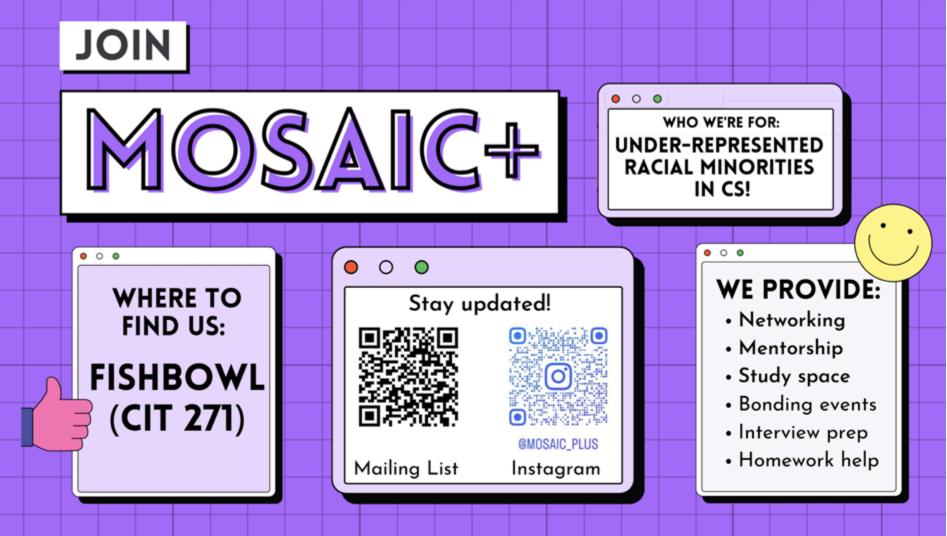
# Lecture 2

#### Calling and Defining Methods in Java









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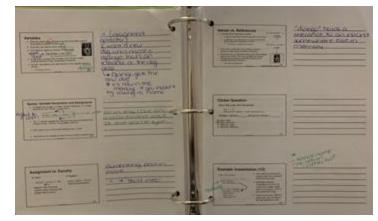
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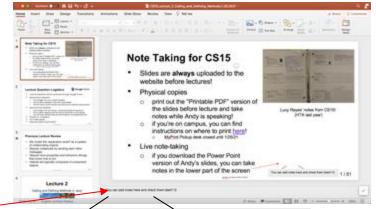
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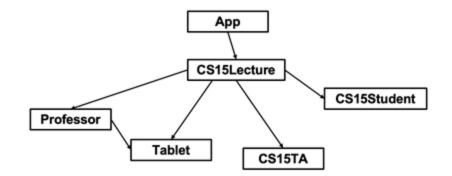
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#### What's a Program? (1/4)

- Model of complex system
  - model: simplified
     representation of important
     features of something, either
     tangible or abstract
  - system: collection of collaborating components



#### What's a Program? (2/4)

- Sequences of instructions expressed in a specific programming language
  - **syntax**: grammatical rules for writing instructions
  - semantics: meaning/interpretation of instruction

#### What's a Program? (3/4)

- Instructions written (programmed/coded) by programmer (or GAI)
  - o coded in a specific programming language
  - programming languages allow you to express yourself precisely unlike natural (human) language that thrives on "shading", nuance, ambiguity, implicit context...
  - o algorithms are 100% literal, cannot have ambiguities
- Real world examples
  - Banner, email, video games, smartphone and its apps; embedded computers in appliances and vehicles, ATMs...A Tesla is a display-driven computer on wheels
- Executed by computer by carrying out individual instructions

#### What's a Program? (4/4)

- We write in Java, a "high-level" language
- Our program is compiled by the Java compiler into "low-level" instruction the computer can actually understand
- The computer then executes this compiled code and responds

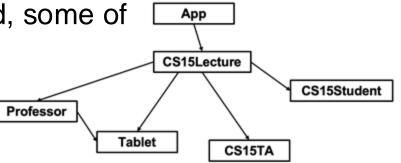


#### **Object Oriented Programming**

- Models the "application world" as system of collaborating objects
- In OOP, objects are "smart" in their specialty
   have properties and behaviors (things they know how to do)
- Objects collaborate by sending each other messages
- Objects typically composed of other component objects

#### **OOP** as Modeling

- Write programs by modeling the problem as system of *collaborating components* 
  - you determine what the building blocks are
  - put them together so they cooperate properly
  - like building with smart Legos, some of which are pre-defined, some of [ which you design!
  - class diagrams, like the one shown here, are a great way to help model your program!



