# CSE 11 Accelerated Intro to Programming Lecture 9

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## Announcements

- Quiz 9 due Monday @ 8am
- PA3 due Wednesday @ 11:59pm
- Survey 3 due tonight @ 11:59pm
- PA0.5 Resubmission due tonight @ 11:59pm
  - Or see a tutor during lab hours and demo it

# Constructors

• Now that we understand the Stack, we have what we need to understand constructors

```
class Point {
  int x;
                                                                                         ExamplesRegion
  int y;
  Point(int x, int y) {
    this.x = x;
                                                                                          tenFifty
    this.y = y;
class ExamplesRegion {
  Point tenFifty = new Point(10, 50);
```

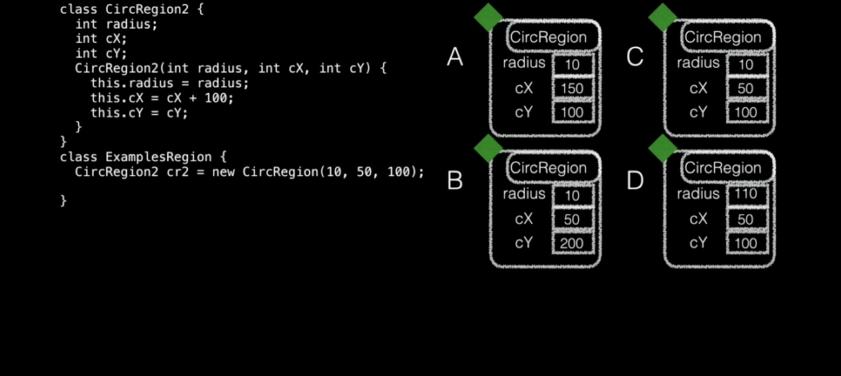
# Constructor Summary

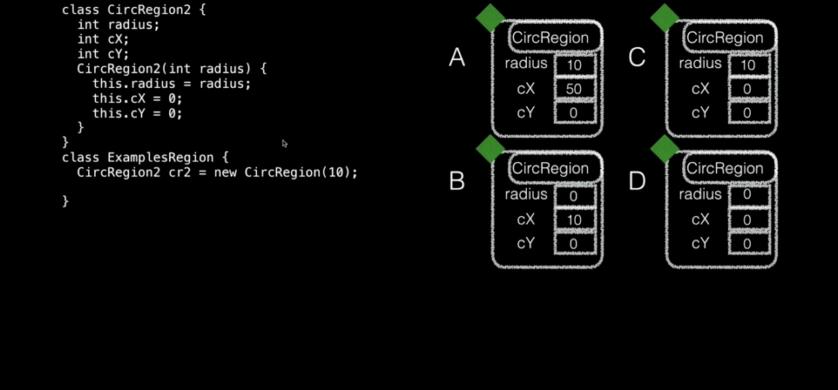
#### Constructors:

- Are special methods, called when **new** is used
- Are passed the newly-constructor object as this, and any arguments
- Typically assign values into fields using this.field = value

#### When new is used:

- A fresh object, with a new reference is created with uninitialized fields
- The constructor with parameters that match the arguments is called
- The whole new expression evaluates to the new reference





### Tester

- import tester.\*;
  - tester.jar java archive
    - Libraries that contain classes that we can use in our own code
      - Tester
- Tester class allows us to create methods to unit test our code
  - Unit testing compare actual values versus expected values
    - t.checkExpect(<actual value>, <expected value>);
  - Goal: get all tests to pass
    - Confidence that your code/solution is correct

# **Local Variables**

- Local variables are defined inside the body of a method
  - They are 'local' to the method in which they are defined in
- Used temporarily while the method is running, then are removed
  - Similar to parameters
  - Added to the stack frame for the method
- No default value
  - Must be assigned a value before it's read from
    - i.e. used as an expression