CS 1110 Final Exam: Review Session 1

Drawing frames for calls, executing method calls

Biggest issue!!! You can't do questions on this topic correctly unless you draw variables, draw objects when they are created, and draw frames for method calls.

Learning to do this will help you to do the same thing when trying to find errors in your programs.

Understanding execution of

- local variable declaration (in a method body)
- new expression (3 steps)
- method call (method frames, call stack)
- · examples from previous exams
 - code execution (Q4 from 2008 fall final, modified)
 - method call (Q3 from 2007 fall final)

Important!

- All previous finals included some questions about code execution
- You need to know how to draw variables, objects, method frames
- The purpose of such questions on executing statements with new expressions and method calls is to test your understanding of how java programs are executed

code segment (in a method body)

int a=3;

C = new C(a);

C y= new C(a);

x=y;

The first thing to do?

draw all local variables

code segment (in a method body)

private int f;
public C(int k) { f = k; }

}

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int a=3;

public class C {

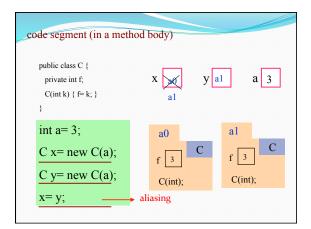
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Evaluation of new expression

- 3 steps in evaluating the new expression **new** C(args)
 - create a new folder (object) of class C with a unique name (place it in the class file drawer)
 - Execute the *constructor call* C(args)
 - yield the name of the object as the value of the new expression



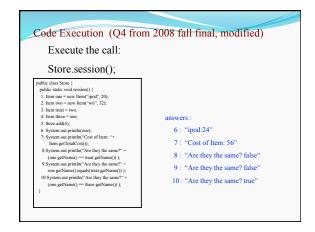
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variables declared in a loop

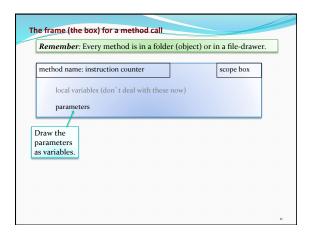
When is local variable b inside the loop created?

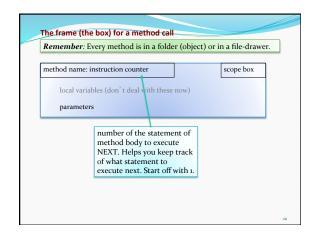
for (int i= 0; i < size; i= i+1) {
    int[] b = ...;
    ...
}

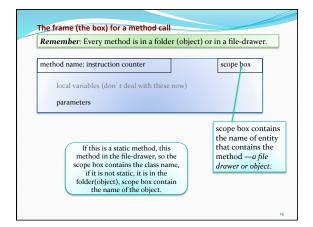
During the first step of executing a method call, when the frame for the call is drawn.

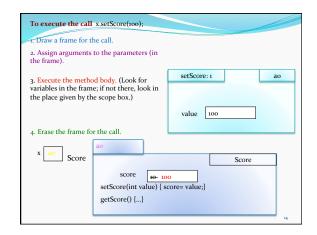
Not after the loop starts.
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Scope of local variable: the sequence of statements following it within the containing "block".

/** = the max of x and y */
public static int max(int x, int y) {
    // Swap x and y to put the max in x
    if (x < y) {
        int temp:
        temp= x;
        x = y;
        y = temp;
    }

    You can't use temp down here
    This is an error.
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/** s contains a name in the form exemplified by "David Gries".

Return the corresponding String "Gries, David".

There may be 1 or more blanks between the names. */

public static String switchFormat(String s) {

// Store the first name in variable f and remove f from s

declaration int k; // Index of the first blank int s

assignment k = s.indexOf(");

String f; // The first name in s.

f = s.substring(o, k);

s = s.substring(k);

// Remove the blanks from s

s = s.trim();

return s + ", " + f;

}

scope of f
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Call Stack

Call Stack is the stack of frames for uncompleted method calls, a frame for a method call lasts as long as the method call lis being executed. When the call is finished, the frame is erased.

This fact explains why local variables do not retain their values from one call of a method to the next call of the same method:
All the information about the first call is in a frame, and the frame is erased when the call is completed.
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| Question 3 (12 points) Executing method calls. Suppose Vector vol Integers contains 3 elements, as shown to the right. The 3 can volve of integers contains 3 elements, as shown to the right. The 3 can volve s. 7, and 3. Can vol
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