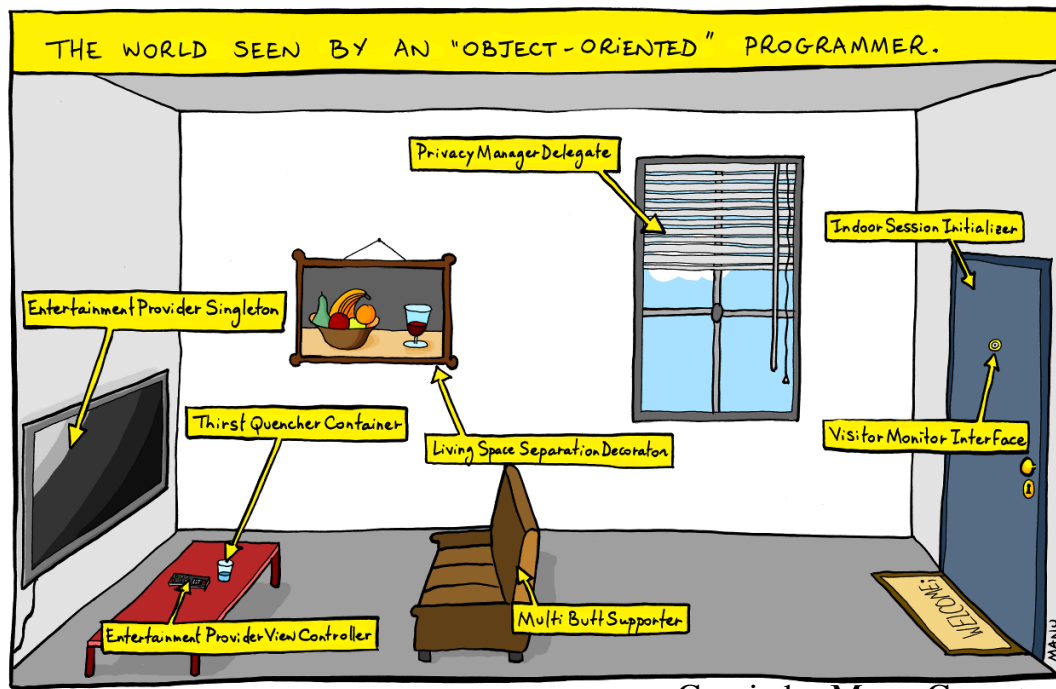


Lecture 3

Objects & The Java API

Readings for this Lecture

- Section 1.3, 1.4
 - **Study these sections**
 - **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.
- (Old) Lecture on VideoNote



VideoNote Lectures



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CS 1110 - Introduction to Computing Using Java (Fall 2010)

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- There are VideoNote lectures for this class
 - Recorded in Fall 2010 with David Gries
- Helpful as a resource but not a replacement
 - Style is slightly different from mine
 - Will cover topics in different orders

Quiz

- Get out a blank piece of paper.
- Write your LAST name, FIRST name, and Cornell NetID (not your Cornell ID. My NetID is wmw2)
- Put two variables on the page, exactly like this:

x int y int

- Write, in English, how to execute this assignment statement (but do not explain how to evaluate the expression $2*x+y-1$):

