

# Principles of Programming CM10227

## Lecture D.7.: Java: Objects First



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## Resources

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## Outline

- 1 Objections and Classes
- 2 Control Flow in Java
- 3 Object Interaction
- 4 Running Java Programs



## Fundamental Concepts

- object
- class
- method
- parameter
- data type



## Objects and Classes

- Objects
  - represent things from the real world, or from some problem domain (example: the red car down there in the car park)
- Classes
  - represent all objects of a kind (example: car)

Objects represent individual instantiations of the class. Object are **instantiated**.



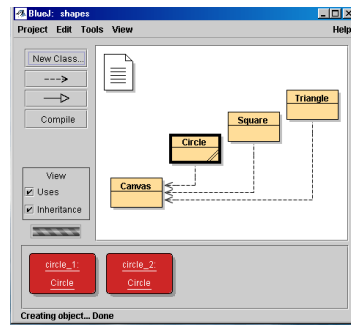
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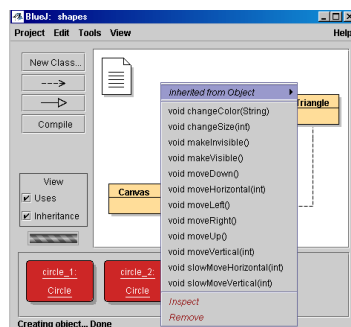
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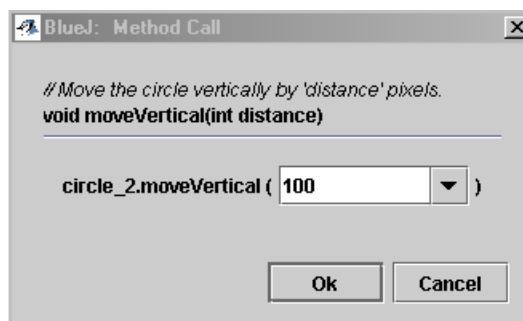
## Objects and Classes



## Things we can do with objects I



## Things we can do with objects II



## Methods and Parameters

- Objects/classes have operations which can be invoked. They are called **methods**
- **void** moveHorizontal(**int** distance) is called the **signature** of the method
- The collection of methods of a class is referred to as the **interface** of that class
- methods may have **parameters** to pass additional information needed to execute
- Methods are **called** or **invoked**



## Exercise: BankAccount

What are the methods should have BankAccount have?



## Abstract Data Types, Objects and Classes

- In the Python lectures we discussed ADTs. They were implemented using nested functions. The outer function returned a lambda function allowing you to access the inner functions.
- A class is like this nested function
- An object is the result from calling the function, i.e. the lambda.
- Each time you call the outer function you will get a new lambda function and new internal data
- The methods correspond to the inner functions.



## Data Types

- Parameters have **types**. A type defines what kinds of values a parameter can take.
- In Java you have to specify the type. This was not the case for Python.
- Defining a class defines a type
- In Java, everything has a type.
- Java is **statically typed language**
- Examples of types: int, String, Circle, ...

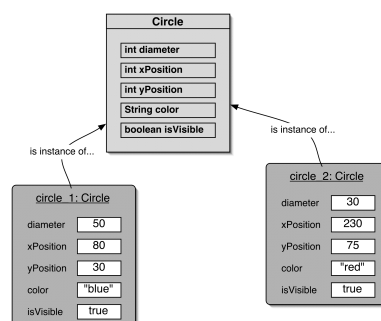


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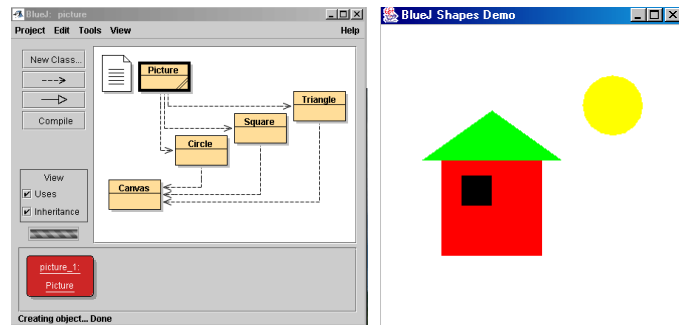
- many **instances** can be created from a single class
- an object has **attributes**: values stored in **fields**. (The data you encapsulate)
- the class defines what fields an object has, but each object stores its own set of values. These set of values is called the **state** of the object.



