



R2.01 : Object-oriented development (OOD)

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Today's main goal

Learn to write basic Java code for a basic application

Concepts	Java
❖ Classes, attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Variable types, primitive/non-primitive types, public vs. private❖ Syntax: classes and attributes
❖ Instantiation, objects, constructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Basic variable manipulation❖ Constructor syntax and class instantiation
❖ Multiple classes, main method	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Main method syntax❖ Re : public vs. private variables❖ Using methods & attributes outside class❖ The String toString() method

Java: short history

- ▶ 1991 : James Gosling, Mike Sheridan, Patrick Naughton embark on the **quest of developing Java**
- ▶ 1995 : Sun Microsystems adheres to the "Write Once Run Anywhere" paradigm : **a reference implementation** of Java by Sun
- ▶ 1998-1999 : Java 2 released, including J2EE (today Jakarta EE) for **distributed computing/web services**; J2ME for **mobile applications**

J2 SE
(standard)

J2 EE
(enterprise)

J2 ME
(micro)

- ▶ 2007 : Java makes its **code open-source** (GNU GPL license)
- ▶ 2010 : Oracle **buys** Java. Today, Java is all around us.

Java's main design goals

source: Design Goals of the Java programming language, Oracle 1999

Simple, object-oriented, and familiar

Robust and secure

Architecture-neutral and portable

It must execute with high performance

Interpreted, threaded, and dynamic

Is Java different from other programming languages ?

Java vs. C and C++

► Imperative language (C, C++)

- Relies on **functions and procedures**
- Programs consisting of **function definitions** and **function calls**
- Each function **characterised by "signature"**: I/O types, name
- **Local and global** variables

► Object-oriented language (Java)

- **Object** oriented, using **classes**
- Objects instantiate **classes**; they have their own **attributes and methods**
- Methods **characterised by signatures**, associated to **classes**
- All variables **local** (to methods, classes, etc.)

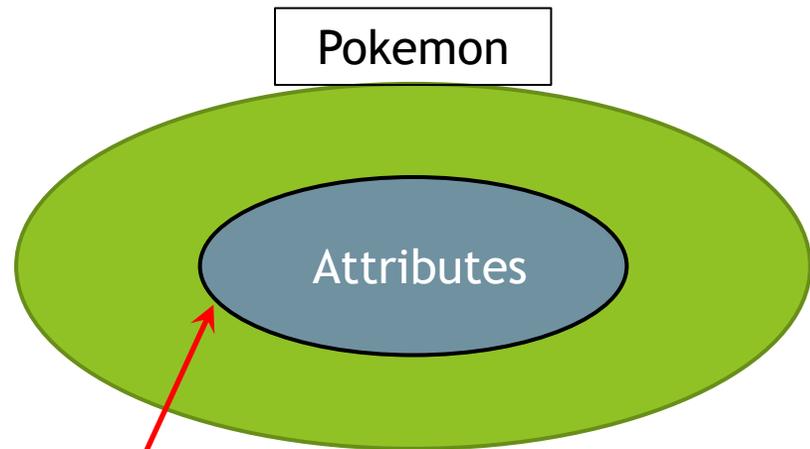
Java is also verbose !

Basic Java syntax

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Classes and objects (reminder)

- ▶ Class: an abstract representation (or model) of a concept
 - ❖ Examples: "Student", "Animal", "Computer", "Pokemon"...
 - ❖ Contains attributes and methods



