CS159

Variables and Primitive Types

- Java Primitive Types:
  - `byte`, `short`, `int`, `long`, `float`, `double`, `boolean`, `char`

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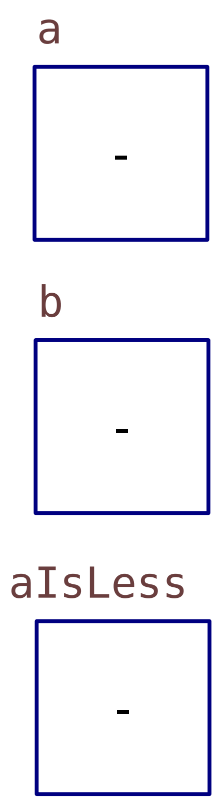

Note: “-” denotes an uninitialized variable.
It is a syntax error to access an uninitialized local variable.

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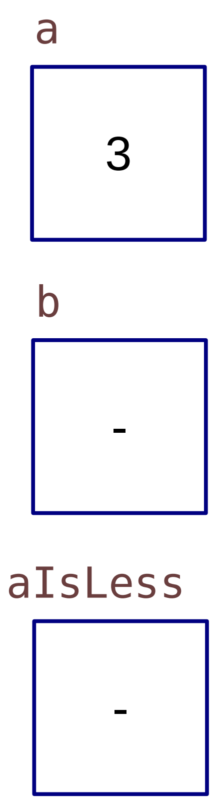

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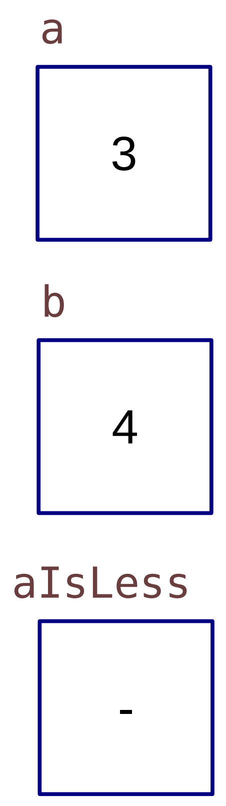

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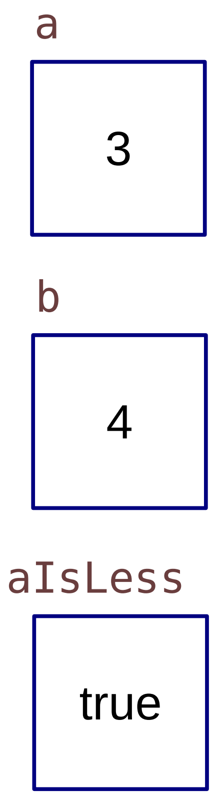

Reference Types

- String, Arrays, all Classes.

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(Assume that setName and getName perform the expected operations.)

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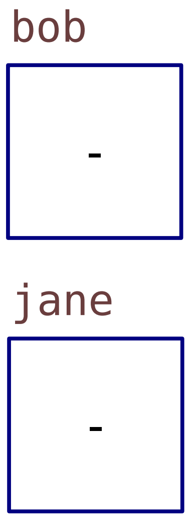

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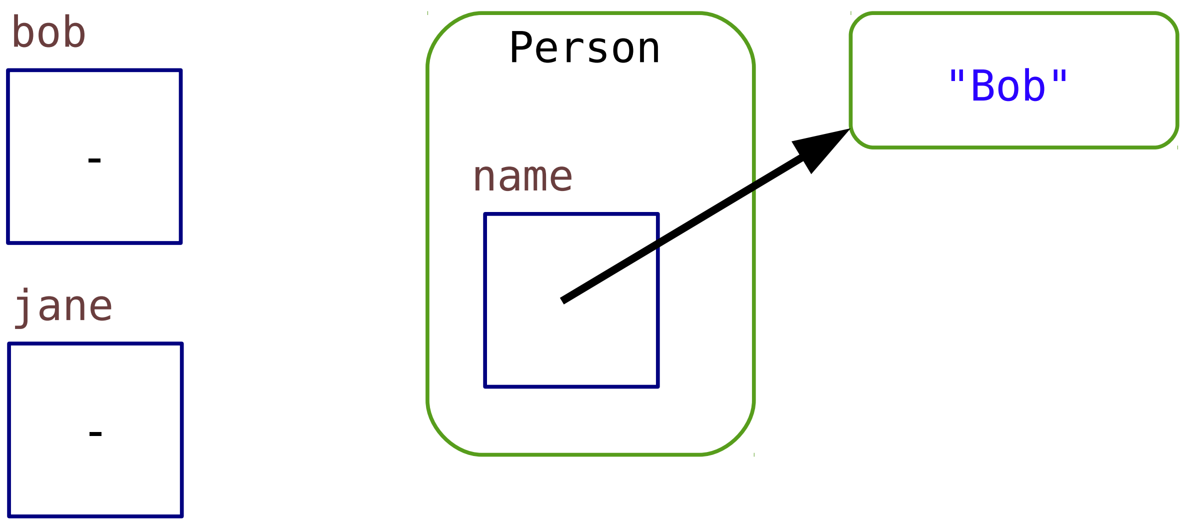

