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Week 1: Review and Inheritance

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Hardware and Software

Hardware

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- -Physical devices in a computer system (e.g. CPU, busses, printers, etc.)
- -The machine and attached devices

Software

- -Computer programs (machine instructions)
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Syntax and Semantics of Formal (e.g. Programming) Languages

Syntax

The rules governing how statements of a formal language (e.g. Java) may be created and combined

e.g. Rules for valid Rochester area phone numbers

Semantics

Given a language (code), the meaning of statements in the code (what statements *represent*, their *information*)

e.g. What *information* does the following represent: "349-5313"

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Miscellaneous Java...

- · Declaring, Initializing, and Assigning Variables
- Floating point vs. Integer Arithmetic
- · Type conversions (widening and narrowing), and casting
- · Operator Precedence and Associativity (see Liang, p.
- 86-88 and Appendix C)
- Constants
- Class definition syntax
- · Method definition syntax: constructors, void methods (procedures), non-void methods (functions)
- · The new operator (instantiates objects from classes)
- · Visibility modifiers (public and private)
- · Arguments (pass-by-value), and local variables

State (Data/Variables)

Variable Properties

- 1. Location (in memory)
- 2. Name
- . A symbol representing the location
- 3. Type (of encoding used for stored data)
 - Primitive (e.g. int, boolean), or
 - Reference (address in memory of a class instance . (object))
- 4. Value
 - The primitive value or reference (for objects) stored at the variable location

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Memory Diagrams: **Illustrating Variable Properties**

Variable Storage (Memory Locations) Represented using a box

Variable Names and Types

Indicated using labels outside the box (e.g. x : int) For static variables, indicate 'static' and class name e.g. x : int (static Widget)

Variable Values

- Primitive types: show value in the box (e.g. for integers, show decimal Reference variables: draw arrow from box to object data

Objects

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Drawn as circles, with internal boxes to represent data members Strings are a 'special case' (see next slide)

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Testing Reference Variable Values (==) vs. Object States (.equals())

Equivalent References (==)

Tests whether the memory location referred to by reference variables is identical

(A == B): Does String variable A refer to the same memory location as String variable B?

Equivalent Object States (.equals())

A method defined for the Object class, and overwritten by other Java classes (e.g. String) that normally tests for identical object states (A.equals(B)): Does String variable A have the same state (characters) as String variable B?

WARNING: for Object, equals() and == are the same

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Variable Scope and Local Variables

Definition

- The program statements from which a variable may be referenced Local variable
- A variable declared (and thus defined) within a given block (e.g. a loop index variable i within the outer block of a method)
- Local variables may be referenced only within the block in which they are declared (*locally*, by statements in the block)
- Formal method parameters are local variables that may be referenced within the body of a method
- Actual parameters (arguments) provide initial value for formal parameters (Java has a pass-by-value semantics for parameters) Masking or Shadowing

- Local variable has same name as variable in the outer scope: references in the local scope are to the *locally declared* variable
- Local variables may also mask instance or static variables in a
- method - 14 -











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- 1. double y = (double) 5;
- 2. int x = 5.0;
- 3. int x = (int) 5.0;

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What is output by the following program? How do the definitions for x and y differ? What kind of parameter and variable is args? class SimpleExample {

static int x = 5; int y = 2;

}

public static void main(String args[]) {
 int x = 4;
 y = 9;
 System.out.println(x + y);
}





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Method Visibility (similar to Variable Scope)

Definition The program stat The program statements from which a method may be invoked ('accessed'). Access modifiers (public, private, etc.) determine which methods may invoke a method (e.g. private methods: may only be invoked by other methods in the same class definition)

Instance Method

Defined for class instances (objects) - invoked from an instance ('.') e.g. MyObject.toString(); Method definition may reference all *instance and static variables* of the associated class

Static (Class) Method

Single definition shared by all instances - normally invoked using class name ('.') e.g. Student.getNumberOfStudents(); Method definition may reference only static variables of the associated class

Polymorphism (of Methods)

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 Occurs when a method redefines ('overrides') a method of the same name in the parent
 class (e.g. loString() is often overridden)
 Note similarity of overriding to variable masking

Method Overloading

Definition

Methods with different parameter lists but the same name

- public static int max(int num1, int num2) - public static double max (double num1, double num2)

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overloaded methods must have different parameter types; you cannot overload methods based on modifiers or return types

What is 'this'?

