Advanced Java Programming

After mastering the basics of Java you will now learn more complex but important programming concepts as implemented in Java.

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Attributes Vs. Locals

Attributes

```
- Declared inside a class definition but outside the body of a method
public class Person {
    private String [] childrenName = new String[10];
    private int age;
}
```

Locals

```
- Declared inside the body of a method
public class Person {
    public nameFamily() {
        int i;
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
}
```

Scope Of Attributes Vs. Locals

- **New term**: Scope is the location where an identifier (attribute, local, method) may be accessed
 - Scope of attributes (and methods): anywhere inside the class definition
 - Scope of locals: after the local has been declared until the end of closing brace (e.g., end of method body)
- Example:

```
public class Person {
    private String [] childrenName = new String[10];
    private int age;

public nameFamily() {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        childrenName[i] = in.nextLine();
    }
}</pre>
Attribute
(class scope)
```

When To Use: Attributes

 Typically there is a separate attribute for each instance of a class and it lasts for the life of the object.

```
class Person
{
    private String [] childrenName = new String[10];
    private int age;
    /*
        For each person it's logical to track the age and the names any offspring.
    */
}
```

Q: Life of an object?

When To Use: Locals

 Local variables: temporary information that will only be used inside a method

```
public nameFamily()
{
    int i;
    Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    {
        childrenName[i] = in.nextLine();
    }
}</pre>
Scope of 'in'
(scanner)

Scope of 'in'
(scanner)
```

• Q: Does it make sense for every 'Person' to have an 'i' and 'in' attribute?

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A Common Language-Based Convention

- Variables that are used as loop controls are sometimes declared as local only to the loop.
- Example:

```
for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++)
{
    System.out.print(j + " "); // In scope
}
// Error: Not in scope
// j = 0;</pre>
```

Scoping Rules 1. Look for a local (variable or constant) 2. Look for an attribute Second: look for the • General example definition of an attribute e.g., "private int x;" public class Person First: look for the

definition of a local public void method() identifier e.g., "int x;" x = 12;} Reference to } an identifier

Scoping Rules: Example

```
public class C
    private int x;
    public void m()
         int y;
         x = 1;
         y = 2;
    }
}
```

• Rules of access

Shadowing

- The name of a local matches the name of an attribute.
- Because of scoping rules the local identifier will 'hide' (shadow) access to the attribute.
- This is a common logic error!
 public class Person {
 private int age = -1;
 public Person(int newAge) {
 int age; // Shadows/hides attribute
 age = newAge;
 }
 public void setAge(int age) { // Shadow/hide attribute
 age = age;
 }
 }
 Person aPerson = new Person(0); // age is still -1
 aPerson.setAge(18); // age is still -1

Messaging Passing

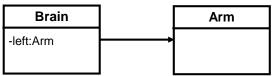
•Invoking the methods of another class.

Relationships Between Classes

- Association relation ("has-a") exists between classes if an instance of one class is an attribute of another class.
- Unidirectional association relation:

```
• Example:
```

• UML:

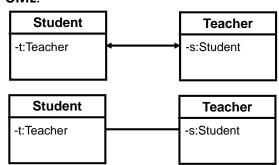


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Relationships Between Classes (2)

- Bidirectional association relation:
- Example:

• UML:



Associations And Message Passing

 Having an association between classes allows messages to be sent from one object to another (objects of one class can call the methods of another class).

```
public class Car
{
    private Engine anEngine;
    private [] Lights carLights;
    ...
    public start()
    {
        anEngine.ignite();
        carLights[0].turnOn();
    }
}

public class Engine
{
    public boolean ignite () {
        ... }
    public class Lights
{
        private boolean isOn;
        public void turnOn() {
            isOn = true;}
    }
}
```

• Unidirectional: messages can be sent from car to engine or car to lights but not vice versa.

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Extra Exercise (Advanced)

- How do we ensure that:
 - A particular instance of one class refers to a particular instance of a second class?

And

- That instance of the second class refers to the previously referred to instance of the first class?
- Name of the example program:
 - -/home/219/examples/advanced/1relationships
- What is wrong with the code?
- How can it be fixed?

The Driver Class

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Student s = new Student();
        System.out.println("<< DEBUG: This message will never appear >>");
    }
}
```

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Class Student & Teacher

```
public class Student {
    private Teacher t;
    public Student() {
        t = new Teacher();
    }
}

public class Teacher {
    private Student s;
    public Teacher() {
        s = new Student();
    }
}
```

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• JT's hint: similar to the "chicken and the egg" problem except in reverse!

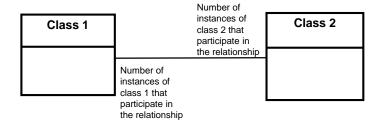
Multiplicity

• It indicates the number of instances that participate in a relationship

Multiplicity	Description
1	Exactly one instance
n	Exactly "n" instances {n: a positive integer}
nm	Any number of instances in the inclusive range from "n" to "m" {n, m: positive integers}
*	Any number of instances possible

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Multiplicity In UML Class Diagrams



Why Represent A Program In Diagrammatic Form (UML)?

• Images are better than text for showing structural relations.

Jane is Jim's boss.

Jim is Joe's boss.

Anne works for Jane.

Mark works for Jim

Anne is Mary's boss.

Anne is Mike's boss.

Jim Anne

Mark Mike Mary

UML can show relationships between classes at a glance

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Relationships Between Classes

- Design rule of thumb.
- It can be convenient to create a relationship between classes (allow methods to be invoked/messages to be passed).
- But unless it is necessary for a relationship to exist between classes do not create one.
- That's because each time a method can be invoked there is the potential that the object whose method is called can be put into an invalid state (similar to avoiding the use of global variables to reduce logic errors).

Review: Previous Class

• What you have learned in your prerequisite class: some variables directly contain data:

```
num1 = 12
num2 = 3.5
ch = 'a'
```

• What you may have learned your prerequisite class: some variables 'refer' to other variables.

