

# Java Programming

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```
1 class Lecture6 {  
2  
3     // Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)  
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5 }  
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8 class, new, this, static, null, extends, super, final, abstract,  
9 interface, implements, protected, package, import, enum
```

# Object & Class

- An **object** is an entity to maintain its own states in **fields**<sup>1</sup> and provide accessory **methods** (or actions) on fields.
- To create objects of this **type**, we define a new **class** as follows:
  - designate a name with the first letter capitalized;
  - declare data and function members in the class body.
- Note that a class is one way to create reference types.<sup>2</sup>
- In this sense, **defining a new class is to define a new type!**
  - You are building a new world!

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<sup>1</sup>It is also called attributes, properties, and whatsoever.

<sup>2</sup>For example, we will visit more reference types, like **interface** and **enum**.

## Example: Points

- For any 2D point, the class could look like the code snippet below:

```
1 public class Point {  
2  
3     // Data members.  
4     double x, y;  
5  
6 }
```

- Then we manipulate two points in another class, shown in the next page.

```
1 public class PointDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4
5         Point p1 = new Point();
6         p1.x = 10;
7         p1.y = 20;
8
9         Point p2 = new Point();
10        p2.x = 30;
11        p2.y = 40;
12
13        System.out.printf("%.2f, %.2f\n", p1.x, p1.y);
14        System.out.printf("%.2f, %.2f\n", p2.x, p2.y);
15
16    }
17
18 }
```

- Could you draw the current state of memory allocation when the program reaches Line 15?

# Encapsulation

- Each member may have an access modifier, say **public** and **private**.
  - **public**: accessible by all classes.
  - **private**: accessible only within its own class.
- In OOP practice, the internals like data members should be **isolated** from the outside world.
- So all fields should be declared **private**.
- Note that the **private** modifier does not guarantee any information security.<sup>3</sup>
  - What private is good for **maintainability** and **modularity**.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Thanks to a lively discussion on January 23, 2017.

<sup>4</sup>Read this article [Are private members really more "secure" in Java?](#)    

- We then expose the **public** methods which perform actions on these fields, if necessary.
- For example,
  - **getters**: return one specific field.
  - **setters**: assign new value to the field.
- For example, getX() and getY() are the getters; setX() and setY() are the setters of the **Point** class.

## Example: Point (Encapsulated)

```
1 public class Point {  
2  
3     // Data members: fields or attributes  
4     private double x, y;  
5  
6     // Function members: methods  
7     public double getX() { return x; }  
8     public double getY() { return y; }  
9     public void setX(double a) { x = a; }  
10    public void setY(double b) { y = b; }  
11  
12 }
```



# Constructors

- To create an object of the type, its constructor is invoked by the **new** operator.
- You can define constructors with parameters if necessary.
  - For example, one can **initialize** the object during the creation.
- Note that a constructor has its name identical to the class name and has **no** return type. (Why?)
- If you don't define any explicit constructor, Java assumes a **default constructor** for you.
- Adding any explicit constructor disables it but you can recover it by yourself.

## Parameterized Constructors: Example

```
1 public class Point {  
2     ...  
3     // Default constructor  
4     public Point() {  
5         // Do something in common.  
6     }  
7  
8     // Parameterized constructor  
9     public Point(double a, double b) {  
10         x = a;  
11         y = b;  
12     }  
13     ...  
14 }
```

- You can initialize an object when the object is allocated.

## Self Reference: `this`

- You can refer to any (instance) member of the **current** object by using `this`, within its (instance) methods and constructors.
- The most common situation to use `this` is that a field is **shadowed** by method parameters.
  - It is a direct result of the shadow effect.
- You can also use `this` to **call another constructor of the class**, say `this()` calling the default constructor, if existing.

## Example: Point (Revisited)

```
1 public class Point {  
2     ...  
3     public Point(double x, double y) {  
4  
5         this.x = x;  
6         this.y = y;  
7  
8     }  
9     ...  
10 }
```

- However, the **this** operator **cannot** be used in **static** methods.

# Instance Members v.s. Static Members

- Before this lecture, every method is declared with **static**.
  - For example, the first **static** method is the main method.
- Notice that all members of the class are declared **without static** since we start this lecture.
- These members are called **instance** members, **available only after one object is created**.
- Semantically, each object has its own states, associated with the accessory methods applying on.
- For example, `getX()` could be invoked and return the `x` value for some specific **Point** object.
- In other words, you cannot invoke `getX()` without an existing **Point** object.

# Instance Members v.s. Static Members

- A **static** variable occupies only one space, **shared** among the class and its objects.
- You can refer to these **static** members by calling the class name in absence of any instance.
  - For example, **Math.PI**.
- In particular, **static** methods perform algorithms.
  - For example, **Math.random()** and **Arrays.sort()**.
- However, static methods **cannot** access to instance members directly. (Why?)
- You may try static initialization blocks.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>See <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/javaOO/initial.html>.

## Example: Distance Between Points (1/2)

```
1 public class Point {  
2  
3     /* Ignore the previous part. */  
4  
5     public double getDistanceFrom(Point that) {  
6         return Math.sqrt(Math.pow(this.x - that.x, 2)  
7                                + Math.pow(this.y - that.y, 2));  
8     }  
9  
10    public static double measure(Point first, Point second) {  
11        return Math.sqrt(Math.pow(first.x - second.x, 2)  
12                                + Math.pow(first.y - second.y, 2));  
13    }  
14 }  
15  
16 }
```

- Note that you cannot use **this** in **static** context.

## Example: Distance Between Points (2/2)

```
1 public class PointDemo {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         /* Ignore the previous part. */  
6         System.out.println(p1.getDistanceFrom(p2));  
7         System.out.println(Point.measure(p1, p2));  
8  
9     }  
10 }
```

- Both methods produce the same result.
- It concludes that
  - if the object keeps its own states, then declare non-**static** variables for those;
  - one can deal with data with both **static** or non-**static** methods.



## Digression: Design Patterns

- Design patterns are a collection of general reusable solutions to a commonly occurring problem in software design.<sup>6</sup>
- These patterns fulfill **experience reuse** instead of code reuse.
- To my personal experience, **OOP syntax is structural skeleton; design patterns are flesh and blood.**
- If you wonder why we need OOP and how to exploit it, I suggest that you could follow any textbook<sup>7</sup> or studying materials for design patterns.

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<sup>6</sup>Gamma et al. (1994).

<sup>7</sup>For example, Freeman and Robson (2020): [Head First Design Patterns](#).

## Example: Singleton Pattern

- For some situations, you need only one object of this type in the system.

