Chapter 6: Introduction to Classes and Objects

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Object-Oriented Programming

- Description of the Description of the Programming (OOP) involves programming using objects (对象).
- An object represents an entity (实体) in the real world that can be distinctly identified, e.g., a student, a desk, a cat, a button, a book, etc.

Object-Oriented Programming

- An object has a unique identity, states, and behaviors.
 - States (properties/attributes): e.g., a cat has its age, weight, color, breed, etc.
 - Behaviors (actions): e.g., a cat can eat, sleep, and jump.
- Objects can interact with each other for computing tasks.
 - e.g., a student feeds a cat, so that the cat's weight increases.



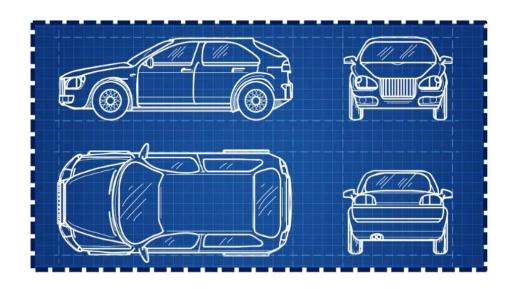
Suppose that our computational task is to drive a car and accelerate it by pressing down on its accelerator pedal (油门)





How to make it happen?

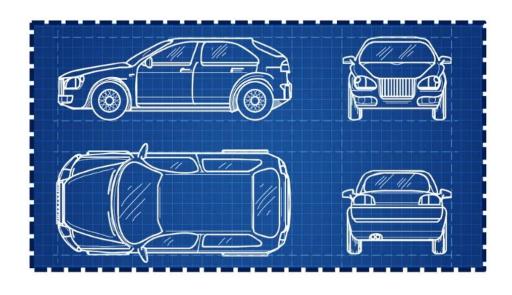
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What a car has:

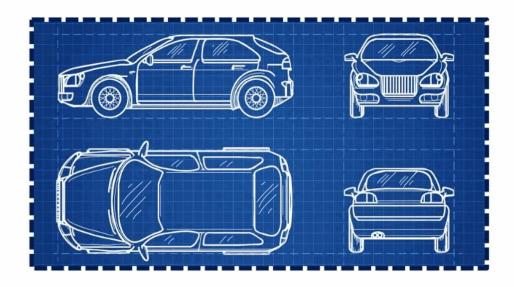
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- Engine
- Body
- Pedal
- Brake



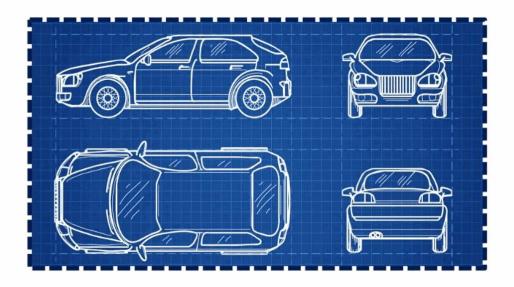
What a car does:

- Drive
- Brake
- Turn
- Speed up
- Slow down

- ▶ But, we cannot drive a car's blueprint
- Someone has to build it!

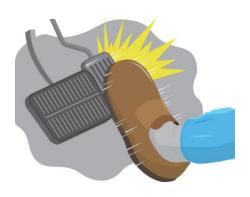


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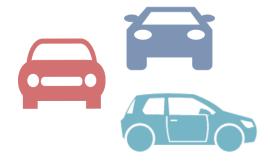
- Having a real car still hasn't solved our problem
- Someone has to press the pedal!











Class instances



Using instances

Programming the Car Driving Scenario -- Declaration --

Class: when programming in Java, we begin by declaring a program unit (template) called the Carclass, just like we begin with engineering draws in the driving example.



Class declaration

Programming the Car Driving Scenario -- Declaration --

- Attributes: In the Car class, we provide variables to define a car's attributes, e.g., color, size, model, etc.
- **Behaviors**: In the Car class, we provide methods to define a Car's behaviors, e.g., speedup(), slowdown()

Color
Size
Model

start()
stop()
speedup()
turn()

Programming the Car Driving Scenario --Instantiation--

- We cannot drive a car's engineering drawings. Similarly, we cannot "drive" a class to perform a task
- Just as we have to build a car from its engineering drawings before driving it, we must build an instance (object) of a class before getting the program to perform tasks.







