

CS159



Variables and Primitive Types

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

Example

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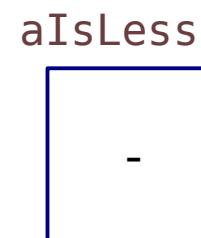
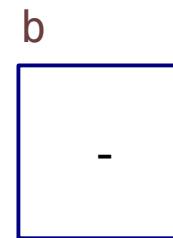
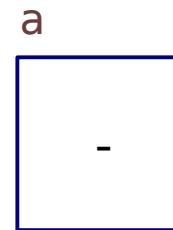
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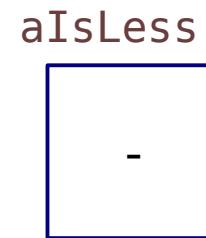
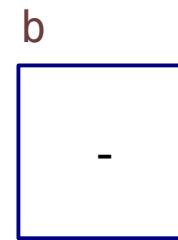
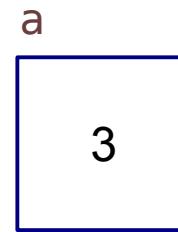
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Note: “-” denotes an uninitialized variable.
It is a syntax error to access an uninitialized local variable.

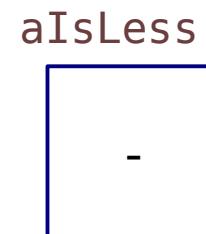
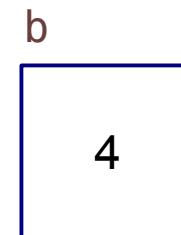
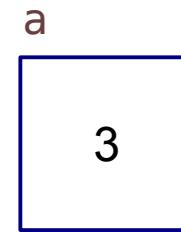
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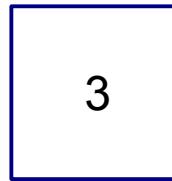
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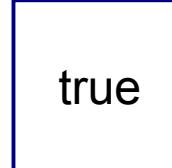


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aIsLess
true

Reference Types

- String, Arrays, all Classes.

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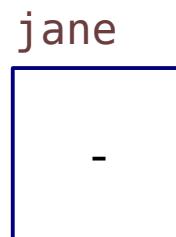
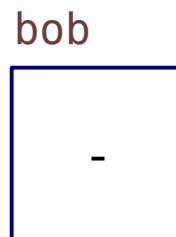
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(Assume that setName and getName perform the expected operations.)

