

## Lecture 2-2: Using Classes and Objects

### Classes


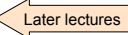
When you write a Java program, you often have to use the services of other classes; classes that you wrote, and classes written by other people.

A class is a self-contained module of code. Each class code is stored in a separate file. If the class is called "car", then the Java code is stored in `car.java` and the compiled bytecode is stored in `car.class`

Classes provide functionality: they enable us to carry out all sorts of computations, and to create and manipulate *objects*

This functionality has many variants. For example, we can think of classes like `Car`, `CarRace`, `CarHistory`, and so on. These classes are designed to represent and do very different things.

#### Two viewpoints on classes:

- Client view: how to use existing classes  This lecture
- Server view: how to design, implement, and maintain classes  Later lectures

## Outline



### ■ Static classes

- Math
- Arrays (later)

### ■ Classes that represent types (examples)

- Fraction
- bankAccount
- Turtle
- String

### ■ Classes that generate things (examples)

- Random

(More kinds of classes - later in the course)

### ■ Packages

## Math class

Represented in Java as:

$\pi$	<code>Math.PI</code>
$\sqrt{x}$	<code>Math.sqrt(x)</code>
$\log_{10} x$	<code>Math.log(x)</code>
$\min(x, y)$	<code>Math.min(x, y)</code>
$ x $	<code>Math.abs(x)</code>
$x^y$	<code>Math.pow(x, y)</code>
	<code>...</code>

Static variables  
and  
static methods  
in the static  
Math class

Syntax for using a static variable:

`ClassName.variableName`

Syntax for invoking a static method:

`ClassName.methodName(parameters)`

Example:

```
// Variable r holds the value of some radius
System.out.println( "Circle area = " + Math.PI * Math.pow(r,2) );
```

How do you know which variables and methods the Math class offers and how to use them?

You consult the [Math class interface](#).

## Math class interface (partial)

### Field Summary

static double	<a href="#"><u>E</u></a>	The double value that is closer than any other to $e$ , the base of the natural logarithms.
static double	<a href="#"><u>PI</u></a>	The double value that is closer than any other to $\pi$ , the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

### Method Summary

static double	<a href="#"><u>sin</u></a> (double a)	Returns the trigonometric sine of an angle.
static double	<a href="#"><u>sinh</u></a> (double x)	Returns the hyperbolic sine of a double value.
static double	<a href="#"><u>sqrt</u></a> (double a)	Returns the correctly rounded positive square root of a double value.
static double	<a href="#"><u>tan</u></a> (double a)	Returns the trigonometric tangent of an angle.
static double	<a href="#"><u>tanh</u></a> (double x)	Returns the hyperbolic tangent of a double value.
static double	<a href="#"><u>toDegrees</u></a> (double anggrad)	Converts an angle measured in radians to an approximately equivalent angle measured in degrees.
static double	<a href="#"><u>toRadians</u></a> (double angdeg)	Converts an angle measured in degrees to an approximately equivalent angle measured in radians.

### A class interface

gives all the information you need in order to use the class services

In OOP jargon, "static" means "not associated with any object"

## Static classes

Static classes are sometimes called "utility classes"

A utility class provides a library of methods that have something in common

Examples:

- Math: a library of mathematical operations
- Arrays: a library of array-oriented operations

(Disclaimer: The rest of this slide will make sense only at the end of this lecture)

In OOP, static classes are the exception: they go against the "OOP spirit", since they involve no objects

In a pure OOP world, everything is an object. So:

- Instead of saying `z = Math.sqrt(x)` an OOP purist would say `z = x.sqrt()`
- Instead of saying `z = x + y` an OOP purist would say `z = x.add(y)`
- Etc. - we'll get back to this comment later.

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## Classes that represent type abstractions

### Primitive types:

Defined by the Java language

- byte
- short
- int
- long
- float
- double
- boolean
- char

### Abstract data types (ADT)

Java library classes

- BigDecimal
- Point
- String
- Date
- InetAddress
- Set
- ...

User defined classes

- Fraction
- Complex
- Matrix
- Point
- Graph
- Polynomial
- ...