Programming the Car Driving Scenario -- Usage--

- When driving a car, pressing the accelerator pedal sends a message to the car to perform a task – make the car go faster.
- Similarly, we send a message to an object by a method call to tell the method of the object to perform its task.
 - A driver instance invokes the speedup() method of a car instance
 - After method invocation, the states (e.g., speed) of the car are updated



The Whole Picture

- ► Class a car's engineering drawings (a blueprint/template)
 - Variable to specify the attributes (e.g., color, speed)
 - Method designed to perform tasks (e.g., making a car move)
- ▶ Instance / Object the real car that we drive
- Method call perform the task (pressing the accelerator pedal)

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Declaring a Class

Every class declaration contains the keyword class + the class' name

```
public class GradeBook {
   // every class' body is enclosed in a pair of
   // left and right curly braces
}
```

The **access modifier public** indicates that the declared class is visible to all classes everywhere.

A class usually consists of one or more methods.

```
Method = Method header + Method body (enclosed by {})
```

```
public class GraceBook {
    // display welcome message to the user
    public void displayMessage() {
        System.out.println("Welcome to the Grade Book!");
    }
}
```

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    }
}
```

The access modifier public indicates that the method is "available to public", that is, can be directly called from the methods of other classes.



By convention, method names are in Lower Camel Case: the initial letter is in lower case, subsequent words begin with a capital letter.

```
public class GradeBook
   // display welcome message to the user
   public void displayMessage() {
       System.out.println("Welcome to the Grade Book!");
   }
}
```

Tips: try to use meaningful names when declaring a method to make your programs understandable.



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```
public class GradeBook {
    // display welcome message to the user
    public void displayMessage() {
        System.out.println("Welcome to the Grade Book!");
    }
}
```

The parentheses enclose the information that the method requires to perform its task. Empty parentheses indicate no information needs.

Like class, the method body is also enclosed in {}. The method body contains **statements** that perform the method's task.

```
public class GradeBook {
    // display welcome message to the user
    public void displayMessage() {
        System.out.println("Welcome to the Grade Book!");
    }
}
```

Can We Run this Program?

```
public class GradeBook {
    // display welcome message to the user
    public void displayMessage() {
        System.out.println("Welcome to the Grade Book!");
    }
}
```

```
public class GradeBookTest {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // create a GradeBook object
        // assign it to myGradeBook
        GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();

        // call myGradeBook's displayMessage method
        myGradeBook.displayMessage();
    }
}
```

Define a variable of the type GradeBook Note that each new class you create becomes a new data type. Java is an **extensible language**.

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        // call myGradeBook's displayMessage method
        myGradeBook.displayMessage();
    }
}
```

Class instantiation expression. The keyword new is used to create a new instance / object of the specified class. Class name + () represent a call to a constructor (构造方法, a special method used to initialize the object's data).

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public class GradeBookTest {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // create a GradeBook object
        // assign it to myGradeBook
        GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();

        // call myGradeBook's displayMessage method
        myGradeBook.displayMessage();
    }
}
```

Variable myGradeBook is a reference type that refers to the created object. We can use the reference variable myGradeBook to call the method displayMessage() using the member operator ".".

Sometimes a method needs additional information (messages) to perform its task. **Parameters** are for this purpose.

```
public class GradeBook {
    // display welcome message to the user
    public void displayMessage( String courseName ) {
        System.out.printf("Welcome to the Grade Book for the course%s!\n", courseName);
    }
}
```

```
public class GradeBookTest {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();
        myGradeBook.displayMessage("Java Programming");
    }
}
```

- Here when calling the method displayMessage, we supply a value for the parameter courseName. We call such values **arguments**.
- (Parameter vs. Argument, 形式参数与实际参数) A parameter is the variable that is part of the method's declaration. An argument is the actual values passed to the method.

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Class Attributes

- An object has attributes (e.g., the amount of gas of a car) that are carried with the object as it is used in a program.
- > Such attributes exist before a method is called on an object and after the method completes execution.
- A class typically consists of one or more methods that manipulate (read or write) the attributes of a particular object of the class.

Class Attributes

Attributes are represented as variables (also called **fields**, 字段) in a class declaration.

