

CSCI1530 Computer Principles and Java Programming

Tutorial 9 Declaring new classes

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Declare new classes

- For java program, usually one file contains only one class
- Java Rule
 - A public class must be implemented in a file with the same name as the class
 - Advanced: you could define more than one private class in that file

Task on a new class (Example)

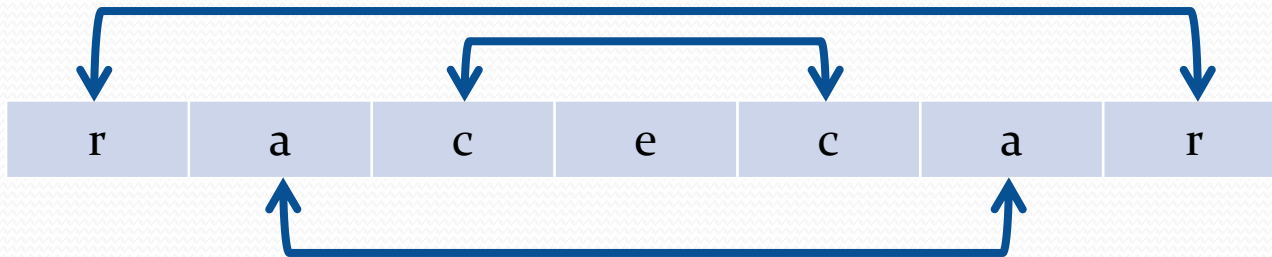
- Declare a class called "Student" and a method to check if the student name is a palindrome