```
list = []
list = [1,2,3]
```

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Review: This Class

- In Java when you use objects and arrays there are two things involved:
 - Reference
 - Object (or array)
- Example with an object
 Person charlie; // Creates reference to object
 charlie = new Person("Sheen"); // Creates object
- Example with an array
 double [] salaries; // Creates reference to array
 salaries = new double[100]; // Creates array

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Addresses And References

 Real life metaphor: to determine the location that you need to reach the 'address' must be stored (electronic, paper, human memory)









- Think of the delivery address as something that is a 'reference' to the location that you wish to reach.
 - Lose the reference (electronic, paper, memory) and you can't 'access' (go to) the desired location.



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Recap: Variables

• Variables are a 'slot' in memory that contains 'one piece' of information.

num = 123



- Normally a location is accessed via the name of the variable.
 - Note however that each location is also numbered!
 - This is the address of a memory location.

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Addresses And References

- A reference to an array does not directly contain the contents of the array
 - Instead the reference contains the address ("refers to") of the array

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References And Objects

•Full example under:

```
/home/219/examples/advanced/2referenceExamples

public class Person
{
    private String name;
    public Person() {    name = "none"; }

    public Person(String newName) {        setName(newName); }

    public String getName() {        return(name); }

    public void setName(String newName) {
        name = newName;
    }
}
```

References And Objects (2)

```
• In main():
    Person bart;
    Person lisa;

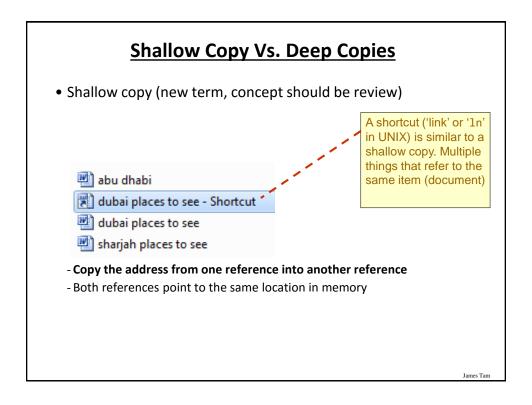
bart = new Person("bart");
    System.out.println("Bart object name: " + bart.getName());

lisa = bart;
    bart = new Person("lisa");
    System.out.println("Bart object name: " + bart.getName());
    System.out.println("Bart object name: " + bart.getName());
    System.out.println("Lisa object name: " + lisa.getName());
    Lisa object name: bart
```

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References And Objects (3) What happened? Person bart; Person lisa; bart = new Person("bart"); lisa = bart; Address = 200bart = new Person("lisa"); (Person object) "lisa" Address = 100 0 = 200bart (Person object) "bart" lisa 0 = 100

Person bart; Person lisa; bart = new Person("bart"); lisa = bart; bart = new Person("lisa"); Note: • The object and the reference to the object are separate e.g., 'bart' originally referenced the 'bart object' later it referenced the 'lisa object' • The only way to access the object is through the reference. Objects that These same points applies for all references (arrays included) can be referenced

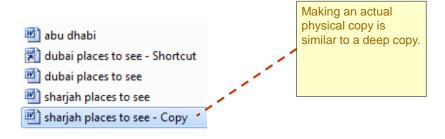


Shallow Copy Vs. Deep Copies (2)

 Shallow copy, full example under: /home/219/examples/advanced/3shallowDeep

Shallow Copy Vs. Deep Copies (3)

Deep copy (new term, concept should be review)



- It's not the addresses stored in the references that's copied
- Instead the data referred to by the references are copied
- After the copy each reference still refers to a different address (the address refers to a data variable)

New Terms And Copying References

- Dynamically allocated memory:
 - Memory that is created/reserved/used only when explicitly requested.
 - In Java it's typically in conjunction with the 'new' keyword.
 - Examples:

