

Types of Method Calls With a Dot (.) Without a Dot (.) • Instance method call · Helper method call Method applied to an object Call is executed inside body of another method <object>.<method-call> Both are in same class file Example: p.getX() · Scope box contains scope of · Static method call the method that called it Definition in file drawer • Example: firstName(s) <class>.<method-call> ■ Ex: Integer.parseInt("123") Strings & Refinement

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 < n < 1,000,000 */ public static String anglicize(int n) { // ??? }

String: Revisited

- · String is an unusual object
 - Do not create with new
 - Does not have named fields (that we know of)
- · Data arranged in a "list"
 - List of characters
 - Access characters by position, not field name
 - Method: charAt(int)
 - Position starts at 0

• String s = "abc d";

0 1 2 3 4 a b c d

String s = "one\ntwo";



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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!

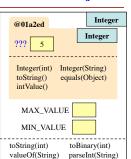
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Wrappers: Turn Primitives into Objects

- Want Vector<int>
 - int is primitive type, not class
 - Need to convert an int value (e.g. 9) into an object
- Integer: a wrapper class
 - Contains or wraps one value
 - Value cannot be changed: it is *immutable*
- · Many useful static features
 - Integer.MAX_VALUE
- Integer.parseInt(String)

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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 weight computations)

Integer k= **new** Integer(63);

int j= 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.

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 x = new Integer(4).intValue();
- Type is determined by the variable assigned

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Example: Vector

- Create an empty vector instance (of Strings) import java.util.Vector;
 - Vector vec = new Vector<Integer>();
- Add some strings to it
 - vec.add(new Integer(2)); // Adds 2 at position 0
 vec.add(new Integer(7)); // Adds 7 at position 1
 - vec.add(new Integer(-3)); // Adds -3 at position 2
- Get the String at position 1
- vec.get(1) // Function call, gives 7
- Search vector for number 5

vec.indexOf(new Integer(5)) // Not found; gives -1

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