CSE1030 – Introduction to Computer Science II

Lecture #2 Introduction to Object Oriented Programming

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- Intro to Object Oriented Programming
- Elements of a Java Class
- Utility Classes
- JavaDoc
- We're Done!

Goals for Today Theory: Learn a little about Object Oriented Programming Practical: (Assignment #1!) How to create a Java class What makes a class a Static or Utility Class JavaDocs













- Java is an Object Oriented Language
- Big Idea: In Java, Everything is an Object* (* almost, we'll talk more about this later)
- And a Java Class is how Objects are Defined

























No Objects?

- Why would we use an Object Oriented Language to write code that doesn't have any objects?
- ANSWER: What if I have a very simple little thing that just doesn't need classes? Like Adding a Couple of Numbers? What code do I actually need?





The main() Function

- The main function is where execution of all java programs begins
- All classes can have a main function
 - Even if there are more than one class, each can have it's own main function
 - The only main function that matters is the one in the controlling class that is the one that will be run
- The main function is labelled static, meaning that an object is not needed to run the main function
 - That's great if we don't want the added complexity of having objects around

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Problem...

Even though we haven't provided a constructor in our example, Java will automatically create one for us.

So to ensure that nobody creates an object of a class we don't want them to, we have to *disable* the constructor by making it **private**

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Characteristics of Utility Classes

- Want to make this functionality available to others
- Usually Utilities are collections of useful functions, rather than stand-alone programs



class Client { public static void main(String[] args) { int A = 10; int B = 20; // int C = A + B; int C = AdditionUtility.add(A, B); System.out.println("The answer is: " + C); } }





Intro to JavaDoc

- How do we make it easy for other programmers (or even ourselves) to use our classes?
- Users need to know the API
- JavaDoc provides semi-automatic generation of API documentation suitable for viewing in a browser

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Running javadoc

- javadoc AdditionUtility.java
- This command reads the Java source file and generates the API documentation.
- Several files are created, open the one called "index.html" in your web browser





