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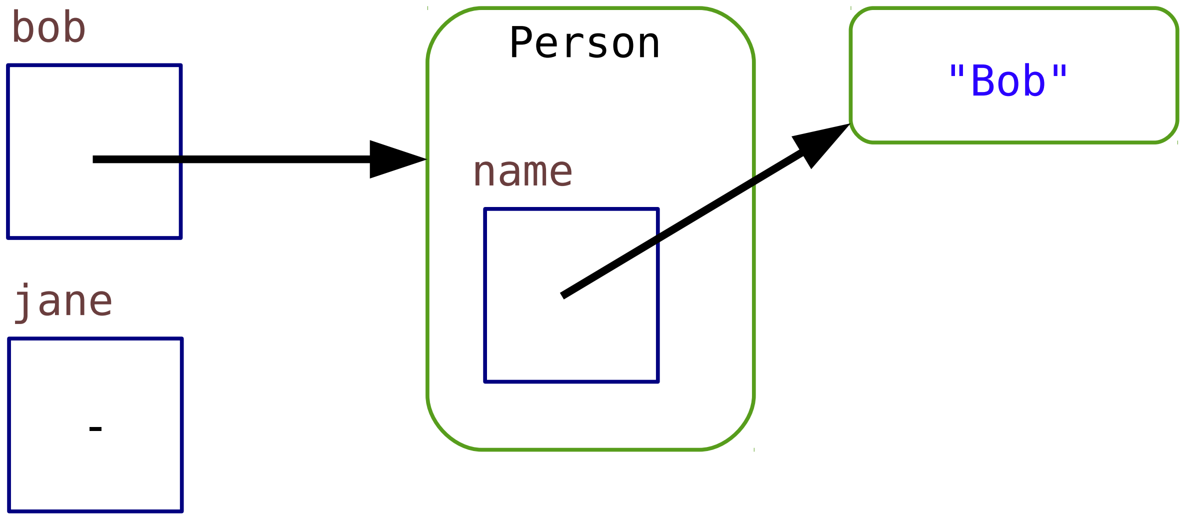

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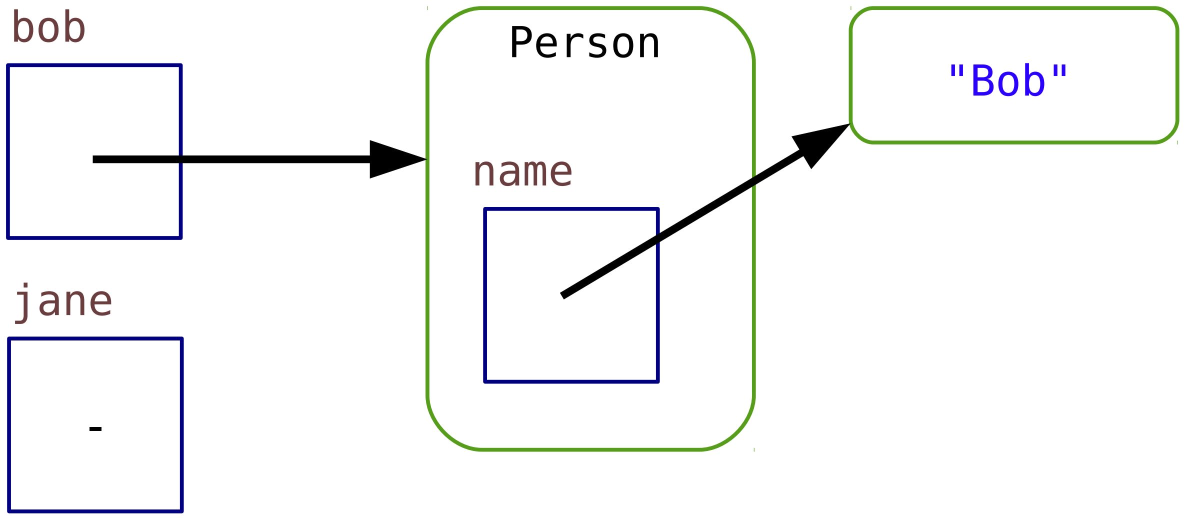

