

# Be Concrete about Abstractions

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# Object Lifecycle (1/1)

```
1  class Record{
2      int score;
3      Record(int init_score){ score = init_score; }
4      protected void finalize() throws Throwable{ }
5  }
6  public class RecordDemo{
7      public static void main(String[] arg){
8          Record r; //reference declared
9          Record r2; //reference declared
10         r = new Record(60); //memory allocated (RHS)
11                                 //and constructor called
12                                 //reference assigned (LHS)
13         r2 = r; //reference copied
14         r.score = 3; //object content accessed
15         r.show_score(); //object action performed
16         r2 = null; r = null; //memory slot isolated
17                                 // ....
18                                 //finalizer called
19                                 //or JVM terminated
20     }
21 }
```

# Object Lifecycle: Key Point

we control birth, life, death, funeral design, but not the exact funeral time (nor whether it would happen)

# Class Lifecycle (1/1)

```
1  class Record{
2      static{//class initializer
3          count = 0; //actually, done by default
4      }
5      static int count;
6      int score;
7      Record(int init_score){ score = init_score; count++; }
8      protected void finalize() throws Throwable{ }
9      //classFinalize? has been removed
10 }
11 //the class RecordDemo should be loaded after 'java RecordDemo'
12 public class RecordDemo{
13     public static void main(String [] arg){
14         //the class Record should be loaded (initialized) before
15         //the following lines
16         Record r, r2;
17         r = new Record(60);
18         r2 = r;
19         //....
20         //by default, no unload (and hence count would remain)
21         //if unloaded, no guarantees
22     }
23 }
```

# Class Lifecycle: Key Point

automatic and dynamic loading/linking in JVM:  
almost no need to care about load/unload

# Method (1/2, Callee's View)

```
1  class Record{
2      int score;
3      void add_to(int inc){ score += inc; }
4      double get_adjusted(){ return (double)(score + 30); }
5  }
```

- method: what I (the object) do
- **parameter**: what I get from the caller
- return value: what I want to tell the caller

# Method (2/2, Caller's View)

```
1  class Record{
2      int score;
3      void add_to(int inc){ score += inc; }
4      double get_adjusted(){ return (double)(score + 30); }
5  }
6  public class RecordDemo{
7      public static void main(String [] arg){
8          Record r = new Record();
9          r.addto(50);
10         System.out.println(r.get_adjusted());
11     }
12 }
```

- method: what I (caller) want the object to do
- **argument**: what I tell the callee
- return value: what I want to hear from the callee

# Method: Key Point

method: an abstraction of **action**, where information is passed through argument/parameter and return values



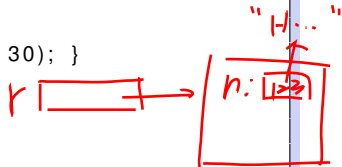
## Return Values (1/1)

```

1  class Record{
2      String name;
3      int score;
4      void add_to(int inc){ score += inc; }
5      double get_adjusted(){ return (score + 30); }
6      String get_name(){ return name; }
7  }
8  public class RecordDemo{
9      public static void main(String [] arg){
10         Record r = new Record();
11         r.name = "HTLin";
12         System.out.println(r.get_name() == r.name);
13     }
14 }

```

no, guess  
 F yes. content eq



~~X~~ "HTLin"      "HTLin"  
 123      123

- void: no return
- primitive type: its value
- reference type: its value (a.k.a. reference, not content)

# Return Values: Key Point

Java: return by primitive/reference values

# Primitive Argument/Parameter (1/1)

```
1  class Tool{
2      void swap(int first , int second){
3          int tmp = first;
4          first = second;
5          second = tmp;
6          System.out.println(first);
7          System.out.println(second);
8      }
9  }
10 public class Demo{
11     public static void main(String [] arg){
12         Tool t = new Tool();
13         int i = 3; int j = 5;
14         t.swap(i, j);
15         System.out.println(i);
16         System.out.println(j);
17     }
18 }
```

- first, second: swapped
- i, j: didn't

# Primitive Argument/Parameter: Key Point

argument  $\Rightarrow$  parameter: by value copying  
–change in parameter does not change argument

