

# Classes

## Lecture 21

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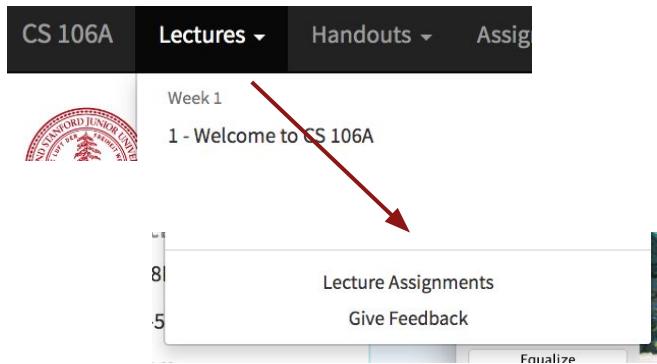


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Learn how to define our **own variable types!**

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# Review: Data Structures

Arrays

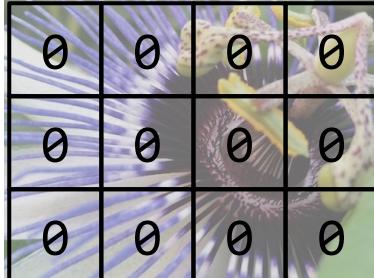
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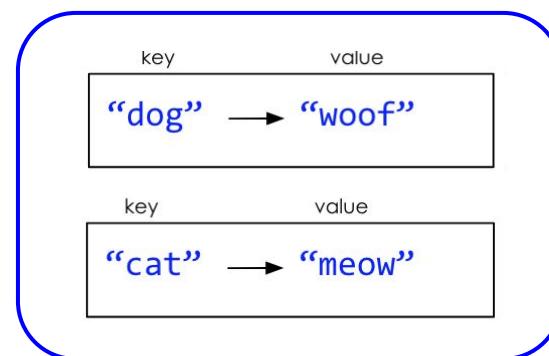
				
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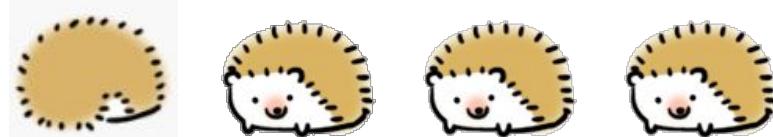


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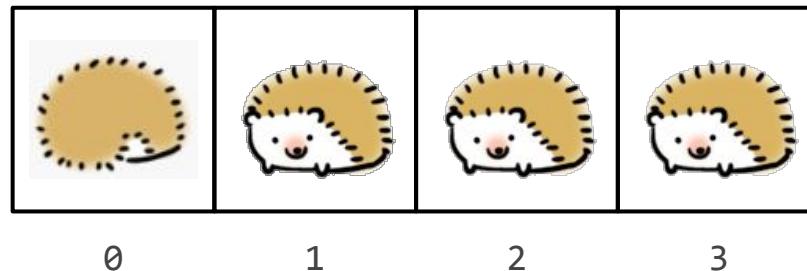
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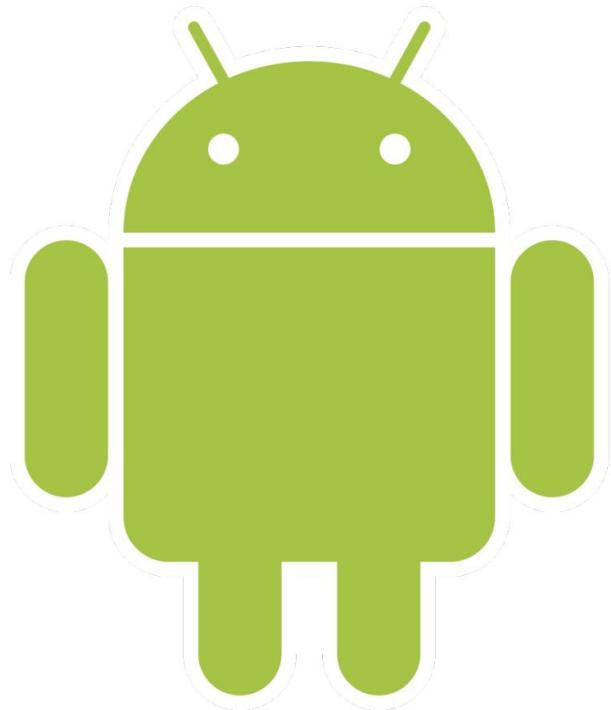
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# Defining New Variable Types



