

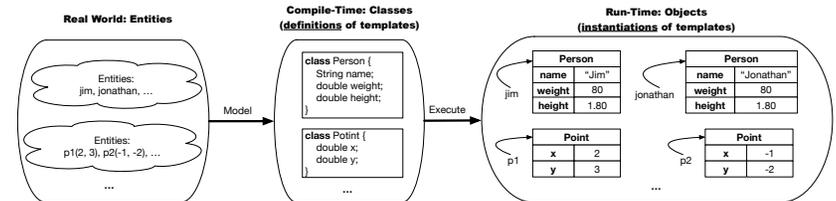
# Classes and Objects



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## Object Orientation: Observe, Model, and Execute



- o Study this tutorial video that walks you through the idea of **object orientation**.
- o We **observe** how real-world *entities* behave.
- o We **model** the common *attributes* and *behaviour* of a set of entities in a single *class*.
- o We **execute** the program by creating *instances* of classes, which interact in a way analogous to that of real-world *entities*.

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## Separation of Concerns: App/Tester vs. Model



- o In EECS1022:
  - o **Model Component**: One or More Java Classes  
e.g., *Person* vs. *SMS*, *Student*, *CourseRecord*
  - o Another Java class that "manipulates" the model class (by creating instances and calling methods):
    - o **Controller** (e.g., *BMIActivity*, *BankActivity*). Effects? Visualized (via a GUI) at connected tablet
    - o **Tester** with *main* (e.g., *PersonTester*, *BankTester*). Effects? Seen (as textual outputs) at console
- o In Java:
  - o We may define more than one *classes*.
  - o Each class may contain more than one *methods*.
  - o **object-oriented programming** in Java:
    - o Use **classes** to define templates
    - o Use **objects** to instantiate classes
    - o At *runtime*, *create* objects and *call* methods on objects, to *simulate interactions* between real-life entities.

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## Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)



- o In real life, lots of **entities** exist and interact with each other.  
e.g., *People* gain/lose weight, marry/divorce, or get older.  
e.g., *Cars* move from one point to another.  
e.g., *Clients* initiate transactions with banks.
- o **Entities**:
  - o Possess *attributes*;
  - o Exhibit *behaviour*; and
  - o Interact with each other.
- o **Goals**: Solve problems *programmatically* by
  - o *Classifying* entities of interest  
Entities in the same class share *common* attributes and behaviour.
  - o *Manipulating* data that represent these entities  
Each entity is represented by *specific* values.

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## OO Thinking: Templates vs. Instances (1.1)



A person is a being, such as a human, that has certain attributes and behaviour constituting personhood: a person ages and grows on their heights and weights.

- A template called `Person` defines the common
  - **attributes** (e.g., age, weight, height) [≈ nouns]
  - **behaviour** (e.g., get older, gain weight) [≈ verbs]

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## OO Thinking: Templates vs. Instances (2.1)



Points on a two-dimensional plane are identified by their signed distances from the X- and Y-axes. A point may move arbitrarily towards any direction on the plane. Given two points, we are often interested in knowing the distance between them.

- A template called `Point` defines the common
  - **attributes** (e.g., x, y) [≈ nouns]
  - **behaviour** (e.g., move up, get distance from) [≈ verbs]

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## OO Thinking: Templates vs. Instances (1.2)



- Persons share these common *attributes* and *behaviour*.
  - Each person possesses an age, a weight, and a height.
  - Each person's age, weight, and height might be *distinct*  
e.g., jim is 50-years old, 1.8-meters tall and 80-kg heavy  
e.g., jonathan is 65-years old, 1.73-meters tall and 90-kg heavy
- Each person, depending on the **specific values** of their attributes, might exhibit *distinct* behaviour:
  - When jim gets older, he becomes 51
  - When jonathan gets older, he becomes 66.
  - jim's BMI is based on his own height and weight  $\left[\frac{80}{1.8^2}\right]$
  - jonathan's BMI is based on his own height and weight  $\left[\frac{90}{1.73^2}\right]$

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## OO Thinking: Templates vs. Instances (2.2)



- Points share these common *attributes* and *behaviour*.
  - Each point possesses an x-coordinate and a y-coordinate.
  - Each point's location might be *distinct*  
e.g., p1 is located at (3, 4)  
e.g., p2 is located at (-4, -3)
- Each point, depending on the **specific values** of their attributes (i.e., locations), might exhibit *distinct* behaviour:
  - When p1 moves up for 1 unit, it will end up being at (3, 5)
  - When p2 moves up for 1 unit, it will end up being at (-4, -2)
  - Then, p1's distance from origin:  $\left[\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2}\right]$
  - Then, p2's distance from origin:  $\left[\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2}\right]$

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## OO Thinking: Templates vs. Instances (3)



- A **template** defines what's **shared** by a set of related entities.
  - Common **attributes** (age in Person, x in Point)
  - Common **behaviour** (get older for Person, move up for Point)
- Each template may be **instantiated** into multiple instances.
  - Person instances: jim and jonathan
  - Point instances: p1 and p2
- Each **instance** may have **specific values** for the attributes.
  - Each Person instance has an age:  
jim is 50-years old, jonathan is 65-years old
  - Each Point instance has a location:  
p1 is at (3,4), p2 is at (-3,-4)
- Therefore, instances of the same template may exhibit **distinct behaviour**.
  - Each Person instance can get older: jim getting older from 50 to 51; jonathan getting older from 65 to 66.
  - Each Point instance can move up: p1 moving up from (3,3) results in (3,4); p1 moving up from (-3,-4) results in (-3,-3).