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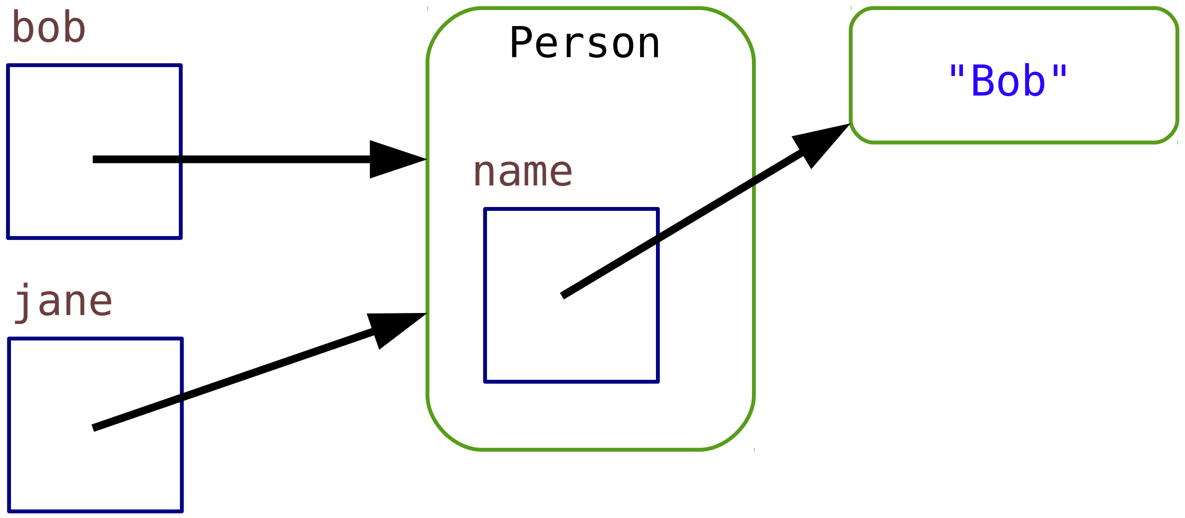

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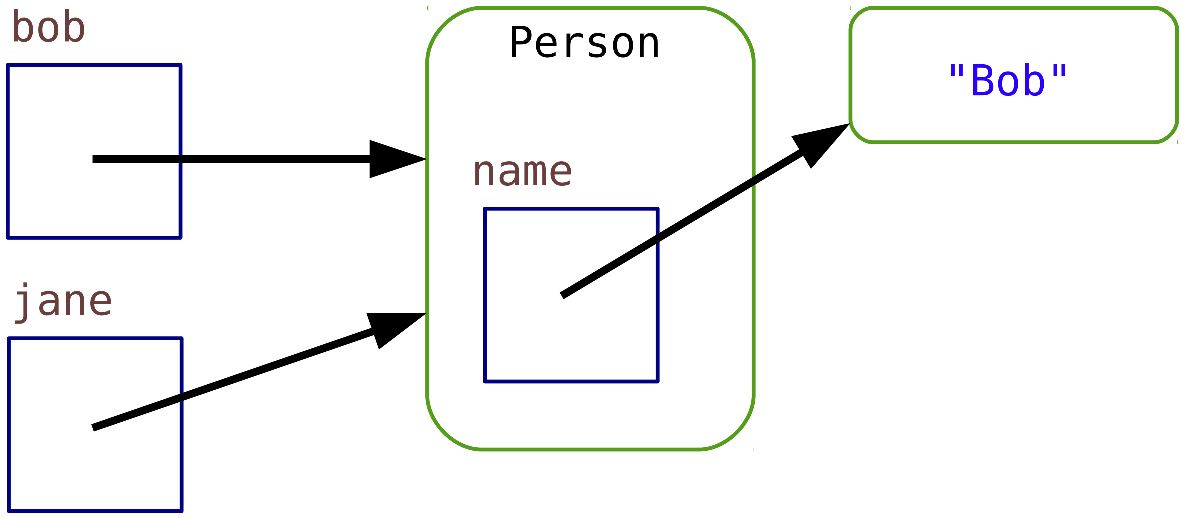

The variables bob and jane are now “aliased”.

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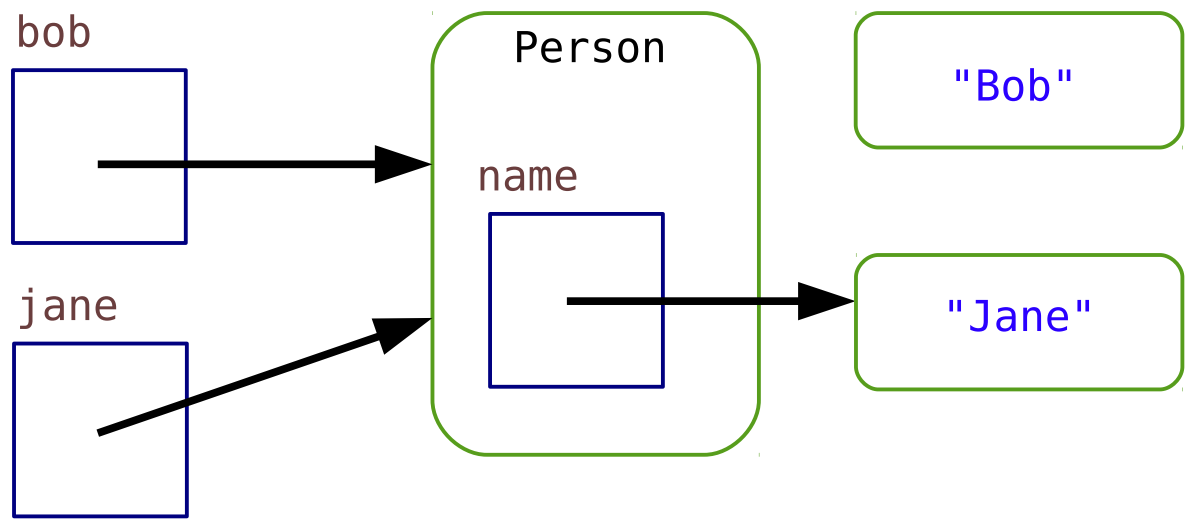

