

Java Programming

Unit 2

Intro to Object-Oriented Programming

Classes, methods, properties

- Java is an object-oriented language - its constructs represent objects from the real world.
- Each Java program has at least one class that knows how to do certain actions or has properties.
- Classes in Java may have methods (similar to functions) and properties (a.k.a. attributes or fields).

The Class Car

Fields represent some attributes (properties) of a car – number of doors or color.

`numberOfDoors` is a variable of type `int` – to store integers; `color` can hold a string of characters (text)

Local variables are declared inside methods, **Fields (a.k.a. member variables)** - outside

Single-line comments start with `//`
Multi-line comments go between `/*` and `*/`

Methods describe what our car can do: stop and start the engine.

```
class Car{  
    String color;  
    int numberOfDoors;  
  
    void startEngine() {  
        // Some code goes here  
    }  
    void stopEngine () {  
        int tempCounter=0;  
        // Some code goes here  
    }  
}
```

This class has no `main()` method. What does it mean?

How many cars can you create?

- A class definition is a blueprint from which you can create one or more instances of the class Car.

- These **two instances** are created with the **new** operator:

```
Car car1 = new Car();  
Car car2 = new Car();
```

Where do you write this code?

Let's do it in the `main()` method of another class

- Now the variables **car1** and **car2** represent these instances:

```
car1.color="blue";  
car2.color="red";
```

A class TestCar with the method main()

```
class TestCar{  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
  
        Car car1 = new Car();           // creating one instance  
        Car car2 = new Car();           // creating another instance  
  
        car1.color="blue";  
        car2.color="red";  
  
        // Printing a message on the system console  
        System.out.println("The cars have been painted ");  
    }  
}
```

Walkthrough 1

- Create a new Eclipse Java project called **OOP**
- Write a class **Car** using the sample code above
- Write a class **TestCar** that creates two instances of the class **Car**, changes their colors and prints the message about it.
- Run the class **TestCar**. Observe the message in the view Console.

Inheritance – James Bond Car

In object-oriented languages the term *inheritance* means an ability to define a new class based on an existing one.

```
class JamesBondCar extends Car{
```

```
    int currentSubmergeDepth;  
    boolean isGunOnBoard=true;  
    final String MANUFACTURER;
```

```
    void submerge() {  
        currentSubmergeDepth = 50;  
        // Some code goes here  
    }
```

```
    void surface() {  
        // Some code goes here  
    }  
}
```

```
class JamesBondCar extends Car{
```

```
// ...
```

```
}
```

The class JamesBondCar has everything that the class Car has *plus something else*.

In this example, it defines:

- three more attributes

- two more methods.

Variable and constants

Java is statically typed language

```
int currentSubmergeDepth;           // an integer variable
boolean isGunOnBoard=true;          // a boolean variable
final String MANUFACTURER="GAZ";    // a final text variable (a.k.a. constant)
```

First declare a variable, then use it. You can assign and change the value of the variable many times:

```
currentSubmergeDepth = 25;
...
currentSubmergeDepth = 30;
```

You can assign the value to a final variable **only once** and can't change it afterward.

```
MANUFACTURER = "Toyota";
```

Read more on variable types in Lesson 3 of the textbook.

Yet another example: class Tax

```
class Tax {  
    double grossIncome;  
    String state;  
    int dependents;
```

To calculate taxes, you can declare a class `Tax` that will have some properties to store the values, required for calculations.

```
    public double calcTax() {  
        return 234.55;  
    }
```

Then add methods that implement required functionality (*behavior*).

```
}
```

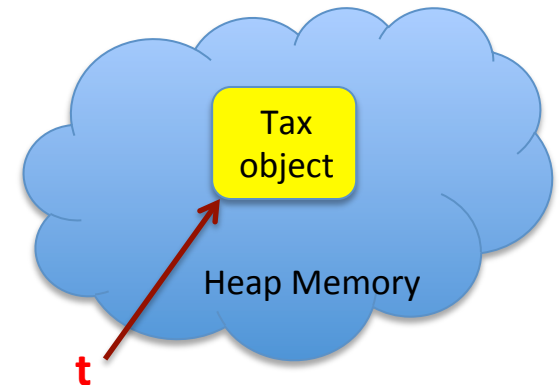
The keyword `double` in the method signature means that the method `calcTax()` will return a the result of calculations as a double precision value.

