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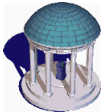
Lecture 32: The Java Virtual Machine

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The Java Virtual Machine

- Java Architecture
 - Java Programming Language
 - Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
 - Java API
- We will use the JVM as a case study of an intermediate program representation

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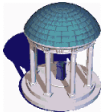


Reference

- The content of this lecture is based on *Inside the Java 2 Virtual Machine* by Bill Venners
 - Chapter 1 Introduction to Java's Architecture
 - » <http://www.artima.com/insidejvm/ed2/ch01IntroToJavasArchitecturePrint.html>
 - Chapter 5 The Java Virtual Machine
 - » <http://www.artima.com/insidejvm/ed2/ch05JavaVirtualMachine1.html>
 - Interactive Illustrations
 - » <http://www.artima.com/insidejvm/applets/index.html>

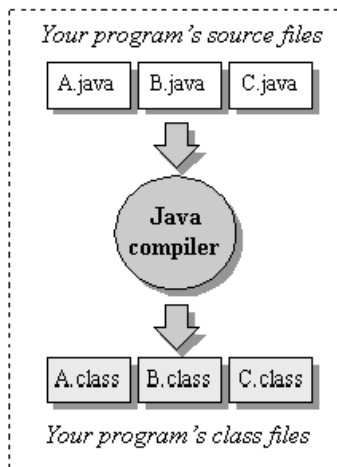
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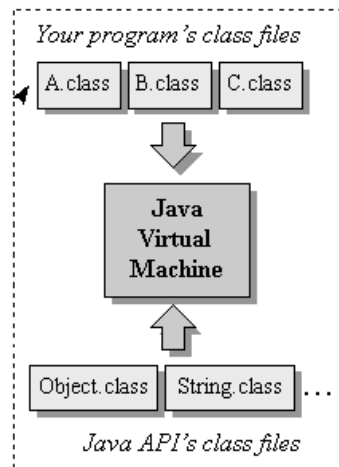
The Java Programming Environment

compile-time environment



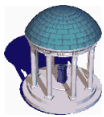
Your class files move locally or through a network

run-time environment



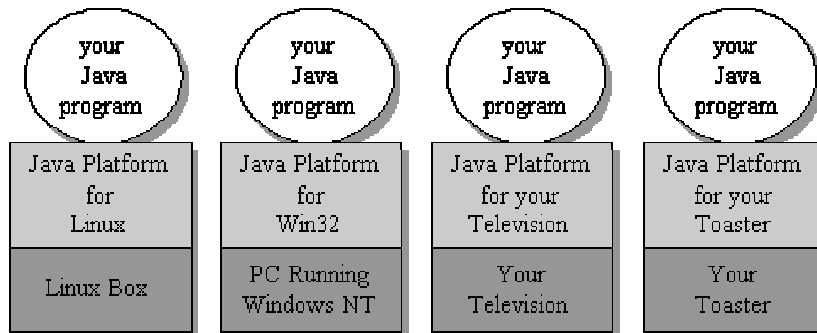
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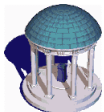
The Java Platform

- The byte code generated by the Java front-end is an *intermediate form*
 - Compact
 - Platform-independent

