

Classes and Objects



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Separation of Concerns: App/Tester vs. Model



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

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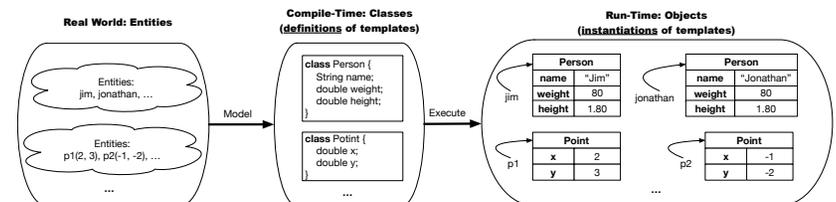
Tutorial Videos to Help You Review



- **Link to Tutorial Series:**
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5dxAmCmjv_5NRNPG30iWZWAqmvCjiLfg
 - **Videos 1 to 8:** Basics of Programming and Eclipse
 - **Videos 9 to 19:** Programming/Debugging **If-Statements**
 - **Videos 20 to 33:** Programming/Debugging **Arrays and Loops**
 - **Videos 34 to 38:** Basics of **Classes and Objects**
 - **Videos 39 to 46:** A Complete Example – Student, Faculty, CourseRecord, StudentManagementSystem
- **iPad Notes:** <https://www.eecs.yorku.ca/~jackie/teaching/tutorials/notes/EECS1021%20Tutorial%20on%20Java.pdf>

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Object Orientation: Observe, Model, and Execute



- Study this tutorial video that walks you through the idea of **object orientation**.
- We **observe** how real-world **entities** behave.
- We **model** the common **attributes** and **behaviour** of a set of entities in a single **class**.
- 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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Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)



- 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.
- Entities:
 - Possess *attributes*;
 - Exhibit *behaviour*; and
 - Interact with each other.
- Goals: Solve problems *programmatically* by
 - *Classifying* entities of interest
 - Entities in the same class share *common* attributes and behaviour.
 - *Manipulating* data that represent these entities
 - Each entity is represented by *specific* values.

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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 (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) [\approx nouns]
 - **behaviour** (e.g., get older, gain weight) [\approx 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) [\approx nouns]
 - **behaviour** (e.g., move up, get distance from) [\approx verbs]

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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: $[\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2}]$
 - Then, p2's distance from origin: $[\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2}]$

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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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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); p2 moving up from (-3, -4) results in (-3, -3).

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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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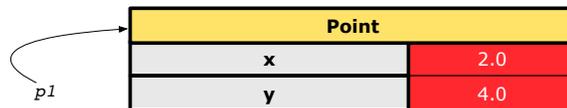
OOP: Define Constructors for Creating Objects (1.2)

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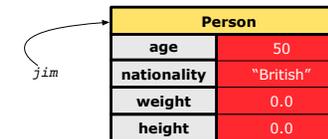
OOP: Define Constructors for Creating Objects (2.2)

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

1. **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

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



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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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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 (2.3)



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!



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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.



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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.



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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 (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 (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 (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 (6.2): 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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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;
    }
}
```

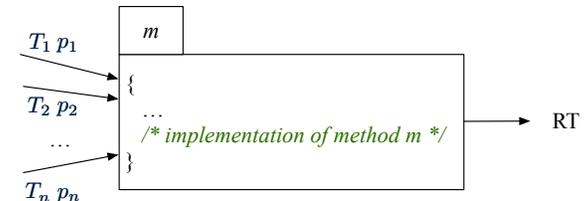
Why? Fix?

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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`)] [see here]
 - Name of method [*m*]
 - Zero or more *parameter names* [*p*₁, *p*₂, ..., *p*_{*n*}]
 - The corresponding *parameter types* [*T*₁, *T*₂, ..., *T*_{*n*}]
- A call to method *m* has the form: *m*(*a*₁, *a*₂, ..., *a*_{*n*})
Types of *argument values* *a*₁, *a*₂, ..., *a*_{*n*} must match the the corresponding parameter types *T*₁, *T*₂, ..., *T*_{*n*}.

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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 (3)

- Constructor**
 - Same name as the class. No return type. *Initializes* attributes.
 - Called with the **new** keyword.
 - e.g., `Person jim = new Person(50, "British");`
- 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!
- 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: 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:
 - \therefore Each object may have *distinct attribute values*.
 - \therefore 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: 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: 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: 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 (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)

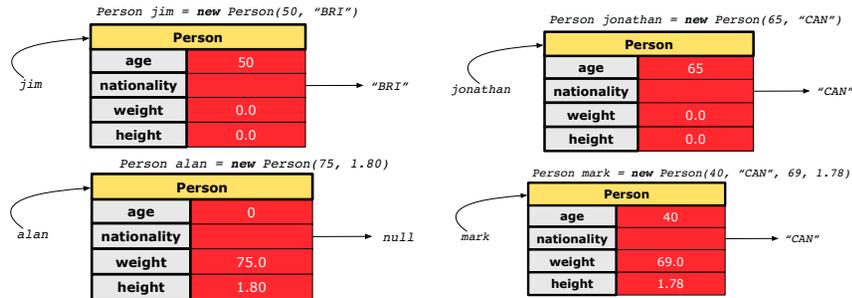


A constructor may only *initialize* some attributes and leave others *uninitialized*.

