



(remedial) Java

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Object Oriented Programming

Object Oriented Programming

- All languages make abstractions
- OOP attempts to represent the real world as close as possible, i.e. closer to the problem space
- Use of the notion of **objects**



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Object Oriented Programming

- Represent the real world



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Object Oriented Programming

- Represent the real world

Car 
Make
Color
Horsepower
MPG
Manual
Kilometers

Object Oriented Programming

- Objects group together characteristics:
 - Primitives (int, double, char, etc..)
 - Objects (String, etc...)

Car 
`String` Make
`String` Color
`int` Horsepower
`double` MPG
`boolean` Manual
`int` Kilometers

Why use classes?

- We could use just primitives ...

```
// my car
String myCarMake;
String myCarColor;
int myCarHorsepower;
double myCarMPG;
boolean myCarManual;
int myCarKilometers;
```

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// my car
String myCarMake;
String myCarColor;
int myCarHorsepower;
double myCarMPG;
boolean myCarManual;
int myCarKilometers;

// my father's car
String dadsCarMake;
String dadsCarColor;
int dadsCarHorsepower;
double dadsCarMPG;
boolean dadsCarManual;
int dadsCarKilometers;
```

- What if I had 800 cars ...

Why use **classes**?



Car

Make
Color
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Make = ...
Color = ...
Horsepower = ...
MPG = ...
Manual = ...
Kilometers = ...

myCar



Why use **classes**?

Car



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myCar



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dadsCar



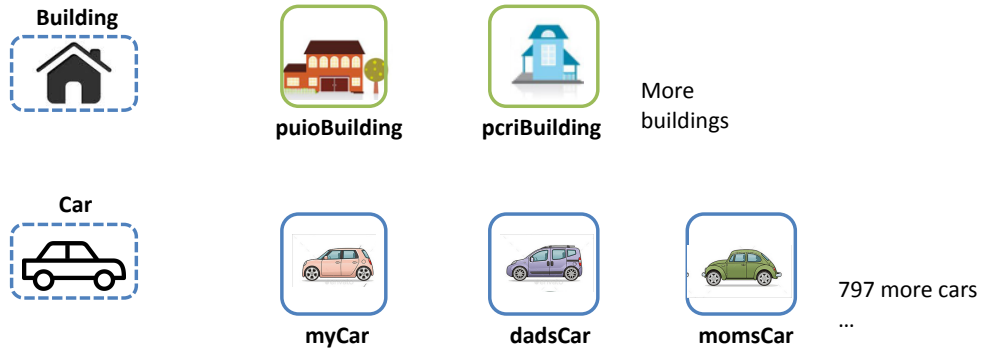
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momsCar



797 more
cars ...

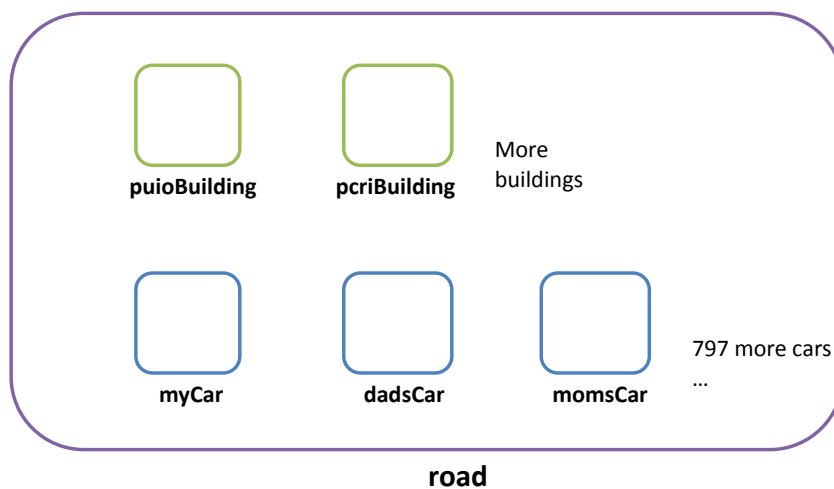
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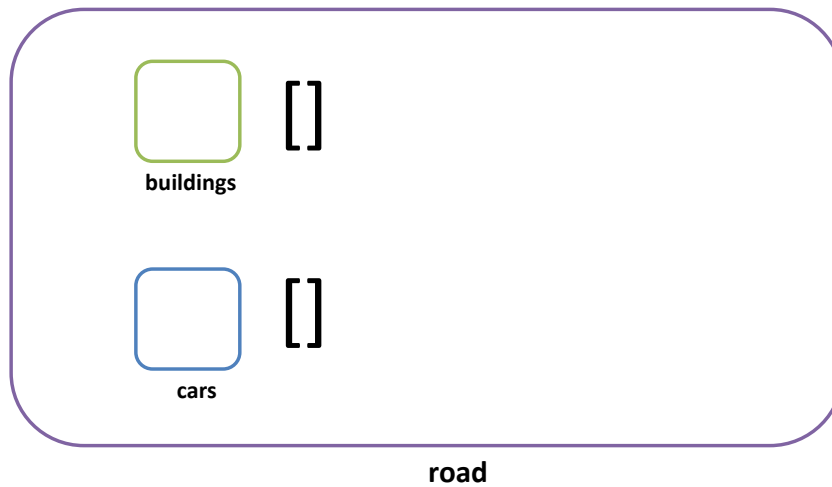
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Object and Class (1)

- Everything is an **object**.
- A program is a collection of objects that tell each other what to do (pass messages)
- Similar **objects** are grouped together in an object **class**.
 - A class is a “pattern template” for creating similar objects.

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Object and Class (2)

- With the keyword **class** we can define abstract data types, i.e. classes (fundamental concept of OOP).
- We use these abstract data types in the same way as we use the predefined Java data types.
 - Can create variables of the specific type (class), and give them concrete values (object/instance)
 - The instances (objects) of a class share the same characteristics (e.g., all cars have a make, model, color, etc.).
 - But each object has its own state, so my car is a pink peugeot 104, my mother's car is a green volkswagen beetle, etc.

Defining classes

Let's declare a car class