Variables that characterize the class

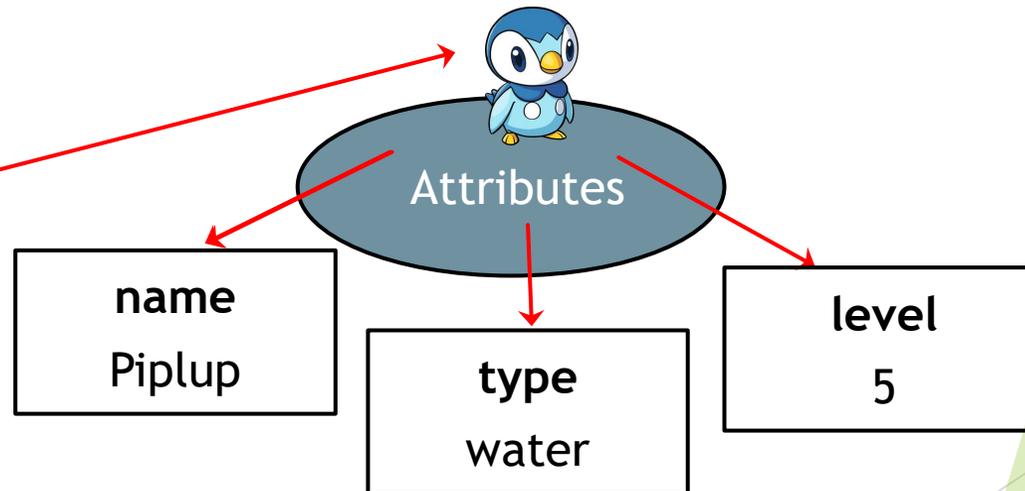
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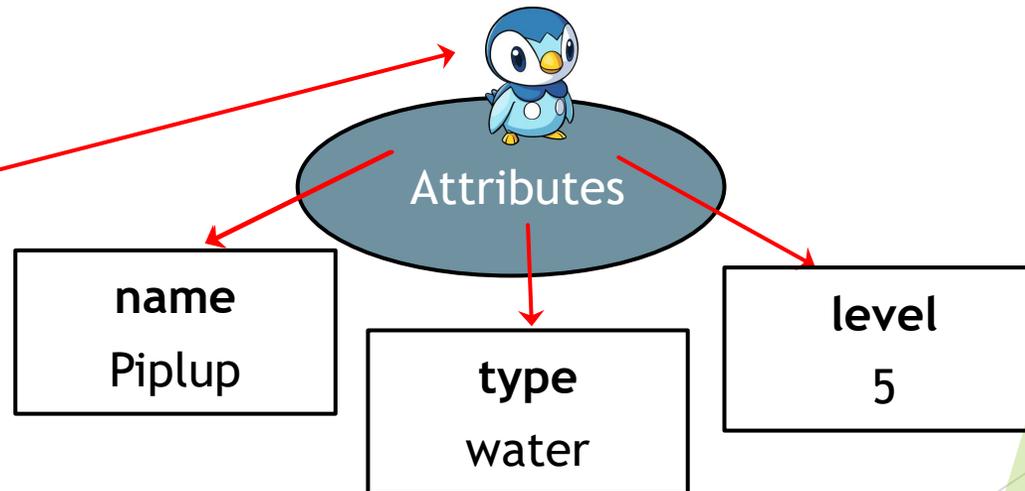
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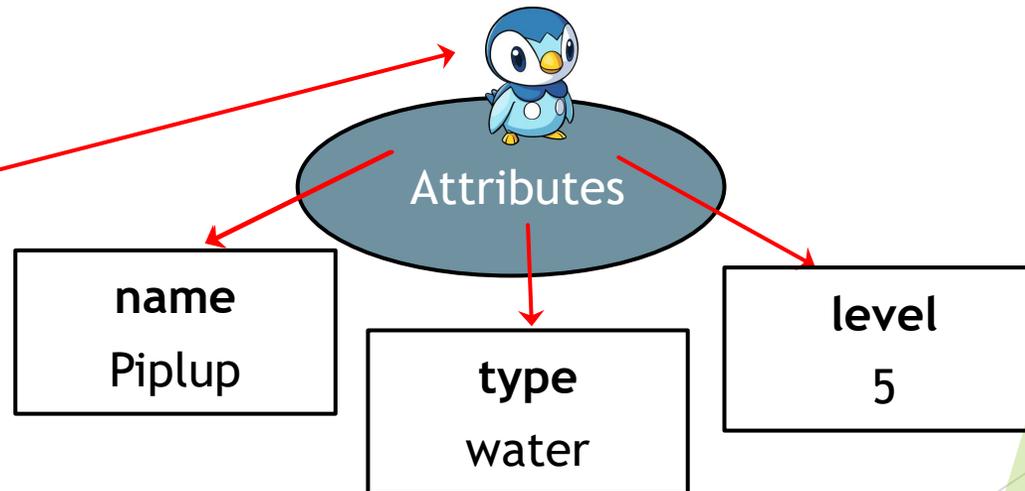
GP1 (Convention): class starts with capital letter, object starts with lowercase
ex: Pokemon vs. a pokemon



