## Programming: Data and Interaction

## UWL as Data



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- month: 2
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Calculating a student's age: Write out instructions to calculate a student's age, given their birthday (i.e., year, month, day) and a value for today's date. Avoid using words like "before" or "after"; instead, use words for numerical comparison (e.g., "greater than", "less than or equal to"). Test your instructions with the following possibilities for today's date:

March 26, 2016
January 26, 2016
February 22, 2016
February 24, 2016
February 23, 2016

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## students

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when the birthday month has not yet occurred
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when the birthday has already passed

## UWL as Object-Oriented Data

Objects

classes

## Attributes

Methods
first name
last name
department
list of classes this semester

## first name

last name
major
list of classes this semester
department (e.g., CS)
number (e.g., 120)
section (e.g., 1)
professor of record
list of students enrolled
display schedule of classes
calculate age
display schedule of classes calculate classes left
calculate number of seats left

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## UWL as Object-Oriented Data

## Objects

professors
students
classes
objects/classes: allows us to organize data and actions to be performed on that data based on realworld phenomena

Comprised of two parts:

1. attributes/data members: data that describes the object
2. methods/functions: instructions for calculations that can be performed on the object's attributes

## UWL as Object-Oriented Data

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classes

## Attributes

## Methods

## first name <br> last name

department
list of classes this semester

## first name <br> last name <br> major <br> list of classes this semester

department (e.g., CS)
number (e.g., 120)
section (e.g., 1)
professor of record
list of students enrolled

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display schedule of classes calculate classes left
calculate number of seats left
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## Methods

Methods are a named set of instructions
Method: calculating a person's age (given their birthday and today's date)
instruction 1: subtract the person's birth year from the current year
instruction 2: determine which part of instruction $2(a, b$, or $c)$ to execute and perform it

## Statements

statement: the unit of instruction in programming
enables us to give commands to the computer
Crux of all programming languages
Programming is about the use of statements to solve problems
In Java, statements always end with a semicolon
<instruction 1>;
<instruction 2>;
<instruction 3>;

## Program Structure

```
/**
    * Our first program
    */
public class ExampleClass {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Your code goes here!
    }
}
```


## Program Structure: Class

```
/**
    * Our first program
    */
public class ExampleClass {
    public static void
    // Your code goes here!
    }
```

Provides a name for the program
One program per class
For now, always created with public class <className> replace <className> with the program name
<className> must match the name of the file!

## Program Structure: main Method

```
/**
    * Our first program
    *// ublic class ExampleClass {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Your code goes here!
    }

Denotes where the program will start executing

Only one main method per program
Always created with public static void main(String[] args)

\section*{Program Structure: Comments}
```

/**
* Our first program
*/
public class ExampleClass {
public static void main(String[] args) {
// Your code goes here!

```

Allows us to annotate our program not interpreted as code/instructions completely ignored by the computer

Comments are often inserted on their own line(s)

\section*{Definition: Comments}
inline comment
// Begins with two slashes; this comment lasts until the end of the line

\section*{block comment}
```

/**
* This is a block comment.
* Typically used at the top of a class file or before methods,
* and can span multiple lines.
* Starts with a single slash followed by an asterisk,
* and ends with an asterisk followed by a slash.
*/

```

\section*{Program Structure: Code Blocks}
```

/**
* Our first program
*/
public class ExampleClass {

```
public static void main(String[] args) \{
// Your code goes here!
\}

Defined by matching opening and closing curly bracket (e.g., \{ \& \})

Can be nested innermost opening curly bracket matches innermost closing curly bracket

\section*{on to}
data and interaction

\section*{How can I take the data I have}

\section*{and transform it into the data I need?}

\section*{Data}

\section*{"Carpe \\ 42 \\ 3.14159 \\ true \\ Diem"}
numbers
logical values

\section*{Data}

\title{
"Carpe \\ Diem"
}

\section*{42 \\ 3.14159}

\section*{true \\ false}
text
numbers

\section*{Textual Data}

Good for data not easily represented by numbers
e.g., names, majors, descriptions
string literal: a sequence of characters that should be interpreted as data, not instructions
colloquially, we call these strings

\section*{Strings}

\section*{"This is a string."}

Quotes define the beginning and end of a string are not part of the string itself

Can include any standard characters
e.g., numbers, spaces, punctuation

Called a string literal since the data is exactly what is stored between quotes

\section*{Console}

Allows us to communicate textually with a Java program
Java produces output with System. out (sometimes referred to as standard output)
Java reads in input with System. in (sometimes referred to as standard input)
```

