



# CS 113 – Computer Science I

## Lecture 15 – Classes & Objects

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# Announcements

HW 07 Released tonight

Due March 28th (next thursday)

Anonymous Course survey - 5 bonus points on your exam:

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# Classes and Objects

# Data types revisited

What are some examples of built-in types in Java?

What is a data type?

# Examples

Type	Valid values	Operations

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int		

# Examples

Type	Valid values	Operations
int	1, 10, 999	%, +, -, / ...

# Examples

Type	Valid values	Operations
int	1, 10, 999	%, +, -, / ...
boolean	true, false	==, &&,   , !=
String	Anything between ""	.compareTo(), .charAt(), concatentation, ...



# Creating our own data type!

Rectangle data type

- setHeight
- setWidth
- getArea
- getParameter
- ...

# Creating our own data type!

Your turn... Name some ideas for a data type and operations we might want to perform on them

# Class

A blueprint for a custom data type

A template for how data/information is stored

Contains a set of methods for how to interact/operate on the stored data

Let's code a mini Rectangle class

# Classes and objects

An **object** is an *instance* of a **class**

A concrete occurrence of an object at runtime

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
```

`Scanner` is the class, `sc` is the instance.

# Classes and objects

A **class** defines the characteristics of a type (data and methods)

An **object** is a particular example of a class

```
String word = "hello";
```

Java is a strict object-oriented programming language, meaning all code must be inside a class!

# Creating objects

Declare variables in the same way!

Create using `new`

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
```

# Constructors

- Special method with same name as the class
- Initializes the newly created object
- let's write one!

# Getters

- also called accessors
- return the value of instance variables
- usually named `getVar` where **Var** is the name of the variable we want to access



# Setters

- also called modifiers
- changes the value of instance variables
- usually named `setVar` where **Var** is the name of the variable we want to modify

# toString

- returns a string representation of the object

# Summary: special methods

The **constructor method** is called when you do a `new`

**Getters (aka accessors)**  
return the values of instance variables

**Setters (aka modifiers)**  
set the values of instance variables

**toString()**  
returns a string representation of an object

# Static vs Non Static

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## **Static:**

Belongs to the class rather than to any particular instance of the class

Can be invoked without the need for creating an instance of the class

## **Non Static (instance):**

Belongs to the object (instance) of the class

Can be invoked only through an instance of the class.

# Static vs Non Static

- Let's make a static method for rectangles

Objects can have either *static* or *instance* methods

static methods use syntax <ClassName>.<methodName>

instance methods use syntax <object>.<methodName>

# In Summary: Defining classes

By defining our own classes, we can create our own data types

A class definition contains

- the data contained by the new type (**instance variables**)
- the operations supported by the new type (**instance methods**)

# OOP Design: Bank

Let's create a Bank class.

1. What does a bank have? What member variables should it hold?
2. How should those values be initialized?
3. What actions should we be able to perform on bank?
  - a. How can we find out how much money the bank is holding at once?
  - b. How can we find out which account is currently overdraft?
  - c. What other questions might the bank want to know?



# Object-oriented programming (OOP)

Method for designing programs in terms of objects

Recall: Top-down design

- the “nouns” in your feature list correspond to classes/data
- the “verbs” correspond to methods

# Exercise: Define a class BankAccount

BankAccount should have the following data:

- Name
- Amount

BankAccount should have the following operations:

- `currentBalance()` // returns current amount in the bank account
- `withdraw(float amt)` // withdraw the given amount from the account
- `deposit(float amt)` // deposit the given amount to the account