

Chapter 4

Defining Your Own Classes Part 1



Objectives

After you have read and studied this chapter, you should be able to

- Define a class with multiple methods and data members
- Differentiate the local and instance variables
- Define and use value-returning methods
- Distinguish private and public methods
- Distinguish private and public data members
- Pass both primitive data and objects to a method



Why Programmer-Defined Classes

- Using just the String, GregorianCalendar, JFrame and other standard classes will not meet all of our needs. We need to be able to define our own classes customized for our applications.
- Learning how to define our own classes is the first step toward mastering the skills necessary in building large programs.
- Classes we define ourselves are called **programmer-defined classes**.



First Example: Using the Bicycle Class

```
class BicycleRegistration {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Bicycle bike1, bike2;  
        String owner1, owner2;  
  
        bike1 = new Bicycle( );    //Create and assign values to bike1  
        bike1.setOwnerName("Adam Smith");  
  
        bike2 = new Bicycle( );    //Create and assign values to bike2  
        bike2.setOwnerName("Ben Jones");  
  
        owner1 = bike1.getOwnerName( ); //Output the information  
        owner2 = bike2.getOwnerName( );  
  
        System.out.println(owner1 + " owns a bicycle.");  
        System.out.println(owner2 + " also owns a bicycle.");  
    }  
}
```



The Definition of the Bicycle Class

```
class Bicycle {  
    // Data Member  
    private String ownerName;  
  
    //Constructor: Initializes the data member  
    public Bicycle( ) {  
        ownerName = "Unknown";  
    }  
  
    //Returns the name of this bicycle's owner  
    public String getOwnerName( ) {  
        return ownerName;  
    }  
  
    //Assigns the name of this bicycle's owner  
    public void setOwnerName(String name) {  
        ownerName = name;  
    }  
}
```

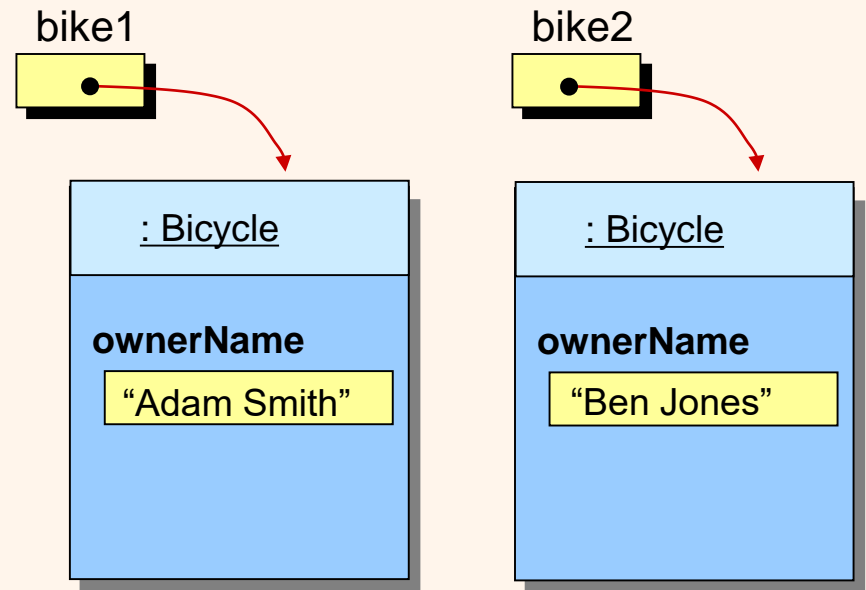


Multiple Instances

- Once the **Bicycle** class is defined, we can create multiple instances.

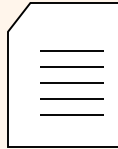
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```

Sample Code

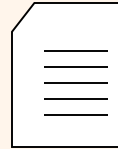




The Program Structure and Source Files



BicycleRegistration.java



Bicycle.java

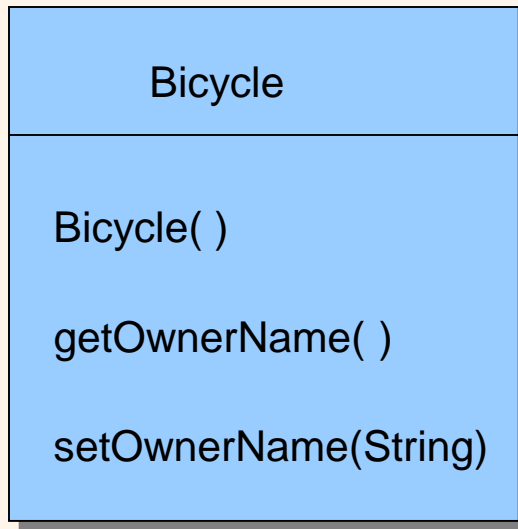
There are two source files.
Each class definition is
stored in a separate file.