```
1 public class Singleton {  
2  
3     // Do not allow to invoke the constructor by others.  
4     private Singleton() { }  
5  
6     // Will be ready as soon as the class is loaded.  
7     private static Singleton instance = new Singleton();  
8  
9     // Only way to obtain this singleton by the outside world.  
10    public static Singleton getInstance() {  
11        return instance;  
12    }  
13  
14 }
```

## Object Elimination: Garbage Collection (GC)<sup>8</sup>

- JVM handles object deallocation by one daemon thread called GC.
- GC **reclaims** the memory space occupied by the objects which are no longer being used (referenced) by the application.
  - To make the object unreferenced, simply assign **null** to the reference variable.
- You can invoke **System.gc()** to execute a deallocation procedure.
- However, frequent invocation of GC is time-consuming.

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<sup>8</sup>See [Java Garbage Collection Basics](#).

# Design Tool: Unified Modeling Language (UML)<sup>10</sup>

- We could conduct one **object-oriented analysis and design** by using UML which specifies, visualizes, constructs, and documents the artifacts of software systems and business modeling.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>You could try some UML softwares, say [StarUML](#).

<sup>10</sup>See [Design and UML Class Diagrams](#).

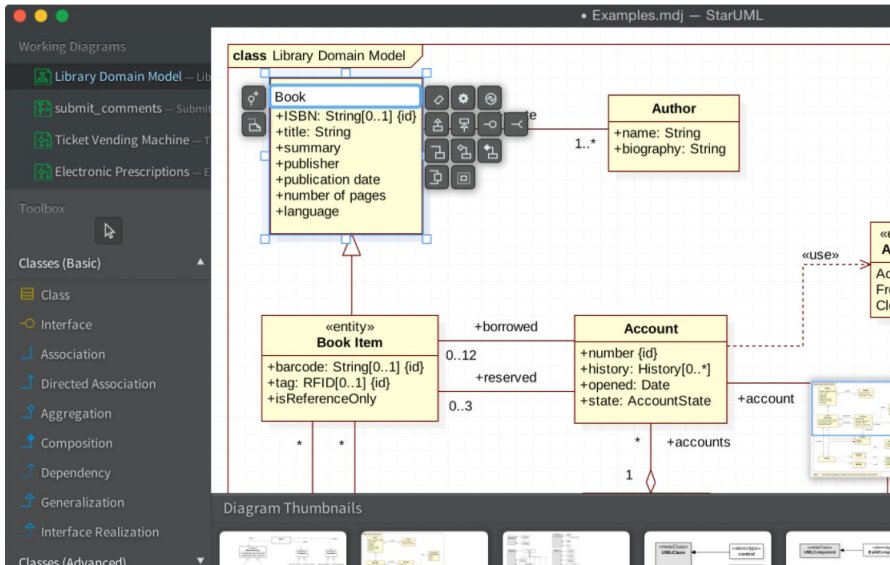
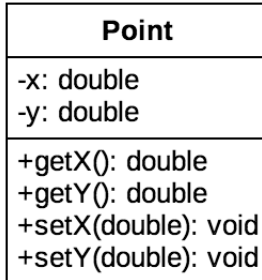


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## Example: Class Diagram

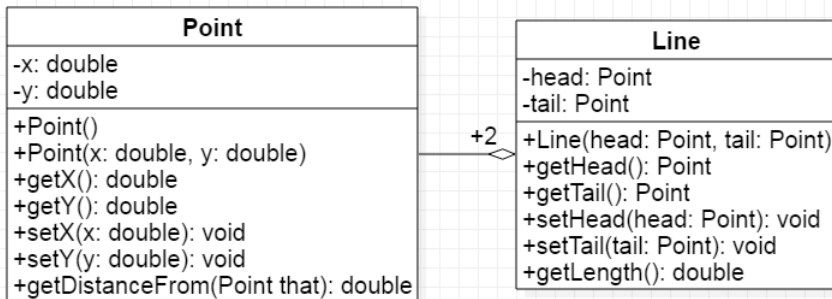


- + refers to **public**.
- - refers to **private**.

# HAS-A Relationship

- **Association** is a weak relationship where all objects have their own lifetime and there is no ownership.
  - For example, teacher  $\leftrightarrow$  student; doctor  $\leftrightarrow$  patient.
- If A uses B, then it is an **aggregation**, stating that B exists independently from A.
  - For example, knight  $\leftrightarrow$  sword; company  $\leftrightarrow$  employee.
- If A owns B, then it is a **composition**, meaning that B has no meaning or purpose in the system without A. (We will see this later.)
  - For example, house  $\leftrightarrow$  room.

## Example: Lines (Aggregation)



- `+2`: one **Line** object uses two **Point** objects.



```
1 public class Line {  
2  
3     private Point head, tail;  
4  
5     public Line(Point p1, Point p2) {  
6         head = p1;  
7         tail = p2;  
8     }  
9  
10    /* Ignore some methods. */  
11  
12    public double getLength() {  
13        return head.getDistanceFrom(tail);  
14    }  
15  
16 }
```

- In Line 13, we **don't reinvent the wheel** if the **Point** class is well-designed.

```
1 public class LineDemo {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         Point p1 = new Point(1, 2);  
6         Point p2 = new Point(3, 4);  
7         Line l = new Line(p1, p2);  
8  
9         ...  
10    }  
11 }  
12  
13 }
```

- Make sure that you can make a sketch of the memory allocation for these three objects.

## Exercise: Circles

```
1 public class Circle {
2
3     private Point center;
4     private double radius;
5
6     public Circle(Point c, double r) {
7         center = c;
8         radius = r;
9     }
10
11     public double getArea() {
12         return radius * radius * Math.PI;
13     }
14
15     public boolean isOverlapped(Circle that) {
16         return this.radius + that.radius >
17             this.center.getDistanceFrom(that.center);
18     }
19
20 }
```

## First IS-A Relationship: Class Inheritance

- We can define new classes by **inheriting** states and behaviors commonly used in predefined classes (aka prototypes).
- A class is a **subclass** of some class, which is called the **superclass**, by using the **extends** keyword.
- For example,

```
1 // Superclass (or parent class)
2 class A {
3     void doAction() { } // A can run doAction().
4 }
5
6 // Subclass (or child class)
7 class B extends A { } // B can also run doAction().
```

- Note that Java allows **single inheritance** only.

## Example: Human & Dog



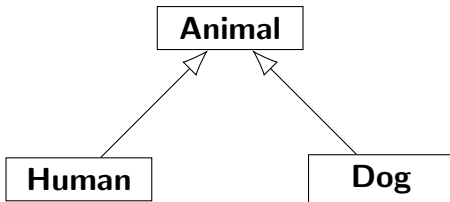
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## Before Using Inheritance

```
1 public class Human {  
2  
3     public void eat() { }  
4     public void exercise() { }  
5     public void writeCode() { }  
6  
7 }
```

```
1 public class Dog {  
2  
3     public void eat() { }  
4     public void exercise() { }  
5     public void wagTail() { }  
6  
7 }
```

## After Using Inheritance



- Extract the part shared between **Human** and **Dog** to another class, say **Animal**, as the superclass.