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Database

Email  
Sender

Login  
Manager

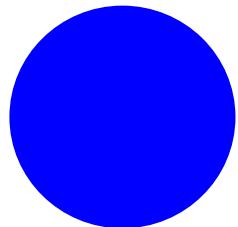
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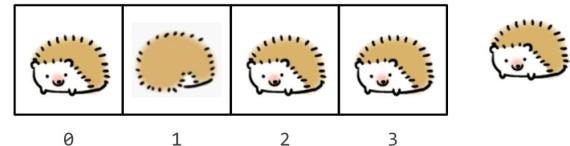
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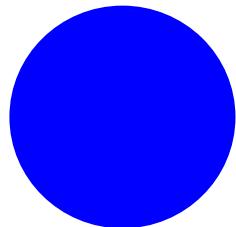


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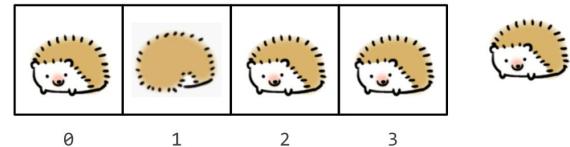
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How can we make our  
own variable types?





A class defines a  
new variable type.

# Why Is This Useful?

- A student registration system needs to store info about students, but Java has no `Student` variable type.
- A music synthesizer app might want to store information about different types of instruments, but Java has no `Instrument` variable type.
- An email program might have many emails that need to be stored, but Java has no `Email` type.

# Why Is This Useful?

- However, Java does provide a feature for us to add new data types to the language: **classes**.
  - Writing a class defines a new variable type
- This lets you decompose your program across multiple files.

# Why Is This Useful?

```
// We already have these variable types
GRect square = new GRect(100, 100);
String msg = "It's almost August?!";
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();

// Using classes, we can now make these variable types!
Student s = new Student();
Email email = new Email();
Hedgehog walnoot = new Hedgehog("Walnoot");
```

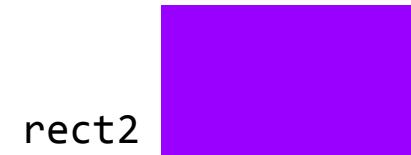
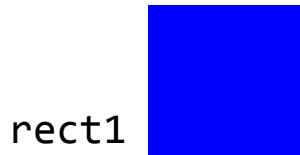
# Classes and Objects

- Every object is an ***instance*** of a **class**.
- Each new variable is a new instance.
- The class determines:
  - What **state** each instance has.
  - What **behaviors** each instance has.
- Each instance determines:
  - The specific values for that state information.