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public static void main(String[] args) {
// Your code goes here!
}
}

```

\section*{Definition: String Output}
print statement: prints <string> to the console


\section*{Printing Strings}
```

public class Name {
public static void main(String[] args) {
> System.out.print("Allie Sauppe");
>
}
}

```

Allie Sauppe

\section*{Printing Strings}
```

public class Name {
public static void main(String[] args) {
> System.out.print("Allie Sauppe, CS");
>
}
}

```

Allie Sauppe, CS

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\section*{Sequential Execution}

Instructions start executing in main method
Execute one at a time, in order, starting at top of main
Order matters!
changing the order of instructions will often change the functionality of the program particularly important when printing to console - cannot go backwards

\section*{Printing Strings}
```

public class Name {
public static void main(String[] args) {
> System.out.print("Allie Sauppe");
> System.out.print(", CS");
>
}
}

```

Allie Sauppe, CS

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> System.out.print("Allie Sauppe");
>
}
}

```
, CSAllie Sauppe

\section*{Printing Strings}
```

public class Name {
public static void main(String[] args) {
> System.out.print("Allie Sauppe");
> System.out.println(", CS");
> System.out.print("UW-La Crosse");
>
}
}

```

Allie Sauppe, CS
UW-La Crosse

\section*{Exercise: Adding Quotation Marks}

Use print and println statements to display the following:
"I'll be back."
- The Terminator
```

public class Name {
public static void main(String[] args) {
System.out.println(""I'll be back."");
System.out.print("- The Terminator");

```

\section*{Escape Character}

Allows us to escape the string with a backslash (the escape character)
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\section*{Example: Using Escape Sequences}

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public static void main(String[] args) {
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System.out.print("- The Terminator");
}
}

```

\section*{Variables}
variable: a piece of computer memory that holds data
Two parts to every variable:
1. identifier: the name by which we refer to the variable
2. data type: the type of data the variable holds (e.g., string, number, boolean)

\section*{Identifiers}
identifier: name we use to refer to parts of code
e.g., variables, classes, methods

Must follow a few rules:
start with an alphabetic character (a-z, A-Z), underscore (_), or dollar sign (\$)
contain only alphanumeric characters (a-z, A-Z, 0-9), underscore (_), or dollar sign (\$)
Should be descriptive
No spaces!
use camelcase to name variables

\section*{Camelcase}

Might want to give identifiers containing multiple words
mybirthday
yourbirthday
camelcase: only first letter of each word is uppercase
MyBirthday //capitalize first letter for classes
myBirthday //lowercase first letter for variables, methods

\section*{Identifiers}

Case matters
mybirthday, myBirthday, MyBirthday and MYBIRTHDAY are all unique variable names Identifiers cannot be reserved keywords
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
public & int \\
protected & double \\
private & boolean \\
static & new \\
void & return \\
final & \(\ldots\)
\end{tabular}

\section*{Data Type}
data type: the type of data the variable holds; defines what actions can be performed on it
e.g., we can divide one number by another, we can't divide one string by another

Cannot be changed once variable is created

\section*{Types of Data Type}

Two categories: primitive type and class type

\section*{Primitives}

\section*{Classes}
represents basic data types
examples:
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
char & //holds a single character \\
int & //holds integer values \\
double & //holds decimal values \\
boolean & //holds true/false values
\end{tabular}
represents more complex data
examples:
String //** holds textual data
Scanner //reads input
Date //represents day/month/year
Math //complex mathematical ops

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\section*{Using Variables}

Two parts to variable use:
1. declaring the variable: defines the variable's data type and identifier
2. initializing the variable: sets the variable to some value; sets it up to be used

Variables must be...
declared before they can be initialized
initialized before they can be used
Can be done separately or together
Declaration must happen exactly once for each variable

\section*{Definition: Variable Declaration}

\section*{declare a single variable}
```

