

# Mixing Static and Non-static

Singleton

# Singleton Pattern

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- ▶ “There can be only one.”



- ▶ Connor MacLeod, Highlander

# Singleton Pattern

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- ▶ a singleton is a class that is instantiated exactly once
- ▶ singleton is a well-known design pattern that can be used when you need to:
  1. ensure that there is one, and only one\*, instance of a class, and
  2. provide a global point of access to the instance
    - ▶ any client that imports the package containing the singleton class can access the instance

[notes 3.4]

\*or possibly zero

# One and Only One

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- ▶ how do you enforce this?
  - ▶ need to prevent clients from creating instances of the singleton class
    - ▶ **private** constructors
  - ▶ the singleton class should create the one instance of itself
    - ▶ note that the singleton class is allowed to call its own **private** constructors
    - ▶ need a **static** attribute to hold the instance

# A Silly Example: Version 1

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```
package xmas;
```

uses a public field that  
all clients can access

```
public class Santa
```

```
{
```

```
    // whatever fields you want for santa...
```

```
    public static final Santa INSTANCE = new Santa();
```

```
    private Santa()
```

```
    { // initialize attributes here... }
```

```
}
```

```
import xmas;

// client code in a method somewhere ...
public void gimme()
{
    Santa.INSTANCE.givePresent();
}
```

# A Silly Example: Version 2

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```
package xmas;
```

uses a private field; how  
do clients access the field?

```
public class Santa
```

```
{
```

```
    // whatever fields you want for santa...
```

```
    private static final Santa INSTANCE = new Santa();
```

```
    private Santa()
```

```
    { // initialize attributes here... }
```

```
}
```

# Global Access

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- ▶ how do clients access the singleton instance?
  - ▶ by using a static method
- ▶ note that clients only need to import the package containing the singleton class to get access to the singleton instance
  - ▶ any client method can use the singleton instance without mentioning the singleton in the parameter list



# A Silly Example (cont)

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```
package xmas;

public class Santa {
    private int numPresents;
    private static final Santa INSTANCE = new Santa();

    private Santa()
    { // initialize fields here... }

    public static Santa getInstance()
    { return Santa.INSTANCE; }

    public Present givePresent() {
        Present p = new Present();
        this.numPresents--;
        return p;
    }
}
```

uses a private field; how do clients access the field?

clients use a public static factory method

```
import xmas;

// client code in a method somewhere ...
public void gimme()
{
    Santa.getInstance().givePresent();
}
```

# Enumerations

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- ▶ an enumeration is a special data type that enables for a variable to be a set of predefined constants
- ▶ the variable must be equal to one of the values that have been predefined for it
  - ▶ e.g., compass directions
    - ▶ NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, and WEST
  - ▶ days of the week
    - ▶ MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, etc.
  - ▶ playing card suits
    - ▶ CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES
- ▶ useful when you have a fixed set of constants

# A Silly Example: Version 3

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```
package xmas;
```

singleton as an  
enumeration

```
public enum Santa
```

```
{
```

```
    // whatever fields you want for santa...
```

```
    INSTANCE;
```

will call the private  
default constructor

```
private Santa()
```

```
{ // initialize attributes here... }
```

```
}
```

same usage as public  
field (Version 1)

```
import xmas;

// client code in a method somewhere ...
public void gimme()
{
    Santa.INSTANCE.givePresent();
}
```

# Singleton as an enumeration

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- ▶ considered the preferred approach for implementing a singleton
  - ▶ for reasons beyond the scope of CSE1030
- ▶ all enumerations are subclasses of `java.lang.Enum`

# Applications

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- ▶ singletons should be uncommon
- ▶ typically used to represent a system component that is intrinsically unique
  - ▶ window manager
  - ▶ file system
  - ▶ logging system