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Let's have a look at variables in Java!



Java variables: a howto

► Four steps in handling variables in Java:

1. Declaring variables: visibility, type, name are stated

```
private String name; private Pokemon piplup;
```

2. Instantiation: create an object (special method: constructor)

```
Pokemon piplup; piplup = new Pokemon("Piplup", "Eau", 5);
```

3. Assignment (initialisation): a first value is assigned to a variable

```
name = "Piplup"; age = 7;
```

4. Modification/ré-assignement : cette valeur peut ensuite être modifiée

```
name = "Rowlet"; piplup = new Pokemon("Rowlet", "Herbe", 10);
```

Simultaneous declaration + instantiation:

```
Pokemon piplup = new Pokemon("Piplup", "eau", 5)
```



Variable types in Java

▶ Primitive types (8 in total) :

- ❖ start with lowercase letters

`byte`, `short`, `int`, `long` - 8-, 16-, 32-, 64-bit long integers

`float`, `double` - decimal numbers, written with a dot: 3.4, 1.7, ...

`char` - 1 character, written between apostrophes: 'c', 'd', ...

`boolean` - true/false

▶ Non-primitive types (Java classes):

- ❖ `String` - character strings, written between inverted commas: "Piplup"
- ❖ `Arrays`: a data structure
- ❖ All other objects

Three types of variables

▶ Case 1: class attributes (ex: name is an attribute of Pokemon)

- ❖ Declared at beginning of the class description (usually not instantiated)

- ❖ Each attribute has a visibility: `public`, `private`, `protected`, ...

 - `private String name;` `private int level;`

- ❖ Personalisable by each instance (each object)

 - ex : each pokemon has a name, each has a level

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▶ Case 2: special static attributes

▶ Case 3: other variables (appearing in and local to methods)

- ❖ Do not exist outside the environment for which they are defined
- ❖ Declared before/upon first use
- ❖ Using undeclared variables triggers an error of compilation



Intermezzo : compilation error

What is a compilation error ?

- ▶ Two types of errors in Java code : **compilation** and **execution** errors
- ▶ **Compilation errors**: code that is syntactically wrong
 - ❖ Like spelling or grammatical errors in French/English languages
 - ❖ The IDE detects those errors and signals it to the user
- ▶ **Execution errors**: code that is wrong for some particular exécution
 - ❖ Sentences that do not make sense in a text
 - ❖ The IDE cannot detect them, and they can crash the code
 - ❖ Can be treated by using exceptions

Errors: examples

▶ Compilation errors:

- ❖ Using variables without declaring them
- ❖ Bad use of code syntax, semicolons, etc.
- ❖ Incorrect references to variables, etc.
- ❖ ...

▶ Execution errors:

- ▶ Reading from or writing to a non-existent file
- ▶ Referencing beyond the size of a data structure (like an array)
- ▶ ...

End of intermezzo

Basic Java instructions for variables

► Assignment:

```
String pokemonName = "Piplup";    int level = 5;
```

; at end of line

► Printing a primitive variable:

```
System.out.println(<variableName>);
```

Exceptionally usable for String variables
Later: how to use this for other objects

► Testing equality (primitive types): returns a **boolean**

```
int a=2; int b=3; boolean equality = (a == b);
```

== : Equality test
= : assignment

Caution : non-primitive types do not work like primitive types !

```
For Strings: String a = "un string";  
              String b = "un string";  
              (a == b);
```

Comparing objects: use **a.equals(b)** !