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;
   public void displayMessage( String courseName ) {
       System.out.printf("Welcome to the Grade Book for the course%s!\n", courseName);
   }
}
```

Each object (instance) of the class has its own copy of an attribute in memory, the **field** that represents the attribute is also know as an **instance variable**.

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;
   public void displayMessage( String courseName ) {
       System.out.printf("Welcome to the Grade Book for the course%s!\n", courseName);
   }
}
```

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;

public void displayMessage( String courseName ) {
    System.out.printf("Welcome to the Grade Book for the course%s!\n", courseName);
   }
}
```

Variables declared in the body of a particular method are known as **local variables** and can be only used in that method.

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;

public void displayMessage( String courseName ) {
    System.out.printf("Welcome to the Grade Book for the course%s!\n", courseName);
   }
}
```

Instance variables are declared inside a class declaration, but outside the bodies of the class' method declarations.

```
public class GradeBook {
    private String courseName;

public void displayMessage( String courseName ) {
    System.out.printf("Welcome to the Grade Book for the course%s!\n", courseName);
    }
}
```

Most instance variables are declared to be **private for** *data hiding*. Variables (or methods) declared to be private are accessible only to methods of the class in which they are declared.

Access Control

- Suppose that there is a score attribute in a GradeBook class
- If score can be accessed by anyone, a student can change his score from 60 to 100, an attacker may change everyone's scores to 0
- To avoid this, Java provides the access control mechanism to control who can access which attributes or methods, using keywords such as private and public
- Most instance variables are declared to be private, which can only be accessed by public methods

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;
   public void setCourseName(String name) {
                                                    Update (write)
      courseName = name;
                                                     the data field
```

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;
   public void setCourseName(String name) {
      courseName = name;
   public String getCourseName() {
                                                    Retrieve (read)
      return courseName;
                                                     the data field
```

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;
   public void setCourseName(String name) {
      courseName = name;
   public String getCourseName() {
      return courseName;
   public void displayMessage() {
      System.out.printf("Welcome to the grade book
      for\n%s!\n", courseName);
                                  private courseName can be accessed
                                  by methods within its own class
```

```
public class GradeBook {
   private String courseName;
   public void setCourseName(String name) {
      courseName = name;
   public String getCourseName() {
      return courseName;
   public void displayMessage() {
      System.out.printf("Welcome to the grade book
      for\n%s!\n", getCourseName());
        Calling public getter method is also okay (recommended)
```

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class GradeBookTest {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
        myGradeBook.setCourseName(input.nextLine());
        System.out.println(myGradeBook.getCourseName());
        myGradeBook.setCourseName("Java A");
        myGradeBook.displayMessage();
```

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- Each class can provide a special method called a **constructor** to be used to initialize an object of a class when the object is created
- Java requires a constructor call for every object that is created
- Keyword new instantiates a class (creates an object) by allocating memory for a new object and returning a reference to that memory, then calls the corresponding class's constructor to initialize the object.
 - o GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();

Declaration Instantiation & Initialization

Example

```
public class GradeBook {
    public String courseName; // course name for this grade book
    // constructor initializes courseName with String argument
    public GradeBook(String name) {
        courseName = name; // initializes courseName
    // method to set the course name
    public void setCourseName(String name) {
        courseName = name;
```

```
public GradeBook(String name) {
    courseName = name; // initialize courseName
}
```

- A constructor must have the same name with its class
- Normally, constructors are declared public.
- An important difference between constructors and methods is that constructors cannot return values, so they cannot specify a return type (not even void).

```
public GradeBook(String name) {
    courseName = name; // initialize courseName
}
```

- Like a method, a constructor's parameter list specifies the data it requires to perform its task.
 - When creating a new object, the data is placed in the parentheses after the class name: GradeBook book = new GradeBook("CS102A");
- A class instance creation expression returns a **reference** to the new object (the address to its variables and methods in memory).

```
public class GradeBookTest {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   // create GradeBook objects
   GradeBook gradeBook1 = new GradeBook(
      "CS101 Introduction to Java Programming");
   GradeBook gradeBook2 = new GradeBook(
      "CS102 Data Structures in Java");
   // display initial value of CourseName for each GradeBook
   System.out.printf("gradeBook1 course name is: %s\n",
     gradeBook1.getCourseName());
   System.out.printf("gradeBook2 course name is: %s\n",
     gradeBook2.getCourseName());
     gradeBook1 course name is: CS101 Introduction to Java Programming
     gradeBook2 course name is: CS102 Data Structures in Java
```

Default Constructors

- A class may not have any constructor.
- In this case, the compiler provides a default constructor with 0 parameters
 - When a class has only the default constructor, its instance variables are initialized with default values (e.g., an int variable gets the value 0)
- If you explicitly declare any constructors for a class, the Java compiler will not create a default constructor for the class.