To run the program:

1. `javac Bicycle.java` (compile)
2. `javac BicycleRegistration.java` (compile)
3. `java BicycleRegistration` (run)



Class Diagram for Bicycle

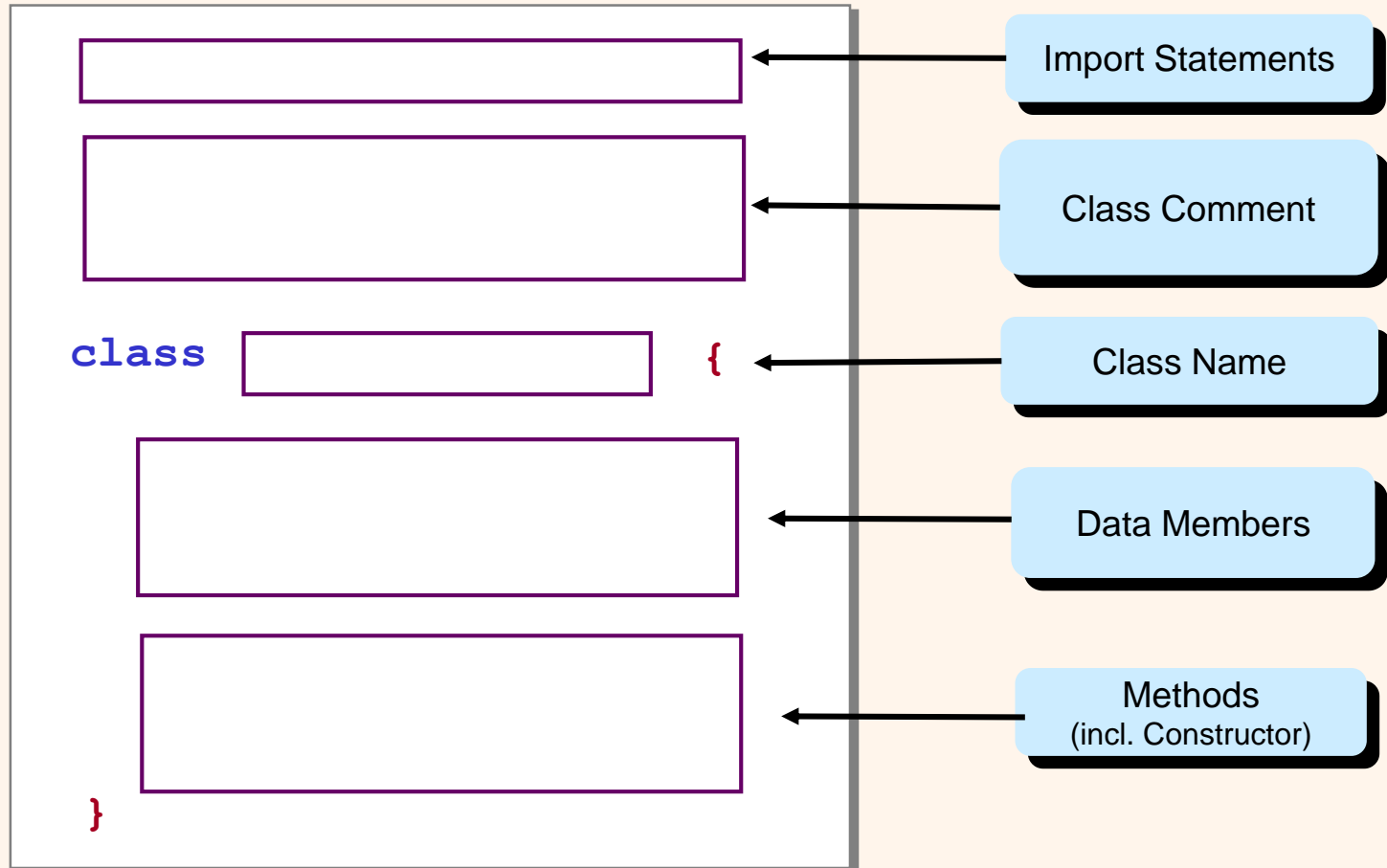


Method Listing

We list the name and the data type of an argument passed to the method.



Template for Class Definition





Data Member Declaration

```
<modifiers>  <data type> <name> ;
```

Modifiers



`private`

Data Type



`String`

Name



`ownerName ;`

Note: There's only one modifier in this example.



Method Declaration

```
<modifier>  <return type>  <method name>  ( <parameters>  ) {  
    <statements>  
}
```

Modifier

Return Type

Method Name

Parameter

public

void

setOwnerName

(String name) {

ownerName = name;