```
public class Car {
```

}

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```

fields: data/characteristics

methods: data manipulation
msg treatment

}

Class fields

```
public class Car {  
  
    TYPE varname;  
    TYPE varname = some_value;  
  
}
```

Class fields

```
public class Car {  
  
    String make;  
    String color;  
    int horsepower;  
    double mpg;  
    boolean manual;  
    int kilometers = 0;  
  
}
```

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    XXXX YYYY;  
  
}
```

Class fields

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public class Car {  
  
    String make;  
    String color;  
    int horsepower;  
    double mpg;  
    boolean manual;  
    int kilometers = 0;  
    Car[] overtaken;  
  
}
```

Class methods

```
public class Car {  
  
    String make;  
    String color;  
    int horsepower;  
    double mpg;  
    boolean manual;  
    int kilometers = 0;  
    Car[] overtaken;  
  
    void move (int speed, int time) {  
        kilometers += speed*time;  
        System.out.println("Covered " + kilometers + "km");  
    }  
}
```

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Class overview

```
public class Car {
```

```
    String make;  
    String color;  
    int horsepower;  
    double mpg;  
    boolean manual;  
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```

Class
Definition

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Note on Class declaration

In java:

- Class names are Capitalized
- 1 Class = 1 file
- a Class with a `main` function can be run

Class overview

```
Car myCar = new Car();
```

Class

Instance

(a concrete object
of that class)

But what make, color, ...?

Class Constructor

```
public class CLASSNAME {  
  
    CLASSNAME ( ) {  
    }  
  
    CLASSNAME ([ ARGUMENTS ]) {  
    }  
}  
  
CLASSNAME obj1 = new CLASSNAME();  
CLASSNAME obj2 = new CLASSNAME([ ARGUMENTS ]);
```

Car constructors

```
public class Car {  
    String _make;  
    String _color;  
    int _horsepower;  
    double _mpg;  
    boolean _manual;  
    int _kilometers = 0;  
  
    public Car(String mymake, String mycolor){  
        _make = mymake;    // or this._name = myname;  
        _color = mycolor;  // or this._color = mycolor;  
    }  
  
    void move (int speed, int time) {  
        _kilometers += speed*time;  
        System.out.println("Covered " + _kilometers + "km");  
    }  
}
```

Class Constructor characteristics (1)

- A constructor is a particular method
- It is used to initialize an object, it initializes fields, and guarantees invariants at the objects' creation
- It is invoked with the keyword **new** once per object, and it reserves memory for the newly created object

Class Constructor characteristics (2)

- Constructor name = Class name
- No return type, never returns anything
- All classes need at least one constructor, if none defined than Java adds a default one

```
CLASSNAME ( ) {  
    }  
}
```

- If a constructor is defined, the Java compiler no longer creates a default constructor

Inter-constructor calls

- Can call one constructor method from another using the keyword **this** (more later). This process is called constructor overloading.

