

Java Programming 2

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1 class Lecture7 {  
2  
3     // Object-Oriented Programming  
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5 }  
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7 // Key words:  
8 class, new, this, static, null, extends, super, abstract, final,  
   interface, implements, protected
```

Observation in Real World

- Look around.
- We can easily find many examples for real-world objects.
 - For example, a person with a bottle of water.
- Real-world objects all have **states** and **behaviors**.
 - What states can the object need?
 - What behaviors can the object perform on the states?
- Identifying these states and behaviors for real-world objects is a great way to begin thinking in **object-oriented programming**.
- From now, OO is a shorthand for “object-oriented.”

Objects

- An object keeps its states in **fields** (or attributes) and exposes its behaviors through **methods**.
- For example, describe your cellphone.
 - Attributes: battery status, 4G signal strength, contact info in your phonebook, photos in albums, musics, clips, and so on.
 - Functions?
- Before creating the objects, we need to define a new class as their prototype (or concept).

Classes

- We often find many objects all of the same kind.
 - For example, Student A and Student B are two instances of “Student”.
 - Every student needs a name and a student ID.
 - Every student should do homework and pass the final exams.
- **A class is the blueprint to create class instances which are runtime objects.**
 - In the other word, an object is an instance of some associated class.
- In Java, classes are the building blocks in every program.
- Once the class is defined, we can use this class to create objects.

Example: Points in 2D Coordinate

```
1 public class Point {
2     // data members: so-called fields or attributes
3     double x, y;
4 }
```

```
1 public class PointDemo {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         // now create a new instance of Point
4         Point p1 = new Point();
5         p1.x = 1;
6         p1.y = 2;
7         System.out.printf("(%d, %d)\n", p1.x, p1.y);
8
9         // create another instance of Point
10        Point p2 = new Point();
11        p2.x = 3;
12        p2.y = 4;
13        System.out.printf("(%d, %d)\n", p2.x, p2.y);
14    }
15 }
```

Class Definition

- First, give a class name with the first letter capitalized, by convention.
- The class body, surrounded by balanced curly braces {}, contains data members (fields) and function members (methods).

Data Members

- Each field may have an access modifier, say **public** and **private**.
 - **public**: accessible by all classes
 - **private**: accessible only within its own class
- We can decide if these fields are accessible!
- In OO paradigm, we hide internal states and expose methods which perform actions on these fields.
 - So all fields should be declared **private**.
 - This is so-called **encapsulation**.
- However, this **private** modifier does not quarantine any security.¹
 - What private is good for **maintainability** and **modularity**.²

¹Thanks to a lively discussion on January 23, 2017.

²Read <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9201603/are-private-members-really-more-secure-in-java>.

Function Members

- As said, the fields are hidden.
- So we provide **getters** and **setters** if necessary:
 - getters: return some state of the object
 - setter: set a value to the state of the object
- For example, **getX()** and **getY()** are getters; **setX()** and **setY()** are setters in the class **Point**.

Example: Point (Encapsulated)

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

Exercise: Phonebook

```
1 public class Contact {
2     private String name;
3     private String phoneNumber;
4
5     public String getName() { return name; }
6     public String getPhoneNumber() { return phoneNumber; }
7
8     public void setName(String new_name) { name = new_name; }
9     public void setPhoneNumber(String new_phnNum) {
10         phoneNumber = new_phnNum;
11     }
12 }
```

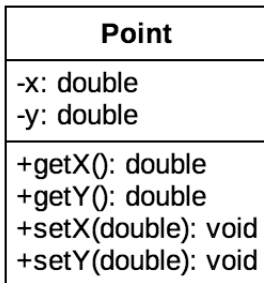
```
1 public class PhonebookDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4         Contact c1 = new Contact();
5         c1.setName("Arthur");
6         c1.setPhoneNumber("09xxxxxxxx");
7
8         Contact c2 = new Contact();
9         c1.setName("Emma");
10        c1.setPhoneNumber("09xxxxxxxx");
11
12        Contact[] phonebook = {c1, c2};
13
14        for (Contact c: phonebook) {
15            System.out.printf("%s: %s\n", c.getName(),
16                               c.getPhoneNumber());
17        }
18    }
19
20 }
```

Unified Modeling Language³

- Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a tool for specifying, visualizing, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of software systems, as well as for business modeling and other non-software systems.
- Free software:
 - <http://staruml.io/> (available for all platforms)

³See <http://www.tutorialspoint.com/uml/> and <http://www.mitchellsoftwareengineering.com/IntroToUML.pdf>.

Example: Class Diagram for Point



- Modifiers can be placed before both fields and methods:
 - + for **public**
 - - for **private**

Constructors

- A constructor follows the **new** operator, acting like other methods.
- However, **its names should be identical to the name of the class** and it **has no return type**.
- A class may have several constructors if needed.
 - Recall method overloading.
- Note that constructors belong to the class but not objects.
 - In other words, constructors cannot be invoked by any object.
- If you don't define any explicit constructor, Java assumes a **default constructor** for you.
 - Moreover, adding any explicit constructor disables the default constructor.

Parameterized Constructors

- You can initialize an object once the object is created.
- For 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 new_x, double new_y) {
10        x = new_x;
11        y = new_y;
12    }
13    ...
14 }
```


Self Reference

- You can refer to any (instance) member of the **current** object within methods and constructors by using **this**.
- The most common reason for using the **this** keyword is because a field is **shadowed** by method parameters.
 - Recall the variable scope.
- You can also use **this** to **call another constructor in the same class**, say **this()**.

