Java Programming 2 Quick Review on Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

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Object & Class

- An object keeps its own states in fields (attributes) and exposes its behaviors through associated methods.
- To create these objects, we collect all attributes associated with functions and put them in a new class.
- A class is the blueprint to create instances, aka runtime objects.
- A class acts as a derived type.
- Classes are the building blocks in Java.

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Example: Points

- We define a new class as follows:
 - give a class name with the first letter capitalized, by convention;
 - declare data and function members in the class body.

```
public class Point {
    // Data members.
    double x, y;
    // Bata members.
    double x, y;
```

• Now we use this class to create some points.

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

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

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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, we hide internal states and expose methods which perform actions on these fields.
- So all fields should be declared private.
- However, this private modifier does not guarantee any information 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. ← → ← ⇒ → ← ⇒ → → ⇒ Zheng-Liang Lu Java Programming 2

Function Members

- As said, the fields are hidden.
- So we provide getters and setters for an object, if necessary:
 - getter: return the 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)

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

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Constructors

- A constructor follows the new operator, acting like other methods.
- However, its name 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 when the object is ready.
- For example,

```
public class Point {
       . . .
       // Default constructor
 3
       public Point() {
 4
            // Do something in common.
       }
 6
       // Parameterized constructor
9
       public Point(double a, double b) {
            x = a;
            v = b;
       }
12
13
       . . .
14
```

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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().

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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.

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Instance Members

- Be aware that data members and function members are declared w/o static in this lecture.
- They are called instance members, which are 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 when a specific **Point** object is specified.

Example: Distance Measurement Between Points

- In OOP design, it is important to clarify the responsibility among objects of various types, aka single responsibility principle.³
 - High cohesion, low coupling.
 - The Hollywood principle: don't call us, we'll call you.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID_(object-oriented_design). 📑 🔗

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³Also see

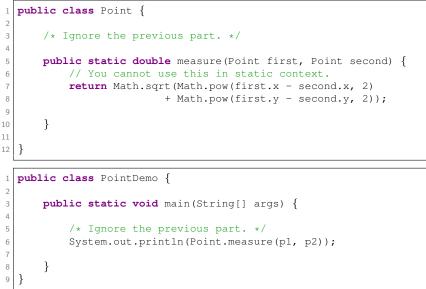
Static Members

- Static members are ready once a class is loaded.
 - For example, main().
 - You may try static initialization blocks.⁴
- These members can be invoked directly by class name in absence of any instance.
 - For example, Math.Pl.
- In particular, static methods perform algorithms.
 - For example, Math.random() and Arrays.sort().
- Note that a static method can access other static members. (Trivial.)
- However, static methods cannot access to instance members directly. (Why?)

https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/java00/initial.html on a Zheng-Liang Lu Java Programming 2 14

⁴See

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Another Example: Singleton Pattern

- The singleton pattern is one of design patterns.⁵
- 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.
9 public static Singleton getInstance() {
11 return instance;
12 }
13 }
```

⁵Design patterns are a collection of highly-reusable solutions to a commonly occurring problem within a given context in software design. The term "design pattern" is named by Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides, often referred to as the Gang of Four (GoF). $\Box \mapsto \langle \overline{\sigma} \rangle + \langle \overline{z} \rangle + \langle \overline{z} \rangle + \langle \overline{z} \rangle$

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Object Elimination: Garbage Collection (GC)⁶

- Java handles object deallocation by GC.
 - Timing: preset period or when memory stress occurs.
- GC is a daemon thread, which searches for those unreferenced objects.
 - An object is unreferenced when it is no longer referenced by any part of your program. (How?)
 - To make the object unreferenced, simply assign null to the reference variable.
- Note that you may invoke **System**.gc() to execute a deallocation procedure.
 - However, frequent invocation of GC is time-consuming.

⁶http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/technetwork/tutorials/obe/ java/gc01/index.html

Unified Modeling Language⁷

- 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)

Example: Class Diagram for Point

Point
-x: double -y: double
+getX(): double +getY(): double +setX(double): void +setY(double): void

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

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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)

Point	Line
-x: double	-head: Point
-y: double	-tail: Point
+Point()	+2
+Point(x: double, y: double)	+Line(head: Point, tail: Point)
+getX(): double	+getHead(): Point
+getY(): double	+getTail(): Point
+setX(x: double): void	+setHead(head: Point): void
+setY(y: double): void	+setTail(tail: Point): void
+getDistanceFrom(Point that): double	+getLength(): double

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

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

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Exercise: Circles

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

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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.

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Example: Human & Dog



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Before Using Inheritance