### Abstractions and classes:

The world around us consists of much more than Java's 8 primitive types

To capture this richness, OOP languages are made to be extensible:  
new data types are defined as needed, by software architects

In OOP, type abstractions are represented using:

### ■ Classes

← This lecture

### ■ Interfaces

← Later lectures

## Fractions

### Requirements analysis (first approximation)

Needed: some mechanism for representing and manipulating fractions.  
For example, given  $1/2 + 1/3$ , we wish to compute and return  $5/6$ .

A fraction can be characterized by two integers: numerator and denominator.

#### Things we want to do with fractions:

- Construction (how should we handle a zero denominator?)
- Addition
- Multiplication
- Division
- Displaying
- Check if two fractions are equal (is  $1/2$  the same as  $3/6$ ?)
- Etc.

#### Design decision:

We will always represent fractions in their reduced version.

## Fraction abstraction

Fraction  
class API

### Constructor Summary

[Fraction](#)(int numerator, int denominator)  
Constructs a Fraction which is the reduced division of the two parameters.

### Method Summary

<a href="#">Fraction</a>	<a href="#">add</a> ( <a href="#">Fraction</a> other)	Returns a Fraction which is the sum of this Fraction and the other one.
<a href="#">Fraction</a>	<a href="#">divide</a> ( <a href="#">Fraction</a> other)	Returns a Fraction which is the division of this Fraction and the other one.
boolean	<a href="#">equals</a> (java.lang.Object obj)	Determines whether or not this Fraction is equal to the other one.
int	<a href="#">getDenominator</a> ()	Returns the denominator of this Fraction as an int.
int	<a href="#">getNumerator</a> ()	Returns the numerator of this Fraction as an int.
int	<a href="#">hashCode</a> ()	Returns a hash code for this Fraction.
<a href="#">Fraction</a>	<a href="#">multiply</a> ( <a href="#">Fraction</a> other)	Returns a Fraction which is the product of this fraction and the other one.
<a href="#">Fraction</a>	<a href="#">reciprocal</a> ()	Returns a Fraction which is the reciprocal of this Fraction.
java.lang.String	<a href="#">toString</a> ()	Returns a string representation of this Fraction in the form "numerator/denominator"

## Fraction abstraction

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<b>Fraction</b>	<b>divide</b> ( <b>Fraction</b> other)	Returns a Fraction
boolean	<b>equals</b> (java.lang.Object other)	Determines whether the Fraction is equal to the other Fraction
int	<b>getDenominator</b> ()	Returns the denominator
int	<b>getNumerator</b> ()	Returns the numerator
int	<b>hashCode</b> ()	Returns a hash code value for the Fraction
<b>Fraction</b>	<b>multiply</b> ( <b>Fraction</b> other)	Returns a Fraction
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Fraction  
class API

API = functional abstraction

Architect's view:

Express and structure the desired functionality in a way that other people will find easy and natural to use

Client view:

- How do I use this class in my programs?
- I don't care how the class is implemented

Very important design principle:

Keep abstraction and implementation separate.

## Using Fractions

### Constructor Summary

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java.lang.String	<b>toString</b> ()	Returns a string representation of this Fraction in the form "numerator/denominator"

server

client code

```
public class FractionDemo {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        Fraction a = new Fraction(1,2);
        Fraction b = new Fraction(2,3);
        System.out.println("a = " + a.toString());
        System.out.println("b = " + b); // same as b.toString()
        System.out.println("a + b = " + a.add(b));
        System.out.println("a * b = " + a.multiply(b));
        if (a.add(b).equals(b.add(a)))
            System.out.println("addition seems to be commutative");
    }
}
```

Output

```
a = 1/2
b = 2/3
a + b = 7/6
a * b = 1/3
addition seems to be commutative
```

## Creating objects

### Constructor Summary

`Fraction`(int numerator, int denominator)  
Constructs a `Fraction` which is the reduced division of the two parameters.

server

client code

```
...
Fraction a = new Fraction(1,2);
Fraction b = new Fraction(2,3);
...
int c = 5;
...
```

Object declaration syntax:

```
ClassName varName = new ClassName(parameters);
```

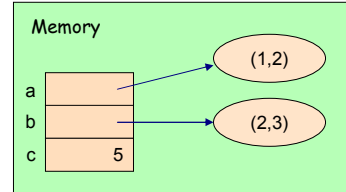
The parameter values serve to initialize the object's state.

