An Object Example

CS 1025 Computer Science Fundamentals I

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Objectives

Cement the idea of objects.

Become comfortable with objects in Java.

Practice with arrays.

See a dynamic data structure.

Learn how to run a Java program in Eclipse.

Data Structures

- For most problems there are choices for how to organize the data.
- Example an mxn table of numbers:
 - Use *one* array with the numbers for row i using slots $i \times n+0$, $i \times n+1$, $i \times n+2$, ..., $i \times n+(n-1)$,
 - **OR** use an array with *m* entries, each of which is an array of size *n*.
- Example a list of bank deposits:
 - Use an array of floating point numbers (\$ and ¢, 23.10) **OR** use an array of integers (value \times 100, 2310).
- The choice gives a data representation, or data structure (you'll see *much* more about this later).

An Example: Statistical Data

- A recording engineer is collecting data on the length of songs, represented as floating point numbers (number of seconds).
- There will be multiple data sets, each representing a play list.
- It is not known in advance how many songs will be in each list.
- The lengths of the songs will be entered one at a time.
- At any point, it should be possible to ask for
 - the number of songs in a play list
 - the total playing time of the play list (given the inter-song gap time)
 - the average length of a song.

How to Represent the Data?

 Obviously there will be an array involved, but how big should it be?

To start: use one that should "always be big enough"

Keep track of how many slots are actually used.

A First Implementation

```
class DataSet {
  private double[] data = new double[100];
  private int nused = 0;
  public void addValue(double val) { data[nused++] = val; }
  public int count() { return nused; }
  public double totalDataLength() {
         double tot = 0.0;
         for (int i = 0; i < nused; i++) tot += data[i];
         return tot;
  public double averageDataLength() {
         return totalDataLength()/nused;
  public double totalPlayLength(double gapLength) {
         return totalDataLength() + (nused - 1)*gapLength;
```

Using the Objects

```
class RecordingSessionOne {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
         DataSet songs = new DataSet();
         DataSet sounds = new DataSet();
         songs.addValue(90.4); songs.addValue(102.3);
         songs.addValue(60.5);
         sounds.addValue(3.4); sounds.addValue(8.3);
         sounds.addValue(1.5); sounds.addValue(2.0);
         System.out.println("Average song length is " +
                songs.averageDataLength());
         System.out.println("Average sound length is "+
                sounds.averageDataLength());
```

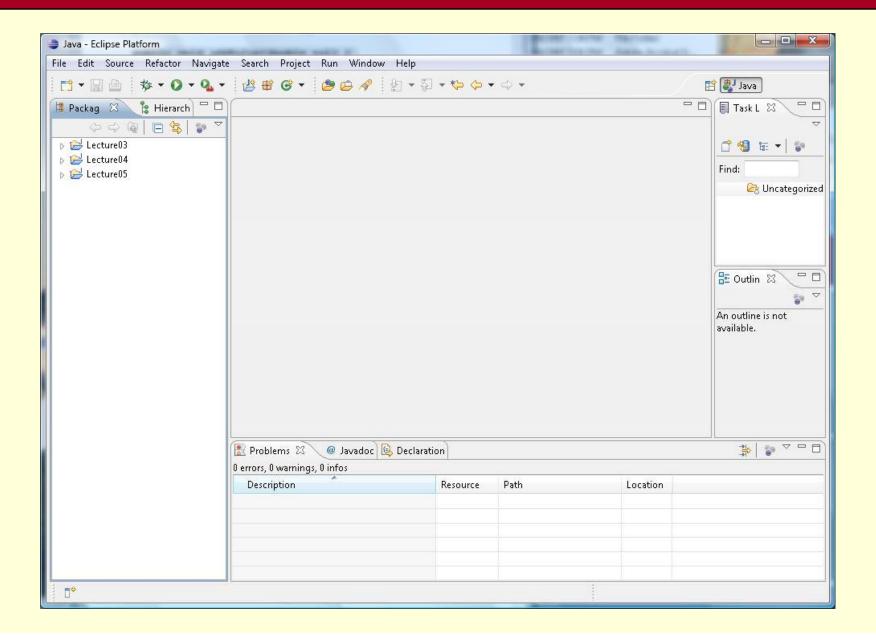
What If We Have More Than 100 Songs?

- Could use an array of size 1000. Or 1,000,000.
- That wastes a lot of space.
- One idea is to enlarge the array when needed.
- Then copy data from old array to new array.
- Forget about old one. It will be garbage collected. (In some languages you have to deallocate it.)
- Because the array is private to the object,
 the program that uses the object need not be changed.