#### Java Programs



- CS15 uses Java
  - Java was developed by Sun Microsystems (absorbed by Oracle)
    - the Sunlab was named for the desktop computers that it held for over a decade
  - it is meant to run on many "platforms" without change, from desktop to cell phones
  - platform independence
  - but Java isn't sufficient by itself: many layers of software in a modern computer

#### Outline

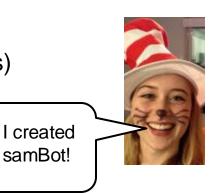
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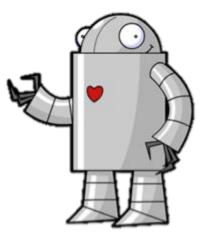


#### Meet samBot (kudos to for

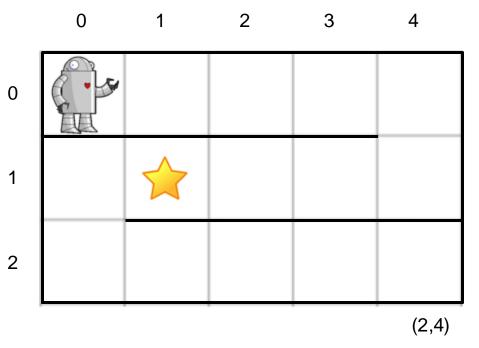
- (kudos to former HTA Sam Squires)
- samBot is a robot who lives in a 2D grid world
- She knows how to do two things:
  - $_{\circ}$   $\,$  move forward any number of steps
  - $\circ$  turn right 90°
- We will learn how to communicate with samBot using Java

Blue text = Java code!





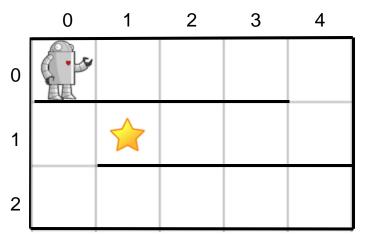
#### samBot's World



- This is samBot's world
- **samBot** starts in the square at (0,0)
- She wants to get to the square at (1,1)
- Thick black lines are walls samBot can't pass through

### **Giving Instructions (1/3)**

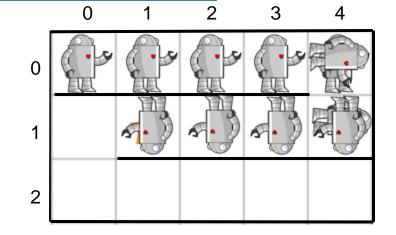
- Goal: move samBot from starting position to destination by giving her a list of instructions
- samBot only knows how to "move forward *n* steps" and "turn right"
- What instructions should be given?



## **Giving Instructions (2/3)**

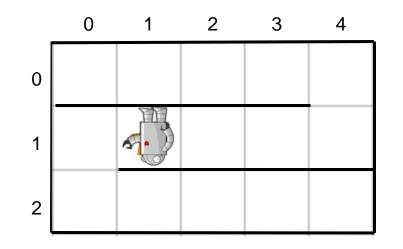
Note: samBot moves in the direction her outstretched arm is pointing. Yes, she can move sideways and upside down in this 2D world!

- "Move forward 4 steps"
- "Turn right"
- "Move forward 1 step"
- "Turn right"
- "Move forward 3 steps"



### **Giving Instructions (3/3)**

- Instructions must be given in a language samBot knows
- That's where Java comes in!
- In Java, give instructions to an object by giving it commands
  - we use "sending a message" and "giving a command" as synonyms!

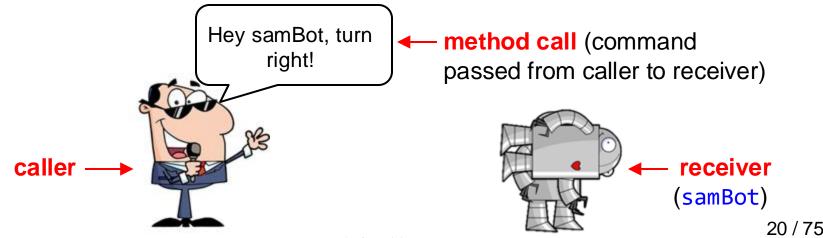


#### "Calling Methods": Giving Commands in Java (1/2)

- samBot can only handle commands she knows how to respond to
   Red text = important vocabulary!
- These responses are called methods!
  - "method" is short for "method for responding to a command." Therefore, whenever samBot gets a command, she must respond by utilizing a predefined method
- Objects cooperate by giving each other commands
  - **caller** is the object giving the command
  - **receiver** is the object receiving the command

#### "Calling Methods": Giving Commands in Java (2/2)

- samBot already has one method for "move forward n steps" and another method for "turn right"
- When we send a command to samBot to "move forward" or "turn right" in Java, we are calling a method on samBot



#### **Turning samBot right**

Method names don't have spaces! In CS15, we use a capitalization style called camelCase

- samBot's "turn right" method is called turnRight
- To call methods on samBot in Java, you need to address her by name!
- To call turnRight method on samBot:

```
samBot.turnRight();
You can substitute any
method inside < >!
```

Every command to samBot takes the form:

samBot.<method name(...)>; +-- ; ends Java statement

• What are those parentheses at the end of the method for?