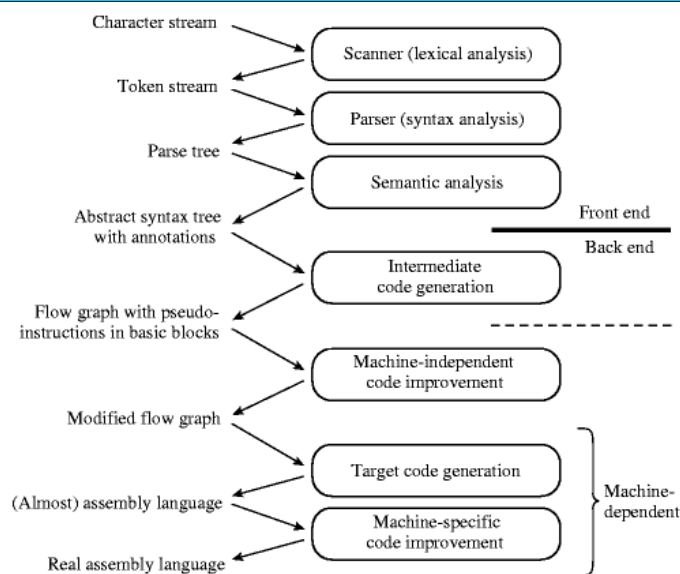


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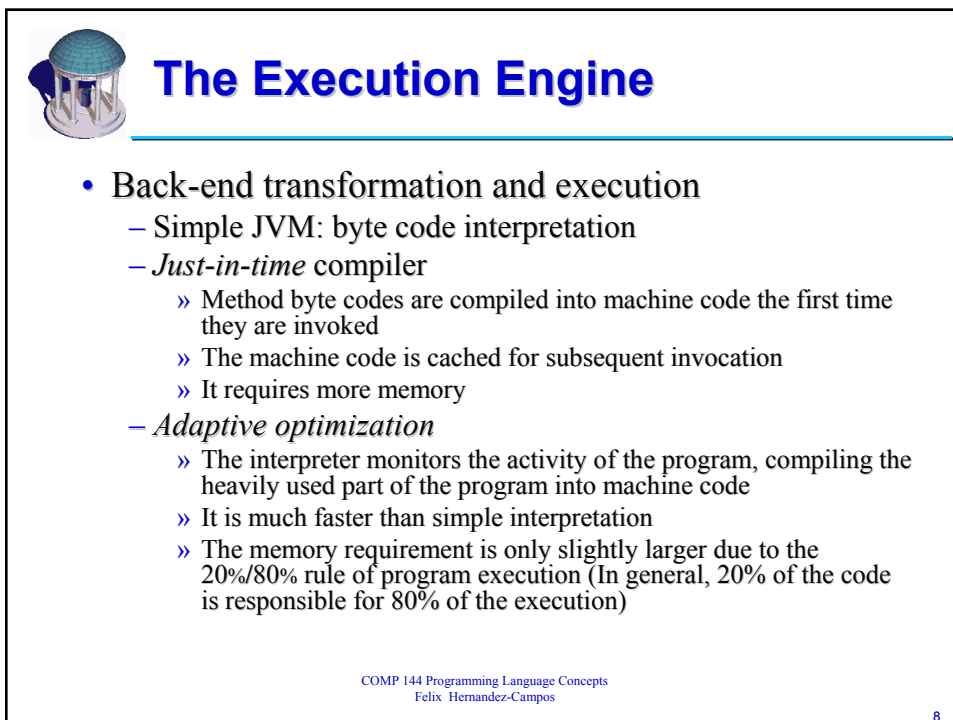