Statements

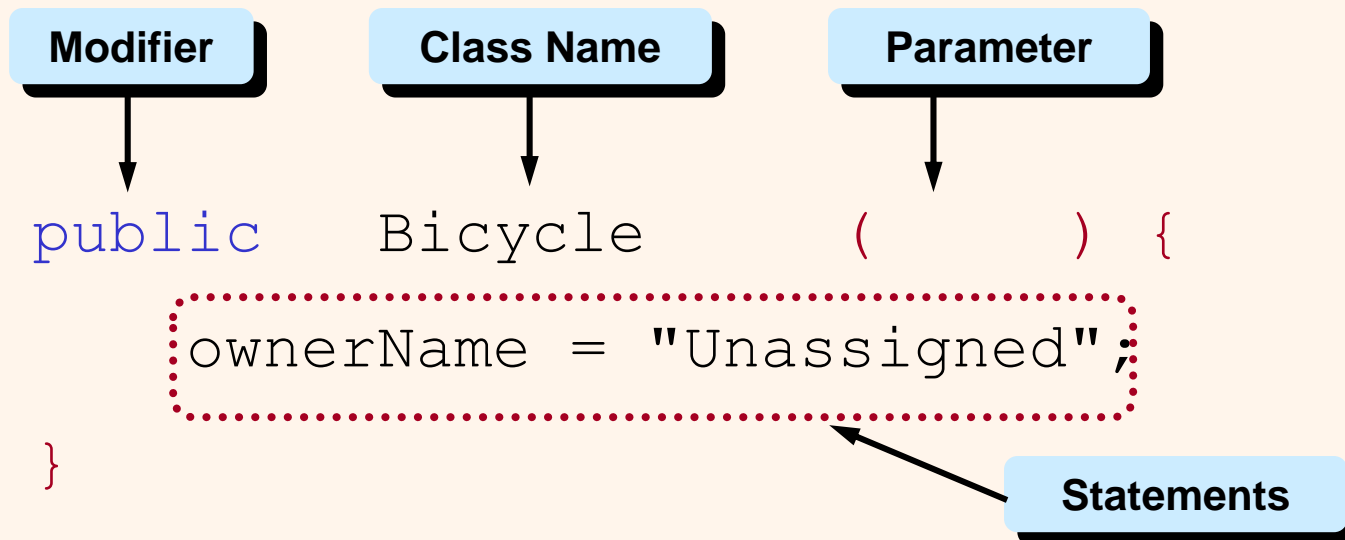
}



Constructor

- A *constructor* is a special method that is executed when a new instance of the class is created.

```
public <class name> ( <parameters> ) {  
    <statements>  
}
```





Second Example: Using Bicycle and Account

```
class SecondMain {  
    //This sample program uses both the Bicycle and Account classes  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Bicycle bike;  
        Account acct;  
  
        String myName = "Jon Java";  
  
        bike = new Bicycle( );  
        bike.setOwnerName(myName);  
  
        acct = new Account( );  
        acct.setOwnerName(myName);  
        acct.setInitialBalance(250.00);  
  
        acct.add(25.00);  
        acct.deduct(50);  
  
        //Output some information  
        System.out.println(bike.getOwnerName() + " owns a bicycle and");  
        System.out.println("has $ " + acct.getCurrentBalance() +  
                           " left in the bank");  
    }  
}
```



The Account Class

```
class Account {  
    private String ownerName;  
    private double balance;  
    public Account ( ) {  
        ownerName = "Unassigned";  
        balance = 0.0;  
    }  
    public void add(double amt) {  
        balance = balance + amt;  
    }  
    public void deduct(double amt) {  
        balance = balance - amt;  
    }  
    public double getCurrentBalance ( ) {  
        return balance;  
    }  
    public String getOwnerName ( ) {  
        return ownerName;  
    }  
}
```

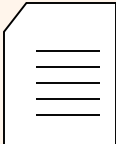
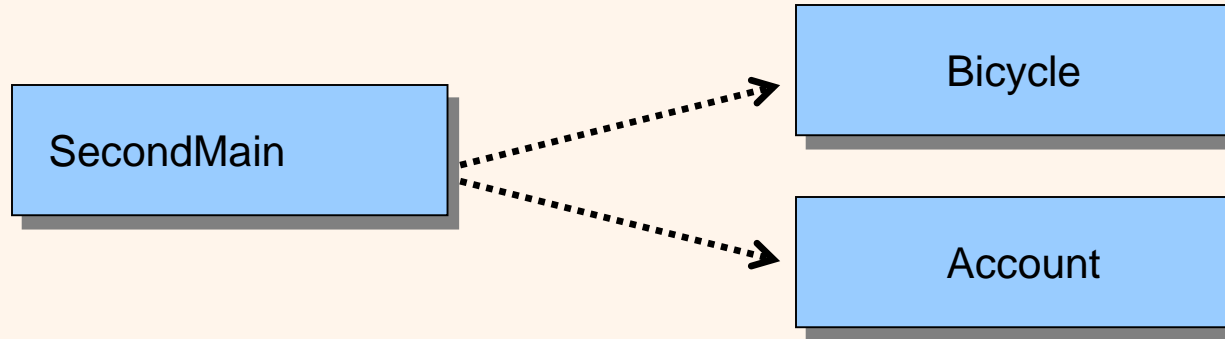
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```
    public void setInitialBalance  
        (double bal) {  
        balance = bal;  
    }  
    public void setOwnerName  
        (String name) {  
        ownerName = name;  
    }  
}
```

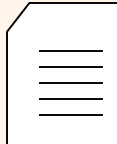
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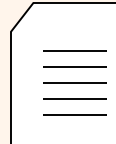
The Program Structure for SecondMain



SecondMain.java



Bicycle.java



Account.java

To run the program:

1. `javac Bicycle.java` (compile)
2. `javac Account.java` (compile)
2. `javac SecondMain.java` (compile)
3. `java SecondMain` (run)

Note: You only need to compile the class once. Recompile only when you made changes in the code.



Arguments and Parameters

```
class Sample {  
    public static void  
        main(String[] arg) {  
        Account acct = new Account();  
        . . .  
        acct.add(400);  
        . . .  
    }  
    . . .  
}
```

↑
argument

```
class Account {  
    . . .  
    public void add(double amt) {  
        balance = balance + amt;  
    }  
    . . .  
}
```

parameter
↓

- An argument is a value we pass to a method
- A parameter is a placeholder in the called method to hold the value of the passed argument.



Matching Arguments and Parameters