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## OOP: Classes $\approx$ Templates



In Java, you use a **class** to define a **template** that enumerates **attributes** that are common to a set of **entities** of interest.

```
public class Person {
    int age;
    String nationality;
    double weight;
    double height;
}
```

```
public class Point {
    double x;
    double y;
}
```

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## OOP: Define Constructors for Creating Objects (1.1)



- Within class Point, you define **constructors**, specifying how instances of the Point template may be created.

```
public class Point {
    ... /* attributes: x, y */
    Point(double newX, double newY) {
        x = newX;
        y = newY; } }
```

- In the corresponding tester class, each **call** to the Point constructor creates an instance of the Point template.

```
public class PointTester {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Point p1 = new Point(2, 4);
        println(p1.x + " " + p1.y);
        Point p2 = new Point(-4, -3);
        println(p2.x + " " + p2.y); } }
```

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## OOP: Define Constructors for Creating Objects (1.2)



```
Point p1 = new Point(2, 4);
```

1. **RHS (Source) of Assignment:** `new Point(2, 4)` creates a new **Point object** in memory.

Point	
x	2.0
y	4.0

2. **LHS (Target) of Assignment:** `Point p1` declares a **variable** that is meant to store the **address** of **some Point object**.
3. **Assignment:** Executing `=` stores new object's address in p1.



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## OOP: Define Constructors for Creating Objects (2.1)

- Within class `Person`, you define **constructors**, specifying how instances of the `Person` template may be created.

```
public class Person {
    ... /* attributes: age, nationality, weight, height */
    Person(int newAge, String newNationality) {
        age = newAge;
        nationality = newNationality; } }
```

- In the corresponding tester class, each **call** to the `Person` constructor creates an instance of the `Person` template.

```
public class PersonTester {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Person jim = new Person(50, "British");
        println(jim.nationality + " " + jim.age);
        Person jonathan = new Person(60, "Canadian");
        println(jonathan.nationality + " " + jonathan.age); } }
```

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## Visualizing Objects at Runtime (1)

- To trace a program with sophisticated manipulations of objects, it's critical for you to visualize how objects are:
  - Created using **constructors**

```
Person jim = new Person(50, "British", 80, 1.8);
```
  - Inquired using **accessor methods**

```
double bmi = jim.getBMI();
```
  - Modified using **mutator methods**

```
jim.gainWeightBy(10);
```
- To visualize an object:
  - Draw a **rectangle box** to represent **contents** of that object:
    - Title** indicates the *name of class* from which the object is instantiated.
    - Left column** enumerates *names of attributes* of the instantiated class.
    - Right column** fills in *values* of the corresponding attributes.
  - Draw **arrow(s)** for *variable(s)* that store the object's **address**.

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## OOP: Define Constructors for Creating Objects (2.2)

```
Person jim = new Person(50, "British");
```

- RHS (Source) of Assignment:** `new Person(50, "British")` creates a new *Person object* in memory.

Person	
age	50
nationality	"British"
weight	0.0
height	0.0

- LHS (Target) of Assignment:** `Person jim` declares a *variable* that is meant to store the *address of some Person object*.

- Assignment:** Executing `=` stores new object's address in `jim`.

Person	
age	50
nationality	"British"
weight	0.0
height	0.0

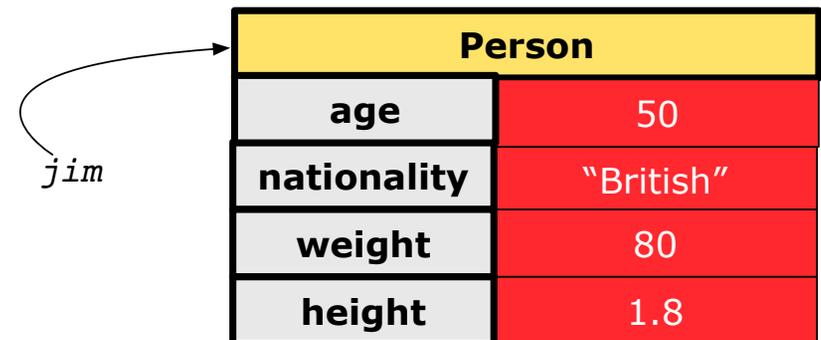
*jim* →

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## Visualizing Objects at Runtime (2.1)

After calling a **constructor** to create an object:

```
Person jim = new Person(50, "British", 80, 1.8);
```



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## Visualizing Objects at Runtime (2.2)



After calling an *accessor* to inquire about context object jim:

```
double bmi = jim.getBMI();
```

- Contents of the object pointed to by jim remain intact.
- Returned value  $\frac{80}{(1.8)^2}$  of jim.getBMI() stored in variable bmi.