```
1 public class Animal { // extends Object; implicitly.  
2  
3     public void eat() { }  
4     public void exercise() { }  
5  
6 }
```

```
1 public class Human extends Animal {  
2  
3     public void writeCode() { }  
4  
5 }
```

```
1 public class Dog extends Animal {  
2  
3     public void wagTail() { }  
4  
5 }
```



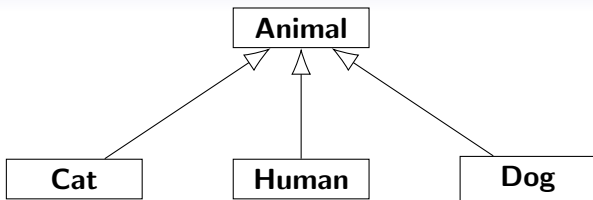
```
1 public class InheritanceDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4
5         Human arthur = new Human();
6         arthur.eat();           // Arthur can eat.
7         arthur.exercise();      // Arthur can do exercise.
8         arthur.writeCode();     // Arthur can write code.
9         arthur.wagTail();       // Oops. Arthur has no tail.
10
11         Dog lucky = new Dog();
12         lucky.eat();            // Lucky can eat.
13         lucky.exercise();       // Lucky can do exercise.
14         lucky.writeCode();      // Oops. Lucky cannot write code.
15         lucky.wagTail();       // Lucky can wag its tail.
16
17     }
18
19 }
```

## Exercise: Add **Cat** to Animal Hierarchy<sup>11</sup>



<https://cdn2.ettoday.net/images/2590/2590715.jpg>

<sup>11</sup>See also [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kneading\\_\(cats\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kneading_(cats)) and <https://petsmao.nownews.com/20170124-10587>.



```
1 public class Cat extends Animal {  
2  
3     public void makeBiscuits() { }  
4  
5 }
```

- You could add more kinds of animals by extending **Animal**!
- In this sense<sup>12</sup>, we succeed to reuse the code.

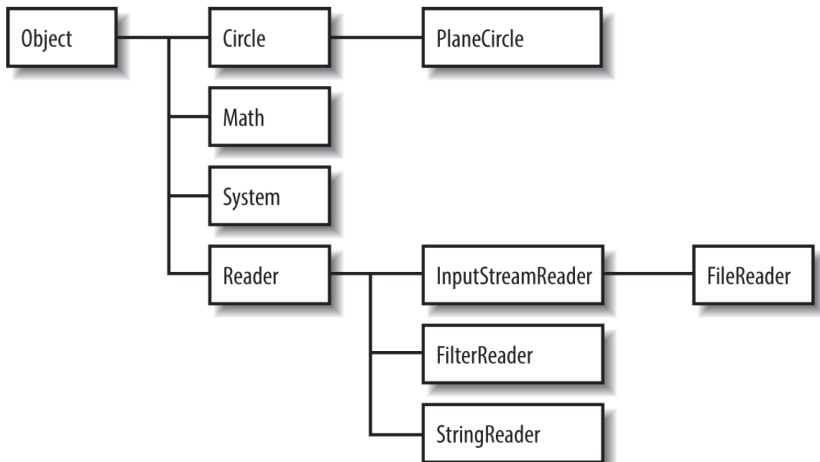
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<sup>12</sup>This is not the whole story. Stay tuned.

# Constructor Chaining

- Once the constructor of the subclass is invoked, JVM will invoke the constructor of its superclass, recursively.
- So you might think that there will be a whole chain of constructors called, all the way back to the constructor of the class **Object**, the topmost class in Java.
- In this sense, we could say that every class is an immediate or a distant subclass of **Object**.

## Illustration for Class Hierarchy<sup>13</sup>



<sup>13</sup>See Fig. 3-1 in p. 113 of Evans and Flanagan.

# The `super` Operator

- Recall that `this` is used to refer to the object itself.
- You can use `super` to refer to (non-private) members of the superclass.
- Note that `super()` can be used to invoke the constructor of its superclass, just similar to `this()`.

# Method Overriding

- A subclass is supposed to **re-implement** the methods inherited from its superclass.<sup>14</sup>

```
1 class B extends A {  
2  
3     @Override  
4     void doAction() { /* New impl. w/o changing API. */ }  
5  
6 }
```

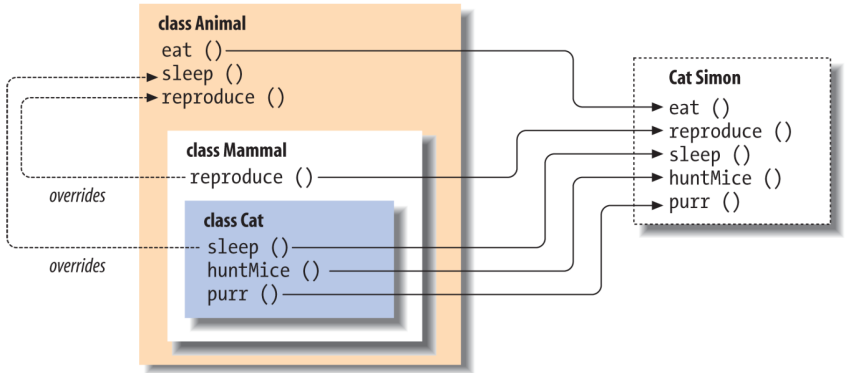
- Use `@Override`, which is one of annotations<sup>15</sup>, to help check if the overriding works.
- Note that you cannot override the **static** methods.

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<sup>14</sup>The overridden method has the signature identical to the parent one with the same return type. You cannot reduce its visibility, say from **public** to **private**.

<sup>15</sup>See <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/annotations/>.

# Conceptual Example





## Example: Animals

```
1 public class Human extends Animal {  
2     ...  
3     @Override  
4     public void eat() {  
5         System.out.println("Eating with chopsticks...");  
6     }  
7     ...  
8 }
```

```
1 public class Dog extends Animal {  
2     ...  
3     @Override  
4     public void eat() {  
5         System.out.println("Eating on the ground...");  
6     }  
7     ...  
8 }
```

## Example: Overriding toString()

- **Object** provides the method `toString()` which is **deliberately designed** to be invoked by **System.out.println()**!
- It returns a hashcode for this object as default.<sup>16</sup>
- **Override** this method to output a customized string.

