Code Reuse Through Hierarchies

You will learn about different ways of creating class hierarchies to better organize and group attributes and methods in order to facilitate code reuse

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Real Life Hiearchies



Base entity: -

- Attributes: age, height, weight
- Actions: eat(), sleep(), excrete(), multiply()

Derived entity: "martial artist" has all attributes and actions of base entity plus

- Attributes: belt/level
- Actions: ironPalmStrike(), shadowlessKick()

Derived entity: 'spy' has all attributes and actions of base entity plus

- Attributes: territory, code name e.g. 0-0TAM
- Actions: stealth(), codebreaking(), lockPicking()

Review: Association Relation Between Classes

- •One type of association relationship is a 'has-a' relation (also known as "aggregation").
 - E.g. 1, A car < has-a > engine.
 - E.g. 2, A lecture < has-a > student.
- Typically this type of relationship exists between classes when a class is an attribute of another class.

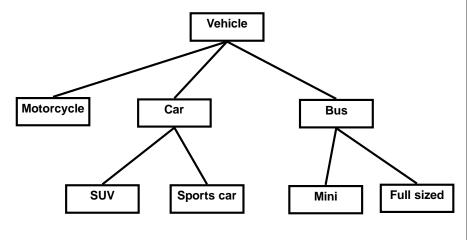
```
public class Car {
    private Engine anEngine;
    private Lights carLights;
    public start() {
        anEngine.ignite();
        carLight.turnOn();
    }
}

public class Engine {
    public boolean ignite() {
        ... }
    public class Lights {
        private boolean isOn;
        public void turnOn() {
            isOn = true;}
}
```

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A New Type Of Association: Is-A (Inheritance)

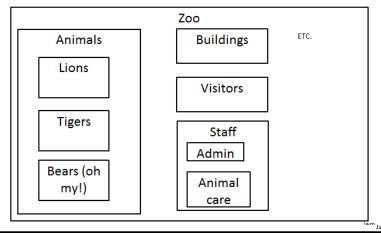
•An inheritance relation exists between two classes if one class is a more specific variant type of another class



Recall O-O Approach: Finding Candidate Classes

An Example Of The Object-Oriented Approach (Simulation)

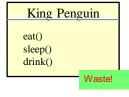
 Break down the program into entities (classes/objects - described with nouns)

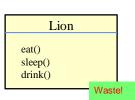


What If There Are Commonalities Between Classes

- Examples:
 - All birds 'fly'
 - Some types of animals 'swim': fish, penguins, some snakes, crocodiles, some birds
 - All animals 'eat', 'drink', 'sleep' etc.
 - Under the current approach you would have the same behaviors repeated over and over!







New Technique: Inheritance

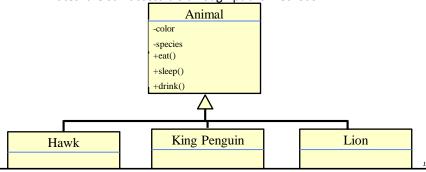
- When designing an Object-Oriented program, look for common behaviors and attributes
 - -E.g., color, species, eat(), drink(), sleep()
 - These commonalities are defined in a 'parent' class



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New Technique: Inheritance (2)

- These commonalities are defined in a 'parent' class
 - Classes that are derived from (are more specific versions) of the parent class are referred to a 'child' classes.
- As appropriate other 'child' classes will directly include or 'inherit' all the non-private attributes and behaviors of the parent class.
 - 'Privates' are still accessible through public methods.



Defining A Class That Inherits From Another

Format:

```
public class <Name of child class> extends <Name of parent</pre>
  class>
  {
      // Definition of child class - only what is unique to
      // this class
                                           This means that a Lion
  }
                                           object AUTOMATICALLY has
                                           all the capabilities of an
                                           Animal object
Example:
 public class Lion extends Animal
                                                The only attributes
      public void roar() {
                                                and methods that
          System.out.println("Rawr!");
                                               need to be specified
                                                are the ones unique
  }
                                                to a lion
```

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First Inheritance Example

 Location of the full online example: /home/233/examples/hierarchies/1basicExample

Class Person



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Class Hero: A Hero Is A Person

public class Hero extends Person {

This automatically gives instances of class Hero all the capabilities of an instance of class Person