#### Moving samBot forward

- Remember: when telling samBot to move forward, you need to tell her how many steps to move
- **samBot**'s "move forward" method is named **moveForward**
- To call this method in Java:

samBot.moveForward(<number of steps>);

• This means that if we want her to move forward 2 steps, we say:

samBot.moveForward(2);

#### **Calling Methods: Important Points**

- Method calls in Java have parentheses after method's name
- In definition (body) of method, extra pieces of information to be taken in by the method are called parameters; in the call to the method, the actual values taken in are called arguments
  - e.g., in defining f(x), x is the parameter; in calling f(2), 2 is the argument
  - more on parameters and arguments next lecture!
- If method needs any information, include it between parentheses (e.g., samBot.moveForward(2);)
- If no extra information is needed, leave parentheses empty (e.g., samBot.turnRight();)

#### **Guiding samBot in Java**

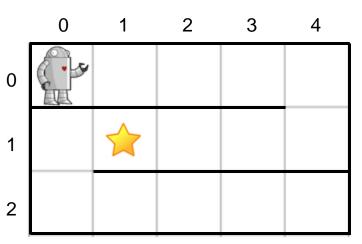
- Tell samBot to move forward 4 steps
- Tell samBot to turn right
- Tell samBot to move forward 1 step
- Tell samBot to turn right
- Tell samBot to move forward 3 steps

- $\rightarrow$  samBot.moveForward(4);
- → samBot.turnRight();
- $\rightarrow$  samBot.moveForward(1);
- → samBot.turnRight();

$$\rightarrow$$
 samBot.moveForward(3);

"pseudocode"

An informal notation of English, math, and Java-like commands



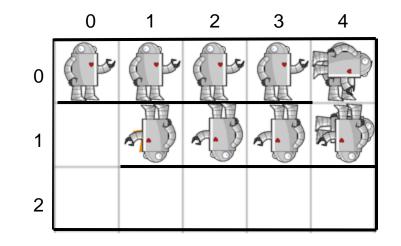
Java code

#### Hand Simulation

- Simulating lines of code by hand checks that each line produces correct action
- In hand simulation, you play the role of the computer
  - lines of code are "instructions" for the computer
  - try to follow "instructions" and see if you get desired result
  - if result is incorrect, one or more instructions or the order of instructions may be incorrect

#### Hand Simulation of This Code

samBot.moveForward(4); samBot.turnRight(); samBot.moveForward(1); samBot.turnRight(); samBot.moveForward(3);



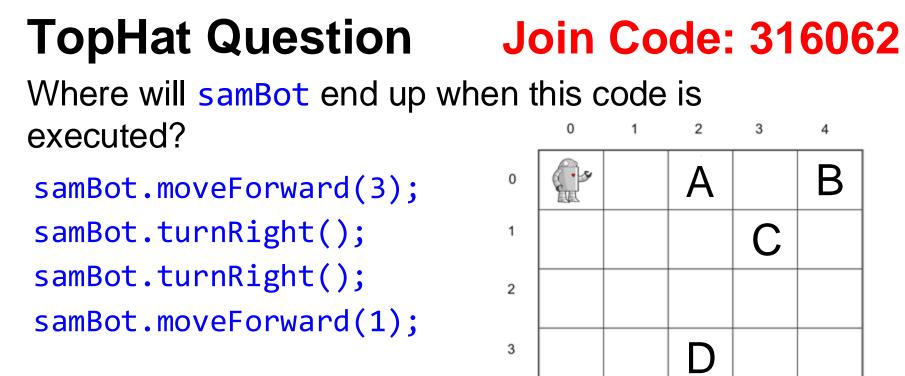
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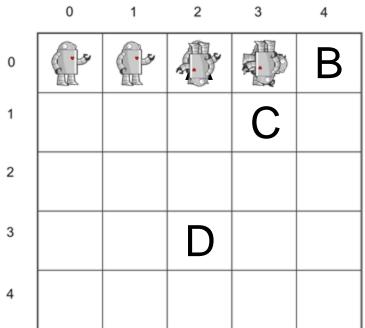
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## Hand Simulation

# Where will samBot end up when this code is executed? $1^{\circ}$

samBot.moveForward(3); samBot.turnRight(); samBot.turnRight(); samBot.moveForward(1);

Choose one of the positions or E: None of the above



#### Putting Code Fragments in a Real Program (1/2)

- Let's demonstrate this code for real
- First, put it inside real Java program
- Grayed-out code specifies context in which an arbitrary robot named myRobot, a parameter of the moveRobot method, executes instructions
  - part of stencil code written for you by the TAs, which also includes any robot's capability to respond to moveForward and turnRightmore on this later

public class RobotMover {

/\* additional stencil code elided\*/

public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {

myRobot.moveForward(4); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(1); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(3);

#### Putting Code Fragments in a Real Program (2/2)

We're about to explain this part of the code!