## Reference Argument/Parameter (1/3)

```

1  class Tool{
2      bool tricky(String s1, String s2){
3          s2 = s2 + "H";
4          return (s1 == s2);
5      }
6  }
7  public class Demo{
8      public static void main(String [] arg){
9          Tool t = new Tool();
10         String sa = "HTLin";
11         String sb = sa;
12         System.out.println(t.tricky(sa, sb));
13         System.out.println(sa == sb);
14         System.out.println(t.tricky(sa + "", sb));
15     }
16 }

```

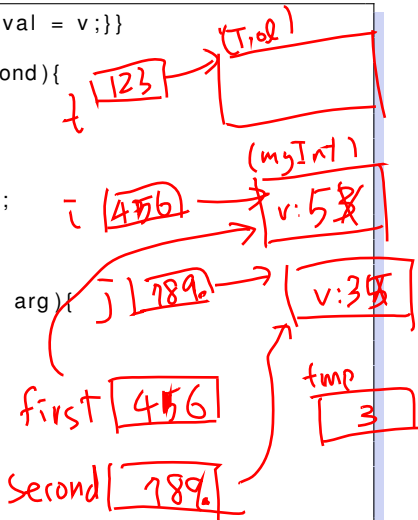
- reference parameter passing: again, value copying
- sa, sb copied to s1, s2
- s2 (reference) changed, sb didn't

## Reference Argument/Parameter (2/3)

```

1  class myInt{int val; myInt(int v){val = v;}}
2  class Tool{
3      void swap(myInt first , myInt second){
4          int tmp = first.val;
5          first.val = second.val;
6          second.val = tmp;
7          System.out.println(first.val);
8          System.out.println(second.val);
9      }
10 }
11 public class Demo{
12     public static void main(String [] arg){
13         Tool t = new Tool();
14         myInt i = new myInt(3);
15         myInt j = new myInt(5);
16         t.swap(i, j);
17         System.out.println(i.val);
18         System.out.println(j.val);
19     }
20 }

```



- swapped as requested

## Reference Argument/Parameter (3/3)

```

1  class myInt{int val; myInt(int v){val = v;}}
2  class Tool{
3      void swap(myInt first, myInt second){
4          myInt tmp = first;
5          first = second;
6          second = tmp;
7          System.out.println(first.val);
8          System.out.println(second.val);
9      }
10 }
11 public class Demo{
12     public static void main(String[] arg){
13         Tool t = new Tool();
14         myInt i = new myInt(3);
15         myInt j = new myInt(5);
16         t.swap(i, j);
17         System.out.println(i.val);
18         System.out.println(j.val);
19     }
20 }

```

⑦ 5 3

⑧ 3 5

⑪ 5 3

⑱ 3 5

- what happens?

# Reference Argument/Parameter: Key Point

argument  $\Rightarrow$  parameter: by reference copying

- value change: does not change argument
- content change: change the “object”



# Array Argument/Parameter (1/1)

```
1  class Tool{
2      void swap(int [] both){
3          int tmp = both[0];
4          both[0] = both[1];
5          both[1] = tmp;
6      }
7  }
8  public class Demo{
9      public static void main(String [] arg){
10         Tool t = new Tool();
11         int [] arr = new int [2];
12         arr[0] = 3; arr[1] = 5;
13         t.swap(arr);
14         System.out.println(arr [0]);
15         System.out.println(arr [1]);
16     }
17 }
```

- array is just special reference, same calling mechanism

# Array Argument/Parameter: Key Point

argument  $\Rightarrow$  parameter: by reference value copying  
–same as reference argument/parameter

## Static Variables Revisited (1/1)

```

1  class Record{
2      static int total_rec = 0;
3      int id;
4      public Record(){ id = total_rec++;}
5  }
6  public class RecordDemo{
7      public static void main(String [] arg){
8          Record r1 = new Record();
9          Record r2 = null;
10         Record r3 = new Record();
11         System.out.println(r1.total_rec);
12         System.out.println(r2.total_rec);
13         System.out.println(Record.total_rec);
14         System.out.println(r1.id);
15         System.out.println(r2.id);
16         System.out.println(Record.id);
17     }
18 }

```

⑪

yes

⑫

no, null

yes. class

⑬

yes

⑭

yes

⑮

no: null ptr ~~error~~  
ex.

