

CS61B Lecture #13: Packages, Access, Loose E

- Modularization facilities in Java.
- Importing
- Nested classes.
- Using overridden method.
- Parent constructors.
- Type testing.

Package Mechanics

- Classes correspond to things being modeled (represented) program.
- Packages are collections of "related" classes and other packages.
- Java puts standard libraries and packages in package `java` and subpackages.
- By default, a class resides in the *anonymous package*.
- To put it elsewhere, use a package declaration at start of file.

`package database;` or `package ucb.util;`

- Oracle's `javac` uses convention that class `C` in package `P1.P2` resides in subdirectory `P1/P2` of any other directory in the *class path*.
- Unix example:

```
$ export CLASSPATH=.:$HOME/java-utils:$MASTERDIR/lib/classes
$ java junit.textui.TestRunner MyTests
```

Searches for `TestRunner.class` in `./junit/textui`, `~/java-utils`, and finally looks for `junit/textui/TestRunner.class` in the `jar` file (which is a single file that is a special compressed archive of the entire directory of files).

Access Modifiers

- Access modifiers (**private**, **public**, **protected**) do not add to the power of Java.
- Basically allow a programmer to declare which classes are supposed to need to access ("know about") what declarations.
- In Java, are also part of security—prevent programmers from accessing things that would "break" the runtime system.
- Accessibility always determined by static types.
 - To determine correctness of writing `x.f()`, look at the declaration of `f` in the *static type* of `x`.
 - Why the static type? Because the rules are supposed to be enforced by the compiler, which only knows static types of variables (static types don't depend on what happens at execution time).

The Access Rules: Public

- Accessibility of a member depends on (1) how the member's qualification is qualified and (2) where it is being accessed.
- C1, C2, C3, and C4 are distinct classes.
- Class C2a is either class C2 itself or a subtype of C2.

```
package P1;
public class C1 ... {
    // M is a method, field,...
    public int M ...
    void h(C1 x)
        { ... x.M ... } // OK.
}
```

```
-----
package P1;
public class C4 ... {
    void p(C1 x)
        { ... x.M ... } // OK.
}
```

```
package P2;
class C2 extends C3 {
    void f(P1.C1 x) { ... x.M ...
    void g(C2a y) { ... y.M ...
}
```

Public members are available even

The Access Rules: Private

- `C1`, `C2`, and `C4` are distinct classes.
- Class `C2a` is either class `C2` itself or a subtype of `C2`.

```
package P1;
public class C1 ... {
    // M is a method, field,...
    private int M ...
    void h(C1 x)
        { ... x.M ... } // OK.
}
```

```
-----
package P1;
public class C4 ... {
    void p(C1 x)
        { ... x.M ... } // ERROR.
}
```

```
package P2;
class C2 extends C1 {
    void f(P1.C1 x) { ... x.M ...
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The Access Rules: Protected

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```
package P1;
public class C1 ... {
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    protected int M ...
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}
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```
package P2;
class C2 extends C1 {
    void f(P1.C1 x) { ... x.M ...
        // (x's type is not su
    void g(C2a y) { ... y.M ...
    void g2()      { ... M ... }
}
```

Protected members of `C1` are accessible as for package private. Outside package `P1`, they are accessible within subtypes of `C1` such as `C2`, and can be accessed from expressions whose type is a subtype of `C2`.

What May be Controlled

- Classes and interfaces that are not nested may be public or private (we haven't talked explicitly about nested types yet)
- Members—fields, methods, constructors, and (later) nested may have any of the four access levels.
- May *override* a method only with one that has *at least* as permissive an access level. Reason: avoid inconsistency:

```
package P1;
public class C1 {
    public int f() { ... }
}

public class C2 extends C1 {
    // Actually a compiler error; pretend
    // it's not and see what happens
    int f() { ... }
}
```

```
package P2;
class C3 {
    void g(C2 y2) {
        C1 y1 = y2;
        y2.f(); //
        y1.f(); //
    }
}
```

That is, there's no point in restricting `C2.f`, because access depends on static types, and `C1.f` is public.

Intentions of this Design

- `public` declarations represent *specifications*—what clients of the package are supposed to rely on.
- `package private` declarations are part of the *implementation* of a class that must be known to other classes that assist in the implementation.
- `protected` declarations are part of the implementation that subclasses may need, but that clients of the subtypes generally will not need.
- `private` declarations are part of the implementation of a class that only that class needs.

