

Classes as Blueprints: How to Define New Types of Objects

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Types of Decomposition

- When writing a program, it's important to decompose it into manageable pieces.
- We've already seen how to use *procedural* decomposition.
 - break a task into smaller subtasks, each of which gets its own method
- Another way to decompose a program is to view it as a collection of *objects*.
 - referred to as *object-oriented programming*

Review: What is an Object?

- An object groups together:
 - one or more data values (the object's *fields*)
 - a set of operations that the object can perform (the object's *methods*)

Review: Using an Object's Methods

- An object's methods are different from the static methods that we've been writing thus far.
 - they're called *non-static* or *instance* methods
- When using an instance method, we specify the object to which the method belongs by using dot notation:

```
String firstName = "Perry";  
int len = firstName.length();
```
- Using an instance method is like sending a message to an object, asking it to perform an operation.
- We refer to the object on which the method is invoked as either:
 - the *called object*
 - the *current object*

Review: Classes as Blueprints

- We've been using classes as containers for our programs.
- A class can also serve as a blueprint – as the definition of a new type of object.
 - specifying the fields and methods that objects of that type will have
- The objects of a given class are built according to its blueprint.
- Objects of a class are referred to as *instances* of the class.

Rectangle Objects

- Java comes with a built-in `Rectangle` class.
 - in the `java.awt` package
- Each `Rectangle` object has the following fields:
 - `x` – the x coordinate of its upper left corner
 - `y` – the y coordinate of its upper left corner
 - `width`
 - `height`
- Here's an example of one:

x	200
y	150
width	50
height	30

Rectangle Methods

- A Rectangle's methods include:
`void grow(int h, int v)`
`void translate(int x, int y)`
`double getWidth()`
`double getHeight()`
`double getX()`
`double getY()`

Writing a "Blueprint Class"

- To illustrate how to define a new type of object, let's write our own class for Rectangle objects.

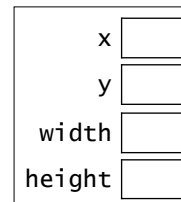
```
public class Rectangle {  
    ...
```
- As always, the class definition goes in an appropriately named text file.
 - in this case: `Rectangle.java`

Using Fields to Capture an Object's State

- Here's the first version of our Rectangle class:

```
public class Rectangle {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
    int width;  
    int height;  
}
```

- it declares four fields, each of which stores an `int`
- each `Rectangle` object gets its own set of these fields



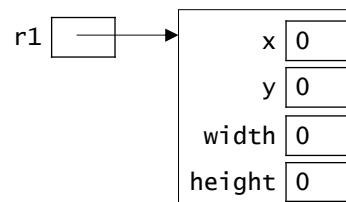
- Another name for a field is an *instance variable*.

Using Fields to Capture an Object's State (cont.)

- For now, we'll create `Rectangle` objects like this:

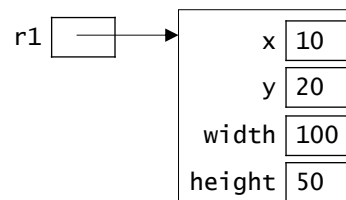
```
Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle();
```

- The fields are initially filled with the default values for their types.
 - just like array elements



- Fields can be accessed using dot notation:

```
r1.x = 10;  
r1.y = 20;  
r1.width = 100;  
r1.height = 50;
```



Client Programs

- Our Rectangle class is *not* a program.
 - it has no main method
- Instead, it will be used by code defined in other classes.
 - referred to as *client programs* or *client code*
- More generally, when we define a new type of object, we create a building block that can be used in other code.
 - just like the objects from the built-in classes: String, Scanner, File, etc.
 - our programs have been clients of those classes

Initial Client Program

```
public class RectangleClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle();
        r1.x = 10;      r1.y = 20;
        r1.width = 100; r1.height = 50;

        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle();
        r2.x = 50;      r2.y = 100;
        r2.width = 20;  r2.height = 80;

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        int area1 = r1.width * r1.height;
        System.out.println("area = " + area1);

        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
        int area2 = r2.width * r2.height;
        System.out.println("area = " + area2);

        // grow both rectangles
        r1.width += 50; r1.height += 10;
        r2.width += 5;  r2.height += 30;

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
    }
}
```

Using Methods to Capture an Object's Behavior

- It would be useful to have a method for growing a Rectangle.

- One option would be to define a static method:

```
public static void grow(Rectangle r, int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    r.width += dwidth;  
    r.height += dHeight;  
}
```

- This would allow us to replace the statements

```
r1.width += 50;  
r1.height += 10;
```

with the method call

```
Rectangle.grow(r1, 50, 10);
```

Using Methods to Capture an Object's Behavior

- It would be useful to have a method for growing a Rectangle.