```
Demo demo = new Demo ( );  
int i = 5; int k = 14;  
demo.compute(i, k, 20);
```

3 arguments

Passing Side

```
class Demo {  
    public void compute(int i, int j, double x) {  
        . . .  
    }  
}
```

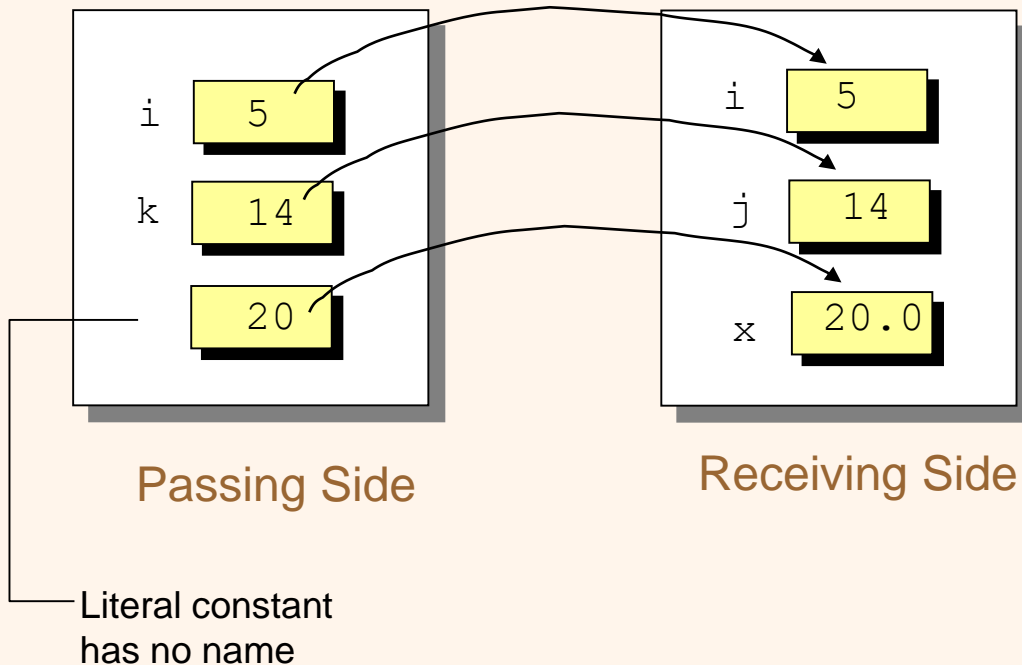
3 parameters

Receiving Side

- The number or arguments and the parameters must be the same
- Arguments and parameters are paired left to right
- The matched pair must be assignment-compatible (e.g. you cannot pass a double argument to a int parameter)



Memory Allocation



- Separate memory space is allocated for the receiving method.
- Values of arguments are passed into memory allocated for parameters.



Passing Objects to a Method

- As we can pass int and double values, we can also pass an object to a method.
- When we pass an object, we are actually passing the reference (name) of an object
 - it means a duplicate of an object is NOT created in the called method



Passing a Student Object

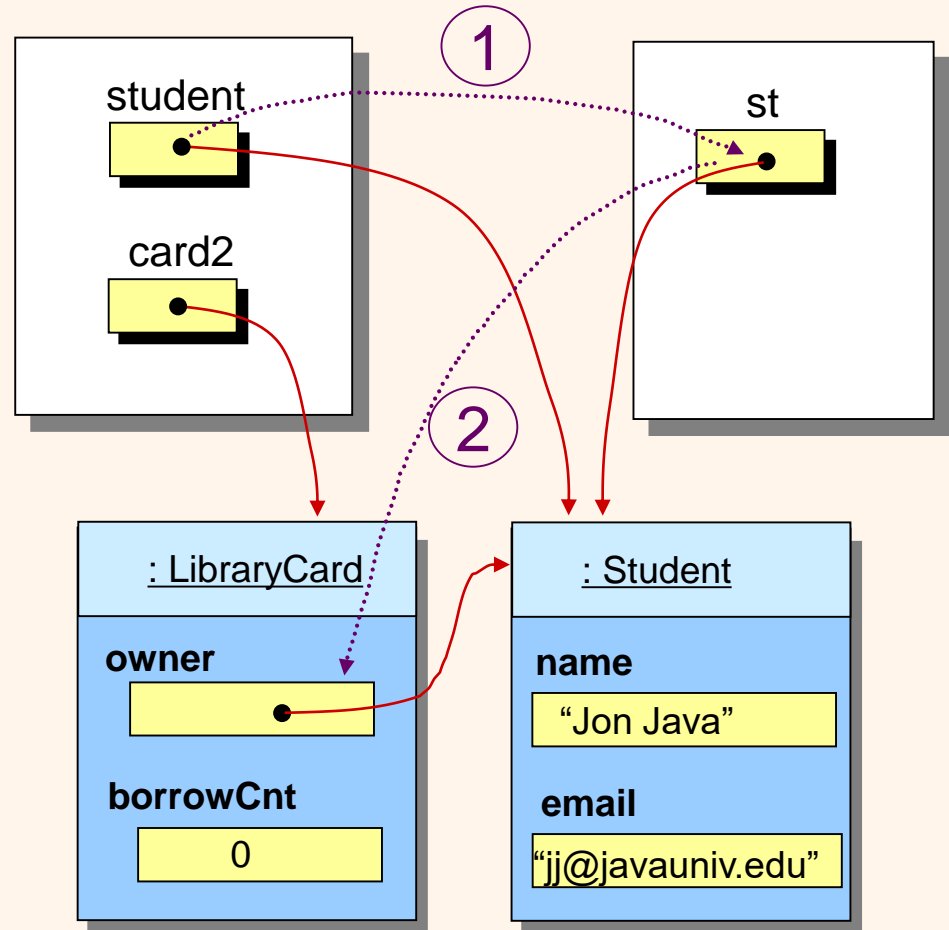
```
LibraryCard card2;  
card2 = new LibraryCard();  
card2.setOwner(student);
```

Passing Side