```
1 public class Point {  
2     ...  
3     @Override  
4     public String toString() {  
5         return "(" + x + ", " + y + ")";  
6     }  
7     ...  
8 }
```

<sup>16</sup>See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java\\_hashCode\(\).](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_hashCode().)

## Example: List

```
1 import java.util.List;
2 import java.util.Arrays;
3
4 public class TestDemo {
5
6     public static void main(String[] args) {
7
8         List<String> lst = Arrays.asList("csie", "ntu", "tw");
9         System.out.println(lst); // Output [csie, ntu, tw].
10
11     }
12
13 }
```

- You may use **Arrays.asList()** to create a **List**<sup>17</sup> object.

<sup>17</sup>See <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/List.html>.

## Subtype Polymorphism<sup>20</sup>

- The term **polymorphism** literally means “many forms.”
- One of OOP design rules is **design by contract**<sup>18</sup>: **separate the interface from implementations and program to abstraction, not to implementation.**<sup>19</sup>
- Subtype polymorphism fulfills this rule.
- How can a “single” interface be designed to accommodate different implementations?
  - Use the **superclass** of those types as the **placeholder**.

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<sup>18</sup>Meyer (1986).

<sup>19</sup>See GoF (1994). The original statement is “program to interface, not to implementation.”

<sup>20</sup>See also [Java Polymorphism and its Types](#).

## Example: Animals (Revisited)

```
1 public class AnimalDemo { // before decoupling
2
3     public static void goDinner(Human someone) { someone.eat(); }
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7         Human arthur = new Human();
8         goDinner(arthur);
9         Dog lucky = new Dog();
10        goDinner(lucky); // Oops!
11
12    }
13
14 }
```

- You cannot pass a dog to the method goDinner(). (Why?)
- Instead, you need to write another method for dogs.
- How to decouple this dependency?

```
1 public class AnimalDemo { // after decoupling
2
3     public static void goDinner(Animal someone) { someone.eat(); }
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7         Animal arthur = new Human();
8         goDinner(arthur);
9         Animal lucky = new Dog();
10        goDinner(lucky); // It works now!
11
12    }
13
14 }
```

- This example illustrates the analogy between the relationship of `toString()` and `println()`.

## Reflection: Big Picture of Why We Need OOP?<sup>21</sup>

- OOP is the solid foundation of modern (large-scale) software design.
- In particular, great **reuse** mechanism and **abstraction** are realized by these three concepts:
  - **encapsulation** isolates the internals (private members) from the externals, fulfilling the abstraction and providing the sufficient accessibility (public methods);
  - **inheritance** provides method overriding w/o changing method headers (return type + signatures);
  - **polymorphism** use superclass as a placeholder to manipulate the implementations (subtype objects).
- We use **PIE** as the shorthand for these three concepts.

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<sup>21</sup>See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming\\_paradigm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming_paradigm)

code reuse

variables

generality

application  
programming  
interface (API)

abstraction

inheritance

+

method overriding

+

subtype polymorphism

generics

type parameters

abstract class & interface as  
user interface; subclass as  
implementation



- This leads to the production of **frameworks**<sup>22</sup>, which actually do most of the job, leaving the (application) programmer only with the job of customizing with **business logic rules** and providing hooks into it.
- This greatly reduces programming time and makes feasible the creation of larger and larger systems.
- In daily life, we often interact with objects at an abstract level.
  - We don't need to know the details to use them effectively, say using computers and cellphones, driving a car, and so on.

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<sup>22</sup>See [Spring Framework](#), especially [Spring Boot](#) for web applications. See also [Android SDK](#) for mobile applications.

## Another Example

```
1 class Animal {
2     /* Ignore the previous part. */
3     void speak() { }
4 }
5
6 class Dog extends Animal {
7     @Override
8     void speak() { System.out.println("Woof! Woof!"); }
9 }
10
11 class Cat extends Animal {
12     @Override
13     void speak() { System.out.println("Meow~"); }
14 }
15
16 class Bird extends Animal {
17     @Override
18     void speak() { System.out.println("Tweet!"); }
19 }
```

```
1 public class PolymorphismDemo2 {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         Animal[] animals = { new Dog(), new Cat(), new Bird() };  
6  
7         for (Animal animal: animals) {  
8             animal.speak();  
9         }  
10  
11     }  
12  
13 }
```

- Again, **Animal** is a placeholder for its three subclasses.

# Liskov Substitution Principle<sup>23</sup>

- For convenience, let **U** be a subtype of **T**.
- We manipulate objects (right-hand side) via references (left-hand side)!
- Liskov states that **T**-type objects may be replaced with **U**-type objects without altering any of the desirable properties of **T** (correctness, task performed, etc.).

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<sup>23</sup>See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liskov\\_substitution\\_principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liskov_substitution_principle).

# Casting

- **Upcasting**<sup>24</sup> is to cast the **U** object/variable to the **T** variable.

```
1      U u1 = new U(); // Trivial.  
2      T t1 = u1;      // OK.  
3      T t2 = new U(); // OK.
```

- **Downcasting**<sup>25</sup> is to cast the **T** variable to a **U** variable.

```
1      U u2 = (U) t2;  // OK, but dangerous. Why?  
2      U u3 = new T(); // Error! Why?
```

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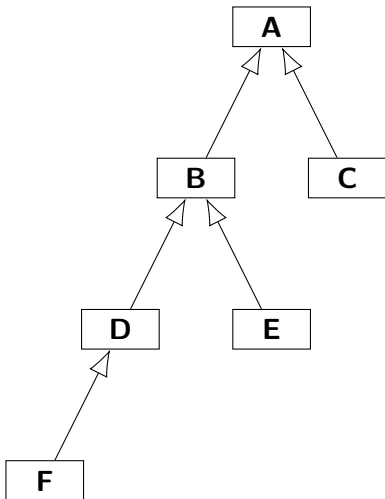
<sup>24</sup>Widening conversion; back compatibility.

<sup>25</sup>Narrow conversion; forward advance.

## Solution: instanceof

- Upcasting is wanted and always allowed. (Why?)
- However, **downcasting is not always possible even when you use cast operators.**
  - In fact, type checking at compilation time becomes unsound if any cast operator is applied. (Why?)
  - **ClassCastException** is thrown for invalid casting or explicit conversion.
- In particular, a **T**-type variable, acting as a placeholder, can point to all siblings of **U**-type.
- We can use **instanceof** to check if the referenced object is compatible with the target type **at runtime.**

## Example



- The class inheritance can be represented by a **digraph** (directed graph).
- For example, **D** is a subtype of **A** and **B**, which are both reachable from **D** on the digraph.