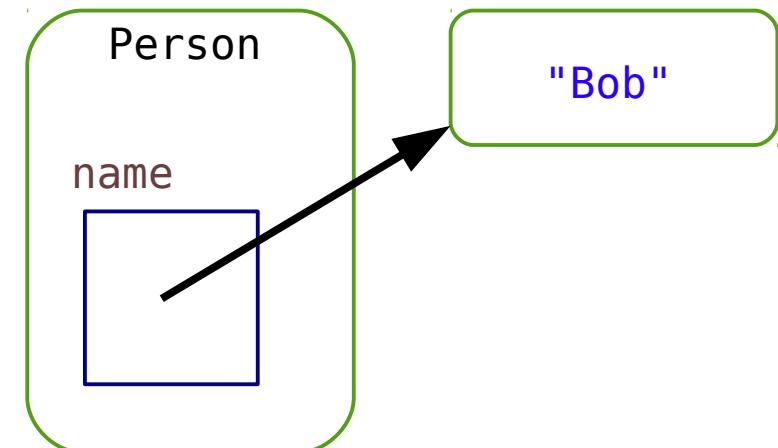
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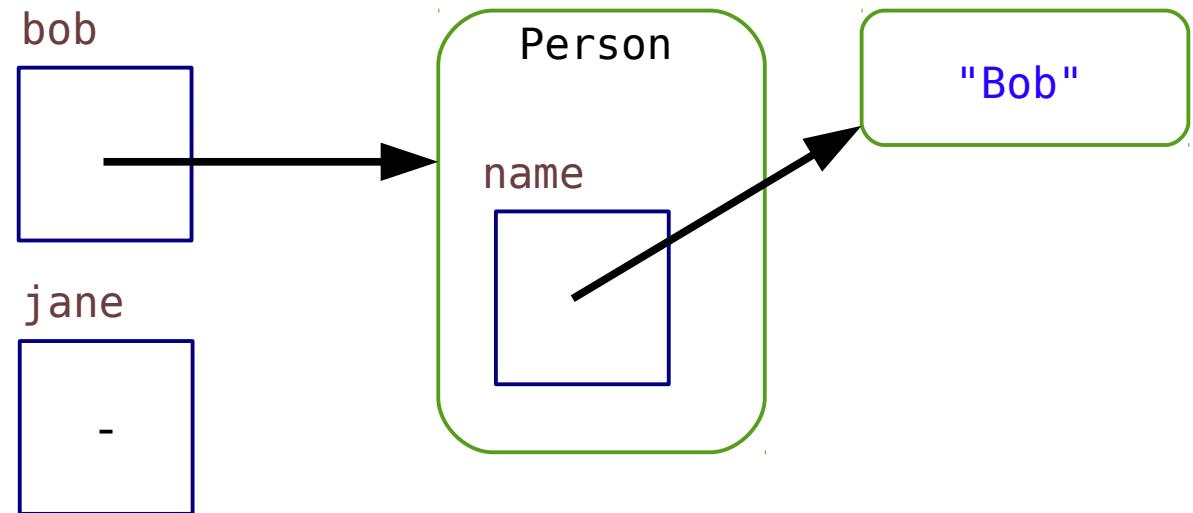
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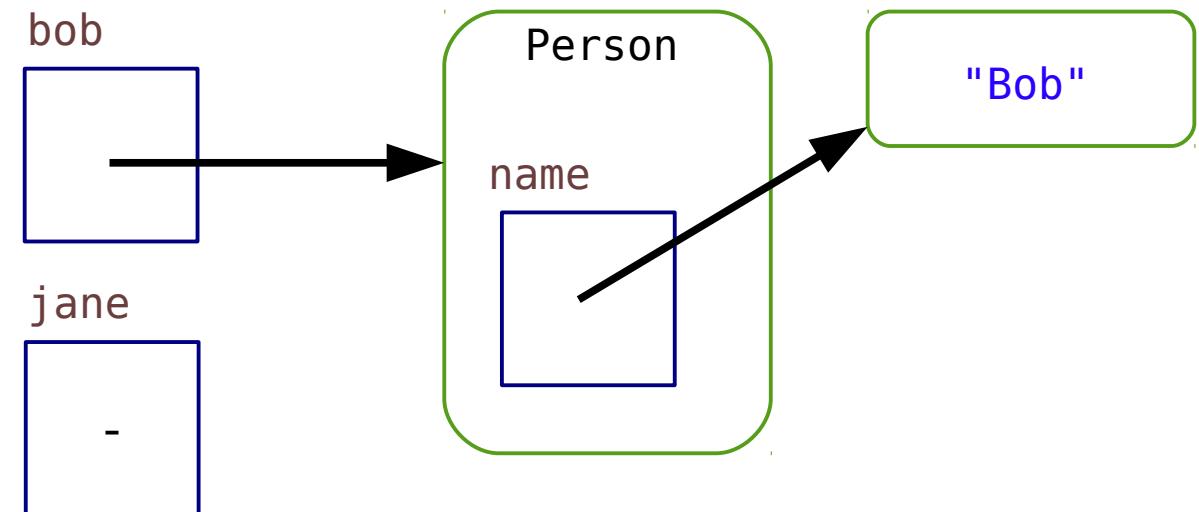
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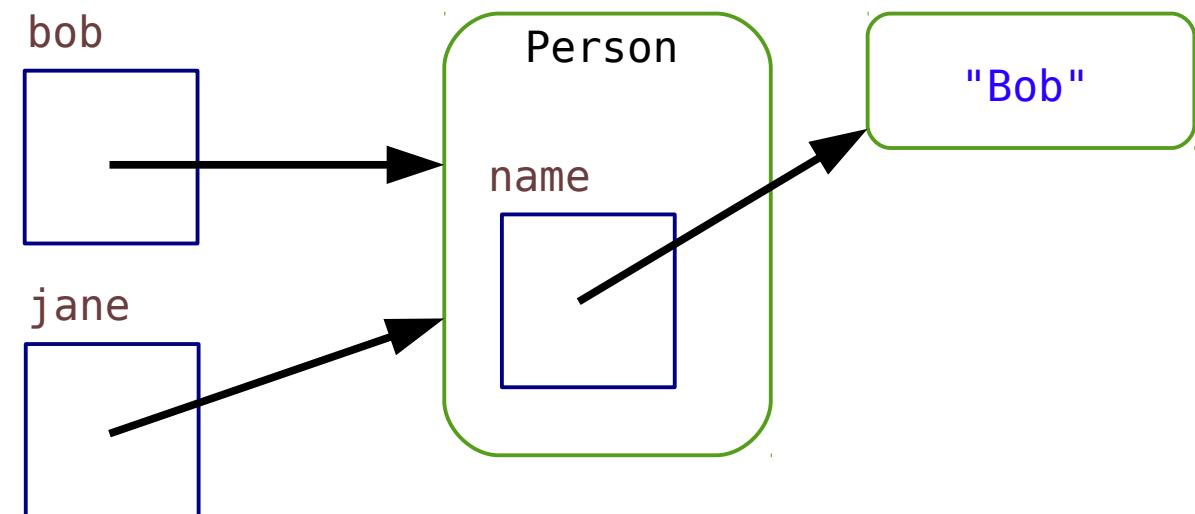
