Object-Oriented Approaches to Programming

Classes and Objects

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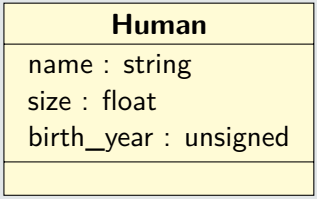

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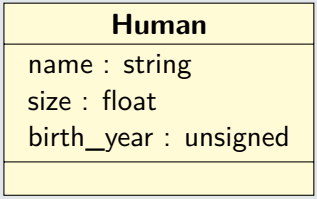

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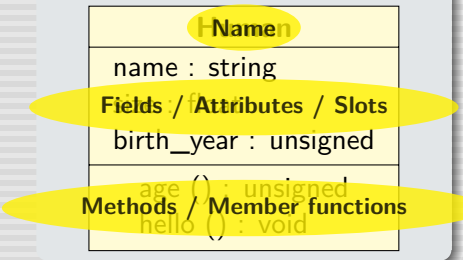

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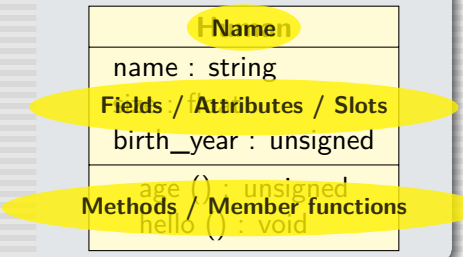

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Class Life Cycle

- Static, like any other data type
  fixed and known at compile-time
- Introspection API in some languages
  e.g. Java
- No intercession

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Instantiation

- Creation of an object based on a class
- Many objects may be instantiated from a class
- An object is an instance of a single class

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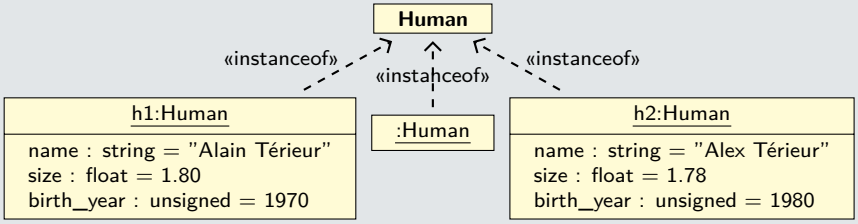

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Object Life Cycle

- Dynamic, like any other value
  Created, used, and destroyed at run-time
- *Construction* and *Destruction*
  Two very important (and formalized) phases of an object's life cycle
- Remark: problem orthogonal to object-orientation
  Any aggregative type is potentially concerned

Construction

- *Atomic* view on an object's creation phase
  - Allocation
  - Initialization & internal coherence (*e.g.* derived "/attributes")
  - Application logic
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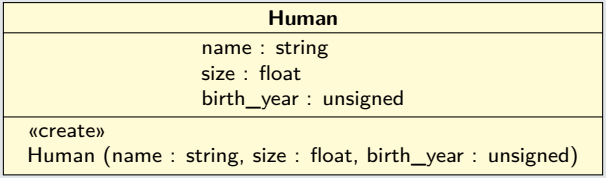

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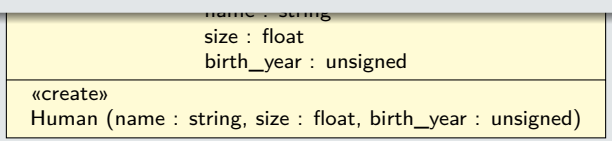

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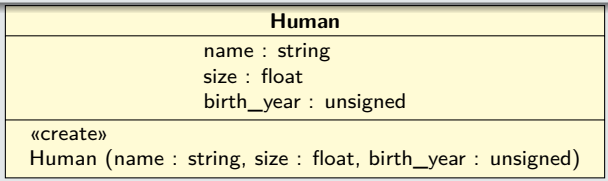