```
1 class A { }
2 class B extends A { }
3 class C extends A { }
4 class D extends B { }
5 class E extends B { }
6 class F extends D { }
7
8 public class InstanceofDemo {
9
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11
12         Object o = new D();
13
14         System.out.println(o instanceof A); // Output true.
15         System.out.println(o instanceof B); // Output true.
16         System.out.println(o instanceof C); // Output false.
17         System.out.println(o instanceof D); // Output true.
18         System.out.println(o instanceof E); // Output false.
19         System.out.println(o instanceof F); // Output false.
20
21     }
22
23 }
```



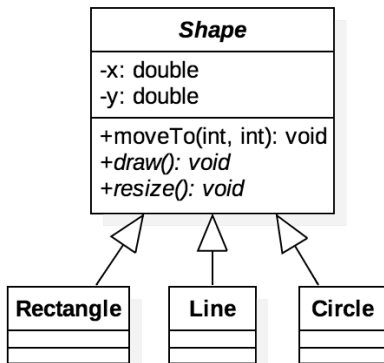
## Abstract Classes / Methods

- A method can be declared **abstract** without braces but ending with a semicolon.
- When one class has one or more **abstract** methods, the class itself must be declared **abstract** as well.<sup>26</sup>
- Typically, one **abstract** class sits at the top of one class hierarchy, acting as an placeholder.
- No **abstract** class can be instantiated directly. (Why not?)
- When inheriting an **abstract** class, Eclipse (or any IDE) could help you insert all **abstract** methods.

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<sup>26</sup>You can also declare one abstract class which has no **abstract** method.

## Example



- In UML, **abstract** methods and classes are in italic.
- The method `draw()` and `resize()` can be implemented when the specific shape is known.

## The final Keyword<sup>27</sup>

- A **final** variable is a variable which can be initialized once and cannot be changed later.
  - The compiler makes sure that you can do it **only once**.
  - A **final** variable is often declared with **static** keyword and treated as a constant, for example, **Math.PI**.
- A **final** method is a method which **cannot be overridden by subclasses**.
  - Make a method **final** if its implementation should be preserved.
- A class that is declared **final** cannot be inherited.
  - For example, again, **Math**.

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<sup>27</sup>In Java, the keyword **const** is reserved.

## Second IS-A Relationship: Interface Inheritance

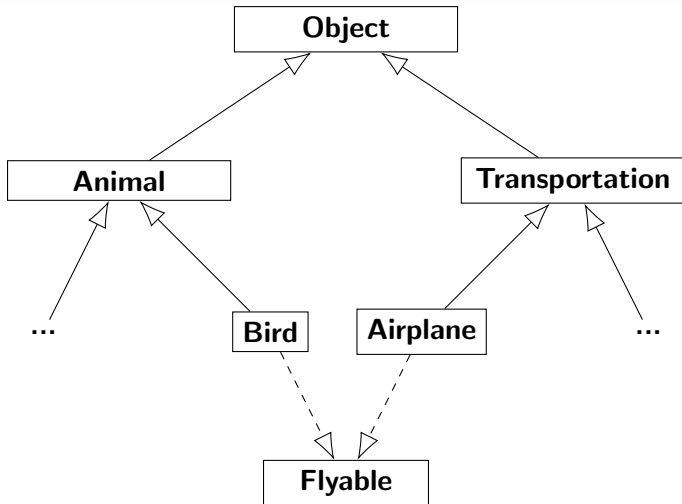
- Objects of different types often work together **without a proper vertical relationship**.<sup>28</sup>
- For example, consider **Bird** inherited from **Animal** and **Airplane** inherited from **Transportation**.
- Both **Bird** and **Airplane** are able to fly in the sky, say by calling the method `fly()`.
- The `Fly` method should not be defined in each superclass. (Why?)

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<sup>28</sup>Recall that Java allows single inheritance between classes.

- We want those flyable objects to go flying by calling one single, uniform API, just like the way of **Animal**.
- Recall that **Object** is the superclass of everything.
- So, how about using **Object** as the placeholder?
  - No good. (Why?)
- Clearly, we need an extra horizontal relationship: interface.

```
1 public interface Flyable {  
2  
3     void fly(); // Implicitly public and abstract.  
4  
5 }
```



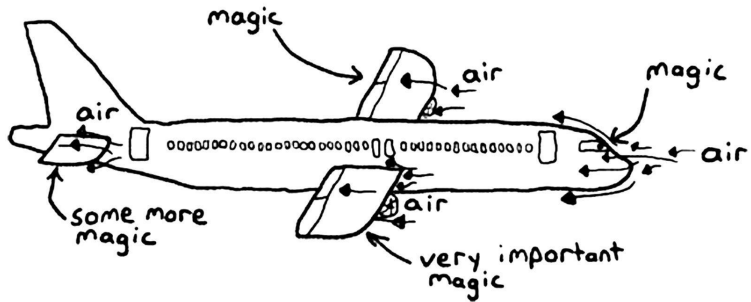
```
1 public class Animal { }
```

```
1 public class Bird extends Animal implements Flyable {  
2  
3     public void flyByFlappingWings() {  
4         System.out.println("Flapping wings!");  
5     }  
6  
7     @Override  
8     public void fly() { flyByFlappingWings(); }  
9  
10 }
```

```
1 public class Transportation { }
```

```
1 public class Airplane extends Transportation implements Flyable {  
2  
3     public void flyByCastingMagic() {  
4         System.out.println("@#!^$%&#!$%@",);  
5     }  
6  
7     @Override  
8     public void fly() { flyByCastingMagic(); }  
9  
10 }
```

# how planes fly



<https://i.imgur.com/y2bmNpz.jpg>



