

Languages and Data Types III

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~~Functions~~ Methods

```
public int increment(int i) {  
    return i+1;  
}  
  
public void printHello() {  
    System.out.println("Hello");  
}  
}
```

We must also declare the types of not only variables, but also of functions (called methods in Java).

Everything is a Class...

```
public class Hello {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World");  
    }  
}
```

A key difference between Python and Java is that, while Python allows “optional” class declarations, in Java everything is a class.

That is, we cannot just execute a series of statements as in Python. Instead, all program execution occurs through the invocation of a class “instance”.

Program Structure

```
import A, B, C

def f(x1, x2, ...):
...
def g(y1, y2, ...):
...
print "hello world!"

def h(z1, z2, ...):
...
print "goodbye world!"
```

```
import A, B, C;

class HelloWorld {
    public void f(int x1, char x2, ...) {
        ...
    }

    public long g(boolean y1, float y2, ...) {
        ...
    }

    private int h(double z1, int z2, ...) {
        ...
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("hello world!")
        System.out.println("goodbye world!")
    }
}
```

In Java, “everything is a class” so programs are initiated in the main method of a class, and class files are “executed.”

Java Runtime System

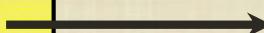
```
import --;

class HelloWorld {
    public void f(int x1, char x2, ...) {
    ...
}

    public long g(boolean y1, float y2, ...) {
    ...
}

    private int h(double z1, int z2, ...) {
    ...
}

    public static void main(String [] args) {
        System.out.println("hello world!")
        System.out.println("goodbye world!")
    }
}
```



Java Compiler



Java “Byte”
Code



Java Virtual
Machine

To CPU



Operating System

Data Types and Classes

- Primitive types (int, double,...) provide basic functionality, but we can also declare our own types.
- An abstract data type is defined by a data structure together with functionality. “Classes” in Python and Java provide a means to define abstract data types.

```
class MyType:  
<variables>  
  
def __init__(...):  
    ...  
  
<methods>  
  
x = MyType(...)
```

```
class MyType {  
<attributes>  
  
public MyType(...) {  
    ...  
}  
  
<methods>  
  
<optional main method>  
}
```

```
MyType x = new MyType(...)
```

Data Types and Classes

```
class Counter:  
    # __value  
  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.__value=0  
  
    def increment(self):  
        self.__value += 1  
  
    def getValue(self):  
        return self.__value  
  
c = Counter()  
c.increment()  
c.increment()  
print c.getValue()
```

```
public class Counter{  
    private int value;  
    public Counter(){  
        value=0;  
    }  
  
    public void increment(){  
        value++;  
    }  
  
    public int getValue(){  
        return value;  
    }  
}
```

```
class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[]  
                           args){  
        Counter c = new Counter();  
        c.increment();  
        c.increment();  
        System.out.println(c.getValue());  
    }  
}
```

Typically, variables of a user-defined type (or class) are called instances of that type.

Data Types and Classes

```
public class Counter{  
    private int value;  
    public Counter(){  
        value;  
    }  
  
    public void increment(){  
        value++;  
    }  
  
    public int getValue(){  
        return value;  
    }  
}
```

```
class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[]  
                           args){  
        Counter c = new Counter();  
        c.increment();  
        c.increment();  
        System.out.println(c.getValue());  
  
        # Error, because value is private  
        # c.value = 5  
    }  
}
```

In Java, we can restrict user access to a class by using the `public` and `private` keywords.

Data Types and Classes

```
public class Counter{  
    public Counter() {  
    }  
    public void increment() {  
    }  
    public int getValue() {  
    }  
}
```

```
class Tester {  
    public static void main(String[]  
                           args) {  
        Counter c = new Counter();  
        c.increment();  
        c.increment();  
        System.out.println(c.getValue());  
    }  
}
```

Information hiding allows the user to assume that a class meets certain specifications without worrying about the underlying implementation.

This is the principle behind so-called “APIs” and is critical in allowing us to take a top-down approach to problem solving.

Class vs. Instances

Memory

```
Class Counter  
    int value;  
  
    void increment()  
    int getValue()
```

c →

```
int value; 1  
  
void increment()  
int getValue()
```

```
Counter c = new Counter();  
c.increment();  
Counter d = new Counter();  
Counter e = new Counter();  
e.increment();  
e.increment();
```

d →

```
int value; 0  
  
void increment()  
int getValue()
```

e →

```
int value; 2  
  
void increment()  
int getValue()
```

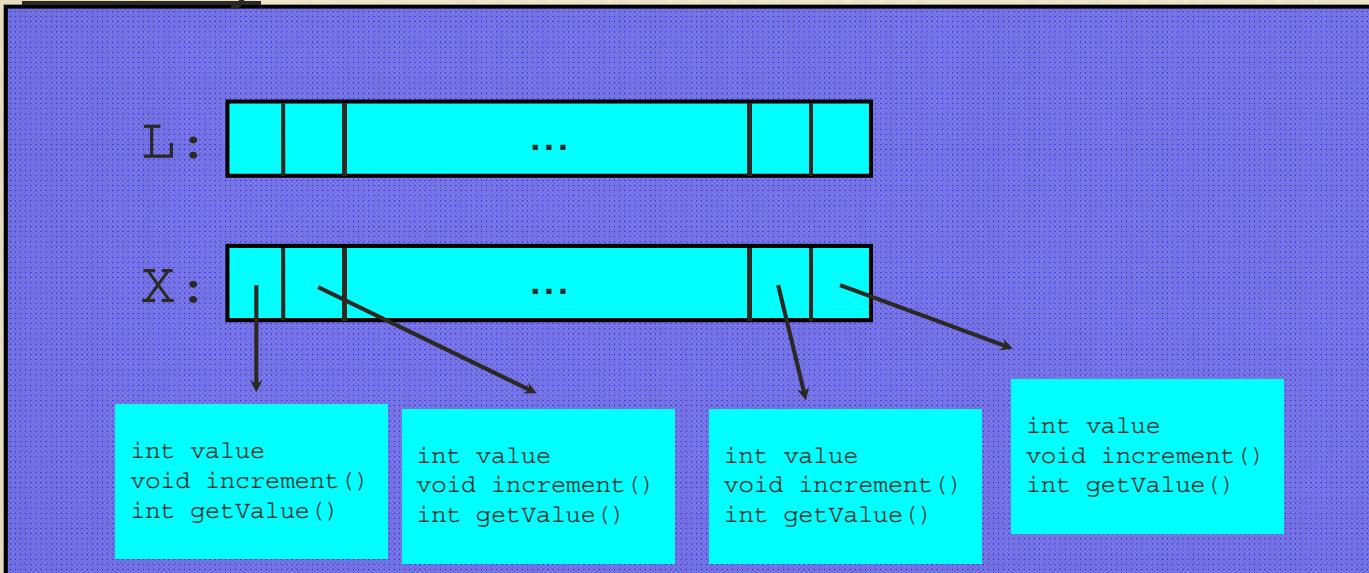
- A class is a “blueprint” that provides the definition of a type
- An instance of a class conforms to the given type definition, but has its own set of (non-static) attributes and methods, whose access is defined by how they are declared (i.e., public versus private).

Arrays in Java

- Arrays in Java (of any type) are declared as follows:

```
int L[] = new int[25];  
MyType X[] = new MyType[100];
```

Memory



User-defined types are stored by reference, while primitive types are stored by value.