

OOP return methods

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Objects



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Object Instantiation

```
new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
new Monster();
```



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

When the reserved word `new` is combined with a constructor call, a new Object is created in memory. This process of creating a new Object in memory is called instantiation.

References

Scanner keyboard =
new Scanner(System.in);

Monster chuck = new Monster();



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Typically, a reference is used to store the location of the new Object. `keyboard` is a `Scanner` reference that is storing the location of the new `Scanner`.

Constructors

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Constructors

very similar to methods

have the same name as the class

have no return type – no void,int,etc.

initialize all instance variables



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Constructors are used to initialize all of the data. Typically, all variables are assigned a value in the constructor.

A constructor is very similar to a method, but it is technically not a method.

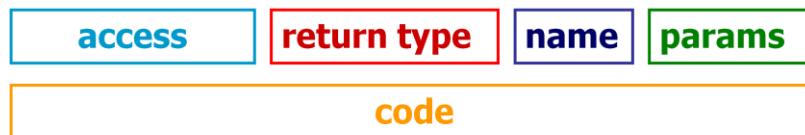
Constructors have no return type and are named the same as the class. This is slightly different from a method.

Constructors VS. Methods

constructor



method



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Constructors and methods are more similar than different and sometimes constructors are referred to as constructor methods. Most of the differences are not visible. The only real visible differences exist in that the constructor has to be named the same name as the class and that the constructor has no return type. Methods and constructors both have a name, a list of parameters, and a block of code to execute. When you call a method or a constructor, the block of code associated with the name will be executed.

```
class Triangle
{
    private int sideA, sideB, sideC;

    public Triangle()
    {
        sideA=0;
        sideB=0;
        sideC=0;
    }
}
```

**Default
Constructor**

Triangle triangle = new Triangle();

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

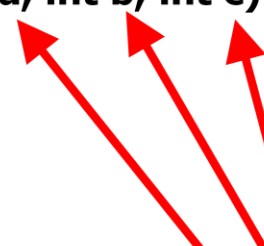
Default constructors have no parameter list. When a default constructor is called, all instance variables / data fields are set to a zero value. If no constructors are provided for a class, Java will provide a default constructor that will initialize all data to a zero value.

Open constructorone.java

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Initialization Constructor

```
public Triangle(int a, int b, int c)
{
    sideA=a;
    sideB=b;
    sideC=c;
}
```



Constructors often have parameters. The parameters allow data to be passed into the class so that it can be assigned to the instance variables / data fields.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Initialization constructors have a parameter list and will receive parameters when called. The number of parameter and types passed in must match up with the parameter list following the method name.

```
class Triangle
{
    private int sideA, sideB, sideC;
```

Initialization Constructor

```
    public Triangle(int a, int b, int c)
    {
        sideA=a;
        sideB=b;
        sideC=c;
    }
}
```

Triangle triangle = new Triangle(3,4,5);



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Initialization constructors have a parameter list and will receive parameters when called. The number of parameter and types passed in must match up with the parameter list following the method name.

Open
constructortwo.java

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Variable Scope

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Scope

```
{  
    int fun = 99;  
}
```

**Any variable defined inside of braces,
only exists within those braces.**

**That variable has a scope limited to
those braces.**

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

When a variable is defined within a set of braces, that variable can only be accessed inside those braces.

Instance Variables

When you need many methods to have access to the same variable, you make that variable an instance variable.

The scope of an instance variable is the entire class where that variable is defined.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

An instance variable is a variable tied to an instance of a class. Each time an Object is instantiated, it is given its own set of instance variables.

```
Monster x = new Monster();
```

x would refer to a new Monster that contains its own set of Monster instance variables.

Instance Variables

```
public class InstanceVars
{
    private int one = 8, two = 3; //instance variables
    private int total = 0;        //exist throughout the class

    public void add(){
        total = one + two;
    }

    public void print(){
        System.out.println(total);
    }

    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        InstanceVars test = new InstanceVars();
        test.add();
        test.print();
    }
}
```

OUTPUT

11

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Class `InstanceVars` contains three instance variables : one, two, and total. Each time class `InstanceVars` is instantiated, a new set of instance variables is created.

```
InstanceVars test = new InstanceVars();
```

`test` refers to an `InstanceVars` Object that contains its own set of one, two, and three.

```
InstanceVars diff = new InstanceVars();
```

`diff` refers to an `InstanceVars` Object that contains its own set of one, two, and three.

