Chapter 4 Introduction to object-oriented programming

OBJECTS AND CLASSES

1 Introduction

Introduce object-oriented programming, which you can use to develop GUI and large-scale software systems.

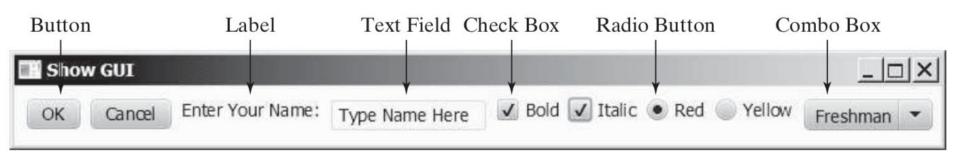


FIGURE 9.1 The GUI objects are created from classes.

- Object-oriented programming (OOP) involves programming using objects.
- An object represents an entity in the real world, e.g., student, a desk, a circle, a button, ...
- An object has a unique identity, state, and behavior.
 - The state of an object (also known as its properties or attributes) is represented by data fields with their current values.
 - A circle object, for example, has a data field radius, which is the property that characterizes a circle.
 - The behavior of an object (also known as its actions) is defined by methods. To invoke a method on an object is to ask the object to perform an action.
 - You may define methods named getArea() and getPerimeter() for circle objects.
 - A circle object may invoke getArea() to return its area and getPerimeter() to return its perimeter.

- Objects of the same type are defined using a common class.
- A class is a template that defines what an object's data fields and methods will be.
- An object is an instance of a class.

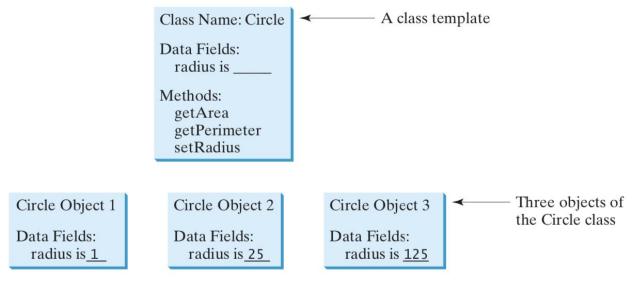


FIGURE 9.2 A class is a template for creating objects.

Circle UML Class Diagram Class name Data fields radius: double Constructors and Circle() methods Circle(newRadius: double) getArea(): double getPerimeter(): double setRadius(newRadius: double): void UML notation circle1: Circle circle2: Circle circle3: Circle for objects radius = 1radius = 25radius = 125

FIGURE 9.4 Classes and objects can be represented using UML notation.

```
class Circle {
 /** The radius of this circle */
 Data field
 /** Construct a circle object */—
 Circle() {
                                                Constructors
 /** Construct a circle object */
 Circle(double newRadius) {
   radius = newRadius;
 /** Return the area of this circle */
 double getArea() {
   return radius * radius * Math.PI:
 /** Return the perimeter of this circle */
 double getPerimeter() {
                                               - Method
   return 2 * radius * Math.PI:
 /** Set new radius for this circle */
 double setRadius(double newRadius) {
   radius = newRadius;
```

FIGURE 9.3 A class is a construct that defines objects of the same type.

3 Constructing Objects Using Constructors

Constructors are a special kind of method. Constructors play the role of initializing objects.

- A constructor must have the same name as the class itself.
- Constructors do not have a return type—not even *void*.
- Constructors are invoked using the *new* operator when an object is created.

```
class Circle {
   /** The radius of this circle */
   double radius = 1;

   /** Construct a circle object */
   Circle() {
   }

   /** Construct a circle object */
   Circle(double newRadius) {
     radius = newRadius;
   }

Constructors
```

- A class is a programmer-defined type. A class is a reference type.
- Objects are accessed via their reference variables

Circle myCircle = new Circle();

The variable myCircle holds a reference to a Circle object.

Accessing an Object's Data and Methods

After an object is created, its data can be accessed and its methods can be invoked using the dot operator (.)