## State



## Object Interaction



## Source Code

- Each class has source code (Java code) associated with it that defines its details (fields and methods).
- In other words, it determines the structure and the behavior of each of its instance.
- This source code is compiled and interpreted by Java.



## Return Values

- Methods may return a result via a **return value**.
- Example: `String getName()` This method returns a String.
- Example: `void changeName()` **Void** indicates that this method does not return anything



## Developing Java Programs

- To learn to develop Java programs, one needs to learn how to write class definitions, including fields and methods, and how to put these classes together
- During the rest of this unit we will deal with these issues in more detail



## Coding Conventions

- Classes: Uppercase to start, merge words, consecutive words uppercase, nouns E.g. Car, Number, BankAccount
- Objects: Lowercase to start, merge words, consecutive words uppercase, nouns E.g. myBlueCar, Rational
- Methods: Lowercase to start, merge words, consecutive words uppercase, verbs E.g. moveLocation, deposit



## Glossary

Object	Instance	State
Method	Invocation	Class
Source code	types	fields
Attribute	parameter	return value



## Main concepts to be covered

- fields
- constructors
- methods
- parameters
- assignment statements
- conditional statements



## Ticket Machines An External/User View

Exploring the behaviour of a typical ticket machine.

- Use the naive-ticket-machine project.
- Machines supply tickets of a fixed price.
- How is that price determined?
- How is money entered into a machine?
- How does a machine keep track of the money that is entered?
- How is a ticket provided?



## Resulting Fields: The State

```
private int price = 500;  
private int balance = 0;  
private int total = 0;
```





## Resulting Methods: The Interface

```
public int getBalance()  
public int getPrice()  
public void insertMoney()  
public void printTicket()
```



## Ticket Machines An Internal/Programmer view

- Interacting with an object gives us clues about its behavior.
- Looking inside allows us to determine how that behavior is provided or implemented.
  - Looking at the source code
- All Java classes have a similar-looking internal view.

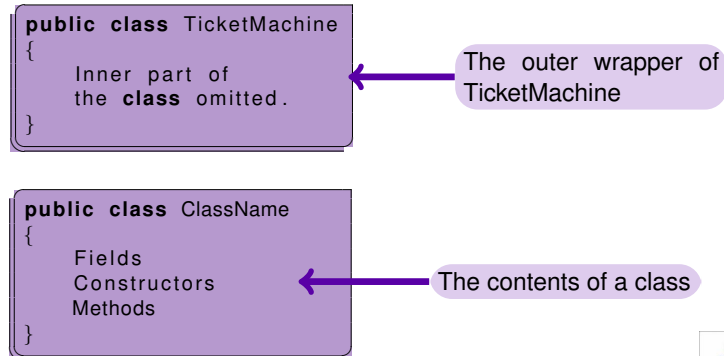


## The Source Code

```
/**  
 * TicketMachine models a naive ticket machine that issues  
 * flat-fare tickets.  
 * The price of a ticket is specified via the constructor.  
 * It is a naive machine in the sense that it trusts its users  
 * to insert enough money before trying to print a ticket.  
 * It also assumes that users enter sensible amounts.  
 */  
*  
* @author David J. Barnes and Michael Kolling  
* @version 2002.02.06  
*/  
public class TicketMachine  
{  
    // The price of a ticket from this machine.  
    private int price;  
    // The amount of money entered by a customer so far.  
    private int balance;  
    // The total amount of money collected by this machine.  
    private int total;  
  
    /**  
     * Create a machine that issues tickets of the given price.  
     * Note that the price must be greater than zero, and there  
     * are no checks to ensure this.  
     */  
    public TicketMachine(int ticketCost)  
    {  
        price = ticketCost;  
    }  
}
```



## Basic class structure



## Comments/Documentation

- Comments make source code easier to read for humans. No effect on the functionality.
- Three sorts:
  - `// comment`: single-line comments
  - `/* comments */`: multiple-lines more detail
  - `/** */`: similar to previous, but used when documentation software is used.