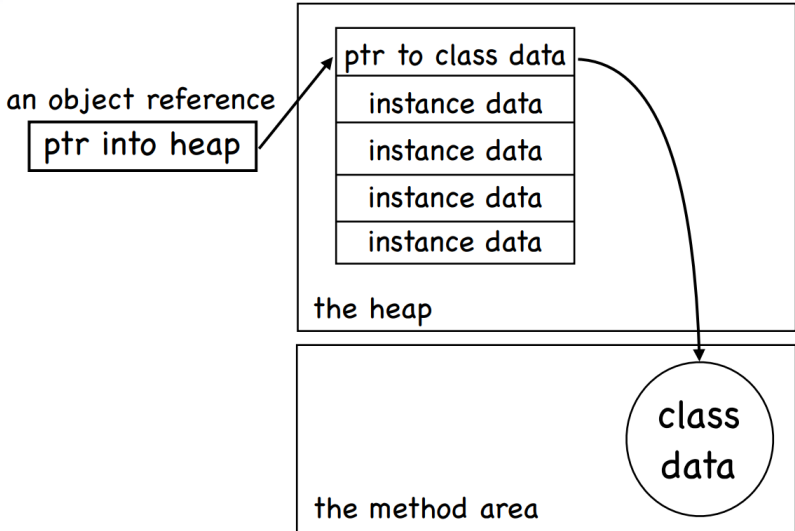
Example: Point (Revisited)

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

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

Instance Members

- Since this lecture, all members are declared w/o **static**, so-called **instance** members.
- **These instance members are available only after the object is created.**
- This implies that each object has its own states and does some actions.



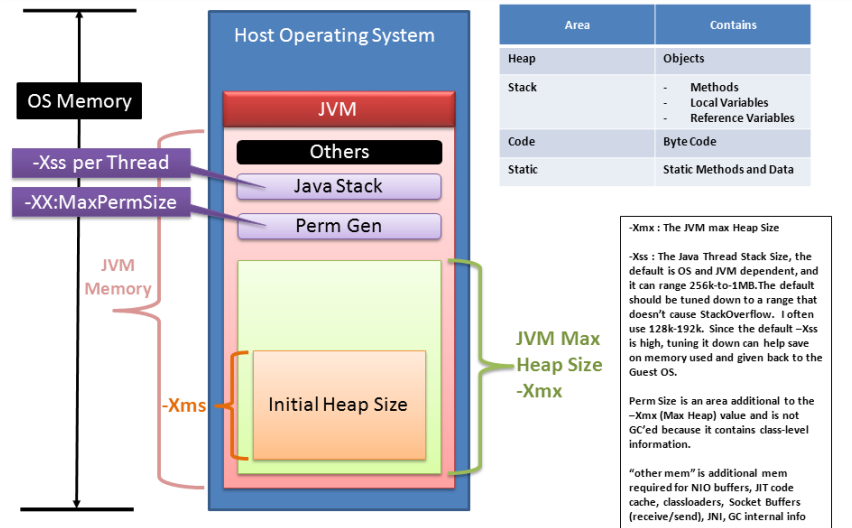
Static Members

- Static members belong to the class⁴, and are **shared** between the instance objects.
- Those are ready **once the class is loaded**.
 - For example, the main methods.
- They can be invoked directly by the class name **without** any instance.
 - For example, `Math.random()` and `Math.PI`.
- Particularly useful for utility methods that perform work which is independent of instances.
 - For example, factory methods in design patterns.⁵

⁴Aka class members.

⁵“Design pattern is a general reusable solution to a commonly occurring problem within a given context in software design.” by Wikipedia.

Memory used by JVM



JVM Memory = JVM Max Heap (-Xmx value) + JVM Perm Size (-XX:MaxPermSize) + NumberOfConcurrentThreads * (-Xss value) + "other mem"

- A static method can access other static members. (Trivial.)
- However, static methods **cannot** access to instance members **directly**. (Why?)
- For example,

```
1 ...
2     public double getDistanceFrom(Point that) {
3         return Math.sqrt(Math.pow(this.x - that.x, 2)
4                               + Math.pow(this.y - that.y, 2));
5     }
6
7     public static double measure(Point first, Point second) {
8         // You cannot use this.x and this.y here!
9         return Math.sqrt(Math.pow(first.x - second.x, 2)
10                            + Math.pow(first.y - second.y, 2));
11    }
12 ...
```

Example: Count of Points

```
1 public class Point {
2     ...
3     private static int numOfPoints = 0;
4
5     public Point() {
6         numOfPoints++;
7     }
8
9     public Point(int x, int y) {
10        this(); // calling Line 5
11        this.x = x;
12        this.y = y;
13    }
14    ...
15 }
```

- Note that invoking constructors (like Line 10) should be placed in the first statement in one constructor.