<dataType> <identifier>;

```
declare multiple variables of the same type
```

<dataType> <dentifier>, <identifier>, <identifier>;

```
N.B.: remember, anything in angle
brackets should be completely
replaced! (including the brackets)

\section*{Example: Variable Declaration}
declare a single variable
```

int age;
double height;
String name;

```
declare multiple variables of the same type
int day, favoriteNumber;
double temp, weight;
String firstName, lastName, middleName;

\section*{Example: Variable Declaration}
memory
```

public class Person {
public static void main(String[] args) {
> int age;
> double height;
> String firstName;
>
}
}

```
height (double)

\section*{Definition: Primitive Variable Initialization}
initialize a primitive variable


\section*{Example: Primitive Variable Initialization}
initialize a primitive variable
```

firstName = "James";

```
this works because we are initializing a String variable with a String value

\section*{Example: Primitive Variable Initialization}
memory
```

public class Person {
public static void main(String[] args) {
> String firstName, lastName;
> int age;
> firstName = "James";
> age = 42;
>
}
}

```


\section*{Definition: Combining Declaration \& Initialization}
declare \& initialize a single primitive variable
```

<dataType> <identifier> = <value>;

```
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```

<dataType> <identifier> = <value>, <identifier> = <value>, <identifier>;

```

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String firstName = "James";

```
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```

String firstName = "James", lastName = "Kirk", middleName;

```

\section*{Example: Combining Declaration \& Initialization}
```

public class Person {
public static void main(String[] args) {
String firstName = "James", middleName, lastName = "Kirk";
middleName = "Tiberius";
}
}

```

\section*{Definition: String Output}
print statement: prints <String> to the console
```

System.out.print(<String>);

```
println statement: prints <String> to the console, then moves to the next line
System.out.println(<String>);

\section*{Printing Strings}
```

public class Person {
public static void main(String[] args) {
String firstName = "James", lastName = "Kirk";
int age = 42;
System.out.println(firstName);
System.out.println("James");
System.out.println(lastName);
System.out.println("Kirk");
System.out.println(age);
System.out.println("42");
}
}

```

\section*{Definition: Primitive Variable Assignment}
assign a new value to a variable
```

<identifier> = <value>;

```

N.B.: the data type associated with the identifier must match the data type of the value

Variable initialization versus assignment initialization is the first time a value is assigned to a variable
assignment is overwriting the current value with a new value

In practice, look the same

\section*{Primitive Variable Assignment}
memory
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> System.out.println(lastName);
> firstName = "Jim";
> System.out.println(firstName);
}
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```
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> System.out.println(firstName);
}
}

```
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    '"Jkimeds'
    lastName (String)
    "Kirk"

\section*{String Methods}

Text is one of our fundamental units of data
Several ways we might want to manipulate our text
Examples:
change letters to all upper or lowercase
isolate a small part of the text
find a particular letter or number in a text
replace some part of the text

\section*{Strings}


\section*{Methods}

Methods have four main characteristics we should know
For any given method:
what is it called?
what does it do?
what type of input does it need? (called parameters)
what type does it give back? (i.e., what does it return?)

\section*{Definition: String Methods}
+: concatenates two String values together
```

<String> + <String>;

```
length: returns the length of <String> (i.e., how many characters)
```

<String>.length();

```
substring: returns part of <String> from index <int1> to index <int2>
<String>.substring(<int1>, <int2>);

\section*{Concatenation (+)}
concatenate: to join two Strings together into one String arguments: the two Strings to join together
returns: a single String
```

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```
```

String str1 = "Hello", str2 = "World";
String exampleConcat = str1 + str2;
System.out.print(exampleConcat);

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```


\section*{length}
arguments: none
returns: the length (<int>) of the String (i.e., the number of characters)

\section*{<String>.length();}
memory
```