```
class LibraryCard {  
    private Student owner;  
    public void setOwner(Student st) {  
        owner = st;  
    }  
}
```

Receiving Side

- ① Argument is passed
- ② Value is assigned to the data member



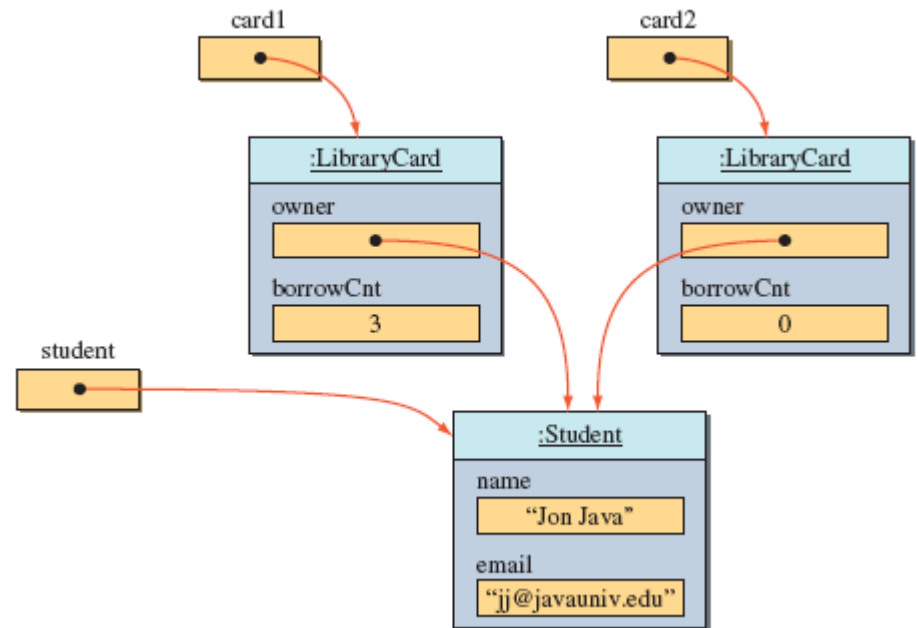
State of Memory



Sharing an Object

- We pass the same Student object to card1 and card2
- Since we are actually passing a reference to the same object, it results in the owner of two LibraryCard objects pointing to the same Student object

```
Student    student;  
LibraryCard card1, card2;  
  
student = new Student( );  
student.setName('Jon Java');  
student.setEmail('jj@javauniv.edu');  
  
card1 = new LibraryCard( );  
card1.setOwner(student);  
card1.checkOut(3);  
  
card2 = new LibraryCard( );  
card2.setOwner(student); //the same student is the owner  
                          //of the second card, too
```

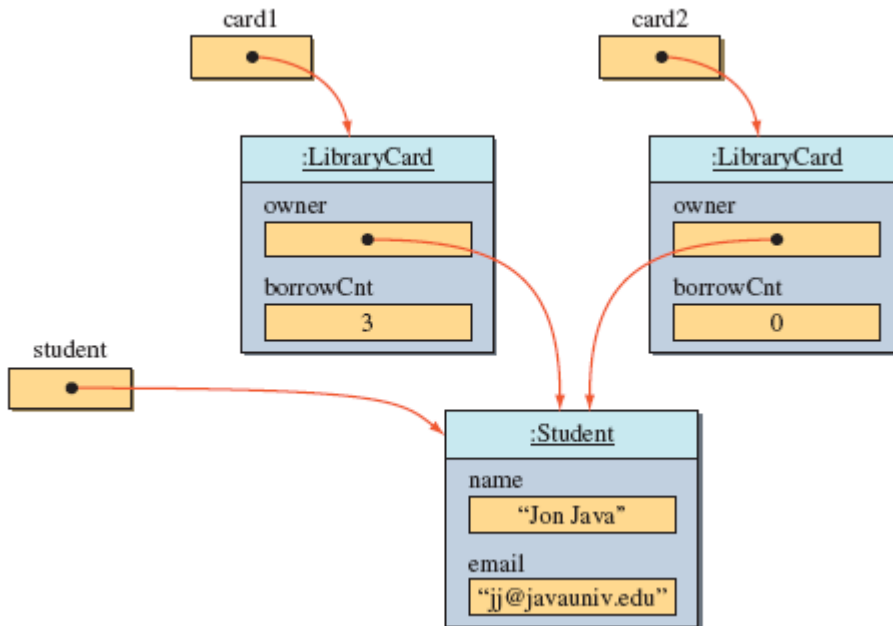




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Information Hiding and Visibility Modifiers

- The modifiers `public` and `private` designate the accessibility of data members and methods.
- If a class component (data member or method) is declared `private`, client classes cannot access it.
- If a class component is declared `public`, client classes can access it.
- Internal details of a class are declared `private` and hidden from the clients. This is information hiding.



Accessibility Example