```
int [] grades;
grades = new int[3]; // Dynamically allocated memory
```

- Memory leak:
 - Memory that has been dynamically allocated but it hasn't been deallocated or freed up when it's no longer needed
 - Shallow copies may often result in memory leaks

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Shallow Copy Vs. Deep Copies (4)

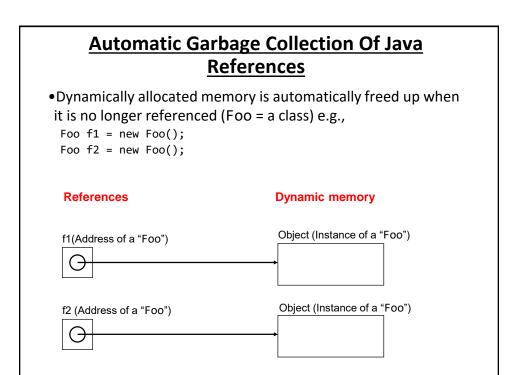
• Deep copy, full example under:

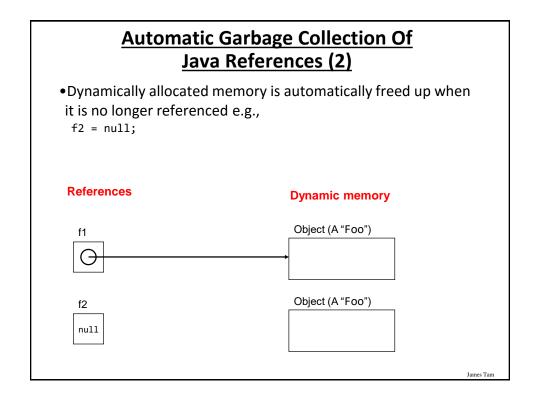
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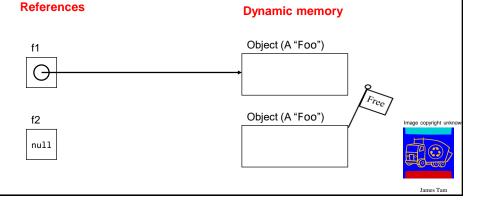


Automatic Garbage Collection Of Java References (3)

• Dynamically allocated memory is automatically freed up when it is no longer referenced e.g.,

f2 = null;

- Recall that a null reference means that the reference refers to nothing, it doesn't contain an address).



<u>Caution: Not All Languages Provide Automatic</u> Garbage Collection!

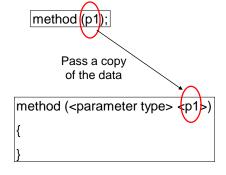
- •Some languages do not provide automatic garbage collection (e.g., C, C++, Pascal).
- •In this case dynamically allocated memory must be manually freed up by the programmer.
- Memory leak: memory that has been dynamically allocated (such as via the Java 'new' keyword') but has not been freed up after it's no longer needed.
 - Memory leaks are a sign of poor programming style and can result in significant slowdowns.

Methods Of Parameter Passing

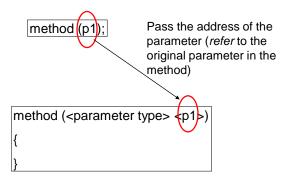
- Pass by value
 - The data stored (the "value" stored) in the parameter is copied
- Pass by reference
 - Pass the address of the parameter
 - This allows references to the parameter inside the method (the method has a "reference" to the original parameter).

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Passing Parameters As Value Parameters



Passing Parameters As Reference Parameters



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Which Parameter Passing Mechanism Is Used?

Passed by value

- •All 'simple' built in types:
 - -Integers (byte, short, int, long)
 - Floating point (float, double)
 - Character (char)
 - Boolean (boolean)

Pass by reference

- Objects
- Arrays
- (That is anything that consists of a reference and the item referenced).

Parameter Passing Example

• Full example under:

/home/219/examples/advanced/4parameters

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Class Person

```
public class Person {
    private int age;
    private String name;

public Person() {
        age = -1;
        name = "none";
    }

public int getAge() {
        return(age);
    }

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

Class Person (2)

```
public void setAge(int anAge) {
    age = anAge;
}

public void setName(String aName) {
    name = aName;
}
```

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Class ParameterExample

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The Driver Class

The Driver Class (2)

```
pe.modify(aPerson, num);
         System.out.println("----");
public void modify(Person aPerson, int aNum)
                                     Person inside modify()
                                     Eric Cartman 10
   aPerson.setName("Eric Cartman");
                                     Number inside modify()
   aPerson.setAge(10);
                                      888
   aNum = 888;
         System.out.println("Person in main() after edit");
         System.out.println(aPerson.getName() + " " +
                            aPerson.getAge());
         System.out.println("Number inside main() after edit");
         System.out.println(num);
                                Person in main() after edit
                                Eric Cartman 10
     }
                                Number inside main() after edit
  }
```

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Previous Example: Analysis

 Why did the parameter that was passed by reference change and the simple type (passed by value) did not?

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Benefits Of Employing References

- References require a bit more complexity but provide several benefits over directly working with objects and arrays.
- Benefit 1: As you have just seen a reference contains the address of 'something' (object, array).
 - As long as the address of the object or array is retained changes made inside the method will persist after the method ends.
 - Recall that functions or methods can only return zero or one things (passing out of a function after it ends).
 - Passing by reference (passing into the function just as it starts executing) allows more than one change to persist after the function has ended: fun(reference1,reference2,reference3...etc.)

Benefits Of Employing References (2)

- Benefit 2: If an array or object is large then it's more memory efficient to pass a reference instead.
- Example:
 - References are typically 32 or 64 bits in size.
 - -An array or object will almost always be larger.
 char [] array1 = new char[1000000]; // 4 MB

 class SocialNetworkUser
 {
 // attribute for images
 // attribute for videos
 }

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Modifying Simple Types (Parameters)

- What to do when only one thing needs to be changed: return the updated value after the method ends
- What to do when more than one thing needs to be changed:
 - Pass an array (e.g., three integers must be modified in a method, then pass an array of integers with 3 elements).
 - Enlist the aid of a wrapper (class).



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Wrapper Classes

A class definition built around a simple type

```
public class Coordinate {
    private int xCoordinate;
    private int yCoordinate;
    ...
}
```

- Benefits illustrated by this example:
 - Related pieces of information can be passed into methods together rather than separately.

```
Coordinate aLocation = new Coordinate();
Method(aLocation); // vs method(x,y);
```

- The values of two atomic types x & y can be changed inside a method call (because an object 'wraps' them and the object is passed by reference).

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Wrapper Classes (2)

 Also Wrapper classes are also used to provide class-like capabilities (i.e., methods) to simple types (e.g., int) e.g., class Integer

```
-http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/lang/Integer.html
-Example useful method parseInt(String): converting strings to integers
int num = Integer.parseInt("123"); // More on this later
```

Arrays: Parameters And Return Values

• Full example under:

/home/219/examples/advanced/5arrayParameters

Format, method call:

- -When the method is called, passing an array as a parameter and storing a return value appears no different as passing other types.
- -Example (list1 and list2 are arrays)
 list2 = ape.oneDimensional(list1);

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Arrays: Parameters And Return Values (2)

- Format, method definition:
 - Use 'square brackets' to indicate that the return value or parameter is an array.
 - Each dimension requires an additional square bracket.
 - One dimensional:

}

```
-Two dimensional:

public char [][] twoDimensional(char [][] array1) {
```

public int [] oneDimensional(int [] array1) { ... }

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Array Of 'Objects'

- Although referred to as an array of objects they are actually arrays of references to objects.
- Recall for arrays: 2 steps are involved to create the array

```
int [] array;  // Reference to array
array = new int[3];  // Creates array of integers
```