Exercise: Singleton

- In some situations, you may create the **only** instance of the class.

```
1 public class Singleton {
2
3     // Do now allow to invoke the constructor by other classes.
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 }
```

Garbage Collection (GC)⁷

- Java handles deallocation⁶ **automatically**.
 - Timing: preset period or when memory stress occurs.
- GC is the process of looking at the **heap**, identifying if the objects are in use, and deleting those unreferenced objects.
- An object is **unreferenced** if the object is no longer referenced by any part of your program. (How?)
 - Simply assign **null** to the reference to make the object unreferenced.
- Note that you may invoke **System.gc()** to execute the deallocation procedure.
 - However, frequent invocation of GC is time-consuming.

⁶Release the memory occupied by the unused objects.

⁷<http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/technetwork/tutorials/obe/java/gc01/index.html>

finalize()

- The method **finalize()** conducts a specific task that will be executed right before the object is reclaimed by GC.
 - For example, closing files and terminating network connections.
- The **finalize()** method can be **only** invoked prior to GC.
- In practice, it must not rely on the **finalize()** method for normal operations. (Why?)

Example

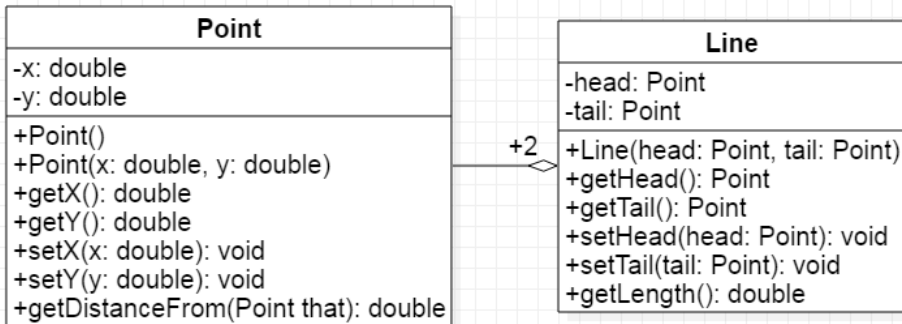
```
1 public class Garbage {
2     private static int numOfObjKilled = 0;
3
4     public void finalize() {
5         numOfObjKilled++;
6     }
7
8     public static void main(String[] args) {
9         double n = 1e7;
10        for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
11            new Garbage(); // lots of unreferenced objects
12        System.out.println(numOfObjKilled);
13    }
14 }
```

- You may try different number for instance creation.
- The number of the objects reclaimed by GC is uncertain.

HAS-A Relationship

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

Example: Lines



- +2: two **Point** objects used in one **Line** object.

```
1 public class Line {
2     private Point head, tail;
3
4     public Line(Point p1, Point p2) {
5         head = p1;
6         tail = p2;
7     }
8
9     /* ignore some methods */
10
11    public double getLength() {
12        return head.getDistanceFrom(tail);
13    }
14
15    public static double measure(Line line) {
16        return line.getLength();
17    }
18 }
```

More Examples

- **Circle**, **Triangle**, and **Polygon**.
- **Book** with **Authors**.
- **Lecturer** and **Students** in the classroom.
- **Zoo** with many creatures, say **Dog**, **Cat**, and **Bird**.
- **Channels** played on **TV**.
- More.

More About Objects

- **Inheritance**: passing down states and behaviors from the parents to their children.
- **Interfaces**: requiring objects for the demanding methods which are exposed to the outside world.
- **Polymorphism**
- **Packages**: grouping related types, and providing access controls and name space management.
- **Immutability**
- **Enumeration types**
- **Inner classes**

First IS-A Relationship: Inheritance

- The relationships among Java classes form **class hierarchy**.
- We can define new classes by **inheriting** commonly used states and behaviors from predefined classes.
- A class is a **subclass** of some class, which is so-called the **superclass**, by using the **extends** keyword.
 - For example, **B extends A**.
- In semantics, **B is a** special case of **A**, or we could say **B specializes A**.
 - For example, human and dog are two specific types of animals.
- When both **B** and **C** are subclasses of **A**, we say that **A generalizes B** and **C**. (Déjà vu.)
- Note that Java allows **single inheritance** only.