Defining VS. Assigning

`int num;` ← definition only

`int num = 99;` ← definition and assignment

`num = 56;` ← assignment only

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

When defining a variable, the type must be listed and the name. When defining and assigning a variable, the type, name, and value must be listed. When assigning a variable only, the name and value must be listed.

Local Variables

When you need only one method to have access to a variable, you should make that variable a local variable.

The scope of a local variable is limited to the method where it is defined.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Local Vars

```
public class LocalVars
{
    private int fun;          //instance variable

    public void change() {
        int fun = 99;        //local variable
    }

    public void print() {
        System.out.println(fun);
    }

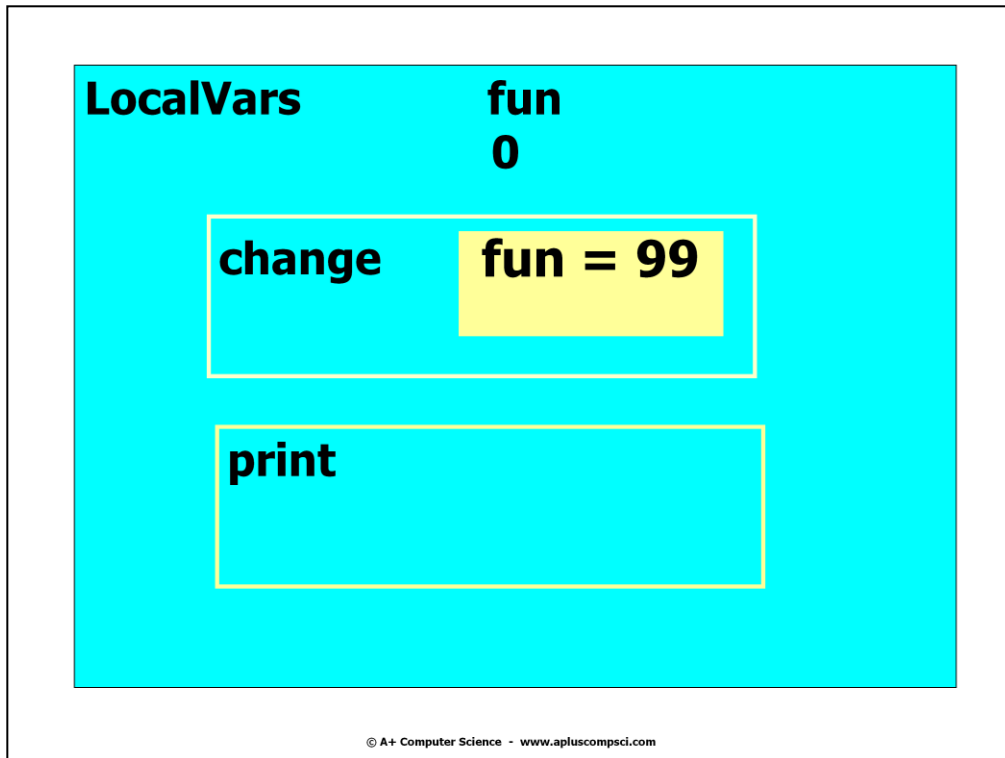
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        LocalVars test = new LocalVars();
        test.change();
        test.print();
    }
}
```

OUTPUT

0

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Class `LocalVars` has an one instance variable named `fun`. Method `change` contains a local variable named `fun`. Local variables take precedence over instance variables. Local variables can only be used inside the method in which they are defined.



Class `LocalVars` has an one instance variable named `fun`.
Instance variable `fun` can be used anywhere in class `LocalVars`.
Method `change` contains a local variable named `fun`. Method `change` does not make any changes to the instance variable `fun`.
Local variable `fun` can only be used in method `change`.

open localvars.java

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

return methods

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Return Methods

Return methods perform some action and return a result back to the **calling location**.

```
int num = keyboard.nextInt();
```

nextInt() returns an int back to the **calling location**.