- Before, we've talked about objects that handle messages with "methods"
- Introducing a new concept...
   classes!

public class RobotMover {

/\* additional code elided \*/

public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
 myRobot.moveForward(4);
 myRobot.turnRight();
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#### What is a class?

- A class is a blueprint for a corresponding type of object
- An object's class defines its properties and capabilities (methods)
  - o more on this in a few slides!
- Let's embed the moveRobot code fragment (method) that moves samBot (or any other Robot) in a new class called RobotMover
- Need to tell Java compiler about RobotMover before we can use it

#### public class RobotMover {

/\* additional code elided \*/

public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
 myRobot.moveForward(4);
 myRobot.turnRight();
 myRobot.moveForward(1);
 myRobot.turnRight();
 myRobot.moveForward(3);

}

# **Declaring** and Defining a Class (1/3)

- Like a dictionary entry, first declare term, then provide definition
- First line declares RobotMover class
- Breaking it down:
  - public indicates any other object can use instances of this class
  - class indicates to Java compiler that we are about to define a new class

```
public class RobotMover {
```

declaration of the Robot Mover class

```
/* additional code elided */
```

```
public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
    myRobot.moveForward(4);
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}
```

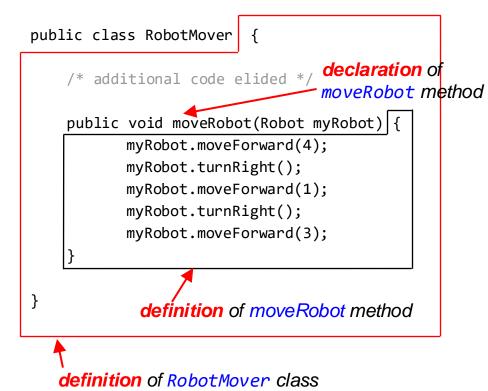
 RobotMover is name chosen for our class

**Note**: public and class are Java "reserved words" aka "keywords" and have pre-defined meanings in Java; use Java keywords a lot

# Declaring and Defining a Class (2/3)

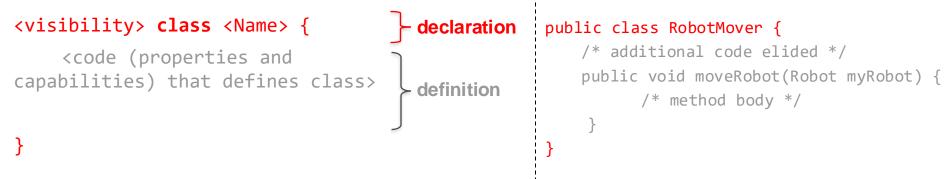
- Class definition (aka "body") defines properties and capabilities of class
  - contained within curly braces that follow the class declaration
- A class's capabilities ("what it knows how to do") are defined by its methods

   RobotMover thus far only shows one specific method, moveRobot
  - each method has a declaration followed by its definition (also enclosed in {...} braces)
- A class's properties are defined by its instance variables – more next week



# Declaring and Defining a Class (3/3)

• General form for a class:



- To make code more compact, typically put opening brace on same line as declaration - Java compiler doesn't care
- Each class goes in its own file, where **name of file** <u>must match</u> name of class
  - **RobotMover** class is contained in file "RobotMover.java"

# The Robot class (defined by the TAs)

**Note**: Normally, support code is a "black box" that you can't examine

#### public class Robot {

```
in-line comment
public void turnRight() {
    // code that turns robot right
}
```

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
 // code that moves robot forward
}

/\* other code elided-- if you're curious, check out Robot.java in the stencil code!\*/

- public class Robot declares a class called Robot
- Information about the properties and capabilities of Robots (the class definition) goes within the red curly braces



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## Methods of the TA's Robot class

```
public class Robot {
```

```
public void turnRight() {
    // code that turns robot right
}
```

```
public void moveForward(int_numberOfSteps) {
```

// code that moves rabot forward

```
/* other code elided-- if you're curious, check
out Robot.java in the stencil code!*/
```

Note that when we call moveForward, we have to pass an argument of type int or the Java compiler will throw an error

public void turnRight() and public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) each declare a method