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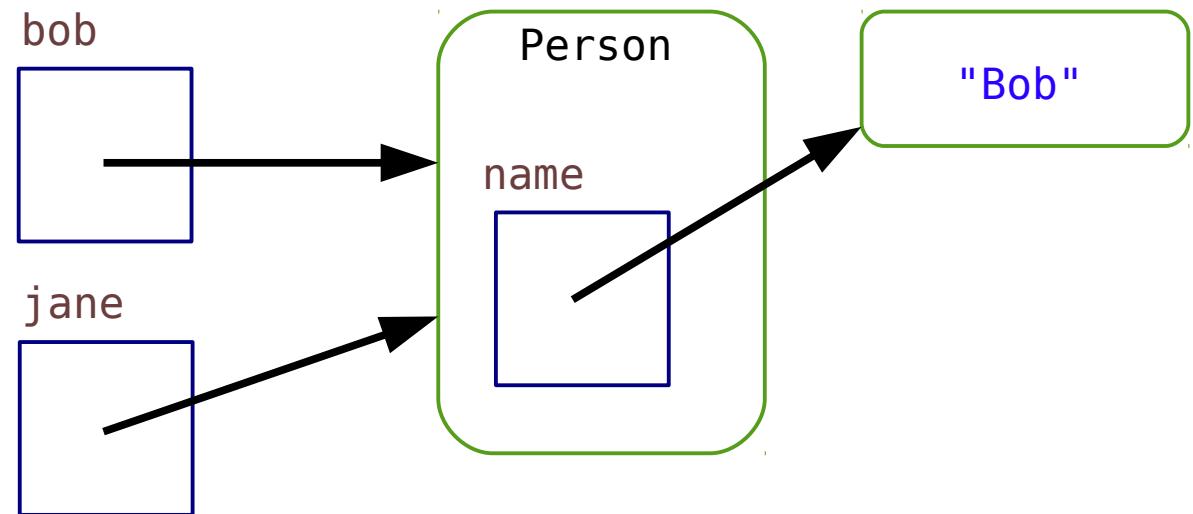
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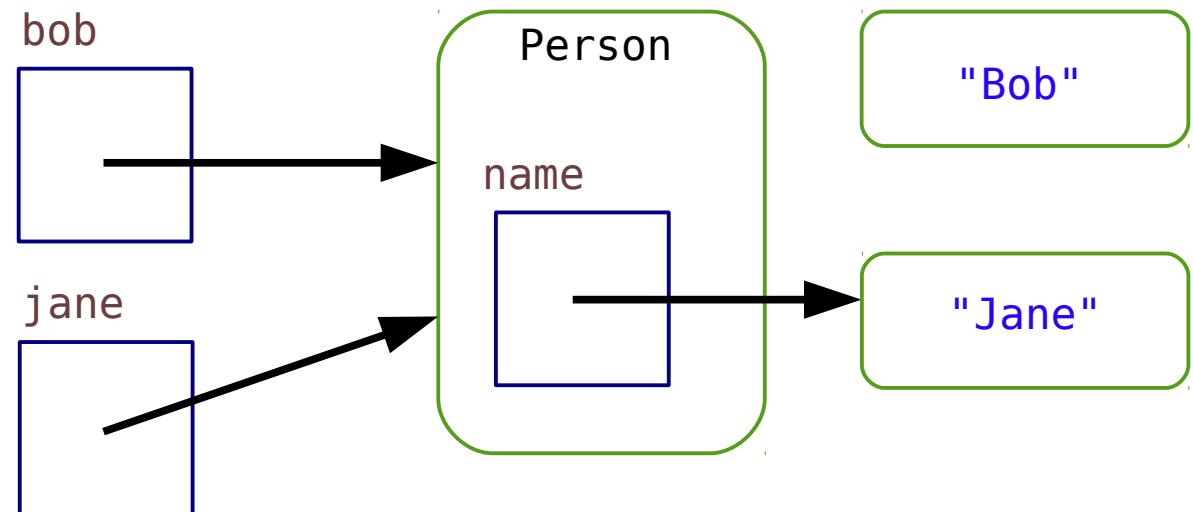
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The variables **bob** and **jane** are now “aliased”.

