

# COP 3330: Object-Oriented Programming Summer 2011

## In Class Practice #2

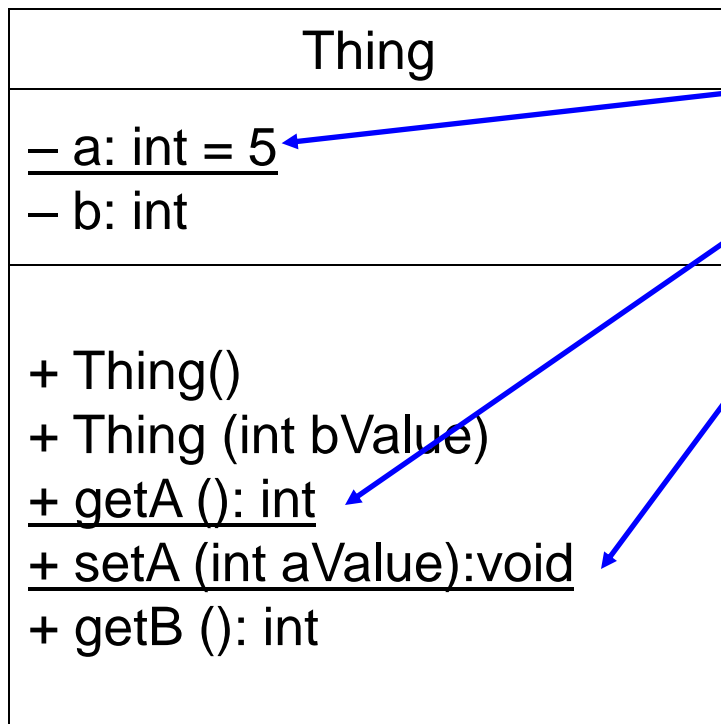
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- Let's convert the UML class diagram shown below into an implemented Java class and use that class to illustrate the differences between class variables/methods and instance variables/methods.



Underlining a variable or a method in a UML diagram indicates that the variable or method is a class method.

This is also the standard format for specifying a default value for a variable in UML.



Create the class and add the class characteristics and constructors

```
/* In Class Practice
 * Converting a UML class diagram to Java
 * Illustrating the use of class variables
 * variables and methods
 *
 * MJL May 25, 2011
 */
```

Static modifier indicates a class variable.

```
public class Thing {
    private static int a = 5; //a is a class attribute
    private int b;           //b is an instance attribute
```

Every object created using the default constructor will have a b value of 1.

```
//no-arg default constructor method
public Thing(){
    b = 1;
}
```

Every object created using the int-specific constructor will have a b value equal to the value passes as a parameter.

```
//int-specific constructor method
public Thing(int inB){
    this.b = inB;
}
```



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Add the remaining methods

The methods `getA()` and `setA()` are class methods. Referencing a class variable or method must be done in a static manner. This means that it is not referenced via an object but via the class directly.

```
//accessor method for class attribute
public static int getA(){
    return a; //since a is a class attribute it is not referenced v.
}
//mutator method for class attribute a
public static void setA(int newA){
    a = newA;
}
//accessor method for instance attribute b
public int getB(){
    return this.b; //since b is an instance attribute it must be re:
}
```



```
//begin main method
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```



<terminated> Thing [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe (May 31, 2011 12:17:45 PM)

```
1 - The value of class attribute a is 5 - Note that no objects have yet been created.
2 - Object 1 has values of: a = 5 and b = 2
3 - The value of class attribute a is 5

4 - Object 1 has values of: a = 5 and b = 2
5 - Object 2 has values of: a = 5 and b = 12
6 - The value of class attribute a is 5

7 - The value of class attribute a is 4
8 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2
9 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12

10 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2
11 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12
12 - Object 3 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1
13 - The value of class attribute a is 4