A constructor is a method:

It takes 0 or more parameters and returns a value

This value is the base address of the newly created object

Behind the scene view of object variables:



a and b are called "object variables" or "reference variables"

c is called "primitive variable"

Primitive variables store values

Object variables store base addresses of objects.

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## Bank account abstraction

### Requirements analysis (first approximation)

A bank account is characterized by:  
owner, balance, and a unique identifying number.

The account number is assigned automatically when the account is opened.

Things that we want to do with a bank account:

- Show its current balance
- Deposit money
- Withdraw money
- Transfer money to another account.
- Some more operations, to be defined later.

## BankAccount abstraction

### Constructor Summary

`BankAccount(java.lang.String owner, double balance)`

Constructs a new BankAccount with a specified owner and balance and allocates to it a unique bank account number.

### Method Summary

void	<code>deposit(double amount)</code>	Handles a deposit.
boolean	<code>equals(java.lang.Object other)</code>	Determines whether this BankAccount equals the other BankAccount.
double	<code>getBalance()</code>	Returns the balance of this bankAccount.
int	<code>getNumber()</code>	Returns the number of this bankAccount.
java.lang.String	<code>getOwner()</code>	Returns the owner of this bankAccount.
int	<code>hashCode()</code>	Returns a hash code for this BankAccount.
java.lang.String	<code>toString()</code>	Returns a textual description of this BankAccount
void	<code>transferTo(double amount, BankAccount other)</code>	Handles a transfer of money from this bank account to the other bank account.
void	<code>withdraw(double amount)</code>	Handles a withdrawl.

BankAccount is not unlike a data type: it describes data and operations.



## Creating and manipulating objects

BankAccount class interface: (same)

### Constructor Summary

**BankAccount** (java.lang.String owner, double balance)

Constructs a new BankAccount with a specified owner and balance and allocates to it a unique bank account number.

### Method Summary

void	<b>deposit</b> (double amount)	Handles a deposit.
boolean	<b>equals</b> (java.lang.Object)	Determines whether the specified object is equal to this.
double	<b>getBalance</b> ()	Returns the balance.
int	<b>getNumber</b> ()	Returns the number.
java.lang.String	<b>getOwner</b> ()	Returns the owner.
int	<b>hashCode</b> ()	Returns a hash code.
java.lang.String	<b>toString</b> ()	Returns a textual representation.
void	<b>transferTo</b> (double amount, BankAccount to)	Handles a transfer to the specified account.
void	<b>withdraw</b> (double amount)	Handles a withdrawal.

server

Client code

```
public class BankAccountDemo {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        BankAccount aliceAcc = new BankAccount("Alice", 0);
        BankAccount bobAcc = new BankAccount("Bob", 100);
        // ...
        aliceAcc.deposit(900);
        aliceAcc.transferTo(700, bobAcc);
        System.out.println(aliceAcc);
        System.out.println(bobAcc);
        // ...
    }
}
```

Output:

1	Alice	200
2	Bob	800

- The BankAccount class can be viewed as a template for creating and manipulating bank accounts
- Using it, we can create and manipulate as many BankAccount *instances*, or *objects*, as needed by the application.

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## Turtles

### Constructor Summary

**Turtle** ()

Constructs a new turtle.

