

- Previous Lecture:
 - Iteration—the `for` loop
 - `String` objects
- Today's Lecture:
 - Object oriented programming*
 - Objects and classes
 - Variables
 - Methods
 - Modifiers
- Reading (JV): Sec 4.1-4.3

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Motivation

- Suppose the states of a bank account is represented by some variables:


```
// bank account
int balance; // current balance
int deposits; // deposits to date
int withdrawals; // wd to date
```
- Shortcomings:
 - Relationships among variables are not made explicit
 - Scale: if we want 2 bank accounts, then we write twice as much code:


```
// bank account 1
int balance1;
int deposits1;
int withdrawals1;
// bank account 2
int balance 2;
int deposits2;
int withdrawals2;
```

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Aggregation

- Group variables into a new *abstraction* that makes their relationship to one another explicit
 - Such an abstraction is called a **class**
 - Abstraction: a named compound thing that can be manipulated as a unit
 - Example: a class `Account`
- Scale: create multiple instances of the abstraction
 - Each instance of the abstraction is called an **object**
 - Example: refer to the two accounts as `account1` and `account2`

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Terminology and concepts

- **Object**: contains variables (fields, instance variables) and methods
 - **Variables**: “state” or “characteristics”
e.g., name, age
 - **Methods**: “behavior” or “action”
e.g., yell, bounce
- **Class**: blueprint (definition) of an object
 - *No memory space* is reserved for object data
- Imagine a class `Cookie`. To make a whole lot of cookies, you may want to
 - Make a cookie cutter—*define the class*
 - Need to actually stamp out the cookie—*instantiate an object*
 - Note that *class definition* \neq *object instantiation*

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Variables

TWO main types of variables:

- Primitive type
- Reference to object

Some variables with different properties:

- **Local:** live and die inside a method
- **Instance variable:** owned by and accessed through individual instances (objects)
- **Static variable:** class variable shared by all instances—only *one* copy in a class

Class Definition

```
public class class-name {

    declaration (and initialization)

    constructor

    methods

}
```

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Class definitions: declarations

```
public class Account {
    private int balance; // current bal.
    private int deposits; // deposits to
                        // date
    private int withdrawals; //withdrawal
                        //to date
}
```

- *Declarations* of a class define **fields** (**instance variables**) of the class
- Each class is a *type*. Classes are not primitive types.

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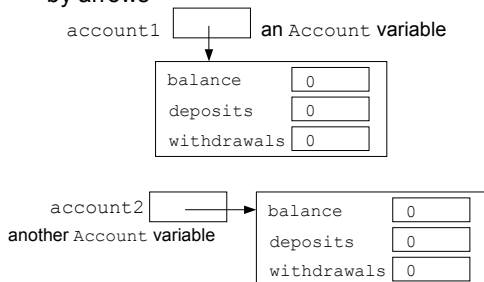
Variables and values revisited

- **Variable:** named place to hold a value

name	value
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- Values of primitive types are held directly in variables

count	0
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an int variable
- Values of non-primitive types are *references to objects* shown graphically by arrows



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Declarations Revisited

- Syntax: *type name;*
- Examples:


```
int count;
Account account1;
Account account2;
```
- Instance variables have default initial values
 - int variables: 0
 - Non-primitive (reference) variables: null
- Value null signifies that no object is referenced

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Declaration and object instantiation (initialization)

- Syntax: `type name = expression;`
- Examples:


```
int count = 0;
Account account1 = new Account();
Account account2 = new Account();
```

Object instantiation:

- An expression of the form
`new class-name()`
 computes a reference to a newly created object of the given class

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Manipulating a field of an object

- Let f be a field defined for class c
- Let x refer to an object o of class c
- Then $x.f$ is a variable of object o
- The dot ($.$) means “follow the arrow”
- Example:

```
// deposit d into account1
account1.balance = account1.balance + d;
account1.deposits = account1.deposits + d;
```

```
// shortcut
account1.balance += d;
account1.deposits += d;
```

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References are values

- Suppose you declare a to be an `Account` reference variable:

```
Account a;
```

- Then you can assign an reference to an `Account` object into variable a

- Example:

```
// if k is 1, deposit d into account1
// otherwise deposit d into account2
if (k==1)
    a = account1;
else
    a = account2;
// deposit d to Account a
a.balance = a.balance + d;
a.deposits = a.deposits + d;
```

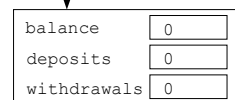
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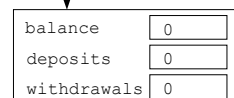
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References are values, cont'd

k an int variable
 a an Account variable
 $account1$ an Account variable



$account2$ an Account variable



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Methods

A method is a named, parameterized group of statements

Syntax

```
return-type method-name ( parameter-list ) {
    statement-list
}
```

return-type `void` means nothing is returned from the method

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Example class definition

```
public class Account {
    private int balance; // current bal.
    private int deposits; // deposits to
                        // date
    private int withdrawals; //withdrawal
                        //to date

    // deposit d to account
    public void deposit(int d) {
        balance = balance + d;
        deposits = deposits + d;
    }

    // withdraw w from account
    public void withdraw(int w) {
        balance -= w;
        withdrawals += w;
    }
}
```

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