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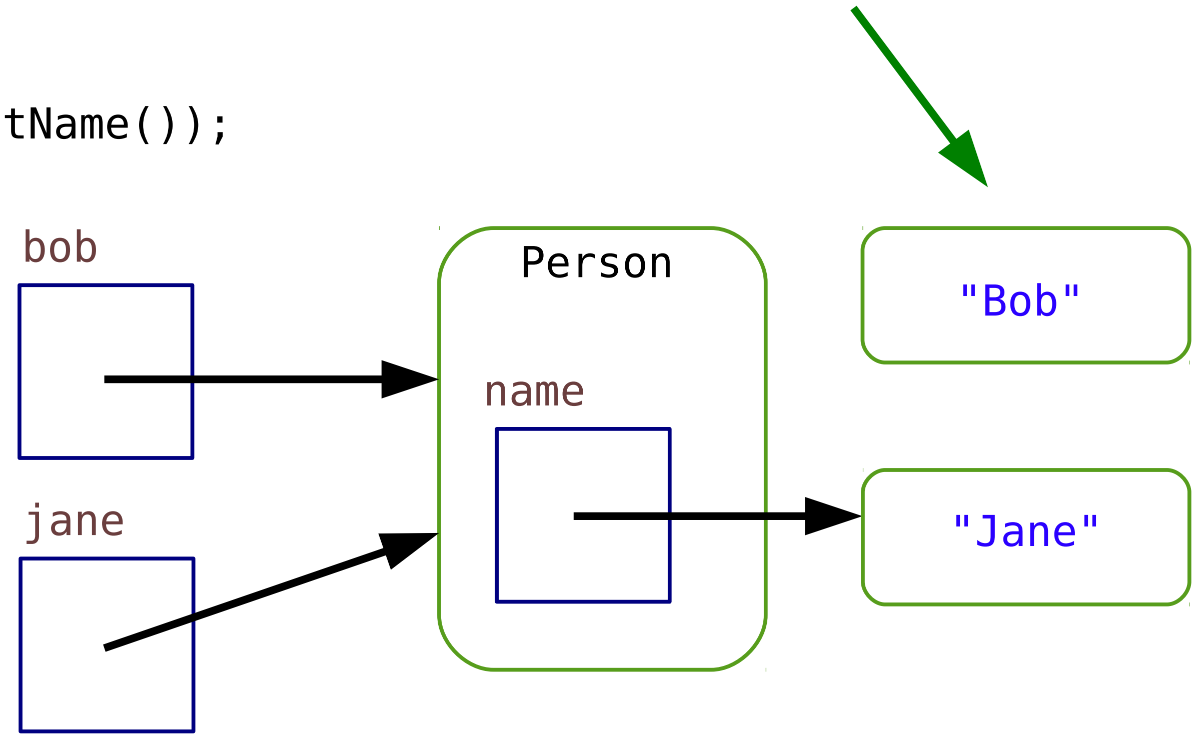

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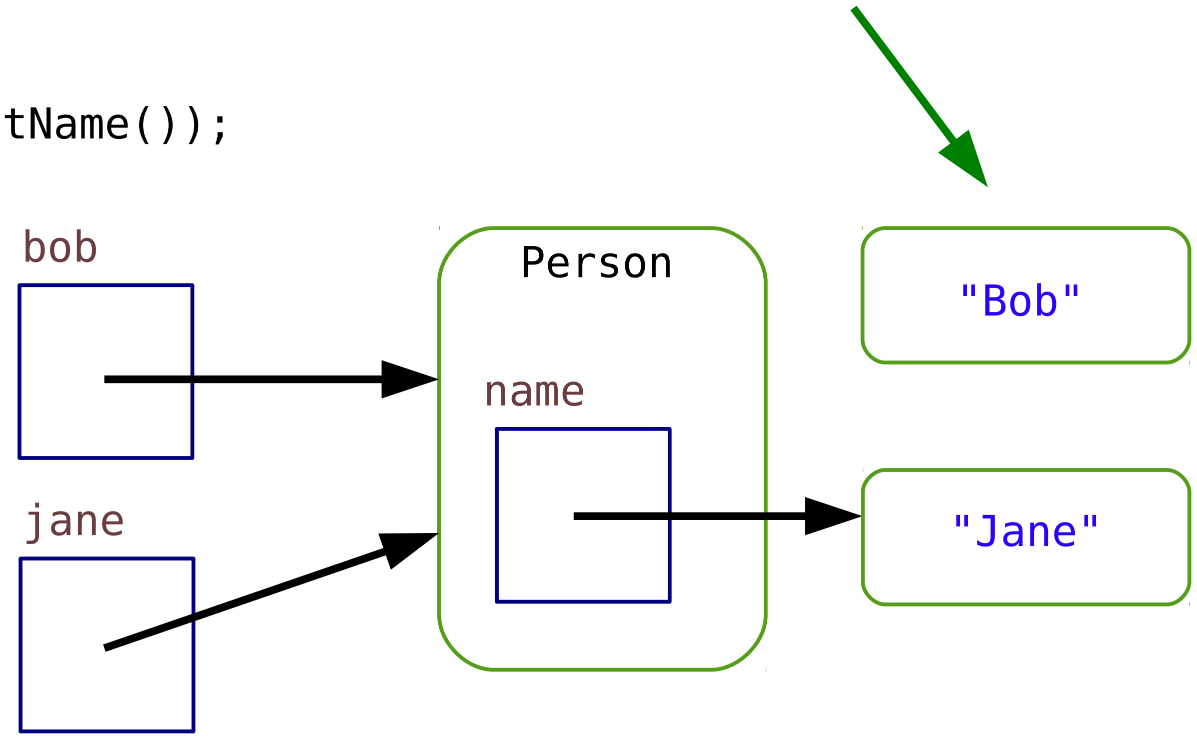