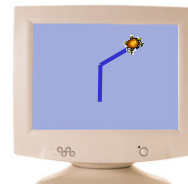
### Method Summary

void	<b>disableDelay</b> ()	Disables the delay of the turtle.
void	<b>hide</b> ()	Hides the turtle.
void	<b>moveBackward</b> (double units)	Moves the turtle backwards by a given number of units.
void	<b>moveForward</b> (double units)	Advances the turtle forwards by a given number of units.
void	<b>show</b> ()	Shows the turtle.
void	<b>tailDown</b> ()	Lowest the tail of the turtle.
void	<b>tailUp</b> ()	Raises the tail of the turtle.
void	<b>turnLeft</b> (int degrees)	Turns the turtle counter-clockwise.
void	<b>turnRight</b> (int degrees)	Turns the turtle clockwise.

server

client code

```
public class TurtleDrawingDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Turtle leonardo = new Turtle();
        leonardo.tailDown();
        leonardo.moveForward(100);
        leonardo.turnRight(60);
        leonardo.moveForward(100);
    }
}
```



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## Method invocations (aka "method calls")

Code examples (meaningless ...)

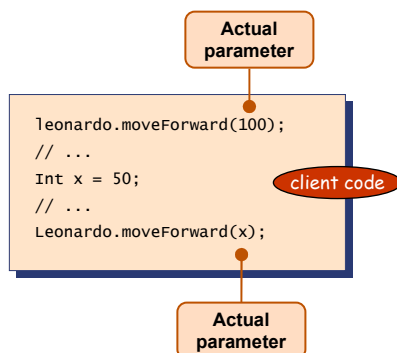
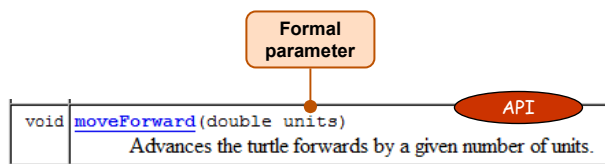
```
leonardo.hide();           // calling a void method with no parameters
leonardo.moveForward(100); // calling a void method with one parameter
x = Math.sqrt(area);       // calling a static method that returns a value
System.out.println(bobAct.getBalance()); // two method calls
Turtle leonardo = new Turtle(); // calling a constructor
BankAccount bobAct = new BankAccount("Bob", 900) // calling a constructor
```

Methods may have parameters, or not

Methods may be invoked on objects, or not

Methods may return values, or not.

## Parameters



- **formal parameters:** stated in the method's API
- **actual parameters:** the values passed by the method's caller (aka "arguments").

### Two modes of parameter passing

- **Call by value:** the calling code passes the value of the actual parameter
- **Call by reference:** the calling code passes the variable itself, i.e. its address in memory

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## Strings

### Requirements analysis (first approximation)

Needed: A mechanism for representing and manipulating strings of characters like "IDC", "Los Angeles", "AATTTCGGT", etc.

#### Things we want to do with strings:

- Concatenation: `city = "Los " + "Angeles"` should yield the string "Los Angeles"
- Find where a given string starts in the string: `city.indexOf("ng")` should return 5
- Find what appears in a give location: `city.charAt(5)` should return 'n'
- Etc. - many more similar string manipulation operations

- String processing is prevalent: language parsing, DNA research, web protocols, ...
- The Java solution: a built-in `String` class that provides many string processing capabilities.

## Strings

String = a sequence of characters, e.g. "Los Angeles"

In Java, character strings are represented as `String` objects

```
// Some (meaningless) examples of working with Strings
String name = new String("John Cleese");
String title = "Mr."; // Special object construction shortcut,
                      // unique to Strings
String salutation = title + name; // "Mr. John Cleese"

int year = 2012;
String line = "See you in London in " + year;
line = line + ", if I can afford it."
System.out.println(line);
// Displays "See you in London in 2012, if I can afford it."
```

- Strings are concatenated using the `+` operator
- The `+` operator is type-sensitive.

```
System.out.println("2 and 3 concatenated: " + 2 + 3);
System.out.println("2 and 3 added: " + (2 + 3));
```

Output: `2 and 3 concatenated: 23`  
`2 and 3 added: 5`

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## String methods (a small sample out of about 50 of them)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
City:	T	e	l		A	v	i	v

```
String s, city = "Tel Aviv";
char c;
int n;

c = city.charAt(0); // 'T'
n = city.length(); // 8
n = city.indexOf('v') // 5
n = city.indexOf("el") // 4
s = city.substring(2,4); // "i A"
s = city.substring(3); // " Aviv"
s = city.toUpperCase(); // "TEL AVIV"
s = city.replace('v','g'); // "Tel Agig"
```

Method overloading: classes often feature several versions of the same method. The difference is in the number and type of the method parameters.