- One option would be to define a **static** method in our Rectangle class:

```
public static void grow(Rectangle r, int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    r.width += dwidth;  
    r.height += dHeight;  
}
```

- This would allow us to replace these statements in the client

```
r1.width += 50;  
r1.height += 10;
```

with the method call

```
Rectangle.grow(r1, 50, 10);
```

(Note: We need to use the class name, because we're calling the method from outside the Rectangle class.)

Using Methods to Capture an Object's Behavior (cont.)

- A better approach is to give each Rectangle object the ability to grow itself.
- We do so by defining a **non-static** or **instance** method.
- We'll use dot notation to call the instance method:
`r1.grow(50, 10);`
instead of `Rectangle.grow(r1, 50, 10);`
- This is like sending a message to r1, asking it to grow itself.

Using Methods to Capture an Object's Behavior (cont.)

- Here's our grow instance method:

```
public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) { // no static
    this.width += dwidth;
    this.height += dHeight;
}
```
- We don't pass the Rectangle object as an explicit parameter.
- Instead, the Java keyword **this** gives us access to the called object.
 - every instance method has this special variable
 - referred to as the *implicit parameter*
- Example: `r1.grow(50, 10)`
 - r1 is the called object
 - `this.width` gives us access to r1's width field
 - `this.height` gives us access to r1's height field

Comparing the Static and Non-Static Versions

- Static:

```
public static void grow(Rectangle r, int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    r.width += dwidth;  
    r.height += dHeight;  
}
```

- sample method call: `Rectangle.grow(r1, 50, 10);`

- Non-static:

```
public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    this.width += dwidth;  
    this.height += dHeight;  
}
```

- there's no keyword `static` in the method header
- the `Rectangle` object is not an explicit parameter
- the implicit parameter `this` gives access to the object
- sample method call: `r1.grow(50, 10);`

Omitting the Keyword `this`

- The use of `this` to access the fields is optional.
- example:

```
public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    width += dwidth;  
    height += dHeight;  
}
```

Another Example of an Instance Method

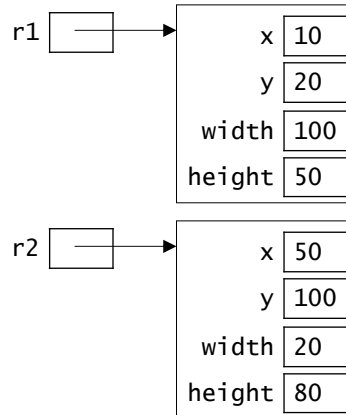
- Here's an instance method for getting the area of a Rectangle:

```
public int area() {  
    return this.width * this.height;  
}
```

- Sample method calls:

```
int area1 = r1.area();  
int area2 = r2.area();
```

- we're asking r1 and r2 to give us their areas
- no explicit parameters are needed because the necessary info. is in the objects' fields!



Types of Instance Methods

- There are two main types of instance methods:
 - mutators* – methods that change an object's internal state
 - accessors* – methods that retrieve information from an object without changing its state
- Examples of mutators:
 - grow() in our Rectangle class
- Examples of accessors:
 - area() in our Rectangle class
 - String methods: length(), substring(), charAt()

Second Version of our Rectangle Class

```
public class Rectangle {
    int x;
    int y;
    int width;
    int height;

    public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) {
        this.width += dwidth;
        this.height += dHeight;
    }

    public int area() {
        return this.width * this.height;
    }
}
```

Which method call increases r's height by 5?

```
public class Rectangle {
    int x;
    int y;
    int width;
    int height;

    public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) {
        this.width += dwidth;
        this.height += dHeight;
    }

    public int area() {
        return this.width * this.height;
    }
}
```

- Consider this client code:

```
Rectangle r = new Rectangle();
r.width = 10;
r.height = 15;
_____???
```

Initial Client Program

```
public class RectangleClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle();
        r1.x = 10;      r1.y = 20;
        r1.width = 100; r1.height = 50;

        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle();
        r2.x = 50;      r2.y = 100;
        r2.width = 20;  r2.height = 80;

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        int area1 = r1.width * r1.height;
        System.out.println("area = " + area1);

        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
        int area2 = r2.width * r2.height;
        System.out.println("area = " + area2);

        // grow both rectangles
        r1.width += 50; r1.height += 10;
        r2.width += 5;  r2.height += 30;

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
    }
}
```

Revised Client Program

```
public class RectangleClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle();
        r1.x = 10;      r1.y = 20;
        r1.width = 100; r1.height = 50;

        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle();
        r2.x = 50;      r2.y = 100;
        r2.width = 20;  r2.height = 80;

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        System.out.println("area = " + r1.area());

        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
        System.out.println("area = " + r2.area());

        // grow both rectangles
        r1.grow(50, 10);
        r2.grow(5, 30);

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
    }
}
```

Practice Defining Instance Methods

- Add a mutator method that moves the rectangle to the right by a specified amount.

```
public _____ moveRight(_____) {  
  
}
```

- Add an accessor method that determines if the rectangle is a square (true or false).

```
public _____ issquare(_____) {  
  
}
```

Defining a Constructor

- Our current client program has to use several lines to initialize each Rectangle object:
 Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle();
 r1.x = 10; r1.y = 20;
 r1.width = 100; r1.height = 50;
- We'd like to be able to do something like this instead:
 Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);
- To do so, we need to define a *constructor*, a special method that initializes the state of an object when it is created.