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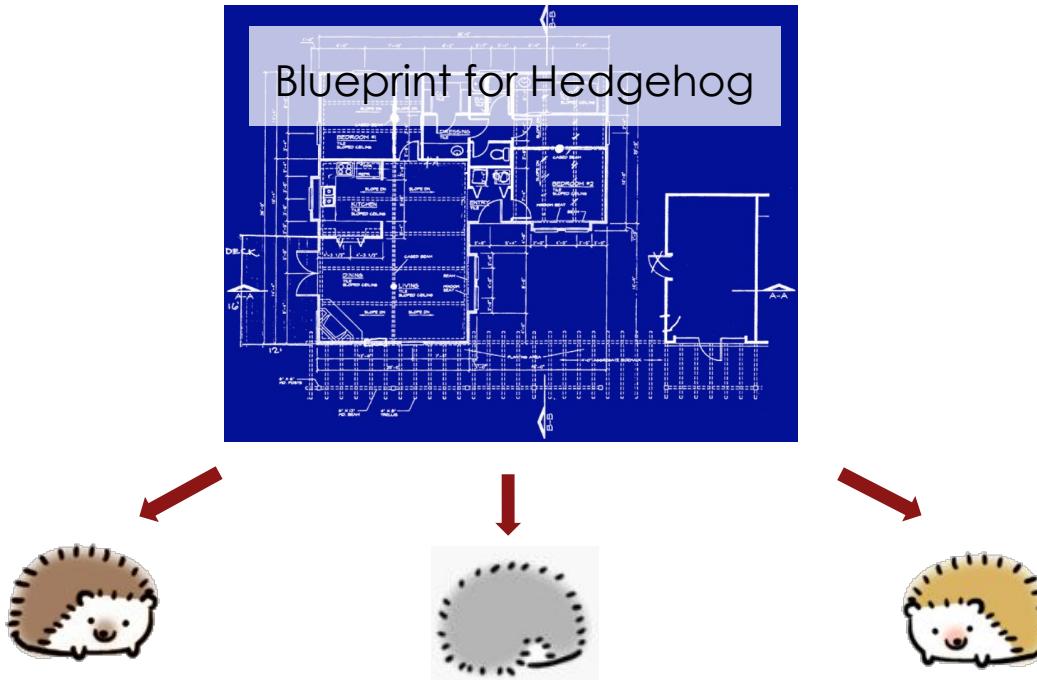
One instance of the  
**GRect** class

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# Classes Are Like Blueprints

**class**: A template for a new type of variable.

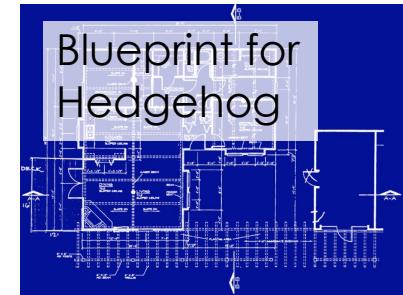


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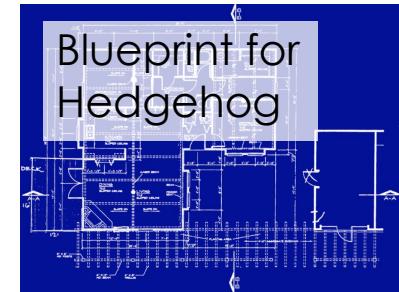


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## Hedgehog #1 (variable)

**State:** **name = "Walnoot"**  
**color = Brown**  
**cuteness = 10 (Very cute)**

**Behavior:** Can eat  
Can run  
Can curl up



## Hedgehog #2 (variable)

**State:** **name = "Nutmeg"**  
**color = Snowflake**  
**cuteness = 15 (VERY cute)**

**Behavior:** Can eat  
Can run  
Can curl up



## Hedgehog #3 (variable)

**State:** **name = "Ruffles"**  
**color = Beige**  
**cuteness = 50 (speechless)**

**Behavior:** Can eat  
Can run  
Can curl up



# Classes Are Like Blueprints



To design a new variable type, you must specify 3 things:

1. What subvariables make up this new variable type? (think: state)
2. How do you create a new variable of this type?
3. What methods can you call on a variable of this type? (think: behaviors)

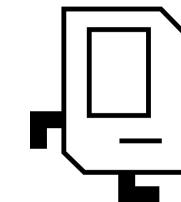
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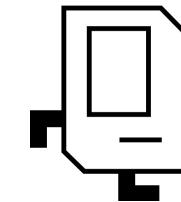
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**Classname** is a kind of  
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```

```
}
```