# Logging

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- ▶ when developing a software program it is often useful to log information about the runtime state of your program
  - ▶ similar to flight data recorder in an airplane
  - ▶ a good log can help you find out what went wrong in your program
- ▶ problem: your program may have many classes, each of which needs to know where the single logging object is
  - ▶ global point of access to a single object == singleton
- ▶ Java logging API is more sophisticated than this
  - ▶ but it still uses a singleton to manage logging
  - ▶ `java.util.logging`



# Lazy Instantiation

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- ▶ notice that the previous singleton implementation always creates the singleton instance whenever the class is loaded
  - ▶ if no client uses the instance then it was created needlessly
- ▶ it is possible to delay creation of the singleton instance until it is needed by using lazy instantiation
  - ▶ only works for version 2

# Lazy Instantiation as per Notes

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```
public class Santa {
    private static Santa INSTANCE = null;

    private Santa()
    { // ... }

    public static Santa getInstance()
    {
        if (Santa.INSTANCE == null) {
            Santa.INSTANCE = new Santa();
        }
        return Santa.INSTANCE;
    }
}
```

# Mixing Static and Non-static

Multiton

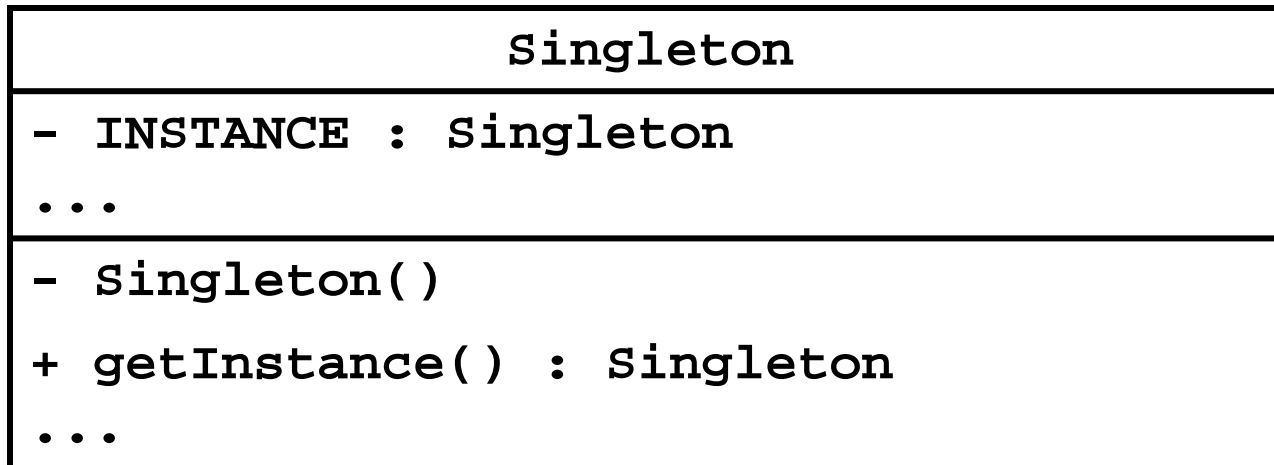
# Goals for Today

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- ▶ Multiton
- ▶ review maps
- ▶ static factory methods

# Singleton UML Class Diagram

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# One Instance per State

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- ▶ the Java language specification guarantees that identical `String` literals are not duplicated

```
// client code somewhere

String s1 = "xyz";
String s2 = "xyz";