Person	
age	50
nationality	"British"
weight	80
height	1.8

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## Visualizing Objects at Runtime (2.4)



After calling the same *accessor* to inquire the *modified* state of context object jim:

```
bmi = p.getBMI();
```

- Contents of the object pointed to by jim remain intact.
- Returned value  $\frac{90}{(1.8)^2}$  of jim.getBMI() stored in variable bmi.

Person	
age	50
nationality	"British"
weight	<del>80</del> 90
height	1.8

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## Visualizing Objects at Runtime (2.3)



After calling a *mutator* to modify the state of context object jim:

```
jim.gainWeightBy(10);
```

- **Contents** of the object pointed to by jim change.
- **Address** of the object remains unchanged.  
⇒ jim points to the same object!

Person	
age	50
nationality	"British"
weight	<del>80</del> 90
height	1.8

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## The this Reference (1)



- Each *class* may be instantiated to multiple *objects* at runtime.

```
class Point {  
    double x; double y;  
    void moveUp(double units) { y += units; }  
}
```

- Each time when we call a method of some class, using the dot notation, there is a specific *target/context* object.

```
1 Point p1 = new Point(2, 3);  
2 Point p2 = new Point(4, 6);  
3 p1.moveUp(3.5);  
4 p2.moveUp(4.7);
```

- p1 and p2 are called the **call targets** or **context objects**.
- **Lines 3 and 4** apply the same definition of the moveUp method.
- But how does Java distinguish the change to p1.y versus the change to p2.y?

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## The this Reference (2)

- In the *method* definition, each *attribute* has an *implicit* *this* which refers to the **context object** in a call to that method.

```
class Point {
    double x;
    double y;
    Point(double newX, double newY) {
        this.x = newX;
        this.y = newY;
    }
    void moveUp(double units) {
        this.y = this.y + units;
    }
}
```

- Each time when the *class* definition is used to create a new *Point object*, the *this* reference is substituted by the name of the new object.

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## The this Reference (4)

- After we create *p2* as an instance of *Point*

```
Point p2 = new Point(4, 6);
```

- When invoking *p2.moveUp(4.7)*, a version of *moveUp* that is specific to *p2* will be used:

```
class Point {
    double x;
    double y;
    Point(double newX, double newY) {
        p2.x = newX;
        p2.y = newY;
    }
    void moveUp(double units) {
        p2.y = p2.y + units;
    }
}
```

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## The this Reference (3)

- After we create *p1* as an instance of *Point*

```
Point p1 = new Point(2, 3);
```

- When invoking *p1.moveUp(3.5)*, a version of *moveUp* that is specific to *p1* will be used:

```
class Point {
    double x;
    double y;
    Point(double newX, double newY) {
        p1.x = newX;
        p1.y = newY;
    }
    void moveUp(double units) {
        p1.y = p1.y + units;
    }
}
```

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## The this Reference (5)

The *this* reference can be used to **disambiguate** when the names of *input parameters* clash with the names of *class attributes*.

```
class Point {
    double x;
    double y;
    Point(double x, double y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
    void setX(double x) {
        this.x = x;
    }
    void setY(double y) {
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

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## The this Reference (6.1): Common Error



The following code fragment compiles but is problematic:

```
class Person {
    String name;
    int age;
    Person(String name, int age) {
        name = name;
        age = age;
    }
    void setAge(int age) {
        age = age;
    }
}
```

Why? Fix?

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## The this Reference (6.2): Common Error



Always remember to use `this` when *input parameter* names clash with *class attribute* names.

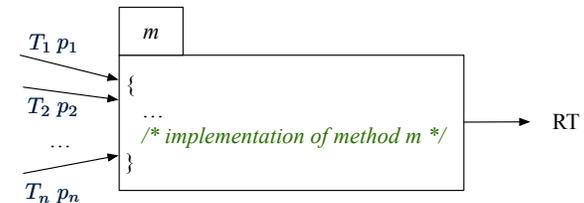
```
class Person {
    String name;
    int age;
    Person(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }
    void setAge(int age) {
        this.age = age;
    }
}
```

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## OOP: Methods (1.1)



- A **method** is a named block of code, *reusable* via its name.



- The **header** of a method consists of:
  - Return type [ *RT* (which can be void) ]
  - Name of method [ *m* ]
  - Zero or more *parameter names* [ *p*<sub>1</sub>, *p*<sub>2</sub>, ..., *p*<sub>*n*</sub> ]
  - The corresponding *parameter types* [ *T*<sub>1</sub>, *T*<sub>2</sub>, ..., *T*<sub>*n*</sub> ]
- A call to method *m* has the form: *m*(*a*<sub>1</sub>, *a*<sub>2</sub>, ..., *a*<sub>*n*</sub>)  
Types of *argument values* *a*<sub>1</sub>, *a*<sub>2</sub>, ..., *a*<sub>*n*</sub> must match the the corresponding parameter types *T*<sub>1</sub>, *T*<sub>2</sub>, ..., *T*<sub>*n*</sub>.

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## OOP: Methods (1.2)



- In the body of the method, you may
  - Declare and use new *local variables*
  - Scope** of local variables is only within that method.
  - Use or change values of *attributes*.
  - Use values of *parameters*, if any.

