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Class Design II

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Reading This Week

- Chap 3

- Reading for next week
  - re-read Chapter 4.1-4.6

News

- Assignment 1 due Tue Jan 31 5pm
- Extra TA hours in ICICS 008 to answer questions
  - Thu Jan 24 (today!) 4-6pm
    - Olivia Siu
  - Fri Jan 25 5-7pm
    - Ciaran Llachlan Leavitt
  - Sat Jan 26 12:30-2:30pm
    - Simon Hastings
- Weekly questions due today
  - Stay tuned for bboard postings with (some) answers
- Midterm reminder: Tue Feb 7, 18:30 - 20:00
  - Geography 100 & 200

Recap: Escape Characters

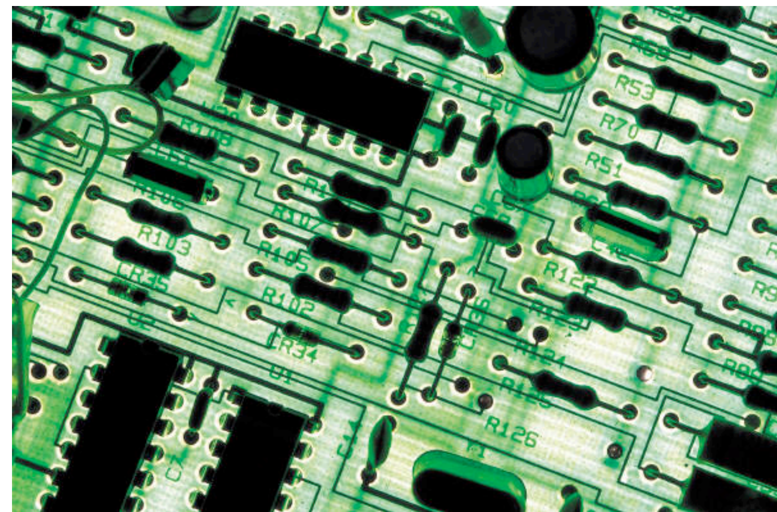
- How can we make a String that has quotes?
  - `String foo = “oh so cool”;`
  - `String bar = “oh so \”cool\”, more so”;`
- Escape character: backslash
  - general principle

Recap: Random Numbers

- **`Random`** class in **`java.util`** package
  - **`public Random()`**
    - Constructor
  - **`public float nextFloat()`**
    - Returns random number between 0.0 (inclusive) and 1.0 (exclusive)
  - **`public int nextInt()`**
    - Returns random integer ranging over all possible int values
  - **`public int nextInt( int num )`**
    - Returns random integer in range 0 to (num-1)

Recap: Abstraction

- Abstraction: process whereby we
  - hide non-essential details
  - provide a view that is relevant
- Often want different layers of abstraction depending on what is relevant