# Creating a New Class

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If you don't extend anything, you're implicitly extending `Object`

# Creating a New Class

BankAccount.java

These should match

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# Example: BankAccount

BankAccount.java

```
public class BankAccount {  
    // Step 1: the data inside a BankAccount  
    private String name;  
    private double balance;  
}
```

Each BankAccount object has its **own copy** of all instance variables



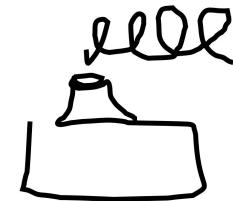
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  - Constructor

# Constructors

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GRect rect = new GRect();
```

```
GRect square = new GRect(50, 50);
```



This is calling a special method!  
The GRect **constructor**.

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The constructor is executed when a  
new object is created.

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    // Step 2: how to create a new BankAccount  
    public BankAccount(String accountName, double startBalance) {  
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        this.name = accountName;  
        this.balance = 0;  
    }  
}
```

# Constructors

- Initializes the state of new objects as they are created

```
public Classname(parameters) {  
    statements;  
}
```

- The constructor runs when client calls `new Classname(...)`
- No return type** specified: returns the new object being created
- If a class has no constructor, Java gives it a default constructor with no parameters; sets all fields to default values like 0 or `null`

# Using Constructors

```
BankAccount dukeAccount = new BankAccount("Duke", 50);
```

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```
name = "Duke"  
balance = 50  
  
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When you call a constructor (with `new`):

1. Java creates a new “instance” of that class
2. The constructor initializes the object’s state (instance variables)
3. The newly created object is returned to your program

# Creating a New Class

1. **What information is inside this variable type? (state)**
  - These are its private instance variables
2. **How do you create a new variable of this type?**
  - Constructor
3. **What can this new variable type do? (behaviors)**
  - These are its public methods

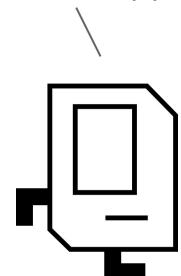
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```
public class BankAccount {  
    // Step 1: the data inside a BankAccount  
    private String name;  
    private double balance;  
  
    // Step 2: how to create a new BankAccount (ommitted)  
  
    // Step 3: the things a BankAccount can do  
    public void deposit(double amount) {  
        this.balance += amount;  
    }  
    public boolean withdraw(double amount) {  
        if (this.balance >= amount) {  
            this.balance -= amount;  
            return true;  
        }  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