```
...  
Service obj = new Service();  
  
obj.memberOne = 10; ✓  
obj.memberTwo = 20; ✗  
  
obj.doOne(); ✓  
obj.doTwo(); ✗  
...
```

Client

```
class Service {  
    public int memberOne;  
    private int memberTwo;  
    public void doOne() {  
        ...  
    }  
    private void doTwo() {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Service



Data Members Should Be private

- Data members are the implementation details of the class, so they should be invisible to the clients. Declare them `private` .
- Exception: Constants can (should) be declared `public` if they are meant to be used directly by the outside methods.

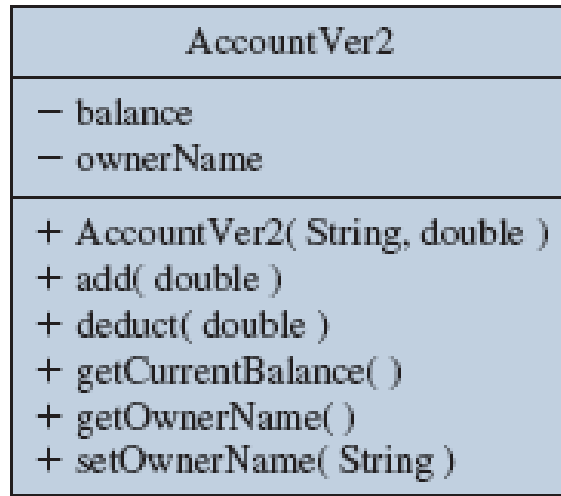


Guideline for Visibility Modifiers

- Guidelines in determining the visibility of data members and methods:
 - Declare the class and instance variables private.
 - Declare the class and instance methods private if they are used only by the other methods in the same class.
 - Declare the class constants public if you want to make their values directly readable by the client programs. If the class constants are used for internal purposes only, then declare them private.



Diagram Notation for Visibility



public – plus symbol (+)

private – minus symbol (-)



Class Constants

- In Chapter 3, we introduced the use of constants.
- We illustrate the use of constants in programmer-defined service classes here.
- Remember, the use of constants
 - provides a meaningful description of what the values stand for. `number = UNDEFINED;` is more meaningful than `number = -1;`
 - provides easier program maintenance. We only need to change the value in the constant declaration instead of locating all occurrences of the same value in the program code



A Sample Use of Constants

```
import java.util.Random;
class Die {

    private static final int MAX_NUMBER = 6;
    private static final int MIN_NUMBER = 1;
    private static final int NO_NUMBER = 0;

    private int number;
    private Random random;

    public Dice( ) {
        random = new Random();
        number = NO_NUMBER;
    }

    //Rolls the dice
    public void roll( ) {
        number = random.nextInt(MAX_NUMBER - MIN_NUMBER + 1) + MIN_NUMBER;
    }

    //Returns the number on this dice
    public int getNumber( ) {
        return number;
    }
}
```



Local Variables

- Local variables are declared within a method declaration and used for temporary services, such as storing intermediate computation results.

```
public double convert(int num) {  
    double result; ← local variable  
    result = Math.sqrt(num * num);  
    return result;  
}
```



Local, Parameter & Data Member

- An identifier appearing inside a method can be a local variable, a parameter, or a data member.
- The rules are
 - If there's a matching local variable declaration or a parameter, then the identifier refers to the local variable or the parameter.
 - Otherwise, if there's a matching data member declaration, then the identifier refers to the data member.
 - Otherwise, it is an error because there's no matching declaration.