Recap: Encapsulation and Info Hiding

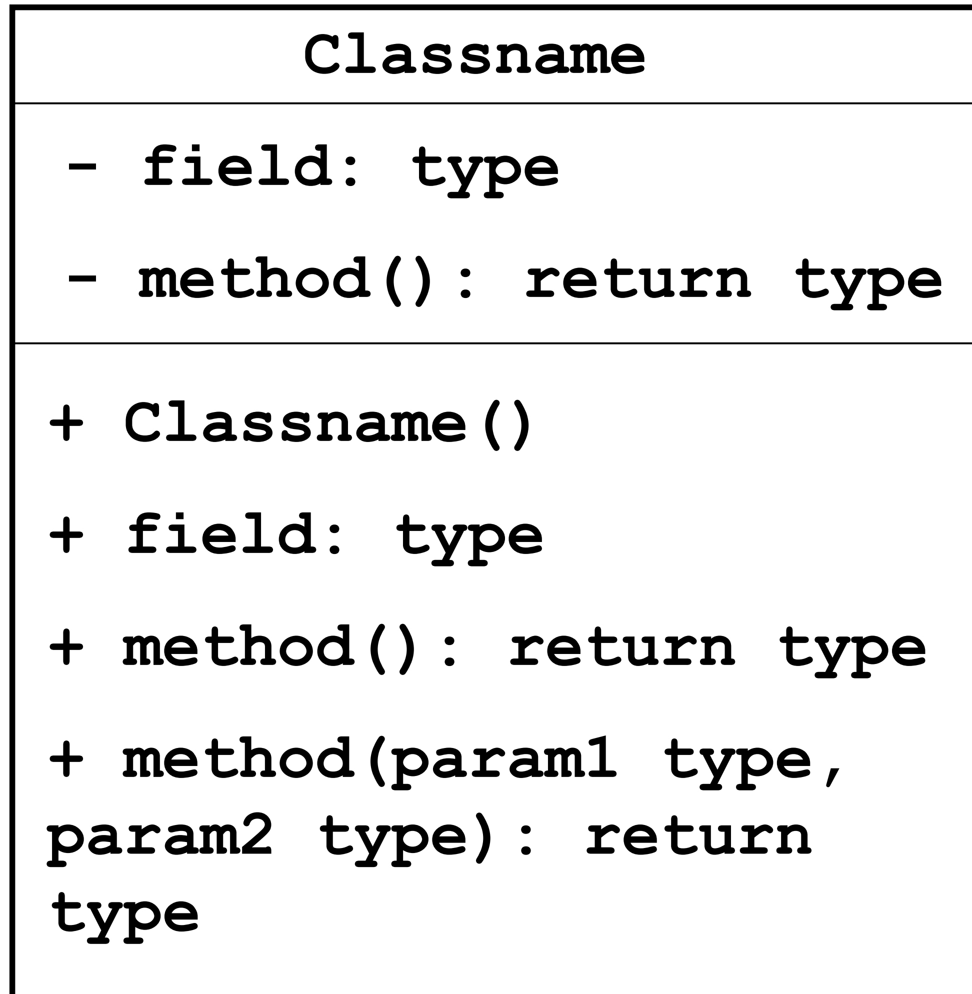
- Encapsulation: process whereby
  - inner workings made inaccessible to protect them and maintain their integrity
  - operations can be performed by user only through well-defined interface.
  - aka information hiding
- Hide fields from client programmer
  - maintain their integrity
  - allow us flexibility to change them without affecting code written by client programmer
    - Parnas' Law:
      - "Only what is hidden can by changed without risk."

Recap: Designing Classes

- Blueprint for constructing objects
  - build one blueprint
  - manufacture many instances from it
- Consider two viewpoints
  - client programmer: want to use object in program
    - what public methods do you need
  - designer: creator of class
    - what private fields do you need to store data
    - what other private methods do you need