Operations using variables

► Addition and subtraction :

- ❖ **numeric** types: + is addition, - is subtraction,
- ❖ **boolean** type: + and - do not apply
- ❖ **String** : + indicates the concatenation of strings

```
System.out.println("Pip" + "lup"); >> Piplup
```

Caution : we do not use + on chars !

► Multiplication and division (* and /) : only numeric types

- ❖ The result of dividing two integers is an integer by default. Java **rounds** the result automatically: $7/2 = 3$
- ❖ Obtain a correct result **cast the type** to a more suitable one

```
double result = (double) 7/2;
```

Variables and logic

▶ Boolean variables can be used with logical operators:

❖ Negation: true → false and false → true;

▶ Syntax : `!<variable>` or `!(<value>)` or `!=`

▶ `!(a == b)` is the same as `(a != b)`

```
boolean isEqual;  
isEqual = !(2==3);  
System.out.println(isEqual); >> true  
System.out.println(5 == 6); >> false
```

❖ Logical OR: true/false OR true → true; false OR false → false

▶ Syntax : `<boolean1> || <boolean2>`

▶ Can apply to variables or expressions

```
boolean isEqual = (2!=3) || (5 == 6);  
System.out.println(isEqual); >> true
```

❖ Logical AND: true/false AND false → false; true AND true → true

▶ Syntaxe : `<boolean1> && <boolean2>`

```
boolean isEqual = (2!=3) && (5 == 6);  
System.out.println(isEqual); >> false
```

More advanced Java syntax

Strings

- ▶ String is a Java class, defining a type - hence the capital letter
- ▶ Strings are a special type, as they can be handled:

- ❖ Similarly to primitive variables:

```
String pokemonName;  
pokemonName = "Piplup";
```

- ❖ As complex objects :

```
String pokemonName;  
pokemonName = new String("Piplup");
```



GP2 : We will typically use the first of these methods...
... but we will remember that String is not a primitive type!

Arrays

- ▶ An array is an object which represents a **collection of other objects**
 - ❖ One main attribut: its **length** (# of objects contained)

▶ Use :

1. Declaring an array : `<type>[] <name>`

```
double[] grades; Pokemon[] myPokemons;
```

2. Instatiation: compulsory (**exception** on next page)

- ❖ Defines length: `<name>=new <type>[<length>]`

```
myPokemons = new Pokemon[6]
```

- ❖ Arrays are indexed, **from 0 to (length - 1)** :

myPokemons[0]

myPokemons[1]

...

myPokemons[5]

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3. Assignment: three ways:

- ❖ Instantiation + assignment:

```
double[] grades=new double[3];  
grades={12.0, 16.5, 13.0};
```

- ❖ Implicit length by assignment:

```
double[] grades = new double[3];  
grades[0]=12.0;  
grades[1]=16.5;  
grades[2]=13.0;
```

- ❖ Element by element:

```
grades[0]=12.0;  
grades[1]=16.5, 13.0};  
{18,25}
```

Operations with arrays

- ▶ **Array elements** "borrow" all operations belonging to their types:
 - ▶ Ex.: the elements of a `String[]` can use any operation native to Strings
 - ❖ comparison: `<string1>.equals(<string2>)`
 - ❖ `+` allows the concatenation of Strings
 - ❖ `=` is used for assignment -- remember also to use the inverted commas " "
- ▶ Arrays can also be manipulated on their own:
 - ▶ However, such operations should be handled with care!

```
double[] myGrades = {12, 10, 15.6};  
double[] yourGrades = myGrades;  
myGrades[2] = 13;  
System.out.println(yourGrades[2]);
```

Initialise myGrades
set yourGrades = myGrades

Modify myGrades[2]

>> 13

Why ??

