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Classes

either: - a program - a template for new types of objects

object is an “entity” that combines state and behavior

object-oriented program: programs that perform as interactions between objects. Keep state changes in well-defined objects

Classes contain: - fields: variable, part of object state. Each object has its own copy of each field. - access fields by *dereferencing* with the dot notation (ex: `s.length()`) - methods

```
public type name(parameters) {  
    statements;  
}
```

Methods can be:

- accessor
- mutator

(point class example) (how to access fields from inside same class)

Inheritance

Formalizes hierarchies of how data is structured

```
public class Animal {  
    String name;  
    int happiness;  
    boolean newDay = true;  
  
    public int getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    public int getHappiness() {  
        return happiness;  
    }  
  
    public void interact() {  
        happiness = happiness + 1;  
        newDay = false;  
    }  
  
    public void sleep() {  
        newDay = true;  
    }  
}
```

To create a *subclass* inheriting this *superclass*:

```
public class Cow extends Animal {  
    boolean milked = false;  
  
    public void milk() {  
        milked = true;  
    }  
}
```

```

public void interact() {
    happiness = happiness + 2;
}

public void grumpy_interact() {
    super.interact();
}
}

```

- Multiple levels of inheritance are allowed; multi-inheritance is not.
- Constructors are not inherited: if the super-class has a constructor defined, so must the sub-classes

Linked List

- intro to new friend
- talk about what you know about linked lists
- assume we're going to implement a linked list with two classes: `MyLL` and `ElementLL`

```

public class MyLL {
    public ElementLL first;
    public ElementLL last;

    public MyLL(int[] inputList) {

    }
}

```

- what fields and/or methods does the `ElementLL` class need?
- what steps would you take to implement the constructor for `MyLL`?