- Palindrome

- The string remains unchanged after reverse

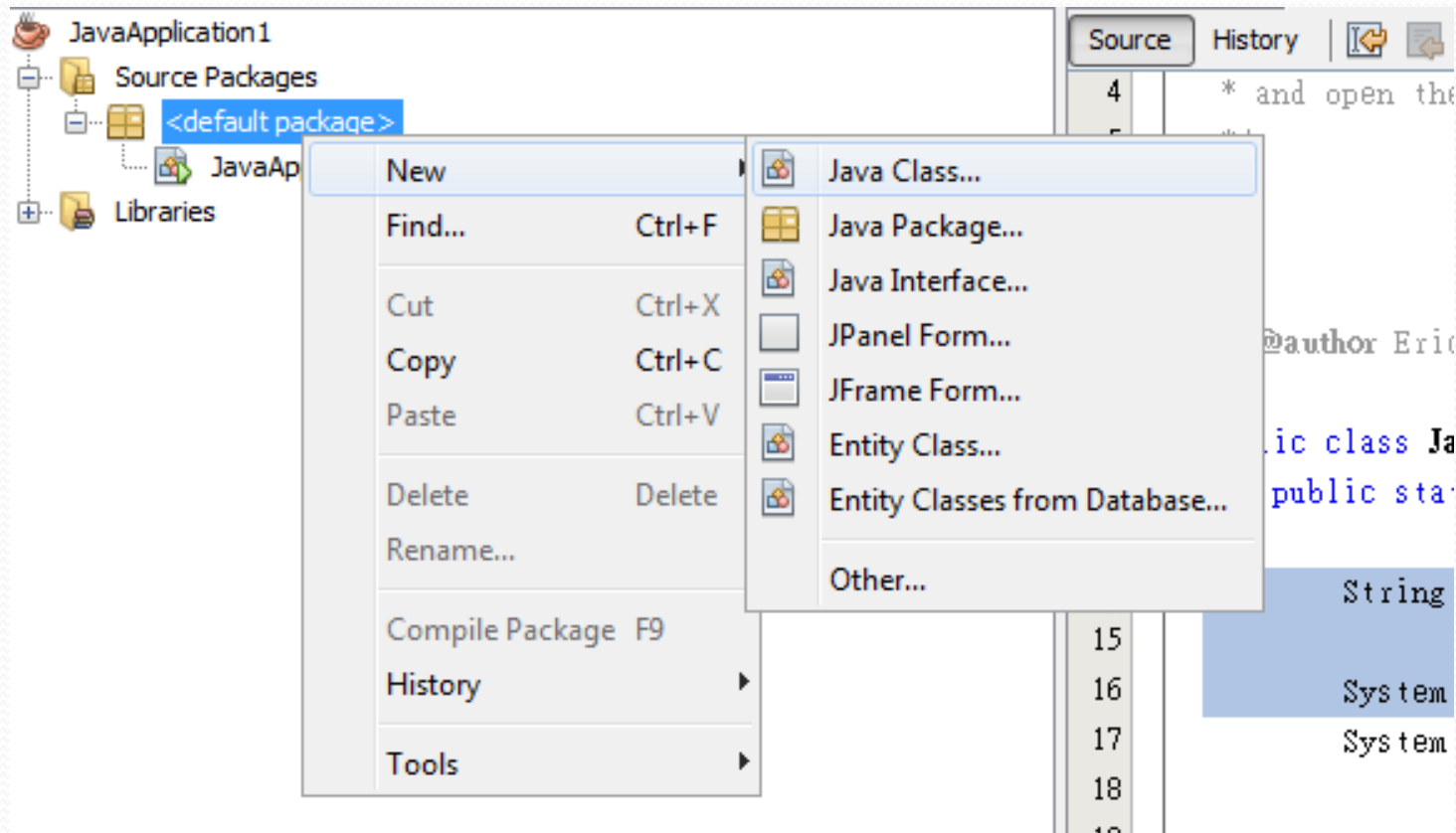
- Example

"racecar"



Declare Student class

- Add a new class in your project



Declare Student class

- Give the class name -> Finish

New Java Class

Steps

1. Choose File Type
2. **Name and Location**

Name and Location

Class Name:

Project:

Location:

Package:

Created File:

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Student example

- Create constructor and method

```
public class Student {  
    private String name;  
    public Student(String s){  
        this.name = s;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public String toString(){  
        return "Student name: "+this.name;  
    }  
  
    public boolean isPalindrome(){  
        for (int i = 0; i < this.name.length()/2; i++) {  
            int lPos = i;  
            int rPos = (this.name.length()-1) - i;  
            if(this.name.charAt(lPos) != this.name.charAt(rPos))  
                return false;  
        }  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

Declaring the field

Reference to current object

String of your object

File: *Student.java*

Test your class

- ```
public static void main(String[] args) {
 Student stu = new Student("alice");
 System.out.println(stu); — Executed stu.toString()
 System.out.println(stu.isPalindrome());

 stu = new Student("otto");
 System.out.println(stu);
 System.out.println(stu.isPalindrome());
}
```

File:Tutorial09.java

```
Student name: alice
false
Student name: otto
true
```



# Class exercise

- Based on student's name, create 2 methods to implement `startsWith()` and `endsWith()`
  - `Student.nameStartsWith()`
  - `Student.nameEndsWith()`
- Use `String.indexOf()` & `String.length()`

# Octopus Class

- A Java program to emulate Octopus card operations
- which can
  - Store card id
  - Add & use card balance
  - Copy the card for backup purpose



# Class skeleton

```
public class Octopus {
```

```
 private String id; // Card id
 private double balance;
```

Fields

```
 public Octopus(String id){...}
```

Constructor

```
 public String toString(){...}
 public Octopus copyCard(){...}
 public void addValue(double value){...}
 public void useValue(double value){...}
```

Methods

```
}
```

Octopus.java

# Constructor method

```
public Octopus(String id){
 this.id = id;
 this.balance = 50.0; // Default with some balance
}
```

- Store card id
- Set initial balance as \$50

# Show card id && balance

```
public String toString(){
 String text = "Card id: "+this.id+"\n";
 text += String.format("Current balance: $%.2f\n", this.balance);
 return text;
}
```

- Add id, balance first
- Then add the transaction in single line

Card id: Tom  
Current balance: \$413.60

Sample output

# Copy the card

```
public Octopus copyCard(){
 // Copy card id
 Octopus newCard = new Octopus(this.id);

 // Copy card balance
 newCard.balance = this.balance;

 return newCard;
}
```

- "new" a Octopus object inside a method

# Add & use card balance

- Update the balance

```
public void addValue(double value){
 this.balance += value;
}
```

```
public void useValue(double value){
 if(value > this.balance){
 System.out.println("Transaction aborted for negative balance.");
 return;
 }

 this.balance -= value;
}
```

# Test an Octopus class

- Unzip and open tuto9\_Octopus.zip in NetBeans
- Run the project/OctopusTest.java



# Q & A

- Tutorial
- Assignment 4
  - import package

In “Animation.java”

```
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.GridLayout;
import javax.swing.JButton;
import javax.swing.JFrame;
import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
```

In “ButtonTracker.java”

```
import static animation.Animation.buttonClicked;
import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
import javax.swing.JButton;
```