
      super.paintComponent(page);
      circle1.draw(page);
      circle2.draw(page);
      circle3.draw(page);
      circle4.draw(page);
      circle5.draw(page);
```

```
//************************
   Circle.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents a circle with a particular position, size, and color.
//*********************
import java.awt.*;
public class Circle
{
  private int diameter, x, y;
  private Color color;
  // Constructor: Sets up this circle with the specified values.
  public Circle(int size, Color shade, int upperX, int upperY)
     diameter = size;
     color = shade;
     x = upperX;
    y = upperY;
continue
```

```
continue
 //-----
 // Draws this circle in the specified graphics context.
 public void draw(Graphics page)
   page.setColor(color);
   page.fillOval(x, y, diameter, diameter);
 //-----
 // Diameter mutator.
 //-----
 public void setDiameter(int size)
   diameter = size;
 //-----
 // Color mutator.
 public void setColor(Color shade)
   color = shade;
continue
```

```
continue
 //-----
 // X mutator.
 //-----
 public void setX(int upperX)
  x = upperX;
 //-----
 // Y mutator.
 //-----
 public void setY(int upperY)
  y = upperY;
 //-----
 // Diameter accessor.
 //----
 public int getDiameter()
  return diameter;
continue
```

```
continue
 //----
 // Color accessor.
 //-----
 public Color getColor()
  return color;
 //-----
 // X accessor.
 //-----
 public int getX()
  return x;
 //-----
 // Y accessor.
 //----
 public int getY()
  return y;
```

#### **Outline**

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- - **Buttons and Text Fields**

## © Graphical User Interfaces

- A Graphical User Interface (GUI) is created with three kinds of objects:
- components are objects that represent screen elements:
  - labels, buttons, text fields, menus, etc.
- containers hold and organize other components:
  - frames, panels, applets, dialog boxes
- listener objects respond to events
  - button clicks, mouse moves, key strikes ...

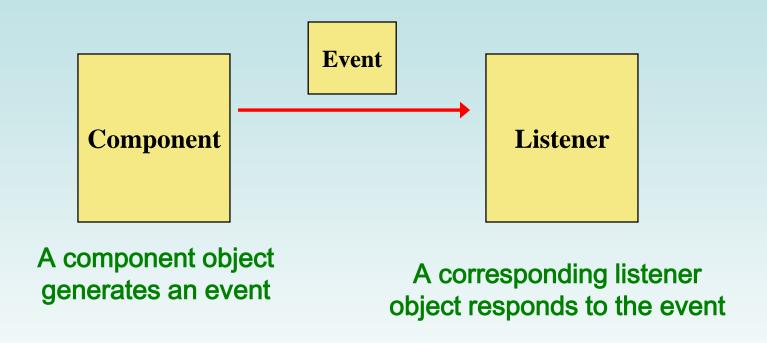
### © Events

- An event is an object that represents some action involving the GUI
- We may want our program to perform some action when the following occurs:
  - the mouse is moved
  - the mouse is dragged
  - a mouse button is clicked
  - a graphical button is pressed
  - a keyboard key is pressed
  - a timer expires

#### © Events and Listeners

- The Java API contains several classes that represent events
- Components, such as a graphical button, generate (or fire) events
- A listener object responds to events
- We can design listener objects to take whatever actions are appropriate when an event occurs

#### © Events and Listeners



When the event occurs, the component calls the appropriate method of the listener, passing an object that describes the event

# © GUI Development

- To create a GUI program we must:
  - set up the GUI components
  - implement listener classes for any events we care about
  - establish the relationships between listeners and the components

#### Outline

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Buttons and Text Fields

### **Buttons**

- A push button is defined by the JButton class
- It generates an action event
- The PushCounter example displays a push button that increments a counter each time it is pushed
- See PushCounter.java
- See PushCounterPanel.java

