

Introduction to Java (cs2514)

Lecture 8: Inheritance

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Outline

- Revisit class and instance attributes.
- Revisit class and instance methods.
- Study *inheritance*.
 - With inheritance you can share common code.
 - The common code is written in a common superclass.
 - The common superclass implements common behaviour.
 - Subclasses inherit common behaviour from their superclass.
- We shall carry out two case studies.

Relation with Owner

- Java has *class* and *instance* methods.
 - For a class method, you put `static` in the declaration.
- It also has *class* and *instance* variables.
 - For a class attribute, you put `static` in the declaration.
- *Instance methods & instance variables* are owned by instances.
 - There is one method/variable per instance of the class (one-to-one).
 - To access the method/variable you need the instance.
 - Instance attributes are for representing *object* state.
 - Instance methods are for *object* behaviour.
- *Class methods & class variables* are owned by the class.
 - There is one method/variable per class (one-to-one).
 - To access the method/variable you need the class.
 - Class attributes are for representing *class* state.
 - Class methods are for “class” behaviour.
- The class-to-instance (attribute/method) relation is one-to-many.

Encapsulation

- Consider an encapsulated (private) instance attribute, `attr`.
 - The attribute is only visible inside the class.
- Consider an instance, `instance`, of the defining class, `C`.
- Statements can only access/reference/see `instance.attr` if
 - They are defined inside `C`; and
 - They have reference to `instance`.
- There are two ways statements can reference to `instance`:
 - Directly They can access the object reference `instance`; or
 - Indirectly They're in an instance method of `C` that was called using the object reference `instance`.

Using the Object Reference

Direct Access

Java

```
public class Example {
    private int attribute;

    public Example( int initialValue ) {
        attribute = initialValue;
    }

    public static void main( ) {
        final Example good = new Example( 42 );
        final Example bad = new Example( 666 );

        bad.method( good );
        method( good, bad );
    }

    // artifical example only: this should never have been an instance method
    private void method( final Example object ) {
        object.attribute = 666;
    }

    private static void method( final Example first, final Example second ) {
        System.out.println( (first.attribute + second.attribute) );
    }
}
```

Using the Instance Method

Indirect Access

Java

```
public class Example {
    private int attribute;

    public Example( int initialValue ) {
        attribute = initialValue;
    }

    public static void main( ) {
        final Example example = new Example( 42 );
        example.method1( ); // direct access: you need the dot notation
    }

    private void method1( ) {
        // indirect access inside the instance method: no need for dot notation
        method2( ); // indirect access
    }

    private void method2( ) {
        // indirect access inside the instance method: no need for dot notation
        System.out.println( attribute ); // indirect access
    }
}
```


Using the Instance Method

Falling Back on Dot Notation

Java

```
public class Example {
    private int attribute;

    public Example( int initialValue ) {
        attribute = initialValue;
    }

    public static void main( ) {
        final Example example = new Example( 42 );
        example.method1( ); // direct access: you need the dot notation
    }

    private void method1( ) {
        // in instance method you can always fall back on the keyword this
        this.method2( ); // direct explicit access
    }

    private void method2( ) {
        // in instance method you can always fall back on the keyword this
        System.out.println( this.attribute ); // direct explicit access
    }
}
```

Notation for Class

- The notation for class methods depends on where “you” are.
- You may always write ‘`<class>.<method>(<arguments>)`.’
- In the defining class you may write ‘`<method>(<arguments>)`.’
- Same for variables: you may always write ‘`<class>.<variable>`.’
- Inside the defining class you may also write ‘`<variable>`.’

Example

Java

```
public class Inside {
    public static int attribute;

    public static void method( ) {
        int var1 = attribute;
        int var2 = Inside.attribute;
        System.out.println( var1 + " = " + var2 );
    }
}
```

Java

```
public class Outside {
    public static void method( ) {
        // System.out.println( attribute ); // Not allowed.
        System.out.println( Inside.attribute );
    }
}
```

Example

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    }
}
```

Notation for Instances

- The notation for instance variables and methods is similar.
- You may always use '`<reference>.<method>(<arguments>)`.'
- You may use '`<method>(<arguments>)`' in defining class.
 - (Provided you're in an instance method.)
- For attributes you may write '`<reference>.<variable>`.'
- But in the defining class you may also write '`<attribute>`.'
 - (Provided you're in an instance method.)

Notation for Instances: Contined

- The dotless notation is only allowed inside instance methods.
- Inside instance methods you use 'this' for the "current" object.
- Using '`<instance variable>`' without dot-notation means
 - '`this.<instance variable>`'
- For instance methods this is the same.
- So '`<instance method>(<arguments>)`' means
 - '`this.<instance method>(<arguments>)`'

Example

Java

