CSSE 220

Objects

Check out SuperSimpleObjects and TeamGradebook from SVN

Plan for today

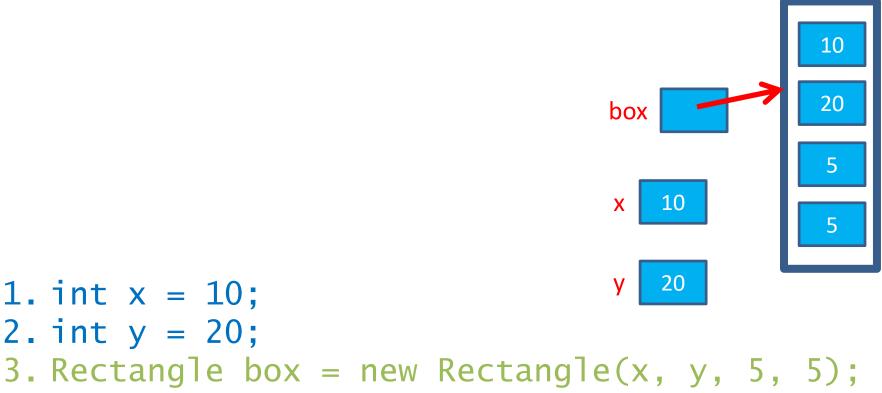
- Introduce how to write your own classes
- Talk about object references and box and pointer diagrams
- Get started on TeamGradebook, your new assignment

Differences between primitive types and object types in Java

OBJECT REFERENCES

What Do Variables Really Store?

- Variables of primitive type store values
- Variables of class type store *references*



Assignment Copies Values

- Actual value for number types
- Reference value for object types
 - The actual object is not copied
 - The reference value ("the pointer") is copied
- Consider:
 - 1. int x = 10; 2. int y = x; 3. y = 20;
- x 10



4. Rectangle box = new Rectangle(5, 6, 7, 8);
5. Rectangle box2 = box;

box

box2

8

6. box2.translate(4, 4);

Boxes and lines exercise



Separating implementation details from how an object is used

ENCAPSULATION

Encapsulation in Object-Oriented Software

- Encapsulation—separating implementation details from how an object is used
 - Client code sees a *black box* with a known *interface*

	Functions	Objects
Black box exposes	Function signature	Constructor and method signatures
Encapsulated inside the box	Operation implementation	<u>Data</u> storage and operation implementation

Start on TeamGradebook

- Try to finish the code for both add-student and get-names today
- If you are confused about what to do, get help!