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Lecture 2

Calling and Defining Methods in Java



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Outline

- Calling methods
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- Instances of a class
- Defining methods
- The this keyword



Object Oriented Programming

- Models the "application world" as system of collaborating objects
- In OOP, objects are "smart" in their specialty
 - o have properties and behaviors (things they know how to do)
- Objects collaborate by sending each other messages
- Objects typically composed of other component objects

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OOP as Modeling

- Write programs by modeling the problem as system of collaborating components
 - o you determine what the building blocks are
 - o put them together so they cooperate properly
 - like building with smart Legos, some of which are pre-defined, some of which you design!
 - containment/association diagrams, like the one shown here, are a great way to help model your program!

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Example: Tetris (1/3)

- What are the game's objects?
- What properties do they have?
- What do those objects know how to do?



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Example: Tetris (2/3) • What are the game's objects? o piece, board Properties: What attributes and components do they have? o piece: o board: orientation ■ size position ■ rows ■ shape ■ columns ■ color ■ # of tiles

Example: Tetris (3/3)

- Capabilities: What do those objects know how to do?
 - o piece:
 - be created
 - fall
 - rotate ■ stop at collision
- o board:
- be created
- remove rows
- check for end of game

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Meet samBot (kudos to former HTA Sam Squires) • samBot is a robot who lives in a 2D grid world • She knows how to do two things: • move forward any number of steps

 We will learn how to communicate with samBot using Java

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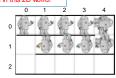
samBot's World O 1 2 3 4 • Thisis samBot's world • samBot starts in the square at (0,0) • She wantsto get to the square at (1,1) • Thickblacklines are walls samBot can't pass through

Giving Instructions (1/3) • Goal: move samBot from starting position to destination by giving her a list of instructions • samBot only knows how to "move forward n steps" and "turn right" • What instructions should be given?

Giving Instructions (2/3)

Note: samBot moves in the direction her outstretched arm is pointing. Yes, she can move sideways and upside down in this 2D world!

- "Move forward 4 steps"
- "Turn right"
- "Move forward 1 step"
- · "Turn right"
- · "Move forward 3 steps"

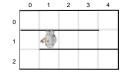


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Giving Instructions (3/3)

- Instructions must be giv en in a language samBot knows
- That's where Java comes in!
- In Jav a, giv e instructions to an object by giving it commands
 - we use "sending a message" and "giving a command" as synonyms!



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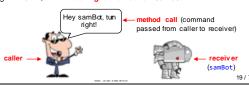
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"Calling Methods": Giving Commands in Java (1/2)

- samBot can only handle commands she knows how to respond to
- These responses are called methods!
 - "method" is short for "method for responding to a command."
 Therefore, whenever samBot gets a command, she must respond by utilizing a predefined method
- Objects cooperate by giving each other commands
 - o caller is the object giving the command
 - o receiver is the object receiving the command

"Calling Methods": Giving Commands in Java (2/2)

- samBot already has one method for "move forward n steps" and another method for "turn right"
- When we send a command to samBot to "move forward" or "turn right" in Java, we are calling a method on samBot



Turning samBot right

Method names don't have spaces! Our style guide has capitalization conventions, e.g., "camelCase"

- samBot's "turn right" method is called turnRight
- To call methods on samBot in Java, you need to address her by name!
- To call the turnRight method on samBot:

samBot.turnRight();You can substitute any

• Every command to samBot takes the form: method inside <>!

samBot.<method name(...)>; ends Java statement

· What are those parentheses at the end of the method for?

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Moving samBot forward

- Remember: when telling samBot to move forward, you need to tell her how many steps to move
- samBot's "move forward" method is named moveForward
- · To call this method in Java:

samBot.moveForward(<number of steps>);

· This means that if we want her to move forward 2 steps, we say:

samBot.moveForward(2);

Calling Methods: Important Points

- · Method calls in Java have parentheses after the method's name
- In the definition (body) of the method, extra pieces of information to be taken in by the method are called parameters; in the call to the method, the actual values taken in are called arguments
 - $\circ \quad \text{e.g., in defining f(x), } x \text{ is the parameter; in calling f(2), } 2 \text{ is the argument}$
 - o more on parameters and arguments next lecture!
- If the method needs any information, include it between the parentheses (e.g., samBot.moveForward(2);)
- If no extra information is needed, leave the parentheses empty (e.g., samBot.turnRight();)