// how many String instances are there?
System.out.println("same object? " + (s1 == s2) );
```

- ▶ prints: `same object? true`
- ▶ the compiler ensures that identical `String` literals all refer to the same object
  - ▶ a single instance per unique state

[notes 3.5]

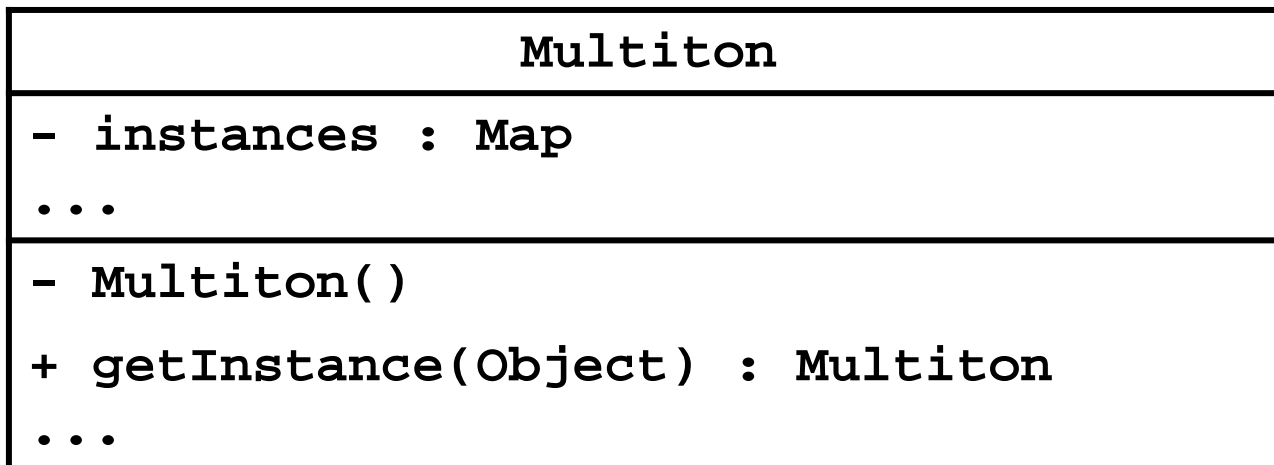
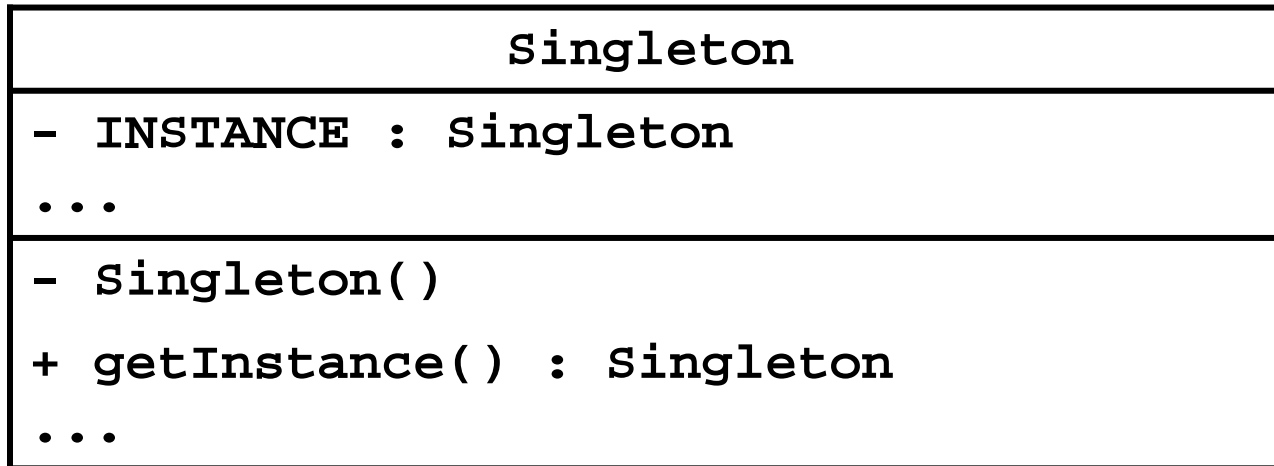
# Multiton

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- ▶ a *singleton* class manages a single instance of the class
- ▶ a *multiton* class manages multiple instances of the class
  
- ▶ what do you need to manage multiple instances?
  - ▶ a collection of some sort
  
- ▶ how does the client request an instance with a particular state?
  - ▶ it needs to pass the desired state as arguments to a method

# Singleton vs Multiton UML Diagram

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# Singleton vs Multiton

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- ▶ Singleton

- ▶ one instance