Defining a Constructor (cont.)

- Here it is:

```
public Rectangle(int initialX, int initialY,  
    int initialWidth, int initialHeight) {  
    this.x = initialX;  
    this.y = initialY;  
    this.width = initialWidth;  
    this.height = initialHeight;  
}
```

- General syntax for a constructor:

```
public ClassName(parameter list) {  
    body of the constructor  
}
```

- Note that a constructor has no return type.

Third Version of our Rectangle Class

```
public class Rectangle {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
    int width;  
    int height;  
  
    public Rectangle(int initialX, int initialY,  
        int initialWidth, int initialHeight) {  
        this.x = initialX;  
        this.y = initialY;  
        this.width = initialWidth;  
        this.height = initialHeight;  
    }  
  
    public void grow(int dwidth, int dheight) {  
        this.width += dwidth;  
        this.height += dheight;  
    }  
  
    public int area() {  
        return this.width * this.height;  
    }  
}
```

Revised Client Program

```
public class RectangleClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);
        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle(50, 100, 20, 80);

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        System.out.println("area = " + r1.area());

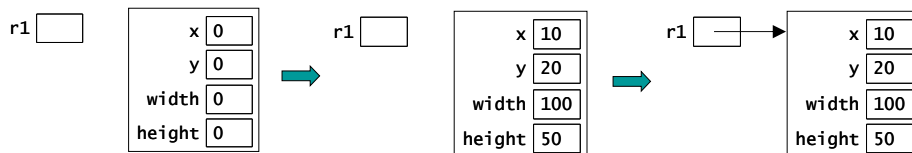
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
        System.out.println("area = " + r2.area());

        // grow both rectangles
        r1.grow(50, 10);
        r2.grow(5, 30);

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);
    }
}
```

A Closer Look at Creating an Object

- What happens when the following line is executed?
`Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);`
- Several different things actually happen:
 - 1) a new `Rectangle` object is created
 - initially, all fields have their default values
 - 2) the constructor is then called to assign values to the fields
 - 3) a reference to the new object is stored in the variable `r1`



Limiting Access to Fields

- The current version of our Rectangle class allows clients to directly access a Rectangle object's fields:

```
r1.width = 100;  
r1.height += 20;
```

- This means that clients can make inappropriate changes:

```
r1.width = -100;
```

- To prevent this, we can declare the fields to be *private*:

```
public class Rectangle {  
    private int x;  
    private int y;  
    private int width;  
    private int height;  
    ...  
}
```

- This indicates that these fields can only be accessed or modified by methods that are part of the Rectangle class.

Limiting Access to Fields (cont.)

- Now that the fields are private, our client program won't compile:

```
public class RectangleClient {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);  
        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle(50, 100, 20, 80);  
  
        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);  
        System.out.println("area = " + r1.area());  
  
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);  
        System.out.println("area = " + r2.area());  
  
        // grow both rectangles  
        r1.grow(50, 10);  
        r2.grow(5, 30);  
  
        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.width + " x " + r1.height);  
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.width + " x " + r2.height);  
    }  
}
```


Adding Accessor Methods for the Fields

```
public class Rectangle {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    private int width;
    private int height;
    ...
    public int getX() {
        return this.x;
    }
    public int getY() {
        return this.y;
    }
    public int getWidth() {
        return this.width;
    }
    public int getHeight() {
        return this.height;
    }
}
```

- These methods are *public*, which indicates that they can be used by code that is outside the Rectangle class.

Revised Client Program

```
public class RectangleClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);
        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle(50, 100, 20, 80);

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.getWidth() + " x " +
            r1.getHeight());
        System.out.println("area = " + r1.area());
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.getWidth() + " x " +
            r2.getHeight());
        System.out.println("area = " + r2.area());
        // grow both rectangles
        r1.grow(50, 10);
        r2.grow(5, 30);

        System.out.println("r1: " + r1.getWidth() + " x " +
            r1.getHeight());
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2.getWidth() + " x " +
            r2.getHeight());
    }
}
```

Access Modifiers

- `public` and `private` are known as *access modifiers*.
 - they specify where a class, field, or method can be used
- A class is usually declared to be `public`:

```
public class Rectangle {
```

 - indicates that objects of the class can be used anywhere, including in other classes
- Fields are usually declared to be `private`.
- Methods are usually declared to be `public`.
- We occasionally define private methods.
 - serve as *helper methods* for the `public` methods
 - cannot be invoked by code that is outside the class

Allowing Only Appropriate Changes

- To allow for appropriate changes to an object, we add whatever mutator methods make sense.
- These methods can prevent inappropriate changes:

```
public void setLocation(int newX, int newY) {  
    if (newX < 0 || newY < 0) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
    }  
    this.x = newX;  
    this.y = newY;  
}
```
- Throwing an exception ends the method early.
- If the caller of the method doesn't handle the exception, it will crash.