⑯

no: compile error

- `r2.total_rec`  $\Rightarrow$  `Record.total_rec` in **compile time**

# Static Variables Revisited: Key Point

`static` variable:  
of the **class** (shared), not of an object

# Static Methods (1/2)

```
1  class myMath{
2      double mean(double a, double b){
3          return (a + b) * 0.5;
4      }
5  }
6  public class MathDemo{
7      public static void main(String [] arg){
8          double i = 3.5;
9          double j = 2.4;
10         myMath m = new MyMath();
11         System.out.println(m.mean(i, j));
12     }
13 }
```

- **new** a `myMath` object just for computing `mean`  
–lazy people don't want to do so

# Static Methods (2/2)

```
1  class myMath{
2      static double mean(double a, double b){
3          return (a + b) * 0.5;
4      }
5  }
6  public class MathDemo{
7      public static void main(String [] arg){
8          double i = 3.5;
9          double j = 2.4;
10         System.out.println(myMath.mean(i, j));
11         System.out.println(( new myMath() ).mean(i, j));
12     }
13 }
```

- make the method a `static` (class) one  
–no need to new an object
- similar to static variable usage

# Static Methods: Key Point

`static` method:  
associated with the **class**,  
no need to create an object

# Use of Static Methods (1/3)

```
1  public class UtilDemo{
2      public static void main(String [] arg){
3          System.out.println(Math.PI);
4          System.out.println(Math.sqrt(2.0));
5          System.out.println(Math.max(3.0, 5.0));
6          System.out.println(Integer.toBinaryString(15));
7      }
8  }
```

- commonly used as utility functions  
(so don't need to create object)



# Use of Static Methods (2/3)

```
1  class Record{
2      static int total_rec = 0;
3      Record(){ total_rec++; }
4      static void show_total_rec(){
5          System.out.println(total_rec);
6      }
7  }
8  public class RecordDemo{
9      public static void main(String [] arg){
10         Record r1 = new Record();
11         Record.show_total_rec();
12     }
13 }
```

- class related actions rather than object related actions

# Use of Static Methods (3/3)

```
1  public class MainDemo{
2      static void printStr(String s){
3          System.out.print(s);
4      }
5      public static void main(String [] arg){
6          printStr("I_am_main;_I_am_also_static");
7      }
8  }
```

- main is static (called by classname during 'java className')
- as tools for other static methods

# Use of Static Methods: Key Point

`static` method:

- compile time determined
- per class
- sometimes useful

# Instance versus Class (1/2)

```
1  class Record{
2      static int count;
3      int id;
4      Record(){ id = count++; }
5      static void show_int(int num){
6          System.out.println(num);
7      }
8      static void show_count(){
9          show_int(count);
10     }
11     void show_id(){
12         show_int(id);
13     }
14     void show_id_and_count(){
15         show_id();
16         show_count();
17     }
18 }
```

- instance methods: can access all members/methods
- static methods: can access static members/methods

# Instance versus Class (2/2)

```
1 //this: means my
2 class Record{
3     static int count; int id;
4     Record(){ this.id = Record.count++; }
5     static void show_int(int num){
6         java.lang.System.out.println(num);
7     }
8     static void show_count(){
9         Record.show_int(Record.count);
10    }
11    void show_id(){
12        Record.show_int(this.id);
13    }
14    void show_id_and_count(){
15        this.show_id(); Record.show_count();
16    }
17 }
```

- what compiler sees: a fully qualified intention
- `this`: the “object” reference (known in run-time)
- `Record`: the “class” name (known in compile-time)

# Instance versus Class: Key Point

- null/non-null instance access class method/variable: as if **YES**
- class access instance method/variable method: **NO**
- instance method access class method/variable: **YES**
- class method access instance method/variable: **NO**