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- Java is telling us that `bob` contains the memory location 6422b8ff*, where a Person object is stored.

*Not *quite* true in Java.

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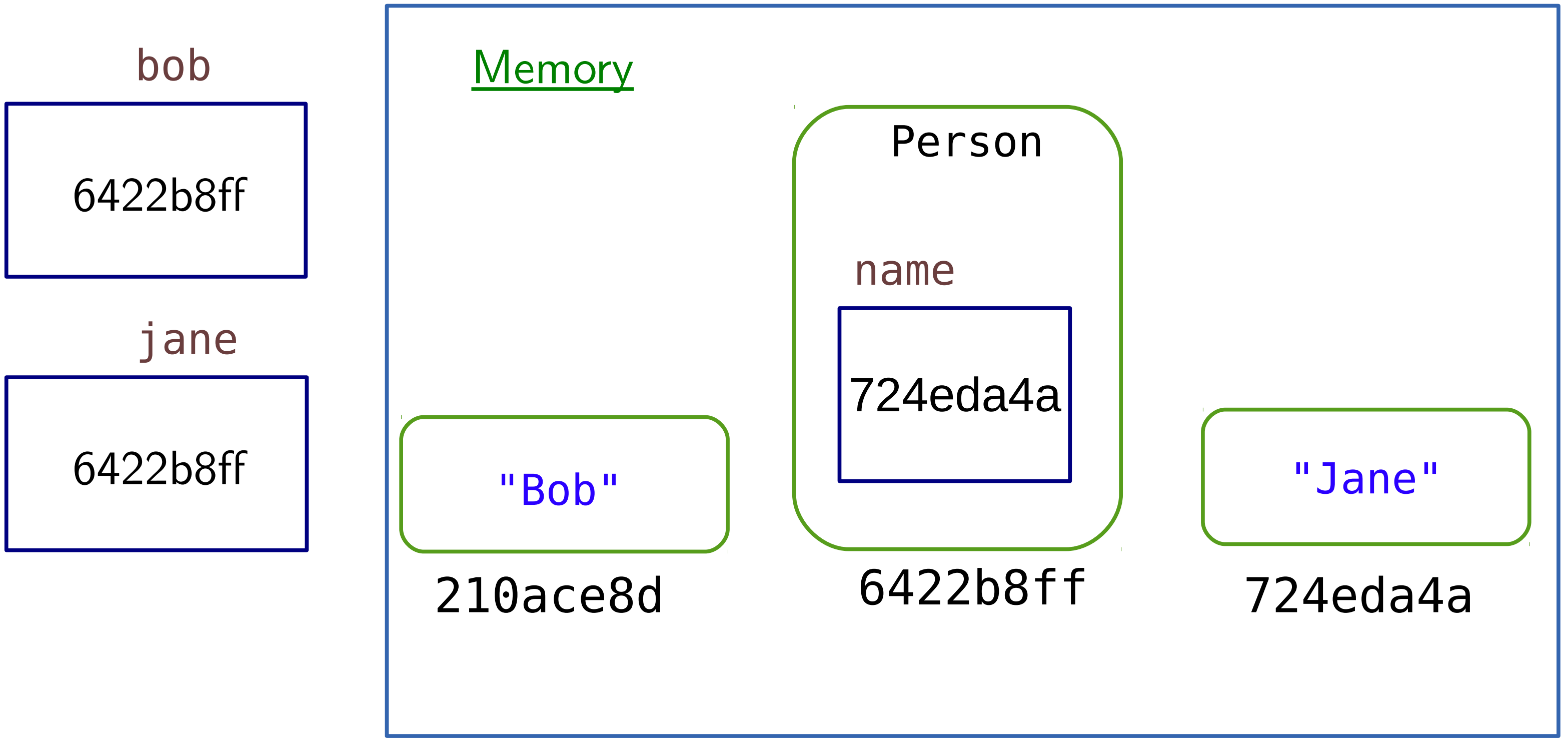

The Moral...

- Reference variables aren't <u>so</u> different from primitive variables.
  - Both store one smallish piece of information (8-64 bits)
- Assignment (=) copies contents.
- Equality operator (==) compares contents.

