

# 1.1's Object Enhancements

- Reflection
  - ◆ in java.lang.reflect package
  - ◆ ability of a class to “have a look around”
  - ◆ new classes:
    - Field
    - Method
    - Constructor
    - these are final classes—only the Java VM can allocate them

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## ◆ class java.lang.Class expanded

☞ now returns info about any type, not just classes

☞ wrapper class constants

- Integer.TYPE

— Class object representing the primitive type int

- Void.TYPE, Short.TYPE, Boolean.TYPE, etc.

☞ new shorthand attributes: “class literals”

- int.class ≡ Integer.TYPE

- String.class ≡ Class.forName (“java.lang.String”)

## ◆ extra facilities vital for JavaBeans, RMI and serialization

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```
import java.lang.reflect.*;
import java.io.*;

class Reflect
{
    static PrintWriter stdout = new PrintWriter (System.out);
    public static void main (final String [] args)
    {
        try
        {
            Class theClass = Class.forName (args [0]);
            Method [] methods = theClass.getMethods ();
            for (int i = 0; i < methods.length; i ++)
                stdout.println ("Method: " + methods [i].toString ());
            stdout.flush ();
        }
        catch (final ClassNotFoundException cnfe)
        {
            stdout.println (cnfe);
            System.exit (1);
        }
    }
}
```

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```
>java Reflect java.lang.System
Method: public static void java.lang.System.setIn(java.io.InputStream)
Method: public static void java.lang.System.setOut(java.io.PrintStream)
Method: public static void java.lang.System.setErr(java.io.PrintStream)
Method: public static void
    java.lang.System.setSecurityManager(java.lang.SecurityManager)
Method: public static java.lang.SecurityManager
    java.lang.System.getSecurityManager()
Method: public static native long java.lang.System.currentTimeMillis()
Method: public static native void
    java.lang.System.arraycopy(java.lang.Object,int,java.lang.Object,int,int)
Method: public static native int
    java.lang.System.identityHashCode(java.lang.Object)
Method: public static java.util.Properties java.lang.System.getProperties()
Method: public static void
    java.lang.System.setProperties(java.util.Properties)
Method: public static java.lang.String
    java.lang.System.getProperty(java.lang.String)
...
```

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## ■ Inner Classes

- ◆ **major** addition
- ◆ classes can be declared inside other classes and even locally within a block or expression
- ◆ not actually supported by the VM—compiler ‘trickery’
  - ☞ filenames: Outer\$Inner.class
- ◆ *“Have the language designers finally gone off the deep end?”*
- ◆ four new types of class
  - ☞ nested
  - ☞ member
  - ☞ local
  - ☞ anonymous

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- ◆ the purpose of these new inner class enhancements is to avoid “namespace pollution” by allowing a definition to be placed as close to the site of use as possible
- ◆ need experience to use correctly
  - ☞ not a ‘traditional’ feature
  - ☞ Smalltalk users should be slightly more comfortable, however!

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## ■ Nested top-level classes

```
public class Outer
{
    ...
    static class Inner
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

- ◆ always static
- ◆ can be named directly from the top level
  - 👉 Outer.Inner
- ◆ Inner can access Outer's **static** state/members

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- ◆ provides a convenient package-like structure, especially for multiple classes
- ◆ can be nested to any depth
- ◆ inner classes (of **any** kind) cannot declare any static members
- ◆ nested interfaces also possible
  - ➡ **always** implicitly static



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## ■ Member classes

