

Introduction to Java programming

Lecture 5: Classes and Objects

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Agenda de la semaine (INF311)

- Maintenant, **Amphi 5**: programmation objet (OO)
- Cet apres-midi: **TD3** (fonctions et recursion)
- Mercredi 28 Mai (**8h-12h15**) : **TD4** (tableaux et chaines)



So far...: Executive summary

- **Lecture 1**: Variable, Expression, Assignment
- **Lecture 2**: Loops (`for` `while` `do`)
Conditional structures (`if` `else` `switch`)
Boolean predicate and connectors (`||` `&&`)
Loop escape `break`
- **Lecture 3**: functions (`static`) and recursion (terminal or not)
- **Lecture 4**: Objects

2 Juin: Revisions generales pour la pale machine



Indenting source code (.java)

- Increase code readability
- Avoid mistyping bugs (matching `{ }`)

Source code formatter, pretty printer, beautifier

Different conventions are possible (but choose one)
Implemented more or less in Software (S/W) Nedit, Jcreator, Jindent, etc...



Indenting source code (.java)

<http://java.sun.com/docs/codeconv/>

```
if (condition) {
    statements;
}

if (condition) {
    statements;
} else {
    statements;
}

if (condition) {
    statements;
} else if (condition) {
    statements;
} else {
    statements;
}
```

Examples for if else conditions



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Indenting source code (.java)

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {
    statements;
}

while (condition) {
    statements;
}

do {
    statements;
} while (condition);
```

<http://java.sun.com/docs/codeconv/>



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Indenting source code (.java)

- Bytecode size and indentation:
Does not change fundamentally
- Bytecode is not human readable

Demo Indent.java:
notepad
Jcreator

& produced bytecode Indent.class
open bytecode



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Indenting source code (.java)

Sometimes in Java code (Internet), comments include commands for generating automatically documentation by other tools:
... Like **javadoc** (paradigm literate programming, etc.)

La classe TC se trouve a:

<http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/informatique/profs/Julien.Cervelle/TC/>

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| | Change l'entrée des méthodes lire pour que la lecture se fasse à partir d'une chaîne |
| static double | lireDouble() lecture d'un double sur l'entrée |
| static void | lireFichier (java.lang.String fileName) Change l'entrée des méthodes lire pour que la lecture se fasse à partir d'un fichier |
| static int | lireInt() lecture d'un int sur l'entrée |
| static java.lang.String | lireLigne() lecture d'une ligne sur l'entrée |

Class TC

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/javadoc/>



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Functions in Java

- Static functions that returns a `type` (eventually `void`)
- Functions are called inside the `main` procedure (or in other function body)
- Displaying and calling function are different (be not confused with SciLab or Maple)
`System.out.println(function());`
- Java is a compiled OO language , not an interpreter



Functions: void/display

Java cannot cast void type into a String, so the compiler javac generates an error. (type checking)

```
class Functions
{
    static void PascalTriangle(int depth)
    { //...
        return ;
    }

    public static void main(String[] toto)
    {
        System.out.println(PascalTriangle(5));
    }
}
```

'void' type not allowed here



Functions: void/display

Java is **not an interpreter** like SciLab or Maple

**Functions are called within a block of instructions...
... not in the console!!!!**

```
class Functions
{
    static double f(double x)
    { return x; }

    static void main(String[] args)
    { }
}
```

```
C:\J2>f(3)
'f' n'est pas reconnu en tant que commande interne
ou externe, un programme exécutable ou un fichier de commandes.
```



Variables: static or not...

Static variables are declared in the **class body**

```
class Toto
{
    static int count1, count2;
    ...
}
```

Otherwise non-static variables (usual) are declared in **function bodies** (main, etc.)

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{ double x; int i; }
```

- Variables are kept in memory in their function scope { ... }
- Static variables are kept in memory and can be shared by several functions...



```
class Functions
```

```
{
    static int count1, count2;

    static void f1(){count1++;}
    static void f2(){count2++;}

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        count1=0;
        count2=0;

        for(int i=0;i<1000;i++)
        {
            double rand=Math.random();
            if (rand<0.5)
            {f1();}
            else
            {f2();}
        }
        System.out.println("count1:"+count1);
        System.out.println("count2:"+count2);
    }
}
```

static or not...

```
class BadSwap
```

```
{
    static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
    {
        int tmp;

        tmp=arg1;
        arg1=arg2;
        arg2=tmp;
    }

    public static void main(String[] toto)
    {
        int a=3;
        int b=2;

        System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
        swap(a,b);
        System.out.println("After the swap...");
        System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
    }
}
```

