

Core Classes

Working with class `String`.

Pitfalls when using operator `==`

Using `equals(...)`.

- **Welcome to the JDK!**



# Java Visualizer

(beta: [report a bug](#))

Write your Java code here:

```
1 public class ClassNameHere {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3  
4     }  
5 }
```

[http://prog.mi.hdm-stuttgart.de/java\\_visualize](http://prog.mi.hdm-stuttgart.de/java_visualize)

# Superclass `Object`

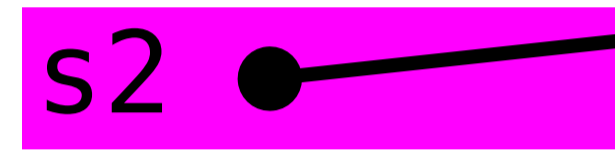
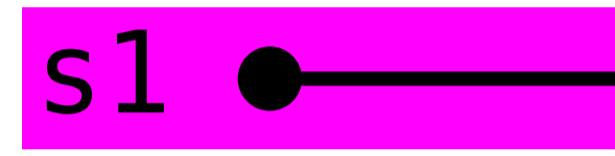
- Superclass of all `Java™` classes.
- Common methods to be redefined by derived classes.

# String literals

```
String s1 = "Kate";
```

```
String s2 = "Kate";
```

Stack



Heap



## Implementation of java.lang.String:

```
public final class String ... {  
    private final char value[];  
    private int hash;  
    private static final long serialVersionUID = -6849794470754667710L;  
    ...  
}
```

# String copy constructor

## Code

```
final String s = "Eve"; ①  
final String sCopy = new String(s); ②  
System.out.println("sCopy == s: " + (sCopy == s)); ③  
System.out.println("sCopy.equals(s): " + sCopy.equals(s)); ④
```

## Output

```
sCopy == s: false ③  
sCopy.equals(s): true ④
```

# Copy constructor and heap

```
String s1 =  
  new String("Kate");
```

```
String s2 =  
  new String("Kate");
```

Stack

s1

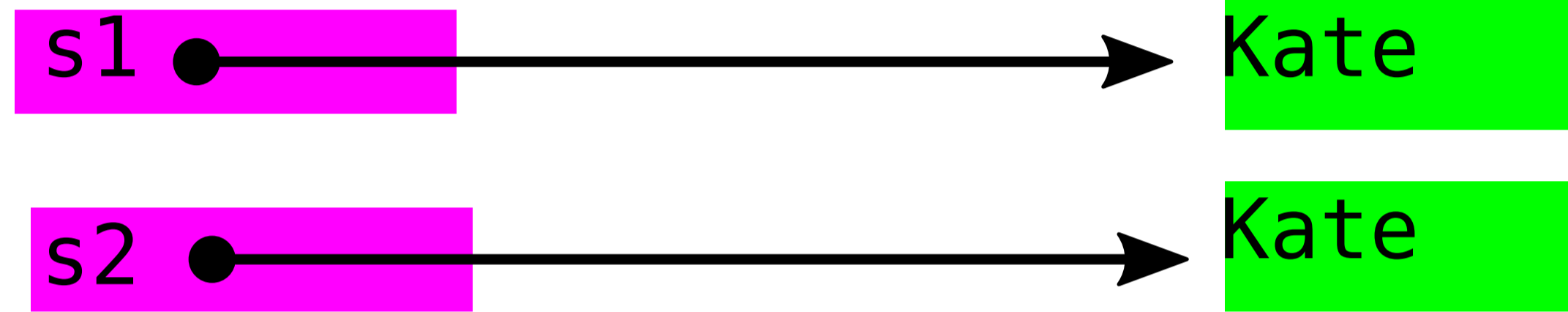
s2

Heap

Kate

Kate

Kate





# Operator == and equals()

## Primitive type

```
// equal values
int a = 12, b = 12;

System.out.println(
    "==: " + (a == b));
// No equals(...) method
// for primitive types
```

==: true

## Object

```
String
s1 = new String("Kate"),
s2 = new String("Kate");

System.out.println(
    " ==: " + (s1 == s2));
System.out.println(
    "equals: " + s1.equals(s2));
```

==: false  
equals: true

## Remarks == vs. equals ( )

- The == operator acting on primitive types compares expression values.
- The == operator acting on objects compares for equality of reference values and thus for object identity.
- The == operator acting on objects does **not** check whether two objects carry semantically equal values.
- The `equals ( )` method defines the equality two objects.