Recall for objects: 2 steps are required to create the object

```
Person jim;  // Reference to Person object
jim = new Person(); // Creates object
```

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Array Of 'Objects' (2)

- An array of objects is actually an array of references to objects.
- So 3 steps are usually required

```
-Two steps are still needed to create the array
// Step 1: create reference to array
Person [] somePeople;

// Step 2: create array
somePeople = new Person[3];
•In Java after these two steps each array element will be null.
somePeople[0].setAge(10); // Null pointer exception
```

Array Of 'Objects' (3)

-The third step requires traversal through array elements (as needed):
 create a new object and have the array element refer to that object.
 for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
{
 // Create object, array element refers to that object
 somePeople[i] = new Person();

 // Now that array element refers to an object, a method
 // can be called.
 somePeople[i].setAge(i);
}</pre>

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Array Of Objects: Example

- Location of the full example:
 - -/home/219/examples/advanced/6arrayReferences/simple

Class Person

```
public class Person {
    private int age;

public Person() {
        age = 0;
    }

public int getAge() {
        return(age);
    }

public void setAge(int anAge) {
        age = anAge;
    }
}
```

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Driver Class

```
public class Driver
{
   public static void main(String [] args) {
        Person [] somePeople; // Reference to array
        int i;
        somePeople = new Person[3]; // Create array
        for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
            // Create object, each element refers to a newly
            // created object
            somePeople[i] = new Person();
            somePeople[i].setAge(i);
            System.out.println("Age: " +
                                somePeople[i].getAge());
        }
   }
}
```

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Design Example

 Suppose we wanted to simulate a 2D universe in the form of a numbered grid ('World')

```
class World
{
    private [][] Tardis grid;
}
```

 Each cell in the grid was either an empty void or contained the object that traveled the grid ('Tardis')¹

```
class Tardis
{
}
```

1 Tardis and "Doctor Who" © BBC

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General Description Of Program

- The 'world/universe' is largely empty.
- Only one cell contains the Tardis.
- The Tardis can randomly move from cell to cell in the grid.
- Each movement of Tardis uses up one unit of energy.

Designing The World

Class World Class Tardis

• Attributes? • Attributes?

•Methods?
•Methods?

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Stop

CAUTION: STOP READING AHEAD

Stop

- JT's note: Normally you are supposed to read ahead so you are prepared for class.
- In this case you will get more out of the design exercise if you don't read ahead and see the answer beforehand.
- That will force you to actually think about the problem yourself (and hopefully get a better feel for some design issues).
- So for now skip reading the slides that follow this one up to the one that has a corresponding 'go' symbol all over it.
- After we have completed the design exercise in class you should go back and look through those slides (and the source code).

Stop

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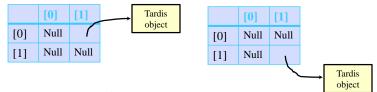
Tardis

- Attributes
 - Current energy level
- Methods:
 - Randomly generating movement:
 - •Some method must reduce the energy level as the Tardis moves
 - •The actual 'movement' from square to square in the grid will be a responsibility of class World because the grid is an attribute of the world.

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World

- Attributes
 - A 2D array that stores information about the 'universe'
 - Most array elements will be empty (null)
 - One element will refer to the Tardis object
 - The maximum number of rows and columns
 - The current location (row/column) of the Tardis
 - Needed to 'move' the Tardis from source cell to destination cell



- Theoretically the (row/col) could be (int, int) but because at most one item can be returned from a method the location will be tracked as 1D integer array (details in code):
 - •World.move()->Tardis.calculateCoordinates()

World (2)

- Methods
 - Constructor(s) to create the world
 - Methods that modify the world (e.g., making sure each array element is truly null: wipe()
 - Displaying the world: display()
 - Changing the contents of the objects in the world (e.g., editing the world or moving objects): move()

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Manager

- It is responsible for things like determining how long the simulation runs.
- For very simple programs it may be a part of the World class (in this case it's part of the Driver).
- But more complex programs (e.g., need to track many pieces of information like multiple players, current scores etc. and simulation rules) may require a separate Manager class.
 - -The Driver will then likely be responsible for instantiating a Manager object and calling some method of the manager to start the simulation.

GO!

END SECTION: Proceed Reading

GO!

- You can continue reading ahead to the slides that follow this one.
 - JT: Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

GO!

GO!

Source Code: Design Exercise

• Location of the full source code: /home/219/examples/advanced/6arrayReferences/doctor

```
Class Tardis
                                            0
                                                0 1 2 3 4 5
public class Tardis
                                            1
                                            2
   private int energy;
   public Tardis(int startEnergy) {
                                            3
       energy = startEnergy;
   }
   // max row and column define the size of the world
   public int[] calculateCoordinates(int maxRow, int maxColumn) {
       Random aGenerator = new Random();
       int [] newCoordinates = new int[2];
e.g., = 4
                                                 e.g., = 7
       newCoordinates[0] = aGenerator.nextInt(maxRow); 0, 1, 2, 3
       energy--;
       return(newCoordinates);
```

Class World: Attributes

```
public class World
{
    private Tardis [][] grid; // Simulated world
    private int maxRow; // Row capacity
    private int maxColumn; // Column capacity
    private int [] currentLocation; // (row/col) of Tardis
```