Example

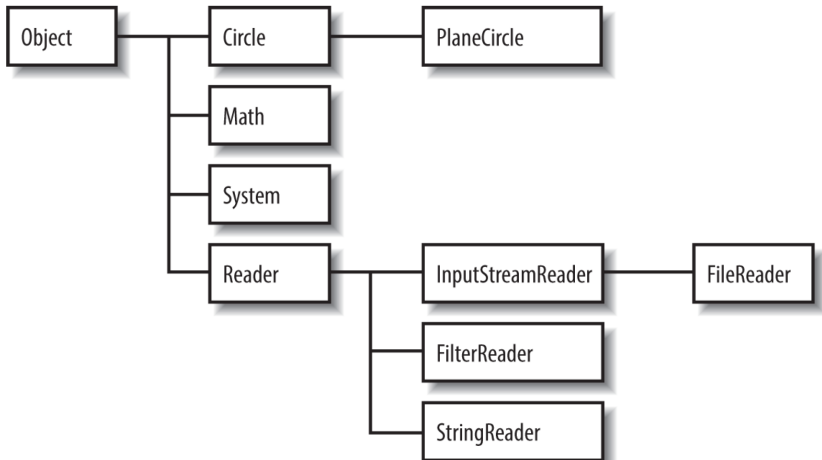
```
1 class Animal {
2     int weight;
3     void eat() { weight++; }
4     void exercise() { weight--; }
5 }
6
7 class Human extends Animal {
8     void writeCode() {}
9 }
10
11 class Dog extends Animal {
12     void watchDoor() {}
13 }
```

- How could **Human** and **Dog** possess those members of **Animal**?
- In this way, it is convenient to define, say **Cat**, by extending **Animal**.

Constructor Chaining

- Once the constructor is invoked, JVM will invoke the constructor of its superclass (recursively).
- 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 Hierarchy⁸



⁸See Fig. 3-1 in p. 113 of Evans and Flanagan.

Example: An Evidence


```
1 class A {
2     A() { System.out.println("A is creating..."); }
3 }
4
5 class B extends A {
6     B() {
7         super(); // you don't need to do this unless necessary.
8         System.out.println("B is creating...");
9     }
10 }
11
12 public class ConstructorChainingDemo {
13     public static void main(String[] args) {
14         B b = new B();
15     }
16 }
```

super

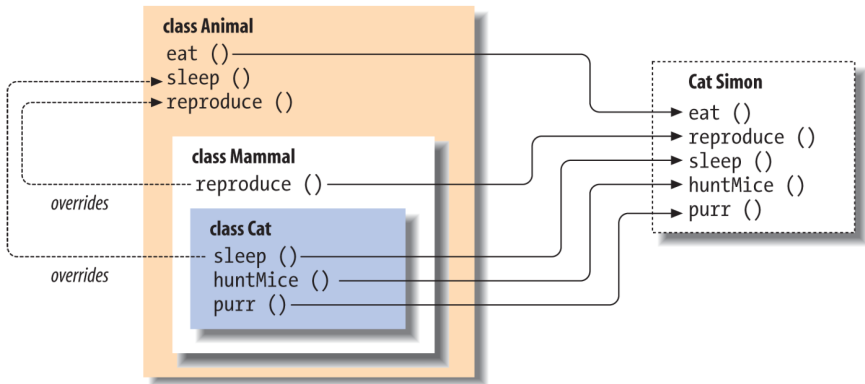
- Recall that `this` is used to refer to the object itself.
- You can use `super` to refer to (non-private) members of the superclass.
- Note that `super()` can be used to invoke the constructor of its superclass, just similar to `this()`.

Method Overriding (1/2)

- A subclass is supposed to **re-implement** the methods inherited from its superclass.
 - Can you smell it?
- For example, **toString()** is inherited from **Object**.
 - This method will be invoked by **println()**.
 - It returns the hashCode⁹ of the object by default.
 - It could be **overridden** so it returns a string of desirable information.
- Another example we have encountered is **finalize()**.

⁹See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_hashCode\(\).](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_hashCode().) 

Example



Method Overriding (2/2)

- The requirement of method overriding is as follows:
 - Method signature identical to the one of its superclass;
 - Same return type;
 - Non-reduced visibility relative to the one of its superclass.
- Note that you cannot override the static methods.
- You could invoke the overridden method by using `super`.
- You should use the annotation¹⁰ `@Override` to help you.

```
1 class Cat extends Animal {  
2     @Override  
3     void eat() { weight += 2; }  
4  
5 }
```

¹⁰See <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/annotations/>.

Polymorphism¹²

- The word **polymorphism** literally means “many forms.”
- Java allows 4 types of polymorphism:
 - coercion (casting)
 - ad hoc polymorphism (overloading)
 - subtype polymorphism
 - parametric polymorphism (generics)¹¹
- Subtype polymorphism allows you to create a **single** interface to different types (implementations).
- How to make a “single” interface for different types?
 - Use the **superclass** of those types as the **placeholder**.
 - **Program to abstraction, not to implementation.**

¹¹We will introduce Java generics in Java Programming 2. Stay tuned.

¹²Also read <http://www.javaworld.com/article/3033445/learn-java/java-101-polymorphism-in-java.html>.

