

# CS 113 – Computer Science I

## Lecture 19 – Relationships & Class Actions

Thursday 11/16/2023

# Announcements

HW08 – Due Wednesday 11/22

Class design

Mid-semester feedback survey

# Midterm 2

Thursday 11/30

Material:

- Midterm 1 material

- Loops

- Classes & OOP

# Outline

- Review
- Inheritance
- Class actions - Interfaces

# Class

A blueprint for a custom data type

A template for how data/information is stored

Contains a set of methods for how to interact/operate on the stored data

# Using objects: some special methods

The **constructor method** is called when you do a `new`

**accessors (aka getters)**  
return the values of instance variables

**mutators (aka setters)**  
set the values of instance variables

**toString()**  
returns a string representation of an object

**equals()**  
determines if two objects have the same values

# this

`this` is a special keyword that refers to the object inside an instance method

Allows us to access other instance variables within an instance method

# Access modifiers

Specify the access-level of instance variables/methods

- `public`
  - code outside of the class can access the variable/method
- `private`
  - code outside of the class cannot access the variable/method
- `protected`
  - Only code inside this class or a class that extends the current class can access the variable/method

Default in java is `public`

In this class, make instance data private (unless it's a base class)



# Designing Classes

What properties does a bird have and what can it do?

- Size, color, feathers, fly

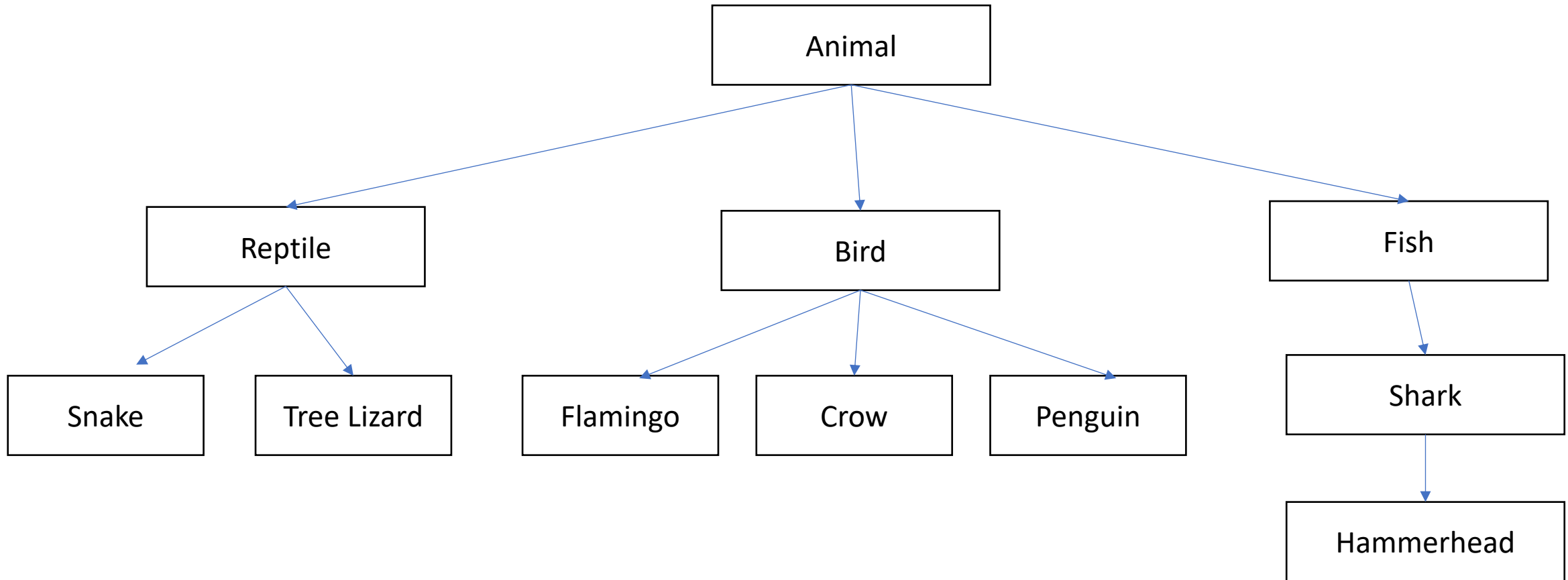
What properties does a lion have and what can it do?