```
public class Inside {
    private int attribute;

    private static void classMethod( int var ) {
        System.out.println( var );
    }

    public void instanceMethod1( ) {
        classMethod( attribute );
        instanceMethod2( );
    }

    public void instanceMethod2( ) {
        classMethod( this.attribute );
    }
}
```

Java

```
public class Outside {
    public static void main( String args[] ) {
        Inside inside = new Inside( );
        inside.instanceMethod1( );
        inside.instanceMethod2( );
    }
}
```



Simulating Instance Methods

Java

```
public class Simulation {
    private int attribute;

    public static void classMethod( Simulation current ) {
        System.out.println( current.attribute );
    }

    public void instanceMethod( ) {
        classMethod( this );
    }
}
```

Java

```
public class Main {
    public static void main( String args[] ) {
        Simulation simulation = new Simulation( );
        // The following calls are effectively identical.
        simulation.instanceMethod( );
        Simulation.classMethod( simulation );
    }
}
```


Chair Wars

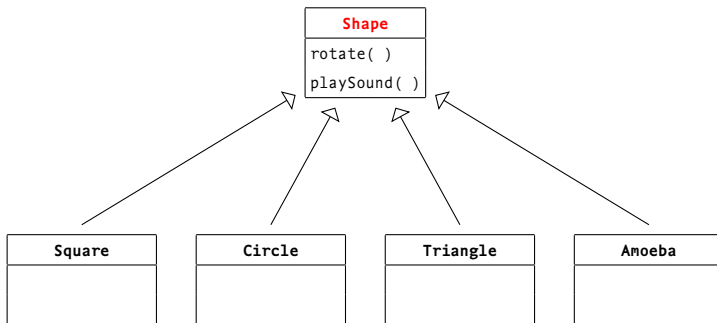
- Larry and Brad work for a huge IT company.
- Larry is an old-fashioned procedural programmer.
- Brad is one of them modern oo programmers.
- A few weeks ago they had to implement a fancy application.
 - There were different shapes on the screen.
 - Each had its own picture and its own sound.
 - The pictures could rotate and play their sound.
- The best programmer got a prize.
- Turns out Brad won a fancy chair because of his oo skills.

Chair Wars (Continued)

- Brad's final solution had five classes:
 - One Shape *superclass* for default, common shape behaviour.
 - A dedicated class for each actual shape.
 - Each dedicated class was a *subclass* of the Shape class.
 - All, except for Amoeba, inherited all behaviour from Shape.
 - Amoeba *overrode* behaviour for playSound, and rotate.
 - This let Amoeba objects do things differently.
- Larry thought Brad's final class had lots of duplicated code:
 - "Your classes have same code for playSound and rotate."
 - "This makes it impossible to maintain your code."
 - "For each change, you need to edit 4 classes."
 - Editing n class files is n times more work than editing 1 file.
 - Each edit increases the probability of errors: more errors.
- But then Brad explained his design.

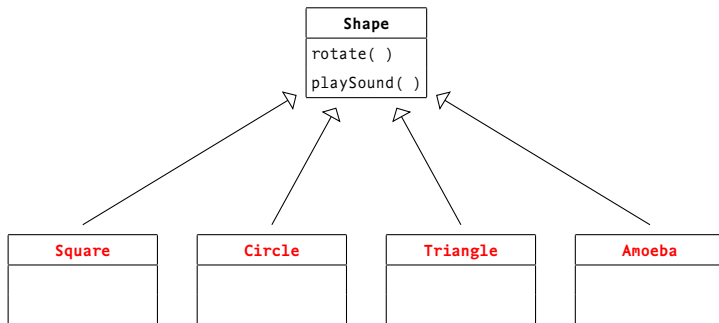
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Superclass



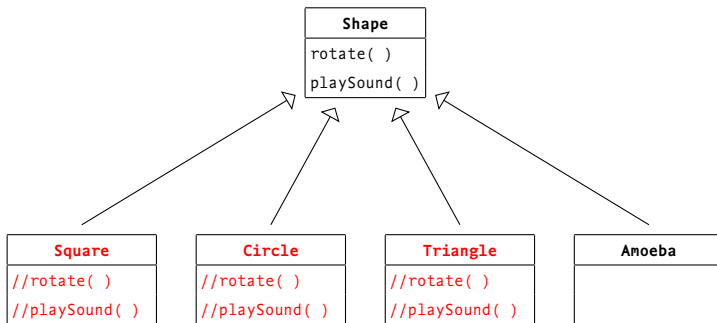
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Subclasses



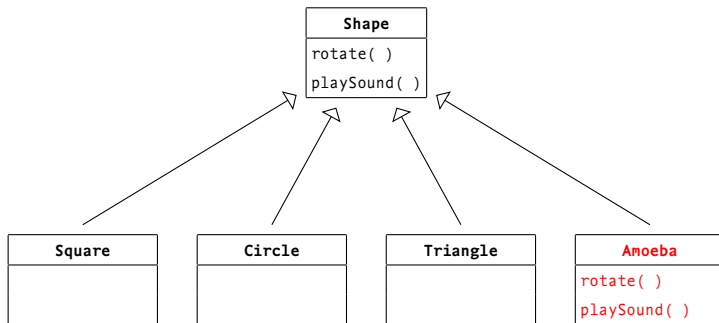
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Inherit



Brad's Final Design

Overrides



Inheritance

- There are two main advantages of *inheritance*:
 - Increases ability to reuse implementation effort.
 - Separates class-specific from general code.
- Code is structured in classes so as to maximise reuse.
- *Common* code is put in a common, *more abstract* class.
- The common, more abstract class is called the *superclass*.
- The code in the superclass is shared by *subclasses*.
- The subclasses are more *specific*:
 - Subclass provides same functionality as its superclass.
 - If the superclass has a public method then so does the subclass.
 - Here, the subclass *inherits* the public method from its superclass.
 - However, the subclass functionality may be more *specific*.
 - E.g., the subclass may implement a method in a *different* way.
 - Here, the subclass *overrides* the method of its superclass.
 - Subclasses may also have more specific, *additional* behaviour.
- A subclass is said to *extend* its superclass.

Example

- Let's suppose we have a Surgeon and a GP class.
- Let's also suppose we have a Doctor class.
- **Both** Surgeons and GPs are Doctors; they are more specific:
 - A Surgeon **is-a** Doctor.
 - A GP **is-a** Doctor.
 - So the Surgeon and GP classes **extend** the Doctor class.
- **Both** have a method called `treatPatient()`.
- **Both** have a property `worksAtHospital` (a boolean).
 - **Any** Doctor has it.
 - For a Surgeon it is true.
 - For a GP it is false.
- Surgeons and GPs differ from Doctors **in general**:
 - Surgeon:**
 - Has additional `makeIncision()` method.
 - Has **special** implementation for `treatPatient`.
 - **Overrides** default `treatPatient()` implementation.
 - GP:**
 - Has additional attribute `makesHouseCalls`.
 - Has additional method `giveAdvice()`.

Example Continued

The Common, More General Code

- We put the *more general* code in the Doctor class.
- This is the code that *any* Doctor should have:

Java