## this (1/3)

```
1  class Record{
2      static int count;    int id;
3      Record(){ this.id = Record.count++; }
4      static void show_int(int num){
5          java.lang.System.out.println(num);
6      }
7      static void show_id(Record r){
8          Record.show_int(r.id);
9      }
10     void orig_show_id(){
11         Record.show_int(this.id);
12     }
13 }
14 public class RecordDemo{
15     public static void main(String [] arg){
16         Record r = new Record();
17         r.orig_show_id();    Record.show_id(r);
18     }
19 }
```

- a static implementation of show\_id
- “almost” what the compiler/JVM does

## this (2/3)

```
1  class Record{
2      static int count;    int id;
3      Record(){ this.id = Record.count++; }
4      static void show_int(int num){
5          java.lang.System.out.println(num);
6      }
7      static void show_id(Record THIS){
8          Record.show_int(THIS.id);
9      }
10     void orig_show_id(){
11         Record.show_int(this.id);
12     }
13 }
14 public class RecordDemo{
15     public static void main(String[] arg){
16         Record r = new Record();
17         r.orig_show_id();    Record.show_id(r);
18     }
19 }
```

- implicitly, instance method can access an additional reference-type parameter `this` passed from the caller



## this (3/3)

```
1  class Record{
2      int score;
3      static void show_score;
4      void set_to(int score){ this.score = score; }
5  }
```

- this: the reference to specifically say “my” variable/method

# this: Key Point

`this`: the reference used to specifically say “mine”  
—implicit in every instance method

# Recursive Calls (1/5)

```
1  class Dir{ File [] files ; Dir [] dirs ;}
2  class File{ String name; }
3  public class DirDemo{
4      static void listAll(Dir current){
5          int i , j;
6          for(i=0;i<files.length;i++)
7              System.out.println ( files [ i ].name);
8          for(j=0;j<dirs.length;j++)
9              listAll ( dirs [ j ] );
10     }
11     public static void main(String [] arg){
12         // ...
13         Dir d = new Dir ();
14         listAll ( d );
15     }
16 }
```

- recursive: when a method calls itself

# Recursive Calls (2/5)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      static int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          System.out.println("fib(" + n + ")_called");
5          if (n <= 1)
6              res = 1;
7          else
8              res = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
9          System.out.println("fib(" + n + ")_returning");
10         return res;
11     }
12     public static void main(String[] arg){
13         System.out.println(fib(5));
14     }
15 }
```

- method call: do last task first (recursive or non-recursive)
- method call stack: implement “last task first” (last-in-first-out)

# Recursive Calls (3/5)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      static int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          System.out.println("fib(" + n + ")_called");
5          if (n <= 1)
6              res = 1;
7          else{
8              int m = n-1; res = fib(m); res = res + fib(n-2);
9          }
10         System.out.println("fib(" + n + ")_returning");
11         return res;
12     }
13     public static void main(String[] arg){ int a = fib(5); }
14 }
```

- what needs to be stored in each “frame”?
  - my local version of `n`
  - my local version of `res`
  - any temporary value generated by compiler (e.g. like `m`)
  - (my return value and where I am returning to)

# Recursive Calls (4/5)

```

1  public class Fib{
2      int N;
3      Fib(int N){ this.N = N; }
4      int get(){
5          if (N <= 1)
6              return 1;
7          else
8              return (new Fib(N-1)).get() + (new Fib(N-2)).get();
9      }
10     public static void main(String[] arg){
11         Fib f = new Fib(20);
12         System.out.println("res = " + f.get(5) );
13         System.out.println("res = " + f.get(10) );
14     }
15 }

```

- one advanced use: one class, two behaviors
  - utility behavior: static main
  - object behavior: with a state
- is `get` recursive? seems No (different objects) but actually Yes (same method with different “this”)

## Recursive Calls (5/5)

```

1  public class Fib{
2      int MAXN; int[] computed;
3      Fib(int MAXN){
4          this.MAXN = MAXN; computed = new int[MAXN+1];
5      }
6      int get(int n){
7          if (computed[n] == 0){
8              if (n <= 1) computed[n] = 1;
9              else computed[n] = get(n-1) + get(n-2);
10         }
11         return computed[n];
12     }
13     public static void main(String [] arg){
14         Fib f = new Fib(20);
15         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.get(5) );
16         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.get(10) );
17     }
18 }

```

- recursive, but no repeated computation
- no need to create so many objects
- think: any better implementations?

