

Chapter 3 Object Interaction

Main Concepts

Abstraction	Object creation	Method goals
Modularization	Object diagrams	debuggers

Java Constructs:

Class types	Logical operators (&&,)	String concatenation	Modulo operator (%)
Object construction (new)	Method calls (dot notation)	<i>this</i>	

Chapter 3.2 Abstraction and modularization

- *Abstraction* : Seeing complex programming problems as series of sub-problems but concentrating on the big picture.
- *Modularization* : process of dividing large, complex problems into smaller parts (modules).

Chapter 3.3 Abstraction in Software

- Sub-components of complex program are objects (and Classes).
- Complex program constructed from linking objects.

Chapter 3.4 Modularization in clock example

- Need to look at digital clock in abstract = single display with four digits.
- More abstract view = two separate two digit displays – hours, minutes.
- More abstract view = each display starts at 0 , rolls to a max number, returns to 0.
- Clock Plan:
 - Create Class for two-digit number display
 - Create accessor method to get value
 - Create two mutator methods to set and increment value.
 - Create two objects of class with different limits (hour, min) to make clock.

Chapter 3.5 Implementing Clock Display

```
public class NumberDisplay  
{
```

```
    private int limit;  
    private int value;
```

- Variables used to hold limit of hour or minutes, and current value.
- Classes can define types (i.e. NumberDisplay = type for hours and minutes in Class ClockDisplay)

```
    public class ClockDisplay  
    {
```

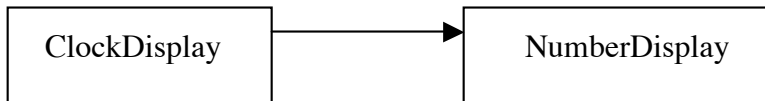
```
        private NumberDisplay hours;  
        private NumberDisplay minutes;
```

- Field Declaration signature = private type nameoffield;

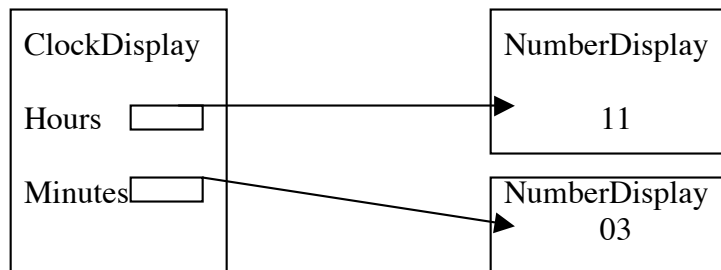
- Type tells what kind of data can be stored in field. If type is a class, then field can hold objects of that class (Objects in one class can hold data from other class.)

Chapter 3.6 Class Diagrams vs Object Diagrams.

- Class Diagram =
 - shows classes of an application and their relationships.
 - Gives information about source code (which class has other in code)
 - Presents static view of program



- ClockDisplay makes use of Number Display. NumberDisplay appears in code of ClockDisplay. ClockDisplay *depends* on NumberDisplay.
- Object Diagram =
 - Shows objects and their relationship at time program is executed
 - Gives info about objects at runtime.
 - Presents dynamic view of program.



- When writing Java programs, important to use object diagram view in planning.

Chapter 3.7 Primitive Types and Object Types

- Primitive Types =
 - non-object types. I.e. int, Boolean, char, double, long.
 - Pre-defined in Java Language
 - See Appendix B for list of types.
 - Primitive type values are stored in variable
- Object Types =
 - Created in objects by programmer
 - Do not store a value but point to an object where value can be found.

Chapter 3.8 Source Code for Clock Display

Source Code or NumberDisplay

```
/**  
 * The NumberDisplay class represents a digital number display that can hold  
 * values from zero to a given limit. The limit can be specified when creating  
 * the display. The values range from zero (inclusive) to limit-1. If used,  
 * for example, for the seconds on a digital clock, the limit would be 60,  
 * resulting in display values from 0 to 59. When incremented, the display  
 * automatically rolls over to zero when reaching the limit.  
 * @author Michael Kolling and David J. Barnes  
 * @version 2001.05.26  
 */
```

```
public class NumberDisplay  
{  
    private int limit;  
    private int value;
```

Creates variables for value and limit of times to display

```
/**  
 * Constructor for objects of class Display  
 */  
public NumberDisplay(int rollOverLimit)  
{  
    limit = rollOverLimit;  
    value = 0;  
}
```

