## Scope, Static, and Linked Lists

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## 1 Static Electricity

```
public class Pokemon {
        public String name;
        public int level;
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        public static String trainer = "Ash";
        public static int partySize = 0;
        public Pokemon(String name, int level) {
            this.name = name:
            this.level = level;
            this.partySize += 1;
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        }
12
        public static void main(String[] args) {
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            Pokemon p = new Pokemon("Pikachu", 17);
            Pokemon j = new Pokemon("Jolteon", 99);
15
            System.out.println("Party size: " + Pokemon.partySize);
                                                                           Party size: 2
            p.printStats()
                               Pikachu 17 Ash
17
            int level = 18;
            Pokemon.change(p, level);
19
                               Pikachu 18 Team Rocket
            p.printStats()
20
            Pokemon.trainer = "Ash";
21
            j.trainer = "Brock";
22
            p.printStats();
                                Pikachu 18 Brock
        }
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        public static void change(Pokemon poke, int level) {
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            poke.level = level;
27
            level = 50;
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            poke = new Pokemon("Voltorb", 1);
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            poke.trainer = "Team Rocket";
        }
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        public void printStats() {
33
            System.out.print(name + " " + level + " " + trainer);
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        }
35
    }
```

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- (a) Write what would be printed after the main method is executed.

Party size: 2
Pikachu 17 Ash
Pikachu 18 Team Rocket
Pikachu 18 Brock

(b) On line 28, we set level equal to 50. What level do we mean? An instance variable of the Pokemon class? The local variable containing the parameter to the change method? The local variable in the main method? Something else?

We mean level inside the change method scope

(c) If we were to call Pokemon.printStats() at the end of our main method, what would happen?

This would error, printStats() is an instance method but Pokemon is the class.

Pokemon.level doesn't make sense, and methods are the same

## 2 To Do List

Draw the box-and-pointer diagram that results from running the following code. A StringList is similar to an IntList. It has two instance variables, first and rest.

```
StringList L = new StringList("eat", null);
   L = new StringList("should", L);
   L = new StringList("you", L);
   L = new StringList("sometimes", L);
   StringList M = L.rest;
   StringList R = new StringList("many", null);
   R = new StringList("potatoes", R);
   R.rest.rest = R;
   M.rest.rest.rest = R.rest;
   L.rest.rest = L.rest.rest.rest;
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   L = M.rest;
11
                                                                                         "eat"l
                                                   "you"l
                                                 'potatoes" I
                                                                                   "many" l
```

## 3 Helping Hand Extra

(a) Fill in blanks in the methods findFirst and findFirstHelper below such that they return the index of the first Node with item n, or -1 if there is no such node containing that item.

```
public class SLList {
       Node sentinel;
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       public SLList() {
          this.sentinel = new Node();
       }
6
       private static class Node {
8
          int item;
          Node next;
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       }
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12
       public int findFirst(int n) {
13
          return <u>findFirstHelper(n, 0, sentinel.next)</u>;
       }
15
16
       private int findFirstHelper(int n, int index, Node curr) {
17
          if ( <u>Curr == null</u> ) {
18
              return -1;
19
20
          }
          if ( curr.item == n ) {
21
              return index;
22
          } else {
23
                      findFirstHelper(n, index+1, curr.next) .
24
25
          }
       }
26
27
    }
28
```

(b) Why do we use a helper method here? Why can't we just have the signature for findFirst also have a pointer to the curr node, such that the user of the function passes in the sentinel each time?

We have abstracted away the implementation of SLList, so the user doesn't know we use a sentinel. Hence, the interface has better UX if we allow users to simply pass in an n, so they don't have to worry about implementation details

Also making the helper method public allows the user to make calls to findFirstHelper that breaks our implementation eg: findFirstHelper(100, 10000000, sentinel.next.next)