```
public class Doctor {  
    public boolean worksAtHospital;  
  
    public void treatPatient( ) {  
        // Default patient treatment.  
    }  
  
}
```

Example Continued

The Common, More General Code: Did we Forget Anything?

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}
```

Example Continued

The Common, More General Code: **Right!**

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Java

```
public class Doctor {  
    public boolean worksAtHospital;  
  
    public void treatPatient( ) {  
        // Default patient treatment.  
    }  
  
    public void chargePatient( ) {  
        // Let's face it, they all do.  
    }  
}
```

Example Continued

The More Specific Code: The Surgeon Class **extends** (is Subclass of) the Doctor Class

Java

```
public class Surgeon extends Doctor {  
    public Surgeon( ) {  
        worksAtHospital = true;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void treatPatient( ) {  
        // Specific patient treatment.  
    }  
  
    public void makeIncision( ) {  
        // Additional behaviour.  
    }  
}
```

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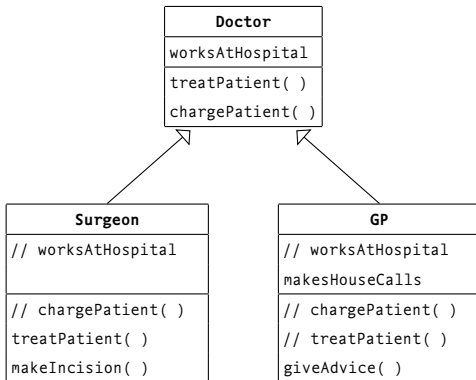
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The More Specific Code: The GP Class