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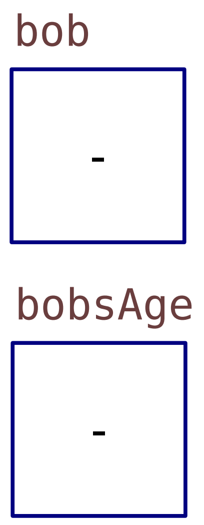

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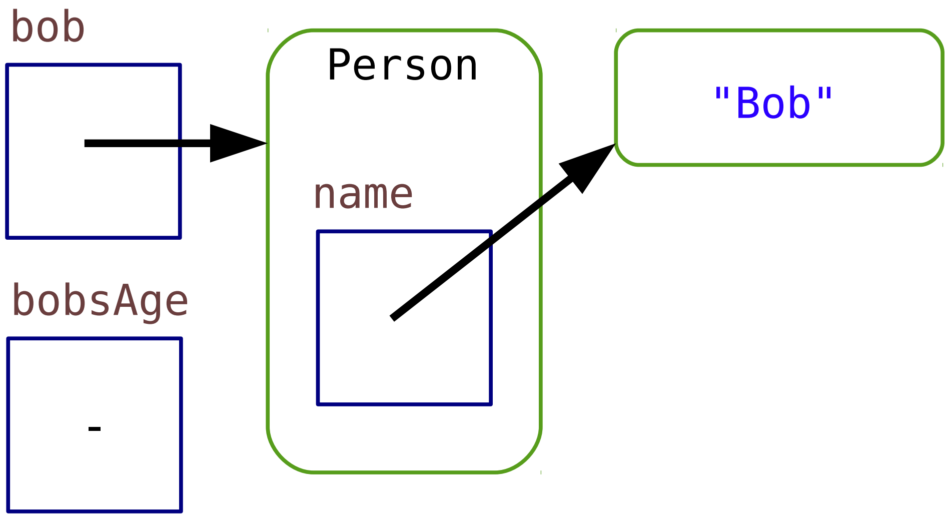

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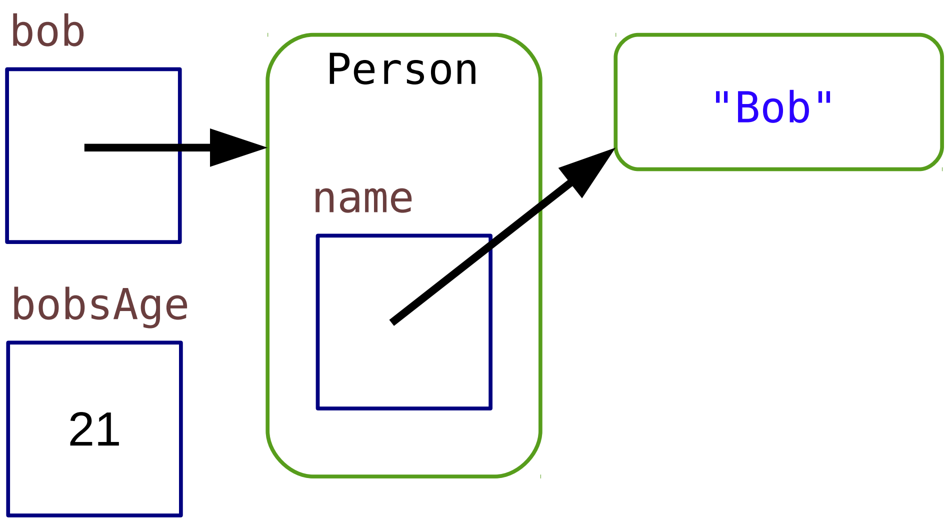

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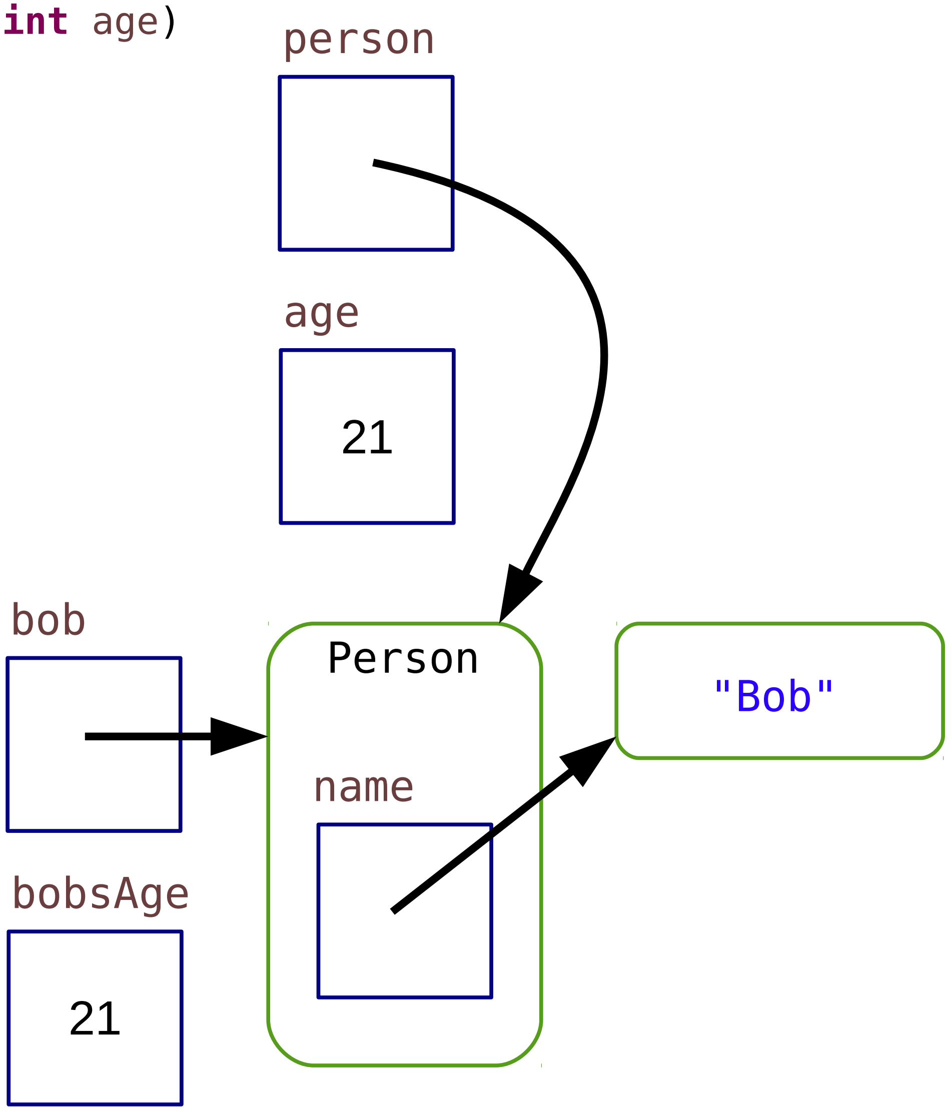

