CS61B Lecture #7

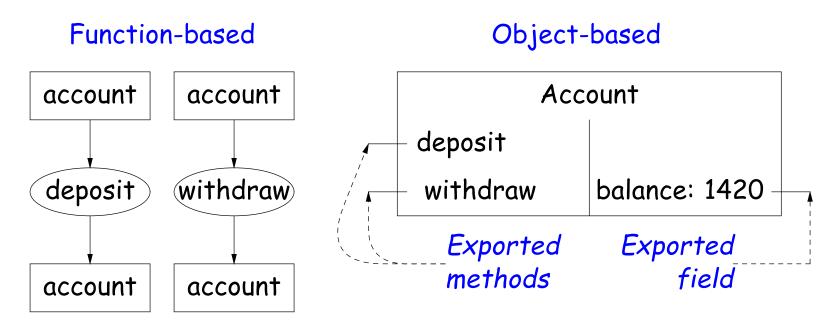
Announcements:

- Programming Contest coming up: 3 October. Watch for details.
- Computer Science Mentors (CSM) is holding adjunct sections that you can sign up for this semester. These are small groups of students, led by a trained mentor, that meet weekly and provide additional practice and guidance with course material. Sign-up deadline is Friday, 18 September (next week). See also Piazza post @520.
- Homework #2 was released late Wednesday.
- Project #0 will be released soon. Watch for it.

Object-Based Programming

Basic Idea.

- Function-based programs are organized primarily around the functions (methods, etc.) that do things. Data structures (objects) are considered separate.
- Object-based programs are organized around the types of objects that are used to represent data; methods are grouped by type of object.
- Simple banking-system example:



Philosophy

- Idea (from 1970s and before): An abstract data type is
 - a set of possible values (a domain), plus
 - a set of operations on those values (or their containers).
- In IntList, for example, the domain was a set of pairs: (head, tail), where head is an int and tail is a pointer to an IntList.
- The IntList operations consisted only of assigning to and accessing the two fields (head and tail).
- In general, prefer a purely procedural interface, where the functions (methods) do everything—no outside access to fields.
- That way, implementor of a class and its methods has complete control over behavior of instances.
- In Java, the preferred way to write the "operations of a type" is as instance methods.

You Saw It All in CS61A: The Account Class

```
class Account:
    balance = 0
    def __init__(self, balance0):
        self.balance = balance0
    def deposit(self, amount):
        self.balance += amount
        return self.balance
    def withdraw(self, amount):
        if self balance < amount:
            raise ValueError \
               ("Insufficient funds")
        else:
            self.balance -= amount
        return self.balance
```

```
my_account = Account(1000)
my_account.balance
my_account.deposit(100)
my_-account.withdraw(500)
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```

```
public class Account {
  public int balance;
  public Account (int balance0) {
    balance = balance0;
  public int deposit (int amount) {
    balance += amount; return balance;
  public int withdraw (int amount) {
    if (balance < amount)</pre>
      throw new IllegalStateException
         ("Insufficient funds");
    else balance -= amount;
    return balance;
Account myAccount = new Account (1000);
myAccount.balance
myAccount.deposit (100);
myAccount.withdraw(500);
```

You Also Saw It All in CS61AS

```
(define-class (account balance0)
  (instance-vars (balance 0))
  (initialize
    (set! balance balance0))
  (method (deposit amount)
    (set! balance (+ balance amount))
   balance)
  (method (withdraw amount)
    (if (< balance amount)
      (error "Insufficient funds")
      (begin
        (set! balance (- balance amount))
        balance)))))
(define my-account
  (instantiate account 1000))
(ask my-account 'balance)
(ask my-account 'deposit 100)
```