Quick Quiz

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    }
    protected int y1;
    private int x1;
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Access Control Static Only

"Public" and "private" don't apply to dynamic types; it is possible to call methods in objects of types you can't name:

```
package utils;
/** A Set of things. */
public interface Collector {
    void add(Object x);
}
-----

package utils;
public class Utils {
    public static Collector concat() {
        return new Concatenator();
    }
}

package mystuff;

class User {
    utils.Collector c =
        utils.Utils.concat();

    c.add("foo"); // ...
    ... c.value(); // ...
    ((utils.Concatenator) c).add("bar"); // ...
}
-----

/** NON-PUBLIC class that collects strings. */
class Concatenator implements Collector {
    StringBuffer stuff = new StringBuffer();
    int n = 0;
    public void add(Object x) { stuff.append(x); n += 1; }
    public Object value() { return stuff.toString(); }
}
```

Loose End #1: Importing

- Writing `java.util.List` every time you mean `List` or `java.lang.regex.Pattern` every time you mean `Pattern` is a pain.
- The purpose of the **import** clause at the beginning of a source file is to define abbreviations:
 - `import java.util.List;` means "within this file, you can use `List` as an abbreviation for `java.util.List`."
 - `import java.util.*;` means "within this file, you can use any class name in the package `java.util` without mentioning the package."
- Importing does *not* grant any special access; it *only* allows abbreviation.
- In effect, your program always contains `import java.lang.`

Loose End #2: Static importing

- One can easily get tired of writing `System.out` and `Math.sqrt`. You really need to be reminded with each use that `out` is in the `java.lang.System` package and that `sqrt` is in the `Math` package (duh)?
- Both examples are of *static* members. New feature of Java 5 allows you to abbreviate such references:
 - `import static java.lang.System.out;` means “within this scope you can use `out` as an abbreviation for `System.out`.”
 - `import static java.lang.System.*;` means “within this scope you can use *any* static member name in `System` without mentioning the package.”
- Again, this is *only* an abbreviation. No special access.
- Alas, you can't do this for classes in the anonymous package.

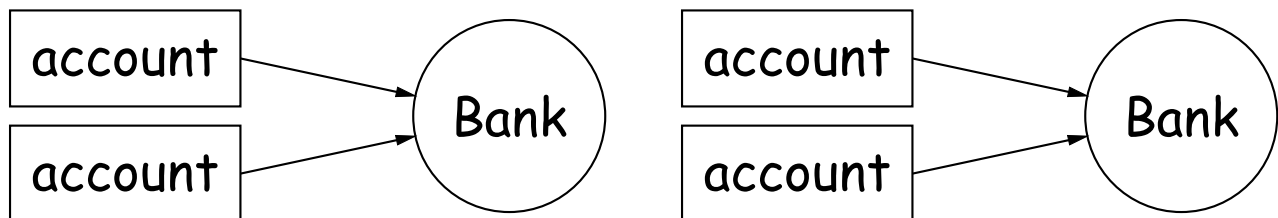
Loose End #3: Nesting Classes

- Sometimes, it makes sense to *nest* one class in another. The class might
 - be used only in the implementation of the other, or
 - be conceptually “subservient” to the other
- Nesting such classes can help avoid name clashes or “pollution of name space” with names that will never be used anywhere else
- Example: Polynomials can be thought of as sequences of Terms aren’t meaningful outside of Polynomials, so you might nest a class to represent a term *inside* the Polynomial class:

```
class Polynomial {  
  
    methods on polynomials  
  
    private Term[] terms;  
    private static class Term {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Inner Classes

- Last slide showed a static nested class. Static nested classes are just like any other, except that they can be private or public and they can see private variables of the enclosing class.
- Non-static nested classes are called *inner classes*.
- Somewhat rare (and syntax is odd); used when each instance of a nested class is created by and naturally associated with an instance of the containing class, like Banks and Accounts:



```
class Bank {  
    private void connectTo(...) {...}  
    public class Account {  
        public void call(int number) {  
            Bank.this.connectTo(...); ...  
        } // Bank.this means "the bank that  
    }    // created me"  
}
```

```
| Bank e = new Bank(...)  
| Bank.Account p0 =  
|     e.new Account(...)  
| Bank.Account p1 =  
|     e.new Account(...)  
|  
|
```

Loose End #4: instanceof

- It is possible to ask about the dynamic type of something:

```
void typeChecker(Reader r) {  
    if (r instanceof TrReader)  
        System.out.print("Translated characters: ");  
    else  
        System.out.print("Characters: ");  
    ...  
}
```

- However, this is seldom what you want to do. Why do this:

```
if (x instanceof StringReader)  
    read from (StringReader) x;  
else if (x instanceof FileReader)  
    read from (FileReader) x;  
...
```

when you can just call `x.read()`?!

- In general, use instance methods rather than **instanceof**.