>String exampleStr = "Hello, world!";
>int len = exampleStr.length();
> System.out.print(len);

```

\section*{substring}
arguments: the beginning index <int1> (inclusive), the ending index <int2> (exclusive) returns: the String specified by the beginning and end index
>String exSubStr = exStr.substring(4, 14);
> System.out.print(exSubStr);
>
```

```
```

>String exStr = "All the king's men.";

```
```

```
>String exStr = "All the king's men.";
```

```
<String>.substring(<int1>, <int2>);
```

the king's


## Definition: String Methods

indexOf: returns the index (<int>) of the first occurrence of <char>
<String>.indexOf(<char>);
charAt: returns the <char> present at index <int>
<String>.charAt(<int>);
replaceAll: replace every occurrence of <String1> with <String2>
<String>.replaceAll(<String1>, <String2>);

## index0f

arguments: the char to look for <char> (case sensitive!) returns: the index (<int>) of the first occurrence of char

```
<String>.indexOf(<char>);
```

memory

```
exampleStr (String)
```

"Hello, home!"
index (int)

## index0f

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char charPos $=$ exampleStr.charAt(5);
> System. out.print(charPos);

## replaceAll

arguments: the String to replace is <String1>, the replacement String is <String2> returns: a String with every occurrence of <String1> replaced by <String2> memory

```
<String>.replaceAll(<String1>, <String2>);
```

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```
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Java will evaluate right of equal sign first
moves left to right
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```

memory
exampleStr $\quad$ (String)
"She se_!!!_s
seashe_!!_sand
other things"
exampleStr2 (String)
"and other things"

## Putting It All Together

## The Scanner Class

Multiple ways to read input from a user
In this course, we'll use the Java-provided Scanner class
our first class data type!
Provides input from the console

## Using the Scanner Class

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Person {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        > Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        > String firstName;
        > System.out.print("What is your first name? ");
        > firstName = scan.nextLine();
        > System.out.print("Your name is ");
        > System.out.print(firstName);
        >
    }
}
```

What is your first name? Jim
Your name is Jim

## import Statements

$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { import java.util. Scanner; } \\ \text { public class } \\ \text { public static void } \\ \text { Scanner } \\ \text { String } \\ \text { System } \\ \text { firstName } \\ \text { System } \\ \text { System }\end{array}\right\}$

Enables your program to leverage additional functionality either from within Java, or from a third-party source

Eclipse will help you find what imports you need

## Definition: Variable Declaration

declare a single variable
<dataType> <identifier>;
declare multiple variables of the same type
<dataType> <identifier>, <identifier>, <identifier>;

## Definition: Object Variable Instantiation

instantiate an object variable


## Definition: Combining Declaration \& Instantiation

declare \& instantiate a single object variable

```
<dataType> <identifier> = new <dataType>(<arguments>);
```

declare \& instantiate multiple object variables of the same type

```
<dataType> <identifier> = new <dataType>(<arguments>), <identifier>;
```


## Definition: Scanner Creation

## declare \& instantiate a single object variable

```
<dataType> <identifier> = new <dataType>(<arguments>);
```

```
Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
```

N.B.: this works because the data type associated with the identifier matches this data type
N.B.: for Scanner objects, we need to define where we are receiving input from; System. in specifies the console

## Definition: Calling an Object's Methods

calls <methodName>, specifying <arguments> if necessary
<identifier>.<methodName>(<arguments>);
dot notation says "we want to perform the set of instructions associated with <methodName>, and that this method is available for <identifier>'s data type"
we refer to this process as calling a method

## Definition: Scanner Methods

nextL ine: reads in a String until a linebreak
scan.nextLine();
nextInt: reads in a single int until whitespace (i.e., one number)
scan.nextInt();
next: reads in a String until whitespace (i.e., one word)
scan.next();

## Definition: Method Returns

Once a method finishes it's calculation, it will return the result of the calculation to your program
the value returned will have a specific data type
not all methods will return a value

```
scanner.nextLine(); //returns a String
scanner.nextInt(); //returns an int
scanner.next(); //returns a String
```


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        > System.out.print("Your name is ");
        > System.out.print(firstName);
        >
    }
}
```

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