

Object Model <java> Insight

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Classes – overall

Life-time object
oriented

Not every thing is
object

Strong type and type
erasure

Class file – Compile

```
ClassFile {  
    u4 magic;  
    u2 minor_version;  
    u2 major_version;  
    u2 constant_pool_count;  
    cp_info  
    constant_pool[constant_pool_count-1];  
    u2 access_flags;  
    u2 this_Class;  
    u2 super_Class;  
    u2 interfaces_count;  
    u2 interfaces[interfaces_count];  
    u2 fields_count;  
    field_info fields[fields_count];  
    u2 methods_count;  
    method_info methods[methods_count];  
    u2 attributes_count;  
    attribute_info  
    attributes[attributes_count];  
}
```

- u1, u2, u4 are inner types of JVM, big-endian
- Keep all the meta data
- A class would be compiled into a class file, class structure could be persistently kept

[Comp. java]

Class A{

Class B{

Class C{

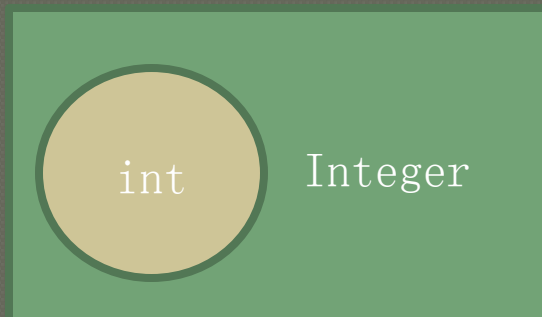
}

- A.class
- B.class
- B\$C.class

Classes – primitive & Wrap

- ◉ primitive types
 - Allocated on stack
 - Fast speed
- ◉ wrapped types
 - Allocated on heap
 - Coherence
 - OOP traits
- ◉ size is fixed
- ◉ numeric type is signed
- ◉ Boxing and unboxing
- ◉ Example

```
int Val = 3;
ArrayList<Integer>
    List = new
        ArrayList<Integer>();
List.add(Val);
Val = List.get(0);
```



Classes - traits & difference

```
class T {  
    Final int i = 0; // instance variable  
        initialization  
    static int version = 3; // class variable  
        init  
    String id = "x432"; // initialize object  
        variable  
    static int[] a = new int[100];  
    Static { // Static initialization  
        For(int i = 0; i < 100; i++)  
            a[i] = i;  
    }  
    Public T(int Arg) {}  
    Public T() {  
        this(3); // Call other constructor  
    }  
}
```

- Everything is in the class
- All the member variable could be initialized to zero
- Static block could run a piece of code to initialize static variable before construction
- Could call overloading constructor in constructor

Access rights (Java VS C#)

Class\member	Private	(non-modified)	Protected	public
(non-modified)	Only in the class itself	In the package	In the package	In the package
public	Only in the class itself	In the package	In the package; Derived classes out of package	Anywhere

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Classes – Inheritance

- ◉ Single inheritance model [FFC#]
- ◉ All classes are derived from “Object” [FFC#]
- ◉ All functions in classes are “virtual”
- ◉ Inner classes must be instanced with the pointer to outer object