Variables stored in memory

- ▶ Every variable and every object is stored in memory:

```
int a;
```

```
a = 5;
```

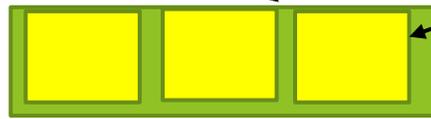


address in memory, ex. 15db9742

- ▶ This also holds for objects:

```
Pokemon piplup;
```

piplup



attributes of variable piplup

address in memory

- ▶ Assignment:

```
Pokemon piplup = new Pokemon("Piplup",  
"WATER", 5);  
Pokemon rowlet = new Pokemon("Rowlet",  
"AIR", 7);  
System.out.println(rowlet.getLevel());
```

>> 7



piplup



rowlet

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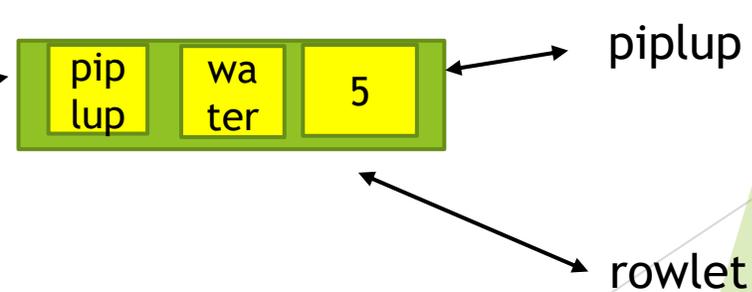
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Pokemon rowlet = piplup;  
piplup.setLevel(7);  
System.out.println(rowlet.getLevel());
```

>> 7



These variables share an address
Modifying one changes the other

Conditional execution (if-then-else)

► Syntax:

```
if (<test>) {  
    // instructions separated by ";"  
}  
else {  
    // instructions separated by ";"  
}
```

in-code comment

(compiler disregards text on same line after //)

```
if (2==3){  
    System.out.println("Blue pill.");  
}  
else {  
    System.out.println("Red pill.");  
}
```

► One instruction => curly brackets {} are not compulsory



GP3 : properly indent your code (indentation is 2 to 4 characters)

GP4 : use the curly brackets! (we always will)

While loops

► Syntax

```
while (condition) {  
    // instructions separated by ";"  
}
```

stand-alone method
(in a class)

return type : int
visibility : public

```
// compute 1+2+...+100  
public int sum1to100(){  
    int result = 0;  
    int i = 1; //iterator  
    while(i <= 100){  
        result +=i;  
        i++;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

► Remember to increment the iterator

iterator local to method



For loop

► Syntax:

```
for (<start condition>; <stop condition>; <incrementation>) {  
    // instructions separated by ";"  
}
```

► Remember to declare the iterator !

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// compute 1+2+...+100  
  
public int sum1to100(){  
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    for (int i=1; i<=100; i++){  
        result +=i;  
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Methods in Java

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Why methods?

- ▶ Java methods allow us to:
 - ❖ instantiate classes (special method called a constructor)
 - ❖ initialize or modify the values of an attribute
 - ❖ do a computation on the attributes in a class
 - ❖ obtain a result, such as printing on the screen
 - ❖ ...
- ▶ All methods in Java are included in classes
 - ❖ Most methods in a class are run "by" (or for) given instances of that class
 - ❖ An exception is using a static method

Attributes and methods

- ▶ Here's a Pokemon class:
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```
public class Pokemon {
    private String name;
    private String type;
    private int level;

    public Pokemon(String name, String type, int level) {
        this.name = name;
        this.type = type;
        this.level = level;
    }

    public void levelUp() {
        this.level += 1;
    }

    public String getName() {
        return this.name;
    }

    public String toString() {
        return("Pokemon[" + this.name + ", " + this.type + ", " + this.level+"]");
    }
}
```

What's the difference ?



Variables, attributes, parameters

► Attributes:

- ❖ Variables that characterize a class
- ❖ Declared at the top of the class
- ❖ Instantiated in constructor