```
public class Account {
  public int balance;
  public Account (int balance0) {
    balance = balance0;
  public int deposit (int amount) {
    balance += amount; return balance;
  public int withdraw (int amount) {
    if (balance < amount)</pre>
      throw new IllegalStateException
         ("Insufficient funds");
    else balance -= amount;
    return balance;
Account myAccount = new Account (1000);
myAccount.balance
myAccount.deposit (100);
```

(ask my-account 'withdraw 500)

myAccount.withdraw(500);

The Pieces

- Class declaration defines a new type of object, i.e., new type of structured container.
- Instance variables such as balance are the simple containers within these objects (fields or components).
- Instance methods, such as deposit and withdraw are like ordinary (static) methods that take an invisible extra parameter (called this).
- The **new** operator creates (*instantiates*) new objects, and initializes them using constructors.
- Constructors such as the method-like declaration of Account are special methods that are used only to initialize new instances. They take their arguments from the **new** expression.
- Method selection picks methods to call. For example,

myAccount.deposit(100)

tells us to call the method named deposit that is defined for the object pointed to by myAccount.

Getter Methods

- Slight problem with Java version of Account: anyone can assign to the balance field
- This reduces the control that the implementor of Account has over possible values of the balance.
- Solution: allow public access only through methods:

```
public class Account {
  private int balance;
  public int balance () { return balance; }
```

- Now the balance field cannot be directly referenced outside of Account.
- (OK to use name balance for both the field and the method. Java can tell which is meant by syntax: A.balance vs. A.balance().)

Class Variables and Methods

- Suppose we want to keep track of the bank's total funds.
- This number is not associated with any particular Account, but is common to all—it is class-wide.

```
• In Java, "class-wide" ≡ static
   public class Account {
     private static int funds = 0;
     public int deposit (int amount) {
       balance += amount; funds += amount;
        return balance;
     public static int funds () {
       return funds;
      ... // Also change withdraw.
```

• From outside, can refer to either Account.funds() or myAccount.funds() (same thing).

Instance Methods

Instance method such as

```
int deposit (int amount) {
  balance += amount; funds += amount;
  return balance;
}
```

behaves sort of like a static method with hidden argument:

```
static int deposit (final Account this, int amount) {
  this.balance += amount; funds += amount;
  return this.balance;
}
```

- NOTE: Just explanatory: Not real Java (not allowed to declare 'this'). (final is real Java; means "can't change once set.")
- Likewise, the instance-method call myAccount.deposit (100) is like a call on this fictional static method:

```
Account.deposit (myAccount, 100);
```

• Inside method, as a convenient abbreviation, can leave off leading 'this.' on field access or method call if not ambiguous.

'Instance' and 'Static' Don't Mix

• Since real static methods don't have the invisible this parameter, makes no sense to refer directly to instance variables in them:

```
public static int badBalance (Account A) {
   int x = A.balance; // This is OK (A tells us whose balance)
   return balance; // WRONG! NONSENSE!
}
```

- Reference to balance here equivalent to this.balance,
- But this is meaningless (whose balance?)
- However, it makes perfect sense to access a static (class-wide) field or method in an instance method or constructor, as happened with funds in the deposit method.
- There's only one of each static field, so don't need to have a 'this' to get it. Can just name the class.

Constructors

- To completely control objects of some class, you must be able to set their initial contents.
- A constructor is a kind of special instance method that is called by the new operator right after it creates a new object, as if

```
L = new IntList(1,null) \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} tmp = pointer to O ; \\ tmp.IntList(1, null); \\ L = tmp; \end{cases}
```

• Instance variables initializations are moved inside constructors:

```
class Foo {
class Foo {
                            int x;
 int x = 5;
                          Foo () {
 Foo () {
                             x = 5;
   DoStuff (); \iff
                              DoStuff ();
```

- In absence of any explicit constructor, get default constructor: public Foo() { }.
- Multiple overloaded constructors possible (different parameters).

Summary: Java vs. CS61A OOP in Scheme & Python

Java	Python	CS61AS OOP
class Foo	class Foo:	(define-class (Foo args)
int $\times =;$	x =	(instance-vars (x))
Foo(<i>args</i>) {}	definit(self, args):	(initialize)
int f() {}	def f(self,):	(method (f))
static int y =;	y =	(class-vars (y))
	(refer to with Foo.y)	
static void $g()$ {}	def g(): [outside classes]	(define (g))
or		
	@staticmethod	
	def g():	
aFoo.f ()	aFoo.f()	(ask aFoo 'f)
aFoo.x	αFoo.x	(ask aFoo 'x)
new Foo ()	Foo()	(instantiate Foo)
this	self [typically]	self