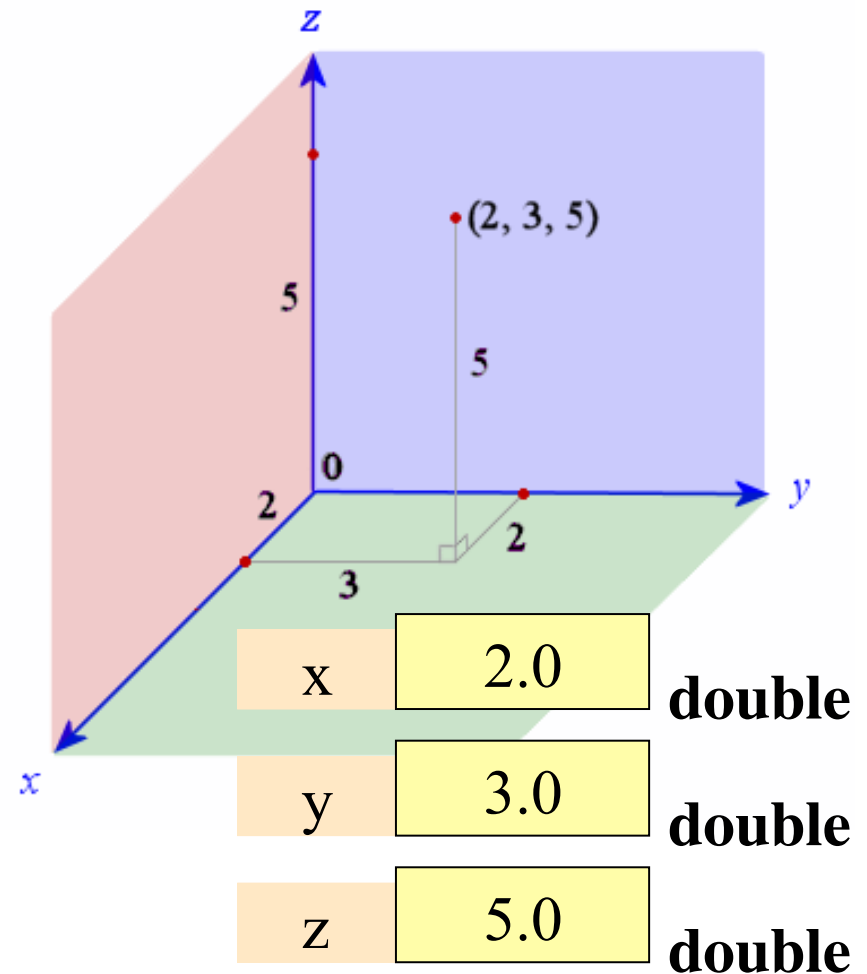
$y = 2*x + y - 1;$

- Execute this assignment statement, using the two variables you previously drew on your piece of paper.

Warning: a lot of terminology today

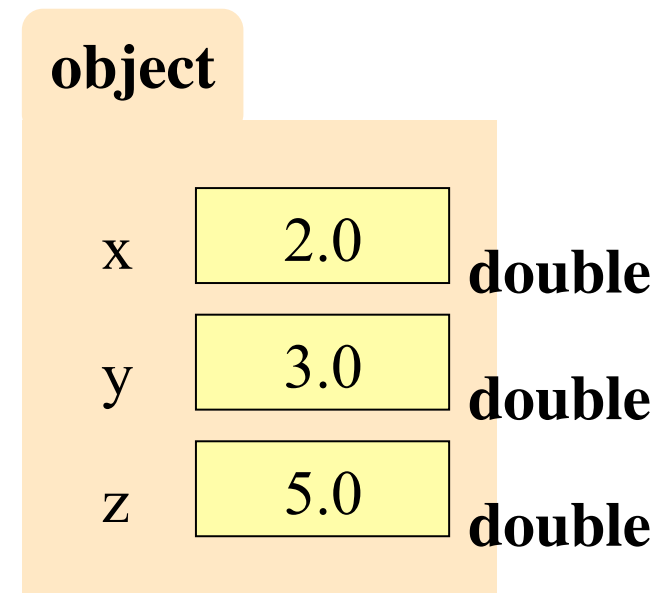
Type: Set of values and the operations on them

- Suppose we want to compute with a 3D point
- We need three variables
 - x, y, z coordinates
 - Each has type `double`
- What if have a lot of points?
 - Vars x_0, y_0, z_0 for first point
 - Vars x_1, y_1, z_1 for next point
 - ...
 - This can get really messy