```
private static final Santa INSTANCE = new Santa();
```

- ▶ zero-parameter accessor

```
public static Santa getInstance()
```

# Singleton vs Multiton

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- ▶ Multiton

- ▶ multiple instances (each with unique state)

```
private static final Map<String, PhoneNumber>  
    instances = new TreeMap<String, PhoneNumber>();
```

- ▶ accessor needs to provide state information

```
public static PhoneNumber getInstance(int areaCode,  
                                     int exchangeCode,  
                                     int stationCode)
```

# Map

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- ▶ a map stores key-value pairs

`Map<String, PhoneNumber>`  
                  key type           value type

- ▶ values are put into the map using the key

```
// client code somewhere
Map<String, PhoneNumber> m =
    new TreeMap<String, PhoneNumber>;

PhoneNumber ago = new PhoneNumber(416, 979, 6648);
String key = "4169796648"

m.put(key, ago);
```

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- ▶ values can be retrieved from the map using only the key
    - ▶ if the key is not in the map the value returned is `null`

```
// client code somewhere
Map<String, PhoneNumber> m =
    new TreeMap<String, PhoneNumber>;

PhoneNumber ago = new PhoneNumber(416, 979, 6648);
String key = "4169796648";

m.put(key, ago);

PhoneNumber gallery = m.get(key);           // == ago
PhoneNumber art = m.get("4169796648");     // == ago

PhoneNumber pizza = m.get("4169671111");   // == null
```

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- ▶ a map is not allowed to hold duplicate keys
    - ▶ if you re-use a key to insert a new object, the existing object corresponding to the key is removed and the new object inserted

```
// client code somewhere
Map<String, PhoneNumber> m = new TreeMap<String, PhoneNumber>;

PhoneNumber ago = new PhoneNumber(416, 979, 6648);
String key = "4169796648";

m.put(key, ago); // add ago
System.out.println(m);

m.put(key, new PhoneNumber(905, 760, 1911)); // replaces ago
System.out.println(m);
```

prints

```
{4169796648=(416) 979-6648}
{4169796648=(905) 760-1911}
```

# Mutable Keys

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▶ from

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/util/Map.html>

- ▶ Note: great care must be exercised if mutable objects are used as map keys. The behavior of a map is not specified if the value of an object is changed in a manner that affects equals comparisons while the object is a key in the map.

```
public class MutableKey
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Map<Date, String> m = new TreeMap<Date, String>();
        Date d1 = new Date(100, 0, 1);
        Date d2 = new Date(100, 0, 2);
        Date d3 = new Date(100, 0, 3);
        m.put(d1, "Jan 1, 2000");
        m.put(d2, "Jan 2, 2000");
        m.put(d3, "Jan 3, 2000");
        d2.setYear(101);           // mutator
        System.out.println("d1 " + m.get(d1)); // d1 Jan 1, 2000
        System.out.println("d2 " + m.get(d2)); // d2 Jan 2, 2000
        System.out.println("d3 " + m.get(d3)); // d3 null
    }
}
```

don't mutate keys;  
bad things will happen

change TreeMap to HashMap and see what happens

# Making `PhoneNumber` a Multiton

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1. multiple instances (each with unique state)

```
private static final Map<String, PhoneNumber>
    instances = new TreeMap<String, PhoneNumber>();
```

2. accessor needs to provide state information

```
public static PhoneNumber getInstance(int areaCode,
                                     int exchangeCode,
                                     int stationCode)
```

- ▶ `getInstance()` will get an instance from `instances` if the instance is in the map; otherwise, it will create the new instance and put it in the map



# Making `PhoneNumber` a Multiton

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3. require private constructors
  - ▶ to prevent clients from creating instances on their own
    - ▶ clients should use `getInstance()`
  
4. require immutability of `PhoneNumbers`
  - ▶ to prevent clients from modifying state, thus making the keys inconsistent with the `PhoneNumbers` stored in the map
  - ▶ recall the recipe for immutability...