Java is pass by value

...and arrays and objects are pass by reference

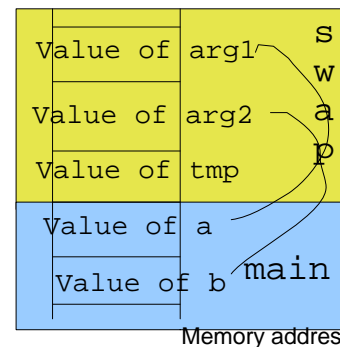
Managing memory & functions

When calling a function *f*, the current function (main) indicates
.....where to write the **value** of the result

To obtain the result, function *f* uses a **local memory**

In that local memory, **values** of arguments are available

```
//current function body {}
int a=3,b=2;
swap(a,b)
```



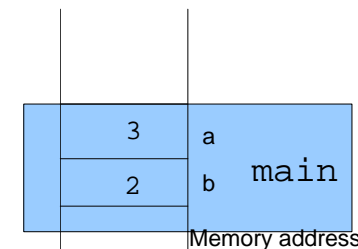
1. Create memory for local variables of function main
2. Assign values for a and b

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp;

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
{
```

```
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```

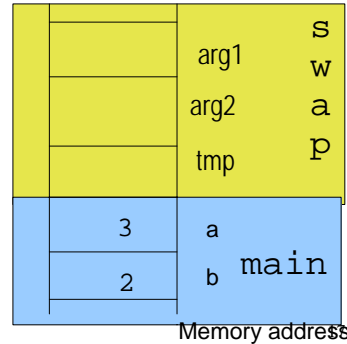


3. create local space for function swap

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp;

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}

public static void main(String[] toto)
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```

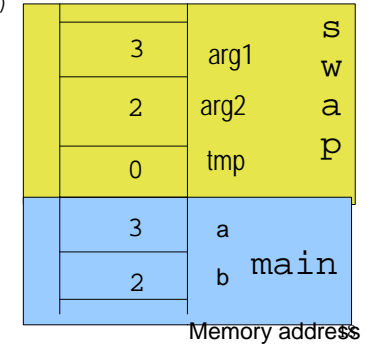


4. evaluate expression for getting values of arg1 and arg2 swap(a,b) becomes swap(3,2)

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp; // 0 is default value

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}

public static void main(String[] toto)
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```

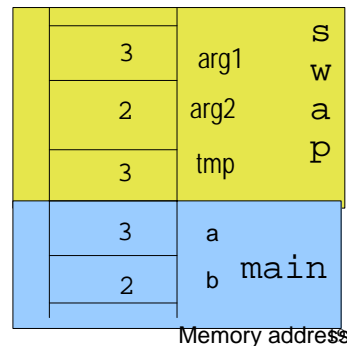


5. Execute instruction tmp=arg1

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp; // 0 is default value

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}

public static void main(String[] toto)
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```

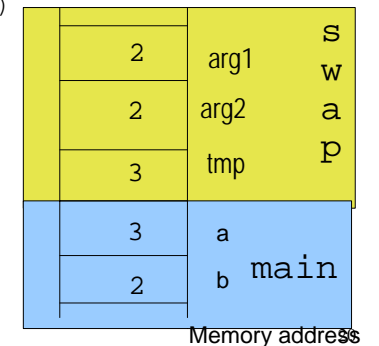


6. Execute instruction arg1=arg2

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp; // 0 is default value

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}

public static void main(String[] toto)
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```