Constructor initializes *limit* and *value*

```
/**  
 * Return the current value.  
 */  
public int getValue()  
{  
    return value;  
}
```

Accessor method allows other objects to read current value

```
/**  
 * Return the display value (that is, the current value as a two-digit  
 * String. If the value is less than ten, it will be padded with a leading  
 * zero).  
 */  
public String getDisplayValue()  
{  
    if(value < 10)  
        return "0" + value;  
    else  
        return "" + value;  
}
```

Adds "0" to digit to make 4 digit display

```

/**
 * Set the value of the display to the new specified value. If the new
 * value is less than zero or over the limit, do nothing.
 */
public void setValue(int replacementValue)
{
    if((replacementValue >= 0) && (replacementValue < limit))
        value = replacementValue;
}

```

Mutator method
limits value
>0 ,<limit

```

/**
 * Increment the display value by one, rolling over to zero if the
 * limit is reached.
 */
public void increment()
{
    value = (value + 1) % limit;
}

```

Uses modulo
operator to
set value to 0
when reach
limit

- Logical operators: in conditional statements:
 - && (and) -- if ((condition 1) && (condition 2)) result;
 - is true if 1 and 2 are both true
 - || (or) -- if ((condition 1) || (condition 2)) result;
 - is true if 1 or 2 are true
 - ! (not) – if !(condition 1) result;
 - true if 1 is false; false if 1 is true.

Source Code for Clock Display

```
/**
 * The ClockDisplay class implements a digital clock display for a
 * European-style 24 hour clock. The clock shows hours and minutes. The
 * range of the clock is 00:00 (midnight) to 23:59 (one minute before
 * midnight).
 *
 * The clock display receives "ticks" (via the timeTick method) every minute
 * and reacts by incrementing the display. This is done in the usual clock
 * fashion: the hour increments when the minutes roll over to zero.
 *
 * @author Michael Kolling and David J. Barnes
 * @version 2001.05.26
 */
```

```
public class ClockDisplay
{
    private NumberDisplay hours;
    private NumberDisplay minutes;
    private String displayString; // simulates the actual display
```

Type NumberDisplay
refers to other class

```
/**
 * Constructor for ClockDisplay objects. This constructor
 * creates a new clock set at 00:00.
 */
```

```
public ClockDisplay()
{
    hours = new NumberDisplay(24);
    minutes = new NumberDisplay(60);
    updateDisplay();
}
```

Constructor creates new objects.

- object (ClockDisplay()) creates object of type NumberDisplay and assigns value to called for parameter.
- Syntax = new ClassName (parameter value)
... new NumberDisplay (24);
- Runs constructor for class NumberDisplay and sends value, 24, to parameter call (int rollOverLimit) ► formal parameter; new NumberDisplay (24) ► actual parameter

```

/**
 * Constructor for ClockDisplay objects. This constructor
 * creates a new clock set at the time specified by the
 * parameters.
 */
public ClockDisplay(int hour, int minute)
{
    hours = new NumberDisplay(24);
    minutes = new NumberDisplay(60);
    setTime(hour, minute);
}

```

- Second constructor sets alternate method of setting clock start up parameters, hour, minute.
- Overloading a constructor or method = good technique for adding alternative methods to accomplish a task.

```

/**
 * This method should get called once every minute - it makes
 * the clock display go one minute forward.
 */
public void timeTick()
{
    minutes.increment();
    if(minutes.getValue() == 0) { // it just rolled over!
        hours.increment();
    }
    updateDisplay();
}

```

- Method Call:
 - Internal Method Call – calls method within same class.
 - Private void updateDisplay () – calls updateDisplay method from within class, ClockDisplay
 - Syntax = methodName (parameter – list)
 - Method call calls other method, returns to next line of calling method.
 - Important to match method name and parameter list because other methods may have same name due to method overloading.
 - External Method Call – can call methods of other class
 - Use ‘dot’ notation – minutes.increment();
 - Calls *minutes* object in *increment* method in NumberDisplay.
 - Syntax = object.methodName (parameter-list).
 - If(minutes.getValue() ==0){ ----- calls get.Value in NumberDisplay. If value = 0, then roll over the clock. Then update display by calling undateDisplay.

```

/**
 * Set the time of the display to the specified hour and
 * minute.
 */
public void setTime(int hour, int minute)
{
    hours.setValue(hour);
    minutes.setValue(minute);
    updateDisplay();
}

```

- Calls setValue method for *minutes* and *hours* objects, then updates display through updateDisplay () call.

```

/**
 * Return the current time of this display in the format HH:MM.
 */
public String getTime()
{
    return displayString;
}

```

```

/**
 * Update the internal string that represents the display.
 */
private void updateDisplay()
{
    displayString = hours.getDisplayValue() + ":" +
        minutes.getDisplayValue();
}
}

```

- Updates display by calling getDisplayValue from NumberDisplay for hours and minutes; concatenating “:” between hours and minutes and creating string called displayString.