14 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2
15 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12
16 - Object 3 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1
17 - Object 4 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1
18 - The value of class attribute a is 4
```

Execute the program



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
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    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
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    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
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    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line 1:

The variable `a` is a class variable. Any reference to it must be a static reference via the class and not via an instance of the class.



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

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    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
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    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
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    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Creating an instance of the class

This line calls the constructor method of the Thing class to create an instance of the class named object1. When object1 is created it's b value is set to 2.





# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
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    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
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    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #2

This line has `object1` invoke both the static `getA()` and instance `getB()` methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 5 and b = 2)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
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    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #3

Like line #1, this line simply prints the current value of the class variable `a` which is still 5.



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
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    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create instance named object4
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
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    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Creating a second instance of the class

This line creates another instance of the class Thing. This instance is named object2. When it is constructed, the b value assigned to object2 is 12.



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
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    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
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    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object1.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object3.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create instance named object4
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object1.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #4

This line has object1 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 5 and b = 2)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
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    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
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    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create instance named object4
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
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    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #5

This line has object2 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 5 and b = 12)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
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} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #6

Like lines #1 and #3, this line simply prints the current value of the class variable `a` which is still 5.



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create instance named object4
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Changing the value of the class variable

This line changes the value of the class variable `a`, with a static invocation of the `setA` method, passing the value of 4 to the method. After executing this line, the value of `a` will be 4.



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object4
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #7

Like lines #1, #3, and #6 this line simply prints the current value of the class variable a which is now 4.





# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of cl
    System.out.format(" - Note that no obj
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has va
    System.out.format("3 - The value of cl
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //creat
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has va
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has va
    System.out.format("6 - The value of cl
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #8

This line has object1 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 2)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("2 - Note that no object has been created yet\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create object1
    System.out.format("3 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object1.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object1.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create object2
    System.out.format("7 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("8 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("10 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("11 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object1.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object3.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("14 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("15 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object1.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object2.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object3.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", object4.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("19 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #9

This line has object2 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 12)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created \n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Creating a third instance of the class

This line creates another instance of the class Thing. This instance is named object3. When it is constructed using the no-arg constructor, the b value assigned to object3 is 1.



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #10

This line has object1 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 2)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //cre
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("3 - The value of
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //cr
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has
    System.out.format("6 - The value of
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of cl
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #11

This line has object2 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 12)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //cr
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("3 - The value of
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //cr
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has
    System.out.format("6 - The value of
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of cl
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #12

This line has object3 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 1)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //cre
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("3 - The value of
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //cr
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has
    System.out.format("6 - The value of
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of cl
    System.out.format("7 - The value of
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #13

Like lines #1, #3 and #6, this line simply prints the current value of the class variable `a` which is still 4.



<terminated> Thing [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe (May 31, 2011 12:17:45 PM)

```
1 - The value of class attribute a is 5 - Note that no objects have yet been created.  
2 - Object 1 has values of: a = 5 and b = 2  
3 - The value of class attribute a is 5  
  
4 - Object 1 has values of: a = 5 and b = 2  
5 - Object 2 has values of: a = 5 and b = 12  
6 - The value of class attribute a is 5  
  
7 - The value of class attribute a is 4  
8 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2  
9 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12  
  
10 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2  
11 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12  
12 - Object 3 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1  
13 - The value of class attribute a is 4  
  
14 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2  
15 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12  
16 - Object 3 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1  
17 - Object 4 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1  
18 - The value of class attribute a is 4
```

Execute the program





# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created \n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //cre
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("3 - The value of
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //cr
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has
    System.out.format("6 - The value of
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of cl
    System.out.format("7 - The value of
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //crea
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 ha
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 ha
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Creating a fourth instance of the class

This line creates another instance of the class Thing. This instance is named object4. When it is constructed using the no-arg constructor, the b value assigned to object4 is 1. Note that while object3 and object 4 have the same values for their b attribute they are not the same object!



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #14

This line has object1 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 2)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //cre
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("3 - The value of
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //cr
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has
    System.out.format("6 - The value of
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of cl
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #15

This line has object2 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 12)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #16

This line has object3 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 1)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #17

This line has object4 invoke both the getA() and getB() methods to return the current values of these two characteristics. (a = 4 and b = 1)



# Why the output looks like it does. . .

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.format("1 - The value of class attribute a is %d", Thing.a);
    System.out.format(" - Note that no objects have yet been created.\n");
    Thing object1 = new Thing(2); //create instance named object1
    System.out.format("2 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("3 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object2 = new Thing(12); //create instance named object2
    System.out.format("4 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("5 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("6 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing.setA(4); //change value of class attribute a
    System.out.format("7 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    System.out.format("8 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("9 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    Thing object3 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("10 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("11 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("12 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("13 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n\n", Thing.a);
    Thing object4 = new Thing(); //create default instance named object3
    System.out.format("14 - Object 1 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object1.getB());
    System.out.format("15 - Object 2 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object2.getB());
    System.out.format("16 - Object 3 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object3.getB());
    System.out.format("17 - Object 4 has values of: a = %d and b = %d\n", Thing.getA(), object4.getB());
    System.out.format("18 - The value of class attribute a is %d\n", Thing.a);
} //end main method
} //end class Thing
```

## Output Line #18

Like lines #1, #3, #6, and #13, this line simply prints the current value of the class variable `a` which is still 4.



What the objects look like at the end of execution

## Thing Class

a = 4

setA()

getA()

object1

b = 2

getB()

object2

b = 12

getB()

object3

b = 1

getB()

object4

b = 1

getB()



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```
1 - The value of class attribute a is 5 - Note that no objects have yet been created.
2 - Object 1 has values of: a = 5 and b = 2
3 - The value of class attribute a is 5

4 - Object 1 has values of: a = 5 and b = 2
5 - Object 2 has values of: a = 5 and b = 12
6 - The value of class attribute a is 5

7 - The value of class attribute a is 4
8 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2
9 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12

10 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2
11 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12
12 - Object 3 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1
13 - The value of class attribute a is 4

14 - Object 1 has values of: a = 4 and b = 2
15 - Object 2 has values of: a = 4 and b = 12
16 - Object 3 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1
17 - Object 4 has values of: a = 4 and b = 1
18 - The value of class attribute a is 4
```

Execute the program