Class World: Constructor

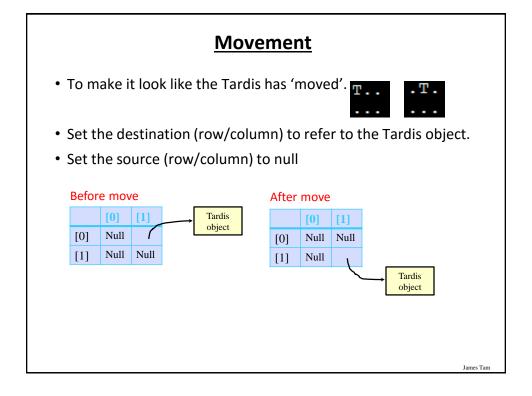
```
public World() {
    // Element 0: current row the tardis is located
    // Element 1: current column the tardis is located
    currentLocation = new int[2];

Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Max rows: ");
maxRow = in.nextInt();
System.out.print("Max columns: ");
maxColumn = in.nextInt();
grid = new Tardis[maxRow][maxColumn];
wipe();    // Empties the world, sets everything to null
grid[0][0] = new Tardis(10);    // Tardis starts top left
currentLocation[0] = 0;    // Tardis row = 0
currentLocation[1] = 0;    // Tardis col = 0
display();
```

Class World: Initialization

```
public void wipe()
{
    int r;
    int c;
                       e.g., max = 2
    for (r = 0; r < maxRow; r++)
    {
                            e.g., max = 3
         for (c = 0; c < maxColumn; c++)
             grid[r][c] = null;
                                            [0]
                                                   [1]
                                                           [2]
                                           null
                                                   null
                                                           null
               r = 0, c = \{0,1,2\}
    }
                                                   null
                                                           null
               r = 1, c = \{0,1,2\}
                                           null
                                    [1]
}
```

Class World: Display 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 0 public void display() 1 int r; int c; 2 e.g., = 4for (r = 0; r < maxRow; r++)3 e.g., = 7for (c = 0; c < maxColumn; c++){ if (grid[r][c] == null) System.out.print("."); else System.out.print("T"); Move cursor to display new System.out.println(); row on next line } }



Class World: Move

Class World: Move (2)

```
// Update temporary values with current location
currentRow = currentLocation[0];
currentColumn = currentLocation[1];
// Copy tardis from the old location to the new one.
grid[currentRow][currentColumn] = grid[oldRow][oldColumn];
// Check if tardis trying to move onto same square, don't
// 'wipe' if this is the case or tardis will be lost
// (Tardis object becomes a memory leak).
if ((currentRow == oldRow) &&
    (currentColumn == oldColumn)) {
      System.out.println("Same location");
}
else {
      // 'wipe' tardis off old location
      grid[oldRow][oldColumn] = null;
}
```

Class World: Move (3)

```
System.out.println("Tardis re-materializing");
display();
```

}

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The Driver Class (Also The "Manager")

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String [] args) {
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
        World aWorld = new World();
        int i;
        for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
            aWorld.move();
            System.out.println("Hit enter to continue");
            in.nextLine();
        }
        System.out.println("\n<<<Tardis is out of energy,
            end simulation>>> \n");
    }
}
```

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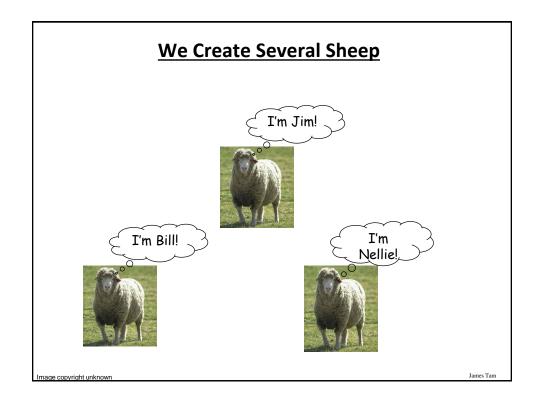
Introducing A New Concept With..Class Sheep!

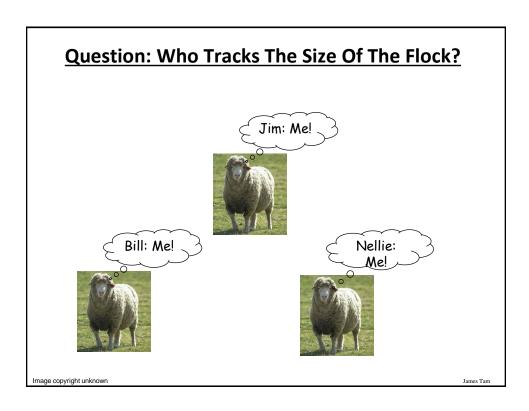
```
public class Sheep
{
    private String name;

    public Sheep()
    {
        name = "No name";
    }
    public Sheep(String aName)
    {
        setName(aName);
    }
    public String getName() { return name;}

    public void setName(String newName) { name = newName; }
}
```

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Answer: None Of The Above!

- •Information about all instances of a class should not be tracked by an individual object.
- •So far we have used instance fields.
- Each *instance* of an object contains *it's own set of instance fields* which can contain information unique to the instance.

```
public class Sheep
{
    private String name;
    ...
}

Object Object Object

name: Bill name: Jim name: Nellie
```

The Need For Static (Class Attributes)

- Static fields: One instance of the attribute exists for the class (not one attribute for each instance of the class)
- JT's note: in Java static DOES NOT specify unchanging (constant)
 - Reminder: the keyword 'final' signifies constant (unchanging)

Class Sheep flockSize

Object

name: Bill

Object

name: Jim

Object

name: Nellie

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Static (Class) Methods

- Are associated with the class as a whole and not individual instances of the class.
 - -Can be called without having an instances (because it's called through the class name not a reference/instance name).
 - –Instance method:

```
Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
in.nextInt(); // referenceName.method()
```

–Class Method:

double squareRoot = Math.sqrt(9); // ClassName.method()

•Typically implemented for classes that are never instantiated e.g., class Math.

Accessing Static Methods/Attributes

•Inside the class definition

Format:

<Access permission> static <attribute or method name>

Example:

```
class Sheep
{
    private static int flockSize = 0;

    public Sheep()
    {
        flockSize++;
    }
}
```

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Accessing Static Methods/Attributes (2)

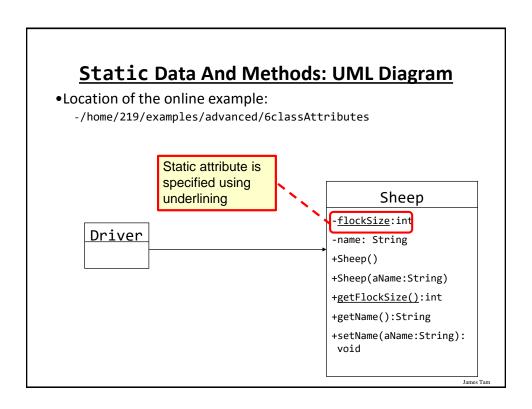
Outside the class definition

Format:

<Class name>.<attribute or method name>

Example:

Sheep.getFlockSize();



Static Data And Methods: The Driver Class

Static Data And Methods: The Sheep Class

```
public class Sheep
{
    private static int flockSize = 0;
    private String name;

public Sheep() {
        flockSize++;
        name = "No name";
    }
    public Sheep(String aName) {
        flockSize++;
        setName(aName);
    }

    public static int getFlockSize () { return flockSize; }
    public String getName() { return name;}
    public void setName(String newName) { name = newName; }
}
```

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Rules Of Thumb: Instance Vs. Class Fields

•Reminder:

- Instance field:
 - •Static keyword is not used
 - •There is one instance for each object created
 - •E.g., class Person { private int age; }
- Class field:
 - •Requires the static keyword
 - •There is one instance for the entire class
 - •E.g., class Person { private static int numberPeople; }

Rules of thumb:

- Make it an instance field if the data can vary between instances e.g., age, height, weight
- Make it a class field if the data relates to all instances e.g., number of objects created.
 - Possibly it may apply if no instances will be created e.g., a debug flag to specify the mode that the program is operating under

Rule Of Thumb: Instance Vs. Class Methods

•Reminder:

```
-Instance method e.g.,
class Person { private int age = 0;
    public void haveBirthDay() { age++; }
}
-Class method e.g.,
class Math {
    public static double square(double num) {return(num*num);
} }
```

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Rule Of Thumb: Instance Vs. Class Methods (2)

- Rule of thumb
 - Static methods
 - If a method can be invoked regardless of the number of instances that exist (e.g.., the method can be run when there are no instances) then it probably should be a static method.
 - •If it never makes sense to instantiate an instance of a class then the method should probably be a static method.
 - E.g., the class doesn't have any variable attributes only static constants such as class Math no objects are instantiated (more coverage later)
 - Non static methods
 - If the above rules don't apply then the method should likely be an instance method e.g., the method operates on an instance field.

Universally Accessible Constants

What you currently know

```
-How to declare constants that are local to a method
class Driver {
    main() {
        final int A_CONST = 10;
    }
}
```

• If you need constants that are accessible throughout your program then declare them as class constants.

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Declaring Class Constants

• Format:

```
public class <class name>
{
    public final static <type> <NAME> = <value>;
}
```

• Example:

```
public class Person
{
    public final static int MAX_AGE = 144;
}
```

- Notes:
 - The keyword "final" signifies something that cannot change (a constant)
 - $\mbox{\sc Because MAX_AGE}$ is a constant the access level can be public.

Accessing Class Constants

Format (outside of the class definition)¹:
 <Class name>.
 constant name>;

• Example (outside of the class definition):
 main()
{
 System.out.println("Max life span: " + Person.MAX_AGE);
}

 Accessing a class constant inside the class where it's been defined does not require the name of the class

```
public class Person {
    public final static int MAX_AGE = 144;
    public void sayMax() { System.out.println(MAX_AGE); }
}
```

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Static Vs. Final

- •Static: Means there's one instance of the attribute for the class (not individual instances for each instance (object) of the class)
- Final: Means that the attribute cannot change (it is a constant)

```
public class Foo
{
    public static final int num1= 1;
    private static int num2; /* Rare */
    public final int num3 = 1; /* Why bother (waste) */
    private int num4;
    :
}
```

An Example Class With A Static Implementation

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Should A Class Be Entirely Static?

- •Usually purely static classes (cannot be instantiated) have only methods and no data (maybe some constants).
 - Rare: mostly cases there's variable data that is different from object-to-object so few classes are purely static
- •Example (purely for illustration):
 Math math1 = new Math();
 Math math2 = new Math();
 // What's the difference? Why bother?
 math1.abs() vs. math2.abs();

• When in doubt *DO NOT* make attributes and methods static.

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Self Reference: The 'This' Reference

 From every (non-static) method of an object there exists a reference to the object (called the "this" reference) 1

```
main(String args []) {
  int x;
  Person fred = new Person();
  Person barney = new Person();
  fred.setAge(35);
}

public class Person {
    private int age;
    public void setAge(int anAge) {
        age = anAge;
    }
    ...
}
```

This is one reason why methods must be invoked via a reference name (the contents of the reference 'fred' will be 'copied into the 'this' reference (so both point to the 'Fred' object).

The 'this' reference is implicitly passed as a parameter to all non-static methods. One use of 'this' is to 'distinguish which object's method is being invoked (in this case Fred vs. Barney)

1 Similar to the 'self' keyword of Python except that 'this' is a syntactically enforced name.

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The 'This' Reference Is Automatically Referenced Inside (Non-Static) Methods

```
public class Person {
   private int age;
   public void setAge(int anAge) {
        // These two statements are equivalent
        age = anAge;
        this.age = anAge;
   }
}
```

Parameter Types: Explicit Vs. Implicit

• Explicit parameter(s): explicitly passed (you can see them when the method is called and defined).

```
fred.setAge(10);  // 10 explicit
barney.setAge(num);  // num explicit

public void setAge(int age) { ... }  // age explicit
```

•Implicit parameter: implicitly passed into a method (automatically passed and cannot be explicitly passed): the 'this' reference.