Java

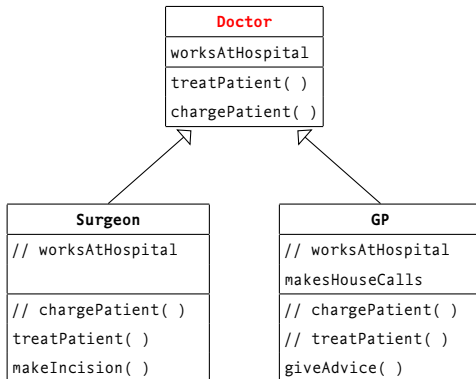
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public class GP extends Doctor {  
    public boolean makesHouseCalls;  
  
    public GP( boolean makesHouseCalls ) {  
        worksAtHospital = false;  
        this.makesHouseCalls = makesHouseCalls;  
    }  
  
    public void giveAdvice( ) {  
        // Additional behaviour.  
    }  
}
```

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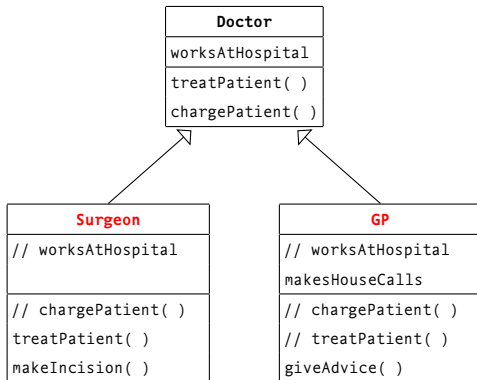
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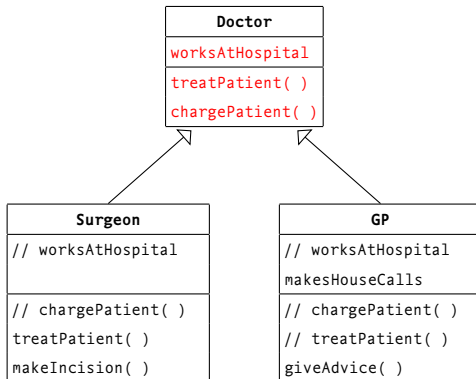
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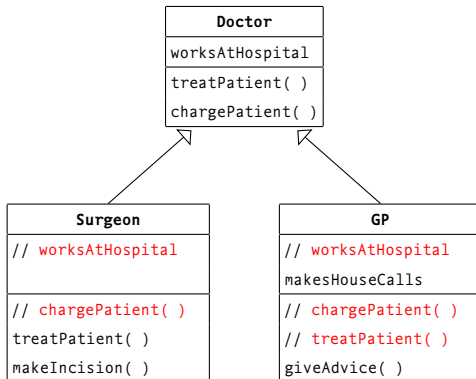
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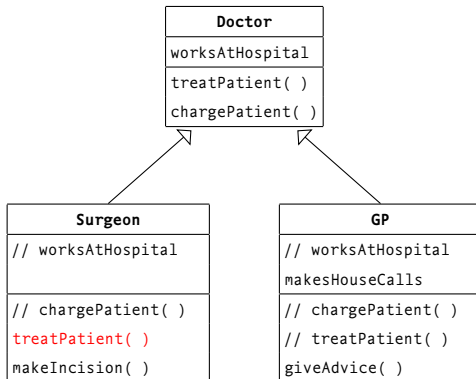
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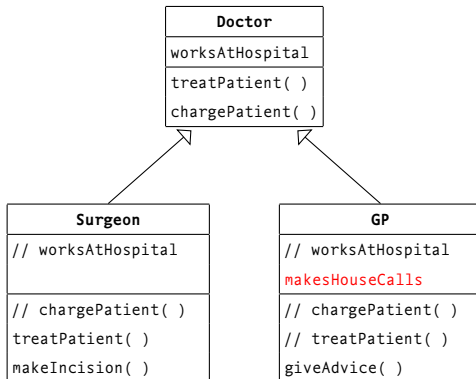
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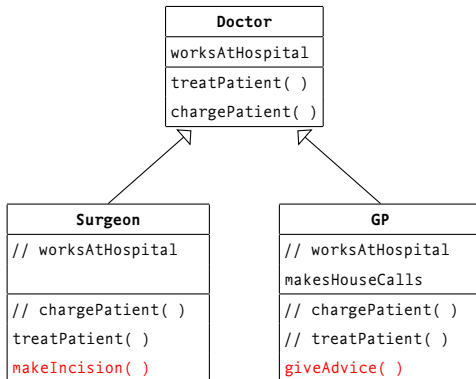
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Specific Attribute



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Specific Methods



The Fota Challenge

A Play in Four Acts

Act I: The Challenge.

Act II: Larry Presents his Solution.

Act III: Brad Presents his Solution.

Act IV: Collecting the prize.

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Larry and Brad.

Act I: The Challenge



Fota rang.

Act I: The Challenge



They want a killer app.

Act I: The Challenge



I want you to work on it.

The Spec

- Fota Wildlife Park has lots of animals:
 - A lion;
 - A cat;
 - A wolf;
 - A tiger;
 - A dog; and
 - They're expecting a hippo.
- Each animal:
 - Has a picture String;
 - Has a certain kind of food: grass or meat;
 - Has an integer hunger level;
 - Eats;
 - Makes noise; and
 - Has a roaming behaviour.

Act I: The Challenge



Oh yeah.

Act I: The Challenge



The winner get's a prize.

Act I: The Challenge



Fish and chips at Lennoxes.

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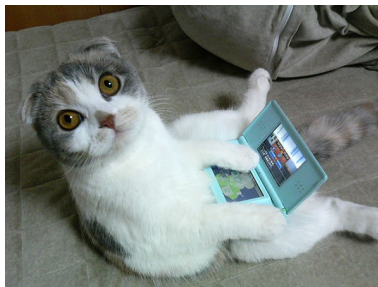
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Introducing the Contestants: Meet Larry



- Larry has been taking Java lessons with Amy.
- He has just started learning about inheritance.
- He knows inheritance is the key to solving this problem.
- He just knows he will beat Brad.

Introducing the Contestants: Meet Brad



- Brad is just delighted with this application.
- This is a textbook example of inheritance.
- He knows this can't be too difficult.

Meanwhile in Larry's Cubicle



- Larry quickly carries out a noun analysis.
- Tells him the main actors are animals.
- He now knows the main class should be `Animal`.
- He puts all the common methods and attributes in this class.

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Java