```
public class PhoneNumber implements Comparable<PhoneNumber>
{
    private static final Map<String, PhoneNumber> instances =
        new TreeMap<String, PhoneNumber>();

    private final short areaCode;
    private final short exchangeCode;
    private final short stationCode;

    private PhoneNumber(int areaCode,
                        int exchangeCode,
                        int stationCode)
    { // identical to previous versions }
}
```

```
public static PhoneNumber getInstance(int areaCode,
                                     int exchangeCode,
                                     int stationCode)
{
    String key = "" + areaCode + exchangeCode + stationCode;
    PhoneNumber n = PhoneNumber.instances.get(key);
    if (n == null)
    {
        n = new PhoneNumber(areaCode, exchangeCode, stationCode);
        PhoneNumber.instances.put(key, n);
    }
    return n;
}
// remainder of PhoneNumber class ...
```

why is validation not needed?

```
public class PhoneNumberClient {

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        PhoneNumber x = PhoneNumber.getInstance(416, 736, 2100);
        PhoneNumber y = PhoneNumber.getInstance(416, 736, 2100);
        PhoneNumber z = PhoneNumber.getInstance(905, 867, 5309);

        System.out.println("x equals y: " + x.equals(y) +
                           " and x == y: " + (x == y));

        System.out.println("x equals z: " + x.equals(z) +
                           " and x == z: " + (x == z));
    }
}
```

```
x equals y: true and x == y: true
x equals z: false and x == z: false
```

# Bonus Content

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- ▶ notice that Singleton and Multiton use a static method to return an instance of a class
- ▶ a static method that returns an instance of a class is called a *static factory method*
  - ▶ factory because, as far as the client is concerned, the method creates an instance
    - ▶ similar to a constructor

# Static Factory Methods

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- ▶ many examples

- ▶ `java.lang.Integer`

- ```
public static Integer valueOf(int i)
```

- ▶ Returns a **Integer** instance representing the specified **int** value.

- ▶ `java.util.Arrays`

- ```
public static int[] copyOf(int[] original, int newLength)
```

- ▶ Copies the specified array, truncating or padding with zeros (if necessary) so the copy has the specified length.

# Java API Static Factory Methods

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- ▶ `java.lang.String`

```
public static String format(String format, Object... args)
```

- ▶ Returns a formatted string using the specified format string and arguments.

- ▶ `cse1030.math.Complex`

```
public static Complex fromPolar(double mag, double angle)
```

- ▶ Returns a reference to a new complex number given its polar form.

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- ▶ you can give meaningful names to static factory methods (unlike constructors)

```
public class Person {  
    private String name;  
    private int age;  
    private int weight;  
  
    public Person(String name, int age, int weight) { // ... }  
  
    public Person(String name, int age) { // ... }  
  
    public Person(String name, int weight) { // ... }  
    // ...          illegal overload: same signature  
}
```



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```
public class Person { // modified from PEx's
    // attributes ...

    public Person(String name, int age, int weight) { // ... }

    public static Person withAge(String name, int age) {
        return new Person(name, age, DEFAULT_WEIGHT);
    }

    public static Person withWeight(String name, int weight) {
        return new Person(name, DEFAULT_AGE, weight);
    }
}
```

# A Singleton Puzzle: What is Printed?

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```
public class Elvis {
    public static final Elvis INSTANCE = new Elvis();
    private final int beltSize;
    private static final int CURRENT_YEAR =
        Calendar.getInstance().get(Calendar.YEAR);

    private Elvis() { this.beltSize = CURRENT_YEAR - 1930; }

    public int getBeltSize() { return this.beltSize; }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Elvis has a belt size of " +
            INSTANCE.getBeltSize());
    }
}
```

from Java Puzzlers by Joshua Bloch and Neal Gafter

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