Initialization order

Loading time



Static members



Static block

Constructing time



Recursively call
super class



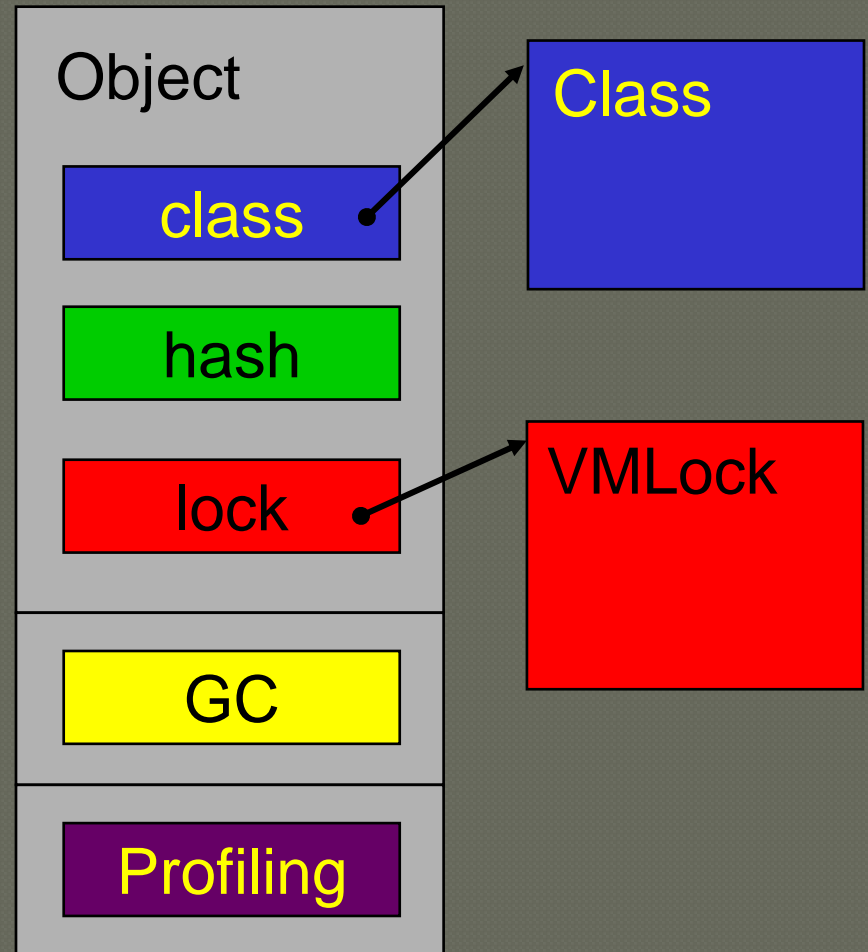
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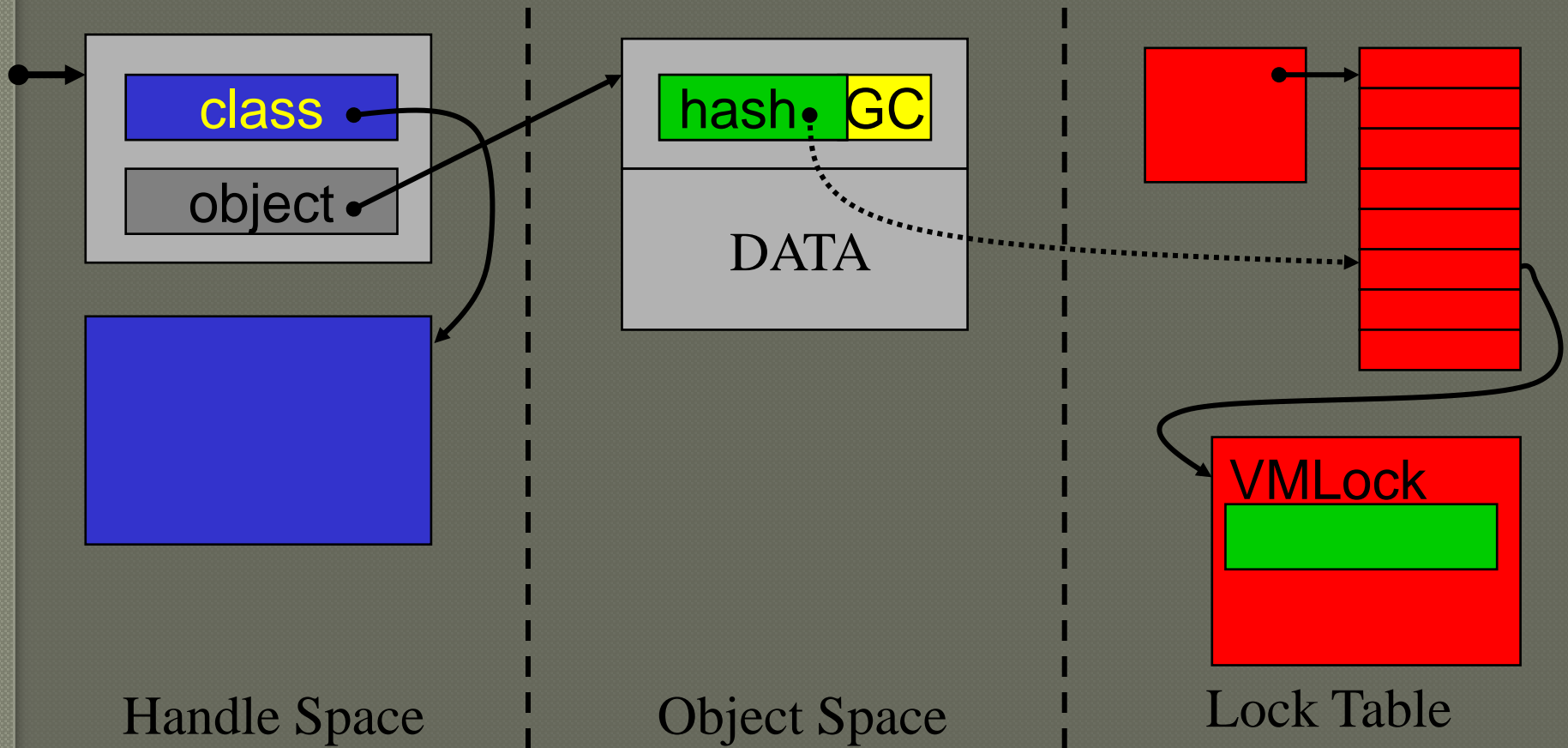
Constructor