- The call to the constructor must be the first call

```
public Car(){
    this("nomake", "nocolor"); // I want a default value
}

public Car(String myname, String mycolor){
    _name = myname; // or this.name = myname;
    _color = mycolor; // or this.color = mycolor;
}
```

Using classes

Classes and Instances

```
// class Definition (pattern)
public class Car {
    ...
}

// class Instances (concrete objects)
Car myCar = new Car ("peugeot", "pink");
Car momsCar = new Car ("volkswagen", "green");
```

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- Each instance (myCar, momsCar) has their own values for their fields (e.g., different make or color).

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- For fields `object.FieldName`

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```

```
System.out.println(myCar._make); // returns peugeot
```

Accessing members of a class

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- For methods `object.Methodname( [ARGUMENTS ] )`

```
Car myCar = new Car ( "peugeot", "pink" );
```

```
myCar.move(85,30); // updates the variable kilometers
```

Accessing members of a class

- With respect to classic functions (e.g. in C), we chose one of the objects to act on:
 - C: `equals(o1,o2)`
 - Java: `o1.equals(o2)`

```
Class Car{  
    boolean equals (Car m){  
        ... }  
}
```

```
class Main{  
    public void todo{  
        Car c1 = ...  
        Car c2 = ...  
        if ( c1.equals(c2)){  
            ...}  
        }  
    }  
}
```

this

- **this** (or self, it) corresponds to a reference to the object on which a method is called
- Clarifies the scope of the variable (if same name)

```
Class Car{
    boolean equals (Car c){
        if (this == c)
            return true;
    }
}

class Main{
    public void todo{
        Car c1 = ...
        Car c2 = ...
        if ( c1.equals(c2)){
            ...}
    }
}
```

Here **this** takes the value of c1 and c of c2

this example

```
public class Car {
    int kilometers = 0;

    Car(){
        move(30);
        System.out.println("Covered " + kilometers + "km");
    }
    void move (int kilometers) {
        kilometers += kilometers;
        System.out.println("Covered " + kilometers + "km");
    }

    public static void main (String args[]){
        Car car1 = new Car();
    }
}
```

- Only method-level kilometers is updated

this example

```
public class Car {
    int kilometers = 0;

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    }

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}
```

- Object-level kilometers is updated

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Exercise 1 - part 1

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Hint: use Book[] inside Library

Reminder:

- Class definition

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}
```

- Class use

```
CLASSNAME obj = new CLASSNAME([ARGUMENTS]);
obj.method_name([ARGUMENTS]);
```

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References vs Values

Primitives vs References

- **Primitives** are basic Java types
 - int, char, double, float, long, short, boolean, byte
 - The actual **value** is stored in the variable (memory)
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Primitives vs References

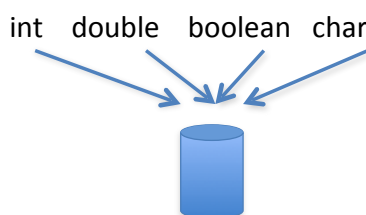
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- **Reference** types are arrays and objects
 - String, int[], Car, ...

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How **Primitives** are stored

- Variables are like fixed size memory buckets
- Primitives are small enough to fit in them

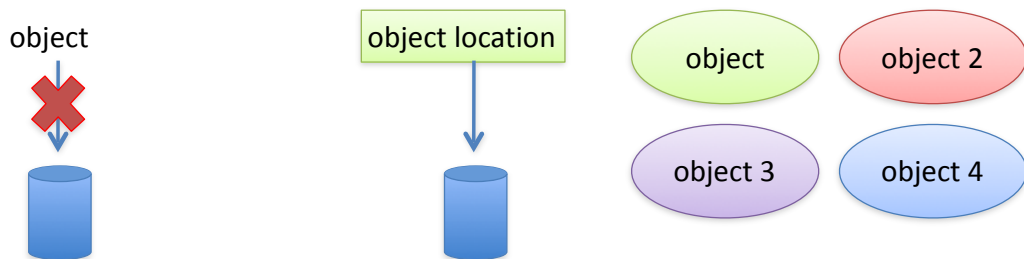


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How **Objects** are stored

- Objects are too big to fit in a variable
- Instead
 - They are stored somewhere else
 - Variables store a number that locates the object



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References

- The object's location (address) is called a **reference**
- The operator `==` compares references

```
Car car1 = new Car ( "peugeot", "pink" );  
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- Does `car1 == car2`?

