



Object interaction

Creating cooperating objects

A digital clock

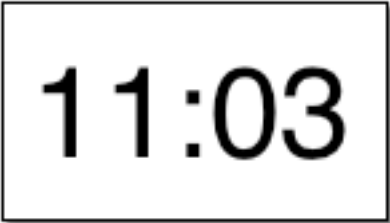
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Abstraction and modularization

- **Abstraction** is the ability to ignore details of parts to focus attention on a higher level of a problem.
- **Modularization** is the process of dividing a whole into well-defined parts, which can be built and examined separately, and which interact in well-defined ways.

Modularizing the clock display



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One four-digit display?

Or two two-digit displays?



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Modeling a two-digit display

- We call the class **NumberDisplay**.
- Two integer fields:
 - The current value.
 - The limit for the value.
- The current value is incremented until it reaches its limit.
- It ‘rolls over’ to zero at this point.

Implementation - NumberDisplay

```
class NumberDisplay {  
    private final int limit;  
    private int value;  
  
    NumberDisplay(int limit) {  
        this.limit = limit;  
        value = 0;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```


Source code: NumberDisplay

```
String getDisplayValue() {  
    if (value < 10) {  
        return "0" + value;  
    } else {  
        return "" + value;  
    }  
}
```

increment method

```
void increment() {  
    value = value + 1;  
    if (value == limit) {  
        // keep the value within the limit  
        value = 0;  
    }  
}
```


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Alternative increment method

```
void increment() {  
    value = (value + 1) % limit;  
}
```

Check that you understand how the rollover works in this version.

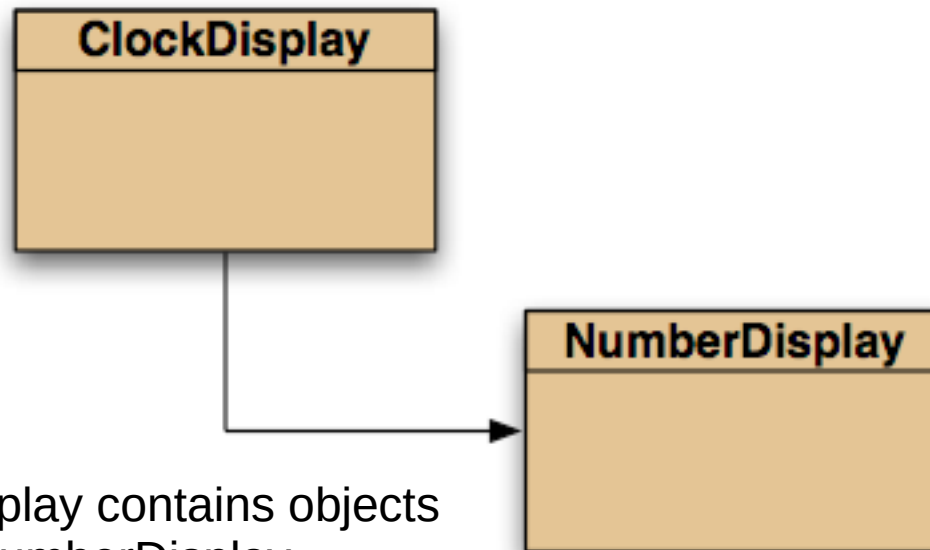
Implementation - ClockDisplay

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class ClockDisplay {  
    private final NumberDisplay hours;  
    private final NumberDisplay minutes;  
  
    Constructor and  
    methods omitted.  
}
```

Classes as types

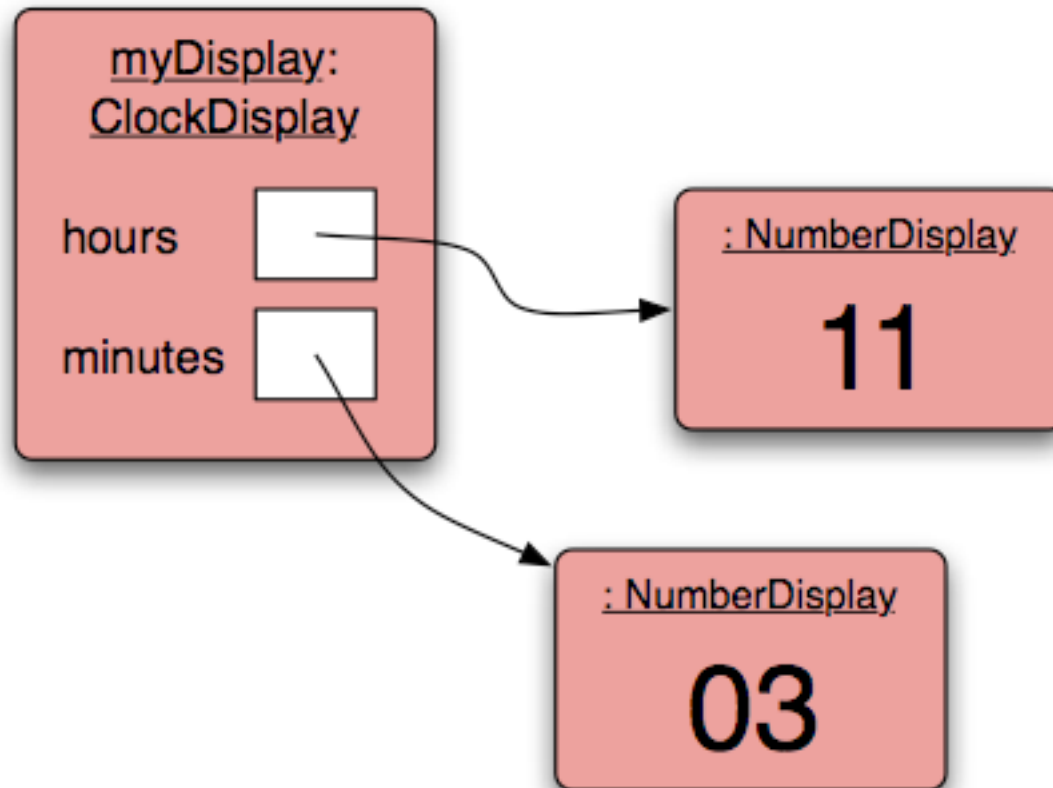
- Data can be classified under many different types; e.g. integer, boolean, floating-point.
- In addition, every class is a unique data type; e.g. **String**, **TicketMachine**, **NumberDisplay**.
- Data types, therefore, can be composites and not simply values.