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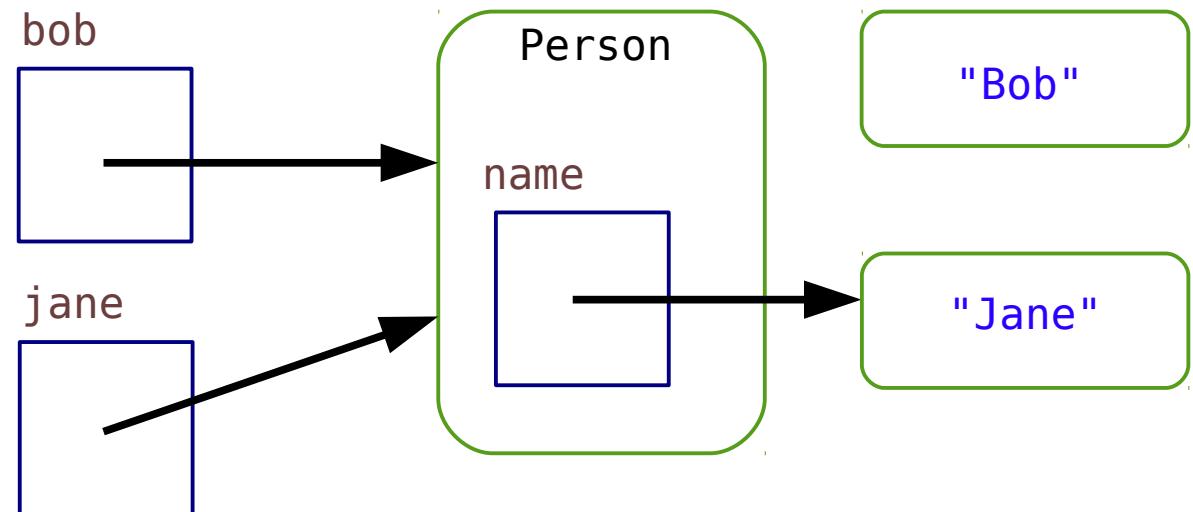
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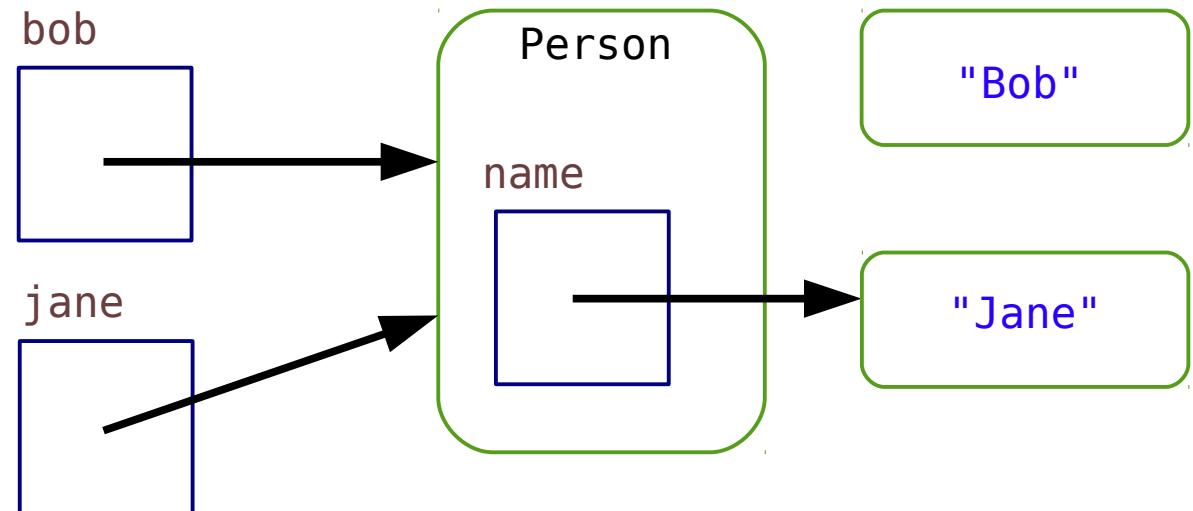
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Answer: garbage collection.