```
public void setAge(int age) { ... } // 'this' is implicit
```

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Benefits Of 'This': Attributes

•Another side benefit is the this reference can make it very clear which attributes are being accessed/modified.

```
public class Person
{
    private int age;
    public void setAge(int age) {
        this.age = age;
    }
}
Attribute
'age'
```

Benefits Of 'This': Parameters

 Another side benefit is the this reference can make it clear which object is being accessed e.g., when a class method takes as a explicit parameter an instance of that class¹

```
main (String [] args) {
    Person fred = new Person("Fred");
    Person barney = new Person("Barney");
    barney.nameBestBuddy(fred);
                                // JT: Explicit? Implicit?
// JT: What will be the output?
public void nameBestBuddy(Person aPerson) {
    println(this.name + " best friend is " + aPerson.name);
}
```

1 JT: more on this one later - see the 'equals()' method

Benefits Of 'This': Scope

 Recall: according to scoping rules, local variables are not accessible outside of that function or method (unless returned back to the caller or passed into another method).

```
main (String [] args) {
                                                                    main()
           int age = 27;
           Person jim = new Person();
jim.setAge(age);
                                                                      age 27
                                                                               .age
       class Person {
           public void setAge(int age) {
                this.age = age;
       }
                                                       jim (imp)
                                                                                  27 (exp)
                                                           jim.setAge(
                                                                               age 27
                                                            this -
Normally the object referred to by the 'jim' reference not
```

accessible outside of main() but the 'this' reference contains it's address (implicit pass by reference)

Static Methods: No 'This' Reference

 Recall: static methods do not require an object to be instantiated because they are invoked via the class name not a reference name.

```
int result = Math.abs(-12);
```

- •That means static methods do not have the implicit 'this' parameter passed in.
- •Also recall I said for now avoid [for the 'Driver' class]:
 - Defining attributes for the Driver
 - Defining methods for the Driver (other than the main method)

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Driver.main(): Problem, No This

```
public class Driver {
    private int num;
    public static void main(String [] args) {
        num = 12; // Problem!
        // Recall
        num = 12;

        // Equivalent to
        this.num = 12;

        // But there is no this reference for static methods
        Driver d = new Driver();
        d.main(""); // Main was no called via a reference
    }
}
```

This()

- Can be used when constructors have been overloaded.
- Calls one version of the constructor from another constructor.
- Example program: /home/219/examples/advanced/8thisMethod

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The Driver Class

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Person aPerson = new Person();
        aPerson.show();

        aPerson = new Person(99);
        aPerson.show();

        aPerson = new Person("Bob");
        aPerson.show();
    }
}
```

Class Person

```
public class Person {
    private int age;
    private String name;

public Person() {
        age = -1;
        name = "none";
    }

public Person(int anAge) {
        this();
        age = anAge;
}
```

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Class Person (2)

```
public Person(String aName) {
     this();
     name = aName;
}

public void show()
{
     System.out.println(age + " " + name);
}
```

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Displaying The Current State Of Objects

- •The toString() method desplays the state of a particular object (contents of important attributes).
 - Returns a string representation of the state.
- •It will automatically be called whenever a reference to an object is passed as a parameter to "print()/println()".

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toString() Example

- •Location of the full example:
 - -/home/219/examples/advanced/9toString

Class Person

```
public class Person
{
    private int height;
    private int weight;
    private String name;

    public Person(String name, int height, int weight)
    {
        this.name = name;
        this.height = height;
        this.weight = weight;
    }
```

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Class Person (2)

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

public int getHeight()
{
    return(height);
}

public int getWeight()
{
    return(weight);
}
```

Class Person (3)

```
public String toString()
{
     String s;
     s = "Name: " + name + "\t";
     s = s + "Height: " + height + "\t";
     s = s + "Weight: " + weight + "\t";
     return(s);
}
```

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The Driver Class

Comparing Objects

- Recall from the discussion of parameter passing (pass by reference) that a reference contains the address of an object or array.
- •Using the comparison operator on the references '==' will only determine if the address (and not data) is the same.

Comparing Objects (2)

- Either each attribute of each object must be manually compared or else some form of equals () method must be implemented.
- Class String has two methods:

```
-compareTo() # ABC not same as Abc
-compareToIgnoreCase() # ABC same as abc
```

Implementing Equals()

- •Location of the full example:
 - -/home/219/examples/advanced/10equals

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Class Person

```
public class Person {
    private int height;
    private int weight;

    public Person(int height, int weight) {
        this.height = height;
        this.weight = weight;
    }

    public int getHeight() {
        return(height);
    }

    public int getWeight() {
        return(weight);
    }
```

Class Person (2)