Class diagram



ClockDisplay contains objects
of type NumberDisplay

Object diagram



Objects creating objects

```
class ClockDisplay {  
    private final NumberDisplay hours;  
    private final NumberDisplay minutes;  
    private String displayString;  
  
    ClockDisplay() {  
        hours = new NumberDisplay(24);  
        minutes = new NumberDisplay(60);  
        ...  
    }  
}
```


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in class ClockDisplay:

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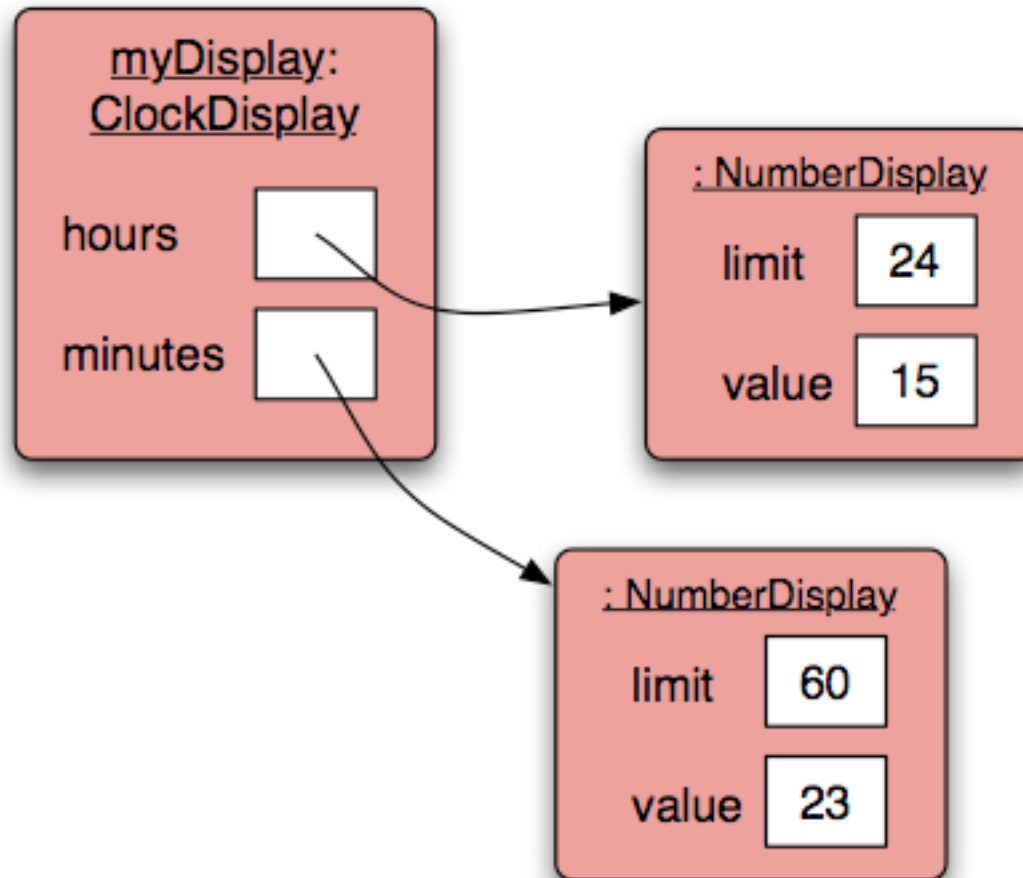
actual parameter

in class NumberDisplay:

```
NumberDisplay(int rolloverLimit) {code}
```

formal parameter

ClockDisplay object diagram



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Primitive types vs. object types

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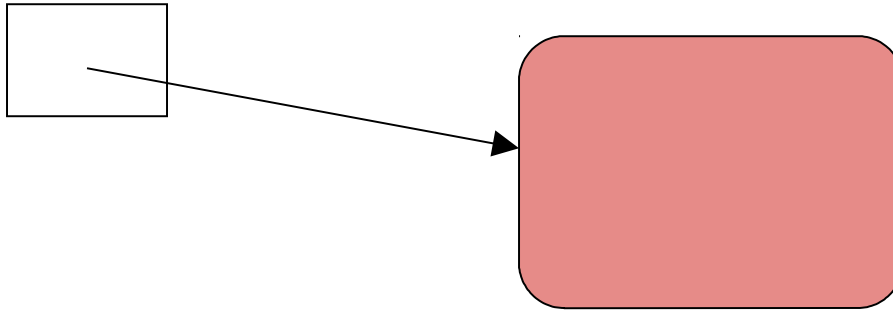
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primitive type
(value type)

Primitive types vs. object types

SomeObject obj;

object type
(reference type)



