

Java Basics

Object Orientated Programming in Java

Benjamin Kenwright

Outline

- Review

- Submissions/Quizzes

- Object Orientated Concepts

 - ▷ Classes, Methods, Overloading, Object Creation, Equality, ...

- Today's Practical

- Review/Discussion

Submissions/Quizzes

■ Course material (Public)

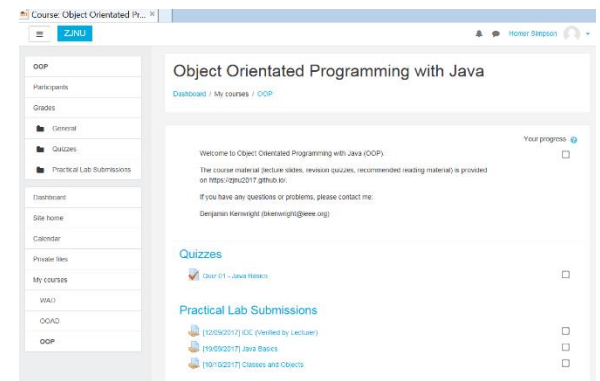
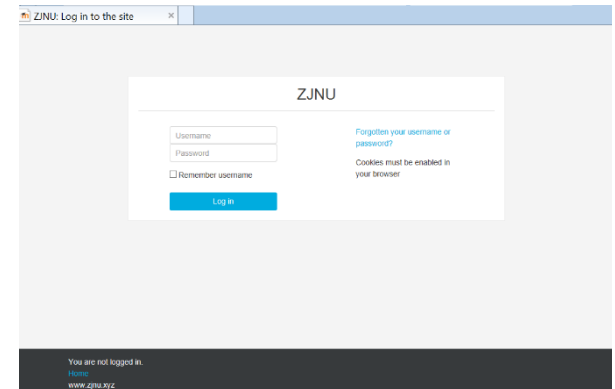
▷ <https://zjnu2017.github.io/>

■ Submissions/Quizzes (Graded/Private)

▷ www.zjnu.xyz

▷ (Login – Student No)

▷ Password Emailed



Online Quizzes

- Take the quizzes as many times as you want
- Opportunity to `improve' learn from mistakes (instead of a single pass/fail)
- Quizzes contribute to your final mark
- 10-20 multiple choice questions added each week
- Straightforward and help prepare for the final exam

Online Lab Submissions

- Each weekly lab submission should be submitted online
- Single .zip, .java files from the chapters
- Enables you extra time
 - ▷ (e.g., if you require more time than the lab provides – submit up until midnight same day)
- Lets me provide regular feedback, guidance and comments

Now...

- Review Core Java Concepts

- ▷ Classes, Methods, Overloading, Object Creation, Equality, ...