Object memory layout

```
class Object {  
    Class getClass();  
    int hashCode();  
    void wait();  
    void wait(long);  
    void wait(long,int);  
    void notify();  
    void notifyAll();  
    Object clone();  
    boolean equals();  
    void finalize();  
}
```

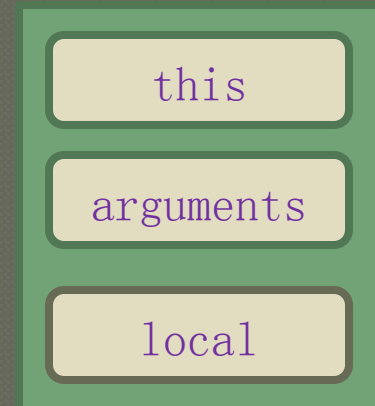


Original Sun Object Model



Java Stacks

- The JVM is very much stack-oriented.
- A stack frame is subdivided into two parts
 - a Local Variables section:
 - store all the local variables and arguments
 - an Operand Stack section:
 - method's instructions operate here.
 - Almost all JVM instructions are stack-based;
 - Example an “add” instruction pops the top two elements of the stack, adds them, and pushes the sum back onto the stack.



Heap and GC

GC OVERVIEW

- Incremental collection
- Trace all the available object from reference tree (Not reference counting)
- Avoid the circulate reference
- High cost of the collecting operation