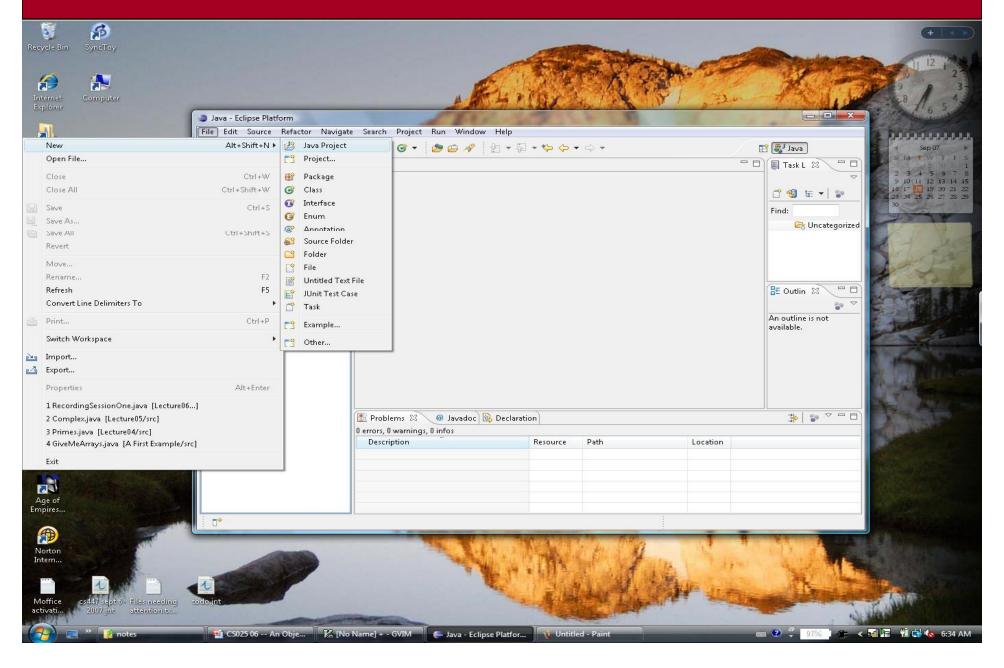
Only one method need be changed...

```
class DataSet {
  private double[] data = new double[20];
  private int      nused = 0;
  public void addValue(double val) {
          if (nused == data.length) {
                 double[] newData = new double[2*data.length];
                 for (int i = 0; i < data.length; i++)</pre>
                       newData[i] = data[i];