```
public class Animal {  
    public final String picture;  
    public final boolean eatsGrass;  
    public final int    hungerLevel;  
  
    <more>  
}
```

Meanwhile in Larry's Cubicle

Java

```
public Animal( final String picture,
               final boolean eatsGrass,
               final int hungerLevel ) {
    this.picture      = picture;
    this.eatsGrass    = eatsGrass;
    this.hungerLevel = hungerLevel;
}

public void eat( ) {                // Default eating behaviour.
    System.out.println( "Eating " + hungerLevel
                        + " portions of "
                        + food( )
                        + "." );
}

private String food( ) {
    return (eatsGrass ? "grass" : "meat");
}

public void makeNoise( ) { } // Should be overridden.

public void roam( ) { }      // Should be overridden.

public String toString( ) {
    <omitted>
}
```

Meanwhile in Larry's Cubicle

Java

```
public class Hippo extends Animal {
    private static final int HIPPO_HUNGER_LEVEL = 10;
    private static final String HIPPO_PICTURE = "hippo.jpg";

    public Hippo( ) {
        picture = HIPPO_PICTURE;
        eatsGrass = true;
        hungerLevel = HIPPO_HUNGER_LEVEL;
    }

    public void roam( ) {
        System.out.println( "I'm Lazy: not roaming." );
    }

    public void makenoise( ) {
        System.out.println( "Grunt." );
    }
}
```

Meanwhile in Larry's Cubicle

Java

```
import java.util.ArrayList;

public class Main {
    public static void main( final String[] args ) {
        final ArrayList<Animal> animals = new ArrayList<Animal>( );