#### • more on void later!

- moveForward needs to know how many steps to move, so the parameter is int numberOfSteps within parentheses
  - int tells compiler this parameter is an "integer" ( "moveForward takes a single parameter called numberOfSteps of type int")

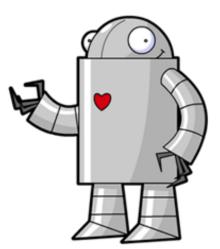
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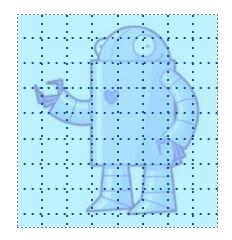


### **Classes and Instances (1/4)**

- samBot is an instance of class Robot
  - this means samBot is a particular Robot that was built using the Robot class as a blueprint (another instance could be chloeBot)
- All Robots (all instances of the class Robot) are restricted to the exact same capabilities: the methods defined in the Robot class. What one Robot instance can do, all instances can do since they are made with the same blueprint!
- All Robots also have **the exact same properties** (i.e., every Robot has a color and a size)
  - they all have these properties (e.g. size), but values of these properties may differ between instances (e.g., a big samBot and small chloeBot)



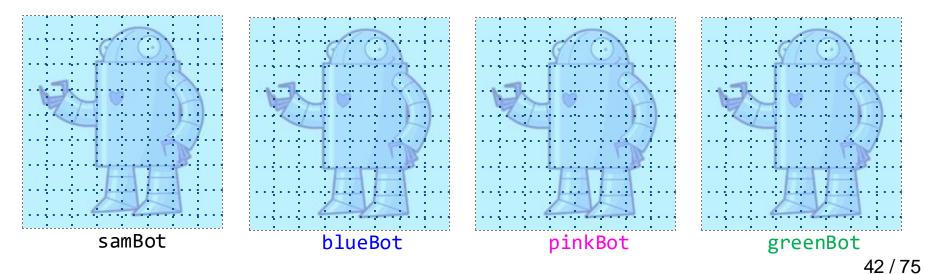
### **Classes and Instances (2/4)**



The Robot class is like a <u>blueprint</u>

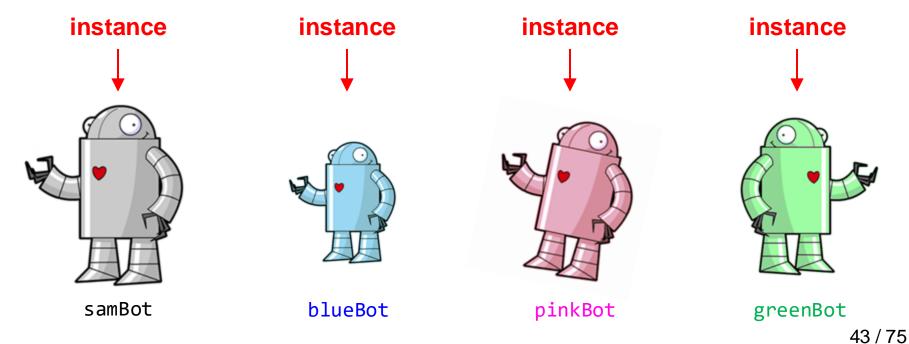
### **Classes and Instances (3/4)**

 Can use the Robot class to build actual Robots - instances of the class Robot, whose properties (like their color in this case) may vary (next lecture)



## **Classes and Instances (4/4)**

 Method calls are done on instances of the class. These are four instances of the same class (blueprint)



# **TopHat Question**

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You know that blueBot and pinkBot are instances of the same class. Let's say that the call pinkBot.chaChaSlide(); makes pinkBot do the cha-cha slide. Which of the following is true?

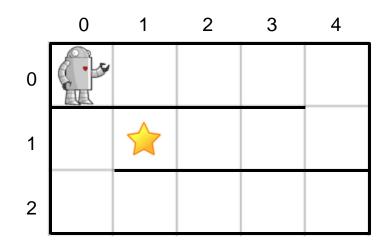
- A. The call **blueBot.chaChaSlide()**; might make **blueBot** do the cha-cha slide or another popular line dance instead
- B. The call blueBot.chaChaSlide(); will make blueBot do the cha-cha slide

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### **Defining Methods**



- We have already learned about defining <u>classes</u>, let's now talk about defining <u>methods</u>
- Let's use a variation of our previous example

```
public class RobotMover {
    /* additional code elided */
    public void moveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
        // Your code goes here!
        // ...
        // ...
    }
```

