Girls Who Code, Week 8

Object Oriented Programming

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Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrcj-90M-f8

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/8qx7dx/this-afterlife-experience-is-everything-thats-wrong-with-V R-hvpe

Warm Up Activity

Recursion Refresher

- Create a program that calculates an exponential expression
- You will need a base and an exponent
- What is the base case?
- What is the recursive case?

Ex:

 $2^4 = 16$; base = 2, exponent = 4, result = 16

Object-Oriented Programming

Object Oriented Software Design

- In programming it is helpful to compartmentalize (or group together) a set of functions, data, or attributes. This practice is helpful when testing/debugging code, you can find out which sections are faulty this way.
- This style of coding is called <u>Object Oriented Programming</u>: a style of programming that allows you to model real world concepts in order to create complex programs.

Students



Class Definition

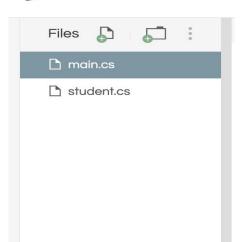
- A class is a grouping of code that is used to represent an object
 - A class contains methods and attributes that apply to a specific object
 - Classes are ways to model objects in code that is both reusable but also distinct in nature
- Thus far in C# we have always written code in the "MainClass", this is because in C# all code must be contained within a class and this is the class we have defined that will be our "driver program" and will contain the main method as we described in our methods lesson

Classes

class StudentClass{

- Create a brand new file that is named the same as you will name your class
 - Each class gets its own file
- Start with the class keyword
- Then put the name of your class -- good to use camel case





Click the file tab to make a new file and name it student.cs to create your student class

Objects Definition

- An Object is an Instance of a Class
 - An object is an entity or item that is one piece of a whole class of items
 - A single student -- Katie, is one student object that contains all the attributes defined in the Student Class
- <u>Instance:</u> a single moment or illustration of an item or event that is one piece of a larger overall picture
- Objects are able to access all the code written in their class

Object examples

```
Student katie = new Student("Katie",15,20,006108088);
Student carmen = new Student("Carmen", 15, 20, 09022222);
Student Jack = new Student();
```

How to create an object:

NameOfClass object-variable = new NameOfClass(attributes);

Attributes

- If we were to model our student class we must first consider what the shared similarities of all general students must be
 - These are called <u>attributes:</u> an attribute is a shared value that would apply to each object of a class
- For a student class we can use any amount of attributes we would like and per each class you create the attributes are changed to fit your programming needs

Constructors

- <u>Constructors</u> are methods that are called immediately when an object is created from the class (during runtime)— it defines what attributes an object has.
- Constructors can have 0 or more parameters -- it simply depends on the object you want to create
 - Sometimes we use constructors with 0 attributes (parameters) and use it as a "default constructor"

Constructor Syntax

- You need the access modifier, the name of the Class and your parameters
- The parameters are the attributes of your object
- Assign the parameters with keyword this

```
public Student(string name, int grade, int age,int id){
  this.name = name;
  this.grade = grade;
  this.age = age;
  this.id = id;
}
```

Constructors Continued

We can also hardcode attributes like such

```
StudentClass(string name, int grade, int age,int id){
  this.name = "John";
  this.grade = 10;
  this.age = 15;
  this.id = 00889;
}
```

• This: keyword refers to the current instance of the class -- an object refers to itself and distinguishes from other class variables with the same name

Multiple (Overloaded) Constructors

You can have multiple constructors as long as the parameters are different

```
public Student(){
                                 public Student(string name,
                                 string grade, string gender,
   name = "Student";
                                 string id, int age){
  grade = "freshman";
   gender = "female";
                                    this.name = name;
                                    this.grade = grade;
   age = 15;
   id = "000000";
                                    this.gender = gender;
                                    this.id = id;
                                    this.age = age;
```

Set Methods (Setters)

- If you create an object and want to change an attribute later, you do so using "setter" methods
 - Setters are methods made within the object class they take a parameter and assign that parameter to the corresponding attribute

```
public void setName(string name)
{
   this.name = name;
}
```

How to set an attribute with the setter method

```
class MainClass {
  public static void Main (string[] args) {
    jack.setName("Jack");
  }
}
```

Get Methods (Getters)

- If you create an object and want to display an attribute, you do so using "Getter" methods
 - Getters are methods made within the object class and return an attribute

```
public string getName() {
    return name;
}
```

How to call the getter method to return an attribute

When you use a getter in your main(), you need to make sure your object is declared

```
class MainClass {
  public static void Main (string[] args) {
    Student jack = new Student("Jack",15,10,"History");
    jack.getName();
  }
}
```

ToString()

```
You can also create a method for your object that prints all the attributes.
Typically, this is done by overriding an existing method known as ToString();
   public override string ToString(){
     //tostring method will print the object
     return $"{name} is {age} years old in grade {grade} and have
     favorite subject {sub} and are allergic to {al}";
Or:
     public override string ToString(){
       return "Student "+ this.name + " is in grade " + this.grade;
```

Lets Create a Student Class!

Practice: Create a Teacher class

- Create a teacher class that should include the last name of the teacher, the subject they teach, and their age.
- Make sure you add getters and setters
- Make sure you add a ToString override method so that you can print out the object