Method overloading: Often used to apply the same or similar computation on different types and numbers of the parameters.

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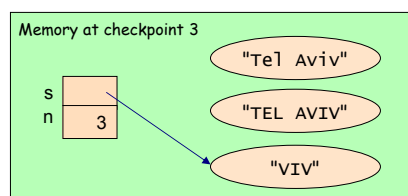
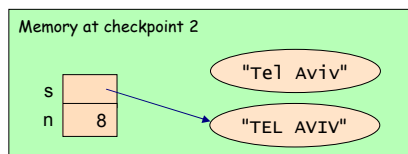
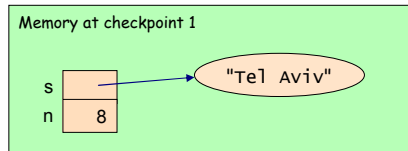
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## The String class is immutable

String objects are immutable (unchangeable): once a String object has been created, neither its value nor its length can be changed

```
String s = "Tel Aviv";  
int n = s.length();  
// checkpoint 1  
s = s.toUpperCase();  
// checkpoint 2  
s = s.substring(5);  
n = s.length();  
// checkpoint 3
```

De-referenced objects are reclaimed by a behind-the-scenes process called garbage collector



## Mutability

Mutable class: a class whose objects can be changed.

Examples: BankAccount, Turtle

Immutable class: a class whose objects - once constructed - never change.

Examples: Fraction, String

Why some classes are mutable and others are immutable?

The mutability of a class is determined by the class architect when building the class interface; The class user has no choice - she uses what she's got

Architect's best practice:

- ❑ Immutable classes are safer and easier to manage
- ❑ As a general rule, a good architect strives to minimize access to her objects.

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## Classes that generate things: Random

The Java class library includes a class named Random, which is part of the package `java.util`

Random is used to generate a stream of pseudorandom numbers

More accurately: an instance of the Random class is used as a generator designed to generate pseudorandom numbers

Example:

```
// Generates and prints two random numbers
public class RandomNumbersDemo {
    public static void main (String[] args){
        Random rndGenerator = new java.util.Random();
        int num = rndGenerator.nextInt();
        System.out.println ("A random int: " + num);
        System.out.print("Another one: " + rndGenerator.nextInt());
    }
}
```

Random is an example of a "singleton class" (usually)

- Unlike the classes we saw before, the Random constructor is typically called only once, resulting in a single object
- This object is then used to generate as many pseudorandom numbers as needed.

## Classes that generate things: Scanner

Example:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class ScanDemo {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        String text = "  1 2  red    blue";
        Scanner s = new Scanner(text);
        System.out.println(s.next());
        System.out.println(s.next());
        System.out.println(s.next());
        System.out.println(s.next());
        s.close();
    }
}
```

Output:

```
1
2
red
blue
```

- A Scanner breaks its input into tokens using a delimiter pattern, which by default matches whitespace
- In previous examples we used to initialize the Scanner on `in`, representing the keyboard. As we see, this is just one possibility.

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## Packages and the `import` command

Classes are often organized in *class libraries*, also called *packages*

```
import java.util.Random; // Gives access to Random's services
public class RandomNumbersDemo {
    public static void main (String[] args){
        Random rndGenerator = new Random(); // rather than java.util.Random
        // as before ...
    }
}
```

```
import java.util.*; // Gives access to all the classes in this package
// typically used when you need to access 2 or more classes in the package.
```

Examples of widely used classes:

- ❑ `java.lang.Math`
- ❑ `java.lang.String`
- ❑ `java.lang.System`

The `java.lang` library is automatically imported into every class you write.

## Java's standard class library

- A collection of ~3,000 classes, organized in ~200 packages, included in every Java implementation
- Examples: `java.lang`, `java.util`, `java.io`, `java.security`, `java.util.zip`, `java.net`, ..





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