## Fields

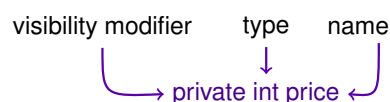
- Fields store values for an object.
- They are also known as **instance variables**.
- Fields define the **state** of an object.
- Fields have an associated **type**.

```

public class TicketMachine
{
    private int price;
    private int balance;
    private int total;

    Constructor and methods omitted.
}

```



## Constructors

- Constructors create and initialize an object.
- Then assign the necessary memory to the created object
- They have the same name as their class.
- They store initial values into the fields.
- They often receive external parameter values for this.
- They Passing data via parameters

```
public TicketMachine(int ticketCost)
{
    price = ticketCost;
    balance = 0;
    total = 0;
}
```



## Creating Objects

- Constructors are used to create and initialise a new object

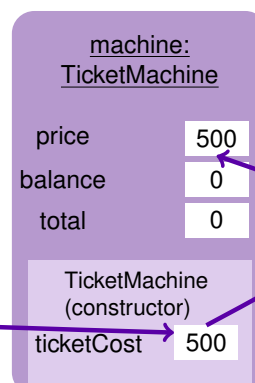
```
TicketMachine machine = new TicketMachine(500);
```

- This creates a new TicketMachine object and stores it a variable named machine which is of type TicketMachine.



## Object Diagram

TicketMachine machine =  
new TicketMachine(500)



## Parameters

- Just like in Python
- Parameter names inside a constructor or method are referred to as **Formal Parameters**
- Parameter values provided from the outside are referred to as **Actual Parameters**.
- In the constructor `TicketMachine(int ticketCost)` `ticketCost` is a formal parameter. When the constructor is called, `TicketMachine(500)`, 500 is an actual parameter.



## Space

- The `ticketCost` box in the object representation is only created when the constructor is executed.
- Extra temporarily storage is provided to store a value for `ticketCost`. This is called the constructor space or method space.
- Values can only be used during the execution.



## Scope and Lifetime

- The **scope** of a variable/parameter defines the section of the code from where it can be accessed.
- For instance variables this is the entire class.
- For parameters, this is the constructor or method that declares it.
- Trick: find the enclosing , this is the scope.
- The **lifetime** of a variable/parameter describes how long the variable continues to exist before it is destroyed.
- Concept the same as in Python.



## Assignment

- Similar to Python
- Values are stored into fields (and other variables) via **assignment** statements:
  - `variable = expression;`
  - `price = ticketCost;`
- Both sides of the assignment should have the same type, e.g. int, double, String, TicketMachine, ...
- A variable stores a single value, so any previous value is lost.



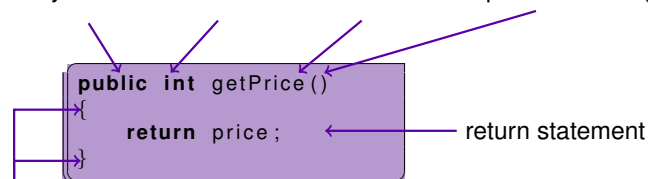
## Accessor Methods I

- Methods implement the behaviour of objects.
- Accessors provide information about an object.
- Methods have a structure consisting of a header and a body.
- The header defines the **methods signature**.  
`public int getPrice()`
- The body encloses the methods statements.



## Accessor Methods II

visibility modifier    return value    method name    parameter list (empty)

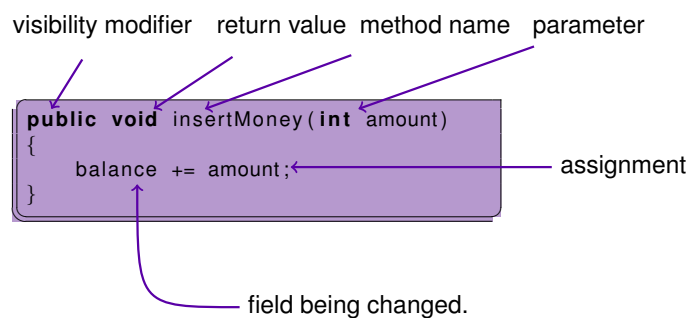


## Mutator Methods

- Have a similar method structure: header and body.
- Used to **mutate** (i.e., change) an objects state.
- Achieved through changing the value of one or more fields.
  - Typically contain assignment statements.
  - Typically receive parameters.