7. Execute the sequence of instructions in the swap block

Notice that here the swapped has been performed

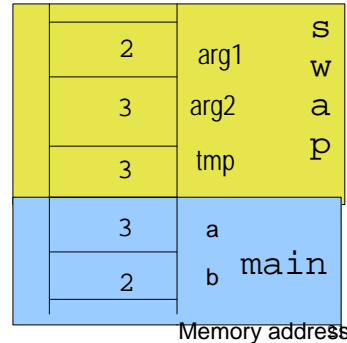
```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{
    int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```



5. Execute the sequence of instructions in the swap block

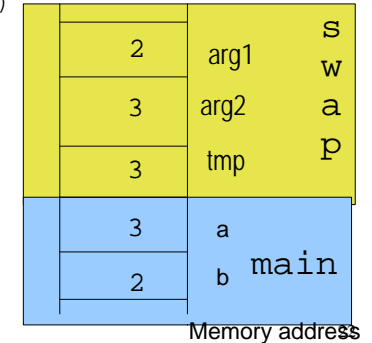
```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{
    int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```



8. Return result of function swap (here void!!!)

9. Release memory allocated for swap

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

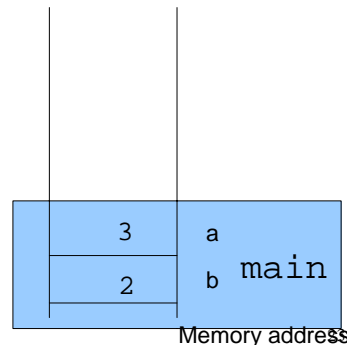
```
{
    int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp; // we omitted return ;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```

**Variables a and b
have kept their original values**



Memory for static variables

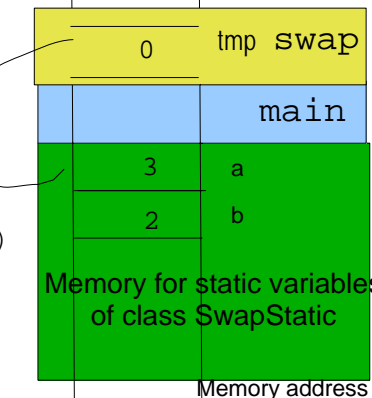
```
class SwapStatic
```

```
{
    static int a,b;
```

```
    static void swap()
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{
    a=3;
    b=2;
    swap();
}
```



```

class SwapStatic
{
    static int a,b;

    static void swap()
    {
        int tmp;// ok not to be static

        tmp=a;
        a=b;
        b=tmp;
    }

    public static void main(String[] toto)
    {
        a=3;
        b=2;

        System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
        swap();
        System.out.println("After the swap...");
        System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
    }
}

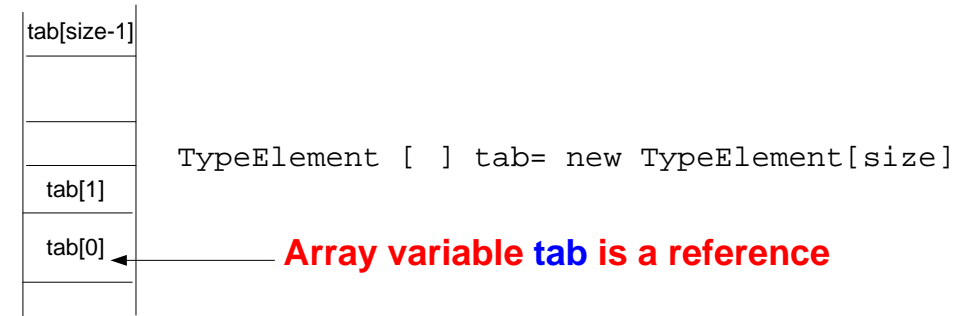
```

By passing using static

Memory for arrays and pass by reference

Arrays are allocated a continuous memory location for storing TYPE elements

The value of the array variable is a reference to the beginning of the array



Memory for arrays (heap)

Memory management using new

Type [] tab=new Type[Expression];

- Evaluate Expression to get an **integer value**.
- Arrays are stored not in the local function memory, but rather in the **global program memory**:
heap, tas en francais
- A cell (array element) in the heap (program memory) is accessible by any function which has as a local (non-static) variable a reference to the array.