- Size, color, hair, runs

What properties does a kangaroo have and what can it do?

- Size, color, arms, jumps

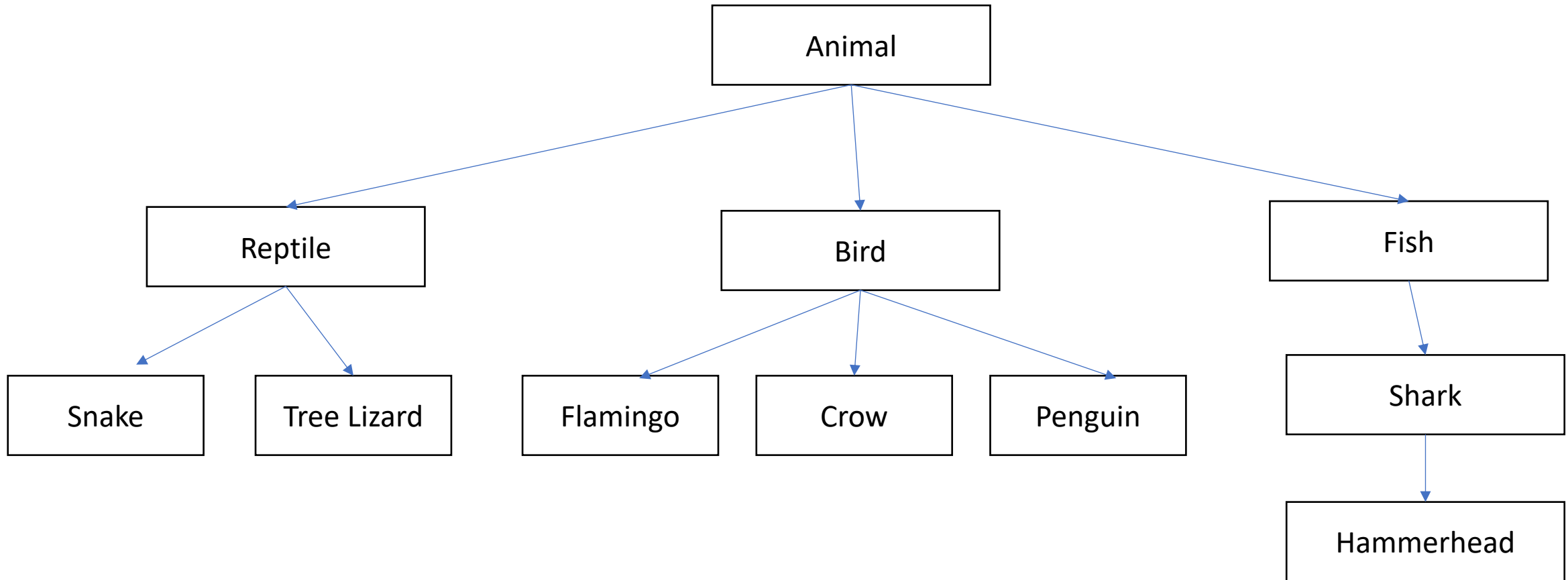
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# Class inheritance

Classes can be arranged hierarchically where,  
a child class "inherits" from a parent class

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# Inheritance: subclasses refine behavior/state

Subclasses can override methods from parent class

# Exercise

1. Implement getter functions for instance variables inside Animal
2. In Zoo.java, call the getters and output the values to console

# Polymorphism

Program can treat all objects that extend a base class the same

Java automatically calls the specific methods for each subclass

# Polymorphism: Demo

```
public class Zoo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Animal animal1 = new Animal();  
        animal1.locomote();  
  
        Animal animal2 = new Reptile();  
        animal2.locomote();  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Animal {  
    public Animal() {  
    }  
    public void locomote() {  
        System.out.println("I am moving!");  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Reptile extends Animal {  
    public Reptile() {  
    }  
    public void locomote() {  
        System.out.println("I am walking!");  
    }  
}
```