- Object Orientation Principles

Arrays in Java

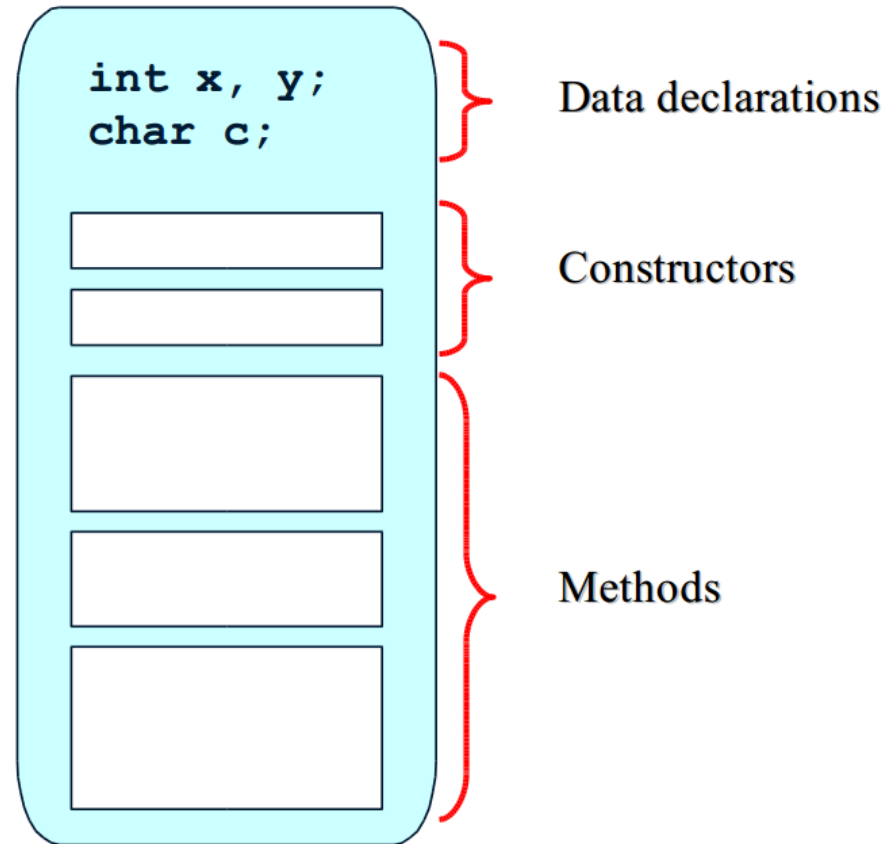
- Not pointers like in C,
- Bounds checking at run-time
- *int[] numbers; // equivalent*
- *int number[];*
- *int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7};*
 - ▷ The size is fixed at compile-time!
- *int[] numbers = new Integer[getSize()];*
 - ▷ The size is fixed at run-time!
 - ▷ Cannot be resized

```
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
    System.out.println(numbers[i]);  
}
```

Classes in Java

- A class encapsulates a set of properties
 - ▷ Some properties are hidden
 - ▷ The remaining properties are the interface of the class

```
class ClassName {  
    dataDeclaration  
    constructors  
    methods  
}
```



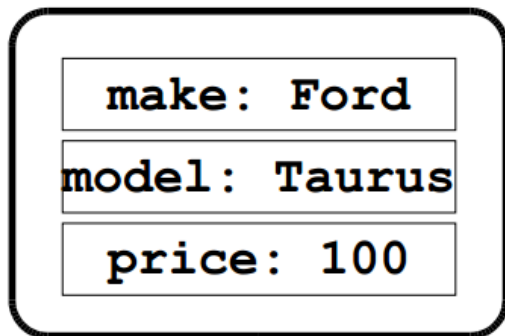
Example of a Class

```
public class Coin { // [Source Lewis and Loftus]
    public static final int HEADS = 0;
    public static final int TAILS = 1;
    private int face;
    public Coin ()    {           // constructor
        flip();
    }
    public void flip () {           // method "procedure"
        face = (int) (Math.random() * 2);
    }
    public int getFace () {         // method "function"
        return face;
    }
    public String toString(){ // method "function"
        String faceName;
        if (face == HEADS)
            faceName = "Heads";
        else
            faceName = "Tails";
        return faceName;
    }
}
```

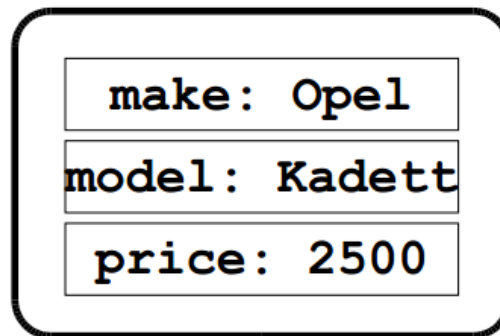
Instance Variables

- An *instance variable* is a data declaration in a class. Every object instantiated from the class has its own version of the instance variables

