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Objectives of Lecture 13 Common Resources – Static Variables and Methods

- Understand the use of static variables to share common information between instances of the same class.
- Study the use of static methods to perform computations that independent of any object.
- Re-write the Adventure program using some useful static variables .

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Outline of Lecture 13



- Static variables
- Static methods
- Adventure Version 4

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Resources Common to a Class

- Sometimes common sharable resources are needed by each object in a class.
 - Each Circle object may need the value of π so it can compute and return its area.
 - Each TreasureChest object may need a common maximum number of tokens so it can generate a random number \leq this number when it is constructed (initialized).
 - Each TreasureChest object may need a random number generator object to generate its initial number of tokens.

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Static Variables

- It is wasteful to require every object in a class to use an instance variable to access these common resources.
- Instead, we can define a **static variable** in the class that can be bound to this common resource:

```
public class Circle ...
    private static final float pi = 3.14159f;

public class TreasureChest ...
    private static final int maxTokens = 10;
    private static RandomInt generator;
    generator = new RandomInt(1);
```

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- Static methods
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Object Independent Actions

- Some actions are not performed by a specific instance of a class.
 - Start an application program.
 - Perform an operation on some values.
- In fact, no instance may even need to exist for these actions to be performed.

Static Methods

- A **static method** or **class method** is code that can be executed without sending a message to any object:

```
public class OurProgram ...
    public static void main(String args[])
public class String ...
    public static String valueOf(int i)
```

- The syntax of static method calls looks like a message is being sent to a class:
String.valueOf(3) → "3"
- However, no message is actually involved.

Outline of Lecture 13



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Adventure Version 4

- We are going to add some functionality to the Arithmetic Adventure game .
- We will put treasure chests in rooms.
- When the adventurer tries to open a chest we will generate an arithmetic question.
- The chest will contain a random number of tokens that will be added or subtracted to the adventurer's total, depending on whether the adventurer answers the question correctly.

Adventure - Code Change Summary

- In the Adventure class we will:
 - replace the method enterRoom(Adventurer)
- Add a class called Chest.
- Add a class called Question.
- Add a class called RandomInt
- Leave the Adventurer class unchanged.

Running Adventure 4



```
Welcome to the arithmetic adventure game.
The date is Thu Apr 10 09:13:00 MST 2008

What is your name?Fred
You'll find out after a day of hiking you spot a silver cube.
The cube appears to be about 5 meters on each side.
You find a green door, open it and enter.
The door closes behind you with a soft whir and disappears.
There is a feel of mathematical magic in the air.
Break the green key to continue.
There is a postcard chest in the center of the room.
It appears to be a treasure chest!
1 1 1 1 1 1

A small bookshelf appears on the wall.
You hear the sound of a horse and a pleasant voice your congratulations.
The rest of the chest opens to reveal a valuable treasure.
They'll hand it to you upon your next visit to the cave.
You have 0 tokens in your pocket.

A small bookshelf appears on the wall.
You hear the sound of a horse and a pleasant voice your
congratulations.
The date is Thu Apr 10 09:13:00 MST 2008
You see 0 valuable tokens fly out of your pocket and fall to the floor.
A small bookshelf appears, reveal up your dusted token and disappears.
You have 0 tokens in your pocket.
congratulations that you have left the game at 0 tokens.
```

Program - Adventure 4.1

```
import java.util.*;
public class Adventure {
    /* Version 4
    This program is an arithmetic adventure game ...
    */

    /* Constructors */
    public Adventure () {
        /*
        Initialize an adventure by creating the appropriate
        objects.
        */
    }
}
```

NO CHANGES

Program - Adventure 4.2

```
/* Main program */
public static void main(String args[]) {
    Adventure game;

    game = new Adventure();
    game.play();
}
```

NO CHANGES

Program - Adventure 4.3

```
/* Private Instance Methods */
private void play() {
    /*
    Plays the Adventure game.
    */

    Adventurer adventurer;

    adventurer = this.greeting();
    this.enterRoom(adventurer);
    this.farewell(adventurer);
}
```

