

## Constructors are Instance Methods

1. Make a new object (folder)
= Java gives the folder a name
" All fields are defauls (0 or null)
2. Draw a frame for the call
3. Assign the argument value to
the parameter (in frame)
4. Exame for
Constructor

| Types of Method Calls |  |
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| With a Dot (.) |  |
| - Instance method call <br> - Method applied to an object <br> - <object>.<method-call> <br> - Example: p.getX() <br> - Static method call <br> - Definition in file drawer <br> - <class>.<method-call> <br> - Ex: Integer.parseInt("123") |  |
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## Exercise: Anglicizing an Integer

- anglicize(1) is "one"
- anglicize(15) is "fifteen"
- anglicize(123) is "one hundred twenty three"
- anglicize(10570) is "ten thousand five hundred
$/ * *$ Yields: the anglicization of n .
* Precondition: $0<\mathrm{n}<1,000,000$ */
public static String anglicize(int $n$ ) \{
// ???
\}
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| String: Revisited |
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| - String is an unusual object <br> - Do not create with new <br> - Does not have named fields (that we know of) <br> - Data arranged in a "list" <br> - List of characters <br> - Access characters by position, not field name <br> - Method: charAt(int) <br> - String $\mathrm{s}=$ "abc d"; <br> - String s = "one\ntwo"; <br> - Position starts at 0 |
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## Containers

- Container: an object that holds a list of objects
- But cannot hold primitive values (e.g. int, double, etc.)!
- Java has several container classes
- The are all in package java.util
- Generic classes: type depends on what is contained
- Put contained type in <>
- Example: Vector
- Vector<String>: Vector that holds String objects
- Vector<AcornProfile>: Holds AcornProfile objects
- Vector<Vector<String>>: ????
- Vector<int>: NOT ALLOWED!

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## Wrappers: Turn Primitives into Objects



## Boxing and Unboxing

- Modern (post 1.4) Java boxes/unboxes
- Boxing: Automatically add a wrapper
- Integer s = 4;
- Same as Integer s = new Integer(4);
- Unboxing: Automatically remove a wrapper
- int x = new Integer(4);
- Same as int $\mathrm{x}=$ new Integer(4).intValue();
- Type is determined by the variable assigned

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## Each Primitive Type Has a Wrapper

- When you need to treat a primitive value as an object, then just wrap the value in an object of the wrapper class.

| Primitive Type | Wrapper Class |
| :--- | :--- |
| int | Integer |
| long | Long |
| float | Float |
| double | Double |
| char | Character |
| boolean | Boolean |

Each wrapper class has:

- Instance methods (e.g. equals, constructors, toString)
- Static variables and methods (for useful computations)

Integer $\mathrm{k}=$ new $\operatorname{Integer}(63)$;
int $\mathrm{j}=\mathrm{k}$.intValue();
You don't have to memorize the methods of the wrapper classes. But be aware of them. See Section 5.1 and PLive 5-1 and 5-2 for more $\begin{array}{lll}2 / 14 / 12 & \text { Strings \& Refinement } & 10\end{array}$