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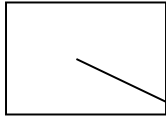
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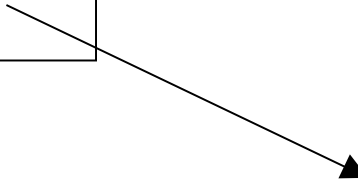
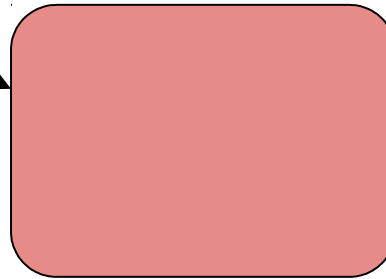
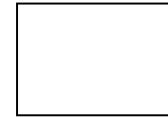
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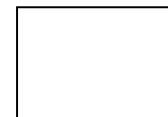


`b = a;`

`int a;`

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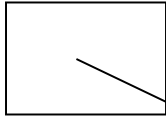
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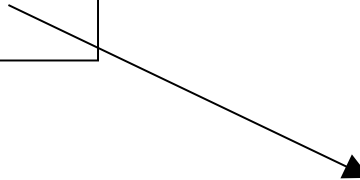
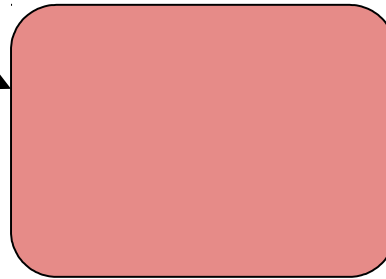
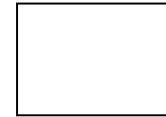
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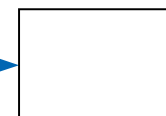


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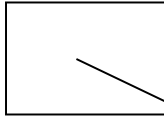
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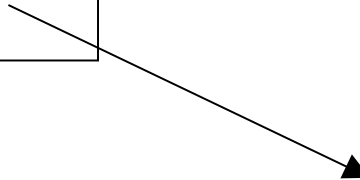
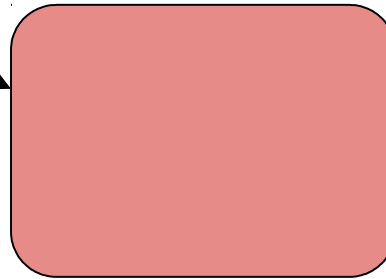
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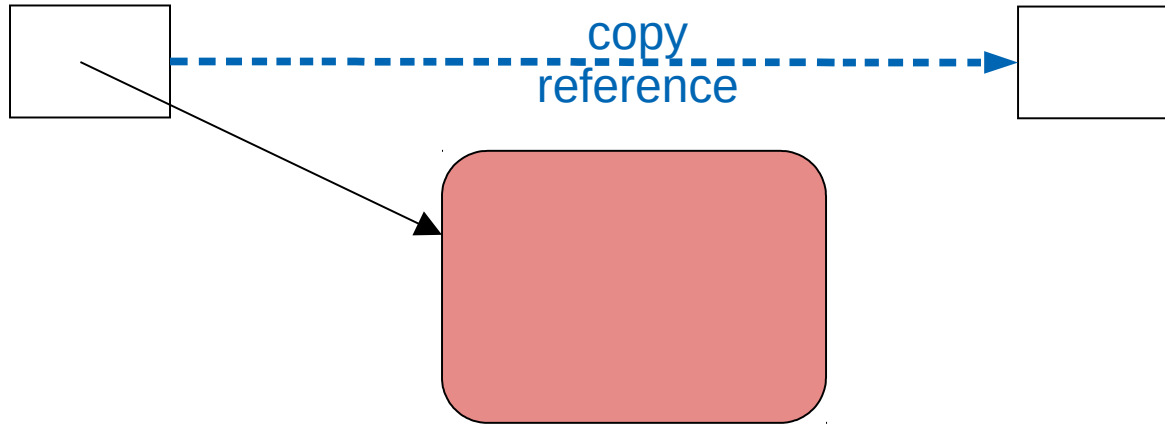


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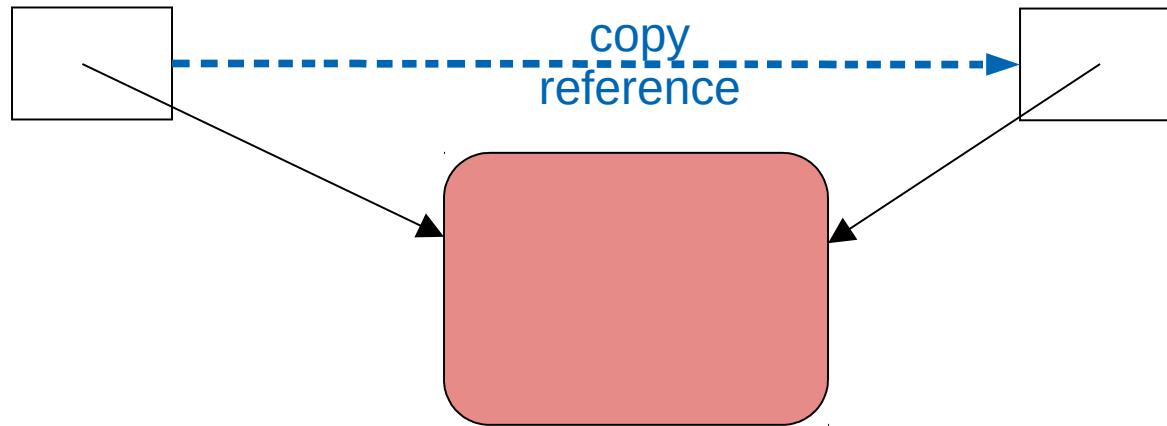