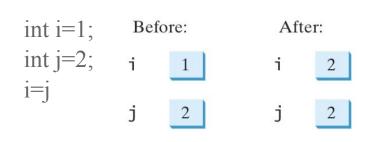
- objectRefVar.dataField references a data field in the object.
- objectRefVar.method(arguments) invokes a method on the object.

```
Circle myCircle = new Circle();
myCircle.radius
myCircle.getArea()
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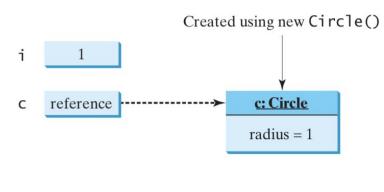
Differences between Variables of Primitive Types and Reference Types

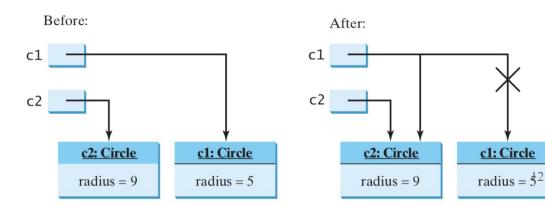
- Every variable represents a memory location that holds a value.
- When you declare a variable, you are telling the compiler what data type of variable.
- When you assign one variable to another,
 - o For a variable of a primitive type, the real value of one variable is assigned to the other variable.
 - For a variable of a reference type, the reference of one variable is assigned to the other variable.

int i=1; Circle c = new Circle(1);



Circle c1 = new Circle(5); Circle c2 = new Circle(9); c1=c2;





5 Using Classes from the Java Library

The Java API contains a rich set of classes for developing Java programs.

- The Date Class
- The Random Class
- The Point2D Class
- ..

5 Using Classes from the Java Library

The Date Class

```
java.util.Date date = new java.util.Date();
System.out.println(date.toString());
```

```
java.util.Date

+Date()
+Date(elapseTime: long)

+toString(): String
+getTime(): long

+setTime(elapseTime: long): void
```

Constructs a Date object for the current time.

Constructs a Date object for a given time in milliseconds elapsed since January 1, 1970, GMT.

Returns a string representing the date and time.

Returns the number of milliseconds since January 1, 1970, GMT.

Sets a new elapse time in the object.

FIGURE 9.10 A Date object represents a specific date and time.

5 Using Classes from the Java Library

The Random Class

```
Random random1 = new Random(3);

System.out.print("From random1: ");

for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)

System.out.print(random1.nextInt(1000) + " ");
```

java.util.Random

```
+Random()
+Random(seed: long)
+nextInt(): int
+nextInt(n: int): int
+nextLong(): long
+nextDouble(): double
+nextFloat(): float
+nextBoolean(): boolean
```

Constructs a Random object with the current time as its seed.

Constructs a Random object with a specified seed.

Returns a random int value.

Returns a random int value between 0 and n (excluding n).

Returns a random long value.

Returns a random double value between 0.0 and 1.0 (excluding 1.0).

Returns a random float value between 0.0F and 1.0F (excluding 1.0F).

Returns a random boolean value.

6 Static Variables, Constants, and Methods

• The data field *radius* in the circle class is known as an instance variable. An instance variable is tied to a specific instance of the class.

```
Circle circle1 = new Circle();
Circle circle2 = new Circle(5);
Radius of circle1 is independent of radius of circle2.
```

- If you want all the instances of a class to share data, use *static variables*, also known as *class variables*.
- Static methods can be called without creating an instance of the class.

6 Static Variables, Constants, and Methods

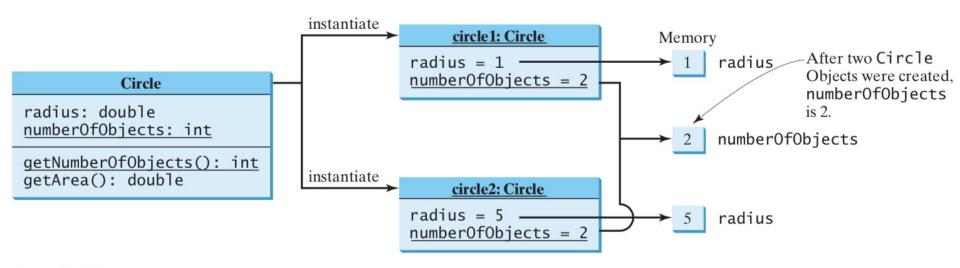
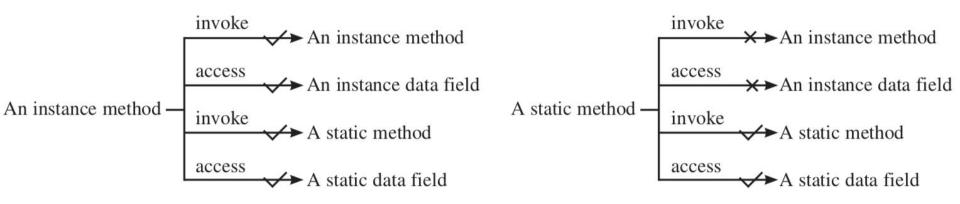


FIGURE 9.13 Instance variables belong to the instances and have memory storage independent of one another. Static variables are shared by all the instances of the same class.

6 Static Variables, Constants, and Methods

Use ClassName.methodName(arguments) to invoke a static method and ClassName.staticVariable to access a static variable.