}

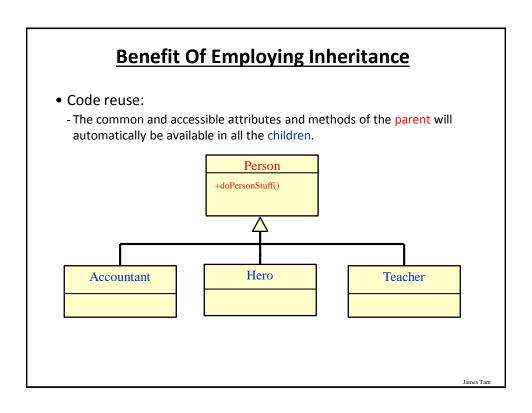

```
public class Driver
{
   public static void main(String [] args)
   {
      Person bob = new Person():
      bob.doPersonStuff();
      System.out.println();

   Hero clark = new Hero():
      clark.doPersonStuff():
      clark.doHeroStuff():
   }
}

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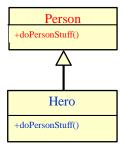
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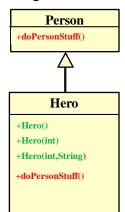
New Terminology: Method Overriding

• Overriding occurs when the parent class has a different version of a method than was implemented in the child class.



Reminder: Method Overridding Vs. Method Overloading

- Method overriding: different versions of a method in parent vs. child
- Method overloading: different versions of a method in a single class definition



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Method Overriding Example

- Location of the complete example:
 - -/home/233/examples/hierarchies/2overriding

Class Hero

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The Driver Class (Included For Reference)

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Person bob = new Person();
        bob.doPersonStuff();
        System.out.println();

        Hero clark = new Hero();
        clark.doPersonStuff();

Pffff I need not go about mundane nicities such as eating!
}
```

Object-Oriented hierarchies, code reuse

Overridding: Who Do We Call?

- bob.doPersonStuff();
- clark.doPersonStuff();

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New Term: Binding

- When a reference and a method are specified together, binding determines which version of the method is called.
- If neither method overloading nor method overriding are employed then binding is very easy to determine.

```
public class Person {
    private int age;
    public Person() {
        age = 0;
    }

jim.setAge(27);
    public setAge(int anAge) {
        age = anAge;
    }
}
```

New Term: Binding (2)

- Early binding: determined at compile time (by 'javac')
 - Parameter list determines
- Late binding: determined at run time (by 'java')
 - The type of the implicit parameter ("this" reference) determines

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Method Overloading Vs. Method Overriding

- Method Overloading (what you should know)
 - -Multiple method implementations for the same class
 - -Each method has the same name but the type, number or order of the parameters is different (signatures are not the same)
 - -The method that is actually called is determined at program *compile time* (early binding).
 - -i.e., <reference name>.<method name>(parameter list);

Distinguishes overloaded methods

Method Overloading Vs. Method Overriding (2)

•Examples of method overloading:

```
public class Foo
{
   public void display( ) { }
   public void display(int i) { }
   public void display(char ch) { }
}

Foo f = new Foo ();
f.display( );
f.display(10);
f.display('c');
Binding at compile time (early)
```

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Method Overloading Vs. Method Overriding (3)

- Method Overriding
 - -The method is implemented differently between the parent and child classes.
 - -Each method has the same return value, name and parameter list (identical signatures).
 - -The method that is actually called is determined at program *run time* (late binding).
 - -i.e., <reference_name>.<method name> (parameter list);

The type of the reference (implicit parameter "this") distinguishes overridden methods

Example Overriding: The Type Of The Reference Determines The Method Called

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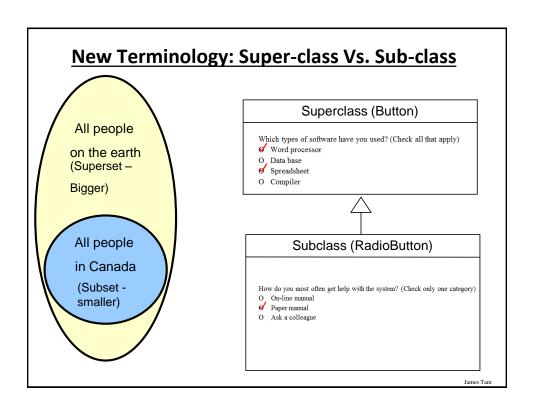
New Terminology: Polymorphism