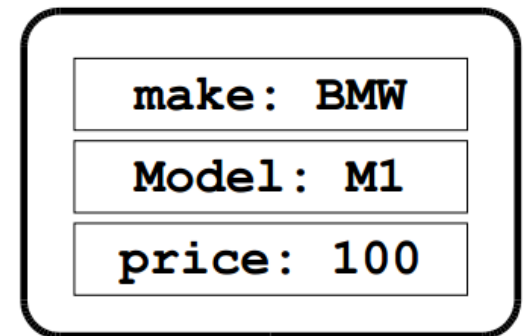
```
class Car {  
    private String make;  
    private String model;  
    private double price;  
}
```



car1



car2

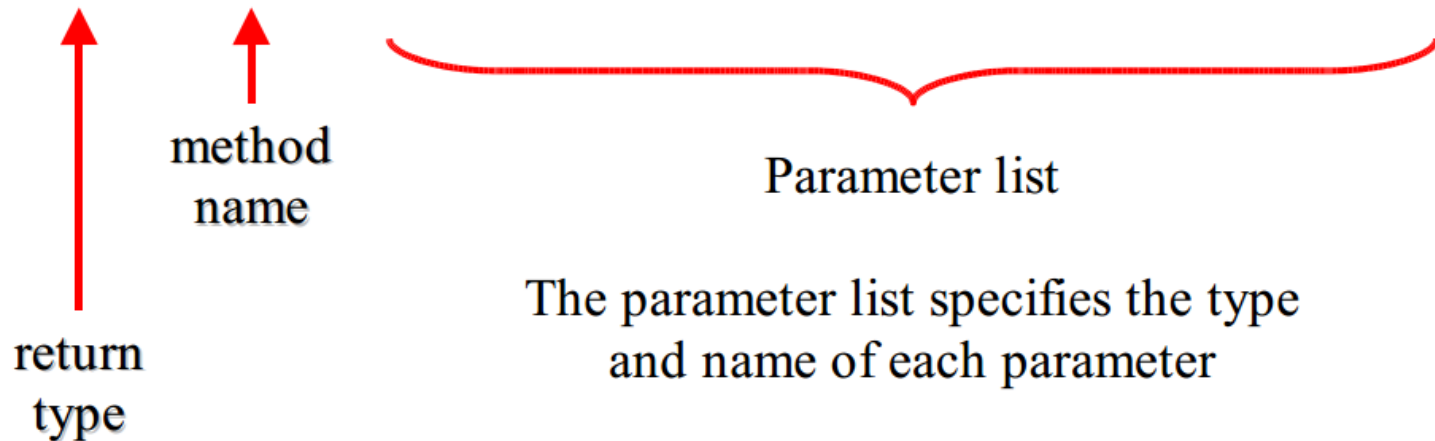


car3

Methods in Java

- A method is a function or procedure that reads and/or modifies the state of the class
 - ▷ A function returns a value (a procedure does not).
 - ▷ A procedure has side-effects, e.g., change the state of an object

```
char calc (int num1, int num2, String message)
```



The parameter list specifies the type and name of each parameter

The name of a parameter in the method declaration is called a *formal argument*

Methods in Java, cont.

■ All methods have a return type

- ▷ void for procedures
- ▷ A primitive data type or a class for functions

■ The return value

- ▷ Return stop the execution of a method and jumps out
- ▷ Return can be specified with or without an expression

■ Parameter are pass-by-value

- ▷ Class parameter are passed as a reference

```
public double getPrice() {  
    return price;  
}  
  
public void increaseCounter() {  
    counter = counter + 1;  
    //return;  
}
```

```
public double getError() {  
    double a = 0;  
    a++;  
    // compile-error  
}
```

Methods in Java, Example

```
public class Car{
    // snip
    /** Calculates the sales price of the car */
    public int salesPrice(){
        return (int)price;
    }
    /** Calculates the sales price of the car */
    public int salesPrice(int overhead){
        return (int)price + overhead;
    }
    /** Calculates the sales price of the car */
    public double salesPrice(double overheadPercent){
        return price + (overheadPercent * price);
    }

    /** Overwrites the toString method */
    public String toString(){
        return "make " + getMake() + " model "
            + getModel() + " price " + getPrice();
    }
}
```

Methods in Java, Example, cont.