Default Constructors

```
public class GradeBook { // no constructor provided by the programmer
    private String courseName;
    public void setCourseName(String name) {
        courseName = name;
    }
    public String getCourseName() {
        return courseName;
    }
    public void displayMessage() {
        System.out.printf("Welcome to the grade book for\n%s!\n", getCourseName());
    }
}
```



Can we write the following statement to create a GradeBook object?

GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();

Yes. Compiler will provide a default constructor with no parameters. courseName is initialized to null (default for reference types)

Default Constructors

```
public class GradeBook { // this version has a constructor
    private String courseName;

public GradeBook(String name) {
    courseName = name;
    }

public void setCourseName(String name) {
    courseName = name;
    }

public String getCourseName() {
    return courseName;
    } ...
}
```



Can we write the following statement to create a GradeBook object?

GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook();

No. Compiler will not provide a default constructor this time. The statement will cause a **compilation error**.

Constructors can be overloaded

```
public class GradeBook {
  private String courseName;
  private String studentName;
  private int year;
  private String term;
  public GradeBook(){
    // do some initialization
  public GradeBook(String courseName) {
    this.courseName = courseName:
  public GradeBook(String studentName, String courseName) {
    this.courseName = courseName;
    this.studentName = studentName;
  public GradeBook(int year, String term, String courseName) {
    this.courseName = courseName;
    this.year = year;
    this.term = term;
```

Like methods, constructors can be overloaded to provide custom initialization for objects of your class

```
☐ GradeBook

☐ GradeBook()

☐ GradeBook(String)

☐ GradeBook(String, String)

☐ GradeBook(int, String, String)

☐ CourseName: String

☐ studentName: String

☐ year: int

☐ term: String
```

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public class GradeBook {
  private String courseName;
  private String studentName;
  private int year;
  private String term;
  public GradeBook(){
    // do some initialization
  public GradeBook(String courseName) {
    this.courseName = courseName:
  public GradeBook(String studentName, String courseName) {
    this.courseName = courseName;
    this.studentName = studentName;
  public GradeBook(int year, String term, String courseName) {
    this.courseName = courseName;
    this.year = year;
    this.term = term;
```

- The keyword this points to the current object. Helps differentiate the method parameters (local variables) and the instance variables with the same name.
- this is not compulsory if the parameters and instance variables have different names (no ambiguity).

Constructors can be overloaded

```
GradeBook myGradeBook1 = new GradeBook();
GradeBook myGradeBook2 = new GradeBook("Java");
GradeBook myGradeBook3 = new GradeBook("Alice", "Java");
GradeBook myGradeBook4 = new GradeBook(2022, "Spring", "Java");
```

Class fields that are NOT initialized in constructors are set to the default value of its type

Case Study Time!

Case Study I: Pet Show

- ▶ A happy family has two pets: a poodle (贵宾犬) named "Fluffy", a hound (猎犬) named "Alfred".
- Suppose we want to write a Java program for a pet show: each dog makes a self introduction.



"Hello, my name is Fluffy. I am a poodle."



"Hello, my name is Alfred. I am a hound."

• Observation 1: The two pets are both dogs. So we can design a Dog class to represent them.

```
public class Dog {
}
```

Description 2: The two pets have their own names and belong to different breeds (品种). We can define two instance variables to represent such information.

```
public class Dog {
    private String name;
    private String breed;
}
```

```
public class Dog {
    private String name;
    private String breed;
    public Dog(String name, String breed) {
        this.name = name;
        this.breed = breed;
    }
}
```

```
public class Dog {
    private String name;
    private String breed;
    public Dog(String name, String breed) {
        this.name = name;
        this.breed = breed; The passed arguments will be used to initialize the attributes.
}
```

```
public class Dog {
    private String name;
    private String breed;
    public Dog(String name, String breed) {
        this.name = name;
        this.breed = breed;
    }
        The keyword this points to the current object. Helps differentiate the method parameters (local variables) and the instance variables with the same name.
```

```
public class Dog {
    private String name;
    private String breed;
    public Dog(String dogName, String dogBreed) {
        name = dogName;
        breed = dogBreed;
    }
        this" is not compulsory if the parameters and instance variables have different names (no ambiguity).
```

▶ The dogs have the ability of making self introductions.