```
class Person {
    String nationality;
    void changeNationality(String newNationality) {
        nationality = newNationality; } }
```

- Call a method**, with a **context object**, by passing *arguments*.

```
class PersonTester {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Person jim = new Person(50, "British");
        Person jonathan = new Person(60, "Canadian");
        jim.changeNationality("Korean");
        jonathan.changeNationality("Korean"); } }
```

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## OOP: Methods (2)



- Each **class** `C` defines a list of methods.
  - A **method** `m` is a named block of code.
- We **reuse** the code of method `m` by calling it on an **object** `obj` of class `C`.
  - For each **method call** `obj.m(...)`:
    - `obj` is the **context object** of type `C`
    - `m` is a method defined in class `C`
    - We intend to apply the **code effect of method** `m` to object `obj`.  
e.g., `jim.getOlder()` vs. `jonathan.getOlder()`  
e.g., `p1.moveUp(3)` vs. `p2.moveUp(3)`
- All objects of class `C` share **the same definition** of method `m`.
- However:
  - ∴ Each object may have **distinct attribute values**.
  - ∴ Applying **the same definition** of method `m` has **distinct effects**.

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## OOP: The Dot Notation (1.1)



A binary operator:

- LHS stores an address (which denotes an object)
- RHS the name of an attribute or a method
- LHS . RHS means:
  - Locate** the context object whose address is stored in **LHS**, then apply **RHS**.
  - What if LHS stores `null`? [NullPointerException]

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## OOP: Methods (3)



1. **Constructor**
  - Same name as the class. No return type. **Initializes** attributes.
  - Called with the **new** keyword.
  - e.g., `Person jim = new Person(50, "British");`
2. **Mutator**
  - **Changes** (re-assigns) attributes
  - `void` return type
  - Cannot be used when a value is expected
  - e.g., `double h = jim.setHeight(78.5)` is illegal!
3. **Accessor**
  - **Uses** attributes for computations (without changing their values)
  - Any return type other than `void`
  - An explicit **return statement** (typically at the end of the method) returns the computation result to where the method is being used.  
e.g., `double bmi = jim.getBMI();`  
e.g., `println(p1.getDistanceFromOrigin());`

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## OOP: The Dot Notation (1.2)



- Given a **variable** of some **reference type** that is **not null**:
  - We use a dot to retrieve any of its **attributes**.  
Analogous to 's in English  
e.g., `jim.nationality` means `jim's nationality`
  - We use a dot to invoke any of its **mutator methods**, in order to **change** values of its attributes.  
e.g., `jim.changeNationality("CAN")` changes the `nationality` attribute of `jim`
  - We use a dot to invoke any of its **accessor methods**, in order to **use** the result of some computation on its attribute values.  
e.g., `jim.getBMI()` computes and returns the BMI calculated based on `jim's` weight and height
  - Return value of an **accessor method** must be stored in a variable.  
e.g., `double jimBMI = jim.getBMI();`

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## OOP: Method Calls



```
1 Point p1 = new Point (3, 4);
2 Point p2 = new Point (-6, -8);
3 System.out.println(p1. getDistanceFromOrigin() );
4 System.out.println(p2. getDistanceFromOrigin() );
5 p1. moveUp (2) ;
6 p2. moveUp (2) ;
7 System.out.println(p1. getDistanceFromOrigin() );
8 System.out.println(p2. getDistanceFromOrigin() );
```

- **Lines 1 and 2** create two different instances of `Point`
- **Lines 3 and 4:** invoking the same accessor method on two different instances returns *distinct* values
- **Lines 5 and 6:** invoking the same mutator method on two different instances results in *independent* changes
- **Lines 3 and 7:** invoking the same accessor method on the same instance *may* return *distinct* values, why? **Line 5**

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## OOP: Class Constructors (2)