NO CHANGES

Program - Adventure 4.4

```
private Adventurer greeting() {
    /*
    Great the user and answer an Adventurer that
    represents the user.
    */

    String playerName;

    System.out.println("Welcome to the Arithmetic Adventure game.");
    System.out.print("The date is ");
    System.out.println(new Date());
    System.out.println();
    System.out.print("What is your name?");
    playerName = Keyboard.in.readString();
}
```

NO CHANGES

Program - Adventure 4.5

```
System.out.print("Well ");
System.out.print(playerName);
System.out.println(", after a day of hiking you spot a silver cube.");
System.out.println("The cube appears to be about 5 meters on each side.");
System.out.println("You find a green door, open it and enter.");
System.out.println("The door closes behind you with a soft whir and disappears.");
System.out.println("There is a feel of mathematical magic in the air.");
Keyboard.in.pause();
return new Adventurer(playerName);
}
```

NO CHANGES

Program - Adventure 3.6

```
private void enterRoom(Adventurer adventurer) {  
    /*  
        The given adventurer has entered the  
        first room.  
    */  
    Integer myTokens;  
  
    System.out.print("How many tokens would you like, ");  
    System.out.print(adventurer.name());  
    System.out.print("?");  
    myTokens = Keyboard.in.readInteger();  
    adventurer.gainTokens(myTokens.intValue());  
}
```

OLD

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Program - Adventure 4.6

```
private void enterRoom(Adventurer adventurer) {  
    /*  
        The given adventurer has entered the  
        first room.  
    */  
    Chest chest;  
  
    chest = new Chest();  
    chest.display();  
    chest.open(adventurer);  
}
```

NEW

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Program - Adventure 4.7

NO CHANGES

```
private void farewell(Adventurer adventurer) {  
    /*  
        Say farewell to the user and report the game result.  
    */  
  
    System.out.print("Congratulations ");  
    System.out.print(adventurer.name());  
    System.out.print(" you have left the game with ");  
    System.out.print(adventurer.tokens());  
    System.out.println(" tokens.");  
}
```

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Class - Chest 4.1

```
import java.util.*;  
public class Chest {  
    /*  
        An instance of this class represents a treasure chest in  
        the Adventure game. A Chest contains a number of tokens.  
    */  
    /* Constructor */  
    public Chest() {  
        /*  
            Initialize me so that I contain a random number of  
            tokens.  
        */  
        this.tokens = Chest.generator.next(Chest.maxTokens);  
    }  
}
```

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Class - Chest 4.2

```
/* Instance Methods */  
public void display() {  
    /*  
        Output a description of myself.  
    */  
  
    System.out.println("There is a small carved chest in the center of  
the room.");  
    System.out.println("It appears to be a treasure chest!");  
}
```

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Class - Chest 4.3

```
public void open(Adventurer adventurer) {  
    /*  
        Ask the user an arithmetic question and if a correct  
        answer is given, add tokens to the given Adventurer.  
        If it is answered incorrectly, remove tokens. */  
  
    Question question;  
  
    question = new Question();  
    question.ask();  
    // We really want to do only one of the next two  
    // lines, depending on the user's answer.  
    this.correctAnswer(adventurer);  
    this.wrongAnswer(question, adventurer);  
}
```

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Class - Chest 4.4

```
/* Private Static Variables */
private static final int maxTokens = 10;
private static final RandomInt
generator = new RandomInt(1);

/* Private Instance Variables */
private int tokens;

/* Private Instance Methods */
```

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Class - Chest 4.5

```
private void correctAnswer(Adventurer adventurer) {
/* Congratulate the adventurer and add some tokens.*/
    System.out.println();
    System.out.println("A small loudspeaker appears in the air.");
    System.out.println("You hear the sound of a harp and a pleasant
voice says congratulations.");
    System.out.print("The lid of the chest opens to reveal ");
    System.out.print(this.tokens);
    System.out.println(" valuable tokens.");
    System.out.println("They literally fly into your pocket and the
chest disappears.");
    adventurer.gainTokens(this.tokens);
    adventurer.reportTokens();
}
```