```
1 public class InterfaceDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4
5         Bird owl = new Bird();
6         goFly(owl);
7
8         Airplane a380 = new Airplane();
9         goFly(a380);
10
11     }
12
13     public static void goFly(Flyable flyableObj) {
14
15         flyableObj.fly();
16
17     }
18
19 }
```

- Again, a single interface allows multiple implementations!

# A Deep Dive into Interfaces

- An interface defines behaviors for multiple types, acting like a **contract** between objects and clients.
- It could have **abstract** methods so that it **cannot** be instantiated (directly).
- **Interfaces are also reference types, just like classes.**
- Interfaces are **stateless** because they may not declare fields.
- A class can inherit **multiple** interfaces!
- Note that **an interface can extend another interfaces**, like a collection of contracts in some sense.

- We conventionally name interfaces using nouns and adjectives, often ending with “able.”
  - For example, **Runnable**, **Callable**<sup>29</sup>, **Serializable**<sup>30</sup>, and **Comparable**<sup>31</sup>.
- JDK8 introduces new features as follows:
  - Declare **final static** non-blank fields and methods;
  - Define **default** methods which are already implemented;
  - Use **functional interfaces** for **lambda expressions (anonymous functions)** which are widely used in **the Stream framework**.

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<sup>29</sup>**Runnable** and **Callable** are related to Java multithreading.

<sup>30</sup>Used for an object which can be represented as a sequence of bytes. This is called object serialization.

<sup>31</sup>Use to define the **ordering** among objects. This is widely utilized in Java Collections, say sort and binary search.

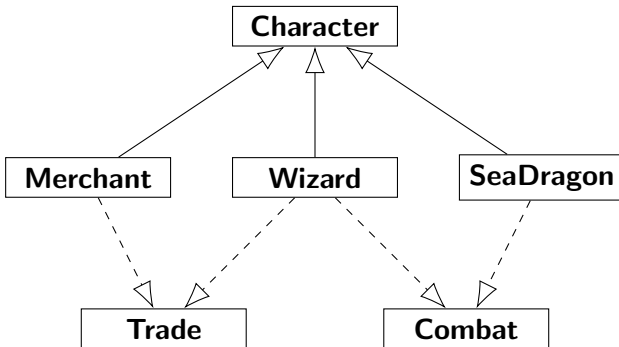
# Which to Use? Interfaces or Abstract Classes

- Use **abstract** classes when you want to:
  - share common code for a group of related classes, and
  - declare non-**static** members such as properties and methods.
- Use interfaces for any of situations as follows:
  - define a contract or a set of method signatures that classes must adhere to;
  - take advantage of multiple inheritance.

# Exercise: RPG



- First, **Wizard**, **SeaDragon**, and **Merchant** are three of **Characters**.
- In particular, **Wizard** fights with **SeaDragon** by invoking `attack()`.
- **Wizard** buys and sells stuffs with **Merchant** by invoking `buyAndSell()`.
- However, **SeaDragon** cannot buy and sell stuffs; **Merchant** cannot attack others.



```
1 abstract public class Character { }
```

```
1 public interface Combat {  
2  
3     void attack(Combat enemy);  
4  
5 }
```

```
1 public interface Trade {  
2  
3     void buyAndSell(Trade counterpart);  
4  
5 }
```



```
1 public class Wizard extends Character implements Combat, Trade {  
2  
3     @Override  
4     public void attack(Combat enemy) { }  
5  
6     @Override  
7     public void buyAndSell(Trade counterpart) { }  
8  
9 }
```

```
1 public class SeaDragon extends Character implements Combat {  
2  
3     @Override  
4     public void attack(Combat enemy) { }  
5  
6 }
```

```
1 public class Merchant extends Character implements Trade {  
2  
3     @Override  
4     public void buyAndSell(Trade counterpart) { }  
5  
6 }
```

# Delegation vs. Inheritance

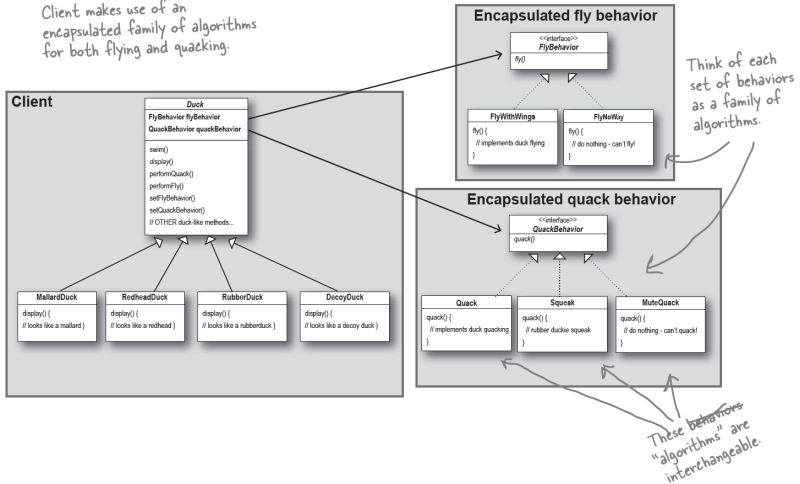
- Class inheritance is a powerful way to achieve code reuse.
- However, **class inheritance violates encapsulation!**
- This is because a derived class depends on the implementation details of its base class for its proper function.
- To solve this issue, we **favor delegation over inheritance**.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>32</sup>See GoF (1995); See also Item 18 in Bloch (2018). 

# Example: Strategy Pattern<sup>33</sup>

Client makes use of an encapsulated family of algorithms for both flying and quacking.



<sup>33</sup>See Freeman and Robson (2020).

```
1 interface FlyBehavior { void fly(); }
2 interface QuackBehavior { void quack(); }
3
4 class FlyWithWings implements FlyBehavior
5 {
6     public void fly() { /* ... */ }
7 }
8 class CannotFly implements FlyBehavior
9 {
10    public void fly() { /* ... */ }
11 }
12 class Silence implements QuackBehavior
13 {
14    public void quack() { /* ... */ }
15 }
16 class SimpleQuack implements QuackBehavior
17 {
18    public void quack() { /* ... */ }
19 }
20 class Squeak implements QuackBehavior
21 {
22    public void quack() { /* ... */ }
23 }
```

```
1 class Duck {
2
3     private FlyBehavior flyBehavior;
4     private QuackBehavior quackBehavior;
5
6     public void setFlyBehavior(FlyBehavior flyBehavior) {
7         this.flyBehavior = flyBehavior;
8     }
9
10    public void setQuackBehavior(QuackBehavior quackBehavior) {
11        this.quackBehavior = quackBehavior;
12    }
13    public void performFly() {
14        flyBehavior.fly();
15    }
16    public void performQuack() {
17        quackBehavior.quack();
18    }
19 }
```