```
//**********************
  PushCounter.java Authors: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Demonstrates a graphical user interface and an event listener.
//************************
import javax.swing.JFrame;
public class PushCounter
  //----
  // Creates the main program frame.
                         _____
  public static void main(String[] args)
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Push Counter");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
    frame.getContentPane().add(new PushCounterPanel());
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//*******
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                         Push Counter
   PushCounte
                       Push Me! Pushes: 7
   Demonstrat
                                                listener.
//******
                                                *********
import javax.swing.JFrame;
public class PushCounter
  //----
  // Creates the main program frame.
                              -----
  public static void main(String[] args)
     JFrame frame = new JFrame("Push Counter");
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     frame.getContentPane().add(new PushCounterPanel());
     frame.pack();
     frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//***************************
   PushCounterPanel.java Authors: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates a graphical user interface and an event listener.
//************************
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class PushCounterPanel extends JPanel
  private int count;
  private JButton push;
  private JLabel label;
  // Constructor: Sets up the GUI.
  //-----
  public PushCounterPanel()
    count = 0;
    push = new JButton("Push Me!");
    push.addActionListener(new ButtonListener());
continue
```

#### continue label = new JLabel("Pushes: " + count); add(push); add(label); setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300, 40)); setBackground(Color.cyan); } //\* Represents a listener for button push (action) events. //\* private class ButtonListener implements ActionListener //----// Updates the counter and label when the button is pushed. public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) count++; label.setText("Pushes: " + count);

# Push Counter Example

- The components of the GUI are the button, a label to display the count, a panel to organize the components, and the main frame
- The PushCounterPanel class represents the panel used to display the button and label
- The PushCounterPanel class is derived from JPanel using inheritance
- The constructor of PushCounterPanel sets up the elements of the GUI and initializes the counter to zero

## Push Counter Example

- The ButtonListener class is the listener for the action event generated by the button
- It is implemented as an *inner class*, which means it is defined within the body of another class
  - like a separate blueprint for the kitchen of a house
- This facilitates the communication between the listener and the GUI components
- Use an inner class when there is an intimate relationship between two classes and the inner class is not needed anywhere else

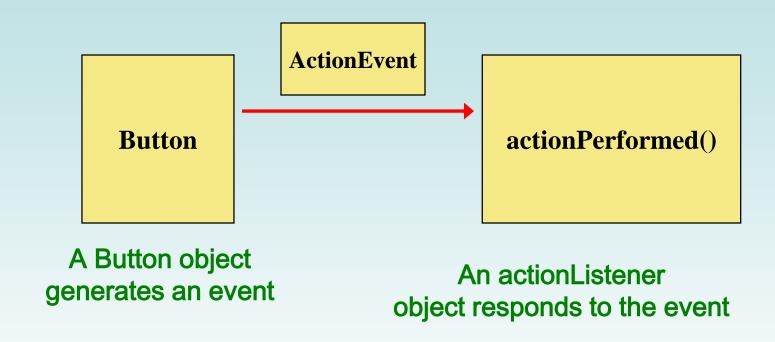
## Push Counter Example

- Listener classes are written by implementing a listener interface
- The ButtonListener class implements the ActionListener interface
- An interface is a list of methods that the implementing class must define
- The only method in the ActionListener interface is the actionPerformed method
- The Java API contains interfaces for many types of events

## © Push Counter Example

- The PushCounterPanel constructor:
  - instantiates the ButtonListener object
  - establishes the relationship between the button and the listener by the call to addActionListener
- When the user presses the button, the button component creates an ActionEvent object and calls the actionPerformed method of the listener
- The actionPerformed method increments the counter and resets the text of the label

#### © Events and Listeners



When the event occurs, the component calls the appropriate method of the listener, passing an object that describes the event

#### © Quick Check

Which object in the Push Counter example generated the event?

What did it do then?

### **Quick Check**

Which object in the Push Counter example generated the event?

The button component generated the event.

What did it do then?

It called the actionPerformed method of the listener object that had been registered with it.

### **Text Fields**

- A text field allows the user to enter one line of input
- If the cursor is in the text field, the text field object generates an action event when the enter key is pressed
- See Fahrenheit.java
- See FahrenheitPanel.java

```
//***********************
   Fahrenheit.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of text fields.
//**********************
import javax.swing.JFrame;
public class Fahrenheit
  //-----
  // Creates and displays the temperature converter GUI.
  public static void main(String[] args)
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Fahrenheit");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
    FahrenheitPanel panel = new FahrenheitPanel();
    frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//*******
                                                    **********
                            Fahrenheit
   Fahrenheit
                 Enter Fahrenheit temperature: 74
   Demonstrat
                      Temperature in Celsius: 23
//*****
                                                    **********
import javax.s
public class Fahrenheit
  //----
  // Creates and displays the temperature converter GUI.
  public static void main(String[] args)
     JFrame frame = new JFrame("Fahrenheit");
     frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
     FahrenheitPanel panel = new FahrenheitPanel();
     frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
     frame.pack();
     frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//***********************
   FahrenheitPanel.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of text fields.
//************************
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class FahrenheitPanel extends JPanel
  private JLabel inputLabel, outputLabel, resultLabel;
  private JTextField fahrenheit;
  //-----
  // Constructor: Sets up the main GUI components.
  public FahrenheitPanel()
     inputLabel = new JLabel("Enter Fahrenheit temperature:");
     outputLabel = new JLabel("Temperature in Celsius: ");
     resultLabel = new JLabel("---");
     fahrenheit = new JTextField(5);
     fahrenheit.addActionListener(new TempListener());
```

```
add(inputLabel);
   add(fahrenheit);
   add(outputLabel);
   add(resultLabel);
   setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300, 75));
   setBackground(Color.yellow);
}
// An inner class
private class TempListener implements ActionListener
   public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
      int fahrenheitTemp, celsiusTemp;
      String text = fahrenheit.getText();
      fahrenheitTemp = Integer.parseInt(text);
      celsiusTemp = (fahrenheitTemp-32) * 5/9; // beware int math
      resultLabel.setText(Integer.toString(celsiusTemp));
```

# © Fahrenheit Example

- Like the PushCounter example, the GUI is set up in a separate panel class
- The TempListener inner class defines the listener for the action event generated by the text field
- The FahrenheitPanel constructor instantiates the listener and adds it to the text field
- When the user types a temperature and presses enter, the text field generates the action event and calls the actionPerformed method of the listener

### Summary

- Chapter 4 focused on:
  - class definitions
  - instance data
  - encapsulation and Java modifiers
  - method declaration and parameter passing
  - constructors
  - ② graphical objects
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  - buttons and text fields