Example: Dependency Reduction (Decoupling)

```
1 class Student {
2     void doMyJob() { /* Do not know the detail yet. */}
3 }
4
5 class HighSchoolStudent extends Student {
6     void doHomework() {}
7     @Override
8     void doMyJob() { doHomework(); }
9 }
10
11 class CollegeStudent extends Student {
12     void writeFinalReports() {}
13     @Override
14     void doMyJob() { writeFinalReports(); }
15 }
```

```
1 public class PolymorphismDemo {
2
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4         HighSchoolStudent h = new HighSchoolStudent();
5         goStudy(h);
6         CollegeStudent c = new CollegeStudent();
7         goStudy(c);
8     }
9
10    public static void goStudy(Student s) {
11        s.doMyJob();
12    }
13
14    /* no need to write these methods
15    public static void goStudy(HighSchoolStudent s) {
16        s.doHomework();
17    }
18
19    public static void goStudy(CollegeStudent s) {
20        s.writeFinalReports();
21    }
22    */
23 }
```

Why OOP?

- First, you may know that there are many programming paradigms.¹³
- OOP is the solid foundation of modern software design.
- In particular, encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism provide a great **reuse** mechanism and a great **abstraction**.
 - **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 the method signature.¹⁴
 - **Polymorphism** exploits the superclass as a placeholder to manipulate the implementations (sub-type objects).

¹³See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming_paradigm.

¹⁴This leads to the need of “single interface” as mentioned before.

- This leads to the production of **frameworks**¹⁵, 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 analog, we often manipulate objects in an abstract level; we don't need to know the details when we use them.
 - For example, computers, cellphones, driving.

¹⁵See <https://spring.io/>.

Another Example

```
1 class Animal {
2     /* ignore the previous part */
3     void speak() {}
4 }
5
6 class Dog extends Animal {
7     /* ignore the previous part */
8     @Override
9     void speak() { System.out.println("woof"); }
10 }
11
12 class Cat extends Animal {
13     /* ignore the previous part */
14     @Override
15     void speak() { System.out.println("meow"); }
16 }
17
18 class Bird extends Animal {
19     /* ignore the previous part */
20     @Override
21     void speak() { System.out.println("tweet"); }
22 }
```



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

Subtype Polymorphism

- For convenience, let **U** be a subtype of **T**.
- **Liskov Substitution Principle** 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.).^{16,17}
- In other words, **the references are clients asking the objects (right-hand side) for services!**

¹⁶See

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liskov_substitution_principle.

¹⁷Also see

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID_\(object-oriented_design\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID_(object-oriented_design)).

Casting

- **Upcasting** (widening conversion) 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** (narrow conversion) 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?
```

Solution: instanceof

- Upcasting is always allowed, but **downcasting is not always true even when you use the cast operator**.
 - In fact, type checking at compile time is unsound just because the cast operator violets the functionality of type checking.
- Moreover, **T**-type reference can also point to the siblings of **U**-type.
 - Recall that **T**-type is used as the placeholder.
- We can use **instanceof** to check if the referenced object is of the target type **at runtime**.

Example

```
1 class T {}
2 class U extends T {}
3 class W extends T {}
4
5 public class InstanceofDemo {
6
7     public static void main(String[] args) {
8
9         T t = new U();
10
11         System.out.println(t instanceof T); // output true
12         System.out.println(t instanceof U); // output true
13         System.out.println(t instanceof W); // output false
14
15         W w = new W();
16
17         System.out.println(w instanceof T); // output true
18         System.out.println(w instanceof U); // output false
19         System.out.println(w instanceof W); // output true
20
21     }
22 }
```

final

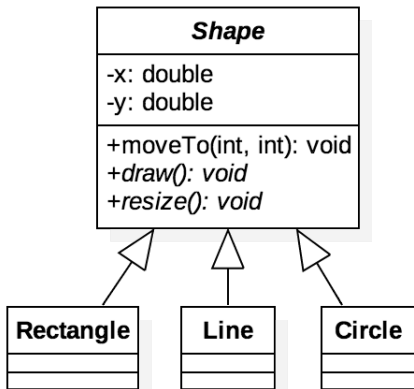
- A **final** variable is a variable which can be initialized once and cannot be changed later.
 - The compiler makes sure that you can do it **only once**.
 - A **final** variable is often declared with **static** keyword and treated as a constant, for example, `Math.PI`.
- A **final** method is a method which **cannot be overridden by subclasses**.
 - You might wish to make a method **final** if it has an implementation that should not be changed and it is critical to the consistent state of the object.
- A class that is declared **final** cannot be inherited.
 - For example, again, `Math`.

Abstract Classes

- An abstract class is a class declared **abstract**.
- The classes that sit at the top of an object hierarchy are typically **abstract** classes.¹⁸
- These **abstract** class may or may not have **abstract** methods, which are methods declared **without implementation**.
 - More explicitly, the methods are declared without braces, and followed by a semicolon.
 - If a class has one or more **abstract** methods, then the class itself must be declared **abstract**.
- All **abstract** classes cannot be instantiated.
- Moreover, **abstract** classes act as placeholders for the subclass objects.

¹⁸The classes that sit near the bottom of the hierarchy are called **concrete** classes.

Example



- Abstract methods and classes are in italic.
- In this example, the abstract method `draw()` and `resize()` should be implemented depending on the real shape.

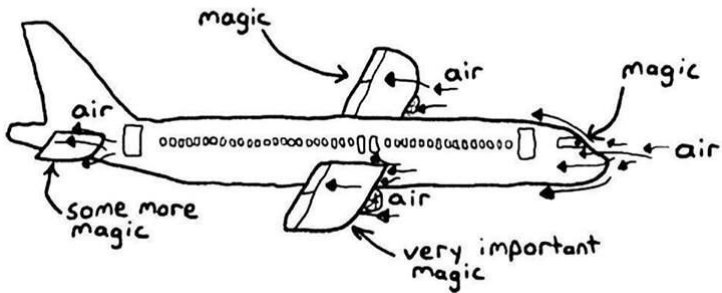
Another IS-A Relationship

- In some situations, objects are supposed to work together without a vertical relationship.
 - Consider the class **Bird** inherited from **Animal** and **Airplane** inherited from **Transportation**.
 - Both **Bird** and **Airplane** are able to fly in the sky.
 - Let's call the method fly(), for example.
- By semantics, the method fly() could not be defined in their superclasses. (Why?)
- Similar to the case study of Student, we wish those flyable objects go flying but in a single interface.
 - Using Object as the placeholder?
- Clearly, we need a **horizontal** relationship.

Example