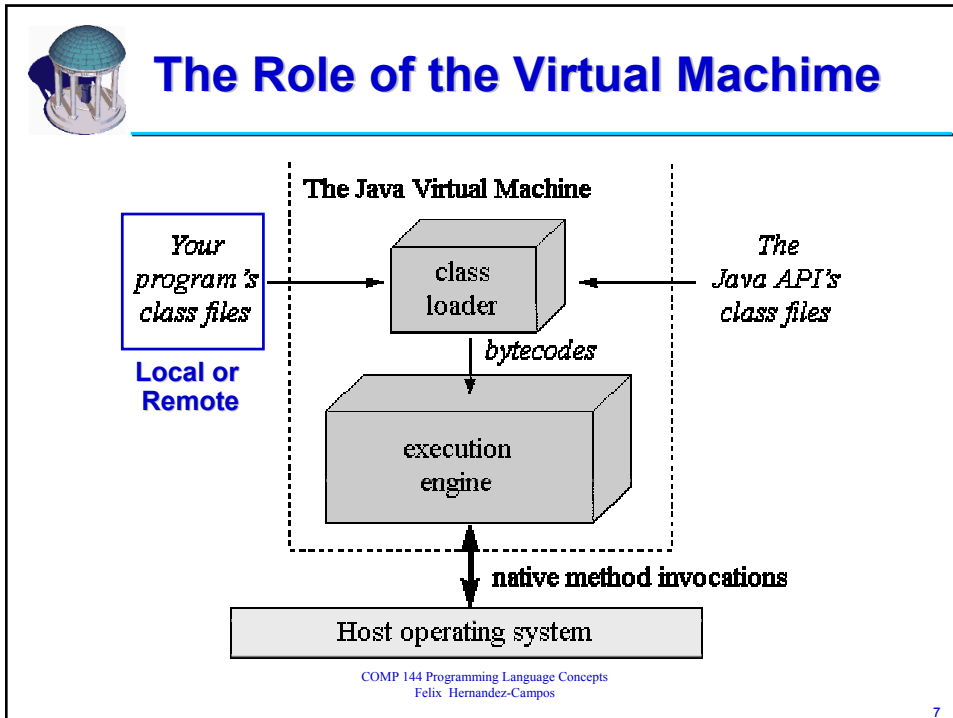
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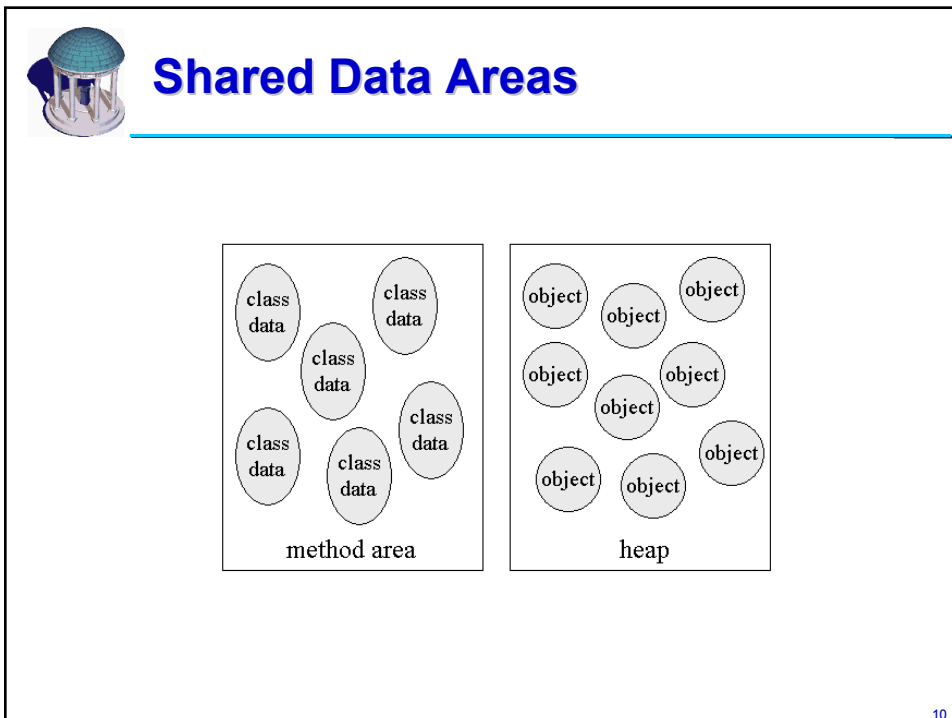
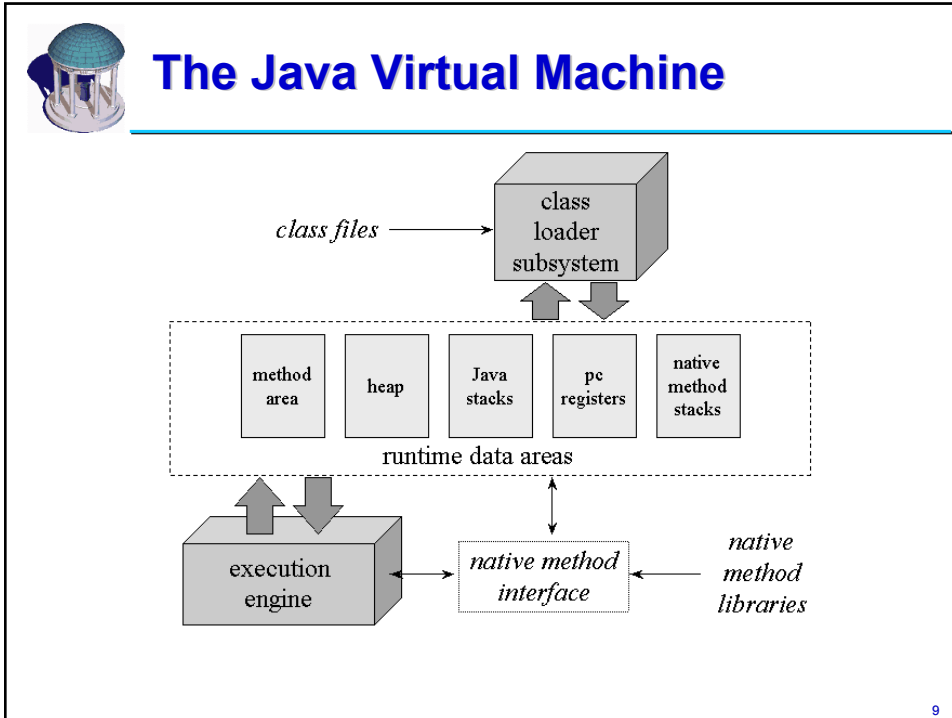