REFERENCE INTENSITY

Strong

- Unreachable object

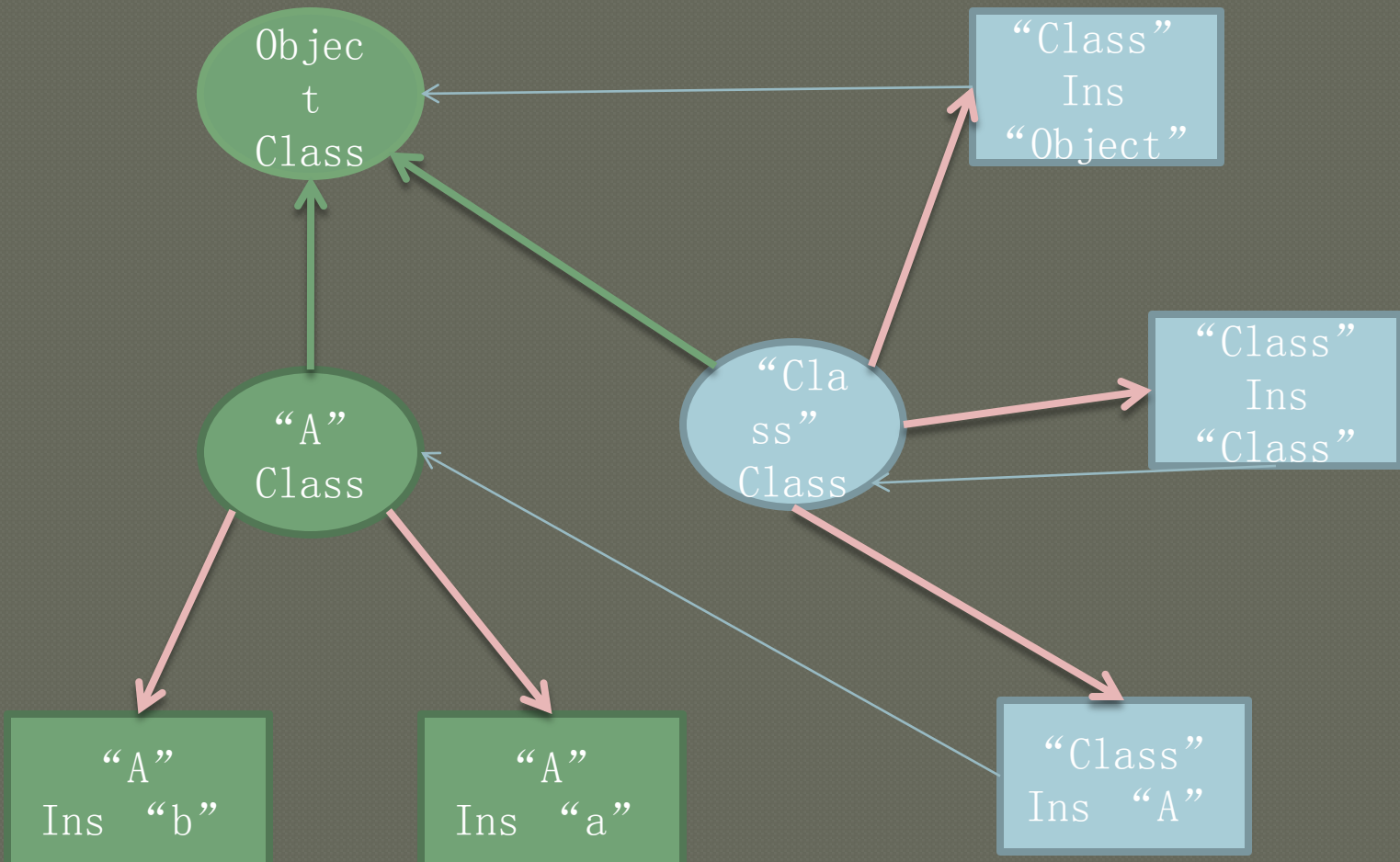
Weak

- Soft reference
- Weak reference
- Phantom Reference

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- Unreachable object

MetaClass(Class) model



RTTI & GP

● “Class” object

- “Object” class has a static pointer to a “Class object”
- All of the type conversion will be checked by RTTI (throw exception)
- The generic programming of java is implemented by RTTI
 - `ArrayList<Integer> Arr = new ArrayList<Integer>();`
 - `Integer Var = Arr.get();`
 - `ArrayList Arr = new ArrayList();`
 - `Integer Var = (Integer) Arr.get();`

```

import java.util.*;

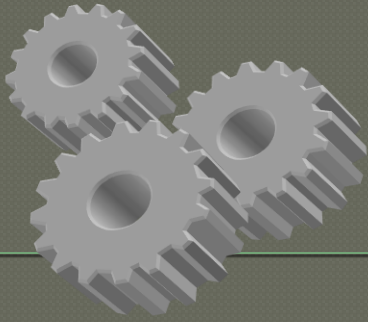
class TestMain
{
    public static void Main()
    {
        ArrayList<Integer> Li = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        Li.add(3);
        Integer Ret = Li.get(0);
    }
}

```

```

4:  invokespecial    #3; //Method java/util/ArrayList."<init>":()V
7:  astore_0
8:  aload_0
9:  iconst_3
10: invokestatic      #4; //Method java/lang/Integer.valueOf:(I)Ljava/lang/Integer;
13: invokevirtual     #5; //Method java/util/ArrayList.add:(Ljava/lang/Object;
16:  pop
17:  aload_0
18:  iconst_0
19:  invokevirtual     #6; //Method java/util/ArrayList.get:(I)Ljava/lang/Object;
22:  checkcast        #7; //class java/lang/Integer
25:  astore_1
26:  return

```



Polymorphism

Call
O.Fun()



Get the Type
name of O, and
Load from file



T.Class get
the Class
object of this
type



Pass argument
and pointer
to O object
to function



Check whether it implemented
the Fun() method, if not ,
get its super class and check
till the one has implemented

Dynamic loading & JIT

- The first time use of some class, the class is loaded from .class file
- Load only what you need, save memory
- Runtime link, every class or component could be replaced easily
- Select piece of code and compile it for faster speed