```

class ArrayReference
{
    public static void swap(int [] t, int i, int j)
    {
        int tmp;
        tmp=t[i];
        t[i]=t[j];
        t[j]=tmp;
    }

    public static void Display(int [] tab){... »

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        //int [] array=new int[10];
        int [] array={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
        Display(array);
        swap(array,1,2);
        Display(array);
    }
}

```

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

Memory management using new

```
class BuildArray{  
    // Return a reference to an array  
    public static int [] BuildArray(int size, int defaultval)  
    {  
        int [] result=new int[size];  
        for(int i=0;i<size;i++) result[i]=defaultval;  
        return result;  
    }  
  
    public static void Zero(int[] tab, int pos)  
    {  
        tab[pos]=0;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String [] argarray)  
    {  
        int v []=BuildArray(10,4);  
        Display(v);  
        Zero(v,2);  
        Display(v);  
    }  
}
```

```
4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4  
4 4 0 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
```



Today...

Lecture 5: Classes and Objects

Synopsis of this lecture

- Objects and records (fields, *enregistrements*)
- Object constructors
- Class type variables: References
- Functions on objects: Methods
- Array of objects
- Examples



Why do we need objects?

Encapsulate functions/data acting on a same domain

For example, the `String` type

Allows one to work on **complex entities**: **Data structures**

For examples:

- Dates are triplets of numbers (MM/DD/YYYY)
- 2D point with co-ordinates (x,y)
- Student: Lastname, Firstname, Group, etc.

These are called **object records** (fields)



Java is an oriented-object (OO) programming language



Declaring classes and objects

- Choose record/field names (enregistrement)
- Define a type of each record
- Similar to variables but without keyword `static`
- Class is then a **new type** with name...
... the class name



Toy example

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;
}
```

Fields (champs/enregistrements) are also called **object variables**
Do not have the leading keyword `static`

Let day be a variable of type `Date` then

`day.dd` `day.mm` `day.yyyy`

are variables of type `int`



Toy example

```
public class Student
{
    String Lastname;
    String Firstname;
    int Company;
    double [ ] Marks;
    ...
}
```

Class `Student` encapsulates data attached to a student identity.



Constructors

To use an object, we first need to **build** it

We construct an object using the instruction `new`

But first, we need to define a **constructor** for the class
A constructor is a **method** (non-static function) ...
...bearing the class' name

This method does not return a result but assigns...
...values to the object's field

Use `this.field` to access field of the object



Constructors

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;
    // Constructor
    public Date(int day, int month, int year)
    {this.dd=day;
    this.mm=month;
    this.yyyy=year;}
}
```

Create an object of type Date

```
Date day=new Date(23,12,1971);
```

Public class YYYY stored in YYYY.java

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;

    public Date(int day, int month, int year)
    {
        this.dd=day;
        this.mm=month;
        this.yyyy=year;
    }
}
```

Filename: Date.java

```
class TestDate{
    public static void main(String args)
    {
        Date day=new Date(23,12,1971);
    }
}
```

Filename: TestDate.java

Constructors

- Possibly several constructors (with different signatures)
- Best, to define a single one with all fields initialized
- Keyword `this` means the currently built object
(*not compulsory* to write it explicitly but recommended)

```
public Date(int day, int month, int year)
{dd=day;
  this.mm=month;
  yyyy=year;
}
```

- If no constructor is built, the system uses the by-default one
(not recommended)

```
Date day=new Date();// see poly pp. 59-61
day.yyyy=1971;
```

The `null` object

- This object is common to all classes
- Not possible to assign its fields
- Nor retrieve values of its fields, either
(exception `NullPointerException` raised)
- Used for initializing a variable of type object:
`Student stud=null;`
- It is often recommender to check if an object is null or not:

```
if( stud!=null) stud.company=2;
```

Functions/methods on objects

Objects can be parameters of functions

```
static TypeF F(Object1 obj1, ..., ObjectN objN)
```

Functions may return an object as a result:

```
static boolean isBefore (Date d1, Date d2)
static Date readDate()
```

Example

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;

    public static final String[ ] months={
        "January", "February", "March", "April", "May",
        "June", "July", "August", "September", "October",
        "November", "December"
    };

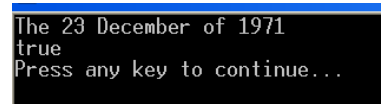
    // Constructor
    public Date(int day, int month, int year)
    {
        this.dd=day;
        this.mm=month;
        this.yyyy=year;
    }
}
```

