

TOPICS Class basics: Defining and using a class Access identifiers Set/get methods Data initialization

**What is a constructor?** Defining constructors Overloading constructor Usingthisreference Dr. MFH, 2022

2 IN JAVA Everything must be in a class. **There are no global functions or global data.** **Even Main**  
**..... is a Class** Dr. MFH, 2022

3 **What Is A Class?** Let's start by an example: ● Properties: – Name – Age – Breed – Favorite Food ● Behaviors: – Make meow sound – Play – Wash – Eat – Hunt Dr. MFH, 2022

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Usedtocreateobjectinstances Object instances Cat class –Properties –Behaviors Dr. MFH, 2022

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☒ **Objects** Cat class Properties ● name ● age ● favoriteFood Behaviors ● meow ● play ● eat cat1 ● "Opal" ● 11 ● "Mice" cat2 ● "Misty" ● 5 ● "Chicken" cat3 ● "Tiger" ● 15 ● "BlueJ" Dr. MFH, 2022

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● Interaction of objects ● No arranged sequence Dr. MFH, 2022

7 Copyright 2017, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. So.....A Class : – Is a blueprint or recipe for an object – Describes an object's properties (data types) and behaviors (operations) – Is used to create Object instances Class – Properties –Behaviors Object instances Dr. MFH, 2022

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11 Copyright 2017, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. To better understand: ● Objects have properties that represent the state of the object: – Size – Price – Color Color property value is red. Copyright 2017, Oracle and/or its affiliates. **All rights reserved.** To better understand: ● Objects have behaviors (things they can do) : – Shop – Put item in cart –Pay