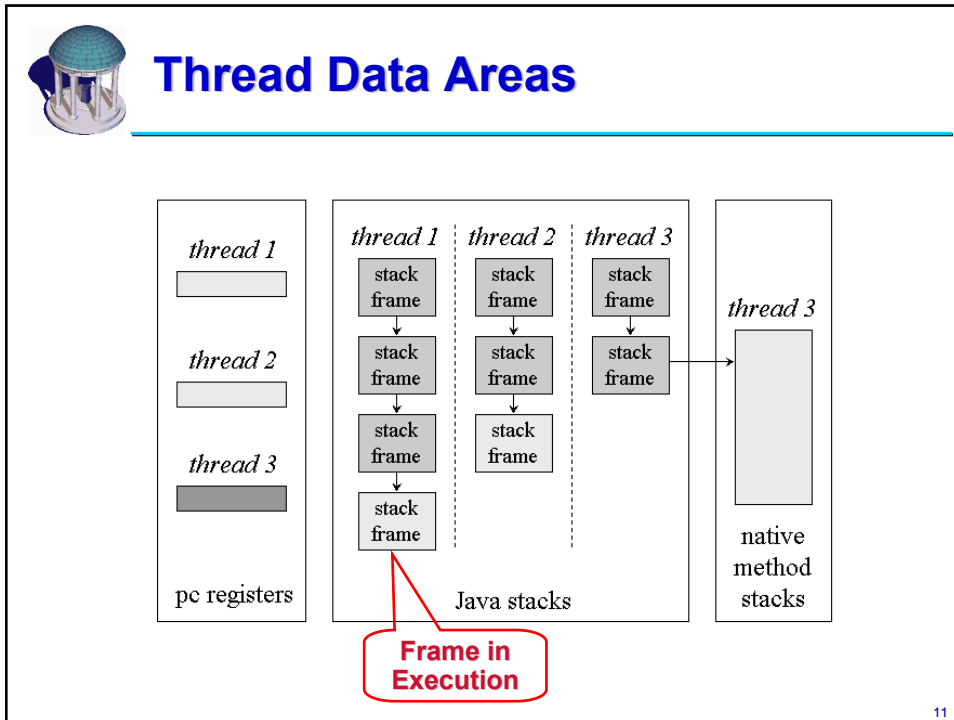
Phases of Compilation



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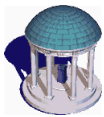
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Stack Frames