```
public class Human {
    public void eat() {}
    public void exercise() {}
    public void writeCode() {}
7 }
```

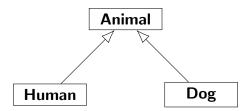
```
public class Dog {
    public void eat() {}
    public void exercise() {}
    public void wag() {}
    r
}
```

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After Using Inheritance



• Move the common part between **Human** and **Dog** to another class, say **Animal**, as the superclass.

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```
public class Animal { // extends Object; implicitly.
public void eat() {}
public void exercise() {}
}
```

```
public class Human extends Animal {
    public void writeCode() {}
    }
}
```

```
public class Dog extends Animal {
    public void wag() {}
    s
}
```

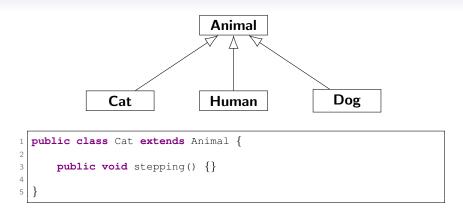
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Exercise: Add **Cat** to Animal Hierarchy⁸



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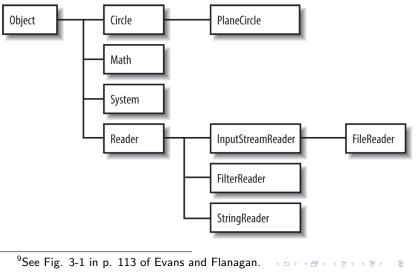
- You could add more kinds of animals by extending Animal!
- Again, code reuse.

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**.

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Illustration for Class Hierarchy⁹



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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().

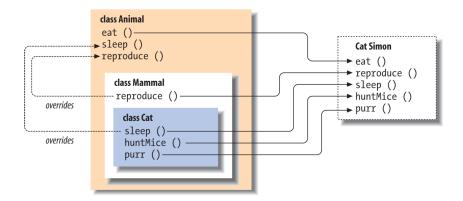
Method Overriding

- A subclass is supposed to re-implement the methods inherited from its superclass.
- 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.¹⁰
- Note that you cannot override the static methods.
- You should use the annotation¹¹ @Override to help you.

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

¹⁰For example, you cannot reduce the visibility from public to private.
¹¹See https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/annotations/
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Example: Overriding toString()

- **Object** provides the method toString() which is deliberately designed to be invoked by **System**.out.println()!
- By default, it returns a hash code.¹²
- It could be overridden so that it returns an informative string.

```
public class Point {
    ...
    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "(" + x + ", " + y + ")";
    }
    }
    ...
}
```

Another Example: ArrayList (Revisited)

```
import java.util.Arrays;
  import java.util.ArrayList;
3
  public class ArrayListDemo2 {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7
           String[] fx1 = {"TWD", "CAD", "JPY"};
           ArravList<String> fx2 =
9
                              new ArrayList (Arrays.asList(fx1));
           System.out.println(fx2); // Output [TWD, CAD, JPY].
13
14
```

- Use Arrays.asList() to convert arrays to ArrayList objects.
- Much better!!!

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Subtype Polymorphism¹⁴

- The word polymorphism literally means "many forms."
- One of OOP design rules is to separate the interface from implementations and program to abstraction, not to implementation.¹³
- Subtype polymorphism fulfills this rule.
- How to make a "single" interface for different implementations?
 - Use the superclass of those types as the placeholder.

¹⁴Also read http://www.javaworld.com/article/3033445/learn-java/ java-101-polymorphism-in-java.html.

 $^{^{13}\}mathrm{GoF}$ (1995). The original statement is "program to interface, not to implementation."

Example: Dependency Reduction (Decoupling)

```
1 class HighSchoolStudent {
2   void doHomework() {}
4   
5  }
6   class CollegeStudent {
8   void writeFinalReports() {}
11 }
```

• Now let these two kinds of students go study.

