CSE 113 A

September 28 – October 2, 2009

Announcements

- No classes held on Monday, 9/28 until 6:00pm – university holiday.
- Lab 1 due 10/2
- Exam Review 10/5 in lecture – see posted review questions
- Exam 1 10/7

Instance Variables

- Sometimes, we need our objects to keep track of certain data
- Syntax for declaring an instance variable (this goes inside the class, but outside any method definitions)

  `private type identifier;`

- `private` is a keyword that is needed – we'll discuss more about it later
- `type` is the type of the variable – what kind of information are we going to store?
- `identifier` is the name of the variable – programmer chooses the names of variables

- When we have instance variables, we need to use the constructor to give those variables initial values.
- To assign a value to a variable, we need to use the assignment operator (which is the equals sign)
- It is important to remember that assignment statements work right to left – the right hand side of the statement is evaluated first and then that value is stored in the variable given on the left hand side
If-else statements

- In our first conditional statement:
  
  ```
  if(condition)
  {
  }
  ```

- Execution worked in the following way, if the condition was true, the code in the `{}` was executed. If it was false, nothing happened.

- We are going to add another clause to the if-statement, the “else” clause allows for a different kind of interaction – it allows for two possibilities – one to execute when the condition is true and one to execute when it is false.

- Syntax
  
  ```
  if (condition)
  {
  }
  else
  {
  }
  ```