```
class TestDate{
    static void Display(Date d){
        System.out.println("The "+d.dd+"
        "+Date.months[d.mm-1]+" of "+d.yyyy);
    }

    static boolean isBefore(Date d1, Date d2)
    {
        boolean result=true;
        if (d1.yyyy>d2.yyyy) result=false;
        if (d1.yyyy==d2.yyyy && d1.mm>d2.mm) result=false;
        if (d1.yyyy==d2.yyyy && d1.mm==d2.mm && d1.dd>d2.dd)
            result=false;
        return result;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Date day1=new Date(23,12,1971);
        Display(day1);
        Date day2=new Date(23,6,1980);
        System.out.println(isBefore(day1,day2));
    }
}
```

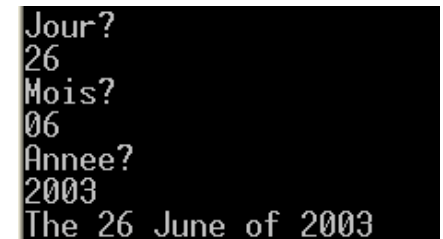
Example



```
class TestDate{
    ...

    static Date lireDate()
    {
        int jj, mm, aaaa;
        System.out.println("Jour?");
        jj=TC.lireInt();
        System.out.println("Mois?");
        mm=TC.lireInt();
        System.out.println("Annee?");
        aaaa=TC.lireInt();
        Date day=new Date(jj,mm,aaaa);
        return day;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Display(lireDate());
    }
}
```



Variable of Type Object: Reference

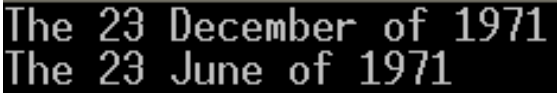
A variable of type Object is a **reference** on that object

It stores the memory address of this referenced object

Thus when we write:

```
Date day1=new Date(23,12,1971);
Date day2=day1;
```

```
Display(day2);
day2.mm=6;
Display(day1);
```



The date d1 is not copied, only the reference of...
...d1 is assigned to d2

Copying objects...

To copy (clone) an object to another we need to do it fieldwise

```
// Two Scenarii:
// day2 has already been created...
day2.dd=day1.dd;
day2.mm=day1.mm;
day2.yyyy=day1.yyyy;

// day2 object has not yet been created...
static Date Copy(date day1)
{
    Date newdate=new Date (day1.dd,day1.mm,day1.yyyy);
    return newdate;
}
...
Date d2=Copy(d1);
```

Comparing two objects...

Do not use == for object equality

To compare objects, use a **tailored predicate**:

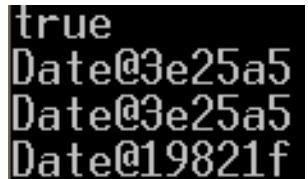
```
static boolean isEqual(Date d1, Date d2)
{
    return (d1.dd == d2.dd &&
            d1.mm == d2.mm &
            d1.yyyy== d2.yyyy);
}
```

Comparing two objects...

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    Date day1=new Date(23,12,1971);
    Date day2=day1; // beware not copying here.
    Just memory reference
    Date day3=new Date(23,12,1971);

    System.out.println(isEqual(day1,day3));

    System.out.println(day1);
    System.out.println(day2);
    System.out.println(day3);
}
```



Physical (memory) versus logical equality

Array of objects

- Since classes defines new types...
... we can create **array of objects**

- To build an array of objects: new nameT[sizearray]

```
Date [ ] tabDates=new Date[31];
```

- When an array of object is built, the elements Date[i] are all initialized to the null object.



Example

```
public class XEvent
{
    Date when;
    String what;

    public XEvent(Date d, String text)
    {
        this.when=d;
        this.what=text;
    }
}
```

Filename XEvent.java

```
public class Date
{
    ...
    void Display()
    {
        System.out.println(dd+" "+months[mm-1]+" "+yyyy);
    }
    ...
}
```