NO

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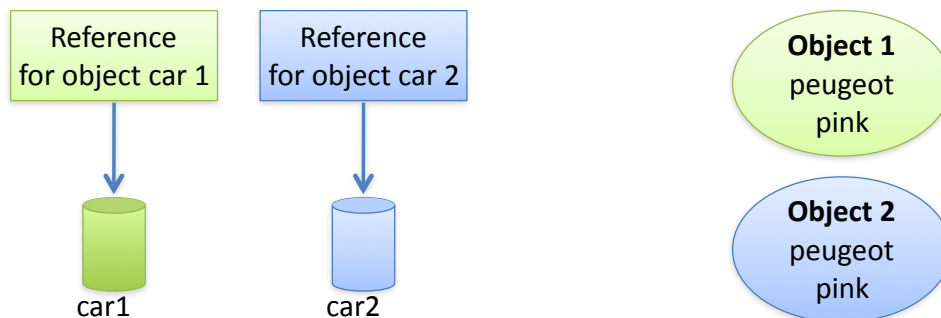
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This is why we use `string1.equals(string2)`

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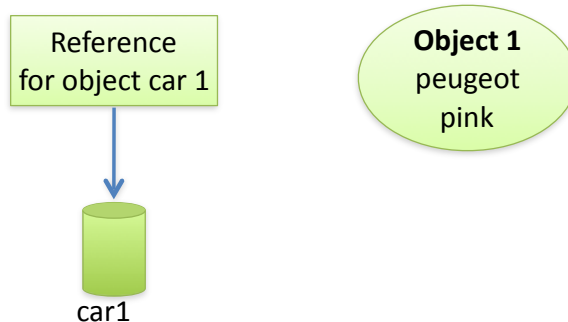
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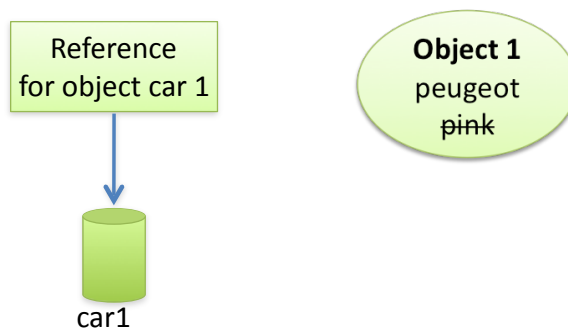
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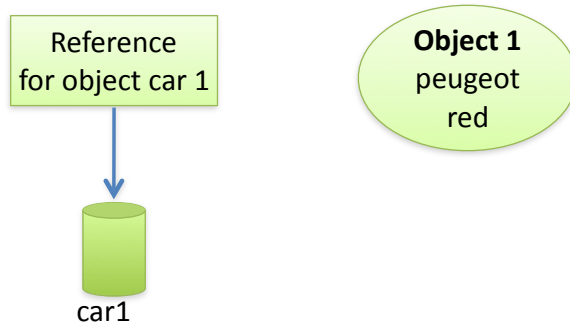
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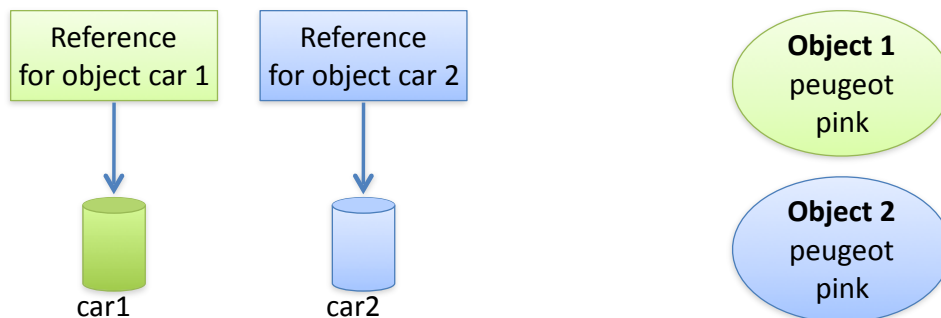
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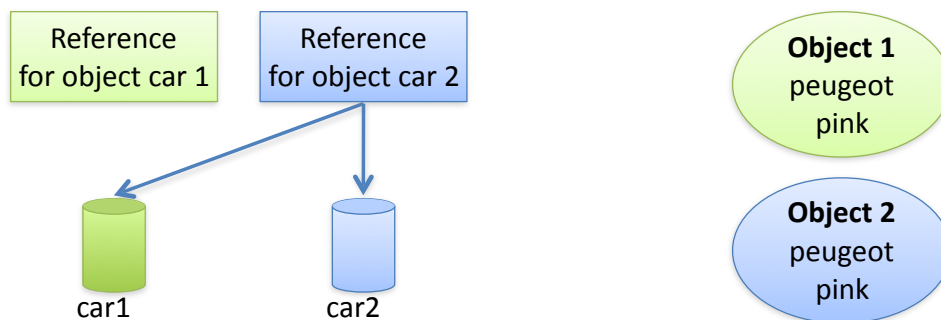
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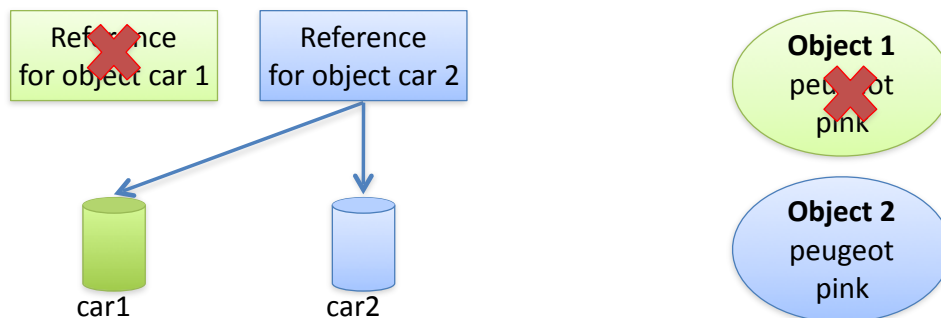
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References