## Mutator methods



## Abstract Data Types

- Classes define types
- Can be used as parameter, field and return types
- The internal is hidden from the user
  - No direct access to fields (unless special reason)
  - Access to state via accessor and mutator methods
- User does not need to know how the class is implemented to use/instantiate it
- The usage of a class is defined by its methods



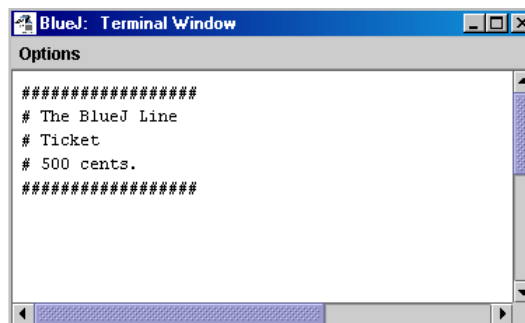
## Printing from methods

```
public void printTicket()
{
    // Simulate the printing of a ticket.
    System.out.println("#####");
    System.out.println("#_The_BlueJ_Line");
    System.out.println("#_Ticket");
    System.out.println("#_" + price + "_cents.");
    System.out.println("#####");
    System.out.println();

    // Update the total collected with the balance.
    total += balance;
    // Clear the balance.
    balance = 0;
}
```



## Output



```
BlueJ: Terminal Window
Options
#####
# The BlueJ Line
# Ticket
# 500 cents.
#####
```



## Reflecting on the ticket machines

- Their behaviour is inadequate in several ways:
  - No checks on the amounts entered.
  - No refunds.
  - No checks for a sensible initialization.
- How can we do better?
  - We need more sophisticated behaviour.



## Making choices

```
public void insertMoney(int amount)
{
    if (amount > 0) {
        balance += amount;
    }
    else {
        System.out.println("Use a positive amount: " +
                           amount);
    }
}
```



## Making choices

boolean condition to be tested  
- gives a true or false result

if keyword

actions if condition is true

```
if (perform some test) {
    Do the statements here if the test gave a true
    result
}
else {
    Do the statements here if the test gave a false
    result
}
```

else keyword

actions if condition is false



## Boolean Tests

- == : equality
- > : greater than
- < : less than
- <= : less or equal than
- >= : greater or equal than
- != : not equal



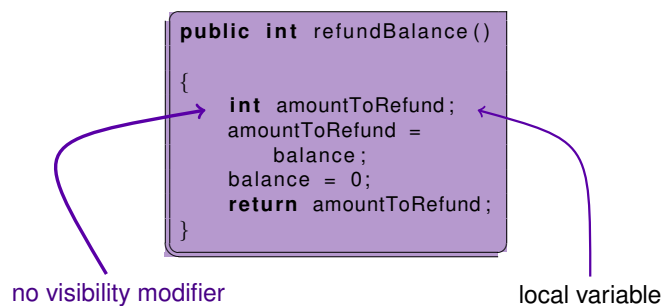


## Local variables

- Fields are one sort of variable.
  - They store values through the life of an object.
  - They are accessible throughout the class.
  - A bit like global variables in Python
- Methods can include shorter-lived variables.
  - They exist only as long as the method is being executed.
  - They are only accessible from within the method.
  - Like function variables in Python



## Local variables



## Review

- Class bodies contain fields, constructors and methods.
- Fields store values that determine an objects state.
- Constructors initialize objects.
- Methods implement the behaviour of objects.
- Constructors are methods which do not return anything.



## Review

- Fields, parameters and local variables are all variables.
- Fields persist for the lifetime of an object.
- Parameters are used to receive values into a constructor or method.
- Local variables are used for short-lived temporary storage.
- Objects can make decisions via conditional (if) statements.
- A true or false test allows one of two alternative courses of actions to be taken.



## Coding Convention

- If statement
  - Always use { , even if there is only one statement
  - In case there is an else statement, start on a new line and use {
- Indentation
  - Always indent your code, even if your text editor does not do it automatically
- Document your code, the sooner the better.