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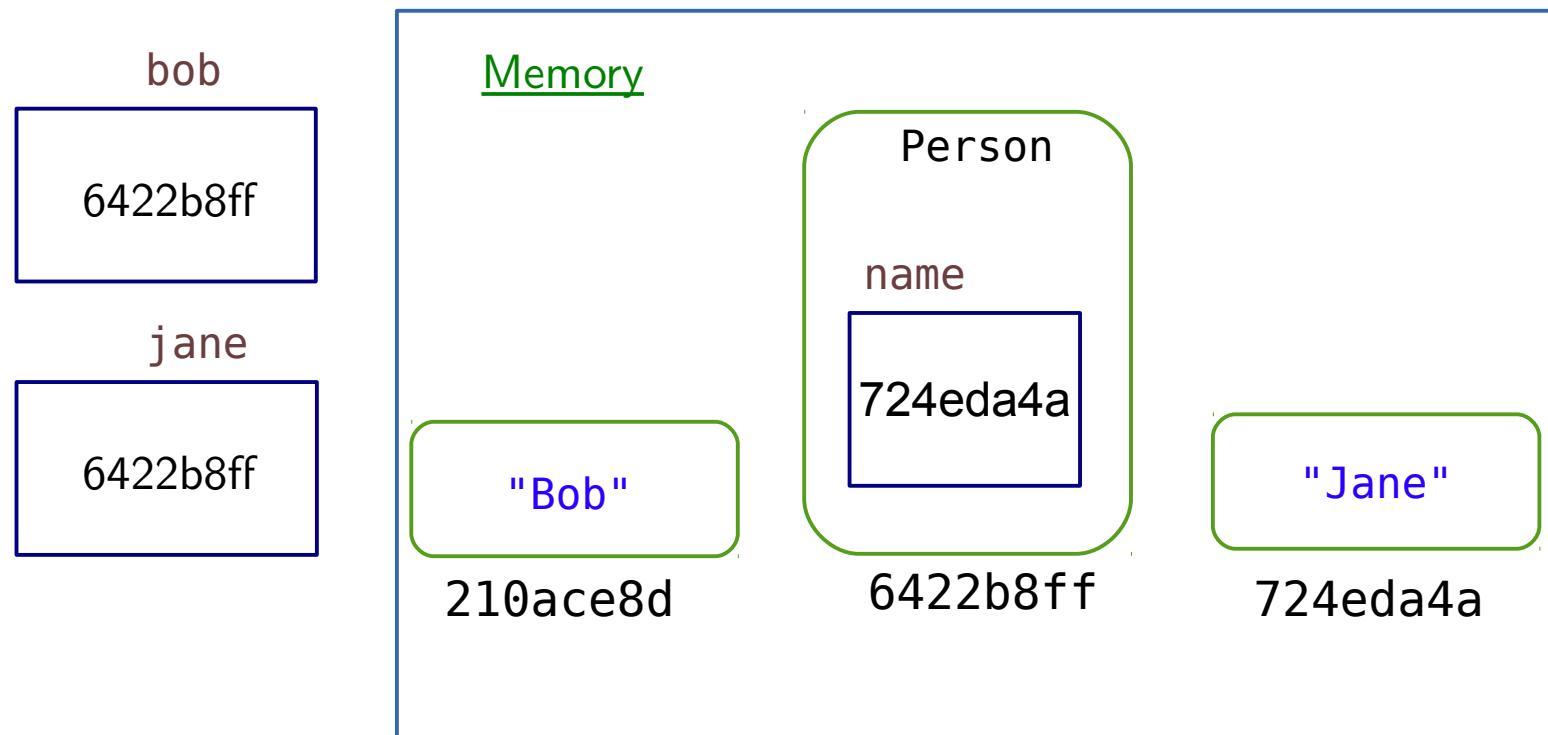
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- Result is: Person@6422b8ff
- Java is telling us that **bob** contains the memory location 6422b8ff*, where a Person object is stored.