```
LISTING 9.7 TestCircleWithStaticMembers.java
    6 Static Variables,
                                                           public class TestCircleWithStaticMembers {
    Constants, and Methods
                                                             /** Main method */
                                                             public static void main(String[] args) {
LISTING 9.6 CircleWithStaticMembers.java
                                                                System.out.println("Before creating objects");
                                                               System.out.println("The number of Circle objects is " +
  public class CircleWithStaticMembers {
                                                                  CircleWithStaticMembers.numberOfObjects);
     /** The radius of the circle */
     double radius;
                                                               // Create cl
                                                               CircleWithStaticMembers c1 = new CircleWithStaticMembers();
     /** The number of objects created */
                                                        10
     static int numberOfObjects = 0;
                                                        11
                                                               // Display c1 BEFORE c2 is created
                                                        12
                                                               System.out.println("\nAfter creating c1");
     /** Construct a circle with radius 1 */
                                                                System.out.println("cl: radius (" + cl.radius +
     CircleWithStaticMembers() {
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                                                                  ") and number of Circle objects (" +
                                                        14
10
       radius = 1;
11
       numberOfObjects++;
                                                        15
                                                                 c1.numberOfObjects + ")");
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                                                               // Create c2
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     /** Construct a circle with a specified radius */
                                                        18
                                                               CircleWithStaticMembers c2 = new CircleWithStaticMembers(5);
15
     CircleWithStaticMembers(double newRadius) {
                                                        19
       radius = newRadius;
16
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                                                               // Modify c1
17
       numberOfObjects++;
                                                        21
                                                                c1.radius = 9;
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                                                               // Display c1 and c2 AFTER c2 was created
     /** Return numberOfObjects */
20
                                                        24
                                                               System.out.println("\nAfter creating c2 and modifying c1");
     static int getNumberOfObjects() {
21
                                                        25
                                                                System.out.println("cl: radius (" + cl.radius +
       return numberOfObjects;
                                                                  ") and number of Circle objects (" +
                                                        26
23
                                                                  c1.numberOfObjects + ")");
                                                        27
24
                                                               System.out.println("c2: radius (" + c2.radius +
                                                        28
25
     /** Return the area of this circle */
                                                                  ") and number of Circle objects (" +
                                                        29
     double getArea() {
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                                                                  c2.numberOfObjects + ")");
27
       return radius * radius * Math.PI:
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```

7 Visibility Modifiers

Visibility modifiers can be used to specify the visibility of a class and its members.

- public: accessible to any other classes
- no visibility modifier: accessible to any class in the same package
- private: accessible only from within its own class

```
package p1;

public class C1 {
   public int x;
   int y;
   private int z;

public void m1() {
   }
   void m2() {
   }
   private void m3() {
   }
}
```

```
package p1;

public class C2 {
  void aMethod() {
    C1 o = new C1();
    can access o.x;
    can access o.y;
    cannot access o.z;

    can invoke o.m1();
    can invoke o.m2();
    cannot invoke o.m3();
  }
}
```

```
package p2;

public class C3 {
   void aMethod() {
    C1 o = new C1();
    can access o.x;
    cannot access o.y;
    cannot access o.z;

   can invoke o.m1();
   cannot invoke o.m2();
   cannot invoke o.m3();
  }
}
```

FIGURE 9.14 The private modifier restricts access to its defining class, the default modifier restricts access to a package, and the public modifier enables unrestricted access.

7 Visibility Modifiers

If a class is not defined as public, it can be accessed only within the same package.

```
package p1;
class C1 {
    ...
}
```

```
package p1;

public class C2 {
   can access C1
}
```

```
package p2;

public class C3 {
   cannot access C1;
   can access C2;
}
```

FIGURE 9.15 A nonpublic class has package-access.

8 Data Field Encapsulation

- Making data fields private protects data and makes the class easy to maintain.
- If a client often needs to retrieve and modify a data field
 - o provide a getter method (or accessor) to return its value.
 - o provide a setter method (or mutator) to set a new value.

