Let's Play Objects

- · Simulate a LAN physically
- \cdot Set up a context for
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A LAN Simulator

 A LAN contains nodes, workstations, printers, file servers. Packets are sent in a LAN and each node treats them differently.



Three Kinds of Objects

- Node and its subclasses represent the entities that are connected to form a LAN.
- Packet represents the information that flows between Nodes.
- NetworkManager manages how the nodes are connected

LAN Design



Interactions Between Nodes



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Node and Packet Creation

[macNode pcNode node1 printerNode node2 node3 packet] macNode := Workstation withName: #mac. pcNode := Workstation withName: #pc. node1 := Node withName: #node1. node2 := Node withName: #node2. node3 := Node withName: #node2 printerNode := Printer withName: #lpr. macNode nextNode: node1. node1 nextNode: pcNode. pcNode nextNode: node2. node3 nextNode: printerNode. lpr nextNode: macNode.

packet := Packet send: 'This packet travelled to' to: #lpr.

Objects communicate via Messages (II)

- Message: 1 + 2
 - receiver : 1 (an instance of SmallInteger)
 - selector: #+
 - arguments: 2
- Message: lpr nextNode: macNode
 - receiver lpr (an instance of LanPrinter)
 - selector: #nextNode:
 - arguments: macNode (an instance of Workstation)
- Message: Packet send: 'This packet travelled to' to: #lpr
 - receiver: Packet (a class)
 - selector: #send:to:
 - arguments: 'This packet travelled to' and #lpr

The Definition of a LAN

- To simplify the creation and the manipulation of a LAN:
 | aLan |
- aLan := NetworkManager new.
- aLan createAndDeclareNodesFromAddresses: #(node1node2 node3) ofKind: Node.
- aLan createAndDeclareNodesFromAddresses: #(mac pc) ofKind: Workstation.
- aLan createAndDeclareNodesFromAddresses: #(lpr) ofKind: LanPrinter.
- aLan connectNodesFromAddresses: #(mac node1 pc node2 node3 lpr)
- \cdot Now we can query the LAN to get some nodes:
 - aLan findNodeWithAddress: #mac

Transmitting a Packet

aLan packet macNode

macNode := aLan findNodeWithAddress: #mac. packet := Packet send: 'This packet travelled to the printer' to: #lpr. macNode originate: packet. -> mac sends a packet to pc -> pc sends a packet to node1 -> node1 sends a packet to node2 -> node2 sends a packet to node3

-> node3 sends a packet to lpr

-> lpr is printing

-> this packet travelled to lpr

How to Define a Class

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Fill the template:
NameOfSuperclass subclass: #NameOfClass
instanceVariableNames: 'instVarName1'
classVariableNames: 'ClassVarName1 ClassVarName2'
poolDictionaries: ''
category: 'LAN'
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For example to create the class Packet

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Object subclass: #Packet
instanceVariableNames: 'addressee originator contents '
classVariableNames: ''
poolDictionaries: ''
category: 'LAN'
```

How to define a method?

message selector and argument names "comment stating purpose of message" | temporary variable names | statements

LanPrinter>>accept: thePacket "If the packet is addressed to me, print it. Otherwise just behave like a normal node." (thePacket isAddressedTo: self) ifTrue: [self print: thePacket] ifFalse: [super accept: thePacket]

In Java

In Java we would write

void accept(thePacket Packet)
/*If the packet is addressed to me, print it.
Otherwise just behave like a normal node.*/
if (thePacket.isAddressedTo(this)){
 this.print(thePacket)}
 else super.accept(thePacket)}