CSCI 136: Data Structures & Advanced Programming

Today: Object Oriented Programming

Admin

- Lab out!
- Any questions about lab or class?

OOP: OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

What is an object?

- First, let's recall methods

- Methods: a way to group together code that performs a single task

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   for(int j = i; j > 0 && studentGrades[j-1] > studentGrades[j]; j--){
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  - Easier to read, easier to change
- Avoiding Repetition
  - Can sort other arrays; or can sort multiple times
- Encapsulation
  - Methods only* affect variables that are arguments to the method

Generalizing to Objects

- Objects group together methods and data
- All the benefits of methods
- Same benefits apply to data as well!
- Before: a program can be built up by defining a number of methods that interact with each other.
- In Java, we build up our programs by defining a number of objects that interact with each other

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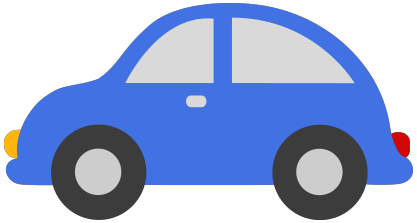

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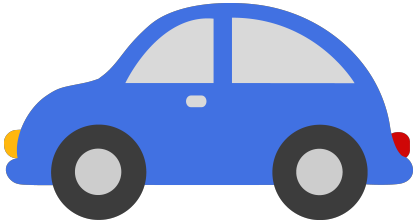

- Conceptually, all these cars have the same high-level interface (wheels, doors, color, transmission, top speed, etc.) but individual cars differ in their details
  - In OOP paradigm, we could *define* a car class, and then *instantiate* that class to create individual car objects.

Instructor class

- What kind of data does a 136 instructor have?
  - Email address
  - Office Hours
- I could define a class of 136Instructors
- Sam, Dan, and Lida are specific instances of 136 Instructors
  - We all have that data, but it's different for each of us
  - …in a Java context we would be objects of type 136Instructor

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- Programs are collections of interacting objects
  - Cooperate to complete tasks
  - Represent the "state" of the program
  - Communicate by sending messages to each other
    - Through *method invocation*

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- How? Define a Student class

Two tasks towards OOP

- Define a Student class:
  - Tell Java what a Student is
  - What data does a Student have?
  - What methods do we want to associate with each Student?
    - How do we want to access Student data?

- Create a Student object
  - Then we can sort, print, etc., these objects

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  - In this case: Student.java
  - The compiler will check this!

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How Methods work with Data

- Methods of a class can access any instance variables
- So: an instance variable can be accessed by any method, even if it's not a parameter
  - If you've seen "global variables,"

Constructors

- Used to create ("construct") new objects of a certain class type

- Always have same name as the class
- Never have a return type
- Can have any arguments you want
  - Can have multiple constructors with different arguments

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    - **Never copy/paste code!!!** (ok, almost never ☺)

Creating Objects

- “new” keyword
- Tells Java to create a new object of a given class type
- Arguments are the same as the constructor arguments

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When running this line, Java will:

- Make enough space for a new Student
- Call the constructor we wrote:

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Don't do this! Use getter/setter methods

IMPROVING THE STUDENT CLASS

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- Data-Hiding Principle (encapsulation)
  - Make instance variables `private`
  - Use `public` methods to access/modify object data

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TESTING THE STUDENT CLASS

Always test your code!

- You should never write more than 10-20 lines without testing
- 4-5 is better
- Let's test out our Student class
  - See some examples of making objects
  - How classes interact

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//sort students
for(int i =0; i < studentArray.length; i++) {
  for(int j = i; j > 0 && studentArray[j-1].getGrade()
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    Student temp = studentArray[j];
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SOME MORE DETAILS

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      // Ugly (not useful) printing (calls default toString())
      System.out.println(a);
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   }
}
```

"Special" Methods

- Everything "inherits" from the class `java.lang.Object`
- In particular, we'll take advantage of a few methods repeatedly in this course:
  - `String toString()`
  - `boolean equals(Object other)`
  - `int hashCode()`
- Today, let's just look at `toString()`

toString()

- Every object has a toString() method whether you make one or not
  - `public String toString()`
  - You should usually make one!
- The toString() method gives a String version of the object
  - Useful!
- Why it's REALLY useful: System.out.println() calls this automatically
- Let's look at an example

Comment on scope

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public class Student {
        // instance variables
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        private String name;
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        // A constructor
        public Student(int age, String name,
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                // What would age, name, grade
                // refer to here...?
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For clarity, can use ‘this’

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        }
        public String getName() { return this.name; }
```

this

- (like self in python)
- Some people always use this when accessing member variables
- I think it's OK to leave out
- But, helps with redundancy when accessing instance variables

INTERFACES: A WAY TO STANDARDIZE BEHAVIOR

Keeping track of a course

- Let's say we want to keep track of a course
- Course consists of Students and TeachingAssistants
- Students have:
  - int age, String name, char grade
- TeachingAssistants have:
  - int age, String name, int numHours

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- Let's say I want to go through all class participants (both students and TAs), print out everyone who has age = 20
- How can I do that?
  - Loop through students, check if age is 20, print if so
  - Do the same for Tas

- Let's try it

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How can we use it here?

- Students and TeachingAssistants both are people—so they both have getName() and getAge() methods
- Let's write a Person interface; a contract for these methods
- Then, let's tell Java that Students and TeachingAssistants both *implement* Person
- Try it out, and see what javac says

Removing redundancy

- Let's refactor our code to have one loop
- What is our array type?
  - Our array stores things that have getName() and getAge
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  - Recall our eternal goal: write code exactly once
- If the methods aren't all implemented, Java gives an error

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     // try to access a student's age (correctly)
     Student s = new WilliamsStudent(18, "Ron", 'C');
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