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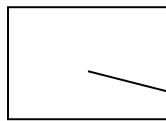
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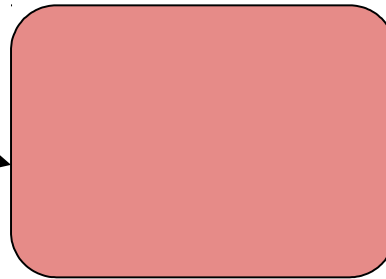
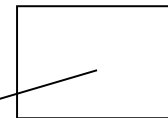
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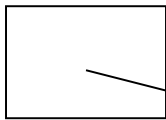
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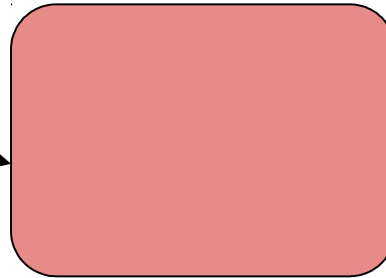
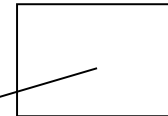
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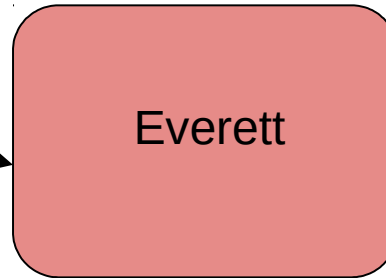
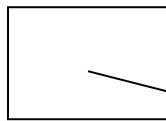
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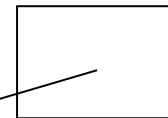
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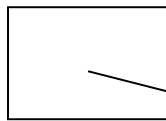
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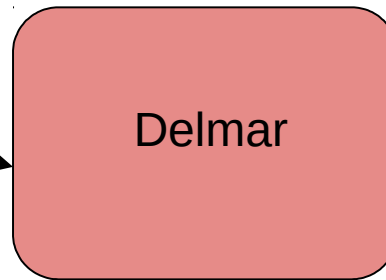
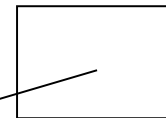
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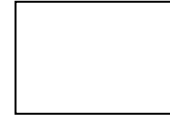
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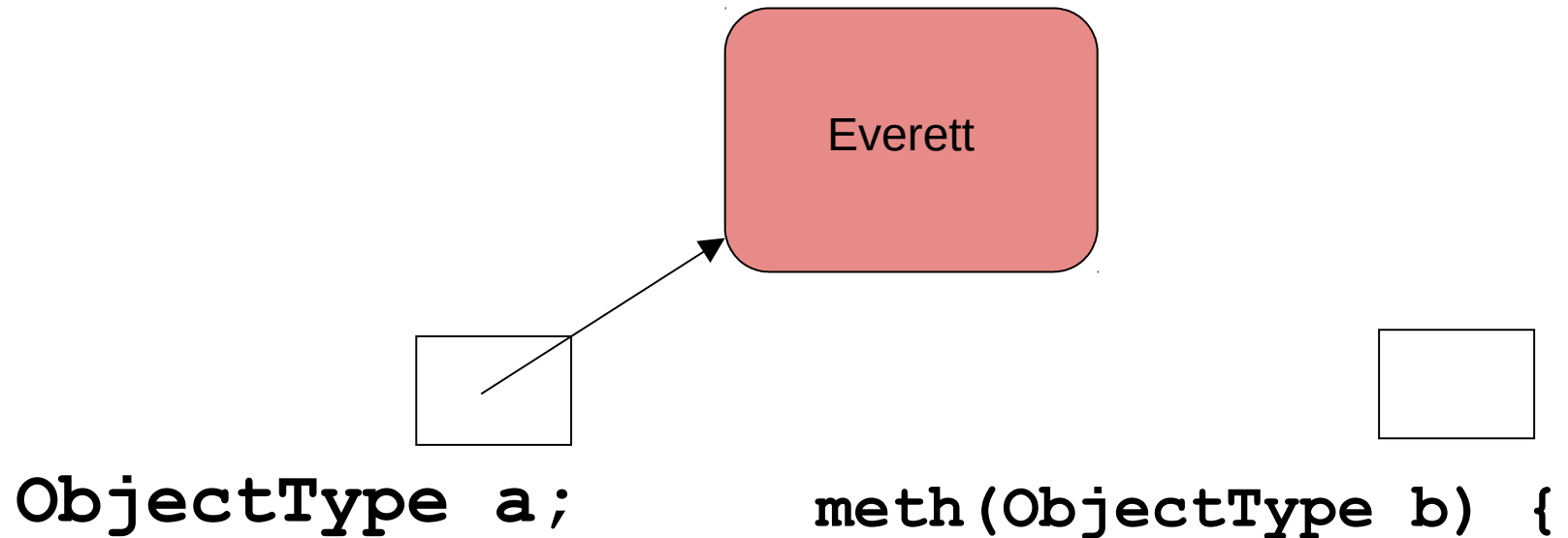
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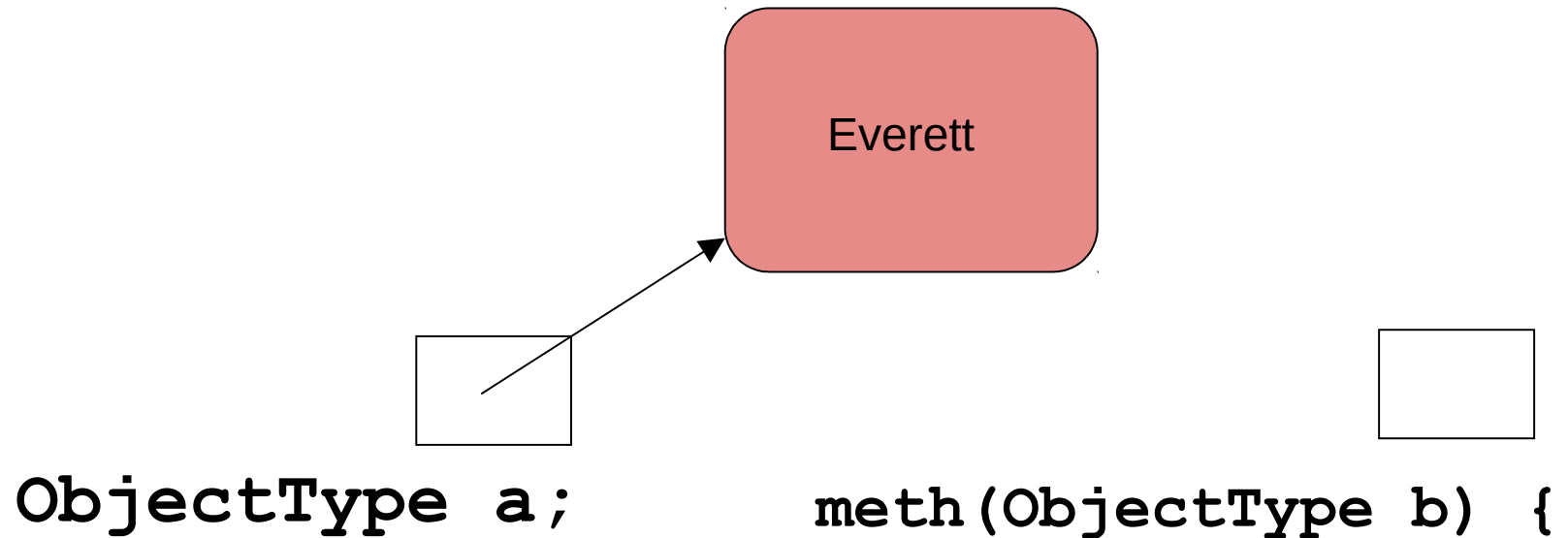
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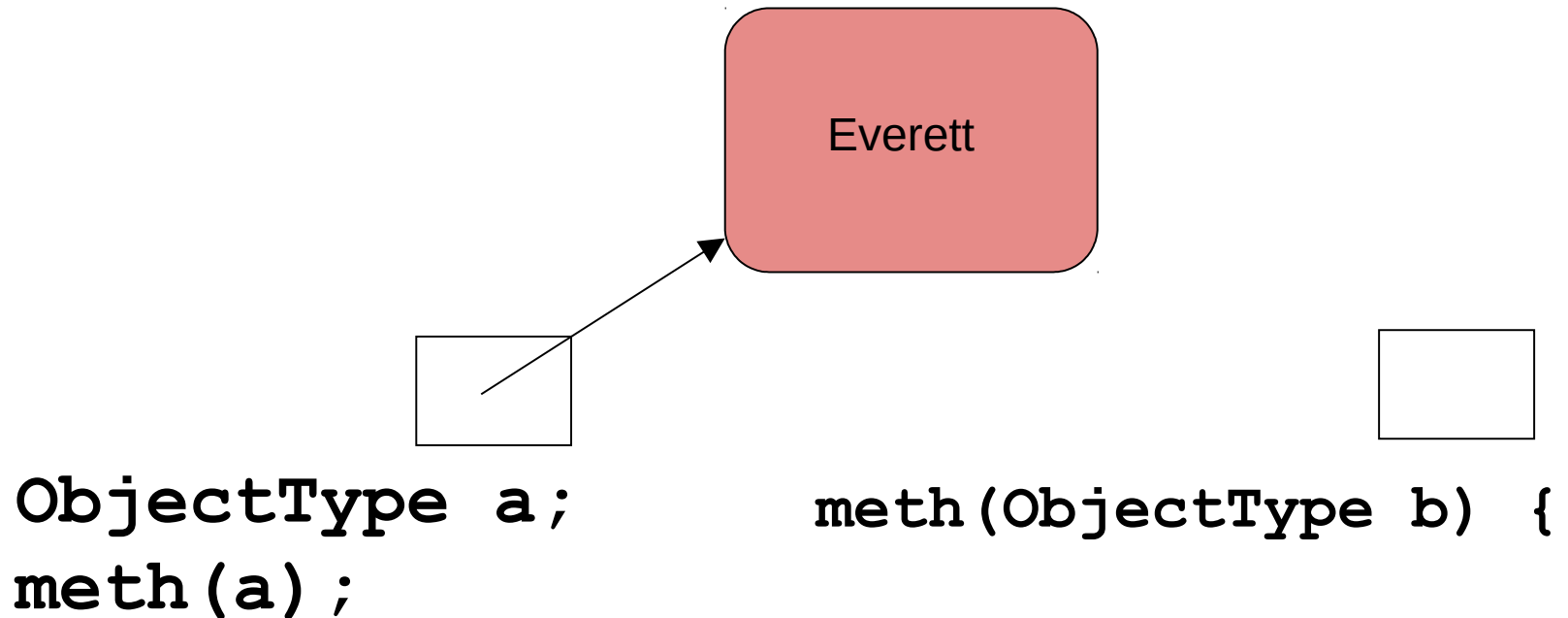
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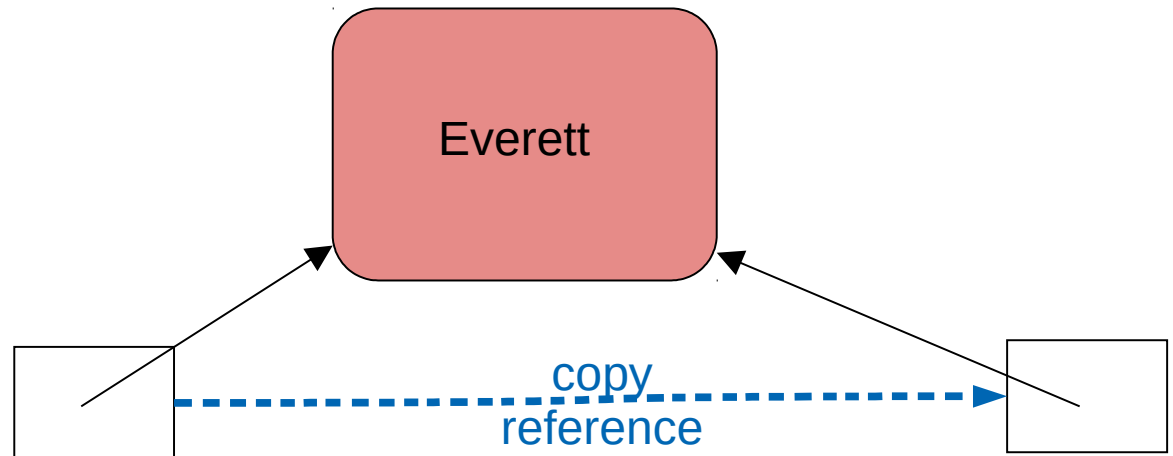
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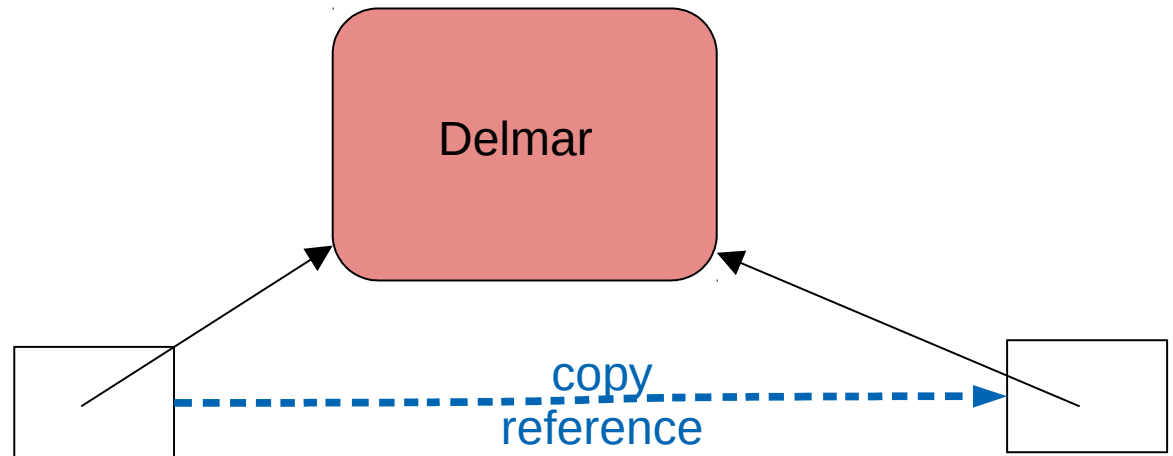