```
class Test
{
    int x = 0;
    class Inner1
    { private int y = x; }
    Inner1 in = new Inner1 ();
    int z = in.y;
    class Inner2
    { int y = z, a = in.y; }
}
```

- ◆ each instance of a member class associated with a containing instance
- ◆ fields inside Inner1 accessible to Outer
  - ☞ even if private! (*buggy in JDK 1.1.x!*)
  - ☞ Inner2 can access Inner1's fields as well

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- ◆ can't be named from the top level
  - ☞ equivalent to private fields
- ◆ can't have member interfaces
- ◆ some new syntax additions to allow class to identify its enclosing instance
  - ☞ `Inner1.this.y`
  - ☞ `containing_instance.new`
    - `Fuselage fuselage = new Fuselage ();`
    - `Fuselage.Wing wing = fuselage.new Wing ();`
    - `Fuselage.Wing.Engine engine = wing.new RB299 ();`
- ◆ class has a hidden private field pointing to enclosing instance

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```
public class Employee
{
    private double salary;
    private String name;

    private class WriteOnceSalaryProperty
    {
        private boolean isSet = false;

        public double get () { return (isSet ? salary : -1.0); }

        public void set (double salary)
        {
            if (isSet) return;
            if (salary > 0.0)
            {
                isSet = true;
                this.salary = salary ;
            }
        }
    }

    public WriteOnceSalaryProperty getSalaryProperty ()
    { return (new WriteOnceSalaryProperty ()); }
}
```

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```
public class Employee
{
    private double salary;
    private String name;

    private class WriteOnceSalaryProperty
    {
        Employee outer;
        public WriteOnceSalaryProperty (Employee e)
        { outer = e; }
        private boolean isSet = false;
        public double get () { return (this.isSet ? outer.salary : -1.0); }
        public void set (double salary)
        {
            if (this.isSet) return;
            if (salary > 0.0)
            {
                this.isSet = true;
                outer.salary = salary ;
            }
        }
    }

    public WriteOnceSalaryProperty getSalaryProperty ()
    { return (new WriteOnceSalaryProperty ()); }
}
```

behind the scenes code

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```
D:\Bob\Test>javap -p Employee$WriteOnceSalaryProperty
Compiled from Employee.java
private synchronized class Employee$WriteOnceSalaryProperty
  extends java.lang.Object
    /* ACC_SUPER bit set */
  {
    private final Employee this$0;
    private boolean isSet;
    public double get();
    public void set(double);
    Employee$WriteOnceSalaryProperty(Employee);
  }
```

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- Local classes

- ◆ class definition is local to a block

```
Enumeration myEnumerate (final Object array [])  
{  
    class E implements Enumeration  
    {  
        int count = 0;  
        public boolean hasMoreElements ()  
        { return count < array.length; }  
        public Object nextElement ()  
        { return array [count++]; }  
    }  
    return new E ();  
}
```

- ◆ may access any names which are available to ordinary expressions within the same block
  - ◆ after function returns, array is still available until all references disappear

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- ◆ note **required** use of final in parameter
  - ☞ mechanism can only work if accessible state (locals/parameters) can't ever change value
  - ☞ hence use of final keyword—to ensure state is a constant
  - ☞ state is copied into inner classes: *“...compiler automatically generates data fields for every accessed outer variable”*
- ◆ local classes can't use new syntax for 'this' and 'new'

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- Anonymous classes
  - ◆ class definition is local to an *expression*

```
Enumeration myEnumerate (final Object array [])
{
    return new Enumeration ()
    {
        int count = 0;
        public boolean hasMoreElements()
            { return count < array.length; }
        public Object nextElement()
            { return array[count++]; }
    }; // note: semicolon ends statement
}
```

```
addActionListener
(
    new ActionListener ()
    {
        public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent evt)
        { System.exit (0); }
    }
);
```

- ◆ an abbreviated notation for local classes
- ◆ a single expression combines the definition of an anonymous class with the allocation of the instance



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- ◆ can't have a constructor

- ☞ since no name!

- ☞ instance initializers instead

```
class X
{
    int [] array = new int [10];
    { for (int i = 0; i < 10; i ++) array [i] = i; }
```

- code blocks run at instantiation time
    - in source code order

- ◆ anonymous & local classes very valuable for AWT's listeners/adapters and other situations where delegation requires short, isolated code segments

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```
import java.awt.*; import java.awt.event.*;

public class ObfuscatedHoHoHo
{
    public static void main (String [] args)
    {
        new Frame ()
        {
            public void show ()
            {
                setSize (300, 300);
                add ("South", new Button ("Close"))
                {
                    public void addNotify ()
                    {
                        super.addNotify ();
                        addActionListener
                        (
                            new ActionListener ()
                            {
                                public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent evt)
                                { System.exit (0); }
                            }
                        );
                    }
                });
            }
        }.show ();
    }
}
```