```
public void setHeight(int height) {
        this.height = height;
    }
   public void setWeight(int weight) {
        this.weight = weight;
                                    Explicit: Bob
               Implicit: Jim
   public boolean equals(Person compareTo) {
        boolean flag = true;
        // Access to compareTo privates allowed here!
        if (this.height != compareTo.height ||
            this.weight != compareTo.weight)
            flag = false;
        return(flag);
   }
}
```

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The Driver Class

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Person jim = new Person(69,160);
        Person bob = new Person(72,175);
```

```
new
Person(69,160);
                      The Driver Class (2)
new
Person(72,175);
            System.out.println("Different data, addresses");
            System.out.println("Compare data via accessors()");
            if (jim.getHeight() == bob.getHeight() &&
                jim.getWeight() == bob.getWeight())
                System.out.println("\t0bjects same data");
                                                Compare data via accessors()
            else
                System.out.println("\tNot equal");
            System.out.println("Compare data via equals()");
            if (jim.equals(bob) == true)
                System.out.println("\t0bjects same data");
Compare data via equals()
            else
                                                      Not equal
                System.out.println("\tNot equal");
            System.out.println("Compare addresses");
            if (jim == bob)
                System.out.println("\tSame add
            else
                System.out.nrintln("\tDifferent addresses"):
```

```
Person(72,175); # via set()
                      The Driver Class (3)
Person(72,175);
           System.out.println();
           System.out.println("Same data, different addresses");
           jim.setHeight(72);
           jim.setWeight(175);
                                           Same data, different addresses
           if (jim.equals(bob) == true)
                                                   Objects same data
                System.out.println("\t0bjects same data");
           else
                System.out.println("\tNot equal");
           System.out.println("Compare addresses");
           if (jim == bob)
                System.out.println("\tSame address");
           else
                System.out.println("\tDifferent addresses");
                                            Compare addresses
                                                    Different addresses
```

```
Person(72,175); # via set()
                     The Driver Class (4)
Person(72,175);
           System.out.println();
           System.out.println("Same data, different addresses");
           jim.setHeight(72);
           jim.setWeight(175);
                                           Same data, different addresses
           if (jim.equals(bob) == true)
                                                  Objects same data
               System.out.println("\t0bjects same data");
           else
               System.out.println("\tNot equal");
           System.out.println("Compare addresses");
           if (jim == bob)
               System.out.println("\tSame address");
           else
               System.out.println("\tDifferent addresses");
                                           Compare addresses
                                                   Different addresses
```

```
System.out.println();
System.out.println("Same addresses");
jim = bob;
if (jim == bob)
    System.out.println("\tSame address");
else
    System.out.println("\tDifferent addresses");
System.out.println("\tDifferent addresses");
```

Mutable Vs. Immutable Types

Mutable types

- Original memory can be modified int num = 666; num = 777;

•Immutable types

- The original memory location cannot be modified
- Assigning new values will create a new memory location and leave the original untouched.

```
String s1 = "abc";
String s2 = s1;
s1 = "xyz";
System.out.println(s1 + " " + s2);
```

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Mutable Vs. Immutable

Advantage of mutable types: speed Advantage of immutable types: 'security'

Mutable Advantage: Speed

- Location of full examples:
 - -/home/219/examples/advanced/11mutableImmutable/speed

```
public class StringBufferExample {
  public static void main
    (String [] args) {
        StringBuffer s;
        int i;
        s = new StringBuffer("0");
        for (i = 1; i < 100000; i++)
            s = s.append(i);
    }
}</pre>
```

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Immutable Advantage: Security

- •Location of the full example:
 - -/home/219/examples/advanced/11mutableImmutable/security

Class SecurityExample

```
public class SecurityExample
{
    private String s;
    private StringBuffer sb;

public SecurityExample() {
        s = new String("Original s");
        sb = new StringBuffer("Original sb");
}

public String getS() {
        return s;
}

public StringBuffer getSB() {
        return sb;
}
```

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The Driver Class

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        SecurityExample se = new SecurityExample();
        String s;
        StringBuffer sb;

        System.out.println("Originals");
        System.out.println("\t" + se.getS());
        System.out.println("\t" + se.getSB());

        s = se.getS();
        sb = se.getSB();
```

The Driver Class (2)

```
sb.delete(0,sb.length());
        sb.append("lolz! mucked ur data :P");
        s = "lolz! mucked ur data :P";
        System.out.println();
                                  Values of locals
                                         String=lolz! mucked ur data :P
        System.out.println("Afte
                                         StringBuffer=lolz! mucked ur data :F
        System.out.println("Values of locals");
        System.out.println("\t\tString=" + s);
        System.out.println("\t\tStringBuffer=" + sb);
        System.out.println("\tValues of attributes");
        System.out.println("\t\tString=" + se.getS());
        System.out.println("\t\tStringBuffer=" + se.getSB());
    }
}
                                  Values of attributes
                                         String=Original s
                                         StringBuffer=lolz! mucked ur data :F
```

New Terminology/Definitions

- Scope
- Shadowing
- Message passing
- Association relation (bidirectional, unidirectional)
- Shallow and deep copy
- Dynamically allocated memory
- Memory leak
- Automatic garbage collection
- Memory leak
- Parameter passing: Pass by value, pass by reference
- Static attributes and methods

New Terminology/Definitions (2)

- Final attributes
- Mutable
- Immutable

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After This Section You Should Now Know

- What is meant by scope
- Scoping rules for attributes, methods and locals
 - Design issues
 - •When should something be declared as local vs. an attribute
- •The hierarchy of scoping rules
 - How locals can shadow attributes
- What is meant by message passing
- What is an association, how do directed and non-directed associations differ, how to represent associations and multiplicity in UML
- What is multiplicity and what are kinds of multiplicity relationships exist
- Design and technical issues related to association relations

After This Section You Should Now Know (2)

- References
 - How references and objects are related
 - The difference between a deep vs. shallow copy
 - What is the difference between comparing references vs. objects
 - What is automatic garbage collection and how it's related to the use of references
- How the two methods of parameter passing work, what types are passed using each mechanism
- What are the benefits of employing references
- What is a wrapper class and the value provided

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After This Section You Should Now Know (3)

- How to pass arrays as parameters and return them from methods
- · Arrays of 'objects'
 - Why they are really arrays of references
 - How to declare such an array, create and access elements
- How to create a simple simulation using an array of references
- Static attributes and methods
 - How to create statics
 - How to access statics
 - When something should be static vs. non-static (instance)
 - How to represent static in UML
- How to declare class constants
 - The difference between static and final

After This Section You Should Now Know (4)

- What is the 'this' reference
 - When it is and is not an implicit parameter
 - What's the difference between implicit and explicit parameters
 - What are the benefits of having a this parameter
- How to use this() to call overloaded constructors within another constructor
- How to display the state of an object by implementing a toString() method
- How to check for equality by implementing an equals() method

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