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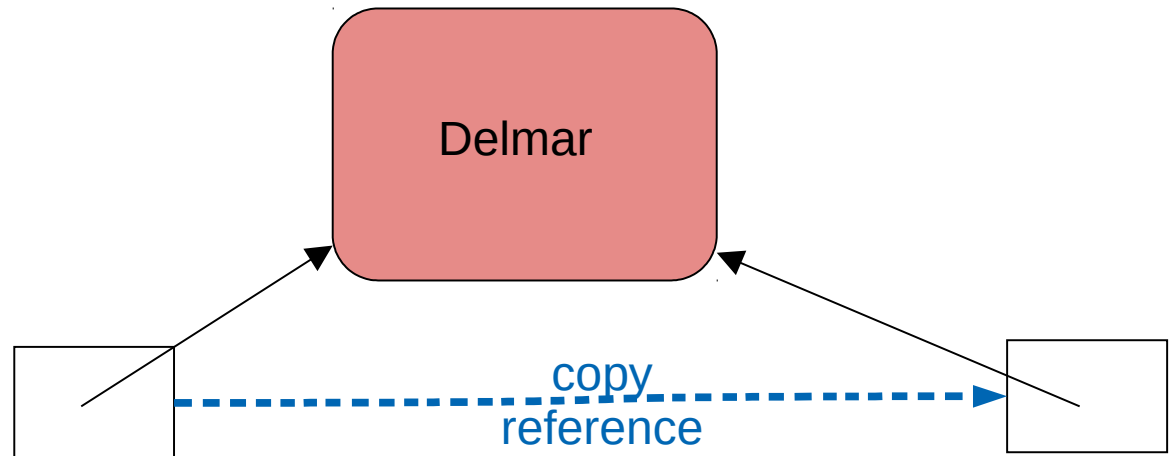