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```
public class PolymorphismDemo {
 3
       public static void main(String[] args) {
 4
           HighSchoolStudent Emma = new HighSchoolStudent();
           goStudy (Emma);
 6
           CollegeStudent Richard = new CollegeStudent();
           goStudy (Richard);
9
       }
11
       public static void goStudy(HighSchoolStudent student) {
13
           student.doHomework();
14
15
16
       public static void goStudy(CollegeStudent student) {
17
18
           student.writeFinalReports();
19
20
       // What if the 3rd kind of students comes into the system?
21
23
```

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Using Inheritance & Subtype Polymorphism

```
class Student {
      void doMyJob() { /* Do not know the detail yet. */}
4
  class HighSchoolStudent extends Student {
5
      void doHomework() {}
7
      @Override
8
      void doMyJob() { doHomework(); }
9
12
13
  class CollegeStudent extends Student {
14
15
      void writeFinalReports() {}
      @Override
16
17
      void doMyJob() { writeFinalReports(); }
18
19
```

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```
public class PolymorphismDemo {
       public static void main(String[] args) {
 3
           Student Emma = new HighSchoolStudent();
           goStudy (Emma);
           Student Richard = new CollegeStudent();
           goStudy (Richard);
9
       }
          We can handle all kinds of students in this way!!!
13
       public static void goStudy(Student student) {
14
           student.doMyJob();
15
16
       }
17
18
```

 This example illustrates the mechanism between toString() and println().

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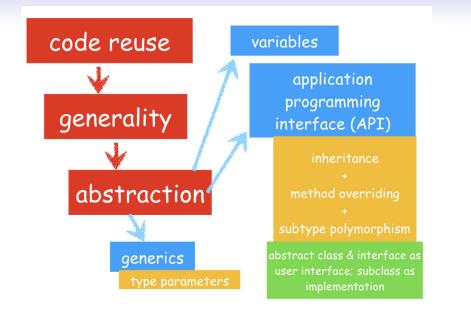
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Why OOP?¹⁵

- 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 the method signature;
 - polymorphism exploits the superclass as a placeholder to manipulate the implementations (subtype objects).
- We use PIE as the shorthand for these three concepts.

¹⁵See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming_paradigm () 2 0 0 0 Zheng-Liang Lu Java Programming 2 43



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- This leads to the production of frameworks¹⁶, 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, using computers and cellphones, driving a car, and so on.

¹⁶See https://spring.io/.

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Another Example

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

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• Again, Animal is a placeholder for its three subtypes.

Liskov Substitution Principle¹⁷

- 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.).

¹⁷See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liskov_substitution_principle ≥ ≥ Zheng-Liang Lu Java Programming 2 48

Casting

• Upcasting¹⁸ is to cast the **U** object/variable to the **T** variable.

1	U	u1	=	new	U();	11	Trivial.
2	Т	t1	=	u1;		11	OK.
3	Т	t2	=	new	U();	17	OK.

• Downcasting¹⁹ is to cast the **T** variable to a **U** variable.

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

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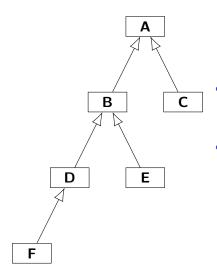
¹⁸A widening conversion; back compatibility.

¹⁹A narrow conversion; forward advance.

Solution: instanceof

- Upcasting is wanted and always allowed. (Why?)
- However, downcasting is not always true even when you use cast operators.
 - In fact, type checking at compile time becomes unsound if any cast operator is used. (Why?)
- Even worse, a T-type variable can point to all siblings of U-type.
 - Recall that a **T**-type variable works as a placeholder.
- Run-time type information (RTTI) is needed to resolve the error: **ClassCastException**.
- We can use instanceof to check if the referenced object is of 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.

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

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Abstract Classes

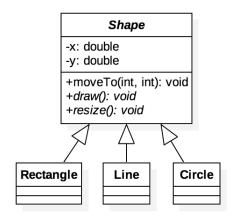
- An abstract class is a class declared abstract.
- Typically, abstract classes sit at the top of one class hierarchy, acting as placeholders.²⁰
- The abstract classes may have some methods without implementation²¹ and declared abstract.
 - They are abstract methods.
 - If a class has one or more abstract methods, then the class itself must be declared abstract.
- All abstract classes cannot be instantiated.
- When inheriting an abstract class, the editor could help you recall every abstract methods.

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²⁰For example, abstract factory pattern.

 $^{^{21}\}mathsf{The}$ methods are declared without braces, and followed by a semicolon. Ξ

Example



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

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The final Keyword²²

- 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.

²²In Java, the keyword const is reserved.

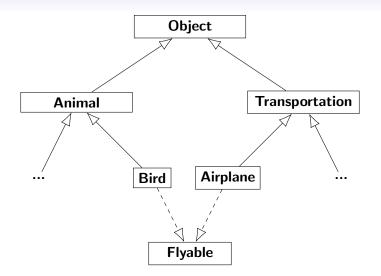
Another IS-A Relationship: Interface Inheritance

- Objects of different types are supposed to work together without a proper vertical relationship.
- 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().
- In semantics, the method fly() could not be defined in their superclasses. (Why?)