Allowing Only Appropriate Changes (cont.)

- Here are two other mutator methods:

```
public void setwidth(int newwidth) {  
    if (newwidth <= 0) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
    }  
    this.width = newwidth;  
}
```

```
public void setHeight(int newHeight) {  
    if (newHeight <= 0) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
    }  
    this.height = newHeight;  
}
```

Instance Methods Calling Other Instance Methods

- Here's another mutator method that we already had:

```
public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    this.width += dwidth;  
    this.height += dHeight;  
}
```

- However, it doesn't prevent inappropriate changes.
- Rather than adding error-checking to it, we can have it call the new mutator methods:

```
public void grow(int dwidth, int dHeight) {  
    this.setWidth(this.width + dwidth);  
    this.setHeight(this.height + dHeight);  
}
```

- we use `this` to call another method in the same object
- those other methods perform the necessary error-checking

Revised Constructor

- To prevent invalid values in the fields of a Rectangle object, we also need to modify our constructor.
- Here again, we take advantage of the error-checking code that's already present in the mutator methods:

```
public Rectangle(int initialX, int initialY,  
                int initialWidth, int initialHeight)  
{  
    this.setLocation(initialX, initialY);  
    this.setWidth(initialWidth);  
    this.setHeight(initialHeight);  
}
```

- setLocation, setWidth, and setHeight operate on the newly created Rectangle object

Extra Practice: Revising Client Code

```
public class MyProgram {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Rectangle r = new Rectangle(0, 0, 120, 70);  
        System.out.println(r.width + " " + r.height);  
        r.height = 10;  
        r.width = r.width * 2;  
    }  
}
```

Encapsulation

- *Encapsulation* is one of the key principles of object-oriented programming.
- It refers to the practice of “hiding” the implementation of a class from users of the class.
 - prevent *direct* access to the internals of an object
 - making the fields private
 - provide *limited, indirect* access through a set of methods
 - making them public
- In addition to preventing inappropriate changes, encapsulation allows us to change the implementation of a class without breaking the client code that uses it.

Abstraction

- *Abstraction* involves focusing on the essential properties of something, rather than its inner or low-level details.
 - an important concept in computer science
- Encapsulation leads to abstraction.
 - example: rather than treating a `Rectangle` as four `ints`, we treat it as an object that's capable of growing itself, changing its location, etc.

Practice Defining Instance Methods

- Add a mutator method that scales the dimensions of a `Rectangle` object by a specified factor.
 - make the factor a `double`, to allow for fractional values
 - take advantage of existing mutator methods
 - use a type cast to turn the result back into an integer

```
public _____ scale(_____) {  
  
}
```

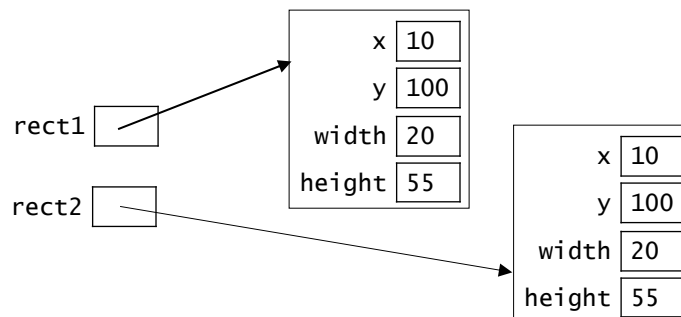
- Add an accessor method that gets the perimeter of a `Rectangle` object.

```
public _____ perimeter(_____) {  
  
}
```

Testing for Equivalent Objects

- Let's say that we have two different `Rectangle` objects, both of which represent equivalent rectangles:

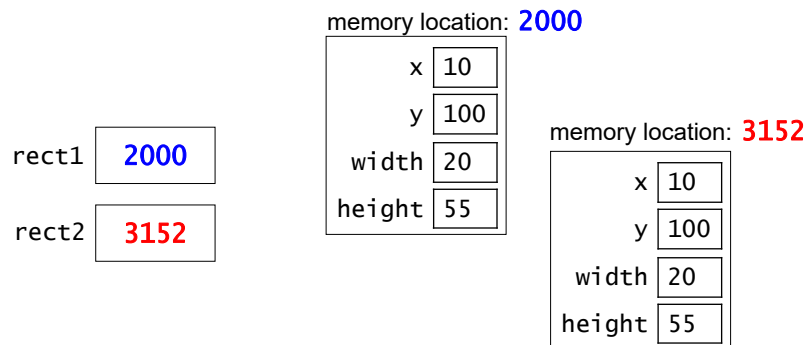
```
Rectangle rect1 = new Rectangle(10, 100, 20, 55);  
Rectangle rect2 = new Rectangle(10, 100, 20, 55);
```



- What is the value of the following condition?
`rect1 == rect2`

Testing for Equivalent Objects (cont.)