Guiding samBot in Java • Tell samBot to move forward 4 steps → samBot .moveForward(4); • Tell samBot to turn right → samBot .turn right(1);

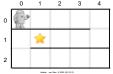
- Tell samBot to turn right

 →
 - samBot.moveForward(1);
 samBot.turnRight();
 samBot.moveForward(3);

"pseudocode"

An informal notation of

English, math, and Java-like commands



Java code

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Hand Simulation

- Simulating lines of code by hand checks that each line produces correct action
- · In hand simulation, you play the role of the computer
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ lines of code are "instructions" for the computer
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ try to follow "instructions" and see if you get desired result
 - if result is incorrect, one or more instructions or the order of instructions may be incorrect

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Hand Simulation of This Code

samBot.moveForward(4);
samBot.turnRight();
samBot.moveForward(1);
samBot.turnRight();
samBot.moveForward(3);

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- Question will be released when a "TopHat Question" slide comes up
- Approximately 1-minute window to answer the question
- We will collect results real-time and discuss the answers during lecture
- 5% of total grade– another good reason to attend!
- Drop lowest 4 scores

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TopHat Question Join Code: 553500

Where will samBot end up when this code is executed?

samBot.moveForward(3);
samBot.turnRight();
samBot.turnRight();

samBot.moveForward(1);

Choose one of the positions or E: None of the above

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Putting Code Fragments in a Real Program (1/2)

- · Let's demonstrate this code for real
- · First, put it inside real Java program
- Grayed-out code specifies context in which an arbitrary robot named myRobot, a parameter of the moveRobot method, executes instructions
 - part of stencil code written for you by the TAs, which also includes any robot's capability to respond to moveForward and turnRight more on this later

```
public class RobotMover {
    /* additional stencil code elided*/
    public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
        myRobot.moveForward(4);
        myRobot.moveForward(1);
        myRobot.turnRight();
        myRobot.turnRight();
        myRobot.turnRight();
        myRobot.moveForward(3);
}
```

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Putting Code Fragments in a Real Program (2/2)

We're about to explain the part of the code!

public class RobotMover {

- Before, we've talked about objects that handle messages with "methods"
- Introducing a new concept...

/* additional code elided */
public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
 myRobot.moveForward(4);
 myRobot.turnRight();
 myRobot.moveForward(1);
 myRobot.moveForward(1);
 myRobot.moveForward(3);
}

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What is a class? A class is a blueprint for a corresponding type of object public class RobotMover { An object's class defines its properties and capabilities (methods)

o more on this in a few slides!

Let's embed the moveRobot code fragment (method) that moves samBot (or any other Robot) in a new class called RobotMover

Need to tell Java compiler about RobotMover before we can use it

```
/* additional code elided */
public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
     myRobot.moveForward(4);
     myRobot.turnRight();
     myRobot.moveForward(1);
     myRobot.turnRight();
     mvRobot.moveForward(3);
```

Declaring and Defining a Class (1/3)

- · Like a dictionary entry, first declare term, then provide definition
- First line declares RobotMover class
- · Breaking it down:
 - o public indicates any other object can use instances of this class
 - class indicates to Java compiler that we are about to define a new class
 - RobotMover is the name we have chosen for our class

Note: public and class are Java "reserved words" aka "keywords" and have predefined meanings in Java; use Java keywords a lot

public class RobotMover {

/* additional code elided */

public void moveRobot(Robot mvRobot) { rvoid moveRobot(Robot my/
myRobot.moveForward(1);
myRobot.moveForward(1);
myRobot.moveForward(1);
myRobot.turnRight();
myRobot.moveForward(3);

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- Class definition (aka "body") defines properties and capabilities of class
 - contained within curly braces that follow the class declaration
- A class's capabilites ("what it knows how to do") are defined by its methods