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Human h2 ("Alex Térieur", 1.78, 1975);
Human h3 { "Vladimir Guez", 1.83, 1980 };
auto h4 = Human { "Anne Titgoutte", 1.85, 1985 };
Human* h5 = new Human ("Corinne Titgoutte", 1.68, 1990);
auto h6 = std::make_unique<Human> ("Justine Titgoutte", 1.70, 1995);
```

name : string
size : float
birth_year : unsigned

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  - **Remark: Objective-C**

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Class *object = [[Class alloc] init];
Class *object = [Class new];
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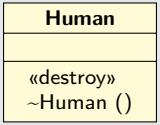

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C++

```
// Called automatically for stack-allocated objects
// Called by explicit pointer deletion:
delete h5;
// Called automatically for smart pointers
```

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- **Finalizer:** garbage-collected languages
  e.g. Java (`finalize()` <= 8, cleaners >= 9), unreliable
  - Convention: *e.g.* `die()`, `close()`, `dispose()`, `release()`, *etc.*

Java (don't try this at home!)

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  void finalize () { ... }
}
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```
// Called automatically by the garbage collector
h1 = null;
System.gc ();
```

Destruction (The Full Package!)

- *Atomic* view on an object's removal phase
- Constructor's inverse functionality
- **Objective-C**
  - MRC (Manual Reference Counting): historical
  - ARC (Automatic Reference Counting; close to smart pointers): Xcode 4.2
  - GC: Objective-C 2.0

Objective-C MRC

```
[object retain]; // refcnt += 1
[object release]; // refcnt -= 1
[object autorelease]; // move to the autorelease pool
```

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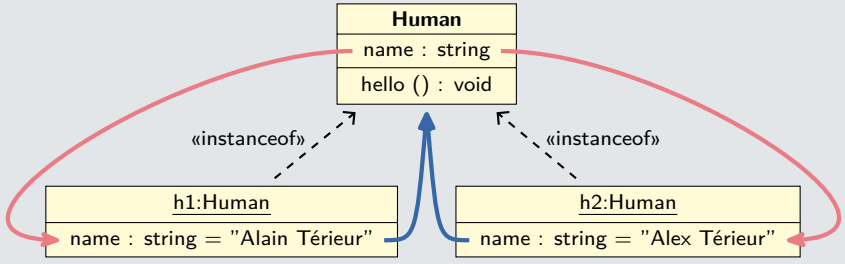

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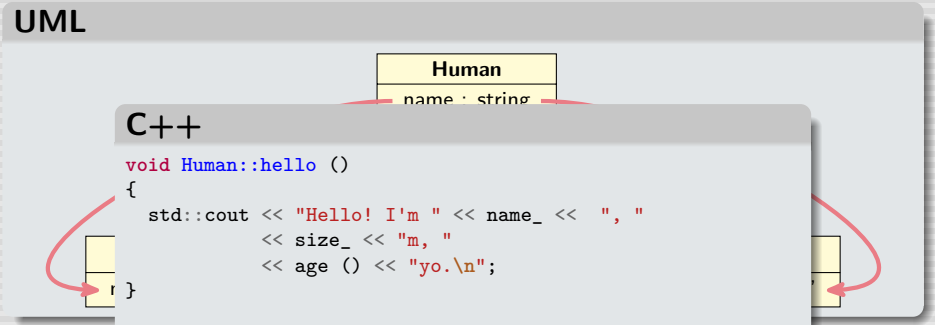