■ What is wrong here?

```
public class Car{
    // snip
    /** Calculates the integer sales price of the car */
    public int salesPrice(){
        return (int)price;
    }
    /** Calculates the double sales price of the car */
    public double salesPrice(){
        return (double)price;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args){
        Car vw = new Car("VW", "Golf", 1000);
        vw.salesPrice();
    }
}
```

■ **Ambiguous** function overloading (only different by return type)

▷ **int salesPrice()**

▷ **double salesPrice()**

Scope

- ❑ The redefinition of x in scope 2 is allowed in C/C++

```
public int myFunction () { // start scope 1
    int x = 34;
    // x is now available
    { // start scope 2
        int y = 98;
        // both x and y are available
        // cannot redefine x here compile-time error
    } // end scope 2
    // now only x is available
    // y is out-of-scope
    return x;
} // end scope 1
```


Object Creation in General

- Object can be created by

- ▷ Instantiating a class
- ▷ Copying an existing object

- Instantiating

- ▷ *Static*: Objects are constructed and destructed at the same time as the surrounding object.
- ▷ *Dynamic*: Objects are created by executing a specific command.

- Copying

- ▷ Often called *cloning*

Object Destruction in General

■ Object can be destructed in two way

- ▷ Explicit, e.g., by calling a special method or operator (C++).
- ▷ Implicit, when the object is no longer needed by the program (Java)

■ Explicit

- ▷ An object in use can be destructed.
- ▷ Not handling destruction can cause memory leaks.

■ Implicit

- ▷ Objects are destructed automatically by a garbage collector
- ▷ There is a performance overhead in starting the garbage collector
- ▷ There is a scheduling problem in when to start the garbage collector

Object Creation in Java

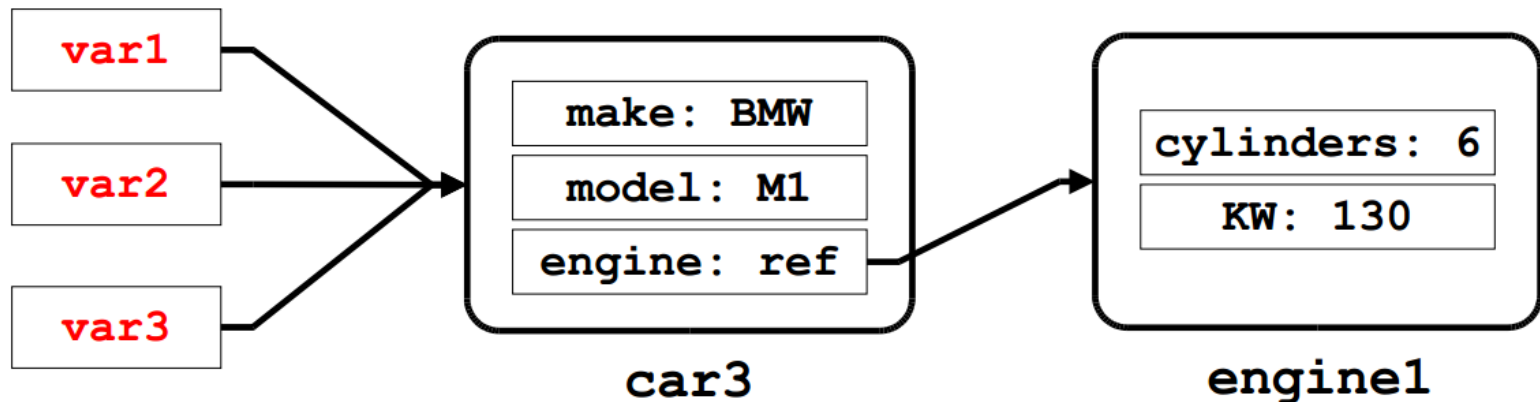
- Instantiation: A process where storage is allocated for an “empty” object.
- Initialization: A process where instance variables are assigned a start value.
- Dynamic instantiation in Java by calling the *new* operator
- Static instantiation is not supported in Java.
- Cloning implemented in Java via the method *clone()* in class
 - ▷ java.lang.Object
- Initialization is done in constructors in Java
 - ▷ Very similar to the way it is done in C++