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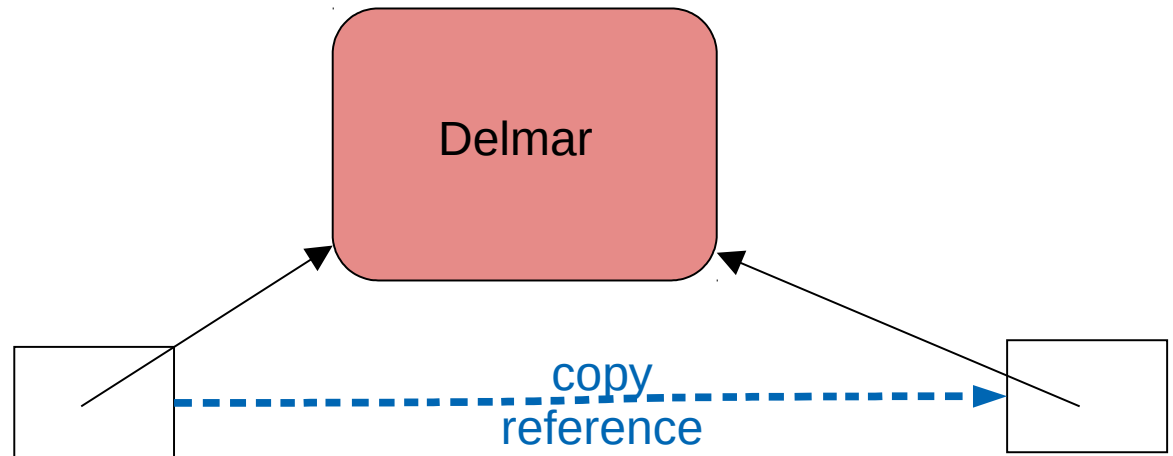


