



CSE 115/503
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Announcements

- Lab 3 due this week
- Lab 4 begins this week in recitation – due the night before your next recitation
- Exam 3 – Monday, March 7 (first half of lecture – there will be class following the exam)

Method Definitions

- Method header
- Method body

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE with a Java file named `App.java` open. The code in the editor is as follows:

```

this.init();
//frame.getContentPane().add(canvas);
frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(javax.swing.JFrame
frame.pack();
frame.setVisible(true);

public void init()
{
    graphics.DrawingCanvas canvas = new graphics.Dra
    canvas.setDimension(new java.awt.Dimension(300, 3
    canvas.setColor(new graphics.colors.Orange());
    graphics.Rectangle rectangle = new graphics.Rect
    rectangle.setDimension(new java.awt.Dimension(10
    rectangle.setCenterLocation(new java.awt.Point(5
    canvas.add(rectangle);
    rectangle.setColor(new graphics.colors.Blue());
}
  
```

Handwritten annotations in black ink are present:

- A bracket on the left side of the `public void init()` line is labeled "method definition".
- An arrow points from the text "method header" to the `public void init()` line.
- An arrow points from the text "method body" to the opening curly brace of the `init()` method.

The IDE interface includes a Package Explorer on the left showing a project structure with folders like `src`, `graphicsexample`, and `App.java`. The bottom of the screen shows a Problems view with entries like "Fall 2009 Lecture Code", "Lab Skeletons", "Lecture Code", and "Text Book".

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public: (keyword) access control modifier – allows access to all.

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- Type of information that is returned from the method.
 - Type in this sense is the same as type of a variable, so if it can be a type of a variable, it can be a return type.
 - If nothing is returned, return type is void (void is a keyword)

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The name of the method.

Style is the same as for local variables.

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Parameter list: additional information that is needed so that the method can perform its task.

Parameter lists

- Can be empty
 - No additional information needed for method
- Can contain one parameter
 - Parameter declaration syntax:
 - type identifier
 - Looks like a local variable declaration; same style rules apply
- Can contain more than one parameter
 - Comma-separated list of "one parameters"
 - i.e. each parameter needs a type and an identifier

Calling Methods

- Methods are not executed until they are called.
 - Similar to the fact that objects do not exist until created
- We write a method definition and then need to call it.

Method call syntax (Review)

```
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- Recall that in the method call, the () is called the argument list because when calling a method, we pass in the arguments (actual values) to the method

Method call syntax (Review)

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- If calling a method that is internal to the same class, we use the keyword **this** for the object reference in the method call

Instance Variables

- The way to encode the properties of a class
- Sometimes called fields
- Class-level variables (indicates their scope – inside the class)
- Useful when multiple methods need to refer to the same information

Instance Variables

- Like all variables in Java, instance variables need to be declared before they are used.
- They are declared inside the class, but outside all of the methods of the class.

Syntax for Instance Variable Declaration

`private type identifier;`

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`private` (keyword) access control modifier
indicating access only available inside the
current class.

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The type of the variable – same as with local variables, all instance variables need a type.

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Style of instance variables is to use same as local variables, but precede the name with an underscore

Eg. `_myInstanceVariable`

New Relationship: Composition

- Whole-part relationship
- The “source” is responsible for creating the “target”
- The lifetime of the target is linked to the lifetime of the source

Composition

- In Java code:

```
public class Source {
    private Target _target;
    public Source() {
        _target = new Target();
    }
}
```