Object Destruction in Java

- Object destruction in Java is implicit and done via a garbage collector.
 - ▷ Can be called explicitly via *System.gc()*
- A special method `finalize` is called immediately before garbage collection.
 - ▷ Method in class `Object`, that can be redefined.
 - ▷ Takes no parameters and returns void.
 - ▷ Used for releasing resources, e.g., close file handles.
 - ▷ Rarely necessary, e.g., “dead-conditions” for error detection purposes

Objects and References

- Variables of non-primitive types that are **not initialized** have the special value **null**.
 - ▷ Test: `var1 == null`
 - ▷ Assignment: `var2 = null`
- Object have identity but no name,
 - ▷ i.e., not possible to identify an object O1 by the name of the variable referring to O1.
- Aliasing: Many variables referring to the same object



Constructors in Java

- A constructor is a special method where the instance variables of a newly created object are initialized with “reasonable” start values.
- A class must have a constructor
 - ▷ A default is provided implicitly (no-arg constructor).
- A constructor must have the same name as the class.
- A constructor has no return value.
 - ▷ That's why it is as special method
- A constructor can be overloaded.
- A constructor can call other methods (but not vice-versa).
- A constructor can call other constructors (via this)

Constructors in Java, cont.

- Every class should have a programmer defined constructor, that **explicitly** guarantees **correct** initialization of new objects

```
// redefined Coin class
public class Coin {
    public static final int HEADS = 0;
    public static final int TAILS = 1;
    private int face;
    // the constructor
    public Coin ()    {
        face = TAILS;
        // method in object
        flip();
        // method on other object
        otherObject.doMoreInitialization();
    }
}
```

Constructors and Cloning in Java

```
public class Car {  
    // instance variables  
    private String make;  
    private String model;  
    private double price;  
    /** The default constructor */  
    public Car() {  
        this("", "", 0.0); // must be the first thing  
    }  
    /** Construtor that assigns values to instance vars */  
    public Car(String make, String model, double price) {  
        this.make = make;  
        this.model = model;  
        this.price = price;  
    }  
  
    /** Cloning in Java overwrites the Object.clone() */  
    public Object clone() { // note the return type  
        return new Car(make, model, price);  
    }  
}
```


Constructor Initialization

```
public class Garage {  
    Car car1 = new Car();  
    static Car car2 = new Car(); // created on first access  
}
```

```
public class Garage1 {  
    Car car1;  
    static Car car2;  
    // Explicit static initialization  
    static {  
        car2 = new Car();  
    }  
}
```

Constructor vs. Method

Constructor vs. Method

Similarities

- Can take arguments
 - ▷ all pass-by-value
- Can be overloaded
- Access modifiers can be specified (e.g., private or public)
- Can be final (covered later)

Dissimilarities

- Has fixed name (same as the class)
- No return value
 - ▷ “returns” a reference to object
- Special call via new operator
 - ▷ new Car()
 - ▷ Cannot be called by methods
- Default constructor can be synthesised by the system
- Cannot be declared static
 - ▷ it is in fact a static method!

Object Destruction in Java, cont.

```
class MemoryUsage{           /** Dummy class to take up mem */
    int id;                   /** Id of object */
    String name;              /** Name of object */
    MemoryUsage(int id){      /** Constructor */
        this.id = id;
        this.name = "Name: " + id;
    }
    /** Overwrite the finalize method */
    public void finalize(){
        System.out.println("Goodbye cruel world " + this.id);
    }
}

public class Cleanup{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        for (int i = 0; i < 999; i++){
            // allocate and discard
            MemoryUsage m = new MemoryUsage(i);
            if (i % 100 == 0){ System.gc(); }
        }
    }
}
```