```
public class Pokemon {  
    private String name;  
    private String type;  
    private int level;  
  
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}
```

► Parameters:

- ❖ Variables input to methods
- ❖ Symbolic at method declaration
- ❖ Each call to method personalises them

► Other variables:

- ❖ Local to methods
- ❖ Used for storage, iteration



Attributes, methods, and parameters

- ▶ Methods in Java appear in two places:
 - ❖ When they are defined (inside their class)
 - ❖ When they are used (inside our outside class)
- ▶ Defining (describing) methods:
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    }
}
```

Call constructor to instantiate piplup (personalize parameters)

```
public class PokemonHunt {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Pokemon piplup = new Pokemon("Piplup", "WATER", 5);
        piplup.levelUp();
        System.out.println(piplup.getName());
    }
}
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**Call method levelUp
for object piplup**



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        return this.name;  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return ("Pokemon[" + this.name + ", " + this.type + ", " + this.level + "]);  
    }  
}
```

Why same name?

What does this do?



Variable references in Java

▶ Case 1: attribute (ex. class Pokemon)

- ❖ Reference within class Pokemon: `this.<attributName>`

Examples : `this.name`, `this.type`

- ❖ Reference outside class: depends on visibility

- Public: object piplup: `piplup.<attributName>`
- Private: need to use special methods, like getters or setters

- ▶ Special case: static attributes → Later!

▶ Case 2: not an attribute

- ❖ Cannot be referenced outside of that method
- ❖ Reference by name only



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    }  
  
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    }  
  
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        return this.name;  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return("Pokemon[" + this.name + ", " + this.type + ", " + this.level+"]");  
    }  
}
```

reference to attribute

Instruction assigns to the attribute this.name the value name



Procedures and functions

- ▶ Procedure (output type void):
 - ❖ Modify an attribute
 - ❖ Assign an attribute for the first time
- ▶ Function (non-void output):
 - ❖ Requires a return of the declared type
 - ❖ The current branch of code will disregard instructions after return

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Methods and signatures

- ▶ Java methods are characterized by **signatures**, containing class and :
 - ▶ a return type (type of the variable to return) or void (no return)
 - ▶ the method's name
 - ▶ the types of the input variables (called the parameters)

- ▶ Syntax:

```
<visibility> <returnType> <name>(<typeP1> <nameP1>, <typeP2> <nameP2>,...) {  
    // method contents  
    // if method has non-void output type, it ends with a return statement  
}
```

Example: compute 1+2+...+100

```
// compute 1+2+...+100  
public int sum1to100(){  
    int result = 0;  
    for (int i=1; i<=100; i++){  
        result +=i;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

visibility: public method
(can be called from outside the class
where it is written)

The method returns an
integer value

Method name

Special methods in Java

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Special methods: Constructors

- ▶ Method names can be chosen at will



GP5 : Keep them intuitive though!

- ▶ **Exception #1: constructors!**
 - ❖ A special method that is used to **instantiate** objects
 - ▶ We usually initialize the class attributes within the constructor
 - ▶ Thus, objects personalize the class
 - ❖ Constructors are usually **public**
 - ❖ Constructors **must** be named after the class

```
public class Pokemon {  
    private String name;  
    private String type;  
    private int level;  
  
    public Pokemon(String name, String type, int level) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.type = type;  
        this.level = level;  
    }  
  
    public void levelUp() {  
        this.level += 1;  
    }  
}
```



Constructors: howto

- ▶ It is not compulsory to write constructors for each class
 - ❖ Java has a constructor by default
 - ❖ Signature <className>()
 - ❖ Constructors by default can be used to create objects but not to initialize their attributes
- ▶ Multiple constructors
 - ❖ All named after the class
 - ❖ But must have different signatures!
 - ❖ Typically, write the constructor with the most parameters, then call it in the other constructor(s)

```
2
3 public class Pokemon {
4     private String name;
5     private String type;
6     private int level;
7
8     public Pokemon(String name, String type, int level) {
9         this.name = name;
10        this.type = type;
11        this.level = level;
12    }
13
14    public Pokemon(String name, String type) {
15        this(name, type, 1);
16    }
17 }
```

this : replaces Pokemon = constructor
uses the name/type from parameters
but sets level to 1