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balance = 72  
  
deposit(amount) {  
    this.balance += amount;  
}
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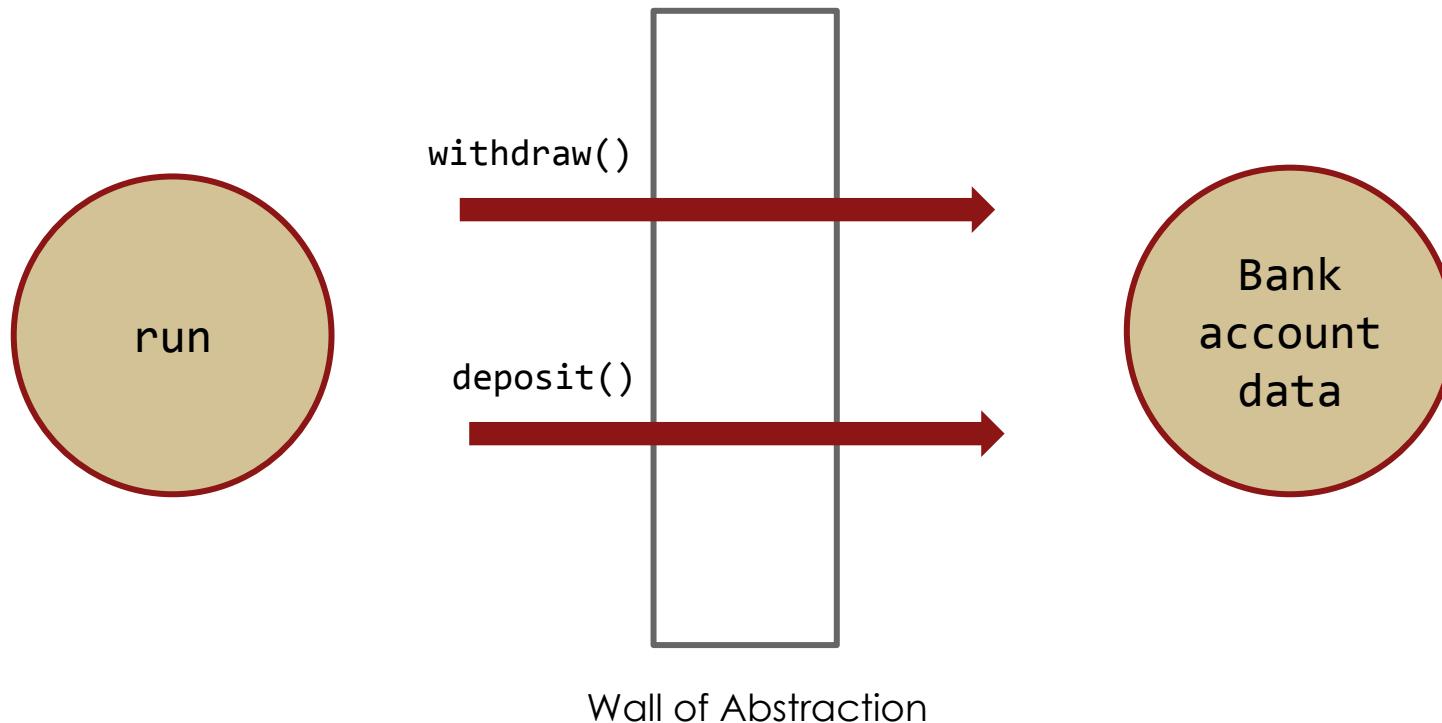
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# Wall of Abstraction



# Adding Privacy

```
private double balance;
```

- **encapsulation:** Hiding implementation details of an object from its clients.
  - Encapsulation provides *abstraction*. Separates external view (behavior) from internal view (state).
  - Encapsulation protects the integrity of an object's data.
- A class's instance variables should always be *private*.
  - No code outside the class can directly access/change it.

# Adding Privacy

```
// BankAccountProgram.java
BankAccount dukeAccount = new BankAccount("Duke", 50);
dukeAccount.deposit(22);
println("Duke has $" + dukeAccount.balance); // doesn't work
```



Only accessible inside  
BankAccount.java

# Getters & Setters

```
// BankAccountProgram.java
BankAccount dukeAccount = new BankAccount("Duke", 50);
dukeAccount.deposit(22);
println("Duke has $" + dukeAccount.getBalance()); // but this does!
```

# Getters & Setters

- To allow the client to reference private instance variables, we define public methods in the class that
  - **set** an instance variable's value ("getters"), and
  - **get** (return) an instance variable's value ("setters")
- Getters and setters prevent instance variables from being tampered with.

# Example: BankAccount

```
public class BankAccount {  
    private String name;  
    private double balance;  
  
    ...  
    // “setter”  
    public void setName(String newName) {  
        if (newName.length() > 0) {  
            this.name = newName;  
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    }  
    // “getters”  
    public String getName() {  
        return this.name;  
    }  
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    }  
}
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# Getters & Setters