Testing the class Tax

Let's create a class `TestTax` with the `main()` method, which will instantiate `Tax` and call its method `calcTax()`.

```
class TestTax{  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
  
        Tax t = new Tax(); // creating an instance of Tax  
  
        t.grossIncome= 50000; // assigning the values  
        t.dependents= 2;  
        t.state= "NJ";  
  
        double yourTax = t.calcTax(); //calculating tax  
  
        // Printing the result  
        System.out.println("Your tax is " + yourTax);  
    }  
}
```

Note the use of the variable `t`, which knows the address of the instance of the class `Tax` in memory.



if-statement

Sometimes you need to change the flow of the code execution. You can do it with the if-statement:

```
if (totalOrderPrice <= 200){  
    System.out.println("You'll get a 20% discount");  
}  
else if (totalOrderPrice > 200 && totalOrderPrice <300){  
    System.out.println("You'll get 25% discount");  
}  
else {  
    System.out.println("You'll get 30% discount");  
}
```

Walkthrough 2

- Add two more classes to the OOP project: `Tax` and `TestTax`.
- Run the `TestTax` and observe that it always prints 234.55 as calculated text
- Modify the code of the `calcTax()` method to print the tax as 6% of of gross income if it was up to \$50000 and 8% otherwise.
- Run the `TestTax` program and see if the tax is properly calculated. Change the value of `grossIncome` and re-run the program.

switch-statement

The `switch` statement is an alternative to `if`. The case label in the switch condition (`taxCode`) is evaluated and the program goes to one of the following `case` clauses:

```
int taxCode=someObject.getTaxCode(grossIncome);

switch (taxCode){
    case 0:
        System.out.println("Tax Exempt");
        break;
    case 1:
        System.out.println("Low Tax Bracket");
        break;
    case 2:
        System.out.println("High Tax Bracket");
        break;
    default:
        System.out.println("Wrong Tax Bracket");
}
//some other code goes here
```

Don't forget about the `break` statements to avoid the fall through situation.

Java 7 allows using `String` type in the switch statement:

```
switch (taxCategory){
    case "rich":
        ...
        break;
    case "poor":
        ...
}
```

Method Arguments

External data can be provided to a method in the form of *arguments* (a.k.a. *parameters*).

In the method signature declare the data type and the name of each argument.

For example, the method `calcLoanPayment()` has 3 arguments:

```
int calcLoanPayment(int amount, int numberOfMonths, String state){  
    // Your code goes here  
}
```

You can call this method passing the values for the payment calculations as arguments:

```
calcLoanPayment(20000, 60, "NY");
```

This method call will cause compilation error if there's no methods with 2 arguments:

```
calcLoanPayment(20000, 60);
```

Another example of inheritance

The subclass `NJTax` defines a new method `adjustForStudents()`:

```
class NJTax extends Tax{  
  
    double adjustForStudents (double stateTax){  
        double adjustedTax = stateTax - 500;  
        return adjustedTax;  
    }  
}
```

The `TestTax` can instantiate `NJTax` and use methods and fields from both *super* and *subclasses*:

```
NJTax t= new NJTax();  
  
double yourTax = t.calcTax();  
double totalTax = t.adjustForStudents (yourTax);
```

Method overriding

If a subclass has the method with the same name and argument list, it will *override* (suppress) the corresponding method of its ancestor.

Method overriding comes handy in the following situations:

- The source code of the super class is not available, but you still need to change its functionality.
- The original version of the method is still valid in some cases, and you want to keep it as is.

Walkthrough 3

- Add to the OOP project the class `NJTax` that will have the `calcTax()` method with the same signature as in `Tax`
- Add the code to `NJTax.calcTax()` method to print the tax as 10% of of gross income if it was up to \$50000 and 13% otherwise.
- Run existing `TestTax` and observe that your changes didn't have any effect on the calculate tax. Why?
- Change the code of the `TestTax` to instantiate `NJTax` instead of `Tax`.
- Run the `TestTax` program again and observe that now the new percentage is properly applied. You are using the *overriden* version of the method `calcTax()`.

Method Overloading

Method overloading means having a class with more than one method having the same name but different argument lists.

```
class Financial{
    ...
    int calcLoanPayment(int amount, int numberOfMonths){
        // by default, calculate for New York state
        calcLoanPayment(amount, numberOfMonths, "NY");
    }

    int calcLoanPayment(int amount, int numberOfMonths,
                        String state){

        // Your code for calculating loan payments goes here

    }
    ...
}
```

A method can be overloaded not only in the same class but in a descendant too.

Constructors are special methods

When a program creates an instance of a class using `new`, Java invokes the class's *constructor* — a special method that is called only once :

```
Tax t = new Tax(40000, "CA",4);
```

- Constructors are called when the class is being instantiated.
- They must have the same name as the class.
- They can't return a value and you don't use `void` as a return type.

```
class Tax {  
    double grossIncome; // class variables  
    String state;  
    int dependents;  
  
    // Constructor  
    Tax (double gi, String st, int depen){  
        grossIncome = gi; // class variable initialization  
        state = st;  
        dependents=depen;  
    }  
}
```

Homework

1. Study the lessons 3 and 4 from the textbook and do the assignment from the Try It sections of these lessons.

2. From now on use the following Java SE 7 documentation:

<http://download.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/>

Additional Reading

Overriding vs. hiding:

<http://www.coderanch.com/how-to/java/OverridingVsHiding>

Eclipse Debugging tutorial by Lars Vogel:

<http://www.vogella.com/articles/EclipseDebugging/article.html>