Filename Date.java



```
public class TestXEvent
{
    public static void Display(XEvent e)
    {
        System.out.print(e.what+": ");
        e.when.Display();
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Date d1=new Date(26,6,2008);
        XEvent e1=new XEvent(d1,"Birthday Julien");

        Display(e1);

        XEvent [] tabEvent=new XEvent[5];
        tabEvent[0]=e1;
    }
}
```



```
public class TestXEvent
{public static void Display(XEvent e)
{    System.out.print(e.what+": ");
    e.when.Display();    }

    public static boolean older(XEvent e1, XEvent e2)
    {return Date.isBefore(e1.when,e2.when);}

    public static XEvent oldest(XEvent[] tab)
    {
        XEvent result=tab[0];
        for(int i=1;i<tab.length;++i)
            if (older(tab[i],result)) result=tab[i];
        return result;
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Date d1=new Date(26,6,2003);
        XEvent e1=new XEvent(d1,"Birthday Julien");
        Date d2=new Date(20,11,2000);
        XEvent e2=new XEvent(d2,"Birthday Audrey");
        Date d3=new Date(23,6,1971);
        XEvent e3=new XEvent(d3,"Birthday Me");
        Display(e1);
        XEvent [] tabEvent=new XEvent[3];
        tabEvent[0]=e1;tabEvent[1]=e2;tabEvent[2]=e3;
        System.out.print("Oldest person::");Display(oldest(tabEvent));
    }
}
```

Birthday Julien: 26 June 2003
Oldest person::Birthday Me: 23 June 1971
Press any key to continue...



Objects with array members

Fields of objects may be arrays themselves

```
always built with new Type[sizearray]
// sizearray might be an expression, i.e., 3*n+2
```

It is not necessary at compile time to know statically...
.... the array sizes

```
class Polynome{
    int degree;
    double [ ] coefficients;
};
```

Strings: Basic objects in Java

- A string of character is **an object** with type **String**
- A variable of type String is a **reference** on that object:

```
String school= "Ecole Polytechnique";
String vars=school;
```

- Once built, a string object **cannot** be modified
- Beware: use only for moderate length strings, otherwise use the **class StringBuffer**

Class String: Some methods

A method is a function or procedure on an object class

Method Length(): gives the number of characters

```
String s= 'anticonstitutionnellement';
System.out.println(s.length());
```

Method equals():

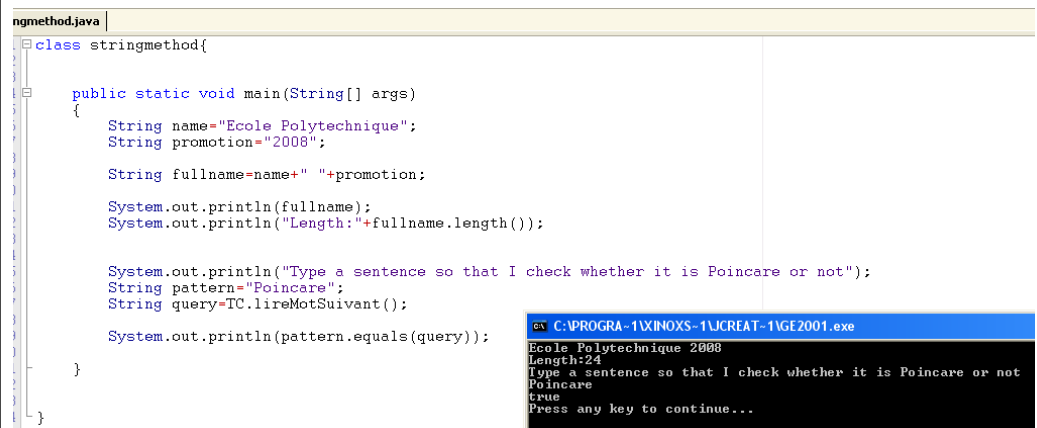
s1.equals(s2): Predicate that returns true **if and only if** the two strings s1 and s2 are made of the same sequence of characters.

```
String s1='Poincare';
String s2=TC.lireMotSuivant();
System.out.println(s1.equals(s2));
```

Beware: s1==s2 is different!

It compares the **reference** of the strings.
(Physical versus logical equality test)

Class String in action...



```
ngmethod.java
class stringmethod{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String name="Ecole Polytechnique";
        String promotion="2008";

        String fullname=name+" "+promotion;

        System.out.println(fullname);
        System.out.println("Length:"+fullname.length());

        System.out.println("Type a sentence so that I check whether it is Poincare or not");
        String pattern="Poincare";
        String query=TC.lireMotSuivant();

        System.out.println(pattern.equals(query));
    }
}
```

Output in console window:

```
C:\PROGRA-1\XINXS-1\CREAT-1\GE2001.exe
Ecole Polytechnique 2008
Length:24
Type a sentence so that I check whether it is Poincare or not
Poincare
true
Press any key to continue...
```