## Glossary

Terms	Instance variables	Local variables
Parameters	Formal Parameters	Actual Parameters
Scope	Lifetime	Assignment
Constructors	Methods	
If-statement	Object diagram	



## Main concepts to be covered

- Abstraction
- Modularization
- Class and Object Diagrams
- Call-by-reference and Call-by-value
- Overloading
- Internal and External method calls
- this keyword
- Debugging



## A digital clock

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## Abstraction and modularization

- **Abstraction** is the ability to ignore details of parts to focus attention on a higher level of a problem.
- **Modularization** is the process of dividing a whole into well-defined parts, which can be built and examined separately, and which interact in well-defined ways.



## Modularizing the clock display

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One four-digit display?

Or two two-digit  
displays

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## Implementation: NumberDisplay

```
public class NumberDisplay
{
    private int limit;
    private int value;

    Constructor and
    methods omitted.
}
```



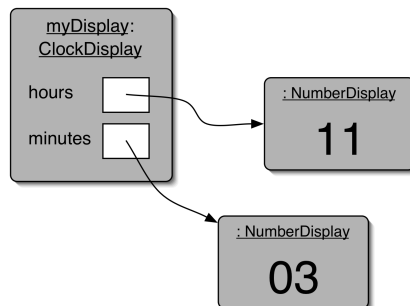
## Implementation: ClockDisplay

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public class ClockDisplay
{
    private NumberDisplay hours;
    private NumberDisplay minutes;

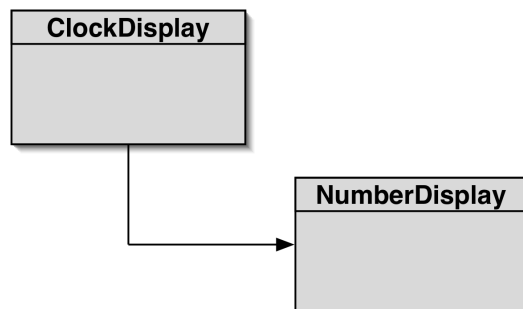
    Constructor and
    methods omitted.
}
```



## Object diagram



## Class diagram



## Diagrams

- Class Diagrams
  - Shows the classes of an application and the relationships between them
  - Gives information about the source code
  - Static view of the program
- Object Diagrams
  - Shows objects and their relationships at one moment in time during the execution of the program
  - Dynamic view of the program



## Primitive types vs. object types

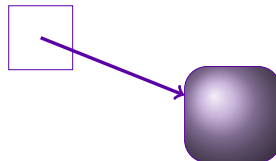
- Java defines two very different kinds of type: primitive types and object types.
- Primitive types are predefined by Java.
- Object types originate from classes.
- Variables and parameters store references to objects.
- The primitive types are non-object types.
- This is the reason why Java is not a completely object oriented languages



## Primitive types vs. object types

SomeObject obj;

Object Type



int i;

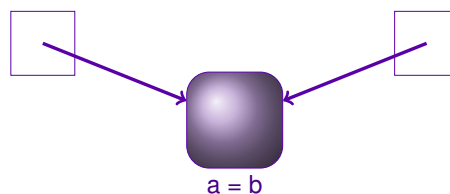
Primitive Type;



## Primitive types vs. object types

SomeObject a;

SomeObject b



int a;

int b;



## Call-by-reference and Call-by-value

- There are two ways of passing arguments to methods in many programming languages: call-by-value and call-by-reference.
- Call-by-value: A copy of the actual parameter is passed to the formal parameter of the called method. Any change made to the formal parameter will have no effect on the actual parameter.
- Call-by-reference: the caller gives the called method the ability to directly access to the callers data and to modify that data if the called method so chooses.
- Just like Python Java uses call-by-value
- For objects, the value is a reference to memory (like in Python)



## Source code: NumberDisplay

```
public class NumberDisplay
{
    private int limit;
    private int value;

    public NumberDisplay(int rolloverLimit)
    {
        limit = rolloverLimit;
        value = 0;
    }
}
```



## Source code: NumberDisplay