```
1 interface Flyable {
2     void fly(); // implicitly public and abstract
3 }
4
5 class Animal {}
6
7 class Bird extends Animal implements Flyable {
8     void flyByFlappingWings() {
9         System.out.println("flapping wings");
10    }
11    @Override
12    public void fly() { flyByFlappingWings(); }
13 }
14
15 class Transportation {}
16
17 class Airplane extends Transportation implements Flyable {
18     void flyByMagic() {
19         System.out.println("flying with magicsssss");
20    }
21    @Override
22    public void fly() { flyByMagic(); }
23 }
```

how planes fly

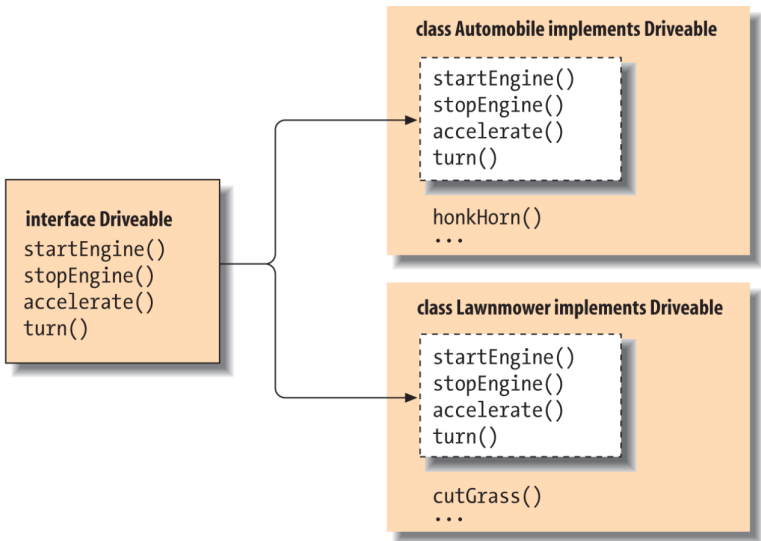


```
1 public class InterfaceDemo {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         Bird b = new Bird();
4         goFly(b);
5
6         Airplane a = new Airplane();
7         goFly(a);
8     }
9
10    public static void goFly(Flyable f) {
11        f.fly();
12    }
13 }
```

Interfaces (1/2)

- An interface forms a **contract** between the object and the outside world.
 - For example, the buttons on remote controls for some machine.
- As you can see, **an interface is a reference type, just like classes**
- Unlike classes, interfaces are used to define methods w/o implementation so that they **cannot** be instantiated (directly).
- A class could implements **one or multiple** interfaces by providing method bodies for each predefined signature.
- This **requires an object providing a different set of services**.
 - For example, combatants in RPG can also buy and sell stuffs in the market.

Example



Interfaces (2/2)

- An interface can extend another interfaces.
 - Like a collection of contracts, in some sense.
- For example, **Runnable**¹⁹ and **Serializable**²⁰ are two of Java interfaces.
- In JDK8, we have new features as follows:
 - we can declare **static** fields²¹ and methods in the interfaces;
 - we can also define **default** methods in the interfaces;
 - Java provides so-called **functional interfaces** for **lambdas** which are widely used in **the stream framework**. (Stay tuned in Java 2!)

¹⁹See Java Multithread.

²⁰Used for an object which can be represented as a sequence of bytes. This is called object serialization.

²¹But they should be **final**.

Timing for Interfaces and Abstract Classes

- Consider using abstract classes if you want to:
 - share code among several closely related classes
 - declare non-static or non-final fields
- Consider using interfaces for any of situations as follows:
 - unrelated classes would implement your interface
 - specify the behavior of a particular data type, but not concerned about who implements its behavior
 - take advantage of multiple inheritance

Special Issue: Wrapper Classes

- To treat values as objects, Java supplies standard wrapper classes for each primitive type.
- For example, you can construct a wrapper object from a primitive value or from a string representation of the value.