Class String: More methods

Method `charAt()`:

`s.charAt(i)` gives the character at the (i+1)th position in string `s`.

```
String s= '3.14159265';
System.out.println(s.charAt(1));
```



Method `compareTo()`:

`u.compareTo(v)` compares lexicographically the strings `u` with `v`.

```
String u='lien', v='lit', w='litterie';
System.out.println(u.compareTo(v));
System.out.println(v.compareTo(w));
```

From Javadoc...

| | |
|-----|--|
| | Compares this String to another Object. |
| int | <code>compareTo(String anotherString)</code> |
| | Compares two strings lexicographically. |

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.2/docs/api/java/lang/String.html>



Lexicographic total order on strings

- If there is a position `k` at which strings differ:

```
this.charAt(k)-anotherString.charAt(k):
String s1="Marin",s2="Martin"; // -11 from i to t
int index=3; // meaning 4th pos
System.out.println(s1.compareTo(s2));
System.out.println(s1.charAt(index)-s2.charAt(index));
```

- else the difference of string lengths:

```
this.length()-anotherString.length():
String s3="Bien",s4="Bienvenue";
System.out.println(s3.compareTo(s4));
System.out.println(s3.length()-s4.length());
```



Class String: More methods

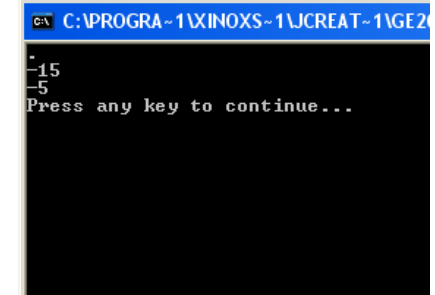
id2.java

ss stringmethod2

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    String s="3.141559";

    System.out.println(s.charAt(1));

    String u="lien", v="lit", w="litterie";
    System.out.println(u.compareTo(v));
    System.out.println(v.compareTo(w));
}
```



Demystifying the main function

```
class ClassName
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

Function main has an array of string of characters as arguments
These strings are stored in args[0], args[1], ...
... when calling java main s0 s1 s2 s3

Use Integer.parseInt() to convert a string into an integer

```
D:\J>javac main.java
D:\J>java main a small test to parse as a command line
0:a
1:small
2:test
3:to
4:parse
5:as
6:a
7:command
8:line
D:\J>
```



Parsing arguments in the main function

```
parsingarg.java
1 class parsingarg{
2
3
4
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7
8         String first=args[0];
9
10        for(int i=1; i<args.length;i++)
11            if (first.compareTo(args[i])>0)
12                first=args[i];
13
14        System.out.println("Lexicographically maximum string is:"+first);
15    }
16
17 }
```

```
D:\J>java parsingarg lit lien litterie
Lexicographically maximum string is:lien
D:\J>
```



Parsing arguments in the main function

```
parsingarg2.java
1 class parsingarg2{
2
3
4
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7
8         int first=0;
9
10        for(int i=1; i<args.length;i++)
11            if (Integer.parseInt(args[first])>Integer.parseInt(args[i]))
12                first=i;
13
14        System.out.println("Location of minimum argument:"+first);
15    }
16
17 }
```

```
D:\J>javac parsingarg2.java
D:\J>java parsingarg2 9 4 6 2 6 4 1 3 5 4 6
Location of minimum argument:6
D:\J>
```



```
class Point
{
    int x,y;
    Point(int xx, int yy){x=xx;y=yy;}

    public void Display()
    {System.out.println("(" +x+", "+y+")");}
    // end of class Point
}
```

```
class Skeleton
{
    // Static class variables
    static int nbpoint=0;
    static double x;
    static boolean [] prime;

    static int f1(int p){return p/2;}
    static int f2(int p){return 2*p;}

    public static void main(String [] argArray)
    {
```

```
        System.out.println(f2(f1(3))+ " versus (!=) "+f1(f2(3)));
        Point p,q;
        p=new Point(2,1); nbpoint++;
        q=new Point(3,4); nbpoint++;
        p.Display();q.Display();
    }
```



More evolved Java
program skeleton...

2 versus (!=) 3
(2,1)
(3,4)