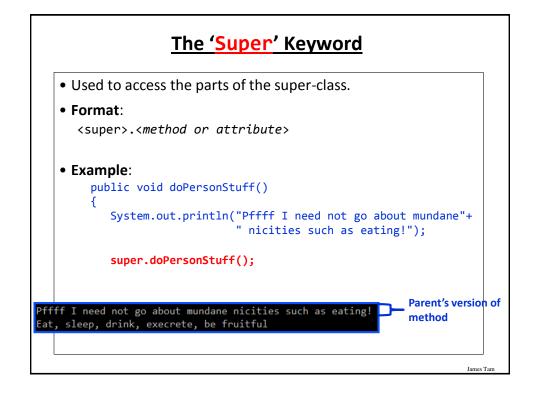
Poly = many Morphic = forms

- •A polymorphic method has an implementation in the parent class and a different implementation the child class.
- Polymorphism: the specific method called will be automatically be determined without any type checking needed (the type of reference determines which method is called)
- Recall the example:

```
public class Driver {
   public static void main(String [] args)
   {
      person bob = new Person();
      bob.doPersonStuff();
      System.out.println();
      Hero clark = new Hero();
      clark.doPersonStuff();

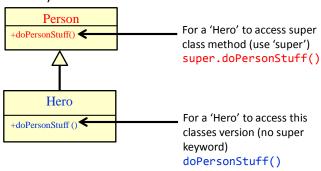
Pffff I need not go about mundane nicities such as eating!
}
```





Super Keyword: When It's Needed

 You only need this keyword when accessing non-unique methods or attributes (exist in both the super and subclasses).

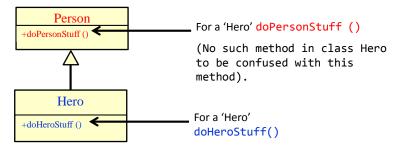


Without the super keyword then the sub-class will be accessed

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Super Keyword: When It's Not Needed

• If that method or attribute exists in only one class definition then there is no ambiguity.



Something Especially Good?

• Note: There Is No Super. Super In Java

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Using The Super Keword

- Location of the complete example:
 - -/home/233/examples/hierarchies/3super
 - Note: this example illustrated the use of the super keyword in conjunction with a method "doPersonStuff".
 - As long as access permissions allow it, any attribute or method in the super class can be accessed in the same way using the 'super' keyword.

Class Hero: Using The Super Keyword

Using The Super Keyword Again

- This fourth example illustrates the use of this keyword with the constructor and the (new to this example) toString() method
- Note how the toString() method delegates some behavior to the parent class and implements some of the behaviors in the child class.
- Location of the full example: /home/233/examples/hierarchies/4superConstructors

Class Person

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Class Person (2)

```
// NEW
public String toString()
{
    String s = "";
    s = s + "Age of the person: " + age;
    return(s);
}
```

```
Class Hero: Using Super()
public class Hero extends Person
                                       public Person() {
                                              age = 0;
   private int heroicCount;
                                          }
   public Hero() {
       super();
       heroicCount = 0;
                                     public Person(int anAge) {
   public Hero(int anAge) {
                                            age = anAge;
       super(anAge);=
                                        }
       heroicCount = 0;
   }
   public void doHeroStuff() {
       heroicCount++;
```

```
public class Driver
{
  public static void main(String | args)
  {
    Person bob = new Person(55);
    Hero clark = new Hero(25);

    public Hero(int anAge){
        super(anAge);
        heroicCount = 0;
    }

    public Person(int anAge){
        age = anAge;
    }
}
```

```
The Driver Class: 2
            System.out.println("Bob\n" + bob);
                  public String toString()
                     String s = "";
                     s = s + "Age of the person: " + age;
                     return(s);
            System.out.println("Clark\n" + clark);
       }
  }
                                          public String to String() // Hero
                                            String s = super.toString();
                                            if (s != null)
                                              s = s + "\n" + "Count of noble and heroic deeds " +
                                                heroicCount;
public String toString() // Person
                                            return(s);
  String s = "";
  s = s + "Age of the person: " + age;
  return(s);
```

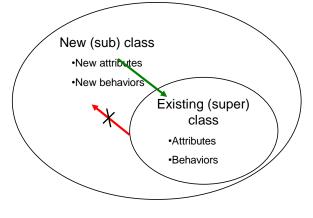
Example 4 Synposis

- Using the super keyword to access the parent constructors
- User the super keyword to acess the parent implementation of toString()
- Both method calls would delegate some of the required behaviors to the parent (access modify parent class attributes) and then the child implement the remaining behavior (access child class attributes)

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Keep In Mind: Inheritance Is A One Way Relationship!

- A Hero is a Person but a Person is not a Hero!
- That means that while the *sub-class can access the super-class* parts but the *super-class cannot access the sub-class* parts.



Access Modifiers And Inheritance

- Private '-': still works as-is, private attributes and methods can only be accessed within that classes' methods.
 - Child classes, similar to other classes must access private attributes through public methods.
- Public '+': still works as-is, public attributes and methods can be accessed anywhere.
- New level of access, Protected '#': can access the method or attribute in the class or its sub-classes.