```
1 ...  
2     Double pi = new Double("3.14");  
3 ...
```

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 their wrapper types, 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.
- Good practice when it comes to concurrent programming.²²

²²See <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     str1 = str1.toLowerCase();
8     System.out.println("str1 = " + str1);
9     System.out.println(str1 == str2); // output false?!
10    System.out.println(str1.intern() == str2); // output
      true
11 ...
```


Example: Colors

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

- Note that **Color** is indeed a subclass of **enum** type with 3 **static** and **final** references to 3 Color objects corresponding to the enumerated values.
- This mechanism enhances type safety and makes the source code more readable!


```
1 Class Pen {
2     Color color;
3     Pen(Color color) { this.color = color; }
4 }
5
6 Class Clothes {
7     Color color;
8     T-Shirt(Color color) { this.color = color; }
9     void setColor(Color new_color) { this.color = new_color; }
10 }
11
12 public class EnumDemo {
13     public static void main(String[] args) {
14         Pen crayon = new Pen(Color.RED);
15         Clothes T_shirt = new Clothes(Color.random());
16         System.out.println(crayon.color == T_shirt.color);
17     }
18 }
```

Exercise: Directions

```
1  enum Direction {UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT}
2
3  /* equivalence
4  class Direction {
5      final static Direction UP = new Direction("UP");
6      final static Direction DOWN = new Direction("DOWN");
7      final static Direction LEFT = new Direction("LEFT");
8      final static Direction RIGHT = new Direction("RIGHT");
9
10     private final String name;
11
12     static Direction[] values() {
13         return new Direction[] {UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT};
14     }
15
16     private Direction(String str) {
17         this.name = str;
18     }
19 }
20 */
```

Special Issue: Packages

- We organize related types into packages for the following purposes:
 - To make types easier to find and use
 - To avoid naming conflicts
 - To control access
- For example, fundamental classes are in **java.lang** and classes for I/O are in **java.io**.

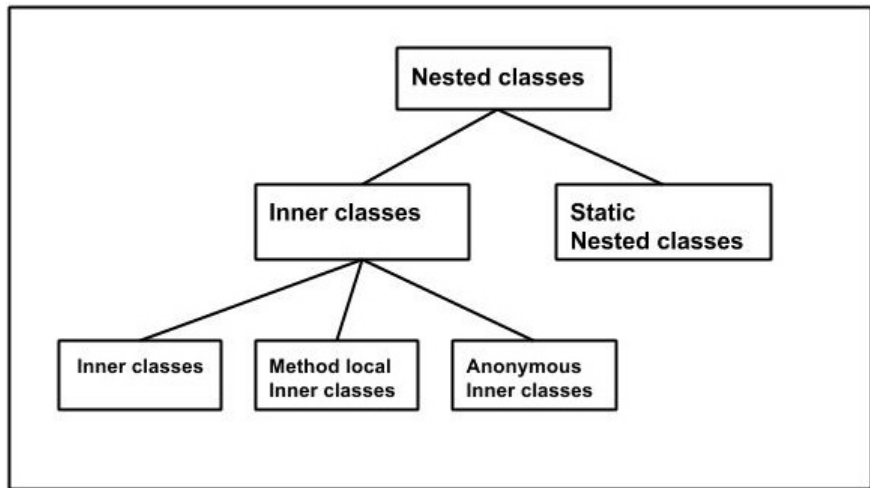
Access Control

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

Special Issue: Nested Classes

- A nested class is a member of its enclosing class.
- **Non-static** nested classes have access to other members of the enclosing class, even if they are declared **private**.
- Instead, **static** nested classes do not have access to other instance members of the enclosing class.
- We use nested classes when it needs to
 - logically group classes that are only used in one place
 - increase encapsulation
 - lead to more readable and maintainable code

Family of Nested Classes



Non-Static Nested Classes

- Unlike a normal class, an inner class can be declared **private**.
- Note that the creation of inner-type objects is available after the outer-type object is created.
 - In other words, you cannot invoke the constructor of the inner type without having the outer type object.
- In the inner classes, you can declare **final** static variables but no static methods.