 - RobotMover thus far only shows one specific method, moveRobot
 - each method has a declaration enclosed in {...} braces)
- A class's properties are defined by its instance variables - more on this next

public class RobotMover { /* additional code elided * public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
 myRobot.moveForward(4);
 myRobot.tworkight();
 myRobot.tworkorward(1);
 myRobot.tworRight();
 myRobot.tworRight();
 myRobot.moveForward(3);
} definition of moveRobot method definition of RobotMover class 33 / 78

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Declaring and Defining a Class (2/3)

The Robot class (defined by the TAs) Note: Normally, support code is a "black box" that you can't examine public class Robot { public void turnRight() { public void turnRight() { public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) { public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) { // code that moves robot forward } /* other code elided-- if you're curious, check out Robot.java in the stencil code! */ } **BERNESS** **BERNESS** **BORNESS** **BOR

Methods of the TA's Robot class • public void turnRight() and public class Robot { public void moveForward(int public void turnRight() { // code that turns robot right numberOfSteps) each declare a method o more on void later! · moveForward needs to know how many steps to move, so the /* other code eligible-- if you're curious, check out Robot.java in the stencil code!*/ parameter is int numberOfSteps within parentheses Note that when we call moveForward, we have to pass an argument of type int or the Java compiler will throw an error o int tells compiler this parameter is an "integer" ("moveForward takes a single parameter called numberOfSteps of type int")_{36 / 78}

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Classes and Instances (1/4)

- samBot is an instance of class Robot
 - o this means samBot is a particular Robot that was built using the Robot class as a blueprint (another instance could be chloeBot)
- All Robots (all instances of the class Robot) are restricted to **the exact same capabilities**: the methods defined in the Robot class. What one Robot **instance** can do, all instances can do since they are made with the same blueprint!
- All Robots also have the exact same properties (i.e., every Robot has a Color and a Size)
 - they all have these properties (e.g. Size), but the values of these properties may differ between instances (e.g., a big samBot and small chloeBot)

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Classes and Instances (2/4)



The Robot class is like a blueprint





Classes and Instances (3/4) • We can use the Robot class to build actual Robots - instances of the class Robot, whose properties (like their color in this case) may vary (next lecture)

Classes and Instances (4/4) • Method calls are done on instances of the class. These are four instances of the same class (blueprint) instance instance instance instance samBot blueBot pinkBot greenBot 41/78

You know that blueBot and pinkBot are instances of the same class. Let's say that the call pinkBot.chaChaSlide(); makes pinkBot do the cha-cha slide. Which of the following is true? A. The call blueBot.chaChaSlide(); might make blueBot do the cha-cha slide or another popular line dance instead B. The call blueBot.chaChaSlide(); will make blueBot do the cha-cha slide C. You have no guarantee that blueBot has the method chaChaSlide();

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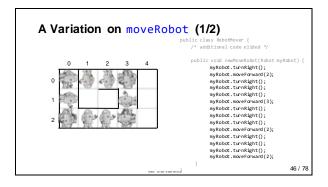


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Defining Methods · We have already learned about defining classes, let's now talk about defining methods · Let's use a variation of our previous example public class RobotMover { /* additional code elided */ public void moveRcbot(Robot myRobot) { // Your cade goes here! // _ // _

Declaring vs. Defining Methods

- Declaring a method means the class knows how to do a new task, e.g., any instance of class Robot can chaChaSlide()
- Defining a method actually explains how all instances of the class execute this task (i.e., what sequence of commands it specifies)
 - o chaChaSlide() could include stepping backwards, alternating feet, stepping forward
- For now, you will need to both declare and define your methods



A Variation on moveRobot (2/2) • Lots of code for a simple problem • Any Robot instance like samBot only knows how to turn right, so must call turnRight three times to make her turn left • If she understood how to "turn left," would be much less code! • We can ask the TAs to modify samBot to turn left by declaring and defining a new method in Robot called turnLeft **Tan = twenty** **Tan = twenty**

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Defining a Method (1/2)

• Almost all methods take on this general form:

| cylindric lass Rebot {
| public class Rebot {
| public void turnRight() {
| // code that turns robot right }
| // code that turns robot right |
| public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
| // code that moves robot forward |
| /
```

Defining a Method (2/2)

- We're going to define a new method: turnLeft
- To make a Robot turn left, tell it to turn right three times

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The this keyword (1/3)

<instance>.<method>(); }

The this keyword (2/3)

- The this keyword allows an instance (like samBot) to call one of its own methods on itself
- this is short for "this same instance" or "defined in this method"
- Use this to call an existing method of Robot class (turnRight()) within a new method of Robot class (turnLeft())