```
public class Person {
    int age;
    String nationality;
    double weight;
    double height;
    Person(int initAge, String initNat) {
        age = initAge;
        nationality = initNat;
    }
    Person (double initW, double initH) {
        weight = initW;
        height = initH;
    }
    Person(int initAge, String initNat,
           double initW, double initH) {
        ... /* initialize all attributes using the parameters */
    }
}
```

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## OOP: Class Constructors (1)



- The purpose of defining a *class* is to be able to create *instances* out of it.
- To *instantiate* a class, we use one of its **constructors**.
- A constructor
  - declares input *parameters*
  - uses input parameters to *initialize* **some or all** of its *attributes*

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## OOP: Class Constructors (3)



```
public class Point {
    double x;
    double y;

    Point(double initX, double initY) {
        x = initX;
        y = initY;
    }

    Point(char axis, double distance) {
        if (axis == 'x') { x = distance; }
        else if (axis == 'y') { y = distance; }
        else { System.out.println("Error: invalid axis.") }
    }
}
```

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## OOP: Class Constructors (4)



- For each *class*, you may define *one or more constructors*:
  - *Names* of all constructors must match the class name.
  - *No return types* need to be specified for constructors.
  - Each constructor must have a *distinct* list of *input parameter types*.
  - Each *parameter* that is used to initialize an attribute must have a *matching type*.
  - The *body* of each constructor specifies how *some or all attributes* may be *initialized*.

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## OOP: Object Creation (1)



```
Point p1 = new Point(2, 4);  
System.out.println(p1);
```

```
Point@677327b6
```

By default, the address stored in `p1` gets printed.

Instead, print out attributes separately:

```
System.out.println("(" + p1.x + ", " + p1.y + ")");
```

```
(2.0, 4.0)
```

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## OOP: Object Creation (2)

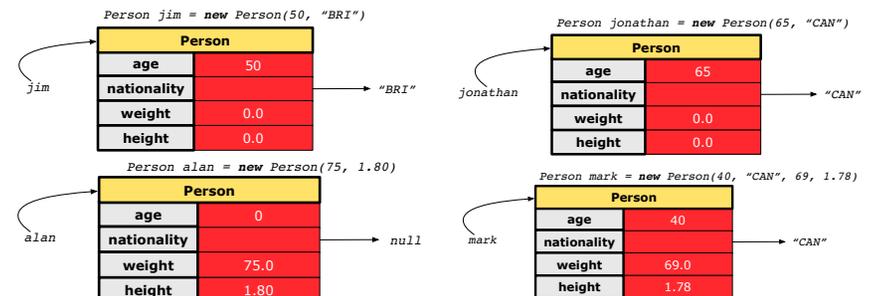


A constructor may only *initialize* some attributes and leave others *uninitialized*.

```
public class PersonTester {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        /* initialize age and nationality only */  
        Person jim = new Person(50, "BRI");  
        /* initialize age and nationality only */  
        Person jonathan = new Person(65, "CAN");  
        /* initialize weight and height only */  
        Person alan = new Person(75, 1.80);  
        /* initialize all attributes of a person */  
        Person mark = new Person(40, "CAN", 69, 1.78);  
    }  
}
```

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## OOP: Object Creation (3)



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## OOP: Object Creation (4)

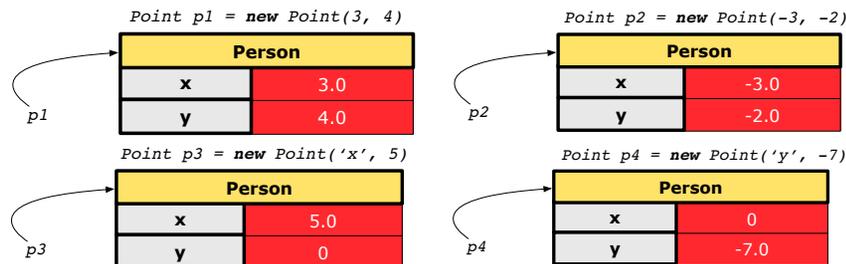


A constructor may only *initialize* some attributes and leave others *uninitialized*.

```
public class PointTester {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Point p1 = new Point(3, 4);
        Point p2 = new Point(-3, -2);
        Point p3 = new Point('x', 5);
        Point p4 = new Point('y', -7);
    }
}
```

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## OOP: Object Creation (5)



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## OOP: Object Creation (6)



- When using the constructor, pass **valid argument values**:
  - The type of each argument value must match the corresponding parameter type.
  - e.g., `Person(50, "BRI")` matches `Person(int initAge, String initNationality)`
  - e.g., `Point(3, 4)` matches `Point(double initX, double initY)`
- When creating an instance, *uninitialized* attributes implicitly get assigned the **default values**.
  - Set *uninitialized* attributes properly later using **mutator** methods

```
Person jim = new Person(50, "British");
jim.setWeight(85);
jim.setHeight(1.81);
```

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## OOP: Mutator Methods



- These methods *change* values of attributes.
- We call such methods **mutators** (with `void` return type).

