

Objects and APIs

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Objects

- Java is Object Oriented
- Data – int, String, other objects
- Behavior – methods
- `public`
 - Can be seen by any other part of program
- `static`
 - Does not need to be instantiated

LightSensor

- It's a class
- `LightSensor x = new LightSensor(SensorPort.P2);`
- Behavior
 - `x.getNormalizedLightValue();`
 - `x.setFloodlight(true);`
- Data – mostly hidden from us
- Hiding this data and some behavior is great!

ColorSensor

- How do we use the new ColorSensor?
- <http://lejos.sourceforge.net/nxt/nxj/api/index.html>
- How do we create a new ColorSensor object?
- How do we read from it?

Application Programming Interface

- An API lets programmers use each other's code
- You are reading the LeJOS API
- Tells you how to use their application
- Supplement with tutorials

Javadoc

- Java has tools to give consistent APIs
- Learn how to read APIs!
- <http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/>
- There is a ton of stuff there
- Don't Panic