

**CS1110. Lecture 2, 4 Sep 2008. Objects & classes**

**Reading for this lecture:** Section 1.3. It's most important that you **study this section over the weekend** and **practice** what is taught using DrJava.

**PLive:** Activities 3-3.1, 3-3.2, 3-3.4 (not 3-3.3), 3-4.1, 3-4.2.

**Summary of lectures:** On course page, click on "Handouts" and then "Outline of lectures held so far".

**Quote for the day:**  
**Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons.**  
 --Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

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 Not remedial.

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**Two aspects of a programming language**

- Organization – structure
- Procedural – commands to do something

Example: Recipe book

- Organization: Several options; here is one:
  - Appetizers
  - list of recipes
  - Beverages
  - list of recipes
  - Soups
  - list of recipes
  - ...
- Procedural: Recipe: sequence of instructions to carry out

**structural**  
objects  
classes  
methods  
inheritance

**procedural**  
assignment,  
return,  
if-statement  
iteration (loops)  
recursion

**miscellaneous**  
GUIs  
exception handling  
Testing/debugging

Parts to this course

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**A class is a file-drawer.** Contents: manila folders, each containing the same kind of information

Name on tab (c1): anything you want, as long as it is unique

**manila folder:** an **object** or **instance** of the class

name, address, owes: **variables**, called **fields** of the folder

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**Instructions to be carried out by different people:**  
 change the name, get the name, bill the patient, receive money from patient, insert teeth xrays into the folder, ...

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**Instructions to be carried out by different people: methods.**  
 getName is a **function**; it returns a value.  
 deposit is a **procedure**; it does some task, doesn't return value

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pat `c1`  
variable contains the name of the folder

`c1`  
name `B. Clinton` Patient  
address `New York`  
owes `$250.00`  
getName()  
deposit(double d)

`pat.getName()` function call. Its value is "B. Clinton"

`pat.deposit(250.0);` procedure call. Subtract 250.0 from field `owes`.

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`new Patient()` An expression: create a new folder (put it in file-drawer `Patient`) and give as the value of the expression the name of the folder.

`pat= new Patient();` A statement: evaluate `newPatient()` and store its value (the name of the new folder) in variable `pat`.

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j `a0`  
variable contains name of the folder

An object (manila folder) of class `Javax.swing.JFrame` is associated with a window on your computer monitor. It has (among others) these functions:  
getHeight() getWidth() getX() getY() getTitle() isResizable()  
and these procedures:  
show() hide() setTitle() setSize(int, int) setLocation(int, int) setResizable(boolean)

We will demo the use of each of these methods

In groups of 2, draw an object (manila folder) of this class, and put the name `a0` on its tab.

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j `a0`  
variable contains the name of the folder

`j= new javax.swing.JFrame();`  
`j.show();`  
...

Expression `new JFrame()`  
Create new folder and put in file drawer `JFrame`.  
Statement `jf= new JFrame();`  
Create new folder, as above, and place its name in variable `jf` (`jf` should have first been declared).  
Thereafter, use  
`jf . method-name ( arguments, if any )`  
to call methods of folder (object) `jf`.

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- Practice what we did in class in DrJava.
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**package:** A collection of classes that are placed in the same directory on your hard drive. Think of it as a room that contains file cabinets with one drawer for each class.

package `java.io` classes having to do with input/output  
package `java.net` classes having to do with the internet  
package `java.awt` classes having to do with making GUIs  
package `javax.swing` newer classes having to do with GUIs

To reference class `JFrame` in package `javax.swing`, use:  
`javax.swing.JFrame`  
Instead: `import javax.swing.*;`  
Then use simply `JFrame`

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The expression  
`new JFrame()`  
creates a new folder that goes in file drawer `JFrame`.  
The statement  
`jf= new JFrame();`  
creates a new folder and places its name in variable `jf` (`jf` should have first been declared).  
Thereafter, use  
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