```
public void turnSight() {
    // code that turns robot right
}

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
    // code that moves robot forward
}

public void turnleft() {
    this.turnSight();
    this.turnSight();
    this.turnSight();
}
}
```

public class Robot {

The this keyword (3/3)

- When samBot is told by, say, a RobotMover instance to turnLeft, she responds by telling herself to turnRight three times
- this.turnRight(); means "hey me, turn right!"
- this is not required for code to work, but it is good style and CS15 expects it

public void turnRight() {
 // code that turns robot right
}

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
 // code that moves robot forward
}

public void turnLeft() {
 this.turnRight();
 this.turnRight();
 }
}

public class Robot {

We're done!

- Now that Robot class has turnLeft(), we can call turnLeft() on any instance of Robot
- We'll see how we can use turnLeft() to simplify our code in a few slides

TopHat Question Given the turnLeft method, what can we say about this.turnRight();? public class Robot { /* additional code elided */ public void turnLeft() { this.turnRight(); this.turnRight(); this.turnRight(); } } A. Other objects carnotcall the turnRight() method on instances of the Robot class is calling turnRight() on another instance of Robot C. The current instance of the Robot class is calling the turnRight() method on itself D. The call this.turnRight(); will not appear anywhere else in the Robot's class definition **The College of the College of the Robot's class definition **The College of the turnLeft method, what can we say about this.turnRight(); ? A. Other objects carnotcall the turnRight() on another instance of Robot class is calling the turnRight() method on itself D. The call this.turnRight(); will not appear anywhere else in the Robot's class definition

```
Class
declaration

public class Robot {

public void turnRight() {

    // code that turns robot right
}

Public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {

    // code that moves robot forward
}

Method

public void turnleft(*

    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
}

Method definition
}

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```

```
Simplifying our code using turnLeft

public class RobotMover {
    public void newMoveRobot (Robot myRobot)
    {
        myRobot.turnRight();
        myRobot.tu
```

turnAround (1/3)

- The TAs could also define a method that turns the Robot around 180°
- See if you can declare and define the method turnAround

turnAround (2/3)

- Now that the Robot class has the method turnAround, we can call the method on any instance of the class Robot
- There are other ways of implementing this method that can work as well

turnAround (3/3)

- Instead of calling turnRight, could call our newly created method, turnLeft
- Both solutions will lead to the same end goal, in that they will turn the robot around 180°
- How do they differ? When we try each of these implementations with samBot, what will we see in each case? Is one way better than the other?

Summary (1/2)

- Classes
 - o a class is a blueprint for a certain type of object
 - · example: Robot is a class
- Instances
 - an instance of a class is a particular member of that class whose methods we can call
 - example: samBot is an instance of Robot

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Summary (2/2)

- · Calling methods
 - o an instance can call on the methods defined by its class
 - o general form: instance.<method name>(<parameters>);
 - example: samBot.turnRight();
- Defining methods
 - o how we describe a capability of a class
 - o general form: <visibility> <type> <name> (<parameters>) { ... }
 - example: public void turnLeft() { ... }
- The this keyword
 - o how an instance calls a method on itself within its class definition
 - example: this.turnRight();

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Announcements

- Lab 0 Linux and Terminal out today
 - If you did not sign up for section or have not received an email about your section, please email the HTAs
 - 。 Review GitHub/IntelliJ setup before lab!
- Rattytouille out tomorrow!
 - Due Saturday 09/16
 - No Early or Late Hand-in
- RISD students: please email the HTAs after class so we can make sure we have your emails
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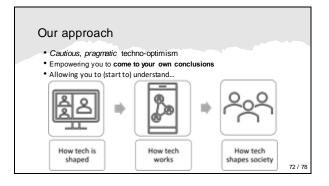
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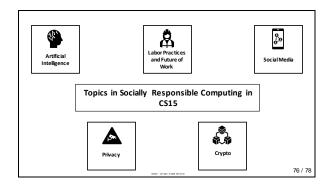
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