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void Human::hello ()
{
  std::cout << "Hello! I'm " << name_ <<  ", "
            << size_ << "m, "
            << age () << "yo.\n";
}

h1.hello ();
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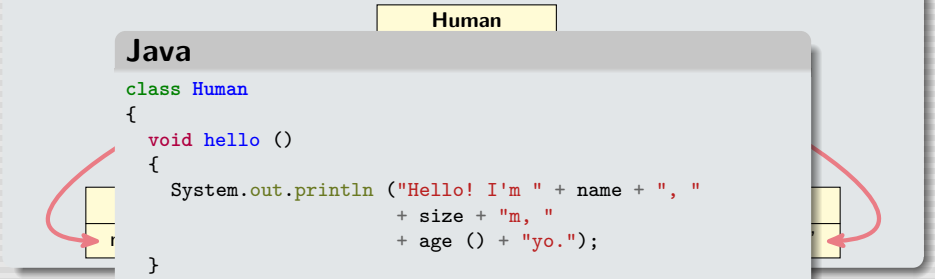

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  void hello ()
  {
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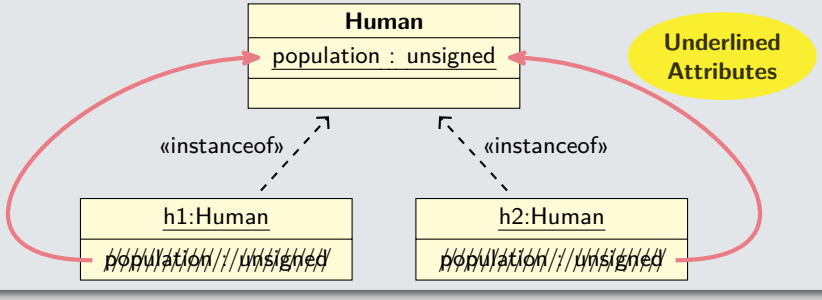

- Still declared in a class, but only one value for all objects
- Should be accessible without any instance
- `static` in C++ or Java

Class Attributes

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C++

```cpp
class Human
{
  static unsigned population_;
};

// Access via objects: h1.population_ / h5->population_
unsigned Human::population_ = 0;

Human::Human (const std::string& name, float size, unsigned birth_year)
{
  population_ += 1;
}

Human::~Human ()
{
  population_ -= 1;
}
```

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Class Attributes

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```java
class Human
{
  // Access via the class: Human.population
  // Access via objects: h1.population
  static int population = 0;

  Human (String _name, float _size, int _birthYear)
  {
    population += 1;
  }

  // Remember: don't try this at home!
  void finalize ()
  {
    population -= 1;
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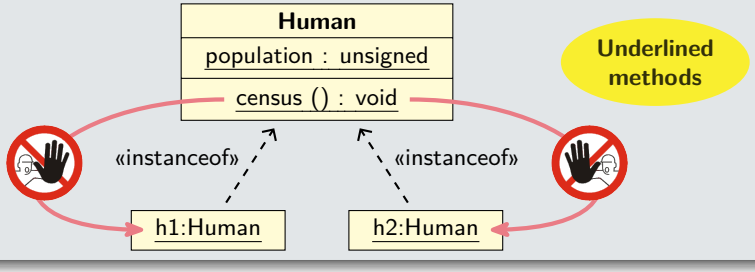

- Methods accessing class attributes only
- Should be callable without any instance
- `static` in C++ or Java

Class Methods

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- Methods
- Should
- static

C++

```
class Human
{
  static void census ();
};

void Human::census ()
{
  if (population_)
    std::cout << population_ << " human"
              << (population_ > 1 ? "s " : " ")
              << "currently alive.\n";
  else
    std::cout << "No human currently alive.\n";
}

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Java

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  static void census ()
  {
    if (population != 0)
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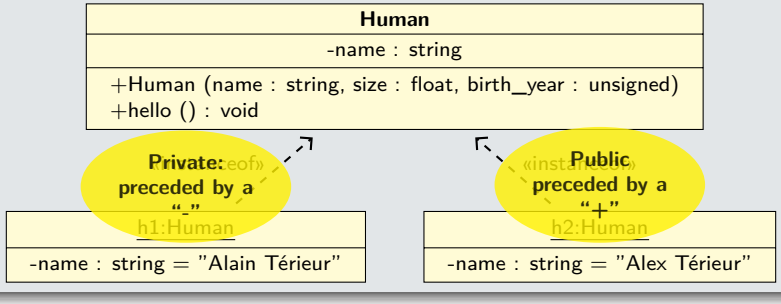

- **Private Attribute / Method:** access restricted to the class
- **Public Attribute / Method:** open access

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{
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  static void census ();

  Human (const std::string& name, float size, unsigned birth_year);
  ~Human ();

  unsigned age ();
  void hello ();

private:
  static unsigned population_;

  std::string name_;
  float size_;
  unsigned birth_year_;
};
```