```
1 class MalladDuck extends Duck { /* ... */ }
2 class RedHeadDuck extends Duck { /* ... */ }
3 class RubberDuck extends Duck { /* ... */ }
4 class DecoyDuck extends Duck { /* ... */ }
5
6 public class DuckDriver {
7
8     public static void processDuck(Duck duck) {
9         duck.performFly();
10        duck.performQuack();
11    }
12
13    public static void main(String[] args) {
14        Duck duck = new MalladDuck();
15        duck.setFlyBehavior(new FlyWithWings());
16        duck.setQuackBehavior(new SimpleQuack());
17        processDuck(duck);
18
19        duck.setFlyBehavior(new CannotFly()); // Injured duck.
20        processDuck(duck);
21    }
22 }
```

# Special Issue: Wrapper Classes

| Primitive | Wrapper             |
|-----------|---------------------|
| void      | java.lang.Void      |
| boolean   | java.lang.Boolean   |
| char      | java.lang.Character |
| byte      | java.lang.Byte      |
| short     | java.lang.Short     |
| int       | java.lang.Integer   |
| long      | java.lang.Long      |
| float     | java.lang.Float     |
| double    | java.lang.Double    |

# Autoboxing and Unboxing of Primitives

- The Java compiler automatically wraps the primitives in corresponding type, and unwraps them where appropriate.

```
1      ...
2      Integer i = 1; // Autoboxing.
3      Integer j = 2;
4      Integer k = i + 1; // Autounboxing and then autoboxing.
5
6      System.out.println(k); // Output 2.
7      System.out.println(k == j); // Output true.
8
9      Integer m = new Integer(i);
10     System.out.println(m == i); // Output false?
11     System.out.println(m.equals(i)); // Output true!?
12     ...
```



# Immutable Objects

- An object is considered **immutable** if its state cannot change after it is constructed.
- Often used for **value objects**.
- Imagine that there is a pool for immutable objects.
- After the value object is first created, this value object is reused if needed.
- This implies that another object is created when we operate on the immutable object.
  - Another example is **String** objects.<sup>34</sup>
- Using immutable objects is a good practice when it comes to concurrent programming.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>34</sup>For you information, **StringBuffer** is the mutable version of **String** objects.

<sup>35</sup>See <http://www.javapractices.com/topic/TopicAction.do?id=29>.



```
1      ...
2      String str1 = "NTU";
3      String str2 = "ntu";
4
5      System.out.println("str1 = " + str1.toLowerCase());
6      System.out.println("str1 = " + str1);
7
8      str1 = str1.toLowerCase();
9      System.out.println("str1 = " + str1);
10     System.out.println(str1 == str2); // False?!
11     System.out.println(str1.equals(str2)); // True!
12     System.out.println(str1.intern() == str2); // True!!
13     ...
```

- You can use `equals()` to check if the text is identical to the other.
- You may use `intern()` to check the **String** pool containing the **String** object whose text is identical to the other.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup>See the Interning Pattern in GoF (1995).

## Special Issue: Enumeration

- An **enum** type is a special type for a set of predefined options.
- You can use a **static** method `values()` to enumerate all options.
- This mechanism enhances type safety and makes the source code more readable!

## Example: Colors

```
1 public enum Color {  
2  
3     RED, BLUE, GREEN;  
4  
5     public static Color random() {  
6  
7         Color[] colors = values();  
8         return colors[(int) (Math.random() * colors.length)];  
9     }  
10 }  
11  
12 }
```

- **Color** is indeed a subclass of **Enum** with three **final** and **static** references to **Color** objects corresponding to the enumerated values.
- We could also equip the **enum** type with **static** methods.

```
1 public class EnumDemo {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         Color crayon_color = Color.RED;  
6         Color tshirt_color = Color.random();  
7         System.out.println(crayon_color == tshirt_color);  
8  
9     }  
10  
11 }
```

# Exercise

```
1 public enum PowerState {  
2  
3     ON("The power is on."),  
4     OFF("The power is off."),  
5     SUSPEND("The power is low.");  
6  
7     private String status;  
8     private PowerState(String msg) { status = msg; }  
9  
10    @Override  
11    public String toString() { return msg; }  
12  
13 }
```

```
1 public class PowerMachine {  
2  
3     private PowerState state = PowerState.OFF;  
4  
5     public PowerState getState() {  
6         return state;  
7     }  
8  
9     public void turnOn() {  
10         state = PowerState.ON;  
11     }  
12  
13     public void turnOff() {  
14         state = PowerState.OFF;  
15     }  
16  
17     public void sleep() {  
18         state = PowerState.SUSPEND;  
19     }  
20  
21 }
```



```
1 public class PowerMachineDemo {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         PowerMachine p = new PowerMachine();  
6         System.out.println(p.getState());  
7         p.turnOn();  
8         System.out.println(p.getState());  
9         p.sleep();  
10        System.out.println(p.getState());  
11        p.turnOff();  
12  
13    }  
14  
15 }
```

- Try to illustrate the memory allocation of this program.

## Discussion: What behind enum?

```
1 public enum Action { PLAY, WORK, SLEEP, EAT }

1 public class Action {
2
3     public final static Action PLAY = new Action("PLAY");
4     public final static Action WORK = new Action("WORK");
5     public final static Action SLEEP = new Action("SLEEP");
6     public final static Action EAT = new Action("EAT");
7
8     public static Action[] values() {
9         return new Action[] { PLAY, WORK, SLEEP, EAT };
10    }
11
12    private final String text;
13    private Action(String str) { text = str; }
14
15    // Some functionalities are not listed explicitly.
16    // Check java.lang.Enum.
17
18 }
```

## Special Issue: Packages, Imports, and Access Control

- The first statement, other than comments, in a Java source file, must be a package declaration, if there exists.
- A package is a grouping of related types providing access protection (shown below) and namespace management.

| Scope \ Modifier   | private | (package) | protected | public |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Within the class   | ✓       | ✓         | ✓         | ✓      |
| Within the package | x       | ✓         | ✓         | ✓      |
| Inherited classes  | x       | x         | ✓         | ✓      |
| Out of package     | x       | x         | x         | ✓      |

# Example

```
1 package www.csie.ntu.edu.tw;
2
3 public class Util {
4
5     void doAction1() { }
6     public void doAction2() { }
7     protected void doAction3() { }
8     public static void doAction4() { }
9
10 }
```

- Use **package** to indicate the package the class belongs to.
- The package is implemented by folders.

