



Learning Object-Oriented Programming and Design with TDD

Key OO concepts in Java

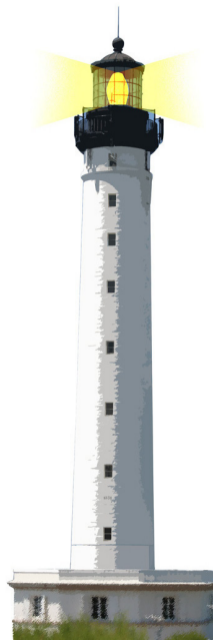
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Objectives

- Illustrate key OO concepts
- In Java but limited as much as possible to the essential points

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Quotes of the day

"Perfection is attained, not when no more can be added, but when no more can be removed." Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

"I invented the term 'Object-Oriented', and I can tell you I did not have C++ in mind." Alan Kay (nor Java :))



What we will not cover

Simple Java is an oxymoron.

- Java is gigantic and even more... (looks more and more like an old verbose language)
- Full of conceptual glitches (public fields, strange protected semantics, overloading...)
- Java mixes physical representation (files) with concepts
 - there is not need to have files to have classes
 - class definitions can be saved in databases

This lecture will not cover: packaging enums, lambdas, generics, inner classes, modules, private methods, visibility, synchronised, meta data, overloading, primitives vs. boxed....

- But we will provide extras slides on more advanced topics



Not pure object-oriented programming language

- Static methods are not looked up
- Primitive types are not objects: int and Integer....
- Classes are not first class: cannot send messages to classes



Outline

- Instances, instance creation
- Classes / instance variables
- Methods
- Inheritance (single)
- Interface
- Cast
- Dynamic type vs. static types
- Constructor



Instances

- Created using `new` construct
- Remember: one state, identity, behavior

```
new Tomagotchi()
```

Often

```
Tomagotchi t = new Tomagotchi()
```



Class

- Mold/Generators of instances

```
public class Rectangle
{
    protected int length;
    protected int width;
    ...
}
```

```
public class Box extends Rectangle {
    protected int height;
}
```



Class

- One public class per file
- File name should have the name of the public class
- Class import packages (group of classes)



Instance variables

- Describe instance structure
- Have a visibility: Avoid public, private and final :)
- Better use protected (see companion extra lectures)

```
public class Rectangle {  
    protected int length;  
    protected int width;  
    ...  
}
```

- Accessible by method of the class and subclasses



Methods

- this represents the receiver
- the lookup of methods at runtime starts in the class of the receiver.

```
public class Rectangle{  
    protected int length;  
    protected int width;  
  
    public int getArea() {  
        return length * width;  
    }  
}
```



Constructor (I)

- A Constructor is a static function, it is not a method!
- Responsible to properly initialize an object
- `<class>()` is a default constructor

```
public Rectangle() {  
    length = 0;  
    width = 0;  
}
```

Multiple constructors in a class

```
public Rectangle(int length, int width) {  
    this.length = length;  
    this.width = width;  
}
```



What you should know

- Class/Instances
- Methods
- Constructors = functions



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