# Recursive Calls: Key Point

method call: not just “goto”  
—comes with a frame of status passing, storing, manipulating, and returning



# Local Variables (1/7)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          String s = "fib(" + n + ")_called";
5          System.out.println(s);
6          if (n <= 1)
7              res = 1;
8          else{
9              res = fib(n-1);
10             res = res + fib(n-2);
11         }
12         return res;
13     }
14     public static void main(String[] arg){
15         FibDemo f = new FibDemo();
16         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.fib(5));
17     }
18 }
```

- local primitive `n`: allocated, and assigned by argument  $\Rightarrow$  parameter

# Local Variables (2/7)

```

1  public class FibDemo{
2      int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          String s = "fib(" + n + ")_called";
5          System.out.println(s);
6          if (n <= 1)
7              res = 1;
8          else{
9              res = fib(n-1);
10             res = res + fib(n-2);
11         }
12         return res;
13     }
14     public static void main(String[] arg){
15         FibDemo f = new FibDemo();
16         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.fib(5));
17     }
18 }

```

- local reference `this`: allocated, and assigned by argument (f) ⇒ parameter (this)

# Local Variables (3/7)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          String s = "fib(" + n + ")_called";
5          System.out.println(s);
6          if (n <= 1)
7              res = 1;
8          else{
9              res = fib(n-1);
10             res = res + fib(n-2);
11         }
12         return res;
13     }
14     public static void main(String[] arg){
15         FibDemo f = new FibDemo();
16         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.fib(5));
17     }
18 }
```

- local primitive `res`: allocated, **not** initialized assigned by ourselves

# Local Variables (4/7)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          String s = "fib(" + n + ")_called";
5          System.out.println(s);
6          if (n <= 1)
7              res = 1;
8          else{
9              res = fib(n-1);
10             res = res + fib(n-2);
11         }
12         return res;
13     }
14     public static void main(String[] arg){
15         FibDemo f = new FibDemo();
16         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.fib(5));
17     }
18 }
```

- local reference `s`: reference allocated, **not** initialized, point to a valid object by ourselves

# Local Variables (5/7)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          String s = "fib(" + n + ")_called";
5          System.out.println(s);
6          if (n <= 1)
7              res = 1;
8          else{
9              res = fib(n-1);
10             res = res + fib(n-2);
11         }
12         return res;
13     }
14     public static void main(String[] arg){
15         FibDemo f = new FibDemo();
16         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.fib(5));
17     }
18 }
```

- some other local variables generated by compiler: allocated, **not** initialized, used internally

# Local Variables (6/7)

```
1  public class FibDemo{
2      int fib(int n){
3          int res;
4          String s = "fib(" + n + ")_called";
5          System.out.println(s);
6          if (n <= 1) res = 1;
7          else res = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
8          return res;
9      }
10     public static void main(String[] arg){
11         FibDemo f = new FibDemo();
12         System.out.println("res_=_ " + f.fib(5));
13     }
14 }
```

- when call returns: the result is “copied” to the previous frame somewhere
- local primitive: simply discarded
- local reference: discarded (and then the “object” GC’ed some time if no longer used)

## Local Variables (7/7, courtesy of Prof. Chuen-Liang Chen)

## Category of Java Variables

	local variable	instance variable	class (static) variable
belong to	method invocation	instance	class
declaration	within method	within class	within class
modifier <b>static</b>	NO	NO	YES
allocation (when)	method invocation	instance creation	class loading
allocation (where)	stack memory	heap memory	heap memory
initial to 0	NO	YES	YES
de-allocation	method return	automatic garbage collection	NO
scope	usage range	direct access range	
	from declaration to end of block	whole class	whole class

# Local Variables: Key Point

local variables: the “status” of the current frame  
—by spec **not** necessarily initialized