                 data = newData;
          data[nused++] = val;
   // All the rest is the same .....
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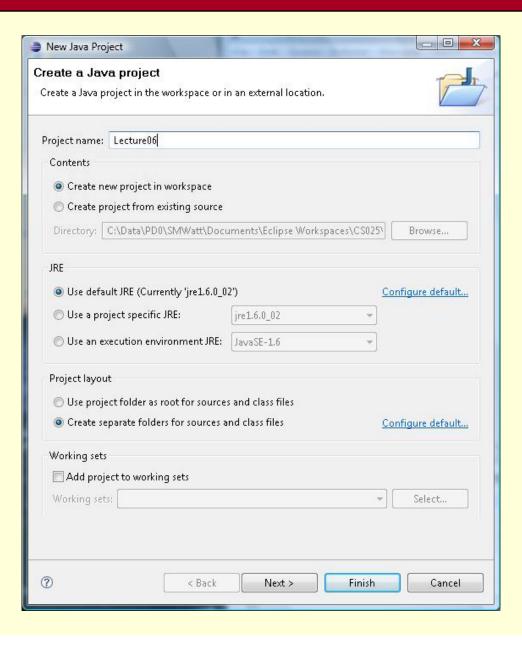
How to Run this in Eclipse



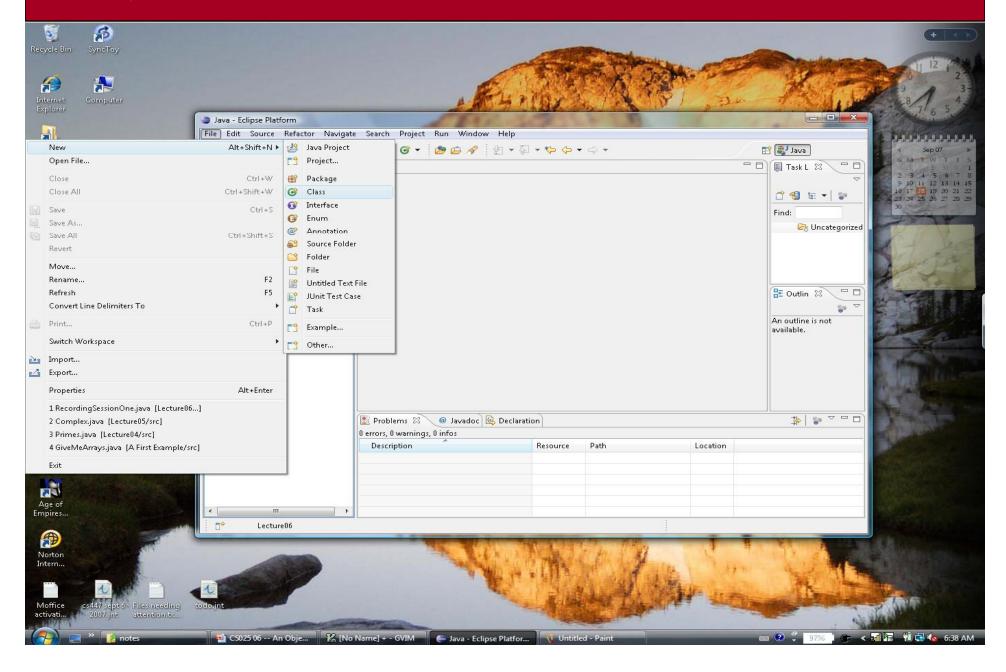
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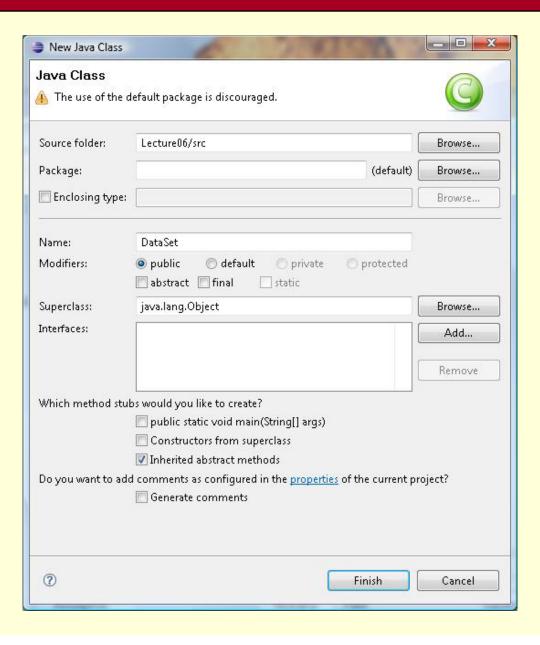