Example: Inner Class

```
1 class OuterClass {
2
3     private int x = 1;
4     private InnerClass innerObject = new InnerClass();
5
6     class InnerClass {
7         public void print() {
8             System.out.println(x); // ok!
9         }
10    }
11
12    void doSomeAction() { innerObject.print(); }
13 }
14
15 public class InnerClassDemo {
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         new OuterClass().doSomeAction(); // output 1
18
19         new InnerClass(); // you cannot do this
20     }
21 }
```


Example: Method-Local Inner Class

```
1 class OuterClass {  
2  
3     void doSomething() {  
4         class LocalClass { // should be in the beginning  
5             private int x = 2;  
6             void print() { System.out.println(x); }  
7         }  
8  
9         new LocalClass().print(); // output 1 and 2  
10    }  
11 }
```

Anonymous Class

- Anonymous (inner) classes are an extension of the syntax of the `new` operation, enabling you to declare and instantiate a class at the same time.
- Use them when you need to use these types **only once**.

Example: Button

```
1 abstract class Button {
2     abstract void onClicked();
3 }
4
5 public class AnonymousClassDemoOne {
6
7     public static void main(String[] args) {
8
9         Button ok_button = new Button() {
10             @Override
11             public void onClicked() {
12                 System.out.println("OK");
13             }
14         };
15
16         ok_button.onClicked();
17     }
18 }
```

Exercise: Let's Fly Again

```
1 interface Flyable {
2     void fly();
3 }
4
5 public class AnonymousClassDemoTwo {
6
7     public static void main(String[] args) {
8
9         Flyable butterfly = new Flyable() {
10             @Override
11             public void fly() { /* ... */ }
12         };
13
14         butterfly.fly();
15     }
16 }
```

- An interface can be used to instantiate an object **indirectly** by anonymous classes with implementing the abstract methods.

Another Example: Iterators

- An important use of inner classes is to define an **adapter class** as a **helper object**.
- Using adapter classes, we can write classes more naturally, without having to anticipate every conceivable user's needs in advance.
- Instead, you provide adapter classes that marry your class to a particular interface.
- For example, an **iterator** is a simple and standard interface to enumerate elements in data structures.
 - The class which implements the interface **Iterable** has the responsibility to provide an iterator.
 - An iterator is defined in the interface **Iterator** with two unimplemented methods: `hasNext()` and `next()`.

Example

```
1 import java.util.Iterator;
2
3 class Box implements Iterable<Integer> { // <...>: generics
4
5     int[] items = {10, 20, 30};
6
7     public Iterator<Integer> iterator() {
8         return new Iterator<Integer>() {
9             private int ptr = 0;
10
11             public boolean hasNext() {
12                 return ptr < items.length;
13             }
14
15             public Integer next() {
16                 return items[ptr++];
17             }
18         };
19     }
20 }
```

```
1 public class IteratorDemo {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         Box myBox = new Box();
4
5         // for-each loop
6         for (Integer item: myBox) {
7             System.out.println(item);
8         }
9
10        // equivalence
11        Iterator iterOfMyBox = myBox.iterator();
12        while (iterOfMyBox.hasNext())
13            System.out.println(iterOfMyBox.next());
14    }
15 }
```

Static Nested Class


- A **static** inner class is a nested class declared **static**.
 - Similar to the static members, they can access to other **static** members **without** instantiating the outer class.
 - Also, a **static** nested class does not have access to the instance members of the outer class.
- In particular, the static nested class can be instantiated directly, **without** instantiating the outer class object first.
 - Static nested classes act something like a **minipackage**.

Example

```
1 class OuterClass {
2     static int x = 1;
3     private int y = 2;
4
5     static class StaticClass {
6         private int z = 3;
7         void doSomething() {
8             System.out.println(x);
9             System.out.println(y); // you cannot do this
10            System.out.println(z);
11        }
12    }
13 }
14
15 public class StaticNestedClassDemo {
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         new OuterClass.StaticClass().doSomething();
18     }
19 }
```

Classpath²⁴

- The variable **classpath** is an environment variable for the Java compiler to specify the location of user-defined classes and packages.
 - By default, only the packages of the JDK standard API and extension packages are accessible without needing to set where to find them.
- The path for all user-defined packages and libraries must be set in the command-line (or in the Manifest associated with the JAR file containing the classes).

²⁴[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classpath_\(Java\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classpath_(Java)) 

Usage of Classpath

- You may use the following command in any terminal:
`java -cp [the absolute path of the classes or packages] [the full name of the application to run]`
- For Windows users, try
`java -cp c:\workspace\project train.java.HelloWorld`
- On Linux/Unix/Mac OS users, try
`java -cp /workspace/project train.java.HelloWorld`

Java Archive (jar)²⁶

- Jar is a packed format typically used to aggregate many Java class files, associated metadata²⁵ and resources (text, images, etc.) into one file to distribute the application software or libraries running on the Java platform.
 - Try an executable jar!

²⁵Metadata refers data of data.

²⁶See <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/deployment/jar/>. 