        animals.add( new Dog( ) );
        animals.add( new Cat( ) );
        animals.add( new Hippo( ) );
        for (Animal animal : animals) {
            System.out.println( "next: " + animal );
            animal.roam( );
            animal.eat( );
            animal.makeNoise( );
        }
    }
}
```

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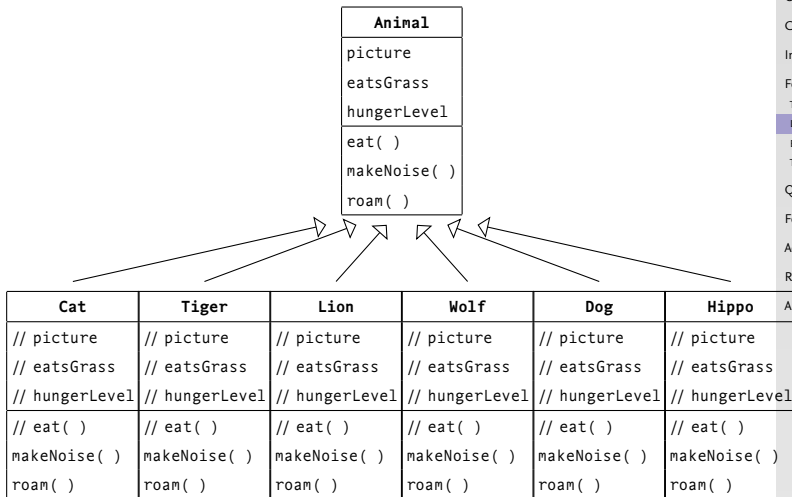
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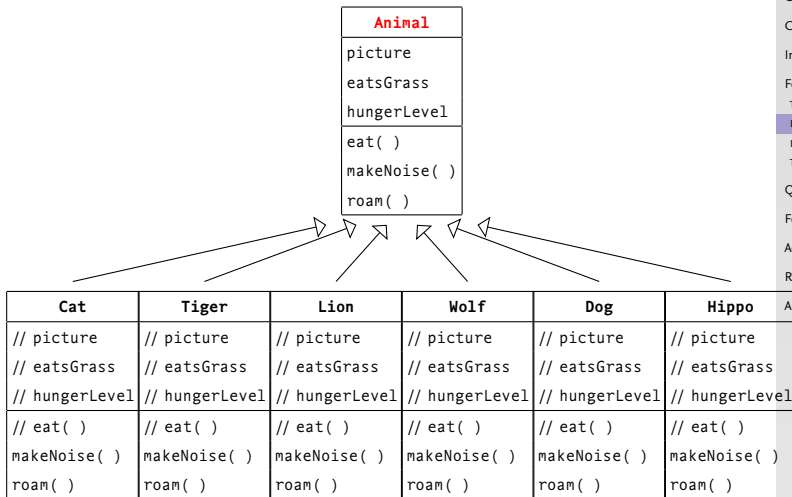
```
$ java Main
next: Animal[ picture = dog.jpg, eatsGrass = meat, hungerLevel = 4 ]
Roaming in my pack.
Eating 4 portions of meat.
Arf. Arf.
next: Animal[ picture = cat.jpg, eatsGrass = meat, hungerLevel = 1 ]