```
public int getValue()
{
    return value;
}

public void setValue(int replacementValue)
{
    if ((replacementValue >= 0) &&
        (replacementValue < limit))
        value = replacementValue;
}
```



## Logical Operators

- **&&** : and, operands are tested, left to right, until conclusion can be reached
- **||** : or, operands are tested, left to right, until conclusion can be reached
- **!** : not
- **&** : and, both operands are tested
- **|** : or, both operands are tested



## Source code: NumberDisplay

```
public String getDisplayValue()  
{  
    if (value < 10)  
        return "0" + value;  
    else  
        return "" + value;  
}  
  
public void increment()  
{  
    value = (value + 1) % limit;  
}
```



## String Concatenation

- Addition:
  - $12 + 24$
- String Concatenation:
  - "Java" + " and Python"  $\rightarrow$  "Java and Python"
  - "answer": " + 42  $\rightarrow$  "answer: 42"





## String toString() method

- String toString() method: Java provides a way of transforming every Object into a String.
- To tailor this to your own preference write a method toString() returning a String representation of your class/object.

```
public String toString()  
{  
    return "value: " + value + " with limit " + limit;  
}
```



## The Modulo Operator

- % : the modulo operator calculates the remainder of an integer division
  - $27 \% 4 = 3$
- Division in Java: if both arguments are integers, division will result in an integer.
  - $\text{double res} = 5 / 2 \rightarrow \text{res} = 2$
  - $\text{double res} = 5 / (2.0) \text{ or } 5 / (2 * 1.0) \rightarrow \text{res} = 2.5$



## Objects creating objects

```
public class ClockDisplay  
{  
    private NumberDisplay hours;  
    private NumberDisplay minutes;  
    private String displayString;  
  
    public ClockDisplay()  
    {  
        hours = new NumberDisplay(24);  
        minutes = new NumberDisplay(60);  
        updateDisplay();  
    }  
}
```

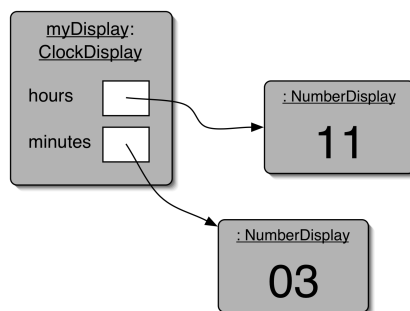


## Objects creating objects

- 1 new ClassName(parameter-list)
  - It creates a new object of the named class
    - here NumberDisplay
    - this involves creating sufficient memory to store the values of primitive instance variables and references to object instance variables.
- 2 It executes the constructor of that class



## ClockDisplay object diagram



## Method Overloading

- Multiple Constructors of ClockDisplay:
  - **new** Clockdisplay()
  - **new** Clockdisplay(hour, minute)
- It is common for class definitions to contain alternative versions of constructors or methods that provide various ways of achieving a particular task via their distinctive sets of parameters.
- This is known as **overloading**.



## Method calling

```
public void timeTick()  
{  
    minutes.increment();  
    if (minutes.getValue() == 0) {  
        // it just rolled over!  
        hours.increment();  
    }  
    updateDisplay();  
}
```



## Internal method

```
/**  
 * Update the internal string that  
 * represents the display.  
 */  
private void updateDisplay()  
{  
    displayString =  
        hours.getDisplayValue() + ":" +  
        minutes.getDisplayValue();  
}
```



## Method calls

- internal method calls

```
updateDisplay();  
private void updateDisplay()
```

- methodName(parameter-list)

- external method calls

```
minutes.increment();
```

- object.methodName(parameter-list)

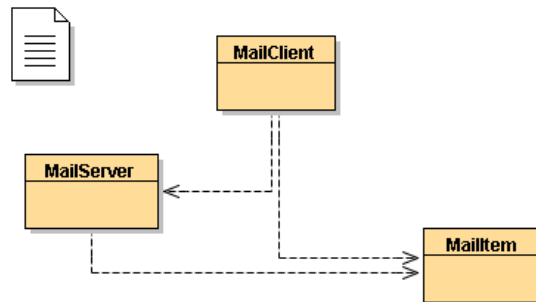


## Public and Private Methods

- Public methods:
  - **public void** increment()
  - can be called externally
- Private methods
  - **private void** updateDisplay()
  - can only be called internally
  - used for auxiliary methods



## The Mail System



## The this Keyword