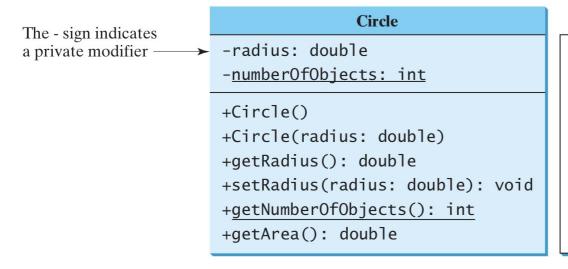
getter method

```
public returnType getPropertyName()
If the returnType is boolean:
    public boolean isPropertyName()
```

setter method

public void setPropertyName(dataType propertyValue)

8 Data Field Encapsulation



The radius of this circle (default: 1.0).

The number of circle objects created.

Constructs a default circle object.

Constructs a circle object with the specified radius.

Returns the radius of this circle.

Sets a new radius for this circle.

Returns the number of circle objects created.

Returns the area of this circle.

FIGURE 9.17 The Circle class encapsulates circle properties and provides getter/setter and other methods.

9 Passing Objects to Methods

Passing an object to a method is to pass the reference of the object.

LISTING 9.10 TestPassObject.java

```
public class TestPassObject {
     /** Main method */
      public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Create a Circle object with radius 1
        CircleWithPrivateDataFields myCircle =
          new CircleWithPrivateDataFields(1);
        // Print areas for radius 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
        int n = 5;
        printAreas(myCircle, n);
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        // See myCircle.radius and times
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        System.out.println("\n" + "Radius is " + myCircle.getRadius());
        System.out.println("n is " + n);
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      /** Print a table of areas for radius */
18
      public static void printAreas(
          CircleWithPrivateDataFields c, int times) {
19
20
        System.out.println("Radius \t\tArea");
        while (times >= 1) {
21
22
          System.out.println(c.getRadius() + "\t\t" + c.getArea());
          c.setRadius(c.getRadius() + 1);
23
24
          times--:
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                                                                    24
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```

10 Array of Objects

An array can hold objects as well as primitive type values.

```
Circle[] circleArray = new Circle[10];
for (int i = 0; i < circleArray.length; <math>i++) {
     circleArray[i] = new Circle();
                                               circleArray[0]
                                                                       ➤ Circle object 0
           circleArray reference
                                               circleArray[1]
                                                                         Circle object 1
                                              circleArray[9]
                                                                         Circle object 9
```

FIGURE 9.19 In an array of objects, an element of the array contains a reference to an object.

11 Immutable Objects and Classes

- You can define immutable classes to create immutable objects.
- The contents of immutable objects cannot be changed once the objects has been created.

```
public class Student {
      private int id;
      private String name;
      private java.util.Date dateCreated;
      public Student(int ssn, String newName) {
        id = ssn;
        name = newName;
        dateCreated = new java.util.Date();
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      public int getId() {
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13
        return id;
14
15
16
      public String getName() {
17
        return name;
18
19
20
      public java.util.Date getDateCreated() {
21
        return dateCreated;
22
                                              26
```

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12 The Scope of Variables

- The scope of instance and static variables is the entire class, regardless of where the variables are declared.
- The exception is when a data field is initialized based on a reference to another data field.

```
public class Circle {
  public double findArea() {
    return radius * radius * Math.PI;
  }

private double radius = 1;
}
```

```
public class F {
  private int i ;
  private int j = i + 1;
}
```

- (a) The variable **radius** and method **findArea()** can be declared in any order.
- (b) i has to be declared before j because j's initial value is dependent on i.

FIGURE 9.20 Members of a class can be declared in any order, with one exception.

13 The this Reference

- The keyword *this* refers to the object itself.
- It can also be used inside a constructor to invoke another constructor of the same class.

```
public class Circle {
  private double radius;
  . . .
  public double getArea() {
  return this.radius * this.radius * Math.PI;
  public String toString() {
    return "radius: " + this.radius
       + "area: " + this.getArea();
```

Equivalent