Value vs. Object

- A value is a data element without identity that cannot change state.
- An **object is an encapsulated** data element with identity, state, and behavior.
- An object can behave like value (or record).
Is it a good idea?
- **Values in Java are of the primitive type byte, short, int, long, float, double, boolean, and char**
- Wrapper classes exists in Java for make the primitive type act as objects

Strings in Java

- Strings in Java are of the class *String*.
- Objects of class *String* behave like values.
- Characteristics of Strings
 - ▷ The notation "fly" instantiates the class String and initialize it with the values "f", "l", and "y".
 - ▷ The class *String* has many different constructors.
 - ▷ Values in a string cannot be modified (use *StringBuffer* instead).
 - ▷ Class *String* redefines the method *equals()* from class Object

Equality

- How to determine if values are equal?

- Reference Equality

 - ▷ Returns whether a and b **points to the same object**.

- Shallow Equality

 - ▷ Returns whether a and b are **structurally similar**.

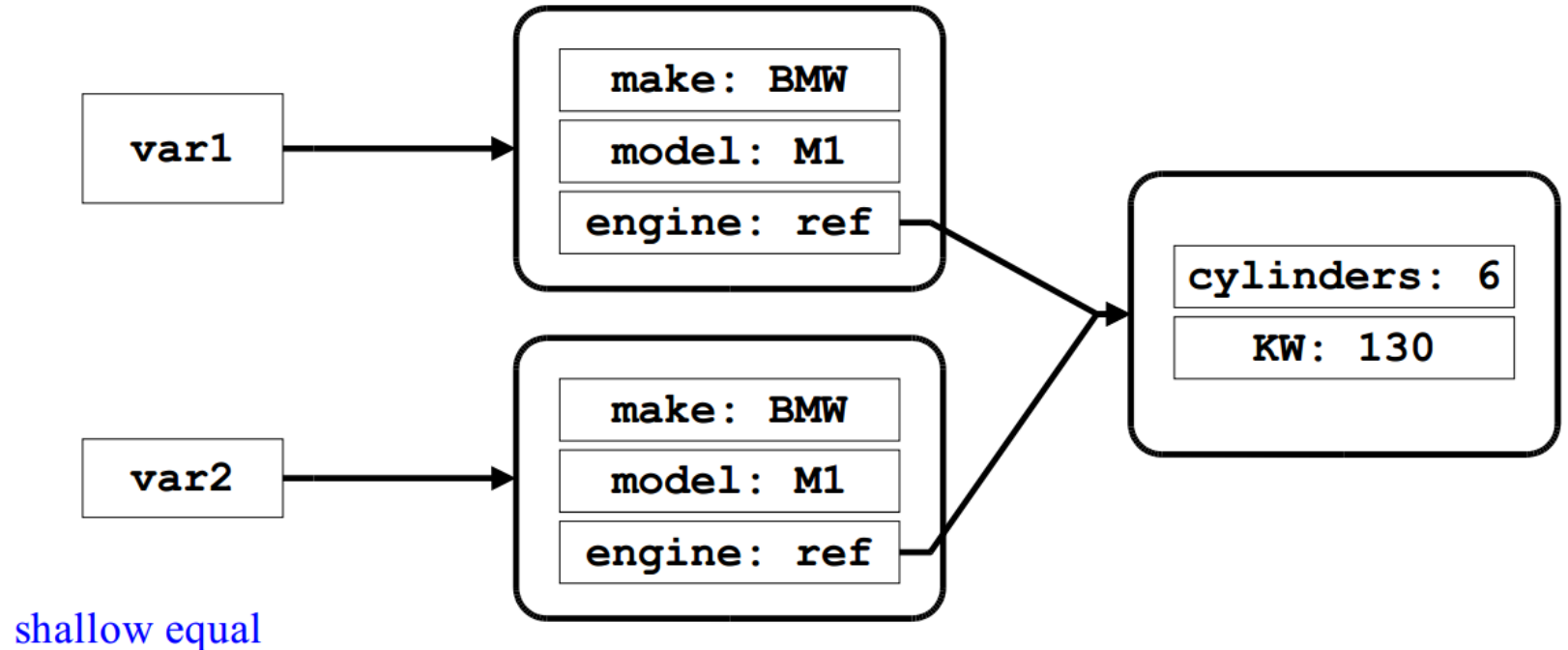
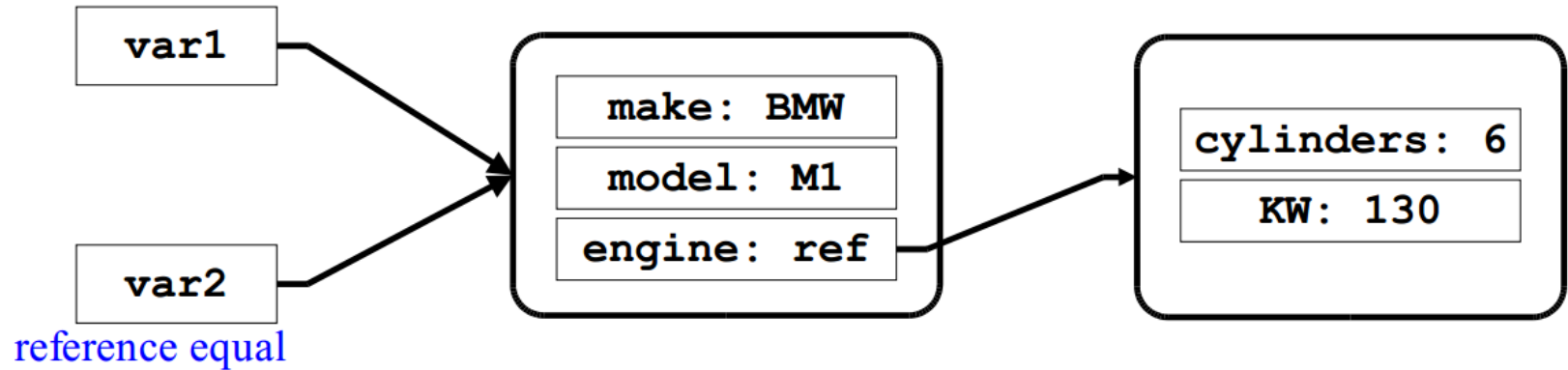
 - ▷ One level of objects are compared.