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  public Human (String _name, float _size, int _birthYear) { ... }
  public void finalize () { ... }

  public int age () { ... }
  public void hello () { ... }

  private static int population = 0;

  private String name;
  private float size;
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}
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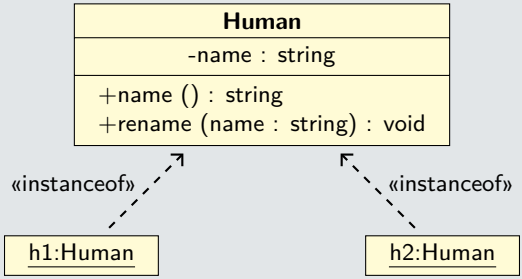

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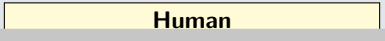

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```
class Human
{
public:
  const std::string& name () const;
  void rename (const std::string& name);

private:
  std::string name_;
  const float size_;
  const unsigned birth_year_;
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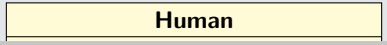

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```
const std::string& Human::name () const
{
  return name_;
}

void Human::rename (const std::string& name)
{
  // Maybe check with the administration first ;-)
  name_ = name;
}
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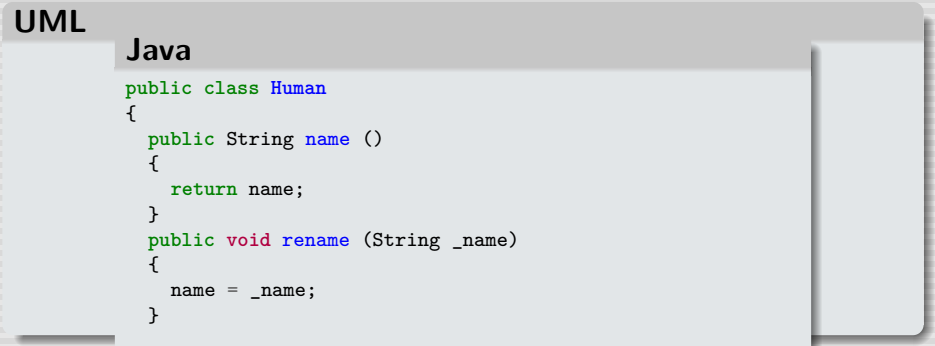

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    return name;
  }
  public void rename (String _name)
  {
    name = _name;
  }

  private String name;
  private final float size;
  private final int birthYear;
}
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Friendship

- Exception facility to work around privatization
- Priviledged access authorized case by case

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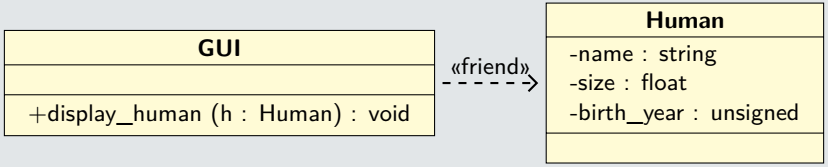

- Not necessarily available in every language / may vary
- Default protection level may vary as well

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class Human
{
  friend void birth_control (const Human& human);
};

void birth_control (const Human& human)
{
  std::cout << "The NSA knows about " << human.name_ << "...\n";
}

birth_control (h1);
birth_control (*h5);
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