*Not quite true in Java.

Reference Example Revisited

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The Moral...

- Reference variables aren't so 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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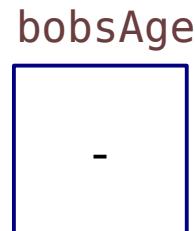
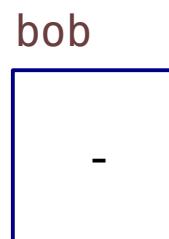
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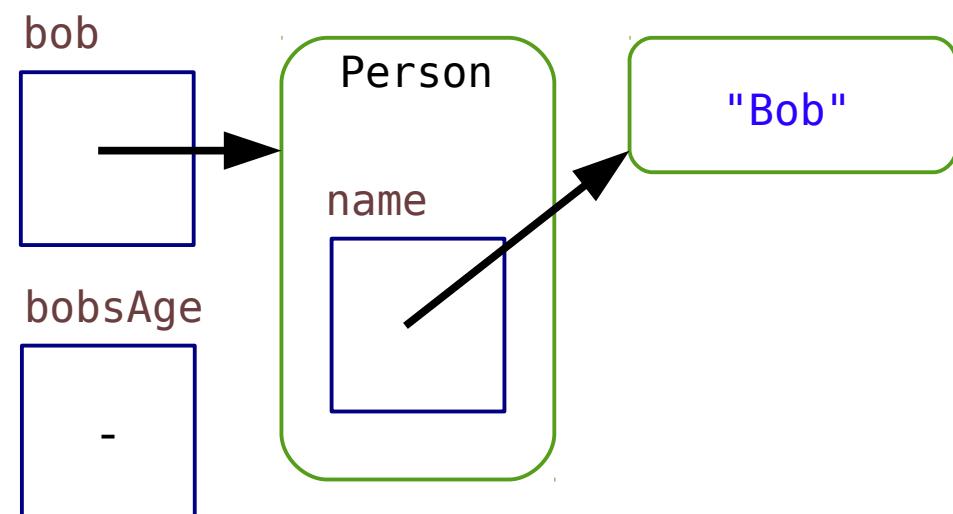
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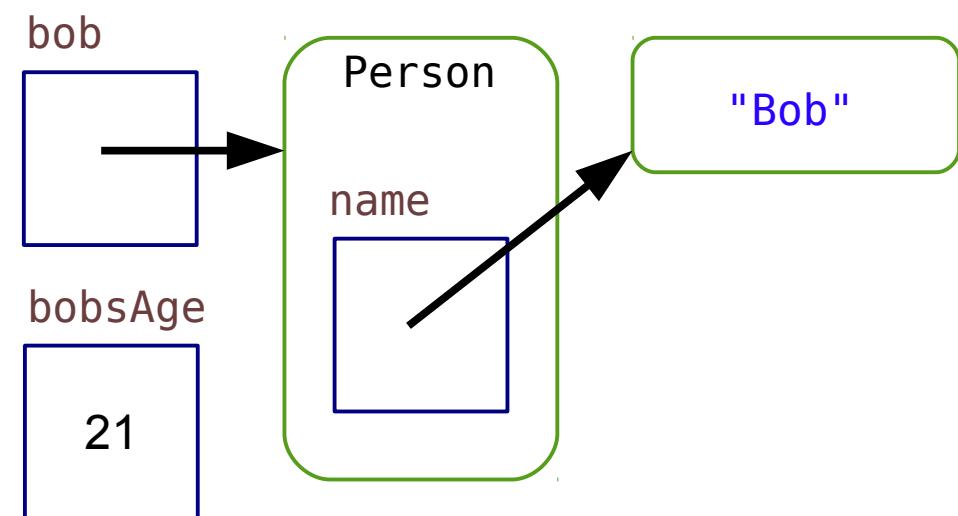
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