- Using [] or •
 - Follows the reference to the object
 - May modify the object, but never the reference

Imagine following directions to a house, you can modify the furniture inside (analogous to following the reference of an object and changing its fields)

Methods and References

```
void dofoo (int x, int[] many_ints, Car c){  
    x = 100;  
    many_ints[0] = 100;  
    c.make = "100";  
}
```

...

```
int i = 0;  
int[] j = {0};  
Car k = new Car ("peugeot", "pink");  
dofoo(i,j,k);
```

What are the values of i,j,k?

Methods and References

- **Primitives** (int, double, boolean)
 - The actual **value** is stored in the variable (memory)
 - So the scope of the variable affects value (pass by value)
- **Reference** types (arrays and objects)
 - The address (ref) to the object is stored in the variable
 - So even if the variable scope changes, any changes to the object remain (as the variable points to the object) (pass by reference)

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Type and Class

A side note:

- Variables have a Type
- Basic types have a value
- References have a Class

```
public static void main (String args[]){  
    int x  = 0; // type is int, value is 0  
  
    String s = args[0];  
    Car k = new Car ("peugeot", "pink");  
}  
  ↑           ↑  
Type        Class
```

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obj.method_name([ARGUMENTS]);
```

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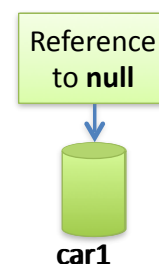
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Null Reference

A side note: null

- As you continue with Java you may come across the keyword **null**, this is the value of a reference that is not pointing anywhere

```
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car1 = new Car ("peugeot", "pink");  
// now it points to a new object
```



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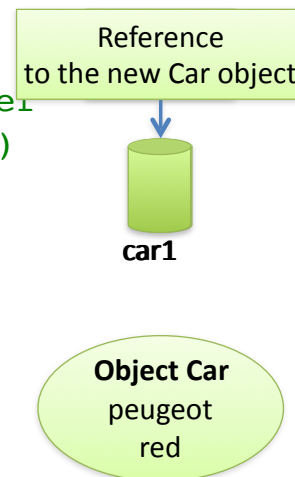
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You could test if a reference is null (e.g., `if(car1==null)`), but this is a last resort practice, there are usually ways to write your code so this is not needed

Static types and methods

static

- The keyword static can be applied to fields and methods
- It states that the field or method:
 - Is defined at the class declaration (not the object)
 - Is not unique for each instance (object), but is shared between all objects of the class

static

```
public class Car {  
    static int noOfCarsMade = 0;  
}
```

```
Car car1 = new Car ();  
Car car2 = new Car ();  
Car.noOfCarsMade = 2;
```

- What is `car1.noOfCarsMade`? `car2.noOfCarsMade`?

static example

- Keep track of cars made

```
public class Car {  
    int noOfCarsMade = 0;  
  
    Car() {  
        ++noOfCarsMade;  
    }  
}
```

- What did I forget?

static **field** example

- Keep track of cars made

```
public class Car {  
    static int noOfCarsMade = 0;  
  
    Car() {  
        ++noOfCarsMade;  
    }  
}
```

static method example

```
public class Car {  
    static void carColor( Car mycar){  
        System.out.println(mycar.color); // or this.color  
    }  
}
```

- Or ...