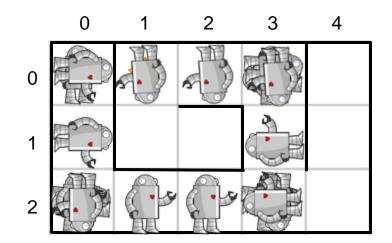
### **Declaring vs. Defining Methods**

- Declaring a method means the class knows how to do a new task, e.g., any instance of class Robot can chaChaSlide()
- **Defining** a method actually explains how all **instances** of the class execute this task (i.e., what sequence of commands it specifies)
  - chaChaSlide() could include stepping backwards, alternating feet, stepping forward
- For now, you will need to both declare and define your methods

#### A Variation on moveRobot (1/2)

public class RobotMover {

/\* additional code elided \*/



public void newMoveRobot(Robot myRobot) { myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(2); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(3); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(2); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(2);

## A Variation on moveRobot (2/2)

- Lots of code for a simple problem
- Any Robot instance like samBot only knows how to turn right, so must call turnRight three times to make her turn left
- If she understood how to "turn left," would be much less code!
- We can modify samBot to turn left by declaring and defining a new method in Robot called turnLeft

/\* additional code elided \*/

```
public void newMoveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
      myRobot.turnRight();
      myRobot.moveForward(2);
      myRobot.turnRight();]
      myRobot.turnRight(); / "turn left"
      myRobot.turnRight();
      myRobot.moveForward(3);
      myRobot.turnRight();
      myRobot.turnRight(); / "turn left"
      myRobot.turnRight();
      myRobot.moveForward(2);
      myRobot.turnRight();
      myRobot.turnRight(); / "turn left"
      myRobot.turnRight();
      myRobot.moveForward(2);
```

# Defining a Method (1/2)

Almost all methods take on this general form:

 When calling turnRight or moveForward on an instance of the Robot class, all code between method's curly braces is executed

```
public class Robot {
```

```
public void turnRight() {
    // code that turns robot right
}
```

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
 // code that moves robot forward
}

# Defining a Method (2/2)

- We're going to define a new method: turnLeft
- To make a Robot turn left, tell it to turn right three times

```
public class Robot {
```

```
public void turnRight() {
    // code that turns robot right
}
```

```
public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
    // code that moves robot forward
}
```

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
}
```

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# The this keyword (1/3)

- When working with the class RobotMover, we were talking to samBot, an instance of class Robot
- To tell her to turn right, we said "samBot.turnRight();"
- Why do the TAs now write "this.turnRight();"?
- Recall the syntax for calling methods: <instance>.<method>();

```
public class Robot {
    public void turnRight() {
        // code that turns robot right
    }
```

```
public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
    // code that moves robot forward
}
```

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
```

# The this keyword (2/3)

- The this keyword allows an instance (like samBot) to call one of its own methods on itself
- this is short for "this same instance" or "defined in this method"
- Use this to call an existing method of Robot class (turnRight()) within a new method of Robot class (turnLeft())

```
public class Robot {
    public void turnRight() {
        // code that turns robot right
    }
    public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
        // code that moves robot forward
```

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
```

}

# The this keyword (3/3)

- When samBot is told by, say, a RobotMover instance to turnLeft, she responds by telling herself to turnRight three times
- this.turnRight(); means "hey me, turn right!"
- this is not required for code to work, but it is good style and CS15 expects it

```
public class Robot {
```

```
public void turnRight() {
     // code that turns robot right
}
```

```
public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
    // code that moves robot forward
}
```

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
```

# We're done!

public class Robot {

```
    Now that Robot class has
turnLeft(), we can call
turnLeft() on any
instance of Robot
```

 We'll see how we can use turnLeft() to simplify our code in a few slides

```
public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
    // code that moves robot forward
}
```

// code that turns robot right

}

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
}
```

public void turnRight() {

# **TopHat Question**

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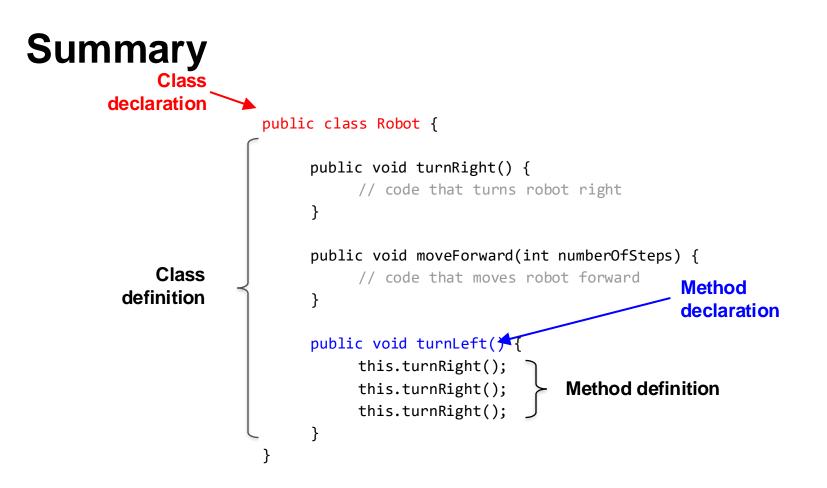
Given the turnLeft method, what can
we say about this.turnRight();?

public class Robot {