```
1 import www.csie.ntu.edu.tw.Greeting;
2
3 public class ImportDemo {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7         Util util = new Util();
8         util.doAction1(); // Error!
9         util.doAction2(); // OK!
10        util.doAction3(); // Error!!
11        Util.doAction4(); // OK!!
12
13    }
14
15 }
```

- As you can see, doAction1() is not visible. (Why?)
- Note that **protected** members are visible under inheritance, even if separated in different packages.

## Example: More about Imports

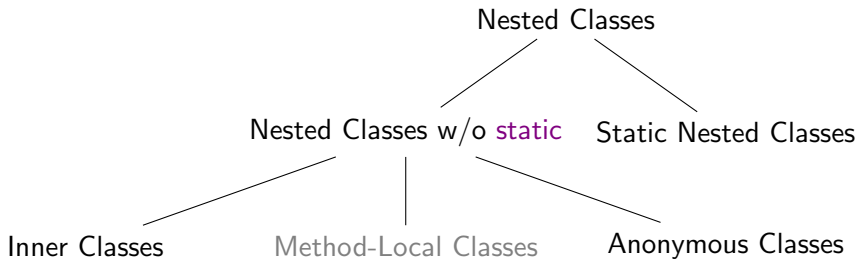
```
1 import www.csie.ntu.edu.tw.*; // Import all classes.
2 import static www.csie.ntu.edu.tw.Util.doAction4;
3
4 public class GreetingDemo {
5
6     public static void main(String[] args) {
7
8         Util util = new Util();
9         util.doAction2(); // ok!
10        Util.doAction4(); // ok!!
11
12        doAction4(); // No need to indicate the class name.
13    }
14
15 }
```

- Use the wildcard (\*) to import all classes within the package.
- We could also import static members in the package only.

## Special Issue: Nested Classes

- A nested class is a member of its enclosing class.
- Nesting classes increases encapsulation and also leads to more readable and maintainable code.
- Especially, it is a good practice to seal classes which are only used in one place.

# Family of Nested Classes



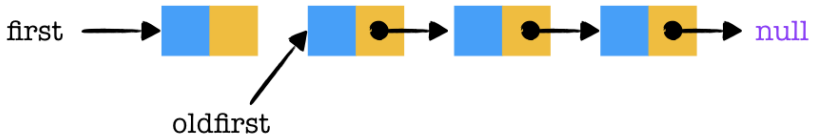


## Example: Stack by Linked List

Before



After



```
1 public class LinkedListStack {
2
3     private Node first; // Trait of linked list!
4
5     private class Node {
6         String item;
7         Node next;
8     }
9
10    public String pop() {
11        String item = first.item;
12        first = first.next; // Deja vu?
13        return item;
14    }
15
16    public void push(String item) {
17        oldfirst = first;
18        first = new Node();
19        first.item = item;
20        first.next = oldfirst;
21    }
22 }
23 }
```

```

1 public class LinkedListStackDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4
5         LinkedListStack langs = new LinkedListStack();
6         langs.push("Java");
7         langs.push("C++");
8         langs.push("Python");
9
10        System.out.println(langs.pop()); // Output Python.
11        System.out.println(langs.pop()); // Output C++.
12        System.out.println(langs.pop()); // Output Java.
13
14    }
15
16 }

```

- Note that the method `push()` and `pop()` run in  $O(1)$  time!
- The output shows the **FILO (first-in last-out)** property of stack.

# Exercise: House & Rooms



```
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
2
3 public class House {
4
5     private ArrayList<Room> rooms = new ArrayList<>();
6
7     private class Room {
8         String name;
9         @Override
10        public String toString() { return name; }
11    }
12
13    public void add(String name) {
14        Room room = new Room();
15        room.name = name;
16        rooms.add(room);
17    }
18
19    @Override
20    public String toString() { return rooms.toString(); }
21
22 }
```

```
1 public class HouseDemo {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         House home = new House();  
6         home.add("Living room");  
7         home.add("Bedroom");  
8         home.add("Bathroom");  
9         home.add("Kitchen");  
10        home.add("Storeroom");  
11  
12        System.out.println(home);  
13  
14    }  
15  
16 }
```

# Anonymous Class

- Anonymous classes enable you to declare and instantiate the class at the same time.
- They are like inner classes except that they don't have a name.
- Use anonymous class if you need **only one** instance of the inner class.

## Example: Button

```
1 abstract class Button {  
2  
3     abstract void onClicked();  
4  
5 }
```

```
1 public class AnonymousClassDemo1 {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         Button btnOK = new Button() {  
6             @Override  
7             public void onClicked() { System.out.println("OK"); }  
8         };  
9  
10        btnOK.onClicked();  
11  
12    }  
13  
14 }
```



## Exercise: Fly Again

```
1 public class AnonymousClassDemo2 {  
2  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4  
5         Flyable butterfly = new Flyable() {  
6             @Override  
7             public void fly() { /* ... */ }  
8         };  
9  
10        butterfly.fly();  
11  
12    }  
13  
14 }
```

- We can instantiate objects for one interface by using anonymous classes.

# Special Issue: Iterator Patterns

- An **iterator** is the standard interface to enumerate elements of the data structure in the for-each loop:
  - One class implementing the interface **Iterable** should provide the detail of the method `iterator()`.
  - The `iterator()` method should produce an iterator defined by the interface **Iterator**, which has two unimplemented methods: `hasNext()` and `next()`.
- For example, you has a box containing 3 strings (shown next page) and make it iterable.
- Then the box could be iterated in the for-each loop!

# Example

```
1 import java.util.Iterator;
2
3 class Box implements Iterable<String> {
4
5     String[] items = { "Java", "C++", "Python" };
6
7     public Iterator<String> iterator() {
8
9         return new Iterator<String>() {
10             private int ptr = 0;
11             public boolean hasNext() {
12                 return ptr < items.length;
13             }
14             public String next() {
15                 return items[ptr++];
16             }
17         }; // anonymous class
18
19     }
20 }
```

```
1 public class IteratorDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4
5         Box books = new Box();
6
7         // for-each loop
8         /*
9         for (String book : books) {
10             System.out.println(book);
11         }
12         */
13
14         Iterator iter = books.iterator();
15         while (iter.hasNext())
16             System.out.println(iter.next());
17     }
18 }
19
20 }
```

# Static Nested Class

- A **static** nested class is an enclosed class declared **static**.
- Note that only nested class can be **static**.
- As a static member, it can access to other **static** members **without** instantiating the enclosing class.
- In particular, a **static** nested class can be instantiated directly, **without** instantiating the enclosing class object first; it acts like a **minipackage**.

# Example

```
1 public class StaticClassDemo {  
2  
3     public static class Greeting {  
4  
5         @Override  
6         public String toString() {  
7             return "This is a static class.";  
8         }  
9     }  
10 }  
11  
12 public static void main(String[] args) {  
13  
14     System.out.println(new StaticClassDemo.Greeting());  
15  
16 }  
17  
18 }
```