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Summary: Levels Of Access Permissions

	Accessible to		
Access level			
10 701	Same class	Subclass	Not a subclass
Public	Yes	Yes	Yes
Protected	Yes	Yes	No
Private	Yes	No	No

Levels Of Access Permission: An Example

```
public class P
{
    private int num1;
    protected int num2;
    public int num3;
    // Can access num1, num2 & num3 here.
}

public class C extends P
{
    // Can't access num1 here
    // Can access num2, num3
}

public class Driver
{
    // Can't access num1 here and generally can't access num2
    // here
    // Can access num3 here
}
```

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General Rules Of Thumb

- Variable attributes should not have protected access but instead should be private.
- Most methods should be public.
- Methods that are used only by the parent and child classes should be made protected.

Updated Scoping Rules

- When referring to an identifier in a method of a class
 - 1. Look in the local memory space for that method
 - 2. Look in the definition of the class
 - 3. New: Look in the definition of the parent class

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Updated Scoping Rules (2)

Updated Scoping Rules: A Trace

 Location of the full online example: /home/233/examples/hierarchies/5scope

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Scoping Rules: Review Code (1 Class)

```
public class Driver {
    public static void main(String [] args) {
        System.out.println("REVIEW");
        System.out.println("-----");
        P p = new P();
        p.method1();
        System.out.println();
```

```
public class P {
    protected int x = 1;
    private int y = 2;

public void method1() {
    int x = 10;
    int y = 20;
    System.out.println("P.method1()");
    System.out.println("Locals shadow attributes");
    System.out.println("x/y: " + x + " " + y);
}
```

Scoping Rules: Review Code (1 Class): 2

```
p.method2();
System.out.println();

public void method2()
{
    int x = 10;
    int y = 20;
    System.out.println("P.method2()");
    System.out.println("Loc x/y: " + x + " " + y);
    System.out.println("Attr x/y: " + this.x + " " + this.y);
}
```

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Updated Scoping Rules

```
System.out.println("NEW: INHERITANCE HIERARCHIES");
System.out.println("-----");
C c = new C();
c.method1();

// Child
public class C extends P {
    private int x = 3;
    private int z = 4;

    public void method1() {
        System.out.println("C.method1()");
        System.out.println("Child attributes");
        System.out.println("x/z: " + this.x + " " + this.z);
    }
}
```

Updated Scoping Rules (2) c.method2(); // Child public void method2() { int x = 100; int y = 200; int z = 300; System.out.println("C.method2()"); System.out.println("tocal shadows all"); System.out.println("x/y/z: " + x + " " + y + " " + z); }

```
Updated Scoping Rules (3)

c.method3();

public class P
{
    protected int x = 1;
    private int y = 2;

    int x = 100;
    int y = 200;
    int z = 300;
    System.out.priptln("C.method3()");
    System.out.println("Loc x/y/z: " + x + " " + y + " " + z);

    System.out.println("P(x/y): " + super.x + " " + super.getY());
    // super.y : syntax error, access permission violated
    System.out.println("C(x/z): " + this.x + " " + this.z);
    }

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```

The Final Modifier (Inheritance)

- •What you know: the keyword final means unchanging (used in conjunction with the declaration of constants)
- Methods preceded by the final modifier cannot be overridden e.g., public *final* void cannot_override()
- Classes preceded by the final modifier cannot be extended
 e.g., final public class CANT_BE_EXTENDED

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Review: Casting

- •The casting operator can be used to convert between types.
- •Format:

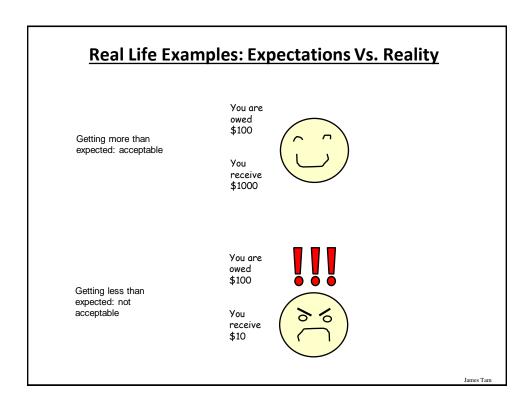
```
<Variable name> = (type to convert to) <Variable name>;
```

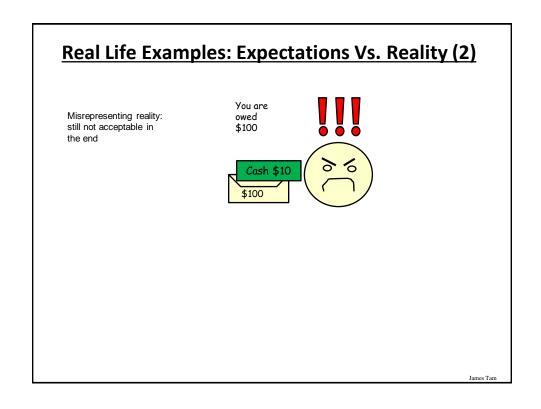
•Example (casting needed: going from more to less)
double full_amount = 1.9;

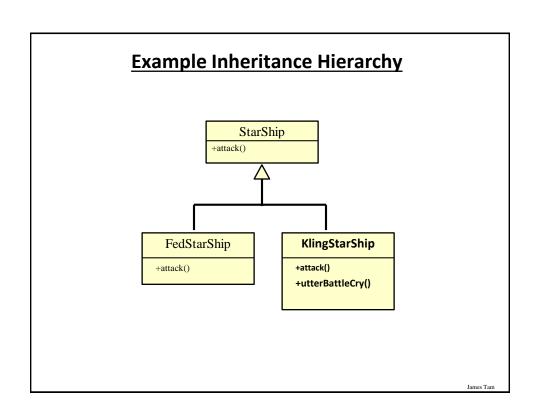
```
int dollars = (int) full_amount;
```

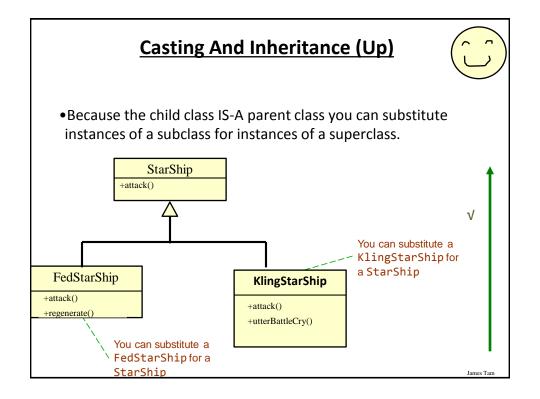
Example (casting not needed: going from less to more)

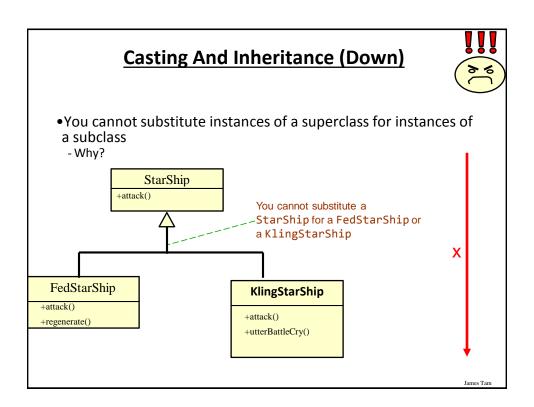
```
int dollars = 2;
double full_amount = dollars;
```











Reminder: Operations Depends On Type

- •Sometimes the same symbol performs different operations depending upon the type of the operands/inputs.
- •Example:

```
int num1 = 2;
int num2 = 3;
num1 = num1 + num2;
Vs.
String aString = "foo" + "bar";
```

- Some operations won't work on some types
- •Example: String aString = 2 / 3;

Reminder: Behavior Depends Upon Class Type

•The methods that can be invoked by an object depend on the class definition

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Casting And Inheritance

```
StarShip regular = new StarShip();
KlingStarShip kling = new KlingStarShip();
```



X regular.utterBattleCry(); // Inappropriate action for type

```
regular = kling;
```

```
regular = new StarShip();
kling = (KlingStarShip) regular: // Dangerous
```

X kling = (KlingStarShip) regular; // Dangerous cast kling.utterBattleCry(); // Inappropriate action for type

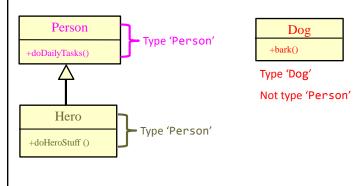
Caution About Class Casting: Check First!

- When casting between classes only use the casting operator if you are sure of the type!
- Check if an object is of a particular type is via the instanceof operator
- (When used in an expression the instanceof operator returns a boolean result)
- Format:
 - if (<reference name> instanceof <class name>)
- Example:
 - if (supPerson instanceof Person)

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Instanceof Example

 Location of the full example: /home/233/examples/hierarchies/6typeCheck



Driver.main()

Driver.main(): 2

Containers: Homogeneous

- Recall that arrays must be homogeneous: all elements must be of the same type e.g., int [] grades
- Again recall: A child class is an instance of the parent (a more specific instance with more capabilities).

• If a container, such as an array is needed for use in conjunction with an inheritance hierarchy then the type of each element can simply be the parent.

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-attack()

KlingStarShip

The Parent Of All Classes

- •You've already employed inheritance.
- Class **Object** is at the top of the inheritance hierarchy.
- •Inheritance from class Object is implicit.
- All other classes automatically inherit its attributes and methods (left and right are logically the same)

-e.g., "toString()" are available to its child classes

• For more information about this class see the url: http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/Object.html

The Parent Of All Classes (2)

- This means that if you want to have an array that can contain any type of Java object then it can be an array of type Object.
 - Object [] array = new Object[SIZE];
- Built-in array-like classes such as class Vector (an array that 'automatically' resizes itself consists of an array attribute whose type is class Object)
 - For more information on class Vector:
 - http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/util/Vector.html

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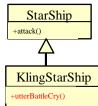
Determining Type: Hierarchies

- As mentioned: normally type checking should not be needed for a polymorphic method (the child class overrides a parent method).

 Person
 +doDailyTasks()
 - No instanceof needed

 However type checking is needed if a method specific to the child is being invoked.

•Check with instanceof is needed



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Hero

Example: Containers With 'Different' Types

- Location of the full example:
 - -/home/233/examples/hierarchies/7hierarchiesContainment

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Driver Class: SpaceSimulator