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Class - Chest 4.6

```
private void wrongAnswer(Question question, Adventurer adventurer) {
/*
    Report the correct answer and remove some tokens
    from the given adventurer.
*/
    int loss;

    System.out.println();
    System.out.println("A small loudspeaker appears in the air.");
    System.out.println("You hear the sound of a deep gong and a
pleasant voice says:");
    System.out.print("Sorry, the correct answer is ");
    System.out.print(question.answer());
    System.out.println(".");
}
```

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Class - Chest 4.7

```
loss = Math.min(this.tokens, adventurer.tokens());
System.out.print("You see ");
System.out.print(loss);
System.out.println(" valuable tokens fly out of your pocket and
fall to the floor.");
System.out.println("A small vacuum cleaner appears, sweeps up
your scattered tokens and disappears.");
adventurer.loseTokens(loss);
adventurer.reportTokens();
}
```

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Class - Question 4.1

```
import java.util.*;
public class Question {
/*
    An instance of this class represents an arithmetic problem in the
    Arithmetic Adventure game.
*/

/* Constructor */
public Question() {
/*
    Initialize me so that I have two operands.
*/
    this.leftOperand = Question.generator.next(Question.maxOperand);
    this.rightOperand = Question.generator.next(Question.maxOperand);
}
```

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Class - Question 4.2

```
/* Instance Methods */
public void ask() {
/*
    Pose myself. Eventually I would like to indicate
    whether the user's response was correct or not.
*/
    Integer answer;

    System.out.print(this.leftOperand);
    System.out.print(" + ");
    System.out.print(this.rightOperand);
    System.out.print(" = ");
    answer = Keyboard.in.readInteger();
}
```

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Class - Question 4.3

```
public int answer() {
    /*
     * Answer my correct answer.
     */
    return this.leftOperand + this.rightOperand;
}

/* Private Static Variables */
private static final int maxOperand = 9;
private static final RandomInt
generator = new RandomInt(2);
/* Private Instance Variables */
private int leftOperand;
private int rightOperand;
```

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Class - RandomInt 4.1

```
import java.util.*;
public class RandomInt {
    /*
     * An instance of this class represents a generator that can generate a
     * series of random positive ints.
     */

    /* Constructor */
    public RandomInt(int seed) {
        /*
         * Initialize me so that I use the given seed.
         */
        this.generator = new Random(seed);
    }
}
```

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Class - RandomInt 4.2

```
/* Instance Methods */

public int next(int max) {
    /*
     * Answer a Random int between 1 and the given max.
     */

    return Math.round(max * this.generator.nextFloat() - 0.5f) + 1;
}

/* Private Instance Variables */
private Random generator;
```

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No Changes to End of Lecture

- The rest of the Adventure program is included for completeness.
- There are no changes from the last version in the rest of these slides.

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Class - Adventurer 4.1

```
public class Adventurer {
    /*
     * An instance of this class represents a player of the Adventure game.
     */

    /* Constructors */
    public Adventurer(String name) {
        /*
         * Initialize me with the given name and zero tokens.
         */
        this.name = name;
        this.tokens = 0;
    }
}
```

NO CHANGES

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Class - Adventurer 4.2

```
/* Instance Methods */

public String name() {
    /* Answer a String representing my name. */
    return this.name;
}

public int tokens() {
    /* Answer my number of Tokens. */
    return this.tokens;
}
```

NO CHANGES

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Class - Adventurer 4.3

```
public void gainTokens(int anInt) { NO CHANGES
/*
  Add the given number of tokens to my total.
*/
  this.tokens = this.tokens + anInt;
}

public void loseTokens(int anInt) {
/*
  Remove the given number of tokens from my total.
*/
  this.tokens = this.tokens - anInt;
}
```

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Class - Adventurer 4.4

```
public void reportTokens() { NO CHANGES
/*
  Output the number of tokens I have.
*/
  System.out.print("You have ");
  System.out.print(this.tokens);
  System.out.println(" tokens in your pocket.");
}

/* Private Instance Variables */

private String name;
private int tokens;
```

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