Default constructors

- ▶ `Java.lang.Object` is a basic class in Java
 - ❖ Which comes with a constructor
- ▶ All other classes in Java behave like `Object`'s
 - ❖ We say they "inherit" from `Java.lang.Object`
- ▶ If a class does not have a constructor, it can fall back on `Object`'s
 - ❖ Unfortunately this will not customize the objects
- ▶ However, as soon as the class gets its first constructor, it can no longer use the constructor by default



The String toString() method

- ▶ Printing a primitive or `String` variable: use `System.out.println!`
 - ❖ However, using `System.out.println(piaplup)` will print a memory address
- ▶ To tell Java what you want to print for new class: use `String toString()`
- ▶ Writing `String toString()`: requires us to return a `String`
 - ❖ Typically, a concatenation of the attributes
 - ❖ Essentially "maps" each object to what we would like it to print as
- ▶ Calling a concrete `String toString()` method -- ex.: `piaplup.toString()`
- ▶ Using a concrete `String toString()` method: `System.out.println(piaplup)`



String toString() for Pokemon

```
public class Pokemon {  
    private String name;  
    private String type;  
    private int level;  
  
    public Pokemon(String name, String type, int level) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.type = type;  
        this.level = level;  
    }  
  
    public void levelUp() {  
        this.level += 1;  
    }  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return this.name;  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return("Pokemon[" + this.name + ", " + this.type + ", " + this.level+"]");  
    }  
}
```

Writing the toString method

Using the toString method

```
public class PokemonHunt {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Pokemon piplup = new Pokemon("Piplup", "WATER", 5);  
        System.out.println(piplup);  
    }  
}
```



Getters and setters

- ▶ Special methods that enable us to work with private attributes
 - ❖ Usually public visibility

- ▶ Getter:

- ❖ retrieves the attribute's current value

<attributeType> get<attributeName>()

- ▶ Setter:

- ▶ modifies the attribute's current value

void set<attributeName>(<attributeType> value)

```
1
2
3 public class Pokemon {
4     private String name;
5     private String type;
6     private int level;
7
8
9     public Pokemon(String name, String type, int level) {
10        this.name = name;
11        this.type = type;
12        this.level = level;
13    }
14
15    public void setName(String name) {
16        this.name = name;
17    }
18
19    public String getName() {
20        return this.name;
21    }
22
23 }
```



The main method

- ▶ The user's entry point into the program
- ▶ Included within a class (like all other methods in Java)
- ▶ Returns no output (void), takes in input a `String[]` array `args`
 - ▶ `args` can be used to parametrize the execution of the program
- ▶ This method is static (universal to all objects of this type)

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    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
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        System.out.println(piplup);  
  
    }  
  
}
```



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 - ❖ But each instance of that class has customized attributes
 - ❖ Changing the level of one pokemon does not typically affect another
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```
2
3 public class Pokemon {
4     private String name;
5     private String type;
6     private int level;
7     private static int totalNumberOfPokemons = 0;
8
9     public Pokemon(String name, String type, int level) {
10        this.name = name;
11        this.type = type;
12        this.level = level;
13        totalNumberOfPokemons++;
14    }
15
16    public Pokemon(String name, String type) {
17        this(name, type, 1);
18    }
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21        this.level += 1;
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```



Accessing static attributes

- ▶ Usual attributes :
 - ▶ accessed for an instance of that class :
 - ▶ Directly (public attributes): `pip1up.name` if name is public
 - ▶ Indirectly (non-public attributes), using getters/setters: `pip1up.getName()`
- ▶ Static attributes
 - ▶ can be accessed for an instance of that class: `pip1up.totalNumberOfPokemons`
 - ▶ ... but also for the entire class: `Pokemon.totalNumberOfPokemons`