```
public class SpaceSimulator
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Galaxy alpha = new Galaxy();
        alpha.display();
        alpha.runSimulatedAttacks();
    }
}
```

Class Galaxy

```
public class Galaxy {
   public static final int SIZE = 4;
   private StarShip [][] grid;
```

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Class Galaxy (2)

```
public Galaxy () {
    boolean squareOccupied = false;
    grid = new StarShip [SIZE][SIZE];
    int r;
    int c;
    int hull;

for (r = 0; r < SIZE; r++) {
        for (c = 0; c < SIZE; c++)
        {
            grid[r][c] = null;
        }
    }
    grid[0][0] = new FedStarShip();
    grid[0][1] = new KlingStarShip();
    grid[1][0] = new StarShip();
}</pre>
```



```
Class Galaxy (3)
           public void runSimulatedAttacks() {
               int damage;
               damage = grid[0][0].attack();
               System.out.println("Fed ship attacks for: " + damage);
               System.out.println()
<<< FedStarShip.attack() >>>
                                   Fed ship attacks for: 66
Type check not
needed
because:
               damage = grid[0][1].attack();
attack()
               System.out.println("Kling ship attacks for: " + damage);
method is
               System.out.println()<<< KlingStarShip.attack() >>>
overridden /
                                   Kling ship attacks for: 116
polymorphic
               damage = grid[1][0].attack();
               System.out.println('<<< StarShip.attack() >>>
                                   Old style ship attacks for: 50
                 damage);
               System.out.println();
```

```
Class Galaxy (4)
                     /* Won't work because it's an array of references
                        to StarShips not KlingStarShips.
                       grid[1][0].utterBattleCry(); */
Type check
                    if (grid[0][0] instanceof KlingStarShip)
'instanceof'
                        ((KlingStarShip) grid[0][0]).utterBattleCry();
needed because:
                                            Heghlu'meH QaQ jajvam!
Array of StarShips
                    if (grid[0][1] instanceof KlingStarShip)
                        ((KlingStarShip) grid[0][1]).utterBattleCry();
utterBattleCry()
unique to
KlingStarShip
                    if (grid[1][0] instanceof KlingStarShip)
                        ((KlingStarShip) grid[1][0]).utterBattleCry();
                }
           } // End runSimulatedAttacks()
```

Class StarShip

```
public class StarShip {
   public static final int MAX_HULL = 400;
   public static final char DEFAULT_APPEARANCE = 'C';
   public static final int MAX_DAMAGE = 50;
   private char appearance;
   private int hullValue;

public StarShip () {
     appearance = DEFAULT_APPEARANCE;
     hullValue = MAX_HULL;
   }

public StarShip (int hull) {
     appearance = DEFAULT_APPEARANCE;
     hullValue = hull;
   }
```

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Class StarShip (2)

```
public StarShip (char newAppearance) {
    this();
    appearance = newAppearance;
}

public int attack() {
    System.out.println("<<< StarShip.attack() >>>");
    return(MAX_DAMAGE);
}
```

Class StarShip (3): Get()'s, Set()'s

```
public char getAppearance () {
    return appearance;
}

public int getHullValue() {
    return(hullValue);
}

public void setAppearance(char newAppearance) {
    appearance = newAppearance;
}

public void setHull(int newHullValue) {
    hullValue = newHullValue;
}
```

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Class FedStarShip

```
public class FedStarShip extends StarShip {
  public static final int MAX_HULL = 800;
  public static final char DEFAULT_APPEARANCE = 'F';
  public static final int MAX_DIE_ROLL = 6;
  public static final int DIE_ROLL_BOOSTER = 1;
  public static final int NUM_DICE = 20;

public FedStarShip() {
    super();
    setHull(MAX_HULL); // 800 not 400 due to shadowing
    setAppearance(DEFAULT_APPEARANCE); // 'F' not 'C'
}
```

Class FedStarShip (2)

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Class KlingStarShip