```
public class Car {  
    void carColor(){  
        System.out.println(color);  
    }  
}
```

- Depending on whether the call is made by a static method

static method

- Non-static methods can reference static methods, but not the other way round, why?

```
public class Car {  
    String numberPlate;  
    static void whoami(){  
        System.out.println(numberPlate);  
    }  
}
```

main

- Why is main static?

```
public static void main (String[] args) {  
  
}
```

main

■ Why is main static?

```
class Car {  
    void move (int x){  
        _kilometers += x;  
    }  
  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        // I cannot call move(100);  
        // as it needs to be static,  
        // BUT I can run it through an object  
  
        Car c = new Car();  
        c.move(100);  
    }  
}
```

Principles of OOP

Principles of OOP

- Abstraction (classes ...)
 - Grouping functionality related to original objects/ concepts we are trying to represent (hiding the implementation details, related to encapsulation ...)
- One object, one responsibility
- Encapsulation
- Inheritance (later)
- Polymorphism (later)

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One object, one responsibility

- If we want to reuse (types of) objects, they should not hold too much functionality
- 2 object (types) => 2 responsibilities
- We use delegation/msg passing between objects (i.e. the fact that objects can communicate) to divide responsibilities

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One object, one responsibility (example)

- We want to create an application that manages a garage, and calculates how much money the garage would make if all cars left the garage at once (i.e. expected gain)
- The price depends on the parking time and on the car brand
- Responsibilities?



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One object, one responsibility (example)

- 4 possible responsibilities (so 4 objects)
 - Garage: store cars
 - Car: the car itself 😊
 - Brand: the car brand that affects price
 - BrandPricing: finding the price based on the brand, time and a model

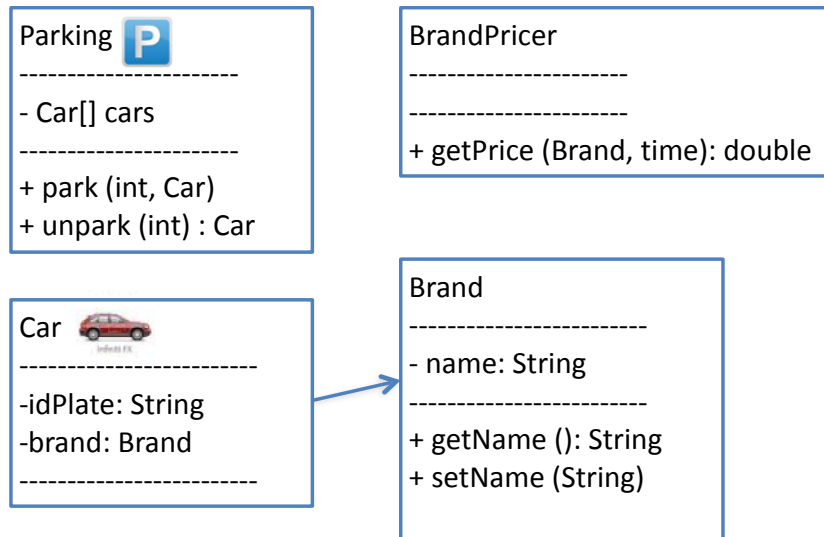


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One object, one responsibility (example)

- A class diagram



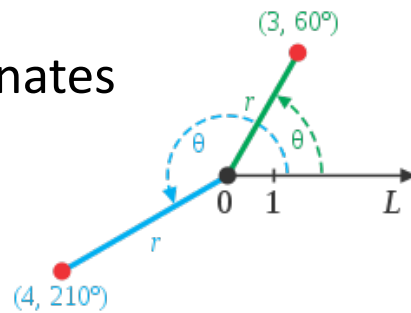
Encapsulation

- The principle that guarantees that no field in an object can be modified (and possibly be corrupted) without verification
- The state of a field can only be changed (if it is modifiable), by methods that verify the changes

Encapsulation

- An example of polar coordinates