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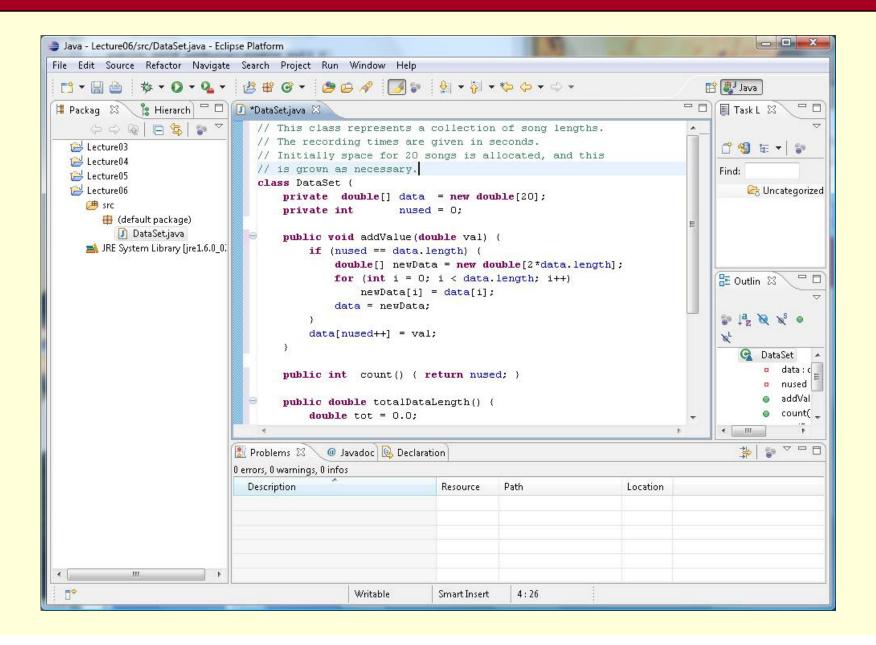
Step 2. Create DataSet



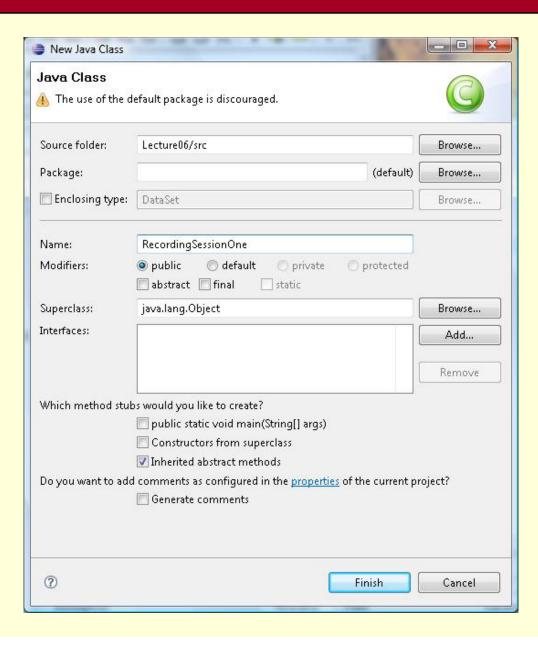
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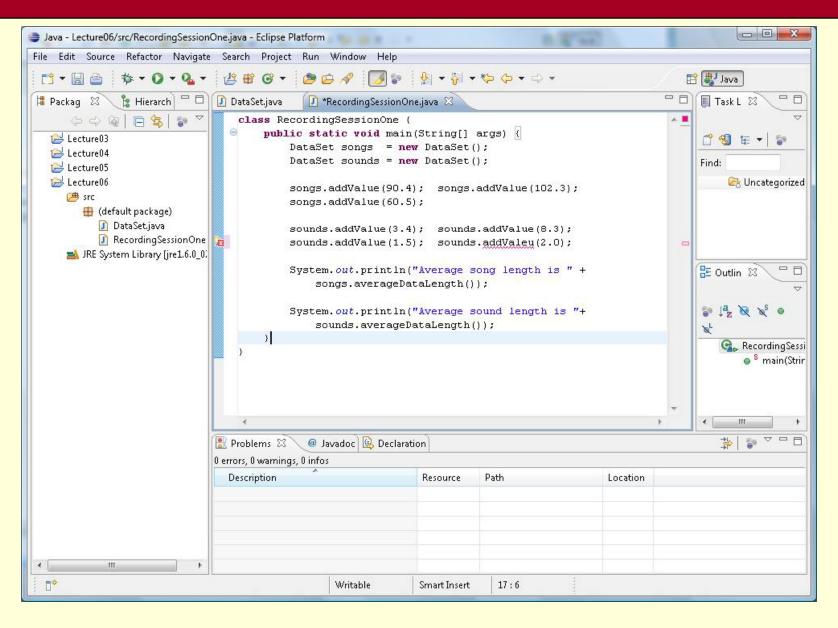
Step 3. Enter the Code for DataSet



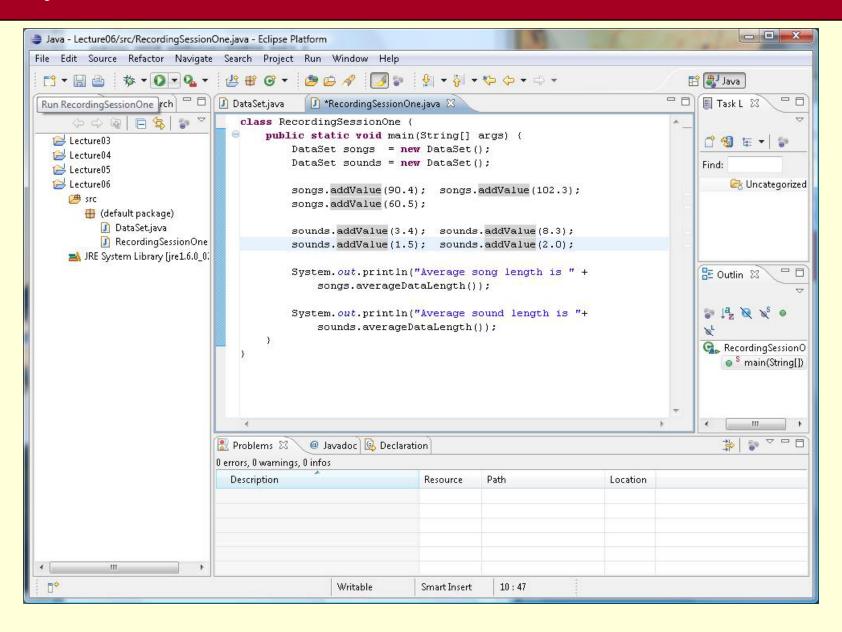
Step 3. Create the Main Program



Step 3. Create the Main Program (contd)



Step 4. Fix Errors



Step 5. Run

