



# CS 11 java track: lecture 2

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- This week:
  - more on object-oriented programming (OOP)
    - objects vs. primitive types
    - creating new objects with **new**
    - calling methods on an object
    - importing classes
  - input/output



# objects and primitive types (1)

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- everything in java is either
  - an **object**
  - a **primitive type**
- differences?
  - objects take up more memory
  - objects allocated in main computer memory (heap)
  - objects have methods
  - manipulating primitive types is faster



# objects and primitive types (2)

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- primitive types:
  - boolean, byte, char, int, long, float, double
  - char is actually 16-bits (Unicode)
- object types:
  - String, arrays, user-defined classes



# classes

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- classes
  - are a template for creating objects
  - define the types of the data (**fields**)
  - define the code that acts on the data (**methods**)
  - can define methods that don't act on data
    - **static** methods
      - like global functions in most languages
      - **main()** was an example of this



# example class (1)

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```
public class Point2d {  
    private double xcoord;  
    private double ycoord;  
    // Constructor:  
    public Point2d(double x, double y) {  
        this.xcoord = x;  
        this.ycoord = y;  
    }  
    // continued on next slide...
```



## example class (2)

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```
// no-argument constructor:
```

```
public Point2d() {
```

```
    this.xcoord = 0.0;
```

```
    this.ycoord = 0.0;
```

```
}
```

```
// accessors:
```

```
public double getX() { return xcoord; }
```

```
public double getY() { return ycoord; }
```

```
// not done yet...
```



## example class (3)

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```
public void setX(double value) {  
    xcoord = value;  
}  
public void setY(double value) {  
    ycoord = value;  
}  
} // end of class Point2d
```



# public and private

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- what do **public** and **private** mean, anyway?
- **private**: can only be used by methods of this class
- **public**: can be used anywhere
- usually fields are private and methods are public (some exceptions)
- also **protected** (for a later lecture)





# using the class

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- Creating new objects of the class:

```
Point2d a = new Point2d(2.0, 3.0);
```

```
Point2d b = new Point2d(2.0, 3.0);
```

```
System.out.println(a == b); // false!
```

- Calling methods:

```
a.setY(10.0);
```

- n.b. methods have direct access to all of an object's fields



# input/output (I/O) (1)

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- input/output is very powerful and flexible in java
- downside: simple tasks are much more complicated than you'd expect
- first need to **import** the java i/o classes:

```
// import all i/o classes
```

```
import java.io.*;
```

```
// can now say "Foo" instead of "java.io.Foo"
```



# input/output (I/O) (2)

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- printing:

- `System.out.println()`

- prints a data value + a newline

- `System.out.print()`

- prints a data value without a newline

- `+` is used for string concatenation (overloading)

```
// this prints "foo10":  
System.out.println("foo" + 10);
```



# input/output (I/O) (3)

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- input is more complicated...
- need to know the following classes:

**InputStreamReader**: converts bytes to characters

**StreamTokenizer**: converts characters to "tokens"

- a token is a string of characters separated by space
- **nextToken()** method – gets next token
- **nval** field (double) – contains the numeric value of the next token (if it has one)



# input/output (I/O) (4)

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- sample input code:

```
// System.in is the terminal input
InputStreamReader isr = new
    InputStreamReader(System.in);
StreamTokenizer tokens = new
    StreamTokenizer(isr);
// Repeat for every token you need:
tokens.nextToken();
// token value is in tokens.sval (and also in
// tokens.nval if it's a number)
```



# input/output (I/O) (5)

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- `nextToken()` can throw an `IOException` if something goes wrong
- this is our first encounter with "exception handling" in java
- we'll deal with this in later lectures
- for now, have to change `main()` to be

```
public static void main(String[] args)
    throws IOException {
    // ...
}
```



# next week

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- exception handling in depth
- more on OOP
- documentation (javadoc)