Sample Matching

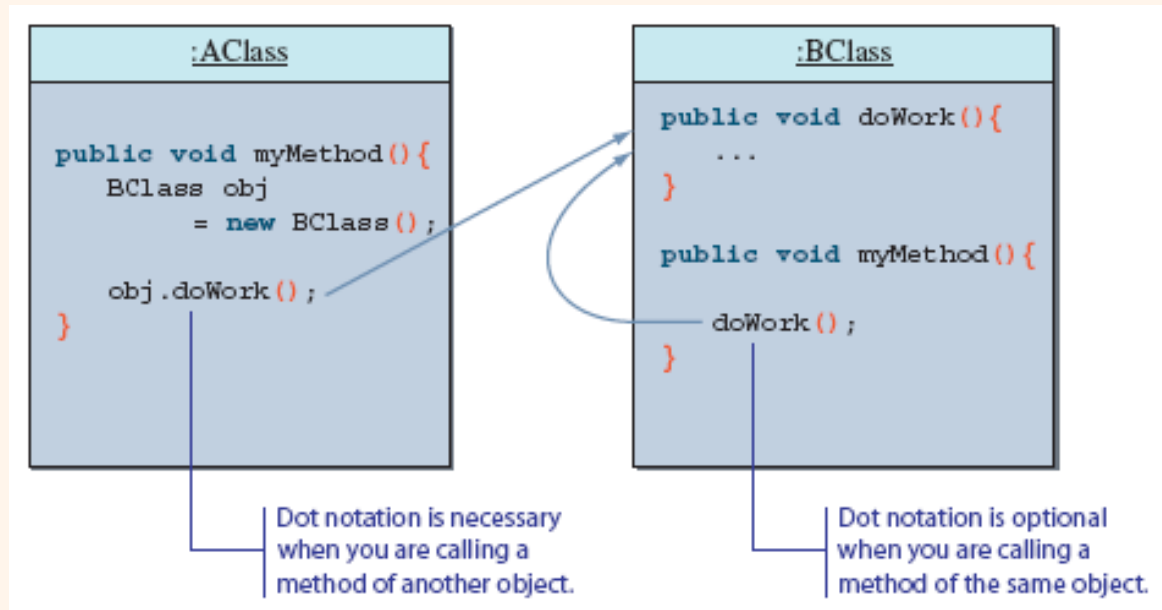
```
class MusicCD {  
  
    private String  
    private String  
    private String  
  
    public MusicCD(String name1, String name2) {  
  
        String ident;  
  
        artist = name1;  
  
        title = name2;  
  
        ident = artist.substring(0,2) + "-" +  
                title.substring(0,9);  
  
        id = ident;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

The diagram illustrates variable matching in the `MusicCD` class. Red dotted lines connect the class fields `artist`, `title`, and `id` to their respective assignments within the constructor. Green dotted lines connect the constructor parameters `name1` and `name2` to the assignments `artist = name1` and `title = name2`. A purple dotted line connects the field `ident` to its assignment. A large red dotted line encloses the entire constructor body.



Calling Methods of the Same Class

- So far, we have been calling a method of another class (object).
- It is possible to call method of a class from another method of the same class.
 - in this case, we simply refer to a method without dot notation





Changing Any Class to a Main Class

- Any class can be set to be a main class.
- All you have to do is to include the main method.

```
class Bicycle {  
  
    //definition of the class as shown before comes here  
  
    //The main method that shows a sample  
    //use of the Bicycle class  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        Bicycle myBike;  
  
        myBike = new Bicycle( );  
        myBike.setOwnerName("Jon Java");  
  
        System.out.println(myBike.getOwnerName() + "owns a bicycle");  
    }  
}
```



Main Point

- In the OO paradigm, the focus shifts to mapping real world objects and dynamics to software objects and behavior; this parallel structure has proven to be more robust, less error prone, more scalable, and more cost-effective. In SCI we see that a more profound paradigm is discovered when the point of reference moves from the individual to the unbounded level.



Connecting the Parts of Knowledge With the Wholeness of Knowledge

Object identity and identifying with unboundedness

1. A Java class specifies the type of data and the implementation of the methods that any of its instances will have.
2. Every object has not only state and behavior, but also identity, so that two objects of the same type and having the same state can be distinguished.

3. Transcendental Consciousness: TC is the identity of each individual, located at the source of thought.

4. Wholeness moving within itself: In Unity Consciousness, one's unbounded identity is recognized to be the final truth about every object. All objects are seen to have the same ultimate identity, even though differences on the surface still remain.





Problem Statement

- Problem statement:

Write a loan calculator program that computes both monthly and total payments for a given loan amount, annual interest rate, and loan period.

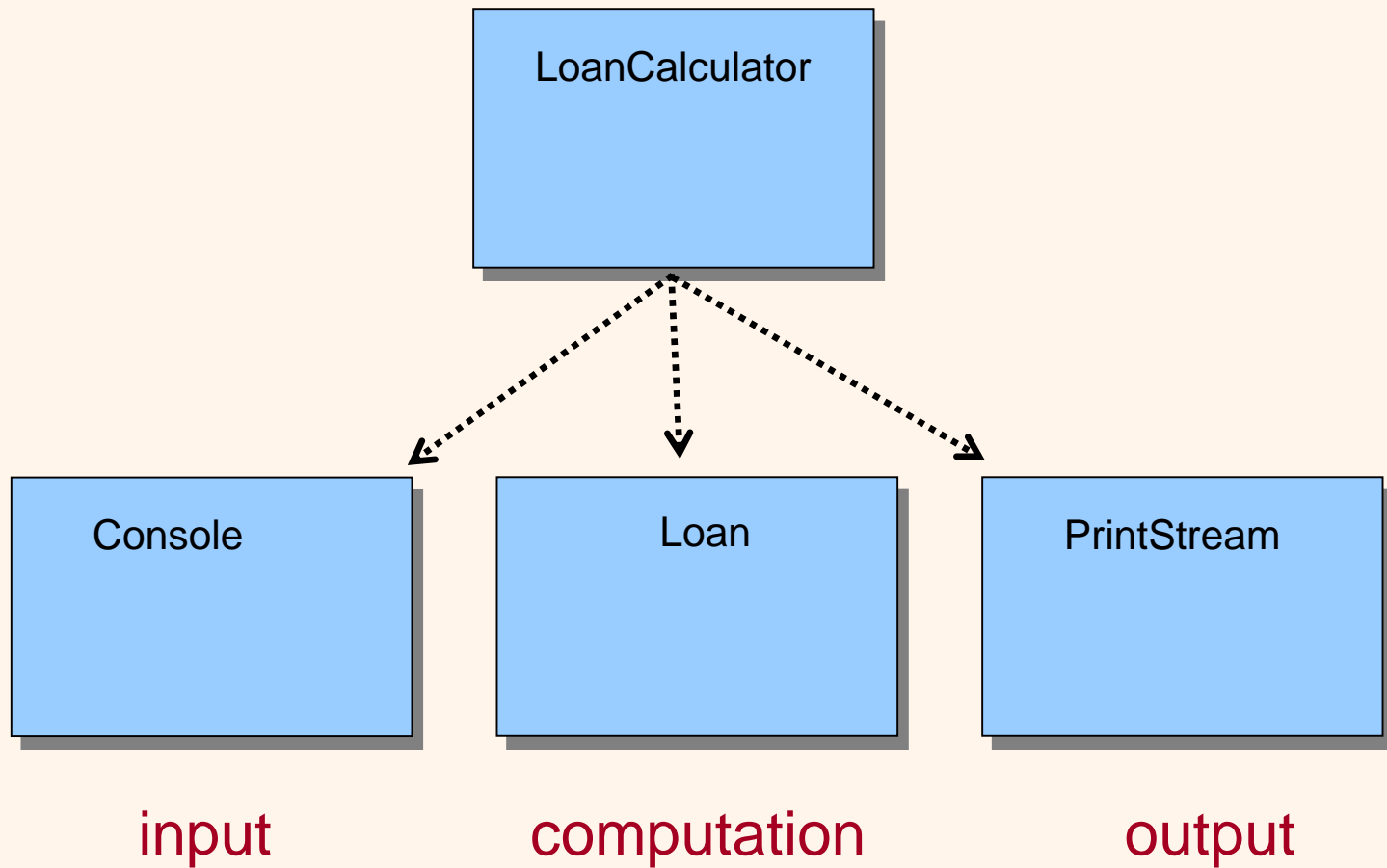


Overall Plan

- **Tasks:**
 - Get three input values: **loanAmount**, **interestRate**, and **loanPeriod**.
 - Compute the monthly and total payments.
 - Output the results.



Required Classes





Development Steps

- We will develop this program in five steps:
 1. Start with the main class LoanCalculator. Define a temporary placeholder Loan class.
 2. Implement the input routine to accept three input values.
 3. Implement the output routine to display the results.
 4. Implement the computation routine to compute the monthly and total payments.
 5. Finalize the program.



Step 1 Design

- The methods of the LoanCalculator class

Method	Visibility	Purpose
start	public	Starts the loan calculation. Calls other methods
computePayment	private	Give three parameters, compute the monthly and total payments
describeProgram	private	Displays a short description of a program
displayOutput	private	Displays the output
getInput	private	Gets three input values



Step 1 Code

Program source file is too big to list here. From now on, we ask you to view the source files using your Java IDE.

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Source Files:

LoanCalculator.java
Loan.java



Step 1 Test

- In the testing phase, we run the program multiple times and verify that we get the following output