```
class Point{  
    double rho;  
    double theta;  
  
    void init (double x, double y) {  
        rho = Math.hypot(x,y);  
        theta = Math.atan2(x,y);  
    }  
}
```



```
class oneClass{  
    void oneMethod (Point p){  
        p.init(2.0,3.0);  
  
        p.rho = -1; // oh, no!!!  
    }  
}
```

- Class Point does not guarantee encapsulation

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Visibility

- Some languages (like Smaltalk) do not allow access to fields from outside the object
- Others, like C++, Java, requires us to determine the visibility of fields using visibility modifiers
- Visibility can ensure encapsulation, by restricting the direct access to fields of an object

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Modifying visibility

- There are 4 visibility modifiers:
 - A **public** member is visible by everyone
 - A **protected** member is visible by inherited classes (later) and classes inside the same package
 - A member **without modifier** (or friend) is visible by classes inside the same package
 - A **private** member, is only visible inside a class

The visibility order is:

private < protected < public

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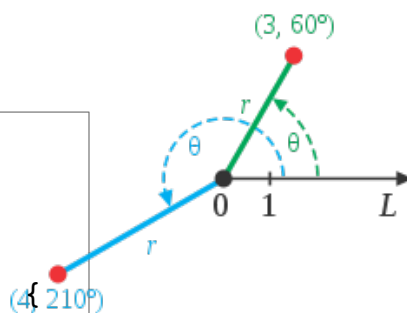
Encapsulation

- Try to keep fields private

```
class Point{
    private double rho;
    private double theta;

    public void init (double x, double y){
        rho = Math.hypot(x,y);
        theta = Math.atan2(x,y);
    }
}
```

```
class oneClass{
    void oneMethod (Point p){
        p.init(2.0,3.0);
        System.out.println(p.theta);
        p.rho = -1; // last 2 lines
                   // do not compile
    }
}
```



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Why modify visibility

- Controlling access to class *fields* can:
 - Protect private class information (sorta) and avoid errors in state
 - Clarifies how others can use your class
 - Keeps implementation separate from class interface (i.e. view to the world)

Visibility and maintenance

- Some advice:
 - Avoid *fields* that are public or protected (apart from constants)
 - Make *methods* public only when necessary
 - A protected method allows us to implement a common service for subclasses (later), if the package visibility is not available

Encapsulation, a problem

- Imagine we want rho to never be less than 0
 - Possibility 1: control access to rho

```
class Point{
    private double rho;
    private double theta;

    public void init (double x, double y) {
        ...
    }

    public void setRho (double rho){
        // do some tests
    }
}
```

Encapsulation, a problem

- Imagine we want rho to never be less than 0
 - Possibility 2: what about initialization?

```
class Point{
    private double rho;
    private double theta;

    public void init (double x, double y) {
        ...
    }

    public void setRho (double rho){
        // do some tests
    }

    public Point (double rho, double theta){
        setRho(rho);
    }
}
```

Encapsulation, a problem

- Imagine we want rho to never be less than 0
 - Possibility 2b (advanced): initialization (constructor)

```
class Point{
    private final double rho;
    private final double theta;

    public Point (double rho, double theta){
        if (rho <= 0) {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException ("Illegal rho" + rho);
        }
        this.rho = rho;           // else will not compile
        this.theta = theta;       // else will not compile
    }
}
```

- Can make the field constant (**final**) and the compiler verifies values are assigned by each constructor, and cannot be changed after.

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Different types of methods

Class methods can be:

- Constructors: initialize object fields
- Mutator & Accessor methods:
 - Mutator/Setter: control and verify changes in a field. Often have the form `setX( )`
 - Accessor/Getter: return the value of a private field (usually accompanies a setter method)
- Business methods:
 - ...: perform other needed calculations and actions

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Setters/Getters

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

    public Point (double x, double y){
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
    public double getX (){
        return x;
    }
    public void setX (double x){
        this.x = x;
    }
    public double getY (){
        return y;
    }
    public void setY (double y){
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

Methods that allow
access to (read and
modify) fields ...