- Stack frames have three parts:
 - Local variables
 - Operand stack
 - Frame data

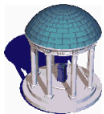
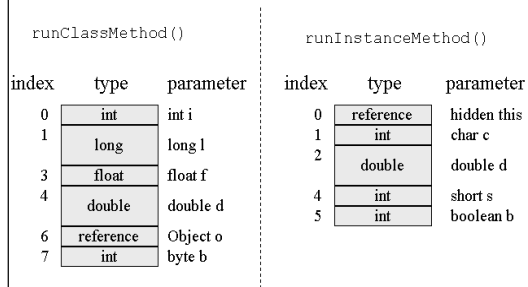
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Stack Frame Local Variables

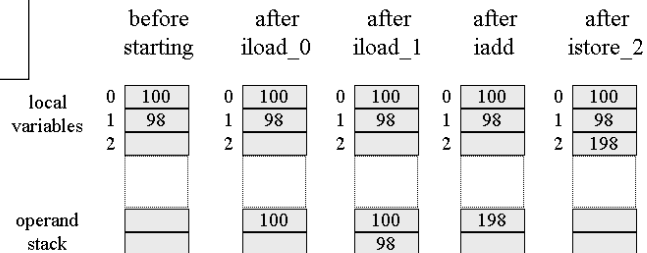
```
class Example3a {
    public static int
    runClassMethod(int i, long
    l, float f, double d, Object
    o, byte b) {
        return 0;
    }
    public int
    runInstanceMethod(char c,
    double d, short s, boolean
    b) {
        return 0;
    }
}
```



Stack Frame Operand Stack

Adding 2 numbers

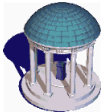
```
iload_0
iload_1
Iadd
istore_2
```






Execution Model

- Eternal Math Example
 - <http://www.artima.com/insidejvm/applets/EternalMath.htm>



Stack Frame Frame Data

- The stack frame also supports
 - Constant pool resolution
 - Normal method return
 - Exception dispatch



Stack Frame

Frame Allocation in a Heap

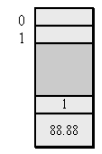
```

class Example3c {
    public static void
    addAndPrint() {
        double result =
        addTwoTypes(1, 88.88);

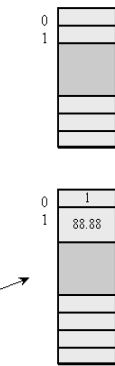
        System.out.println(result);
    }

    public static double
    addTwoTypes(int i, double
    d) {
        return i + d;
    }
}
                
```

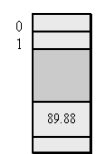
before invocation
of addTwoTypes()



after invocation
of addTwoTypes()



after addTwoTypes()
returns



frames for
addAndPrint()

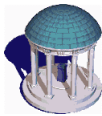
frame for
addTwoTypes()

local
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stack

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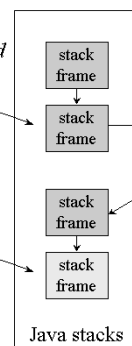


Stack Frame

Native Method

- A simulated stack of the target language (e.g. C) is created for JNI

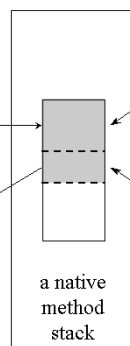
*this Java method
invokes a native
method*



the current
frame

Java stacks

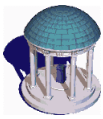
*This C function
invokes another
C function*



*This C function
invokes a Java
method*

a native
method
stack

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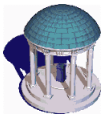


