15-440 Distributed Systems Recitation 1

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- A programming paradigm based on objects
- An example of an Object template:

```
public class Student {
}
```

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- An **Object** can contain data/attributes:

```
public class Student {
    String name;
    int age;
...
}
```

- A programming paradigm based on objects
- An Object can contain methods (behavior):

```
public class Student {
    ...
    String name;
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
}
```

- A programming paradigm based on objects
- To create a **Student Object**:

```
Student Sameer = new Student();
```

Constructors

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public class Student {
        String name;
        int age;
        public Student(String name, int sAge) {
                this.name = name;
                age = sAge;
        }
}
```

Inheritance

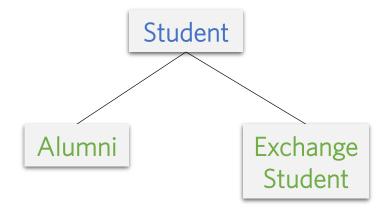
- Enables one object to inherit *methods* (*behavior*) and *attributes* from another object.
- For example, an Alumni class can extend a Student class:

```
public class Alumni extends Student
{
    int graduationYear;
}
```

 Alumni inherits name, age & getName from Student.

Class Hierarchy

- This introduces subclasses and superclasses.
- A class that inherits from another class is called a subclass:
 - Alumni inherits from Student, and therefore Alumni is a subclass.
- The class that is inherited is called a superclass:
 - Student is *inherited*, and is the **superclass**.



Inheritance

- Organizes related classes in a hierarchy:
 - This allows reusability and extensibility of common code
- Subclasses extend the functionality of a superclass
- Subclasses inherit all the methods of the superclass (excluding constructors and privates)
- Subclasses can override methods from the superclass

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Allows the access of the object/attributes/methods from any other program that is using this object:

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 - Protected:
 - You can use this only in the following
 - Same class as the variable,
 - Any subclasses of that class,
 - Or classes in the same package.
 - A package is a group of related classes that serve a common purpose (more on this later).

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Restricted even further than a protected variable: you can use it **only in the same class**:

```
public class Student {
           private void setName(String newName) {
                      this.name = newName;
           public Student(String name) {
                      setName(name);
public class Test {
           public static void main(String[] args) {
                      Student Sameer = new Student();
                      Sameer.setName("Sameer"); // Not accessible anymore!
```

Object & Class Variables

- Each **Student** object has its own **name**, **age**, etc...
 - name and age are examples of Object Variables.
- When an attribute should describe an entire class of objects instead of a specific object, we use Class Variables (or Static Variables).

Object & Class Variables

• A Class Variable Example:

```
public class Student {
    public static String University= "CMU";
}

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Encapsulation

- Encapsulation is **restricting access to an object's components**.
- How can we change or access name now?:

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    private String name;
    private int age;

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Encapsulation

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- Using **getters** and **setters**:

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    }
}
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- Methods overload one another when they have the same method name but:
 - The **number of parameters** is different for the methods
 - The parameter types are different
- Example:

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public void changeDate(int year) {
    // process date change
}

public void changeDate(int year, int month) {
    // process date change
}
```

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- Another Example:

```
public void addSemesterGPA(float newGPA) {
    // process newGPA
}

public void addSemesterGPA(double newGPA) {
    // process newGPA
}
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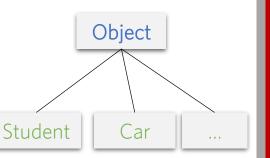
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}
We can't overload methods by just changing the parameter name!
```

• Example:

```
public class Parent {
    public int someMethod() {
        return 3;
    }
}

public class Child extends Parent {

    // this is method overriding:
    public int someMethod() {
        return 4;
    }
}
```



- Any class extends the Java superclass "Object".
- The Java "Object" class has 3 important methods:
 - public boolean equals(Object obj);
 - public int hashCode();
 - public String toString();
- The hashCode is just a number that is generated by any object:
 - It shouldn't be used to compare two objects!
 - Instead, override the equals, hashCode, and toString methods.

 Example: Overriding the toString and equals methods in our Student class:

```
public class Student {
    ...
    public String toString() {
        return this.name;
    }
}
```

 Example: Overriding the toString and equals methods in our Student class:

```
public class Student {
   public boolean equals(Object obj) {
          if (obj.getClass() != this.getClass()))
                 return false;
          else {
                 Student s = (Student) obj;
                 return (s.name == this.name);
```

Abstract Classes

- A class that is **not completely implemented**.
- Contains one or more *abstract* methods (methods with no bodies; *only signatures*) that subclasses must implement
- Cannot be used to instantiate objects
- Abstract class header:

```
accessModifier abstract class className public abstract class Car
```

• Abstract <u>method</u> signature:

```
accessModifier abstract returnType methodName ( args );
public abstract int speed ( args );
```

• Subclass signature:

```
accessModifier class subclassName extends className public class Mercedes extends Car
```

Interfaces

- A **special abstract class** in which all the methods are abstract
- Contains only abstract methods that subclasses must implement
- Interface header:

```
accessModifier interface interfaceName public interface Car
```

Abstract method signature:

```
accessModifier abstract returnType methodName ( args );
public abstract String CarType ( args );
```

Subclass signature:

```
accessModifier class subclassName implements someInterface public class BMW implements Car
```

Generic Methods

- Generic or parameterized methods receive the datatype of elements as a parameter
- E.g.: a generic method for sorting elements in an array (be it **Integers**, **Doubles**, **Objects** etc.)

A Simple Box Class

Consider this non-generic Box class:

```
public class Box {
      private Object object;
      public void set(Object object) {
    this.object = object;
      public Object get() {
            return object;
```

A Simple Box Class

• A generic class is defined with the following format:

```
class name<T1, T2, ..., Tn>
{
    /* ... */
}
```

A Simple Box Class

• Now to make our **Box** class generic:

```
public class Box<T> {
    // T stands for "Type"
    private T t;
    public void set(T t) {
        this.t = t;
    }
    public T get() {
        return t;
    }
}
```

• To create, for example, an **Integer** "**Box**":

```
Box<Integer> integerBox;
```

Java Generic Collections

- Classes that represent data-structures
- Generic or parameterized since the elements' data-type is given as a parameter*
- E.g.: LinkedList, Queue, ArrayList, HashMap, Tree
- Provide methods for:
 - Iteration
 - Bulk operations
 - Conversion to/from arrays

Class LinkedList<E>

java.lang.Object
 java.util.AbstractCollection<E>
 java.util.AbstractList<E>
 java.util.AbstractSequentialList<E>
 java.util.LinkedList<E>

Type Parameters:

E - the type of elements held in this collection

All Implemented Interfaces:

Serializable, Cloneable, Iterable<E>, Collection<E>, Deque<E>, List<E>, Queue<E>

public class LinkedList<E>
extends AbstractSequentialList<E>
implements List<E>, Deque<E>, Cloneable, Serializable

^{*}The data-type passed as parameter to a collection's constructor can not be of the type *Object*, the unknown type *?, or a primitive data-type*. The data-type must be a Class.

Why Generic Functions?

 Consider writing a method that takes an array of objects, a collection, and puts all objects in the array into the collection

```
static void fromArrayToCollection(Object[] arr, Collection<?> coll) {
   for (Object o : arr) {
      coll.add(o); // compile-time error
   }
}
```

```
static <T> void fromArrayToCollection(T[] a, Collection<T> c) {
   for (T o : a) {
      c.add(o); // Correct
   }
}
Generic

Method
```

ArrayList Class

- Is a subclass of Collection
- Implements a resizable array
- Provides methods for array manipulation
- Generic or parameterized
- Declaration and Instantiation:

ArrayList Methods

- Add, Get, Set, Clear, Remove, Size, IsEmpty, Contains, IndexOf, LastIndexOf, AsList etc.
- Basic Iterator:

```
for (int i = 0; i < arrayListName.size(); i++) {
    // Get object at index i
    ClassName obj = arrayListName.get(i)
    // Process obj ...
}</pre>
```

Advanced Iterator:

```
for (ClassName obj : arrayListName) {
   // Process obj
}
```

Generic Classes with Wildcards

 Wildcards <?> denote "unknown" or "any" type (resembles <T>)

public void summAll(ArrayList<? extends Number> listOfNumbers) {}