```
/* additional code elided */
```

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
}
```

- A. Other objects cannot call the turnRight() method on instances of the Robot class
- B. The current instance of the Robot class is calling turnRight() on another instance of Robot
- C. The current instance of the Robot class is calling the turnRight() method on itself
- D. The call this.turnRight(); will not appear anywhere else in the Robot's class definition



# Simplifying our code using turnLeft

```
public class RobotMover {
     public void newMoveRobot(Robot myRobot) {
           myRobot.turnRight();
          myRobot.moveForward(2);
           myRobot.turnRight();
          myRobot.turnRight();
           myRobot.turnRight();
           myRobot.moveForward(3);
           myRobot.turnRight();
          myRobot.turnRight();
           myRobot.turnRight();
           myRobot.moveForward(2);
           myRobot.turnRight();
           myRobot.turnRight();
           myRobot.turnRight();
          myRobot.moveForward(2);
```

public class RobotMover { public void newMoveRobot(Robot myRobot) { myRobot.turnRight(); myRobot.moveForward(2); myRobot.turnLeft(); myRobot.moveForward(3); myRobot.turnLeft(); myRobot.moveForward(2); myRobot.turnLeft(); myRobot.moveForward(2); We've saved a lot of lines of code by using turnLeft! This is good! More lines of code make your program harder to read, debug, and maintain

# turnAround (1/3)

- The TAs could also define a method that turns the Robot around 180°
- See if you can declare and define the method turnAround

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
 // code that moves robot forward
}

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
}
```

```
// your code goes here!
// ...
// ...
// ...
```

# turnAround (2/3)

- Now that the Robot class has the method turnAround, we can call the method on any instance of the class Robot
- There are other ways of implementing this method that can work as well

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
 // code that moves robot forward
}

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
}
```

```
}
```

public void turnAround() {
 this.turnRight();
 this.turnRight();

# turnAround (3/3)

- Instead of calling turnRight, could call our newly created method, turnLeft
- Both solutions will lead to the same end goal, in that they will turn the robot around 180°
- How do they differ? When we try each of these implementations with samBot, what will we see in each case? Is one way better than the other?

public void moveForward(int numberOfSteps) {
 // code that moves robot forward
}

```
public void turnLeft() {
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
    this.turnRight();
```

}

public void turnAround() {
 this.turnLeft();
 this.turnLeft();

# Summary (1/2)

- Classes
  - o a class is a blueprint for a certain type of object
    - example: Robot is a class
- Instances
  - an instance of a class is a particular member of that class whose methods we can call
    - example: samBot is an instance of Robot

# **Summary (2/2)**

- Calling methods
  - o an instance can call on the methods defined by its class
  - o general form: instance.<method name>(<parameters>);
    - example: samBot.turnRight();
- Declaring and defining methods
  - how we describe a capability of a class
  - o general form: <visibility> <type> <name> (<parameters>) { ... }
    - example: public void turnLeft() { ... }
    - declaration is the "header" (shown above), definition inside the curly braces
- The this keyword
  - how an instance calls a method on itself within its class definition
    - example: this.turnRight();

### Announcements

- Lab 0 Linux and Terminal out today
  - If you did not sign up for section or have not received an email about your section, please email the HTAs
  - Review GitHub/IntelliJ setup before lab!
- Rattytouille out tomorrow!
  - Due Saturday 09/14
  - No Early or Late Hand-in
- RISD students: please email the HTAs after class so we can make sure we have your emails
- Newly registered RISD students come up to speak with Andy after class



# Intro to SRC!!!!!!

#### CS15 Fall 2024

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### Meet your STAs!