The Heap

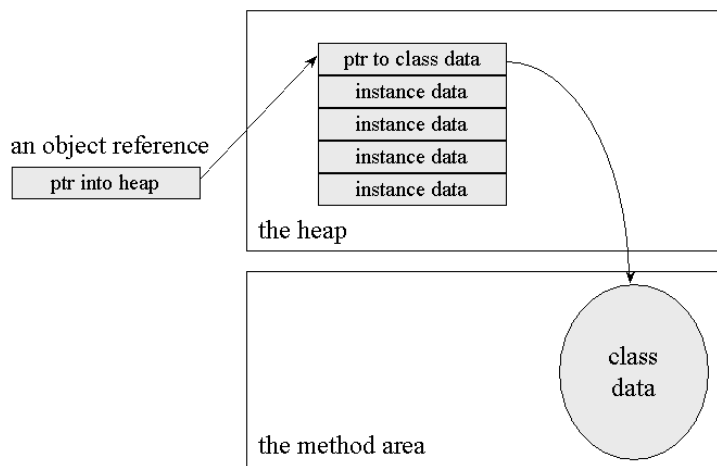
- Class instances and array are stores in a single, shared heap
- Each Java application has its own heap
 - Isolation
 - But a JVM crash will break this isolation
- JVM heaps always implement garbage collection mechanisms

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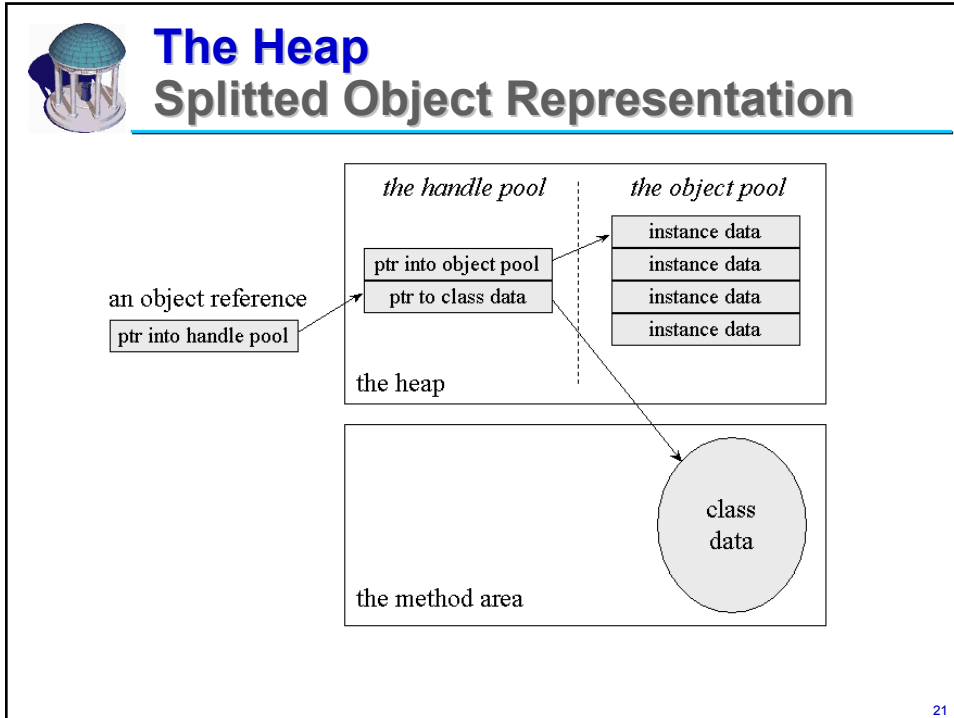
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Heap Monolithic Object Representation



