

COMP 110/L Lecture 8

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Outline

- `public / private`
- **“Getters” and “Setters”**
- `toString()` method
- **Memory representation**

Review

Coding a basic calculator program in 3 approaches

`BasicCalculator.java`

Procedural Programming (PP) (using methods)

`BasicCalculatorPP.java`

Object Oriented Programming (OOP) (using class and object)

`BasicCalculatorOO.java`

Procedural Programming Language	Object Oriented Programming Language
1. Program is divided into functions.	1. Program is divide into classes and objects.
2. The emphasis is on doing things.	2. The emphasis on data.
3. Poor modeling to real world problems.	3. Strong modeling to real world problems.
4. It is not easy to maintain project if it is too complex.	4. It is easy to maintain project even if it is too complex.
5. Provides poor data security.	5. Provides strong data Security.
6. It is not extensible programming language.	6. It is highly extensible programming language.
7. Productivity is low.	7. Productivity is high.
8. Do not provide any support for new data types.	8. Provide support to new Data types.
9. Unit of programming is function.	9. Unit of programming is class.
10. Ex. Pascal , C , Basic , Fortran.	10. Ex. C++ , Java ,Python.

public / private

public

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```
public class PublicClass {  
    public int i;  
    public PublicClass(int x) {  
        i = x;  
    }  
    public void printI() {  
        System.out.println(i);  
    }  
}
```

Example

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```
public class PrivateClass {
    private int i;
    private PrivateClass(int x) {
        i = x;
    }
    private void printI() {
        System.out.println(i);
    }
}
```

Example

- `PrivateClass.java`
- `PrivateClassMain.java`

Why public / private?

- Intentionally allows / disallows certain interactions between objects
- Stove example: perhaps only the stove can turn its burner on - make it `private`
- Commonly used to force changes to instance variables to go through methods (much more predictable)

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```
public class HasGetter {  
    private int saved;  
    public HasGetter(int x) {  
        saved = x;  
    }  
    public int getSaved() {  
        return saved;  
    }  
}
```

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`HasGetter.java`

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```
public class HasSetter {  
    private int saved;  
    public HasSetter(int x) {  
        saved = x;  
    }  
    public void setSaved(int to) {  
        saved = to;  
    }  
}
```

Example:

HasSetter.java

Getter / Setter Purpose

- Access to instance variables forced to occur only via `get*` and `set*` methods
- These are the **only** points where change can occur
 - Much easier to predict and debug

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```
public class HasToString {
    private String held;
    public HasToString(String s) {
        held = s;
    }
    public String toString() {
        return held;
    }
}
```

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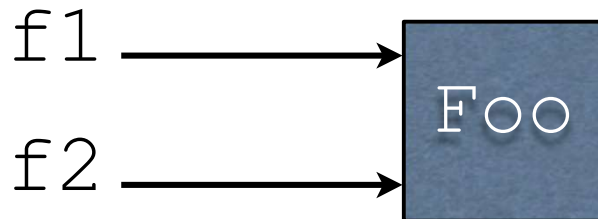
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