```
public class Circle {
  private double radius;
  . . .
  public double getArea() {
    return radius * radius * Math.PI;
  public String toString() {
    return "radius: " + radius
       + "area: " + getArea();
```

OBJECT-ORIENTED THINKING

1 Introduction

1 Introduction

- This chapter shows how procedural and object-oriented programming differ.
- You see the benefits of object-oriented programming and learn to use it effectively.

2 Class Abstraction and Encapsulation

- Class contract: the collection of methods and fields that are accessible from outside the class
- Class abstraction: separates class implementation from how the class is used.
 - The user of the class use the class through the contract of the class and does not need to know how the class is implemented.
- Class encapsulation
 - The details of implementation are encapsulated and hidden from the user.

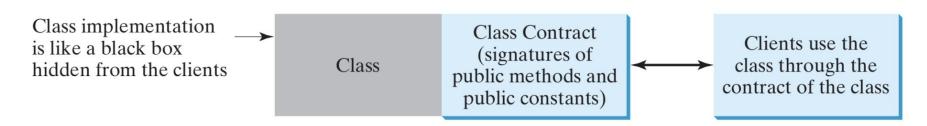


FIGURE 10.1 Class abstraction separates class implementation from the use of the class.

2 Class Abstraction and Encapsulation

Loan

```
-annualInterestRate: double
-numberOfYears: int
-loanAmount: double
-loanDate: java.util.Date
+Loan()
+Loan(annualInterestRate: double,
  numberOfYears: int,loanAmount:
   double)
+getAnnualInterestRate(): double
+getNumberOfYears(): int
+getLoanAmount(): double
+getLoanDate(): java.util.Date
+setAnnualInterestRate(
  annualInterestRate: double): void
+setNumberOfYears(
  numberOfYears: int): void
+setLoanAmount(
   loanAmount: double): void
+getMonthlyPayment(): double
+getTotalPayment(): double
```

The annual interest rate of the loan (default: 2.5).

The number of years for the loan (default: 1).

The loan amount (default: 1000).

The date this loan was created.

Constructs a default Loan object.

Constructs a loan with specified interest rate, years, and loan amount.

Returns the annual interest rate of this loan.

Returns the number of the years of this loan.

Returns the amount of this loan.

Returns the date of the creation of this loan.

Sets a new annual interest rate for this loan.

Sets a new number of years for this loan.

Sets a new amount for this loan.

Returns the monthly payment for this loan.

Returns the total payment for this loan.

2 Clas

```
public class TestLoanClass {
 /** Main method */
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   // Create a Scanner
   Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
   // Enter yearly interest rate
   System.out.print(
      "Enter annual interest rate, for example, 8.25: ");
   double annualInterestRate = input.nextDouble();
   // Enter number of years
   System.out.print("Enter number of years as an integer: ");
   int numberOfYears = input.nextInt();
   // Enter loan amount
   System.out.print("Enter loan amount, for example, 120000.95: ");
   double loanAmount = input.nextDouble();
   // Create Loan object
   Loan loan =
      new Loan(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount);
    // Display loan date, monthly payment, and total payment
    System.out.printf("The loan was created on %s\n" +
      "The monthly payment is %.2f\nThe total payment is %.2f\n",
      loan.getLoanDate().toString(), loan.getMonthlyPayment(),
      loan.getTotalPayment());
```

3 Thinking in Objects

- The procedural paradigm focuses on designing methods.
- The object-oriented paradigm couples data and methods together into objects.
- Software design using the object-oriented paradigm focuses on objects and operations on objects.

4 Class Relationships

To design classes, you need to explore the relationships among classes.

The common relationships among classes are association, aggregation, composition, and inheritance.

4.1 Association

Association is a general binary relationship that describes an activity between two classes.



FIGURE 10.4 This UML diagram shows that a student may take any number of courses, a faculty member may teach at most three courses, a course may have from five to sixty students, and a course is taught by only one faculty member.

4.1 Association

Association is a general binary relationship that describes an activity between two classes.



```
public class Student {
  private Course[]
    courseList;

public void addCourse(
    Course s) { ... }
}
```

```
public class Course {
  private Student[]
    classList;
  private Faculty faculty;

public void addStudent(
    Student s) { ... }

public void setFaculty(
    Faculty faculty) { ... }
}
```

```
public class Faculty {
  private Course[]
    courseList;