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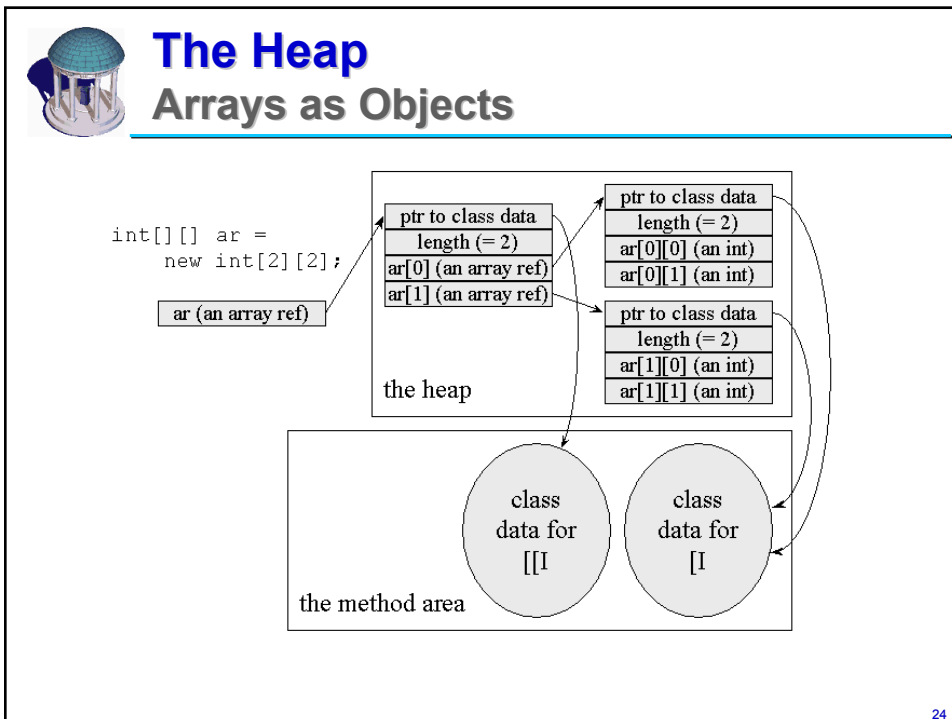
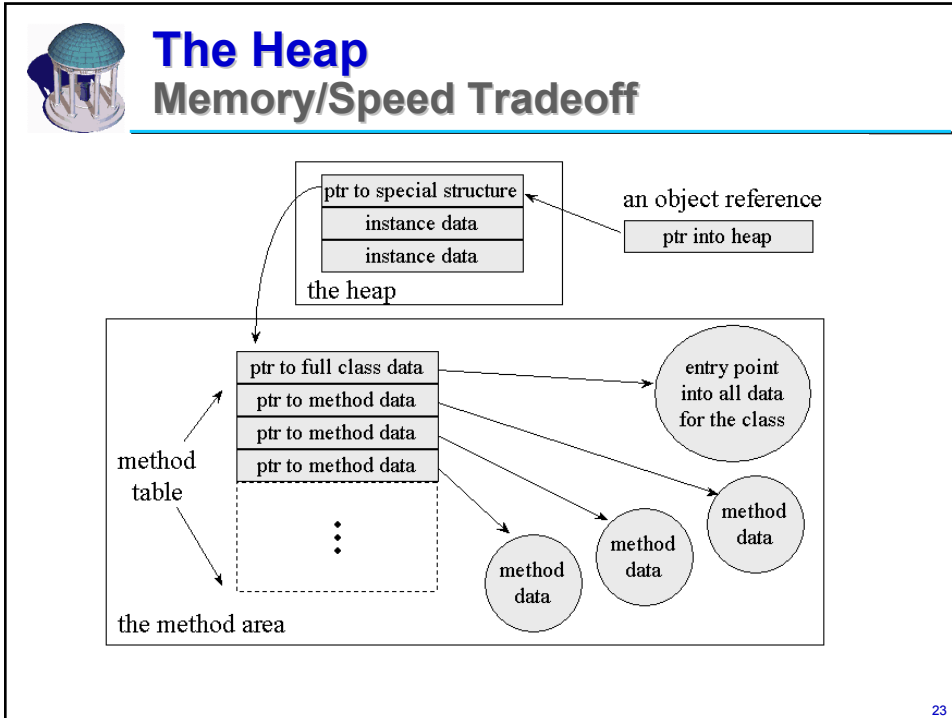
Example

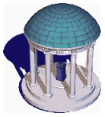
- `HeapOfFish`
 - <http://www.artima.com/insidejvm/applets/HeapOfFish.htm>

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Reading Assignment

- *Inside the Java 2 Virtual Machine* by Bill Venners
 - Ch 1
 - Ch 5
 - Illustrations