The value returned is assigned to num.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Return methods typically take in some type of data, do something to the data, and then send back a result. `nextInt()` is a Scanner return method. `nextInt()` retrieves the next integer value from the keyboard and sends it back to num.

Return Methods

```
Scanner keyboard =  
    new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
int num = keyboard.nextInt();  
out.println(num);
```

num
1

return
method

INPUT
1

OUTPUT
1

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

`nextInt()` gets the next int entered on the keyboard and returns it. The int returned by `nextInt()` is placed in `num`.

Return Method



© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Return methods have a return type specified before the method name.

```
public int getNum()  
getNum() returns an integer value.
```

```
public double getStuff()  
getStuff() returns a double/decimal value.
```

Math

return methods

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Math
frequently used methods

Name	Use
<code>floor(x)</code>	rounds x down
<code>ceil(x)</code>	rounds x up
<code>pow(x,y)</code>	returns x to the power of y
<code>abs(x)</code>	returns the absolute value of x
<code>sqrt(x)</code>	returns the square root of x
<code>round(x)</code>	rounds x to the nearest whole number
<code>min(x,y)</code>	returns smallest of x and y
<code>max(x,y)</code>	returns biggest of x and y
<code>random()</code>	returns a double ≥ 0.0 and < 1.0

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

The Math class contains many useful math related methods.

Math Methods

```
Scanner keyboard =  
    new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
double num = keyboard.nextDouble();  
out.println(Math.ceil(num));
```

num
3.45

return
methods

INPUT
3.45

OUTPUT
4.0

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Math methods are return methods. First, a value is passed to a math method. Second, the math method performs some action. Finally, the math method returns a result.

Math Methods

```
out.println(Math.floor(3.254));  
out.println(Math.ceil(2.45));  
out.println(Math.pow(2,7));  
out.println(Math.abs(-9));  
out.println(Math.sqrt(256));  
out.println(Math.sqrt(144));  
out.println(Math.round(3.6));  
out.println(Math.max(5,7));  
out.println(Math.max(5,-7));  
out.println(Math.min(5,7));  
out.println(Math.min(5,-7));
```

OUTPUT

```
3.0  
3.0  
128.0  
9  
16.0  
12.0  
4  
7  
5  
5  
-7
```

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

`floor(val)` returns val decreased to the nearest interger.

`ceil(val)` returns val increased to the nearest interger.

`pow(x, y)` reutrns x raised to the power of y

`abs(val)` returns the absolute value of val

`sqrt(val)` returns the square root of val

`round(val)` returns val rounded to the nearest integer

`max(one, two)` returns the largest of one and two

`min(one, two)` returns the smallest of one and two

Math Methods

```
out.println(Math.random()*10);  
int num = (int)(Math.random()*10);  
out.println(num);
```

OUTPUT
7.564
4

random() returns a double in the range 0.0 to 1.0, not including 1.0.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

`random()` returns a random number between 0.0 and 1.0 not including 1.0.

Open
mathmethods.java
randomone.java

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Pieces of the OOP Puzzle Part Two

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

constructors

```
public Triangle()  
{  
    sideA=0;  
    sideB=0;  
    sideC=0;  
}
```

**Default
Constructor**

Constructors are similar to methods.
Constructors set the properties of an
object to an initial state.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

constructors

```
public Triangle(int a, int b, int c)
{
    sideA=a;
    sideB=b;
    sideC=c;
}
```

**Initialization
Constructor**

Constructors are similar to methods.
Constructors set the properties of an
object to an initial state.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

modifier methods

```
public void setSides(int a, int b, int c)
{
    sideA=a;
    sideB=b;
    sideC=c;
}
```

Modifier methods are methods that change the properties of an object.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

accessor methods

```
public void print()  
{  
    out.println(sideA + " " + sideB + " " + sideC);  
}
```

Accessor methods are methods that retrieve or grant access to the properties of an object, but do not make any changes.

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Open
triangle.java
trianglerunner.java

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com

Continue work on the labs

© A+ Computer Science - www.apluscompsci.com