```
public class KlingStarShip extends StarShip {
   public static final char DEFAULT_APPEARANCE = 'K';
   public static final int MAX_DIE_ROLL = 12;
   public static final int DIE_ROLL_BOOSTER = 1;
   public static final int NUM_DICE = 20;

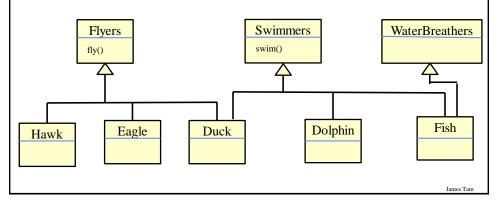
public KlingStarShip() {
      super();
      setAppearance(DEFAULT_APPEARANCE);
   }
   // Unique to KlingStarShip objects
   public void utterBattleCry() {
      System.out.println("Heghlu'meH QaQ jajvam!");
   }
}
```

Class KlingStarShip (2)

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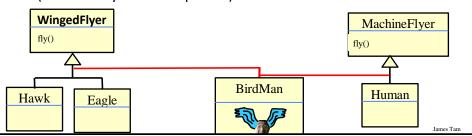
Multiple Inheritance

- What happens if some behaviors or attributes are common to a group of classes but some of those classes include behaviors shared with other groups?
- Or some groups of classes share some behaviors but not others?



Multiple Inheritance (2)

- It is implemented in some languages e.g., C++
- It is not implemented in other languages e.g., Java
- Pro: It allows for more than one parent class
 - (JT: rarely needed but nice to have that capability for that odd exceptional case).
- Con: Languages that allow for multiple inheritance require a more complex implementation even for single inheritance (classes only have one parent) cases.



Java Interfaces

- Similar to a class
- Provides a design guide rather than implementation details
- Specifies what methods should be implemented but not how
 - An important design tool: Agreement for the interfaces should occur very early before program code has been written.
 - (Specify the signature of methods so each part of the project can proceed with minimal coupling between classes).
 - Changing the method body rather than the method signature won't 'break' code.
- It's a design tool so they cannot be instantiated

Interfaces: Format

Format for defining an interface

```
public interface <name of interface>
{
    constants
    methods to be implemented by the class that realizes this
    interface
}
```

Format for realizing / implementing the interface

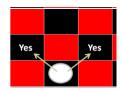
```
public class <name of class> implements <name of interface>
{
    attributes
    methods actually implemented by this class
}
```

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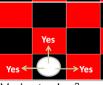
Interfaces: A Checkers Example



Regular board¹



Regular rules²



Variant rules²

1 From www.allaboutfungames.com)

2 Board images from

Interface Board

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Class RegularBoard

```
public class RegularBoard implements Board
{
    public void displayBoard()
    {
        ...
    }
    public void initializeBoard()
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

Class RegularBoard (2)

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Class VariantBoard

```
public class VariantBoard implements Board
{
    public void displayBoard ()
    {
        ...
    }
    public void initializeBoard ()
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

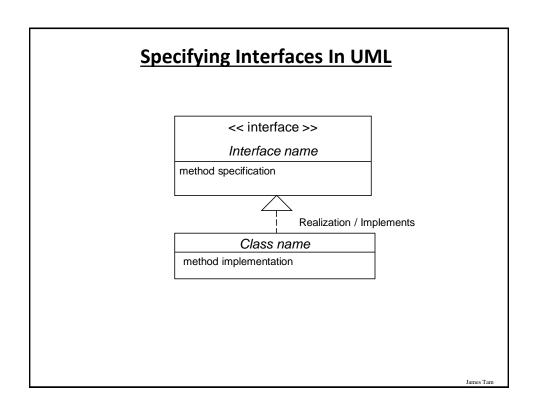
Class VariantBoard (2)

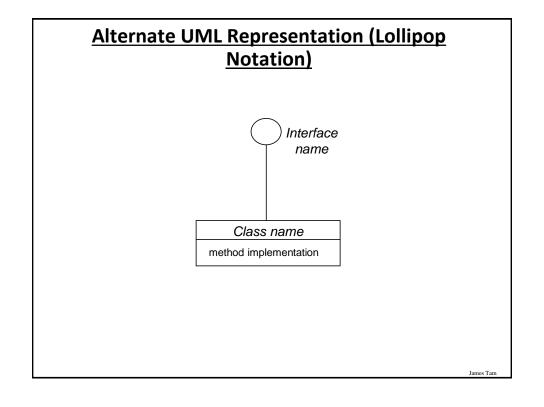


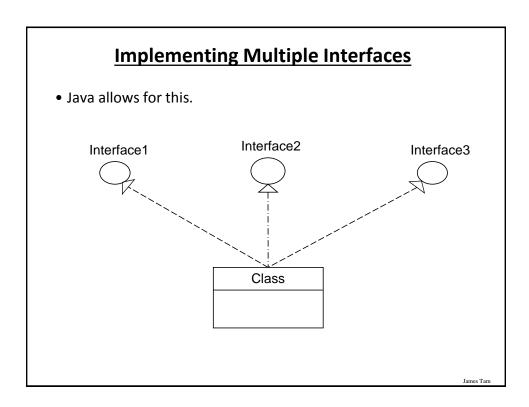
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Interfaces: Recapping The Example

- Interface Board
 - No state (variable data) or behavior (body of the method is empty)
 - Specifies the behaviors that a board should exhibit e.g., clear screen
 - This is done by listing the methods that must be implemented by classes that implement the interface.
- Class RegularBoard and VariantBoard
 - Can have state and methods
 - They must implement all the methods specified by the interface 'Board' (but can also implement other methods too)







Implementing Multiple Interfaces

Format:

Multiple Implementations Vs. Multiple Inheritance

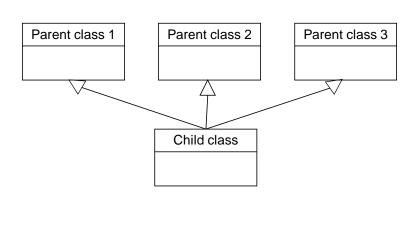
- •A class can implement multiple interfaces
- •Classes in Java cannot extend more than one class
- Again: multiple inheritance is not possible in Java but is possible in other languages such as C++:
 - Multiple inheritance (mock up code)