```
// BankAccountProgram.java
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dukeAccount.setName("Duke J.");
String name = dukeAccount.getName();
double balance = dukeAccount.getBalance();

println(name + " has $" + balance); // "Duke J. has $50"
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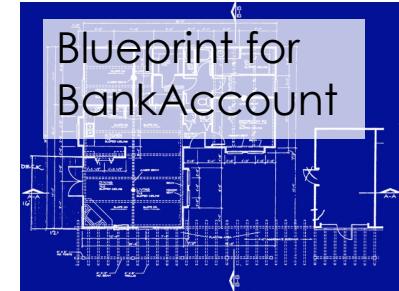
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println(ba); // prints "Duke has $50"
```

# Classes Are Like Blueprints

## BankAccount Class (blueprint)

**State:** Has name  
Has balance

**Behavior:** Can deposit  
Can withdraw



## BankAccount #1 (variable)

**State:** `name = "Duke"`  
`balance = 50`

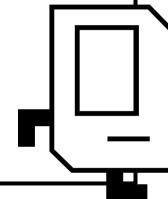
**Behavior:** Can deposit  
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## BankAccount #1 (variable)

**State:** `name = "Karel"`  
`balance = 1.99`

**Behavior:** Can deposit  
Can withdraw



# Making a Class ~ 3 Ingredients

1. Define the **variables** each instance stores (state)
2. Define the **constructor** used to make a new instance
3. Define the **methods** you can call on an instance (behaviors)

\* all class methods and constructors have access to a **this** reference

# Example: BankAccount



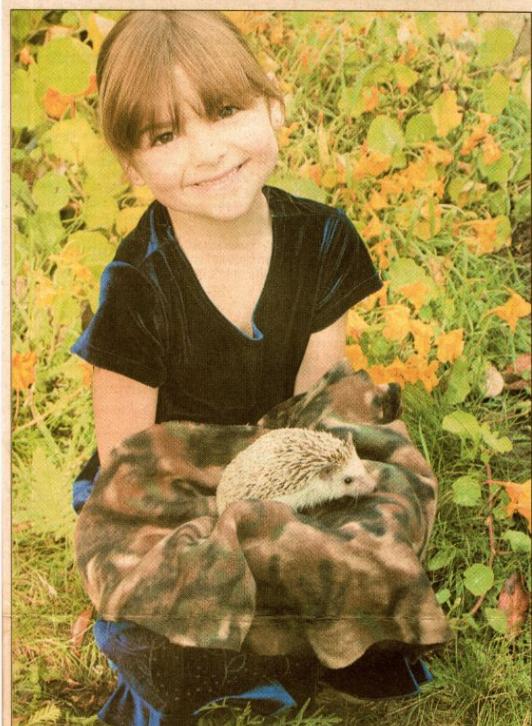
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# Hedgehog Show

True story: in a town in Washington, there is an annual Hedgehog Show! (ask Sarai)

# Hedgehog Show



Bronles Hawkins / staff photos  
Rachel Griffin, 6, holds one of the Pointer sisters, a pair of three-year-old African Hedgehogs owner Carroll Meek adopted. An avid needlepointer, Meek named the sisters PetitPointe and GrossePointe.

## It's a hedgehog day

A Hedgehog Gathering III will open at 10 a.m. today, Saturday, Oct. 8, and run until 5 p.m. at the Depot Arts Center and Gallery, 611 R Avenue in Anacortes. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children. Highlights of the show will be an discussion of hedgehog judging standards, as well as an auction and shopping for hedgehog merchandise. A portion of the show proceeds will benefit the Anacortes Community Theater, Depot Arts Center and Gallery, and Hedgehogs Northwest. Visit the Hedgehogs Northwest Web site at [www.hhnw.hedgehogcentral.com](http://www.hhnw.hedgehogcentral.com).

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# A class ...



A class defines a new variable type.

# Making a Class ~ 3 Ingredients

1. Define the **variables** each instance stores (state)
2. Define the **constructor** used to make a new instance
3. Define the **methods** you can call on an instance (behaviors)

\* all class methods and constructors have access to a **this** reference

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