```
public class Person {
    ...
    void gainWeight(double units) {
        weight = weight + units;
    }
}
```

```
public class Point {
    ...
    void moveUp() {
        y = y + 1;
    }
}
```

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## OOP: Accessor Methods

- These methods *return* the result of computation based on attribute values.
- We call such methods **accessors** (with non-void return type).

```
public class Person {
    ...
    double getBMI() {
        double bmi = height / (weight * weight);
        return bmi;
    }
}
```

```
public class Point {
    ...
    double getDistanceFromOrigin() {
        double dist = Math.sqrt(x*x + y*y);
        return dist;
    }
}
```

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## OOP: Method Parameters

- **Principle 1:** A **constructor** needs an *input parameter* for every attribute that you wish to initialize.  
e.g., Person(double w, double h) vs.  
Person(String fName, String lName)
- **Principle 2:** A **mutator** method needs an *input parameter* for every attribute that you wish to modify.  
e.g., In Point, void moveToXAxis() vs.  
void moveUpBy(double unit)
- **Principle 3:** An **accessor method** needs *input parameters* if the attributes alone are not sufficient for the intended computation to complete.  
e.g., In Point, double getDistFromOrigin() vs.  
double getDistFrom(Point other)

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## OOP: Use of Mutator vs. Accessor Methods

- Calls to **mutator methods** *cannot* be used as values.
  - e.g., System.out.println(jim.setWeight(78.5)); ×
  - e.g., double w = jim.setWeight(78.5); ×
  - e.g., jim.setWeight(78.5); ✓
- Calls to **accessor methods** *should* be used as values.
  - e.g., jim.getBMI(); ×
  - e.g., System.out.println(jim.getBMI()); ✓
  - e.g., double w = jim.getBMI(); ✓

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## OOP: Object Alias (1)

```
1 int i = 3;
2 int j = i; System.out.println(i == j); /* true */
3 int k = 3; System.out.println(k == i && k == j); /* true */
```

- **Line 2** copies the number stored in *i* to *j*.
- **After Line 4**, *i*, *j*, *k* refer to three separate integer placeholder, which happen to store the same value 3.

```
1 Point p1 = new Point(2, 3);
2 Point p2 = p1; System.out.println(p1 == p2); /* true */
3 Point p3 = new Point(2, 3);
4 System.out.println(p3 == p1 || p3 == p2); /* false */
5 System.out.println(p3.x == p1.x && p3.y == p1.y); /* true */
6 System.out.println(p3.x == p2.x && p3.y == p2.y); /* true */
```

- **Line 2** copies the *address* stored in *p1* to *p2*.
- Both *p1* and *p2* refer to the same object in memory!
- *p3*, whose *contents* are same as *p1* and *p2*, refer to a different object in memory.

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## OO Program Programming: Object Alias (2.1)



**Problem:** Consider assignments to **primitive** variables:

```
1 int i1 = 1;
2 int i2 = 2;
3 int i3 = 3;
4 int[] numbers1 = {i1, i2, i3};
5 int[] numbers2 = new int[numbers1.length];
6 for(int i = 0; i < numbers1.length; i++) {
7     numbers2[i] = numbers1[i];
8 }
9 numbers1[0] = 4;
10 System.out.println(numbers1[0]);
11 System.out.println(numbers2[0]);
```

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## OO Program Programming: Object Alias (3)



```
Person tom = new Person("TomCruise");
Person ethanHunt = tom;
Person spy = ethanHunt;
tom.setWeight(77); print(tom.weight); /* 77 */
ethanHunt.gainWeight(10); print(tom.weight); /* 87 */
spy.loseWeight(10); print(tom.weight); /* 77 */
Person prof = new Person("Jackie"); prof.setWeight(80);
spy = prof; prof = tom; tom = spy;
print(prof.name+" teaches 2030");/*TomCruise teaches 2030*/
print("EthanHunt is "+ethanHunt.name);/*EthanHunt is TomCruise*/
print("EthanHunt is "+spy.name);/*EthanHunt is Jackie*/
print("TomCruise is "+tom.name);/*TomCruise is Jackie*/
print("Jackie is "+prof.name);/*Jackie is TomCruise*/
```

- An **object** at runtime may have **more than one identities**. Its **address** may be stored in multiple **reference variables**.
- Calling a **method** on one of an object's identities has the **same effect** as calling the same method on any of its other identities.

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## OO Program Programming: Object Alias (2.2)



**Problem:** Consider assignments to **reference** variables:

```
1 Person alan = new Person("Alan");
2 Person mark = new Person("Mark");
3 Person tom = new Person("Tom");
4 Person jim = new Person("Jim");
5 Person[] persons1 = {alan, mark, tom};
6 Person[] persons2 = new Person[persons1.length];
7 for(int i = 0; i < persons1.length; i++) {
8     persons2[i] = persons1[(i + 1) % persons1.length]; }
9 persons1[0].setAge(70);
10 System.out.println(jim.age); /* 0 */
11 System.out.println(alan.age); /* 70 */
12 System.out.println(persons2[0].age); /* 0 */
13 persons1[0] = jim;
14 persons1[0].setAge(75);
15 System.out.println(jim.age); /* 75 */
16 System.out.println(alan.age); /* 70 */
17 System.out.println(persons2[0].age); /* 0 */
```

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## Anonymous Objects (1)



- What's the difference between these two fragments of code?

