

- practice invoking static and instance methods
- Subsequent lesson on defining a new Java class
  - Delay introduction of constructors and methods
  - Initial emphasize on object state and object references
  - Use visual debuggers to clarify object concepts, avoid common misconceptions

## Today's Lesson - Defining a new Java class

We've seen how to use existing Java core and utility classes (String, ArrayList, etc.) to solve some interesting problems.

Today we'll see how to define a **new** class to model some real world objects.

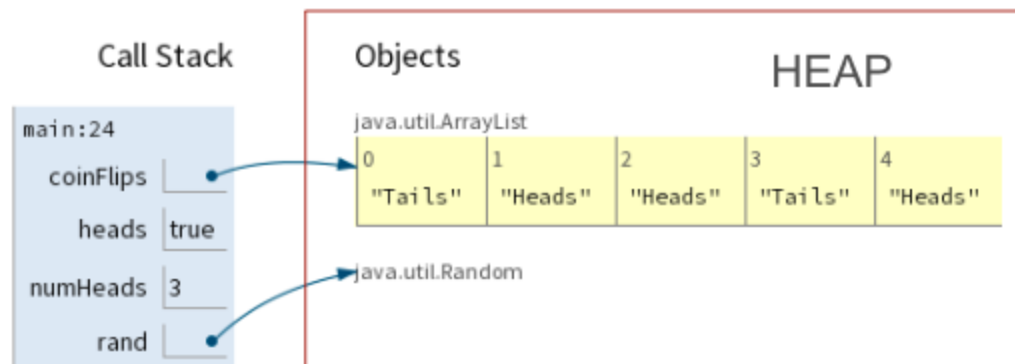
### Review: What is an object?

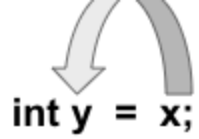
Objects have state (properties/data) and behavior (operation that access/modify state)

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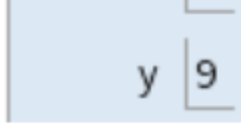
ArrayList<String> coinFlips = new ArrayList<String>();
Random rand = new Random();
int numHeads = 0;
boolean heads = rand.nextBoolean();
while (numHeads < 3) {
    if (heads) {
        numHeads++;
        coinFlips.add("Heads");
    }
    else {
        coinFlips.add("Tails");
    }
    heads = rand.nextBoolean();
}
System.out.println("Total coin flips:" + coinFlips.size());
System.out.println(coinFlips);
}

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int y = x;



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## CHALLENGE

Consider the following code:

```
public class Cat {  
  
    String name;  
    boolean isPurring;  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Cat calico = new Cat();  
        Cat tabby = new Cat();  
        Cat favorite = calico;  
  
        tabby.name = "Maru";  
        calico.name = "Chestnut";  
        favorite.isPurring = true;  
  
        System.out.printf("calico: %s %b%n", calico.name, calico.isPurring);  
        System.out.printf("tabby %s %b%n", tabby.name, tabby.isPurring);  
        System.out.printf("favorite: %s %b%n", favorite.name, favorite.isPurring);  
    }  
}
```