public void addCourse(
    Course c) { ... }
}
```

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4.2 Aggregation and Composition

- Aggregation is a special form of association that represents an ownership relationship between two objects.
- Aggregation models has-a relationships.
- If an object is exclusively owned by an aggregating object, the relationship between the object and its aggregating object is referred to as a composition.

4.2 Aggregation and Composition

- "a student has a name" is a composition relationship between the Student class and the Name class
- "a student has an address" is an aggregation relationship between the Student class and the Address class, since an address can be shared by several students.

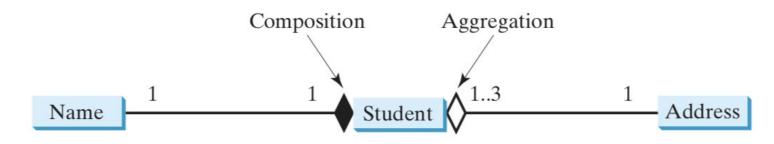
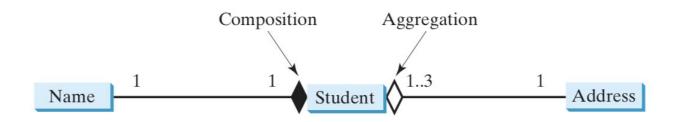


FIGURE 10.6 Each student has a name and an address.

4.2 Aggregation and Composition



```
public class Name {
    ...
}

public class Student {
    private Name name;
    private Address address;
}

...
}
public class Address {
    ...
}
```

Aggregated class

Aggregating class

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4.2 Aggregation and Composition

Aggregation may exist between objects of the same class.

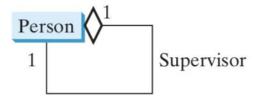


FIGURE 10.8 A person may have a supervisor.

```
public class Person {
   // The type for the data is the class itself
   private Person supervisor;
   ...
}
```

4.2 Aggregation and Composition

Aggregation may exist between objects of the same class.

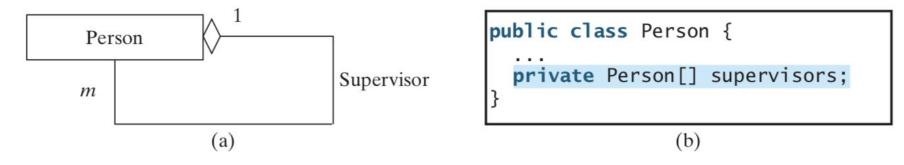


FIGURE 10.9 A person can have several supervisors.

5 Processing Primitive Data Type Values as Objects

- A primitive type value is not an object, but it can be wrapped in an object using a wrapper class in the Java API.
 - Primitive type: boolean, character, double, float, byte, short, integer, long
 - Wrapper class: Boolean, Character, Double, Float, Byte, Short, Integer, Long

5 Processing Primitive Data Type Values as Objects

java.lang.Integer	java.lang.Double
-value: int	-value: double
+MAX_VALUE: int	+MAX_VALUE: double
+MIN_VALUE: int	+MIN_VALUE: double
+Integer(value: int)	+Double(value: double)
+Integer(s: String)	+Double(s: String)
<pre>+byteValue(): byte</pre>	+byteValue(): byte
+shortValue(): short	+shortValue(): short
<pre>+intValue(): int</pre>	+intValue(): int
+longValue(): long	+longValue(): long
+floatValue(): float	+floatValue(): float
+doubleValue(): double	+doubleValue(): double
<pre>+compareTo(o: Integer): int</pre>	+compareTo(o: Double): int
<pre>+toString(): String</pre>	<pre>+toString(): String</pre>
+valueOf(s: String): Integer	<pre>+valueOf(s: String): Double</pre>
+valueOf(s: String, radix: int): Integer	<pre>+valueOf(s: String, radix: int): Double</pre>
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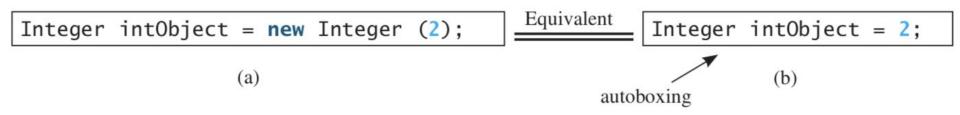
FIGURE 10.14 The wrapper classes provide constructors, constants, and conversion methods for manipulating various data types.

5 Processing Primitive Data Type Values as Objects

```
System.out.println("The maximum integer is " + Integer.MAX VALUE);
new Double(12.4).intValue() returns 12;
new Double(12.4).compareTo(new Double(12.3)) returns 1;
new Double(12.3).compareTo(new Double(12.3)) returns 0;
new Double(12.3).compareTo(new Double(12.51)) returns -1;
Double doubleObject = Double.valueOf("12.4");
Integer.parseInt("11", 2) returns 3;
Integer.parseInt("12", 8) returns 10;
Integer.parseInt("13", 10) returns 13;
Integer.parseInt("1A", 16) returns 26;
```

6 Automatic Conversion between Primitive Types and Wrapper Class Types

- A primitive type value can be automatically converted to an object using a wrapper class (boxing) and vice versa, depending on the context.
- The reverse conversion is called unboxing.



7 The BigInteger and BigDecimal Classes

- If you need to compute with very large integers or high-precision floating-point values, you can use the BigInteger and BigDecimal classes in the java.math package.
- An instance of BigInteger can represent an integer of any size.