```
Point p = new Point (1.0,1.0);
System.out.println("%d %d\n",
    p.getX(), p.getY() );
```

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Setters/Getters

```
class Point{
    private double rho;
    private double theta;

    public Point (double x, double y){
        init(x,y);
    }
    private void init (double x, double y){
        rho = hypot(x,y);
        theta = atan2(x,y);
    }
    public double getX (){
        return rho*cos(theta);
    }
    public void setX (double x){
        init(x,getY());
    }
    public double getY (){
        return rho*sin(theta);
    }
    public void setY (double y){
        init(getX(),y);
    }
}
```

Methods that allow
access to (read and
modify) fields ...

And change the
implementation,
without changing the
method call

```
Point p = new Point (1.0,1.0);
System.out.println("%d %d\n",
    p.getX(), p.getY() );
```

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Don't overdo it

Don't put setters/getters for everything

- A getter means more code to maintain, so add them only when needed to see a field
- A setter is only needed if we are sure we need to change the field of an object
- Limit the number of objects with mutators, i.e. objects that can change (mutable vs immutable objects)

Exercise 2

www.lri.fr/~anab/teaching/remedialJava/ex-session2.pdf

Reminder:

- Visibility keywords private < protected < public
- Members of a class (fields, methods) should be private unless necessary
- Setter/getter methods can help access private fields if needed
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Notes on style

Some notes on style

- Use good/expressive names for variables

```
String a1;  
int a2;  
double b;           // BAD!!  
  
String firstName; // GOOD String lastName;  
// GOOD  
int temperature;   // GOOD
```


Some notes on style

- Use good/expressive names for variables
 - Differentiate field variable names from other variables

```
public class TimeOfDay{  
    private int _hour;  
    private int _minute;  
  
    public TimeOfDay(int hour, int minute){  
        _hour = hour;  
        _minute = minute;  
    }  
}
```

Some notes on style

- Use good/expressive names for variables
 - Differentiate field variable names from other variables
 - Java naming conventions:
 - Variables: Nouns, lowercase first letter, capitals separating words
e.g., x, shape, highScore, fileName
 - Methods: Verbs, lowercase first letter
e.g., getSize(), draw(), drawWithColor()
 - Classes: Nouns, uppercase first letter
e.g., Shape, WebPage, EmailAddress

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```
if (basePay < 9.0) {  
    ...  
} else if (hours > 60) {  
    ...  
} else if (basePay >= 9.0 && hours <= 60) {  
    ...  
}
```

Some notes on style

- Do not duplicate tests

```
if (basePay < 9.0) {  
    ...  
} else if (hours > 60) {  
    ...  
} else {  
    ...  
}
```

Exercise 3 - Homework

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Reminder:

- Consider encapsulation: private fields (and methods unless needed), use of getter/setter methods
- Remember naming conventions/styles (differentiate field `_variables`, name variables as `lowerCaseNouns`, and methods as `lowerCaseVerbs()`)
- The `static` keyword creates fields/methods that are common for all objects of a class

A quick OOP summary

OOP – Object (1)

1. Everything is an object.

- An object is an improved variable: it stores data, we can query it, request that it acts upon itself.
- We can take any concept of a problem we want to solve (a book, a dog, an administrative service,...) and represent it as an object in the program



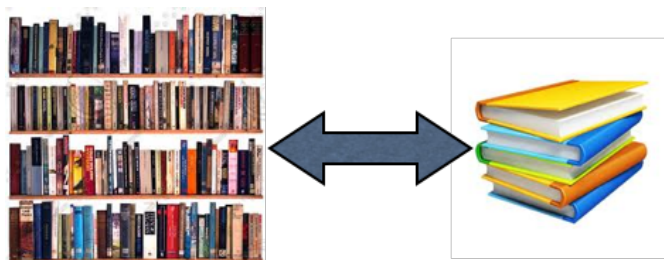
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OOP – Object (2)

2. A program is a collection of objects that tell each other what to do, by passing messages.

- To make a request to an object, we pass it a message. More specifically, a request can be seen as a call to a **public** method/function that belongs to the target object.



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OOP – Object (3)

3. Each object has its own dedicated memory space, made up of other objects (attributes)

- A new object is made up by other existing objects (or collections of them). This way, the complexity of a program is hidden in the simplicity of the role of each object.



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OOP – Object (4)

4. Each object is of a specific type.

- In OOP, each object is an instance of a class (can be considered as a type, or a pattern). The most important characteristic of a class is:
 - What messages can we send to it?

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OOP – Object (5)

5. All objects of the same type (class) can receive the same messages.

- An object of the type “circle” is also an object of the type “geometric form”, so a circle can accept messages destined to geometric forms.