```

public class MailItem
{
    private String from;
    private String to;
    private String message;

    public MailItem(String from, String to,
                    String message)
    {
        this.from = from;
        this.to = to;
        this.message = message;
    }
}
    
```



## The this Keyword

- **this**.from = from
  - **name overloading**: the same name is used for two different entities: instance variable and formal parameter.
  - this is used to go out of the scope of the constructor to class level
  - **this** always refers to the current object.
  - can also used for methods
  - for internal methods calls and access to instance fields  
Java automatically inserts this:  
updateDisplay -> **this**.updateDisplay



## Glossary

Abstraction	Modularisation	this
Call-by-value	Call-by-reference	Class diagram
Logical Operators	Modulo	Object diagram



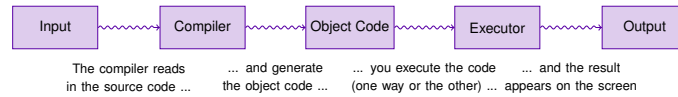
## Interpreted Languages



The interpreter reads ... and the result  
in the source code ... appears on the screen



## Compiled Languages

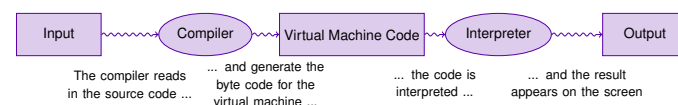


## The Programming Language Java

- The Java language is both compiled and interpreted.
- Instead of translating Java programs into a machine language, the Java compiler generates Java byte code for its **Virtual Machine**
  - Byte code is easy (and fast) to interpret, like machine language,
  - but it is also portable, like a high-level language.
- Thus, it is possible to compile a Java program on one machine, transfer the byte code to another machine over a network, and then interpret the byte code on the other machine.
- This ability is one of the advantages of Java over many other high-level languages.



## Java: Compile - Interpret



## Compiling and Running Simple Program I

- A simple classical example is the Hello World program.

```
public class HelloPrinter
{
    public static void main( String [] args)
    {
        // Display a greeting in the console window

        System.out.println ( " Hello , World " ) ;
    }
}
```

- The filename should match the name of the class with the extension .java. In this case, HelloPrinter.java
- Java is **case sensitive**, just like Python.



## Compiling and Running Simple Program II

- To run the code:
  - we need to compile it: `javac HelloPrinter .java`
  - This will generate a file `HelloPrinter .class`, containing the virtual machine byte code
  - We can now run the code: `java HelloPrinter`

```
Hello , World
```

- The construct **public static void** `main(String[] args)` defines the method called `main`
- Every Java application **must** have a main method.
- The parameter `String[] args` is required. `args` will contain the command-line arguments.
- The keyword **static** means it is a class method rather than an object method. `main` **has** to be static.



## Compiling and Running Programs Consisting of Multiple Classes

- Compile all classes, using `javac`. On the linux system you can use `javac *.java` to compile all .java files in one go.
- To run the program, you need to use `java` on the class that contains the `main` method.



## Implementing a Test Program I

- The purpose on a test program is to verify that one or more methods have been implemented correctly
- A test program calls methods and checks that they return the expected results.
- It contains the following steps:
  - 1 Provide a tester class
  - 2 Supply a main method
  - 3 Inside the main method, create one or more objects
  - 4 Apply methods to the objects
  - 5 Display the results of the method calls - if needed
  - 6 Display the valued that you expect to get - if possible



## Implementing a Test Program II

- Consider the Shapes project. It contains allows you to draw circles, squares and triangles on a canvas.
- To this extend it contains the classes: Circle, Squares, Triangle and Canvas
- To test if the implementation is correct we can write a test class

```
public class ShapesTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Canvas c = Canvas.getCanvas();
        Circle c1 = new Circle();
        Square s1 = new Square();
        Triangle t1 = new Triangle();
        c1.makeVisible();
        s1.makeVisible();
        t1.makeVisible();
        ...
    }
}
```

## Implementing Applications

- the main method of your application class should be relatively short
- normally a few objects are created and a few methods are invoked.
- the invoked methods will determine the behaviour of your application.





## Glossary

Compiler	Virtual Machine	Byte Code
java	javac	main method
test program		