- The condition
`rect1 == rect2`
compares the *references* stored in `rect1` and `rect2`.



- It doesn't compare the objects themselves.

Testing for Equivalent Objects (cont.)

- Recall: to test for equivalent objects, we need to use the `equals` method:
`rect1.equals(rect2)`
- Java's built-in classes have `equals` methods that:
 - return `true` if the two objects are equivalent to each other
 - return `false` otherwise

Default equals() Method

- If we don't write an equals() method for a class, objects of that class get a default version of this method.
- The default equals() just tests if the memory addresses of the two objects are the same.
 - the same as what == does!
- To ensure that we're able to test for equivalent objects, we need to write our own equals() method.

equals() Method for Our Rectangle Class

```
public boolean equals(Rectangle other) {  
    if (other == null) {  
        return false;  
    } else if (this.x != other.x) {  
        return false;  
    } else if (this.y != other.y) {  
        return false;  
    } else if (this.width != other.width) {  
        return false;  
    } else if (this.height != other.height) {  
        return false;  
    } else {  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

- **Note:** The method is able to access the fields in other directly (without using accessor methods).
- Instance methods can access the private fields of *any* object from the same class as the method.

`equals()` Method for Our Rectangle Class (cont.)

- Here's an alternative version:

```
public boolean equals(Rectangle other) {  
    return (other != null  
        && this.x == other.x  
        && this.y == other.y  
        && this.width == other.width  
        && this.height == other.height);  
}
```

Converting an Object to a String

- The `toString()` method allows objects to be displayed in a human-readable format.
 - it returns a string representation of the object
- This method is called implicitly when you attempt to print an object or when you perform string concatenation:

```
Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 80);  
System.out.println(r1);  
  
// the second line above is equivalent to:  
System.out.println(r1.toString());
```
- If we don't write a `toString()` method for a class, objects of that class get a default version of this method.
 - here again, it usually makes sense to write our own version

toString() Method for Our Rectangle Class

```
public String toString() {  
    return this.width + " x " + this.height;  
}
```

- Note: the method does not do any printing.
- It returns a String that can then be printed.

Revised Client Program

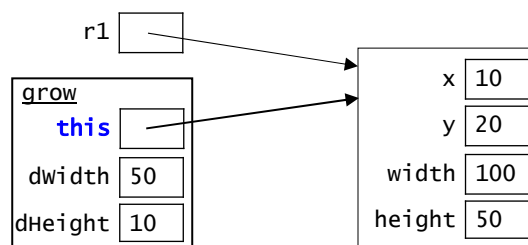
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    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);  
        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle(50, 100, 20, 80);  
  
        System.out.println("r1: " + r1);  
        System.out.println("area = " + r1.area());  
  
        System.out.println("r2: " + r2);  
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        // grow both rectangles  
        r1.grow(50, 10);  
        r2.grow(5, 30);  
  
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        System.out.println("r2: " + r2);  
    }  
}
```


Conventions for Accessors and Mutators

- Accessors:
 - usually have no parameters
 - all of the necessary info. is inside the called object
 - have a non-void return type
 - often have a name that begins with "get" or "is"
 - examples: `getWidth()`, `isSquare()`
 - but not always: `area()`, `perimeter()`
- Mutators:
 - usually have one or more parameter
 - usually have a void return type
 - often have a name that begins with "set"
 - examples: `setLocation()`, `setWidth()`
 - but not always: `grow()`, `scale()`

The Implicit Parameter and Method Frames

- When we call an instance method, the implicit parameter is included in its method frame.
 - example: `r1.grow(50, 10)`