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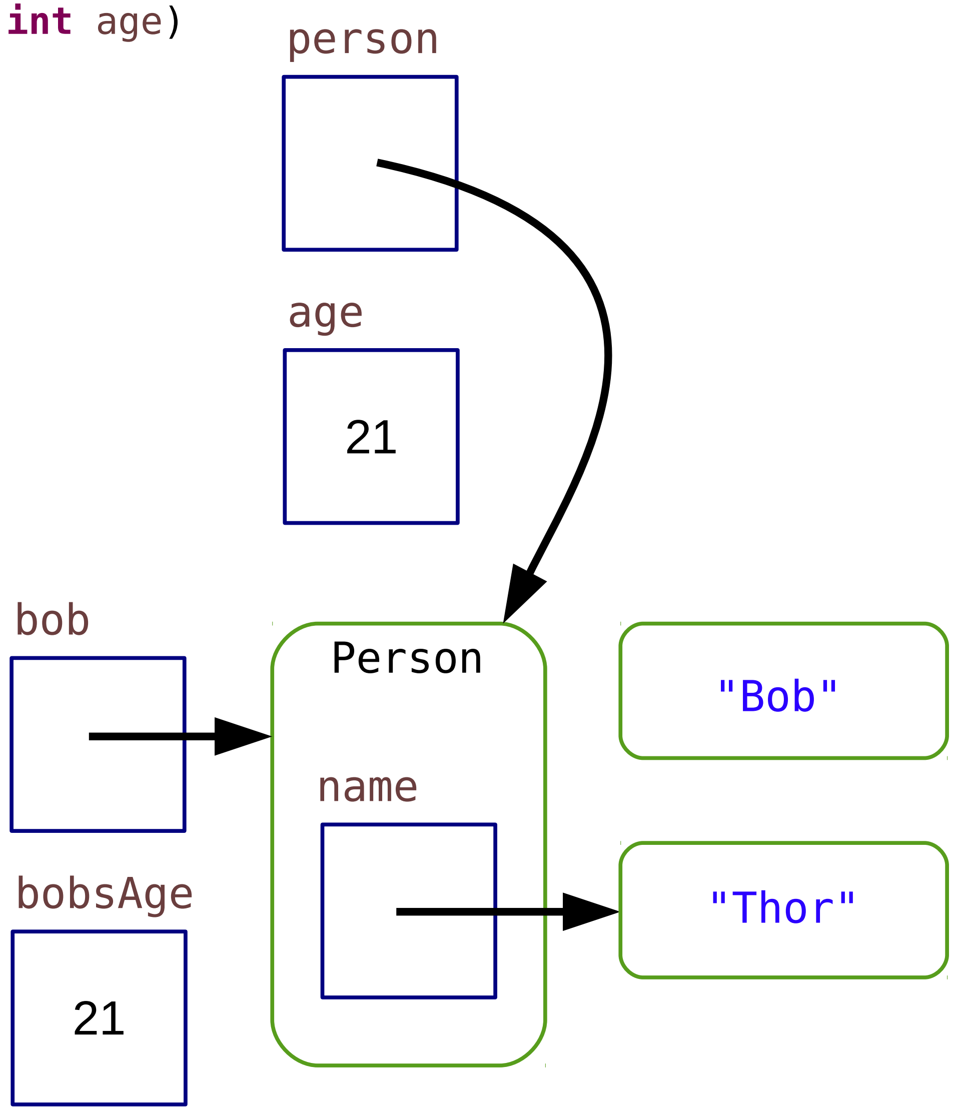