Chapter 3.12 ...object interaction

- Debugger = tool to find bugs in programs. Exams program one line of code at a time.
- Mail-system projet

Source Code for MailItem

```
/**  
 * A class to model a simple mail item. The item has sender and recipient  
 * addresses and a message string.  
 * @author David J. Barnes and Michael Kolling  
 * @version 2001.05.30  
 */
```

```
public class MailItem  
{  
    // The sender of the item.  
    private String from;  
    // The intended recipient.  
    private String to;  
    // The text of the message.  
    private String message;
```

→ Creates “fields”: from, to, message

```
/**  
 * Create a mail item from sender to the given recipient,  
 * containing the given message.  
 * @param from The sender of this item.  
 * @param to The intended recipient of this item.  
 * @param message The text of the message to be sent.  
 */
```

```
public MailItem(String from, String to, String message)  
{  
    this.from = from;  
    this.to = to;  
    this.message = message;  
}
```

→ Creates “parameters”:
from, to, message

- This.from = from; calls closest enclosing block for value of “from”. I.e. this constructor.
- This is useful when need to use same name for both field and parameter. Calls closest use of word.
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Source Code for MailClient

```
/**  
 * A class to model a simple email client. The client is run by a  
 * particular user, and sends and retrieves mail via a particular server.  
 * @author David J. Barnes and Michael Kolling  
 * @version 2001.05.30
```



```

*/
public class MailClient
{
    // The server used for sending and receiving.
    Private MailServer server;
    // The user running this client.
    Private String user;

    /**
    • Create a mail client run by user and attached to the given server.
    */
    public MailClient(MailServer server, String user)
    {
        this.server = server;
        this.user = user;
    }

    /**
    • Return the next mail item (if any) for this user.
    */
    public MailItem getNextMailItem()
    {
        return server.getNextMailItem(user);
    }

    /**
    • Print the next mail item (if any) for this user to the text
    • terminal.
    */
    public void printNextMailItem()
    {
        MailItem item = server.getNextMailItem(user);
        if(item == null) {
            System.out.println("No new mail.");
        }
        else {
            item.print();
        }
    }

    /**
    • Send the given message to the given recipient via
    • the attached mail server.
    • @param to The intended recipient.
    • @param mess A fully prepared message to be sent.
    */

```

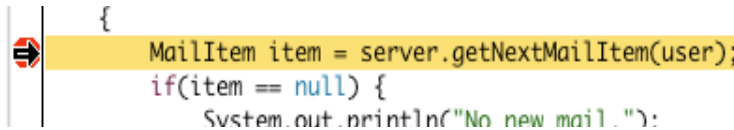
```

public void sendMessage(String to, String message)
{
    MailItem mess = new MailItem(user, to, message);
    server.post(mess);
}
}

```

Chapter 3.13 debugger

- breakpoint = flag on line of code that stops execution at that point.

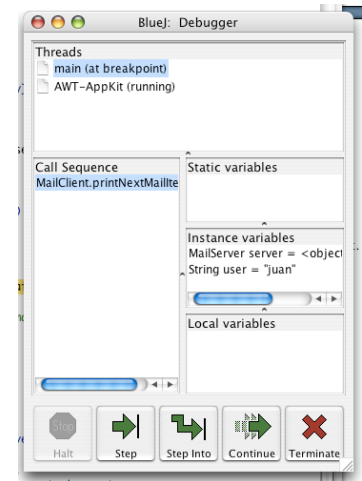


```

{
    MailItem item = server.getNextMailItem(user);
    if(item == null) {
        System.out.println("No new mail.");
    }
}

```

- when method from object in object window see debugger window:
- No local variables because line of code (MailItem..) was not run due to breakpoint.
- Use Step button to move one line at a time through program



Vocab: abstraction, modularization, classes defined types, class diagram, object diagram, object references, primitive type, object creation, overloading, internal method call, external method call, debugger.