```
class <class name 1> extends <class
name 2>, <class name 3>...
{
}
```

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Multiple Implementations Vs. Multiple Inheritance (2)

• Multiple inheritance: conceptual view representing using UML



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Abstract Classes (Java)

- Classes that cannot be instantiated.
- A hybrid between regular classes and interfaces. Some methods may be implemented while others are only specified (no body).
- •Used when the parent class:
 - -specifies a default implementation of some methods,
 - -but cannot define a complete default implementation of other methods (implementation must be specified by the child class).

•Format:

•Example¹:

```
public abstract class <class name>
{
     <public/private/protected> abstract method ();
}
```

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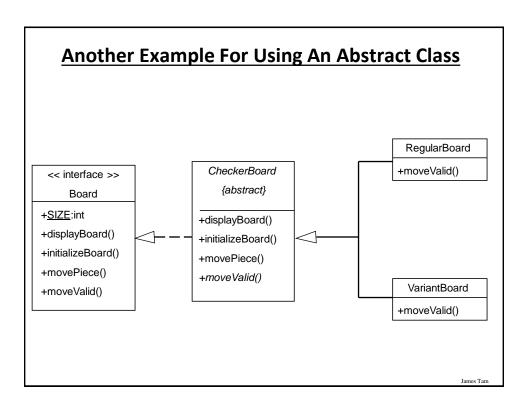
Abstract Classes (Java): 2

```
public abstract class BankAccount
{
    protected float balance;
    public void displayBalance()
```

```
protected float balance;
public void displayBalance()
{
    System.out.println("Balance $" + balance);
}
public abstract void deductFees();
}
```

1) From "Big Java" by C. Horstmann pp. 449 – 500.

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You Should Now Know

- What is inheritance, when to employ it, how to employ it in Java
- How casting works within an inheritance hierarchy
 - When the instanceof operator should and should not be used to check for type in an inheritance hierarchy
- What is the effect of the keyword "final" on inheritance relationships
- What is method overriding
 - How does it differ from method overloading
 - What is polymorphism
- What are the benefits of employing inheritance

You Should Now Know (2)

- •How does the 'protected' level of access permission work, how do private and public access permissions work with an inheritance hierarchy.
 - Under what situations should each level of permission be employed
- Updated scoping rules (includes inheritance) and how shadowing works with an inheritance hierarchy
- How the 'super' keyword works, when it is and is not needed
- •Class Object is the parent of all classes in Java
 - Capabilities inherited from the parent (if you refer to the API for class Object)
- How homogeneous composite types (such as arrays) can appear to contain multiple types within one container

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You Should Now Know (3)

- What are interfaces/types
 - How do types differ from classes
 - How to implement and use interfaces in Java
 - When interfaces should be employed
- What are abstract classes in Java and how do they differ from non-abstract classes and interfaces.
 - When to employ abstract classes vs. interfaces vs. 'regular' classes
- How to read/write UML notations for inheritance and interfaces.
- What is the difference between early and late binding
- What is multiple inheritance
 - How does it differ from multiple implementations
 - What are its advantages and disadvantages

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