Roaming alone.
Eating 1 portions of meat.
Mew. Mew.
next: Animal[ picture = hippo.jpg, eatsGrass = grass, hungerLevel = 10 ]
I'm Lazy: not roaming.
Eating 10 portions of grass.
```

Larry's Class Diagram



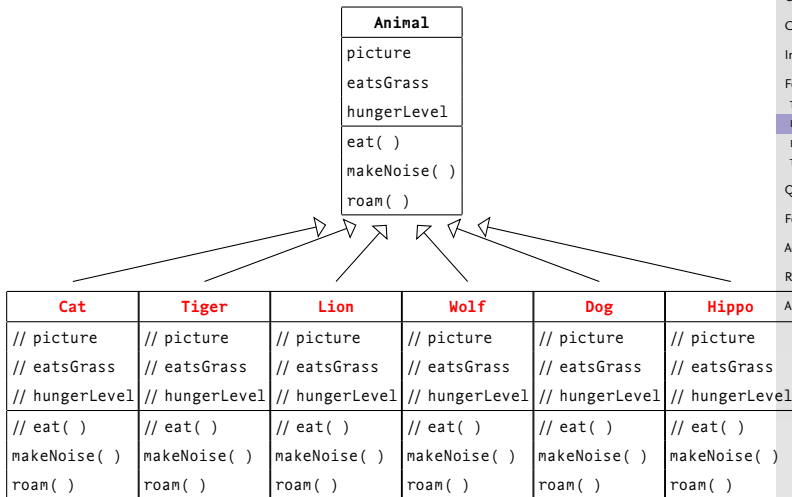
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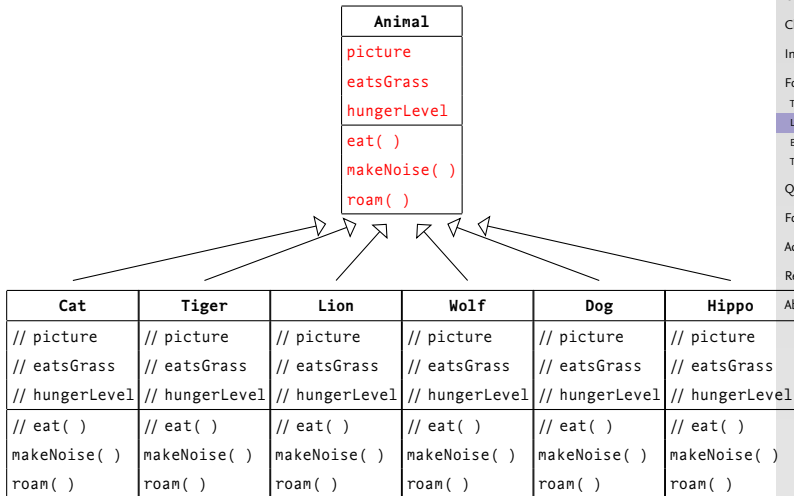
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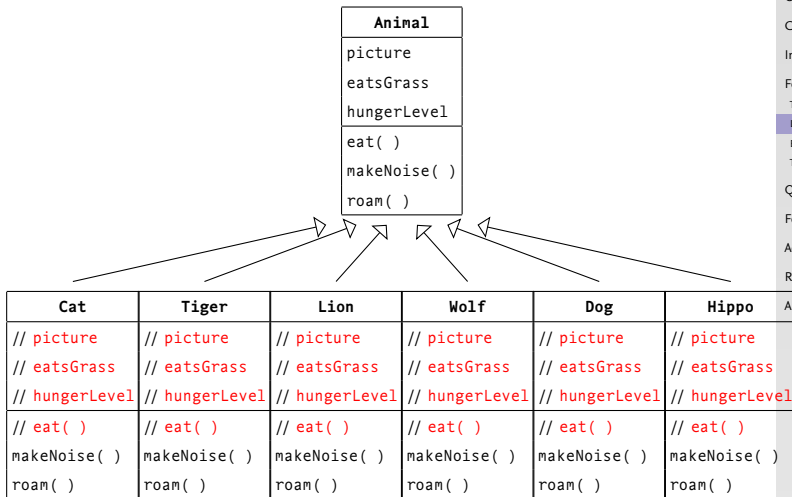
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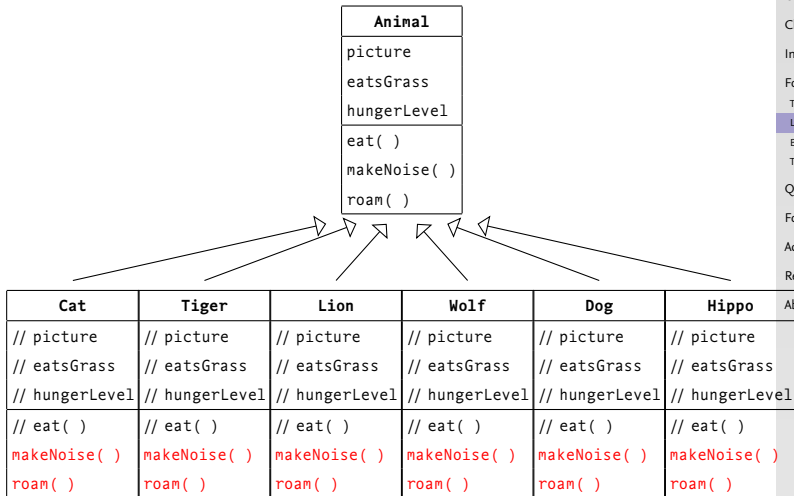
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Did Larry Win?



Larry:

Did Larry Win?



You feckin' eejit.

Did Larry Win?



Your hippo is silent.

Unix Session