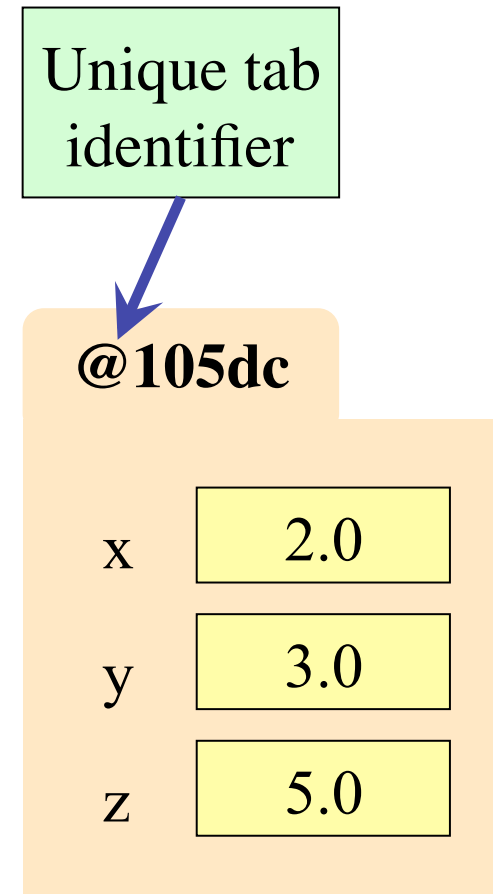
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- Can we stick them together in a “folder”?
- This is the motivation for **objects**

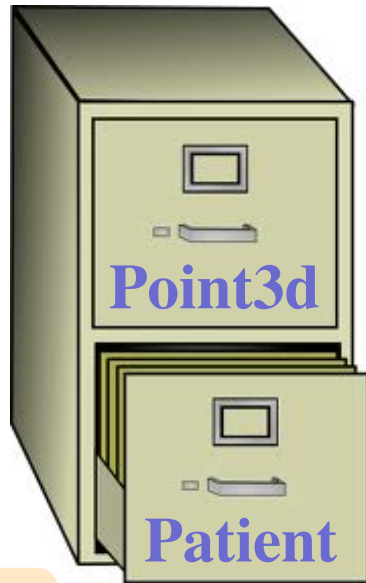


Objects: Organizing Data in Folders

- An object is like a **manila folder**
- It contains other variables
 - These variables are called **fields**
 - You can change the values of these variables (with assignments)
- It has a “tab” that identifies it
 - You cannot change this
 - Java assigns it automatically
 - More on this in demo later



Classes: Types for Objects



- All values must have a type
 - An object type is a **class**
 - But it is more than that...
- A class is like a **file drawer**
 - Contains manila folders
 - Each has same type of info
e.g. same fields

@3e9cff

name "W. White"

address "New York"

owes 250.00

Patient

class name

Terminology

- **Programming language** (Java, C, Fortran, Matlab, Python):
A language in which people write programs, often to be executed on a computer.
- **Program:** All Java programs are Classes
A set of instructions, written in a programming language, to be executed (carried out, performed) to get some task done. Like a recipe in a cookbook.
- **Machine language:**
The language of instructions that a computer is able to execute (carry out, perform).
- **Java Compiler:** Classes must be compiled to use in DrJava
A program that translates a Java program into a machine language form so that it can be executed on a computer.