- We wish those flyable objects go flying by calling one API, just like the way of **Student**.
- Recall that **Object** is the superclass of everything.
- So, how about using **Object** as the placeholder?
 - Not really. (Why?)
- Clearly, we need a horizontal relationship: interface.

```
public interface Flyable {
    void fly(); // Implicitly public and abstract.
}
```

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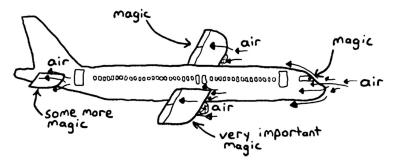
```
class Animal {}
  class Bird extends Animal implements Flyable {
 3
       void flyByFlappingWings() {
 4
       System.out.println("Flapping wings!");
 6
       @Override
 8
       public void fly() { flyByFlappingWings(); }
9
11
13
  class Transportation {}
  class Airplane extends Transportation implements Flyable {
14
15
       void flyByCastingMagic() {
16
       System.out.println("#$%@$^@!#$!");
18
19
20
       @Override
       public void fly() { flyByCastingMagic(); }
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```

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

Again, a uniform interface with multiple implementations!

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A Deep Dive on Interfaces

- An interface is a contract between the object and the client.
- As shown, an interface is a reference type, just like classes.
- Unlike classes, interfaces are used to define methods without implementation so that they cannot be instantiated (directly).
- Also, interfaces are stateless.
- A class could implement multiple interfaces by providing method bodies for each predefined signature.

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- Note that an interface can extend another interfaces!
 - Like a collection of contracts, in some sense.
- For example, **Runnable**, **Callable**²³, **Serializable**²⁴, and **Comparable**.
- In JDK8, we have new features as follows:
 - we can declare final static non-blank fields and methods;
 - we can also define default methods which are already implemented;
 - Java defines functional interfaces for lambdas which are widely used in the Stream framework. (Stay tuned in Java Programming 2!)

²³Both are related to Java multithreading.

Timing for Interfaces & Abstract Classes

- Consider using abstract classes if you want to:
 - share code among several closely related classes, and
 - 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.

Exercise: RPG



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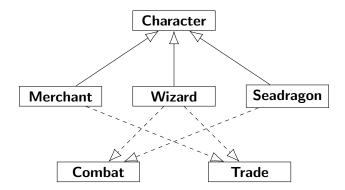
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- First, Wizard, SeaDragon, and Merchant are three of Characters.
- In particular, **Wizard** fights with **SeaDragon** by invoking attack().
- **Wizard** buys and sells stuffs with **Merchant** by invoking buyAndSell().
- However, **SeaDragon** cannot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

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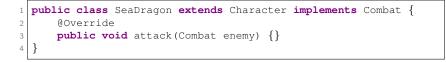
```
1 abstract public class Character {}
```

```
public interface Combat {
    void attack(Combat enemy);
}
```

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

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```
public class Wizard extends Character implements Combat, Trade {
    @Override
    public void attack(Combat enemy) {}
    @Override
    public void buyAndSell(Trade counterpart) {}
}
```



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

HAS-A (Delegation) vs. IS-A (Inheritance)

- Class inheritance is a powerful way to achieve code reuse.
- However, class inheritance violates encapsulation!
- This is because a subclass depends on the implementation details of its superclass for its proper function.
- To solve this issue, we favor delegation over inheritance.²⁵

Example: Strategy Pattern

- This pattern defines a family of algorithms by encapsulating each one, and making them interchangeable.
- It involves the following OO design principles:
 - encapsulate what varies;
 - code to an interface;
 - use delegation.