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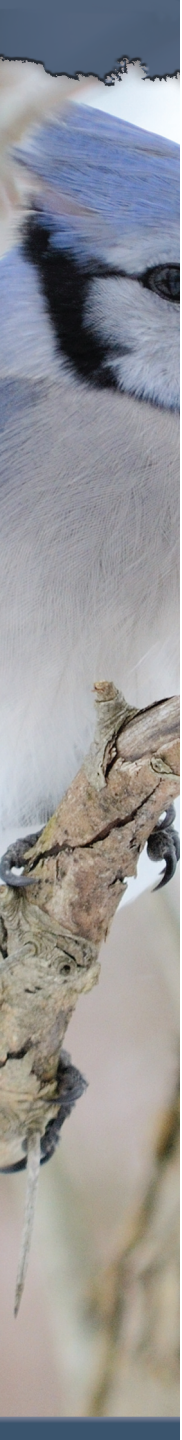
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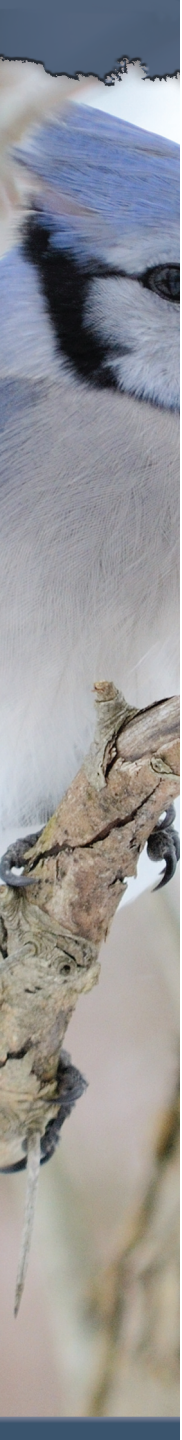
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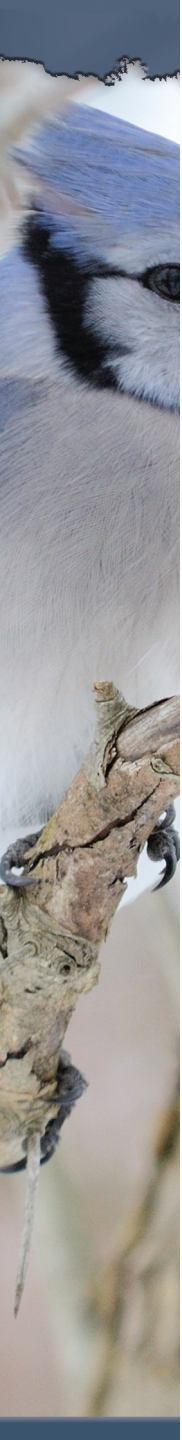
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- Scoop! Coming soon to a Java near you! Value-types!
 - “Codes like a class, works like an int!”
 - Objects which behave like primitives...



Concepts

- abstraction
- modularization
- classes define types
- class diagram

- object diagram
- object references
- object types
- primitive types



Object interaction

- Two objects interact when one object calls a method on another.
- The interaction is usually all in one direction (cf, ‘client’, ‘server’).
- The client object can ***tell*** the server object to do something.
- The client object can ***ask*** for data from the server object.
- A general principle is ***tell, don't ask***



Object interaction

- Two NumberDisplay objects store data on behalf of a ClockDisplay object.
 - The ClockDisplay is the ‘client’ object.
 - The NumberDisplay objects are the ‘server’ objects.
 - The client calls methods in the server objects.