```
inside describeProgram  
inside getInput  
inside computePayment  
inside displayOutput
```



Step 2 Design

- Design the input routines
 - LoanCalculator will handle the user interaction of prompting and getting three input values
 - LoanCalculator calls the setAmount, setRate and setPeriod of a Loan object.



Step 2 Code

Directory: Chapter4/Step2

Source Files:

LoanCalculator.java
Loan.java



Step 2 Test

- We run the program numerous times with different input values
- Check the correctness of input values by echo printing

```
System.out.println("Loan Amount: $"
                    + loan.getAmount());

System.out.println("Annual Interest Rate:"
                    + loan.getRate() + "%");

System.out.println("Loan Period (years):"
                    + loan.getPeriod());
```



Step 3 Design

- We will implement the `displayOutput` method.
- We will reuse the same design we adopted in Chapter 3 sample development.

Only the computed values (and their labels) are shown	Monthly payment: \$ 143.47 Total payment: \$ 17216.50
Both the input and computed values (and their labels) are shown.	For Loan Amount: \$ 10000.00 Annual Interest Rate: 12.0% Loan Period (years): 10 Monthly payment is \$ 143.47 TOTAL payment is \$ 17216.50



Step 3 Code

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Source Files:

LoanCalculator.java
Loan.java



Step 3 Test

- We run the program numerous times with different input values and check the output display format.
- Adjust the formatting as appropriate



Step 4 Design

- Two methods `getMonthlyPayment` and `getTotalPayment` are defined for the `Loan` class
- We will implement them so that they work independent of each other.
- It is considered a poor design if the clients must call `getMonthlyPayment` before calling `getTotalPayment`.



Step 4 Code

Directory: Chapter4/Step4

Source Files:

LoanCalculator.java
Loan.java



Step 4 Test

- We run the program numerous times with different types of input values and check the results.

Input			Output (shown up to three decimal places only)	
Loan Amount	Annual Interest Rate	Loan Period (in Years)	Monthly Payment	Total Payment
10000	10	10	132.151	15858.088
15000	7	15	134.824	24268.363
10000	12	10	143.471	17216.514
0	10	5	0.000	0.000
30	8.5	50	0.216	129.373



Step 5: Finalize

- We will implement the describeProgram method
- We will format the monthly and total payments to two decimal places using DecimalFormat.

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Source Files (final version):

LoanCalculator.java

Loan.java