Definition

- In java, this is used within an instance method to refer to the object invoking the method
- Roughly: a reference to 'me' for an object
- All instance variable references and method invocations
- implicitly refer to 'this' (x = 2 same as this.x = 2; toString() same as this.toString()) .

Some Uses

- 1. Prevent masking of variables (e.g. in a constructor)
- 2. Invoke other constructors within a class
- Note: if used in this way, this(arg-list) must be the first statement in the constructor definition 3. Have object pass itself as a method argument
- e.g. SomeObject.printFancy(this);

Exercise: Methods

A. What is produced as output by the following? int a = 2;

switch (a) {

case 2: System.out.println("Case 2");

case 1: System.out.println("Case 1"); break;

default: System.out.println("Default Case"); }

B. Answer the following in 1-2 sentences each.

- 1. In what way are an if statement and a while statement the same?
- How do an if statement and a while statement differ? 2.
- What extra elements are added to the conditional test in a while 3. loop to produce a for loop?

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Exercise: Methods, cont'd

C. What is wrong with the following?

class MethodExample { private int x = 5: static private int y = 3;

}

public int methodOne() {return methodTwo();} public int methodOne(int x) {this.x = x; return x;} static public int methodTwo() {return y + methodOne(2); } static public int methodTwo(int x) { this.x = x; return x;}

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Main Elements of a Java Class

1. Class signature

Name, access modifiers

2. Class ('static') properties

- Data members (variables, constants)
- Methods: accessors, mutators, other methods cannot reference (use) instance variables

3. Constructors

- Used by the 'new' operator to initialize constructed instances
- Constructors may invoke other constructors using 'this' (must be first statement if this is the case)

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Main Elements of a Java Class, Cont'd

4. Instance properties

- · Data members (variables, constants)
- Methods: accessors, mutators, other methods
- can reference (use) static and instance variables
- 'this': refers to specific instance executing a method at runtime; all direct references to instance variables and methods implicitly refer to 'this'

5. Class Contract

· Access modifiers (public, private, etc.) specify where the class, and class/instance data members and methods may be used outside of the class definition

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Class Contract · Collection of methods and Class data members accessible Implementation outside of a class **Class** Contract Includes description of data (signatures of public members and how methods methods and public constants) are expected to behave **Method Signature** Client using class (through class Name, return type, and contract) parameter types for a method e.g. boolean isDaytime(int seconds)

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$R{\cdot}I{\cdot}T$ New Material: Inheritance (Ch. 9 of Liang)

In OOP, What is Inheritance?

Definition

 A new class taking the definition of an existing class as the starting point for it's own definition. - Represents an 'is-a' relationship between the derived class and the existing class.

Superclass

The existing ("parent") class providing the initial definition for the new "derived" or "child" class

Subclass

A class derived from an existing class ("child class")

In Java

Only accessible (e.g. non-private) data members and methods are 'inherited' by a subclass. Constructors are also not inherited.

Inheritance is a formalized type of 'code-reuse'

Inheritance: A Simple Example

- Superclass: OnlineStore Private Data: versionNumber, ... Public Data: cash, inventoryValue, ... Private Methods: computeInterest(), ... Public Methods: getCash(), sale(String item, int quantity), ...

- Subclass 1: OnlineBookStore extends OnlineStore

 Inherited Data: cash, inventoryValue

 New Public Data: bookTitles, bookDistributors...

 Inherited Methods: getCash(), sale(String item, int quantity), ...

 New Public Methods: find(SBN(String title), ...
- Subclass 2: OnlineMusicStore extends OnlineStore
- Inherited Data: cash, inventoryValue New Public Data: albumTitles, musicDistributors,
- Inherited Methods: getCash(), sale(String item, int quantity), ... New Public Methods: getArtist(String albumTitle), ...
- Subclass 3: OnlineScifiBookStore extends OnlineBookStore
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- Inherited Methods: getCash(), sale(String item, New Public Methods: conferencesOn(Date day), ...