```
1 double square(double x) {
2     double sqr = x * x;
3     return sqr; }
1 double square(double x) {
2     return x * x; }
```

After L2, the result of  $x * x$ :

- LHS: it can be **reused** (without recalculating) via the name `sqr`.
- RHS: it is **not stored** anywhere and returned right away.

- Same principles applies to objects:

```
1 Person getP(String n) {
2     Person p = new Person(n);
3     return p; }
1 Person getP(String n) {
2     return new Person(n); }
```

**new Person(n)** denotes an object without a name reference.

- LHS: L2 stores the address of this anonymous object in `p`.
- RHS: L2 returns the address of this anonymous object directly.

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## Anonymous Objects (2.1)

Anonymous objects can also be used as *assignment sources* or *argument values*:

```
class Member {
    Order[] orders;
    int noo;
    /* constructor omitted */
    void addOrder(Order o) {
        orders[noo] = o;
        noo++;
    }
    void addOrder(String n, double p, double q) {
        addOrder(new Order(n, p, q));
        /* Equivalent implementation:
        * orders[noo] = new Order(n, p, q);
        * noo++; */
    }
}
```

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## Java Data Types (1)

A (data) type denotes a set of related *runtime values*.

### 1. Primitive Types

- o **Integer Type**
  - int [set of 32-bit integers]
  - long [set of 64-bit integers]
- o **Floating-Point Number Type**
  - double [set of 64-bit FP numbers]
- o **Character Type**
  - char [set of single characters]
- o **Boolean Type**
  - boolean [set of true and false]

### 2. Reference Type: *Complex Type with Attributes and Methods*

- o **String** [set of references to character sequences]
- o **Person** [set of references to Person objects]
- o **Point** [set of references to Point objects]
- o **Scanner** [set of references to Scanner objects]

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## Anonymous Objects (2.2)

One more example on using anonymous objects:

```
class MemberTester {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Member m = new Member("Alan");
        Order o = new Order("Americano", 4.7, 3);
        m.addOrder(o);
        m.addOrder(new Order("Cafe Latte", 5.1, 4));
    }
}
```

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## Java Data Types (2)

• A variable that is declared with a *type* but *uninitialized* is implicitly assigned with its **default value**.

- o **Primitive Type**
  - int i; [0 is implicitly assigned to i]
  - double d; [0.0 is implicitly assigned to d]
  - boolean b; [false is implicitly assigned to b]
- o **Reference Type**
  - String s; [null is implicitly assigned to s]
  - Person jim; [null is implicitly assigned to jim]
  - Point p1; [null is implicitly assigned to p1]
  - Scanner input; [null is implicitly assigned to input]

• You *can* use a primitive variable that is *uninitialized*.

Make sure the **default value** is what you want!

• Calling a method on a *uninitialized* reference variable crashes your program. [ *NullPointerException* ]

Always initialize reference variables!

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## Java Data Types (3.1)



- An attribute may store the reference to some object.

```
class Person { Person spouse; }
```

- Methods may take as **parameters** references to other objects.

```
class Person {  
    void marry(Person other) { ... } }
```

- Return values** from methods may be references to other objects.

```
class Point {  
    void moveUpBy(int i) { y = y + i; }  
    Point movedUpBy(int i) {  
        Point np = new Point(x, y);  
        np.moveUp(i);  
        return np;  
    }  
}
```

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## Java Data Types (3.2.2)



```
1 class PointCollectorTester {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         PointCollector pc = new PointCollector();  
4         System.out.println(pc.nop); /* 0 */  
5         pc.addPoint(3, 4);  
6         System.out.println(pc.nop); /* 1 */  
7         pc.addPoint(-3, 4);  
8         System.out.println(pc.nop); /* 2 */  
9         pc.addPoint(-3, -4);  
10        System.out.println(pc.nop); /* 3 */  
11        pc.addPoint(3, -4);  
12        System.out.println(pc.nop); /* 4 */  
13        Point[] ps = pc.getPointsInQuadrantI();  
14        System.out.println(ps.length); /* 1 */  
15        System.out.println("(" + ps[0].x + ", " + ps[0].y + ")");  
16        /* (3, 4) */  
17    }  
18 }
```

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## Java Data Types (3.2.1)



An attribute may be of type **Point[]**, storing references to Point objects.