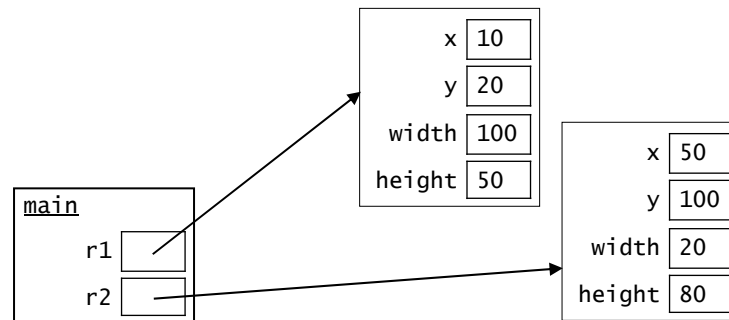


- The method uses `this` to access the fields in the called object.
 - even if the code doesn't explicitly use it
- `width += dwidth;`
`height += dHeight;`  `this.width += dwidth;`
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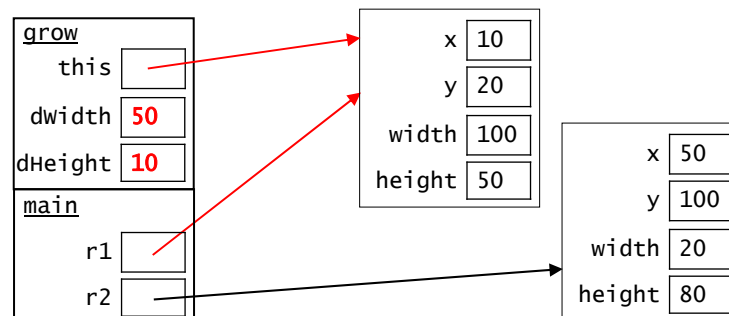
- After the objects are created:



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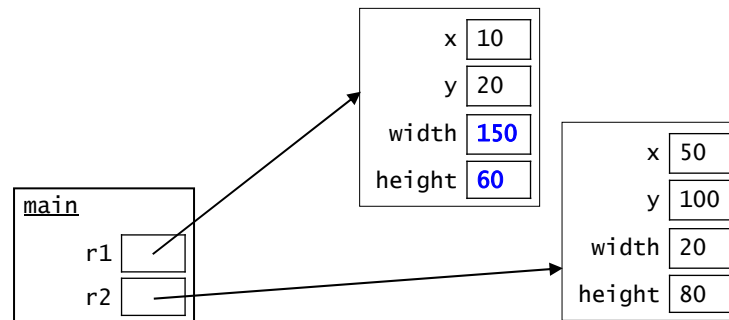
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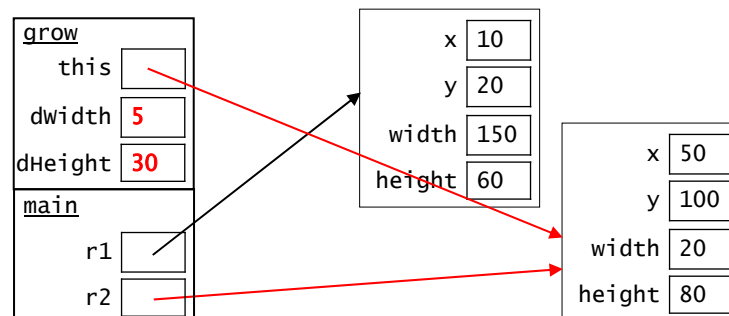
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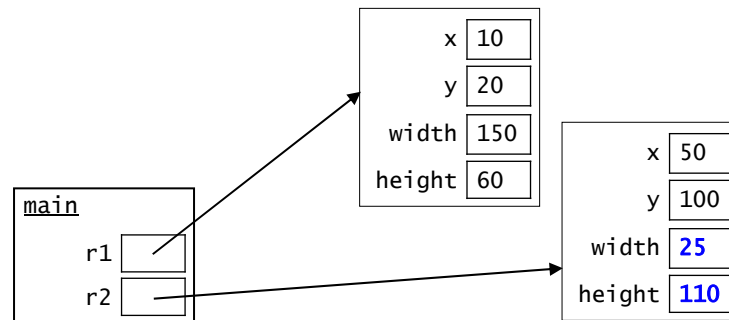
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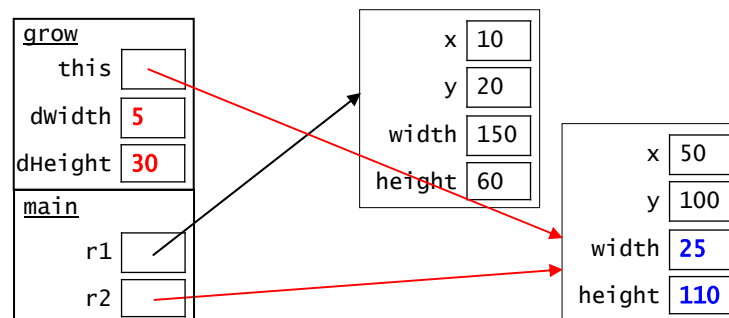
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- After the method call `r2.grow(5, 30)`:



Why Mutators Don't Need to Return Anything

- A mutator operates directly on the called object, so any changes it makes will be there after the method returns.
 - example: the call `r2.grow(5, 30)` from the last slide



- during this call, `grow` gets a copy of the reference in `r2`, so it changes the object to which `r2` refers

Variable Scope: Static vs. Non-Static Methods

```
public class Foo {  
    private int x;  
    public static int bar(int b, int c, Foo f) {  
        c = c + this.x;           // would not compile  
        return 3*b + f.x;        // would compile  
    }  
    public int boo(int d, Foo f) {  
        d = d + this.x + f.x;    // would compile  
        return 2 * d;  
    }  
}
```

- Static methods (like bar above) do *NOT* have a called object, so they can't access its fields.
- Instance/non-static methods (like boo above) *do* have a called object, so they *can* access its fields.
- Any method of a class can access fields in an object of that class that is passed in as a parameter (like the parameter f above).