Compiling a Class

Load a .java file Point3d

Press to compile

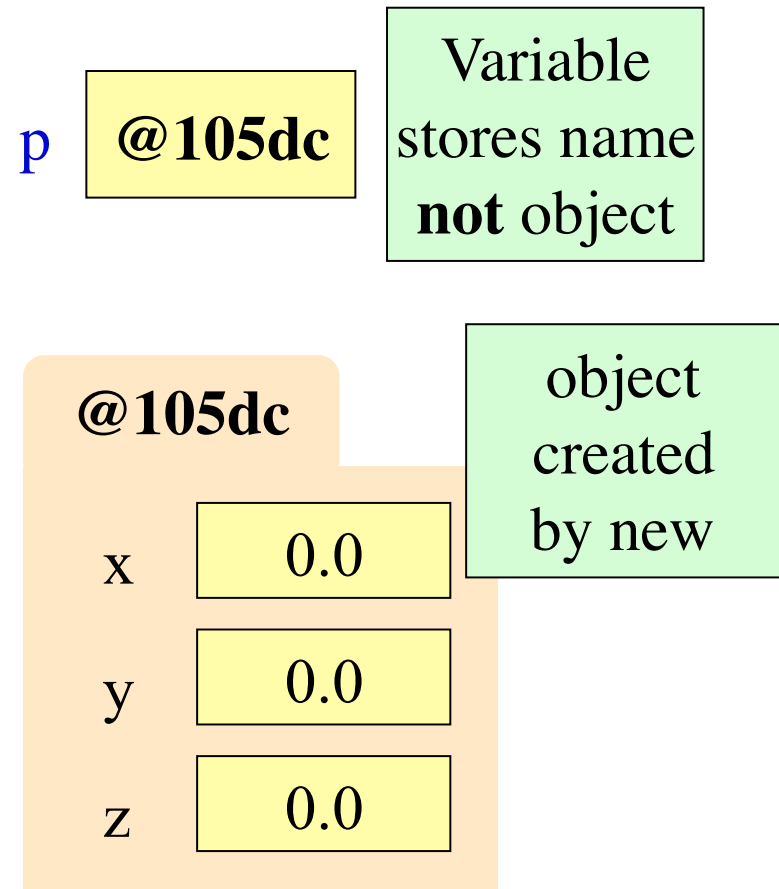
```
public class Point3d {  
    /** These are the three coordinates.  
     * We have no invariants other than they start at 0.0.  
     */  
    public double x = 0.0;  
    public double y = 0.0;  
    public double z = 0.0;  
}
```

Must compile Point3d to use

```
> Point3d point;
```

Object Initialization (the **new** keyword)

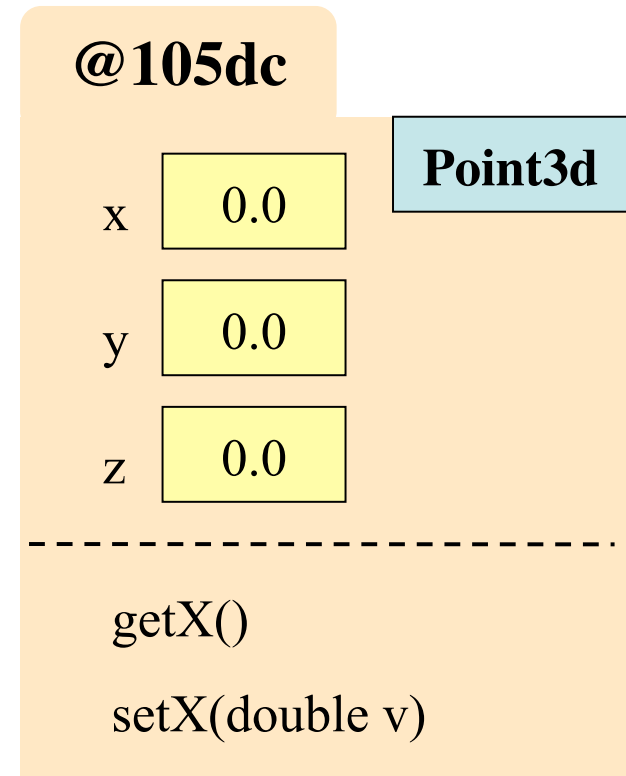
- **new Point3d()**
 - An **expression** (produces a value).
 - It creates a object (manila folder) and puts it in the file-drawer Point3d.
 - The value it gives is the tab name of the folder.
- **p = new Point3d();**
 - An **assignment statement**.
 - It computes the value of **new Point3d()** and stores this value (the tab name) in **p**.