Recap: UML

- UML diagram representing class design



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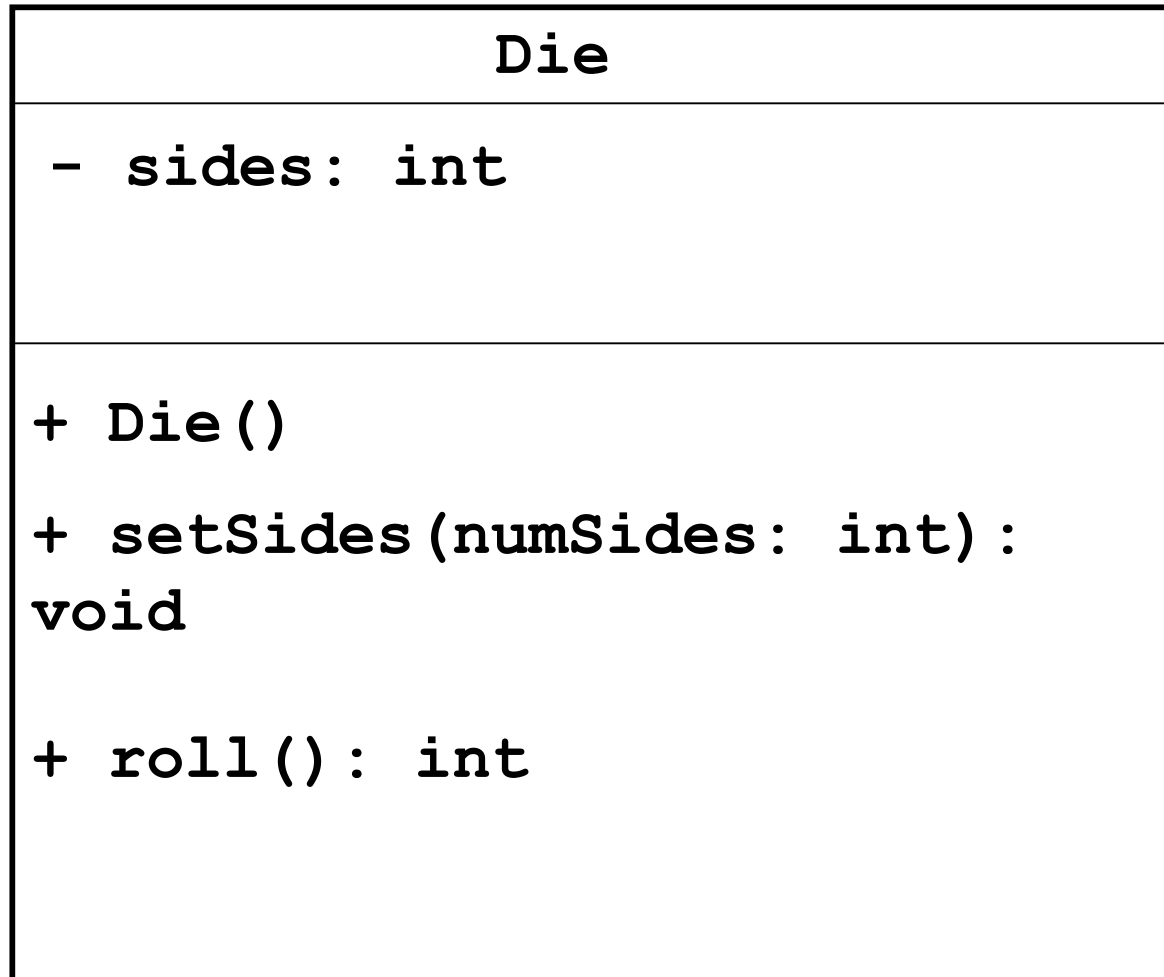
public

Recap: UML

- UML diagram for **`Die`** class we designed



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Objectives

- understand how to design new classes using abstraction and encapsulation
- understand how to implement new classes in Java

Implementing Die

- Last time
  - designed UML diagram
  - first draft of implementation
    - it compiled, but untested!
- This time
  - refine implementation
  - test and debug implementation

Using `Die`

- Change hats from **`Die`** designer to **`Die`** user
- Roll two dice
  - print each value, and sum
- Design and implement **`RollDice`** driver: class with main method

Implementing RollDice

```
public class RollDice
{
   public static void main ( String [] args)
   {



}
```

Separation and Modularity

- Design possibilities
  - **`Die`** and **`RollDie`** as separate classes
  - one single class that does it all
- Separation allows code re-use through modularity
  - another software design principle
- One module for modeling a die: **`Die`** class
- Other modules can use die or dice
  - we wrote one, the **`RollDice`** class
- Modularization also occurs at file level
  - modules stored in different files
  - also makes re-use easier

Control Flow Between Modules

- So far, easy to understand control flow: order in which statements are executed
  - march down line by line through file
- Now consider control flow between modules

Client code

```
int rollResult;

myDie.setSides();

rollResult = myDie.roll();
```

Die class methods

```
public int roll()
{
    …
}

public void setSides()
{
    …
}
```

Designing `Point`: UML

- class to represent points in 2D space

Implementing `Point`

```
public class Point {

}
```

Formal vs. Actual Parameters

- formal parameter: in declaration of class
- actual parameter: passed in when method is called
  - variable names may or may not match
- if parameter is primitive type
  - call by value: value of actual parameter copied into formal parameter when method is called
  - changes made to formal parameter inside method body will not be reflected in actual parameter value outside of method
- if parameter is object: covered later

Scope

- Fields of class are have class scope: accessible to any class member
  - in `Die` and `Point` class implementation, fields accessed by all class methods
- Parameters of method and any variables declared within body of method have local scope: accessible only to that method
  - not to any other part of your code
- In general, scope of a variable is block of code within which it is declared
  - block of code is defined by braces { }

Key Topic Summary

Borrowed phrasing from Steve Wolfman

- Generalizing from something concrete
  - fancy name: abstraction
- Hiding the ugly guts from the outside
  - fancy name: encapsulation
- Not letting one part ruin the other part
  - fancy name: modularity
- Breaking down a problem
  - fancy name: functional decomposition