#### Sarah Roberts



Year: \*super\* Senior CS + Religious Studies

#### A.J. Shulman



#### Year: Sophomore CS + Comp Neuro

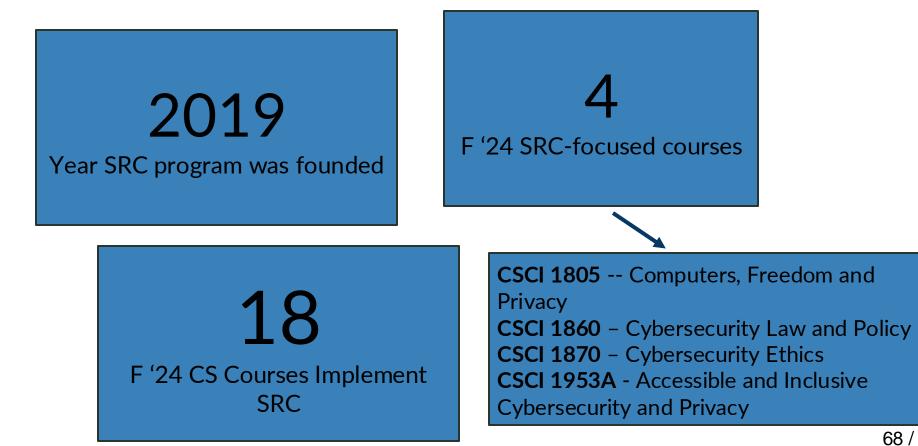
#### Lily Young



Year: Sophomore English + CS

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### SRC @ Brown (by the numbers)



E.U. Takes Aim at Social Media's Harms With Landmark New Law

'Google Is a Monopolist,' Judge Rules in Landmark Antitrust Case

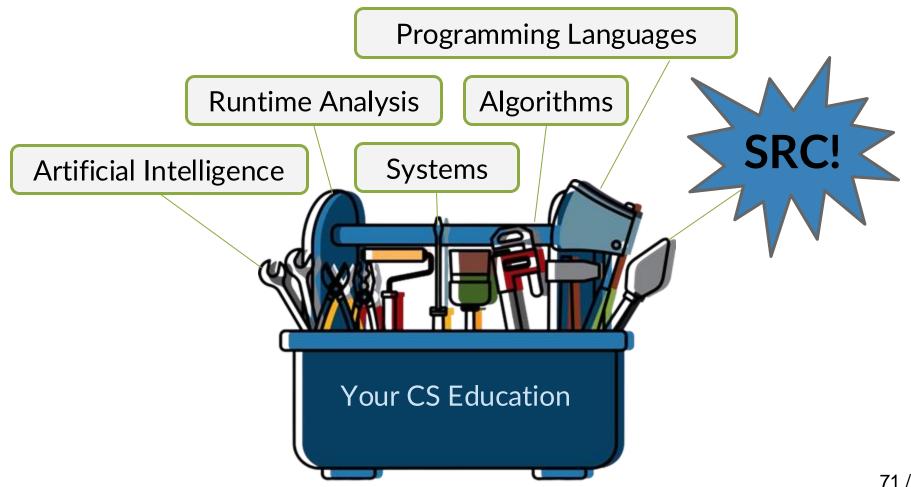
Every Bitcoin payment 'uses a swimming pool of water'

# **OpenAI Insiders Warn of a 'Reckless' Race for Dominance**





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## Our Philosophy:

#### We are NOT...

- → passing judgements on different types of technologies or their uses
- $\rightarrow$  telling you what to think
- → presenting a single "right" path forward for ethical tech

#### We ARE...

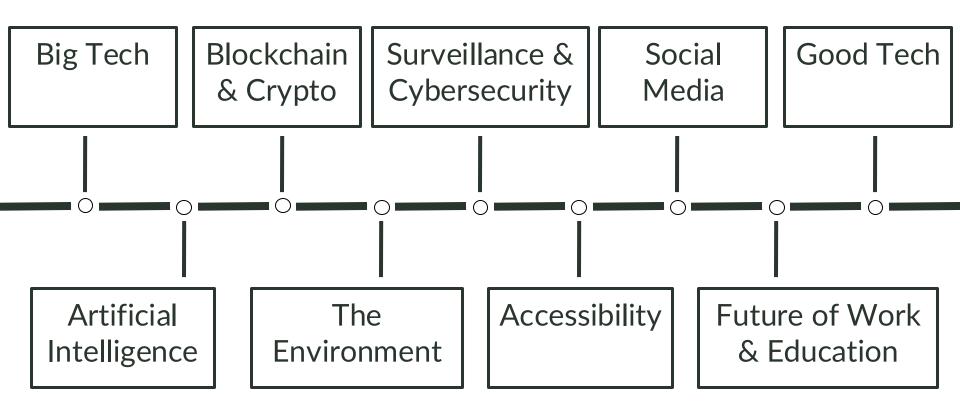
- $\rightarrow$  thinking about the social implications of technology
- $\rightarrow$  starting the conversation
- $\rightarrow$  empowering you to come to your own conclusions
- $\rightarrow$  showing possible solutions and existing efforts to address issues

# SRC in CS15

- → Mini-lectures
- → Activities in Labs & Sections
- → Extra credit discussions
- → Assignments



#### Coming soon to a CS15 lecture near you...



You may be asking...

Why do I need to be thinking about this in my introductory CS class?

I don't even want to work in tech. Why should I care?

What if I'm only interested in the technical side of CS? Can't I just program?