Methods: Operations on Objects

- Method: instruction for an object
 - Use of a method is a *method call*
 - <object-variable>.<method-call>
 - Method calls end in parentheses
 - Values in parens are *arguments*
- **Functions** return a value
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 - **Example:** `p.getX()`
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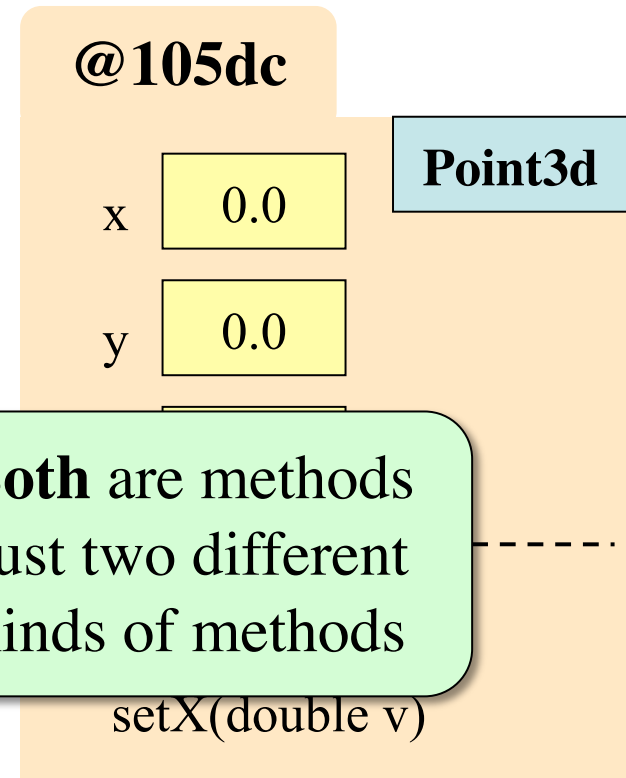
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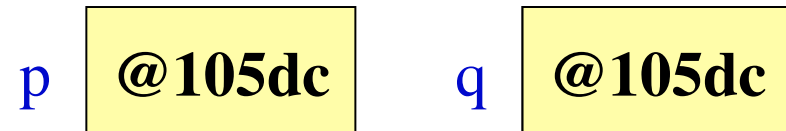


Exercise: Objects and Assignment

- What is the value of q?

```
Point3d p = new Point3d();
```

```
Point3d q = p;
```



- Execute the commands:

```
p.setX(5.6);
```

```
q.setX(7.4);
```

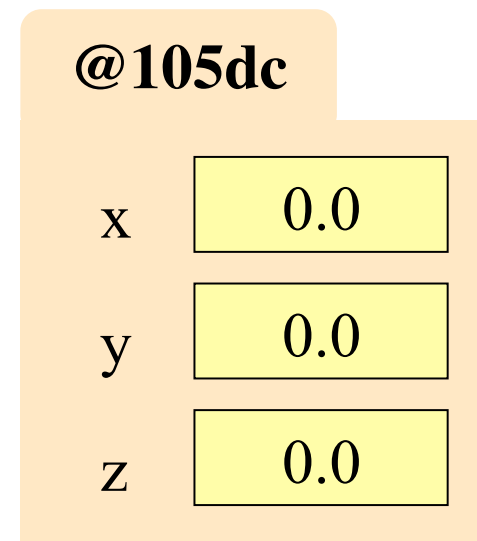
- What is value of p.getX()?