```
next: Animal[ picture = hippo.jpg, eatsGrass = grass, hungerLevel = 10 ]  
I'm Lazy: not roaming.  
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Larry Doesn't Get It



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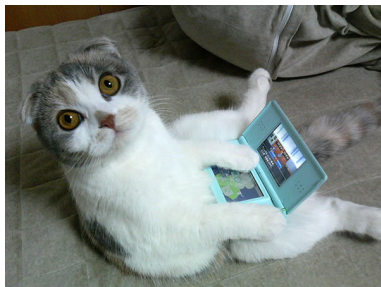


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@Override // Makes sure we actually override an existing superclass method
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}
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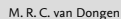
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Canines animals with dog-like behaviour;
Felines animals with cat-like behaviour; and
Others animals with other behaviour.

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Meanwhile at Brad's Laptop



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Java

```
public class Feline extends Animal {  
    public Feline( )    { eatsGrass = false; }  
  
    @Override  
    public void roam( ) { System.out.println( "Roaming alone." ); }  
}
```

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Java

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    public Feline( )    { eatsGrass = false; }  
  
    @Override  
    public void roam( ) { System.out.println( "Roaming alone." ); }  
}
```

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- Brad's design is really clever.
- His design *factors out all common Canine behaviour*.
- This simplifies the Canine subclasses.
 - All Canines inherit the roaming behaviour.
 - By default, eatsGrass is false for all Canines.

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Java

```
public class Dog extends Canine {
    private static final int DOG_HUNGER_LEVEL = 4;
    private static final String DOG_PICTURE = "dog.jpg";
    public Dog( ) {
        picture = DOG_PICTURE;
        // eatsGrass is false by default.
        hungerLevel = DOG_HUNGER_LEVEL;
    }
    // Inherits eating behaviour from Animal class.
    // Inherits roaming behaviour from Canine class.
    @Override
    public void makeNoise( ) { System.out.println( "Arf. Arf." ); }
}
```

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Java

```
public class Cat extends Feline {
    private static final int CAT_HUNGER_LEVEL = 1;
    private static final String CAT_PICTURE = "cat.jpg";
    public Cat( ) {
        picture = CAT_PICTURE;
        // eatsGrass is false by default.
        hungerLevel = CAT_HUNGER_LEVEL;
    }
    // Inherits eating behaviour from Animal class.
    // Inherits roaming behaviour from Feline class.
    @Override
    public void makeNoise( ) { System.out.println( "Mew. Mew." ); }
}
```

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Java

```
public class Hippo extends Animal {
    // <constants omitted>
    public Hippo( ) {
        picture = HIPPO_PICTURE;
        eatsGrass = true;
        hungerLevel = HIPPO_HUNGER_LEVEL;
    }
    // Inherits eating behaviour from Animal class.
    @Override
    public void roam( ) { System.out.println( "I'm lazy: not roaming." ); }
    @Override
    public void makeNoise( ) { System.out.println( "Grunt." ); }
}
```

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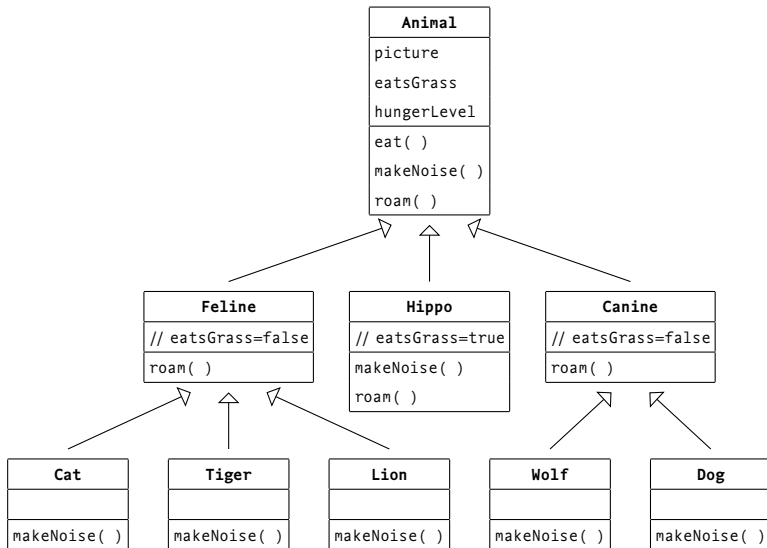
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Brad, you're a geenjis.

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Off to Lennoxes.

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How Brad Implemented the Canine Class

Superclass Implementation Violates Encapsulation

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Superclass Attributes are Mutable and Cannot be Private

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Calling the Superclass Constructor

Should be First Call in Constructor

Java

```
public class Canine extends Animal {  
    private static final boolean EATS_GRASS = false;  
  
    public Canine( final String picture, final int hungerLevel ) {  
        super( picture, EATS_GRASS, hungerLevel );  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void roam( ) {  
        System.out.println( "Roaming in my pack." );  
    }  
}
```

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Superclass Attributes are *Private* and *Immutable*

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    public Canine( final String picture, final int hungerLevel ) {
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Revised Animal Class

All Attributes are private

Java

```
public class Animal {  
    private final String picture;  
    private final boolean eatsGrass;  
    private final int hungerLevel;  
  
    public Animal( final String picture,  
                  final boolean eatsGrass,  
                  final int hungerLevel ) {  
        this.picture = picture;  
        this.eatsGrass = eatsGrass;  
        this.hungerLevel = hungerLevel;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

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