```
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);
    }
}
```

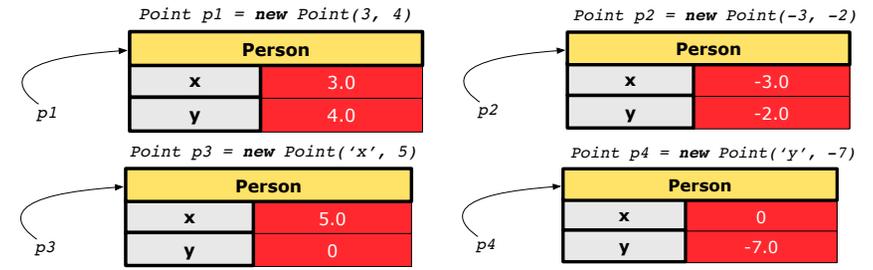
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OOP: Object Creation (3)



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OOP: Object Creation (5)



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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 (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: 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: 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: 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 */
```

- o Line 2 copies the number stored in `i` to `j`.
- o 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 */
```

- o Line 2 copies the **address** stored in `p1` to `p2`.
- o Both `p1` and `p2` refer to the same object in memory!
- o `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 (2.2)



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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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*/
```

- o An **object** at runtime may have **more than one identities**. Its **address** may be stored in multiple **reference variables**.
- o 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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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]

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!

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;
    }
}
```

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    } }
```

Required Reading: Point and PointCollector

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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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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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 (2.2)

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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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**!

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.

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.

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]! */
}
}
```

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 (5.2): 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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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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Non-Static Context vs. Static Context (1)

- A Recap of Rules:
 - Use of **static** variables in a **non-static** method is **allowed**.
e.g., `static int globalCounter` [see this slide]
 - Use if **non-static** variables in a **static** method is **forbidden**.
e.g., `String branchName` [see this slide]
- Principles of Judgement:
 - Using a **non-static** variable/method requires a **context object**.

```
Person jim = new Person(50, "British", 80, 1.8);
System.out.println("Jim's BMI: " + jim.getBMI());
```

- To use a **static** variable/method, a **class name** is sufficient.

```
class Counter { static int gc = 1; /* global counter */ }
class CounterTester {
    static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Global value: " + Counter.gc);
    }
}
```

- Warning if accessing a **static** variable/method via a **context object**.

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Non-Static Context vs. Static Context (2)

```
1 class MyClass {
2     int i; /* a non-static attribute */
3     static int si = 2; /* a static attribute */
4     void changeOne () { /* a non-static method */
5         i ++;
6         si ++;
7     }
8     static void changeTwo () { /* a static method */
9         i ++; /* Error: Use of non-static in static context. */
10        si ++;
11    }
12 }
```

- Say we already created an object: `MyClass o = new MyClass()`
- **L5 & L6** are **valid**.
 - Calling `o.changeOne()` means `o.i ++` and `o.si ++`
- **L9** is **invalid**.
 - Allowing `MyClass.changeTwo()` would allow `MyClass.i ++`.
 - But `MyClass.i ++` is **invalid** \therefore non-static `i` needs a context object

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