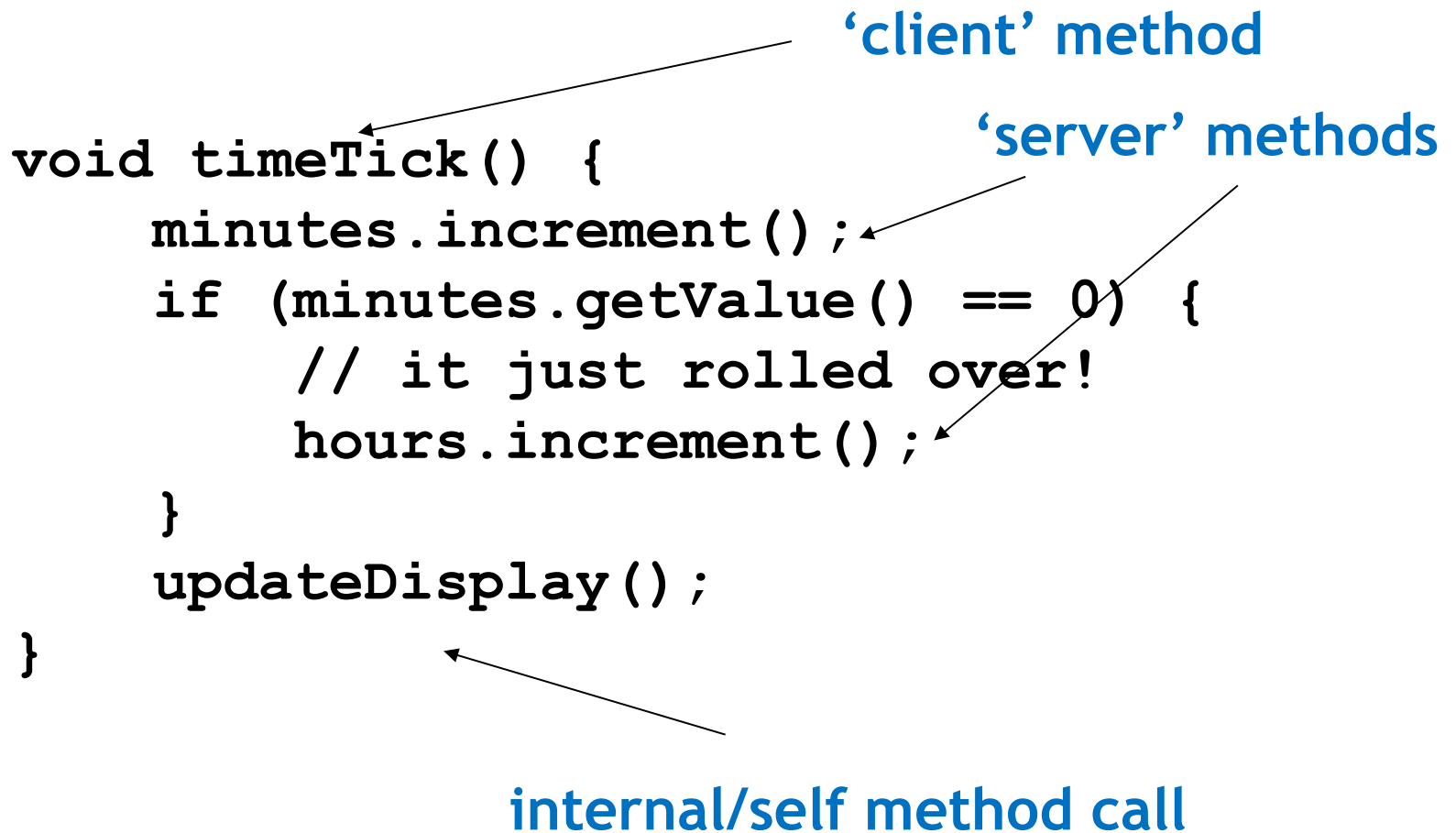
Method calling

```
void timeTick() {  
    minutes.increment();  
    if (minutes.getValue() == 0) {  
        // it just rolled over!  
        hours.increment();  
    }  
    updateDisplay();  
}
```

'client' method

'server' methods

internal/self method call



External method calls

- General form:

object.methodName(params)

- Examples:

`hours.increment()`

`minutes.getValue()`



Internal method calls

- No variable name is required:
`updateDisplay()` ;
- Internal methods often have **private** visibility.
 - Prevents them from being called from outside their defining class.

Internal method

```
/**
 * Update the internal string that
 * represents the display.
 */
private void updateDisplay() {
    displayString =
        hours.getDisplayValue() + ":"
        + minutes.getDisplayValue();
}
```



Method calls

- NB: A method call on *another object of the same type* would also be an external call.
- ‘Internal’ means ‘this object’.
- ‘External’ means ‘any other object’, regardless of its type.

The `this` keyword

- Refers to *current object*.
- Used to distinguish parameters and fields of the same name. E.g.:

```
class ClockDisplay {  
    private int limit;  
    ClockDisplay(int limit) {  
        this.limit = limit;  
        value = 0;  
    }  
}
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    } internal method calls
```

So...what makes code OO?

- Consider (not real Java code)

```
function dubble(objectWithData) {  
    data = objectWithData.getData();  
    if (data.typeof() == int) {  
        return data.doubleInt();  
    } else if (data.typeof() == String) {  
        return data.doubleString();  
    }  
}
```

- Code works

`dubble(5);` → 10

`dubble("To");` → "ToTo"

Procedural, not OO

- Code may work, but you'll get a lousy mark if you submit it 😭!
 - in this course
- Your code *asks* for data.
- Then, depending on data type, decides what `objectWithData` should to.

So...what makes code OO?

- Now consider

```
objectWithData.dubble();
```

- Your code *tells* object to double itself.
- Object knows what to do, whether int or String
 - We don't know / care how it does it.
 - Not our problem - details are hidden.
- Remember - "Tell, don't ask".