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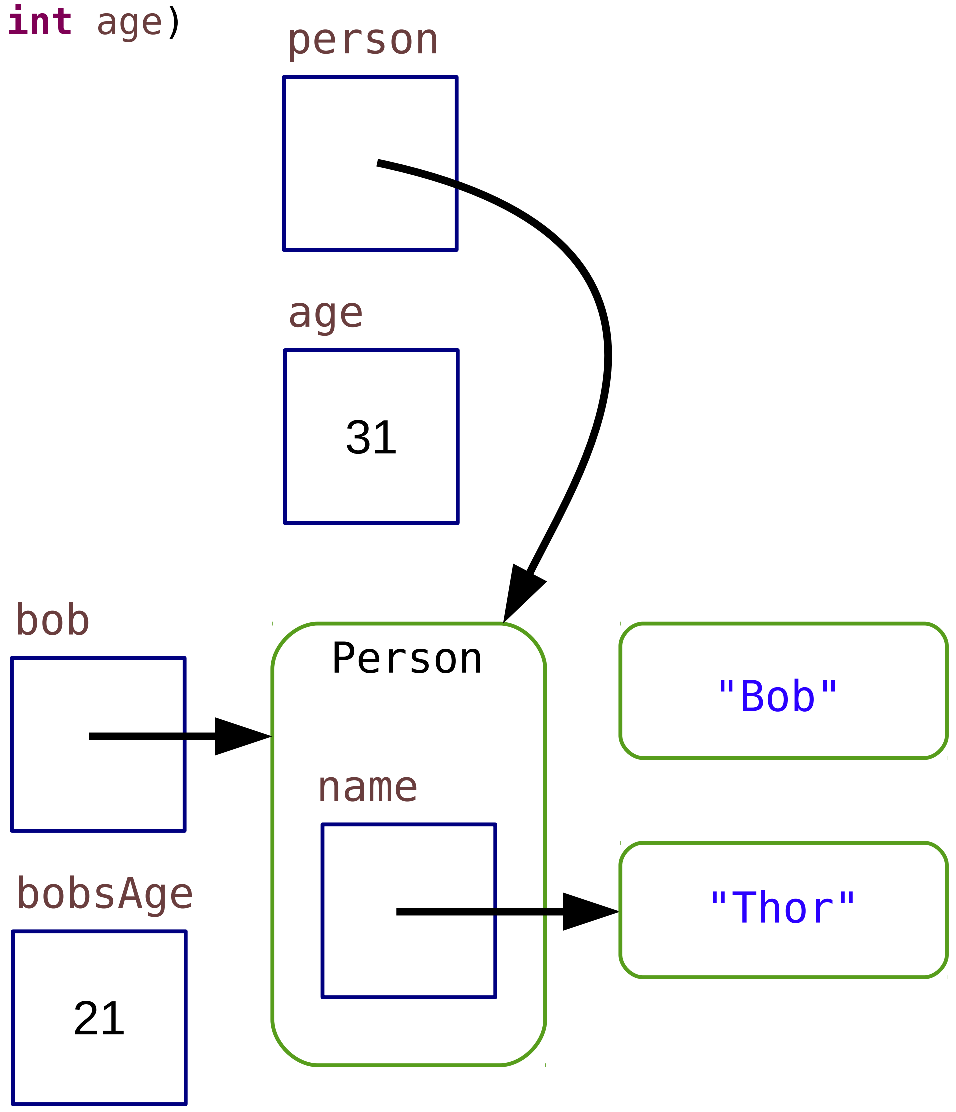

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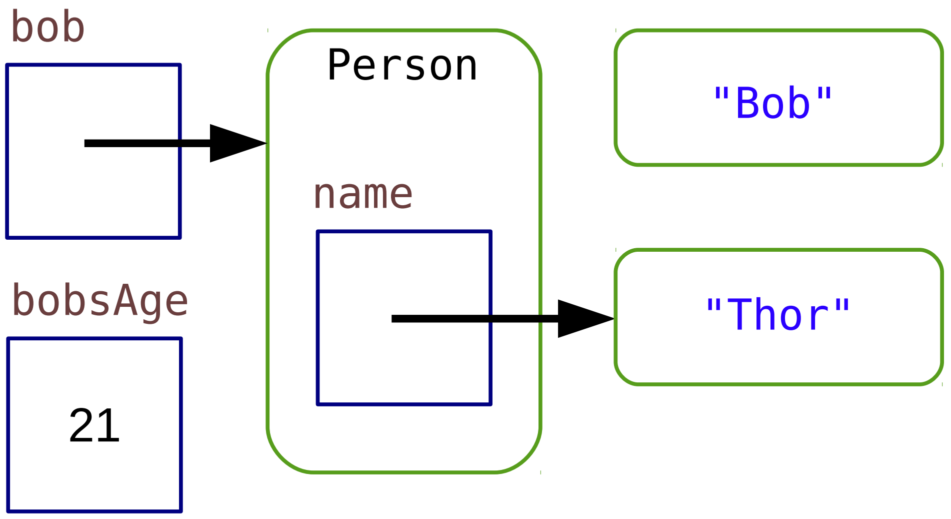
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