

# 1. Method Area (store class metadata), Runtime Constant Pool (bind value), String Constant Pool

## Example

java

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```
class A {  
    static final String HELLO = "hi";  
    int x = 10;  
}
```

When **A** is loaded:

- **Method Area** gets:
  - Class A metadata (name, fields **HELLO**, **x**, methods, modifiers).
  - Static variable **HELLO**.
  - A reference to **Runtime Constant Pool** for A.
- **Runtime Constant Pool (for class A)** gets:
  - Literal **"hi"**.
  - Symbolic refs: class A, field **x**, field **HELLO**, etc.
- **String Constant Pool (in heap)** gets:
  - Interned **"hi"** (if not already present).

# 2. Program Counter, Java Virtual Machine Stack, Native Method Stack, Heap

- Program Counter: per thread, store the last executed command.
- Java Virtual Machine Stack: per thread, stack to store variables.
- Native Method Stack: stack of C/C++ programs.
- Heap: store object

### 3. JVM Steps During Object Creation (with **new**)

#### 1. Class loading & linking (if not already loaded)

- ClassLoader loads the **.class** file.
- JVM verifies, prepares, and resolves the class.

#### 2. Memory allocation (Heap)

- JVM allocates memory for the new object.
- Memory size = sum of instance fields + object header.

#### 3. Default initialization

- All fields initialized to default values (**0**, **null**, **false**).

#### 4. Constructor execution

- Explicit constructor runs.
- Instance variables initialized.

#### 5. Reference assignment

- The variable (**p** in our case) stores the reference (on the stack).
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## **4. Memory Layout of an Object**

Each object in JVM typically has:

### **1. Object Header**

- Mark Word (hash code, GC info, lock info).
- Class pointer (points to class metadata in Method Area/Metaspace).

### **2. Instance Data**

- Values of instance fields.

### **3. Padding**

- To align object size to 8 bytes.