A Common Use of the Implicit Parameter

- Here's our setLocation method:

```
public void setLocation(int newX, int newY) {  
    if (newX < 0 || newY < 0) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
    }  
    this.x = newX;  
    this.y = newY;  
}
```

- Here's an equivalent version:

```
public void setLocation(int x, int y) {  
    if (x < 0 || y < 0) {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
    }  
    this.x = x;  
    this.y = y;  
}
```

- When the parameters have the same names as the fields, we *must* use this to access the fields.

Defining a Second Constructor

- Here's our Rectangle constructor:

```
public Rectangle(int initialX, int initialY,  
    int initialWidth, int initialHeight) {  
    this.setLocation(initialX, initialY);  
    this.setWidth(initialWidth);  
    this.setHeight(initialHeight);  
}
```

- It requires four parameters:

```
Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(10, 20, 100, 50);
```

- A class can have an arbitrary number of constructors, provided that each of them has a distinct parameter list.

Defining a Second Constructor (cont.)

- Here's a constructor that only takes values for width and height:

```
public Rectangle(int width, int height) {  
    this.setWidth(width);  
    this.setHeight(height);  
    this.x = 0;  
    this.y = 0;  
}
```

- it puts the rectangle at the location (0, 0)

- Equivalently, we can call the original constructor, and let it perform the actual assignments:

```
public Rectangle(int width, int height) {  
    this(0, 0, width, height); // call other constr.  
}
```

- we use the keyword `this` instead of `Rectangle`
- this is the way that one constructor calls another

Practice Exercise: Writing Client Code

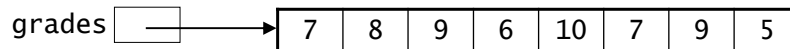
- Write a static method called `processRectangle()` that:
 - takes a `Rectangle` object (call it `r`) and an integer (call it `delta`) as parameters
 - prints the existing dimensions and area of the `Rectangle` (*hint*: take advantage of the `toString()` method)
 - increases both of the `Rectangle`'s dimensions by `delta`
 - prints the new dimensions and area

Collections of Data

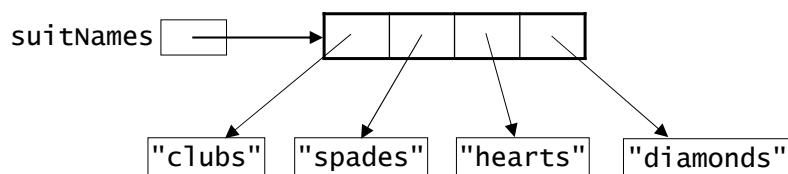
- There are many situations in which we need a program to maintain a collection of data.
- Examples include:
 - all of the grades on a given assignment/exam
 - a simple database of song info (e.g., in a music player)

Using an Array for a Collection

- We've used an array to maintain a collection of primitive data values.



- It's also possible to have an array of objects:



A Class for a Collection

- Rather than just using an array, it's often helpful to create a blueprint class for the collection.
- Example: a `GradeSet` class for a collection of grades from a single assignment or exam
 - possible field definitions:

```
public class GradeSet {  
    private String name;  
    private int possiblePoints;  
    private double[] grades;  
    private int gradeCount;  
}
```
 - The array of values is "inside" the collection object, along with other relevant information associated with the collection.
 - In addition, we would add methods for maintaining and processing the collection.

A Blueprint Class for Grade Objects

- Rather than just representing the grades as ints or doubles, we'll use a separate blueprint class for a single grade:

```
public class Grade {  
    private double rawScore;  
    private int latePenalty; // as a percent
```

- This allows us to store both the raw score and the late penalty (if any).