# Operator == and equals () implications

- Each object is equal by value to itself:

`object1 == object2`  $\Rightarrow$  `object1.equals(object2)`

- The converse is not true. Two different objects may be of common value:

## Code

```
String s = "Hello", copy = new String(s);  
System.out.println("equals: " + s.equals(copy));  
System.out.println("    ==: " + (s == copy));
```

## Result

```
equals: true  
    ==: false
```

`equals()` is being defined within respective class!

Implementation at <https://github.com/openjdk/.../String.java> :

```
public final class String ... {  
    public boolean equals(Object anObject) {  
        if (this == anObject) {  
            return true;  
        }  
        return (anObject instanceof String aString)  
            && (!COMPACT_STRINGS || this.coder == aString.coder)  
            && StringLatin1.equals(value, aString.value);  
    }  
}
```

## Core Classes

⇒ Objects, equals() and hash-values

Why using hash values?

hashCode ( ) and equals ( . . . ).

«Good» hashCode ( ) implementations.

# Hashing principle



The image shows a price list for an ice cream parlour. At the top, there are three ice cream cones: a pink one on the left, a triple-scoop one in the middle with a sign that says 'Ice Cream Parlour', and a yellow one on the right. Below this is the title 'Price List' and a table with 9 rows. Each row contains an emoji icon, the name of the item, and its price in pence.

Ice Cream Parlour		
Price List		
	ice cream cone	3p
	ice cream with flake	4p
	banana split	18p
	knickerbocker glory	15p
	tub	12p
	lollipop	2p
	toppings	1p
	soft drink	12p
	hot drink	9p

“I want the 12p one”

Quickly identify by “simple” value

- Where is the blond haired guy?
- I take the pink flower.
- The 334.50\$ cellular phone.

# Hashing in Java and `equals()`

Method `hashCode()`: Instance `0`  $\Rightarrow$  `o.hashCode()`, of type `int`.

- Same value on repeated invocation
- Objects with identical value with respect to `equals()` must have identical hash values:  
 $\text{true} == a.equals(b) \implies a.hashCode() == b.hashCode()$ .
- Conversely: Two instances differing with respect to `equals()` may have identical hash values.

Consequence: `equals()` and `hashCode()` must be **redefined simultaneously!**



# Rectangle equals(...) and hashCode()

```
public class Rectangle {
    int width, height;
    @Override public boolean equals(Object o) {
        if (o instanceof Rectangle r) {
            return width == r.width
                && height == r.height;
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
    @Override public int hashCode() {
        return width + height;
    }
}
```

# Rectangle hash values

```
public class Rectangle {  
    int width, height;  
    ...  
    @Override public int hashCode() {  
        return width + height;  
    }  
}
```

width	height	hash value
<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
5	5	10
2	7	9
4	9	13

# Better hashCode() method

```
public class Rectangle {  
    int width, height;  
    ...  
    @Override public int hashCode() {  
        return width + 13 * height;  
    }  
}
```

width	height	hash value
1	3	40
2	2	28
5	5	70
2	7	93
4	9	121

## Followup exercises

134. Choosing a “good” hashCode ( ) method
135. `String` and good hashCode() implementations.

## Core Classes

→ Using class `Math`

Math.sin(double x)

Code	Result	Math notation
<pre>final double x = 90; final double y = Math.sin(x); System.out.println(y + " == sin(" + x + ")");</pre>	<pre>0.8939966636005579 == sin(90.0)</pre>	$y = \sin x$

- 136. Common pitfall using trigonometric functions
- 137. Using constants from `java.lang.Math`.
- 138. Strings on CodingBat
- 139. Masking strings
- 140. Analyzing strings
- 141. Pitfalls using “==”: Equality of `String` instances
- 142. Weird, weirder, weirdest!
- 143. Analyzing file pathnames