```
public class Dog {
    private String name;
    private String breed;

public Dog(String name, String breed) {
        this.name = name;
        this.breed = breed;
    }

    public void selfIntro() {
        System.out.printf("My name is %s. I am a %s.\n", name, breed);
    }
}
```

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Case Study II: Account Balances

- Suppose we are asked to design a Java program for managing bank accounts.
- For simplicity, we assume that the bank only provides two types of services:
 - Adding money to an account (存款)
 - · Checking the balance of an account (查询余额)

The key task is to define an Account class

```
account1 balance: $50.00
account2 balance: $0.00
Enter deposit amount for account1: 25.53
adding 25.53 to account1 balance
account1 balance: $75.53
account2 balance: $0.00
Enter deposit amount for account2: 123.45
adding 123.45 to account 2balance
account1 balance: $75.53
account2 balance: $123.45
```

```
// Account class with a constructor to validate and
// initialize instance variable balance of type double
public class Account {
  // instance variable that stores the balance
  private double balance;
  // constructor
  public Account(double initialBalance) {
    // if initialBalance is not greater than 0.0
    // balance is initialized to the default value 0.0
    if(initialBalance > 0.0) balance = initialBalance;
  // add an amount to the account
  public void deposit(double amount) {
    balance += amount;
  // return the account balance
  public double getBalance() {
    return balance;
```

Validating Constructor Arguments

- It's common for users to open an account to deposit money immediately, so the constructor receives a parameter initialBalance of type double that represents the initial balance.
 - The constructor ensures that initialBalance is greater than 0.0
 - If so, initialBalance's value is assigned to instance variable balance.
 - Otherwise, balance remains to be 0.0 (its default initial value).

```
// constructor
public Account(double initialBalance) {
    // if initialBalance is not greater than 0.0
    // balance is initialized to the default value 0.0
    if(initialBalance > 0.0) balance = initialBalance;
}
```

Case Study II: Account Balances

- We further define a class AccountTest that creates and manipulates two Account objects.
- The two classes Account and AccountTest can be placed in the same or different directories (packages) from the same project. Method invocation is slightly different for these two cases.
- For now, let's assume that they are in the same directory.

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class AccountTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
   Account account1 = new Account(50.00);
   Account account2 = new Account(-7.53);
    // display initial balance of each object
    System.out.printf("account1 balance: $%.2f\n",
           account1.getBalance());
    System.out.printf("account2 balance: $%.2f\n\n",
           account2.getBalance());
    Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
    double depositAmount; // deposit amount read from user
```

```
System.out.print("Enter deposit amount for account1: ");
depositAmount = input.nextDouble();
System.out.printf("\nadding %.2f to account1 balance\n\n",
       depositAmount);
account1.deposit(depositAmount); // add to account1 balance
// display balances
System.out.printf("account1 balance: $%.2f\n",
       account1.getBalance());
System.out.printf("account2 balance: $%.2f\n\n",
       account2.getBalance());
```

```
System.out.print("Enter deposit amount for account2: ");
depositAmount = input.nextDouble();
System.out.printf("\nadding %.2f to account2 balance\n\n",
       depositAmount);
account2.deposit(depositAmount); // add to account2 balance
//display balances
System.out.printf("account1 balance: $%.2f\n",
       account1.getBalance());
System.out.printf("account2 balance: $%.2f\n\n",
       account2.getBalance());
input.close();
```

```
account1 balance: $50.00
account2 balance: $0.00
Enter deposit amount for account1: 25.53
adding 25.53 to account1 balance
account1 balance: $75.53
account2 balance: $0.00
Enter deposit amount for account2: 123.45
adding 123.45 to account 2balance
account1 balance: $75.53
account2 balance: $123.45
```

Primitive Types vs. Reference Types

- Java types are divided into two categories: primitive types and reference types.
- Primitive types are the basic types of data
 - byte, short, int, long, float, double, boolean, char
 - A primitive-type variable can store one value of its declared type

Type	Description	Default value	Size	Example code
boolean	Truth value	false	1 bit	<pre>boolean b = false;</pre>
char	Unicode character	\u0000	16 bits	char c = 'z';

Primitive Types vs. Reference Types

- All non-primitive types are reference types, including instantiable classes and arrays (an array is a container object that holds a fixed number of values of a single type)
 - Java Built-in: Scanner, Random, String, String[], int[]
 - User defined: Dog, Account, etc.
- Reference-type variables store the memory locations of objects
 - Dog dog1 = new Dog("Fluffy", "Poodle");
 - Such a variable is said to refer to an object in the program. Objects that are referenced may each contain instance variables of primitive or reference types.

Primitive Types vs. Reference Types

Reference-type variables, if not explicitly initialized, are initialized by default to the value null (reference to nothing).

- To call methods of an object, you need to use the reference (must be non-null) to the object: dog1.selfIntro();
- Primitive-type variables (e.g., int variables) do not refer to objects, so such variables cannot be used to call methods