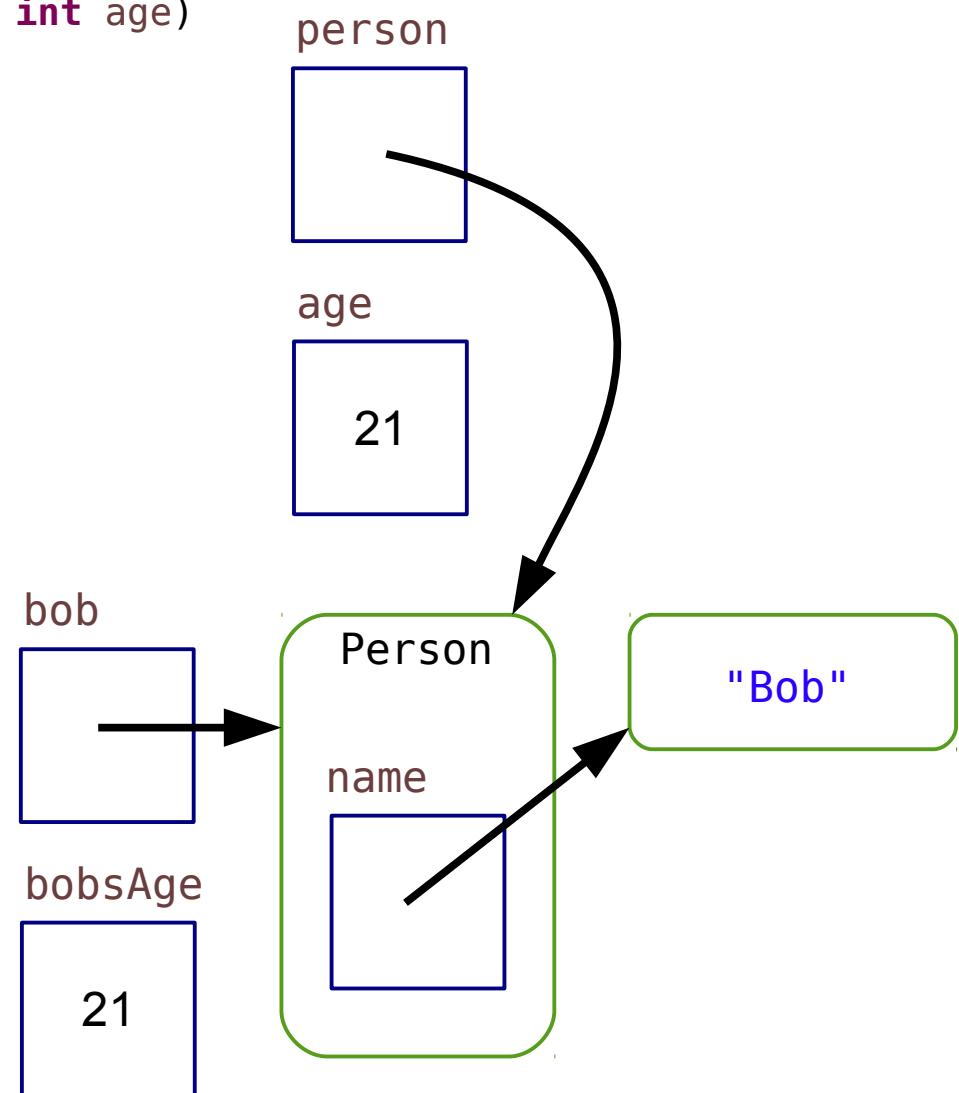
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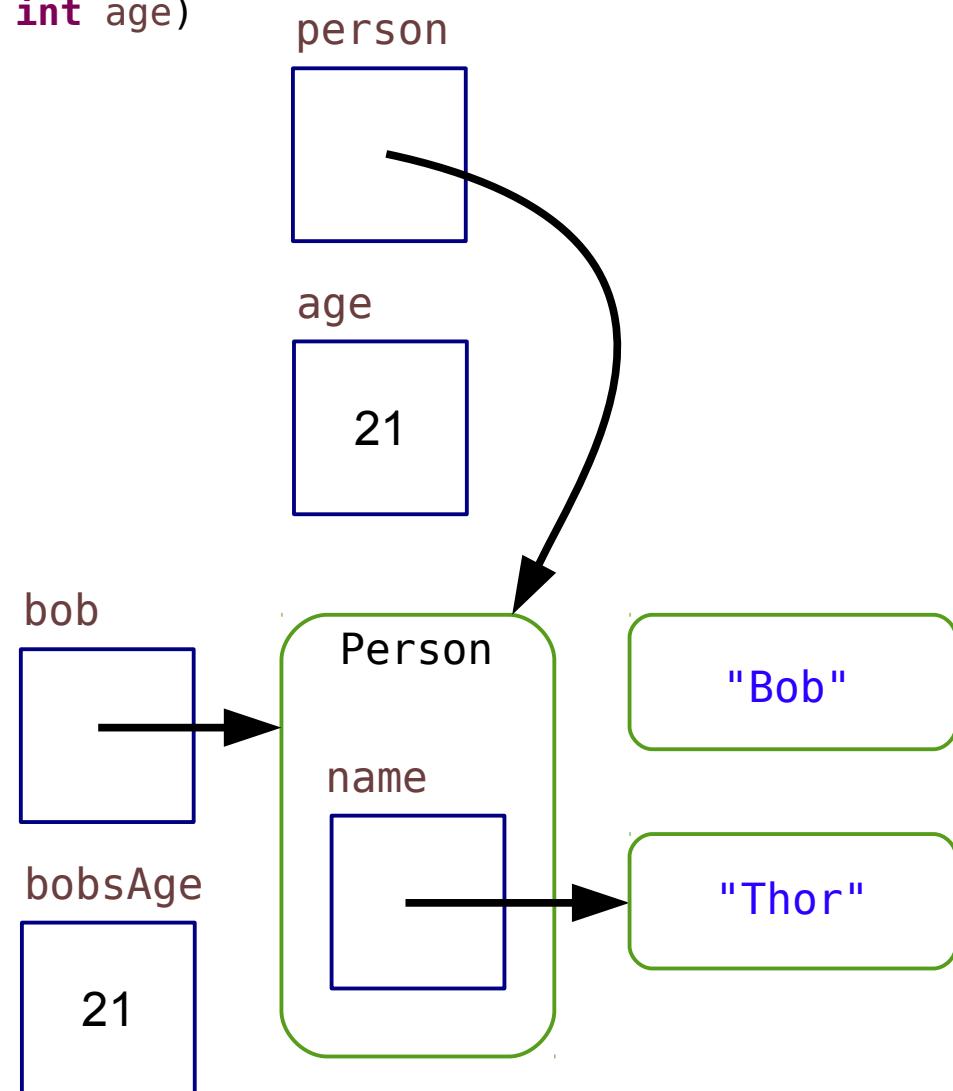
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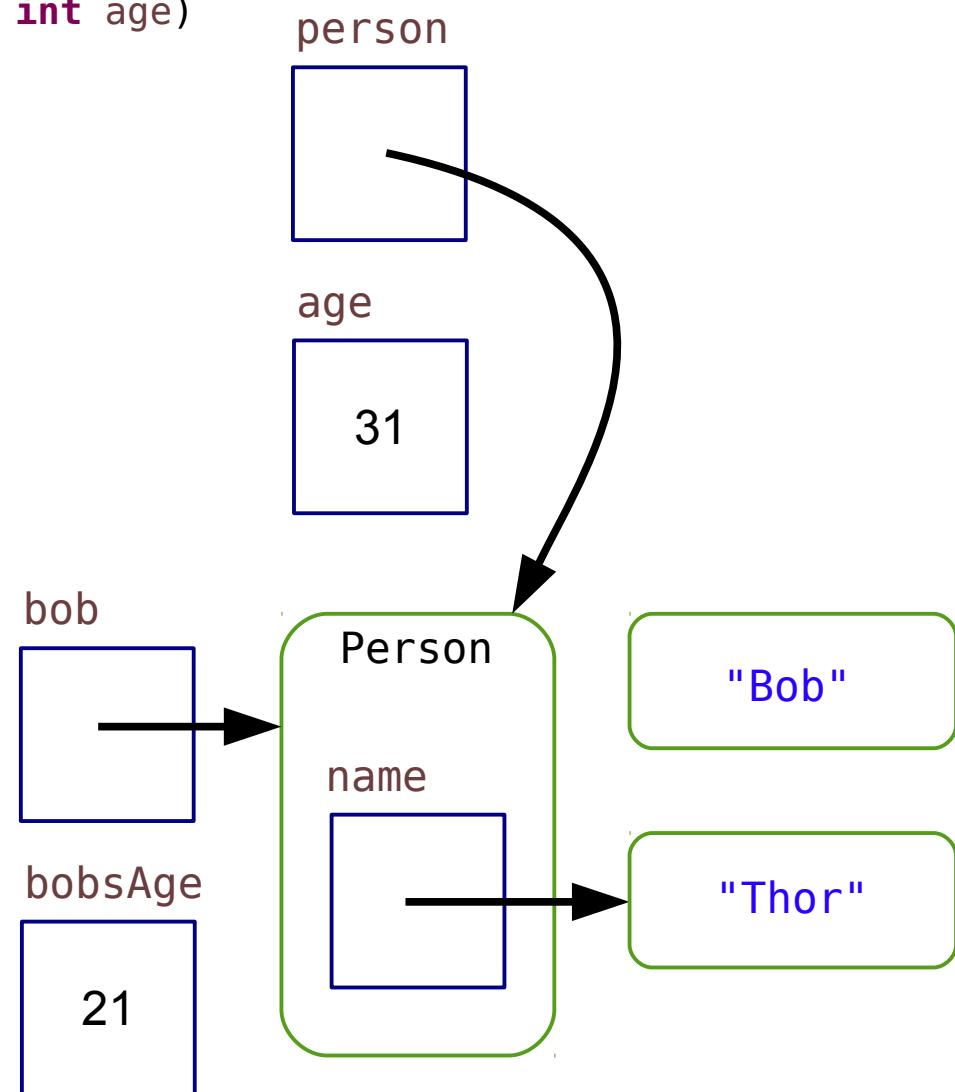
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