A: 5.6

B: 7.4 **CORRECT**

C: @105dc

D: I don't know

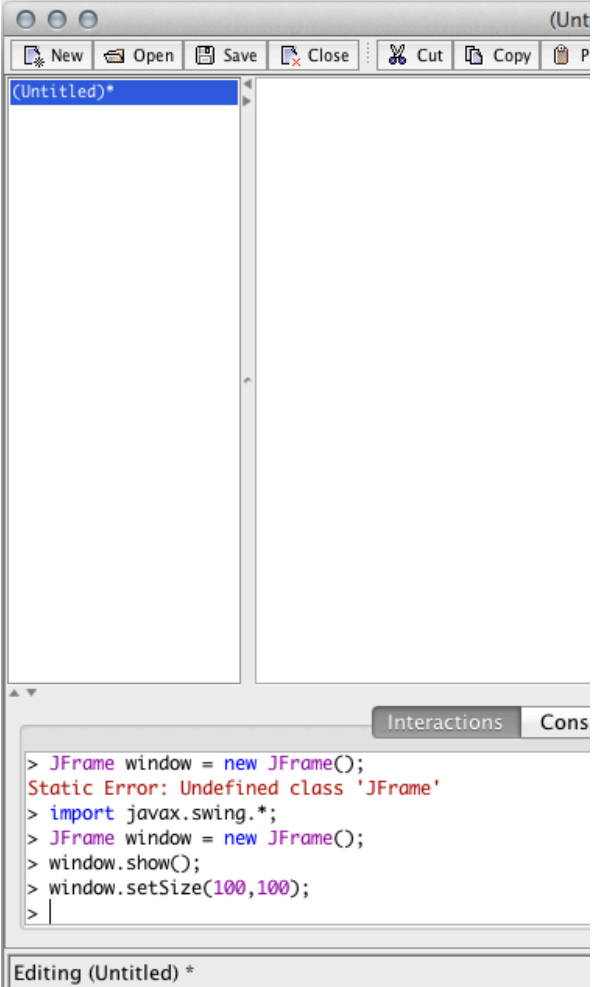


Comments from Previous Semesters

- I understand classes and objects fairly well, and I thought the file drawer/file folder analogy was very helpful.
- I think I'm definitely prepared for 2110. The folder/file drawer analogy was actually very helpful for a first-time Java programmer in understanding them.
- I did learn the concept before coming to this class, CS1110 is really what made me understand how objects and classes work.
- The folder was a great way to learn objects and classes. It simplified a very complex concept.
- Teaching methods were terrible. ... boxes and folders made the subject more confusing than it should be.
- I'm still a bit dubious about the whole file folders and cabinets thing.

Packages and Built-in Classes

- Java has built-in classes
 - No need to compile them
 - But you have to import them
- Built-in classes are in **packages**
 - Use a command to import
 - **import <package>.<class>;**
 - **import <package>.*;**
 - imports everything in package
- **Example: JFrame**
 - Java class for (empty) Window
 - In package **javax.swing**



The screenshot shows an IDE window titled '(Untitled)*'. The code editor contains the following code:

```
> JFrame window = new JFrame();  
Static Error: Undefined class 'JFrame'  
> import javax.swing.*;  
> JFrame window = new JFrame();  
> window.show();  
> window.setSize(100,100);  
> |
```

Below the code editor, there is a console window with tabs for 'Interactions' and 'Cons'. The console shows the same code as the editor, with the error message 'Static Error: Undefined class 'JFrame'' highlighted in red.

http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/

Package

Class

Method Summary

Methods for the Class JFrame

protected void	addImpl (Component comp, Object constraints, int index)	Adds the specified child Component.
protected JRootPane	createRootPane ()	Called by the constructor methods to create the default rootPane.
protected void	frameInit ()	Called by the constructors to init the JFrame properly.
AccessibleContext	getAccessibleContext ()	Gets the AccessibleContext associated with this JFrame.
Container	getContentPane ()	Returns the contentPane object for this frame.
int	getDefaultCloseOperation ()	Returns the operation that occurs when the user closes this frame.
Component	getGlassPane ()	Returns the glassPane object for this frame.
Graphics	getGraphics ()	Creates a graphics context for this component.
JMenuBar	getJMenuBar ()	Returns the menubar set on this frame.
JLayeredPane	getLayeredPane ()	Returns the layeredPane object for this frame.
JRootPane	getRootPane ()	Returns the rootPane object for this frame.
TransferHandler	getTransferHandler ()	Gets the transferHandler property.
static boolean	isDefaultLookAndFeelDecorated ()	

The Java API:
Application Programming Interface

String is a Class!

String s = “Hello World”;

String Methods

- Different from other classes
 - Do **not** create with new
- In package `java.lang`
 - Imported by default
 - Never need to import
- Great class to “play with”
 - All methods are functions
 - Use in interactions pane
- **charAt(int p)**
Get letter at position p
- **substring(int p)**
Get suffix starting at position p
- **substring(int p, int e)**
Get suffix starting at position p, ending at e-1

Where To From Here?

- OO Programming is about **creating classes**
 - You will learn to make your own classes
 - You will learn what you can do with methods
- Understanding classes and objects is important