- Deep Equality

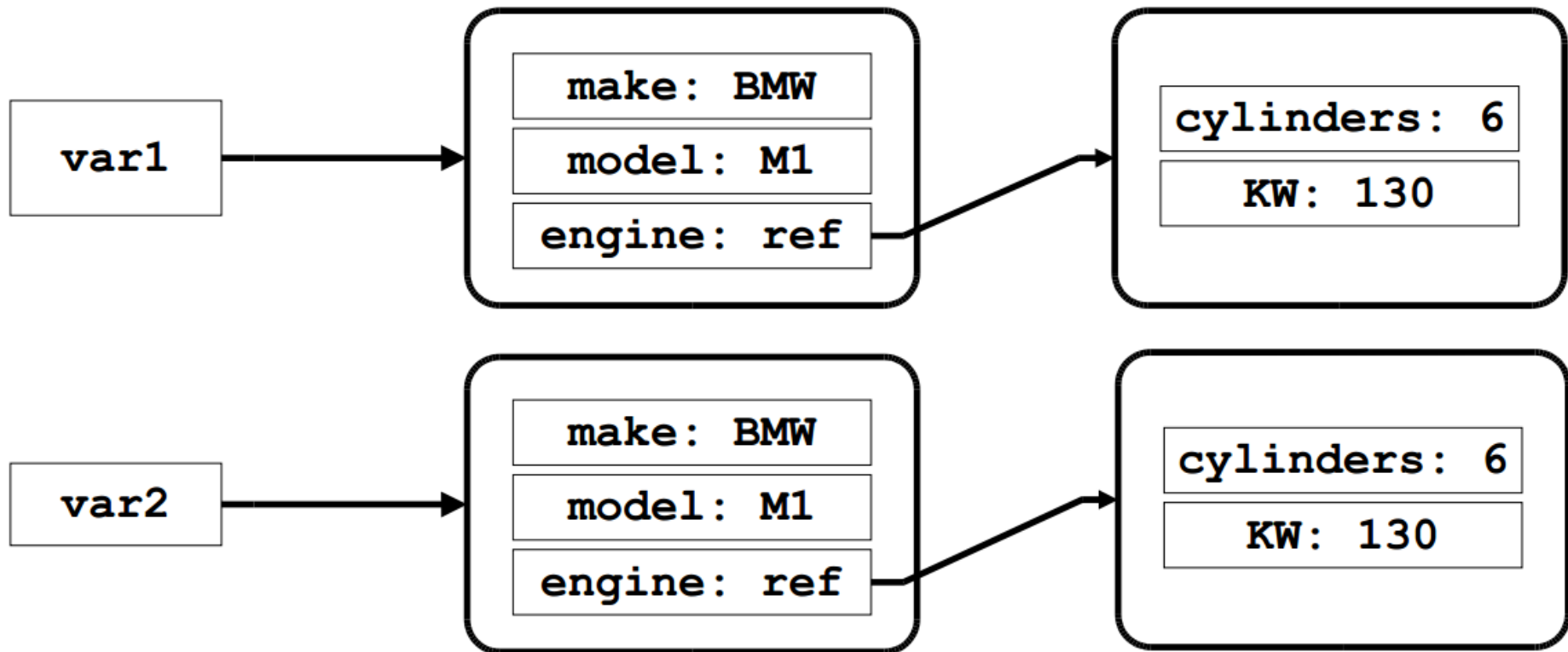
 - ▷ Returns where a and b have object-networks that are structurally similar.