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			

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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);
9 System.out.println(m == i); // Output false?
1 System.out.println(m.equals(i)); // Output true!?
2 ...
```

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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.²⁶
- Using immutable objects is a good practice when it comes to concurrent programming.²⁷

²⁶For you information, StringBuffer is the mutable version of String objects.
²⁷See http://www.javapractices.com/topic/TopicAction.do?Id=29. =



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```
1 ...
2 String strl = "NTU";
3 String str2 = "ntu";
4
5 System.out.println("strl = " + strl.toLowerCase());
6 System.out.println("strl = " + strl);
7
8 strl = strl.toLowerCase();
9 System.out.println("strl = " + strl);
10 System.out.println(strl == str2); // False?!
11 System.out.println(strl.equals(str2)); // True!
12 System.out.println(strl.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.²⁸

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.

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```
1 public class EnumDemo {
2
3
4
5
Color crayon.color = Color.RED;
6
Color tshirt.color = Color.random();
7
8
9
}
10
11
}
```

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Exercise

```
public class PowerMachine {
 3
       private PowerState state;
       public void setState(PowerState state) {
 5
           this.state = state;
 7
 8
9
       public PowerState getState() { return state; }
12
13
  enum PowerState {
14
15
      ON("The power is on."), OFF("The power is off."),
       SUSPEND("The power is low.");
16
17
       private String status;
18
       private PowerState(String str) { status = str; }
19
20
```

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Behind enum?

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

```
public class Action {
    public final static Action PLAY = new Action ("PLAY");
    public final static Action WORK = new Action("WORK");
    public final static Action SLEEP = new Action("SLEEP");
    public final static Action EAT = new Action("EAT");
    private final String text:
    public static Action[] values() {
        return new Action[] {PLAY, WORK, SLEEP, EAT};
    private Action(String str) { text = str;}
    // Some functionalities are not listed explicitly.
    // Check java.lang.Enum.
```

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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.

$Scope \setminus Modifier$	private	(package)	protected	public
Within the class	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Within the package	х	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Inherited classes	х	х	\checkmark	\checkmark
Out of package	х	х	x	\checkmark

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.

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```
import www.csie.ntu.edu.tw.Greeting;
  public class ImportDemo {
 3
       public static void main(String[] args) {
 6
           Util util = new Util();
           util.doAction1(); // Error!
           util.doAction2(); // OK!
9
           util.doAction3(); // Error!!
10
           Util.doAction4(): // OK!!
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.

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Example: More about Imports

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

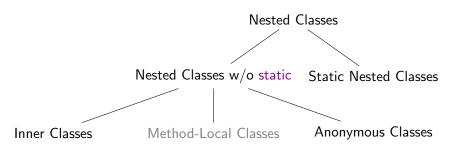
- Use the wildcard (*) to import all classes within the package.
- We could also import static members in the package only.

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.

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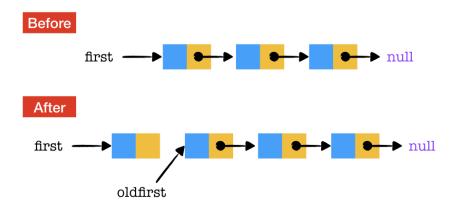
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Example: Stack by Linked List



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

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```
public class LinkedListStackDemo {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
3
4
           LinkedListStack langs = new LinkedListStack();
6
           langs.push("Java");
           langs.push("C++");
           langs.push("Python");
9
           System.out.println(langs.pop()); // Output Python.
10
           System.out.println(langs.pop()); // Output C++.
           System.out.println(langs.pop()); // Output Java.
13
14
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.

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Exercise: House & Rooms



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```
import java.util.ArrayList;
  public class House {
5
      private ArravList<Room> rooms = new ArravList<>();
6
      private class Room {
           String name;
           @Override
           public String toString() { return name; }
13
      public void add(String name) {
14
           Room room = new Room();
15
16
           room.name = name;
           rooms.add(room);
18
19
20
       @Override
      public String toString() { return rooms.toString(); }
```

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

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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

```
abstract class Button {
       abstract void onClicked();
 3
 4
  public class AnonymousClassDemo1 {
 6
       public static void main(String[] args) {
 7
 8
           Button btnOK = new Button() {
9
                @Override
               public void onClicked() {
                    System.out.println("OK");
12
13
           };
14
           btnOK.onClicked();
16
17
18
```

Exercise: Fly Again

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

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Special Issue: Iterator Patterns

- An iterator is a simple and standard interface to enumerate elements in the data structure.
- In Java, we now proceed to reveal the mechanism of for-each loops:
 - One class implementing the interface **Iterable** should provide the detail of the method iterator().
 - The method iterator() should return an iterator defined by the interface **Iterator**, which has two unimplemented methods: hasNext() and next().
- Now your data structure could be compatible with for-each loops!

Example

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

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

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

```
public class StaticClassDemo {
       public static class Greeting {
 3
           Override
           public String toString() {
 6
               return "This is a static class.":
 7
 8
9
10
       public static void main(String[] args) {
12
13
           System.out.println(new StaticClassDemo.Greeting());
14
15
16
```