```
BigInteger a = new BigInteger("9223372036854775807");
BigInteger b = new BigInteger("2");
BigInteger c = a.multiply(b); // 9223372036854775807 * 2
System.out.println(c);
BigDecimal a = new BigDecimal(1.0);
BigDecimal b = new BigDecimal(3);
BigDecimal c = a.divide(b, 20, BigDecimal.ROUND_UP);
System.out.println(c);
```

- Constructing a String
 String message = new String("Welcome to Java");
- A String object is immutable: Its content cannot be changed once the string is created.
 String s = "Java";
 s = "HTML";

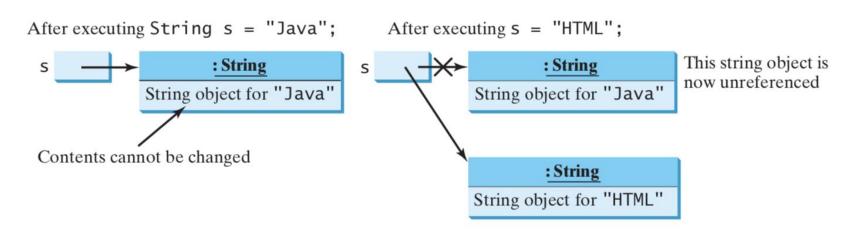
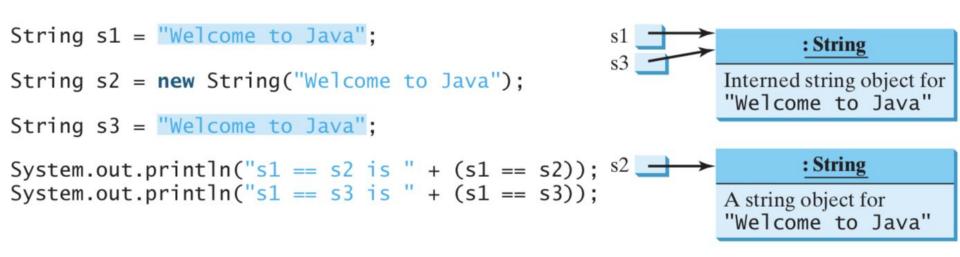


FIGURE 10.15 Strings are immutable; once created, their contents cannot be changed.

Interned string

JVM uses a unique instance for string literals with the same character sequence in order to improve efficiency and save memory.



Replacing and Splitting Strings

- "Welcome".replace('e', 'A') returns a new string, WAlcomA.
- "Welcome".replaceFirst("e", "AB") returns a new string, WABlcome.
- "Welcome".replace("e", "AB") returns a new string, WABlcomAB.
- "Welcome".replace("el", "AB") returns a new string, WABcome.

java.lang.String

- +replace(oldChar: char,
 newChar: char): String
 +replaceFirst(oldString: String,
 newString: String): String
- +replaceAll(oldString: String, newString: String): String
- +split(delimiter: String):
 String[]

Returns a new string that replaces all matching characters in this string with the new character.

Returns a new string that replaces the first matching substring in this string with the new substring.

Returns a new string that replaces all matching substrings in this string with the new substring.

Returns an array of strings consisting of the substrings split by the delimiter.

Matching, Replacing and Splitting by Patterns

- A regular expression (abbreviated regex) is a string that describes a pattern for matching a set of strings.
- You can match, replace, or split a string by specifying a pattern.

Matching, Replacing and Splitting by Patterns

• "Java.*": It describes a string pattern that begins with Java followed by any zero or more characters

```
"Java is fun".matches("Java.*")

"Java is cool".matches("Java.*")

"Java is powerful".matches("Java.*")
```

- \\d represents a single digit, and \\d $\{3\}$ represents three digits "440-02-4534".matches("\\d $\{3\}$ -\\d $\{2\}$ -\\d $\{4\}$ ")
- returns a new string that replaces \$, +, or # in a+b\$#c with the string NNN String s = "a+b\$#c".replaceAll("[\$+#]", "NNN"); System.out.println(s);

Matching, Replacing and Splitting by Patterns

• Split the string into an array of strings delimited by punctuation marks