```
1 class PointCollector {  
2     Point[] points; int nop; /* number of points */  
3     PointCollector() { points = new Point[100]; }  
4     void addPoint(double x, double y) {  
5         points[nop] = new Point(x, y); nop++; }  
6     Point[] getPointsInQuadrantI() {  
7         Point[] ps = new Point[nop];  
8         int count = 0; /* number of points in Quadrant I */  
9         for(int i = 0; i < nop; i++) {  
10            Point p = points[i];  
11            if(p.x > 0 && p.y > 0) { ps[count] = p; count++; } }  
12        Point[] q1Points = new Point[count];  
13        /* ps contains null if count < nop */  
14        for(int i = 0; i < count; i++) { q1Points[i] = ps[i] }  
15        return q1Points;  
16    } }
```

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**Required Reading:** Point and PointCollector

## Static Variables (1)



```
class Account {  
    int id;  
    String owner;  
    Account(int id, String owner) {  
        this.id = id;  
        this.owner = owner;  
    }  
}
```

```
class AccountTester {  
    Account acc1 = new Account(1, "Jim");  
    Account acc2 = new Account(2, "Jeremy");  
    System.out.println(acc1.id != acc2.id);  
}
```

But, managing the unique id's **manually** is **error-prone** !

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## Static Variables (2)



```
class Account {
    static int globalCounter = 1;
    int id; String owner;
    Account(String owner) {
        this.id = globalCounter; globalCounter++;
        this.owner = owner; } }

```

```
class AccountTester {
    Account acc1 = new Account("Jim");
    Account acc2 = new Account("Jeremy");
    System.out.println(acc1.id != acc2.id); }

```

- Each instance of a class (e.g., acc1, acc2) has a *local* copy of each attribute or instance variable (e.g., id).
  - Changing acc1.id does not affect acc2.id.
- A **static** variable (e.g., globalCounter) belongs to the class.
  - All instances of the class share a *single* copy of the **static** variable.
  - Change to globalCounter via c1 is also visible to c2.

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## Static Variables (4.1): Common Error



```
class Client {
    Account[] accounts;
    static int numberOfAccounts = 0;
    void addAccount(Account acc) {
        accounts[numberOfAccounts] = acc;
        numberOfAccounts++;
    } }

```

```
class ClientTester {
    Client bill = new Client("Bill");
    Client steve = new Client("Steve");
    Account acc1 = new Account();
    Account acc2 = new Account();
    bill.addAccount(acc1);
    /* correctly added to bill.accounts[0] */
    steve.addAccount(acc2);
    /* mistakenly added to steve.accounts[1]! */
}

```

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## Static Variables (3)



```
class Account {
    static int globalCounter = 1;
    int id; String owner;
    Account(String owner) {
        this.id = globalCounter;
        globalCounter++;
        this.owner = owner;
    } }

```

- **Static** variable globalCounter is not instance-specific like *instance* variable (i.e., attribute) id is.
- To access a **static** variable:
  - **No** context object is needed.
  - Use of the class name suffices, e.g., Account.globalCounter.
- Each time Account's constructor is called to create a new instance, the increment effect is *visible to all existing objects* of Account.

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## Static Variables (4.2): Common Error



- Attribute numberOfAccounts should **not** be declared as static as its value should be specific to the client object.
- If it were declared as static, then every time the addAccount method is called, although on different objects, the increment effect of numberOfAccounts will be visible to all Client objects.
- Here is the correct version:

```
class Client {
    Account[] accounts;
    int numberOfAccounts = 0;
    void addAccount(Account acc) {
        accounts[numberOfAccounts] = acc;
        numberOfAccounts++;
    } }

```

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## Static Variables (5.1): Common Error



```
1 public class Bank {
2     public string branchName;
3     public static int nextAccountNumber = 1;
4     public static void useAccountNumber() {
5         System.out.println (branchName + ...);
6         nextAccountNumber ++;
7     }
8 }
```

- *Non-static method cannot be referenced from a static context*
- **Line 4** declares that we **can** call the method `useAccountNumber` without instantiating an object of the class `Bank`.
- However, in **Lined 5**, the *static* method references a *non-static* attribute, for which we **must** instantiate a `Bank` object.

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## Static Variables (5.3): Common Error



There are two possible ways to fix:

1. Remove all uses of *non-static* variables (i.e., `branchName`) in the *static* method (i.e., `useAccountNumber`).
2. Declare `branchName` as a *static* variable.
  - This does not make sense.  
∴ `branchName` should be a value specific to each `Bank` instance.

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## Static Variables (5.2): Common Error



```
1 public class Bank {
2     public string branchName;
3     public static int nextAccountNumber = 1;
4     public static void useAccountNumber() {
5         System.out.println (branchName + ...);
6         nextAccountNumber ++;
7     }
8 }
```

- To call `useAccountNumber()`, no instances of `Bank` are required:

```
Bank.useAccountNumber();
```

- *Contradictorily*, to access `branchName`, a *context object* is required:

```
Bank b1 = new Bank(); b1.setBranch("Songdo IBK");
System.out.println(b1.branchName);
```

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