 - ▷ **Multiple level of objects** are compared recursively

Equality Examples



Equality Examples, cont.



Types of Equality in Java

■ ==

- ▷ Equality on **primitive data types**
 - `8 == 7`
 - `'b' == 'c'`
- ▷ Reference equality on **object references**
 - `onePoint == anotherPoint`
- ▷ **Strings** are special
 - `String s1 = "hello"; String s2 = "hello";`
 - `if (s1 == s2){`
 `System.out.println(s1 + " equals" + s2);}`

■ *equals*

- ▷ Method on the class *java.lang.Object*
- ▷ Default works like reference equality.
- ▷ Can be refined in subclass

■ `onePoint.equals(anotherPoint)`

equals example

```
public class Car {
    // snip
    /** Gets the make inst variable(helper function). */
    public String getMake() {
        return make;
    }
    // snip

    /**
     * Implements the equals method
     * @see java.lang.Object#equals(java.lang.Object)
     */
    public boolean equals(Object o) {
        return o instanceof Car // is it a Car object?
            && ((Car) o).getMake() == this.make
            && ((Car) o).getModel() == this.model
            && ((Car) o).getPrice() == this.price;
        // relies on "short circuiting"
    }
}
```

Summary

- Overview Essential OOP Java Principles
- Instance variables, Strings, ...
- Methods, Overloading
- Initialization
- Garbage collection
- Equality
- Working with Classes & Objects

Today's Practical

■ Programming Exercises (Book):

- ▷ 9.1 to 9.4,
- ▷ 10.1 to 10.5
- ▷ (Only code not UML)

■ Upload single .zip file containing all your java files (only java files).

- ▷ www.zjnu.xyz
- ▷ zip file name should be your student number, e.g., 29392929.zip

■ Remember to comment your code, name/student number at the top of files.

■ Separate file for each exercise

- ▷ ch9_1.java, ch9_2.java, ...

■ Example contents of your submission:

File: 23902390.zip

- ▷ ch9_1.java
- ▷ ch9_2.java
- ▷ ...

This Week

- Read Chapters 8, 9, 10
- Review Slides
- Work through Java Exercises
- Complete Quizzes
 - ▷ Online (www.zjnu.xyz)
 - ▷ Contribute to your final mark and help prepare you for the final exam

Questions/Discussion