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Inheritance in Java

Syntax

Use "extends" keyword • (e.g. class NewClass extends AnotherClass { ... })

'Object' as the "Parent of them all"

All classes in Java extend (inherit from) the object class.

public class NewClass {} = public class NewClass extends Object {}

Multiple Inheritance

A class inheriting from more than one parent class

- Not permitted in Java
- Is permitted in other languages such as C/C++



Note

The implementations of the three classes defined in the previous slide are included in the source code provided with the course text (see link on course section web page).

http://www.cs.rit.edu/~rlaz/cs2

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The Java 'super' keyword

Purpose

Provides a reference to the superclass of the class in which it appears

Uses

- 1. Invoke a superclass constructor
 - Constructors are not inherited in Java; this is the only way to invoke a superclass constructor
 - Similar to using 'this,' the call to 'super()' or 'super(arg1, arg2, ...)' must be the first statement in a constructor if present.
- 2. Invoke a superclass method that has been overridden – e.g. we can use super.toString() to invoke the toString()
 - method of the superclass rather than that in the current class Similar to 'this,' it is possible but not necessary to use super to invoke all inherited methods from the superclass (implicit)
 - Warning: we cannot 'chain' super, as in super.super.p() .40

The Inheritance Hierarchy and *Constructor Chaining*

Calling a constructor

Normally invokes default constructors for each class from root of the inheritance hierarchy, starting with *Object* • This is necessary to ensure that all inherited data is properly initialized according to the class definitions.

e.g. public A() { } = public A() { super(); }

Example

Faculty class (see code, pg. 307 of Liang)

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A Warning About Constructor Chaining in Java...

Default Constructor ("no-arg constructor")

Is automatically defined if no constructor is given by the programmer, otherwise it must be explicitly defined to exist

This Means...

That an error occurs if we go to construct an object and one of its ancestor classes in the inheritence hierarchy does not have a *default* constructor defined.

Fix:

If a class may be extended, explicitly define a default constructor to avoid this situation. *More naïve approach:* always define a default constructor.

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Overriding Methods (again)

public String toString()

Defined in Object, normally overridden to give text summary of object state • default output is "ClassName@HexAddress" Loan loan = new Loan(); System.out.println(loan.toString()) ====>(output) Loan@15037e5

Overriding

Achieved by redefining an inherited method in a child class. Method signature must be the same. e.g. in Circle, redefine toString() method inherited from Object: public String toString() { return "A Circle with color: " + color + "and is filled: " + filled;} .43.



Inheritance and the Class Hierarchy (What does if mean if Class A 'is-a' inherits from Class B?)

Effect on Types

Objects from a class possess:

The type (incl. data + methods) of the class itself
The type (incl. data + methods) of the superclass

• The type (incl. data + methods) of the superclass' superclass

• ... and so on, up to the Object class in the class inheritance hierarchy.

Reference Variables

May invoke accessible methods of an object for the reference variable type, and any types that precede that type in the class inheritance hierarchy

String x = "Hi there."; // String and Object methods usable on x. Object a = x; // Only Object methods may be invoked on a.

The protected access modifier



Exercise

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A. What is the printout of running class C?
class A {
    public A() {
        System.out.println("Constructor A()");
    }
}
class B extends A {}
public class C {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        B b = new B();
    }
}
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C. True or False:

- 1. A subclass is a subset of a superclass
- 2. When invoking a constructor from a subclass, it's superclass's no-arg constructor is always invoked.
- 3. You can override a private method defined in a superclass
- D. What is the difference between method overloading and method overriding?
- E. Does every class have a toString() method? Why or why not?

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F. What is wrong with this class? Also, draw a
UML class diagram for class B (Circle may be
represented using just a labeled box).

class B extends Circle {
    private double length;

    B(double radius, double length) {
        Circle(radius);
        length = length;
    }
}
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