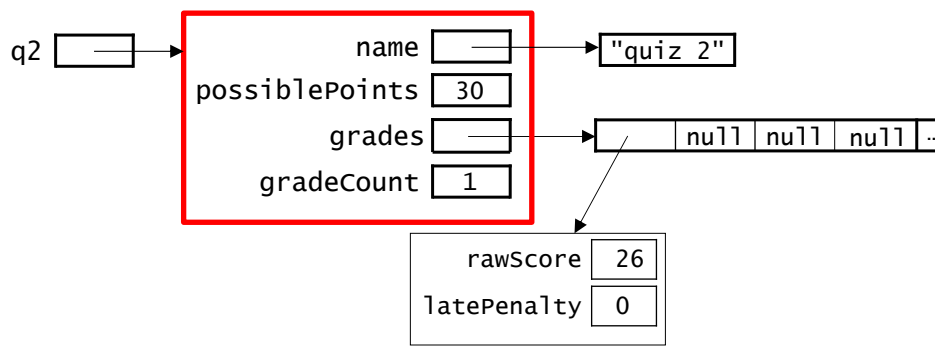
- Constructors and methods include:

```
Grade(double raw, int late)  
Grade(double raw)  
getRawScore()  
getLatePenalty()  
setRawScore(double newScore)  
setLatePenalty(int newPenalty)  
getAdjustedScore() // with late penalty
```

Revised GradeSet Class

```
public class GradeSet {  
    private String name;  
    private int possiblePoints;  
    private Grade[] grades;  
    private int gradeCount;
```

- Here's what one of these objects would look like in memory:



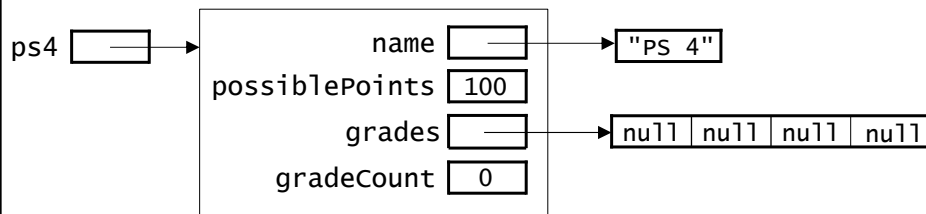
GradeSet Constructor/Methods

- Constructor:
`GradeSet(String name, int possPts, int numGrades)`
- Accessor methods:
`String getName()`
`int getPossiblePoints()`
`int getGradeCount()`
`Grade getGrade(int i) // get grade at position i`
`double averageGrade(boolean includePenalty)`
- Mutator methods:
`void setName(String name)`
`void setPossiblePoints(int possPoints)`
`void addGrade(Grade g)`
`Grade removeGrade(int i) // remove grade at posn i`
- Let's review the code for these, and write some of them together.

GradeSet Constructor/Methods

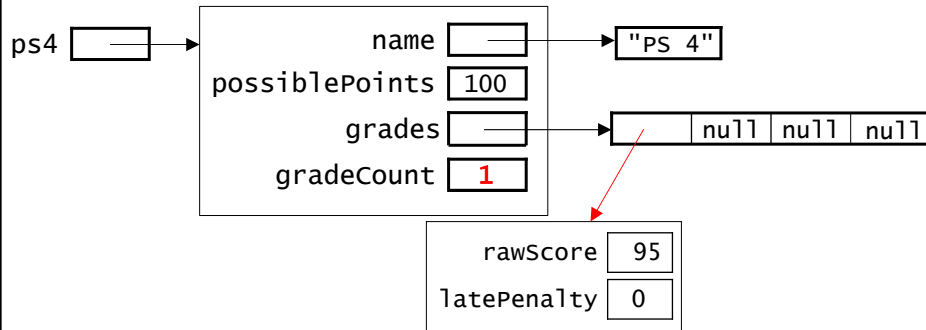
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GradeSet: Adding a Grade



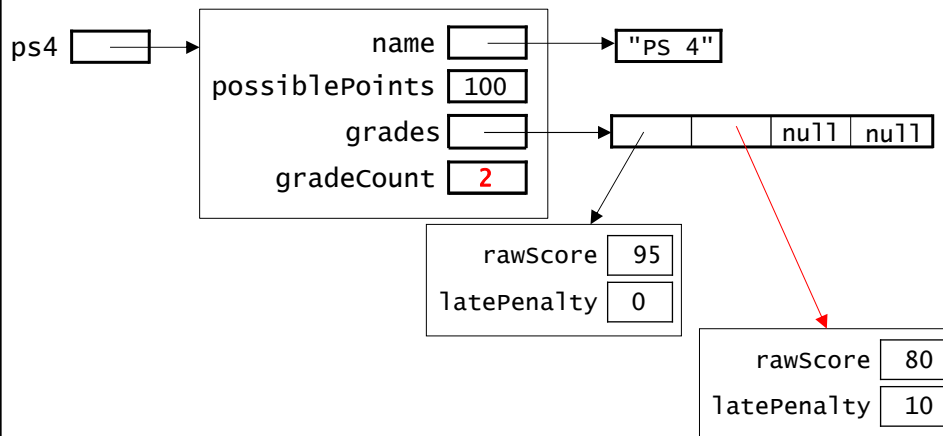
```
GradeSet ps4 = new GradeSet("PS 4", 100, 4);  
ps4.addGrade(new Grade(95, 0));  
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