```
String[] tokens = "Java,C?C#,C++".split("[.,:;?]");
for (int i = 0; i < tokens.length; i++)
System.out.println(tokens[i]);
```

Converting Characters and Numeric Values to Strings

String.valueOf(5.44) return "5.44"

java.lang.String

```
+valueOf(c: char): String
+valueOf(data: char[]): String
+valueOf(d: double): String
+valueOf(f: float): String
+valueOf(i: int): String
+valueOf(l: long): String
```

+valueOf(b: boolean): String

Returns a string consisting of the character c.

Returns a string consisting of the characters in the array.

Returns a string representing the double value.

Returns a string representing the float value.

Returns a string representing the int value.

Returns a string representing the long value.

Returns a string representing the boolean value.

FIGURE 10.17 The **String** class contains the static methods for creating strings from primitive type values.

Formatting Strings

String.format(format, item1, item2, ..., itemk)

This method is similar to the *printf* method except that the *format* method returns a formatted string, whereas the printf method displays a formatted string.

String s = String.format("%7.2f%6d%-4s", 45.556, 14, "AB"); System.out.println(s);

□ 45.56 □ □ 14AB □

- The StringBuilder and StringBuffer classes are similar to the String class except that the String class is immutable.
- The StringBuilder class is similar to StringBuffer except that the methods for modifying the buffer in StringBuffer are synchronized, which means that only one task is allowed to execute the methods.
- The constructors and methods in StringBuffer and StringBuilder are almost the same.

java.lang.StringBuilder

+StringBuilder()

+StringBuilder(capacity: int)

+StringBuilder(s: String)

Constructs an empty string builder with capacity 16.

Constructs a string builder with the specified capacity.

Constructs a string builder with the specified string.

FIGURE 10.18 The StringBuilder class contains the constructors for creating instances of StringBuilder.

Modifying Strings in the StringBuilder

java.lang.StringBuilder +append(data: char[]): StringBuilder +append(data: char[], offset: int, len: int): StringBuilder +append(v: aPrimitiveType): StringBuilder +append(s: String): StringBuilder +delete(startIndex: int, endIndex: int): StringBuilder +deleteCharAt(index: int): StringBuilder +insert(index: int, data: char[], offset: int, len: int): StringBuilder +insert(offset: int, data: char[]): StringBuilder +insert(offset: int, b: aPrimitiveType): StringBuilder +insert(offset: int, s: String): StringBuilder +replace(startIndex: int, endIndex: int, s: String): StringBuilder +reverse(): StringBuilder +setCharAt(index: int, ch: char): void

Appends a char array into this string builder.

Appends a subarray in data into this string builder.

Appends a primitive type value as a string to this builder.

Appends a string to this string builder.

Deletes characters from startIndex to endIndex-1.

Deletes a character at the specified index.

Inserts a subarray of the data in the array into the builder at the specified index.

Inserts data into this builder at the position offset.

Inserts a value converted to a string into this builder.

Inserts a string into this builder at the position offset.

Replaces the characters in this builder from startIndex to endIndex-1 with the specified string.

Reverses the characters in the builder.

Sets a new character at the specified index in this builder.

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```
StringBuilder stringBuilder = new StringBuilder();
stringBuilder.append("Welcome");
stringBuilder.append(' ');
stringBuilder.append("to");
stringBuilder.append(' ');
stringBuilder.append("Java"); // Welcome to Java
stringBuilder.insert(11, "HTML and "); // Welcome to HTML and Java
stringBuilder.delete(8, 11) changes the builder to Welcome Java.
stringBuilder.deleteCharAt(8) changes the builder to Welcome o Java.
stringBuilder.reverse() changes the builder to avaJ ot emocleW.
stringBuilder.replace(11, 15, "HTML") changes the builder to Welcome to HTML.
stringBuilder.setCharAt(0, 'w') sets the builder to welcome to Java.
```

The toString, capacity, length, setLength, and charAt Methods

java.lang.StringBuilder +toString(): String +capacity(): int +charAt(index: int): char +length(): int +setLength(newLength: int): void +substring(startIndex: int): String +substring(startIndex: int, endIndex: int): String +trimToSize(): void

Returns a string object from the string builder.

Returns the capacity of this string builder.

Returns the character at the specified index.

Returns the number of characters in this builder.

Sets a new length in this builder.

Returns a substring starting at startIndex.

Returns a substring from startIndex to endIndex-1.

Reduces the storage size used for the string builder.

FIGURE 10.20 The StringBuilder class contains the methods for modifying string builders.