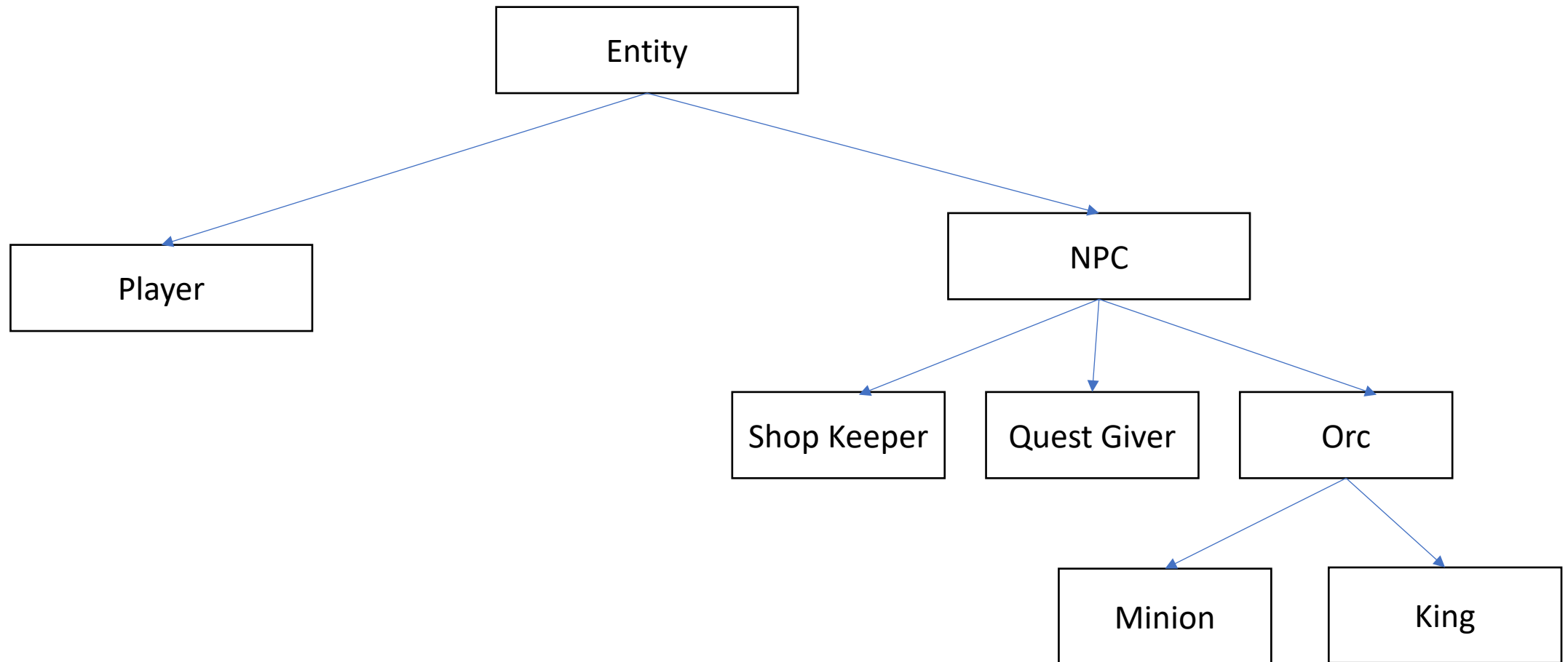
# Exercise: What is the output of this program?

```
public class Zoo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Animal animal1 = new Animal();  
        animal1.locomote();  
  
        Animal animal2 = new Fish();  
        animal2.locomote();  
    }  
}
```

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    }  
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        System.out.println("I am moving!");  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Fish extends Animal {  
    public Fish() {  
    }  
    public void locomote() {  
        System.out.println("I am swimming!");  
    }  
}
```

# Question: How would we implement Minion?



# Inheritance: subclasses refine behavior/state

Subclasses can override methods from parent class

```
class Animal {  
    public Animal(String name, boolean hasHair,  
                   int numberLegs, boolean swimable) {  
        this.hasHair = hasHair;  
        this.numberLegs = numberLegs;  
        this.name = name;  
        this.swimable = swimable;  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Fish extends Animal {  
    public Fish(String name, boolean hasHair,  
                 int numLegs, boolean swimable) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.hasHair = hasHair;  
        this.numberLegs = numLegs;  
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    }  
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```

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reference variable that is used to refer parent class constructor

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        super();  
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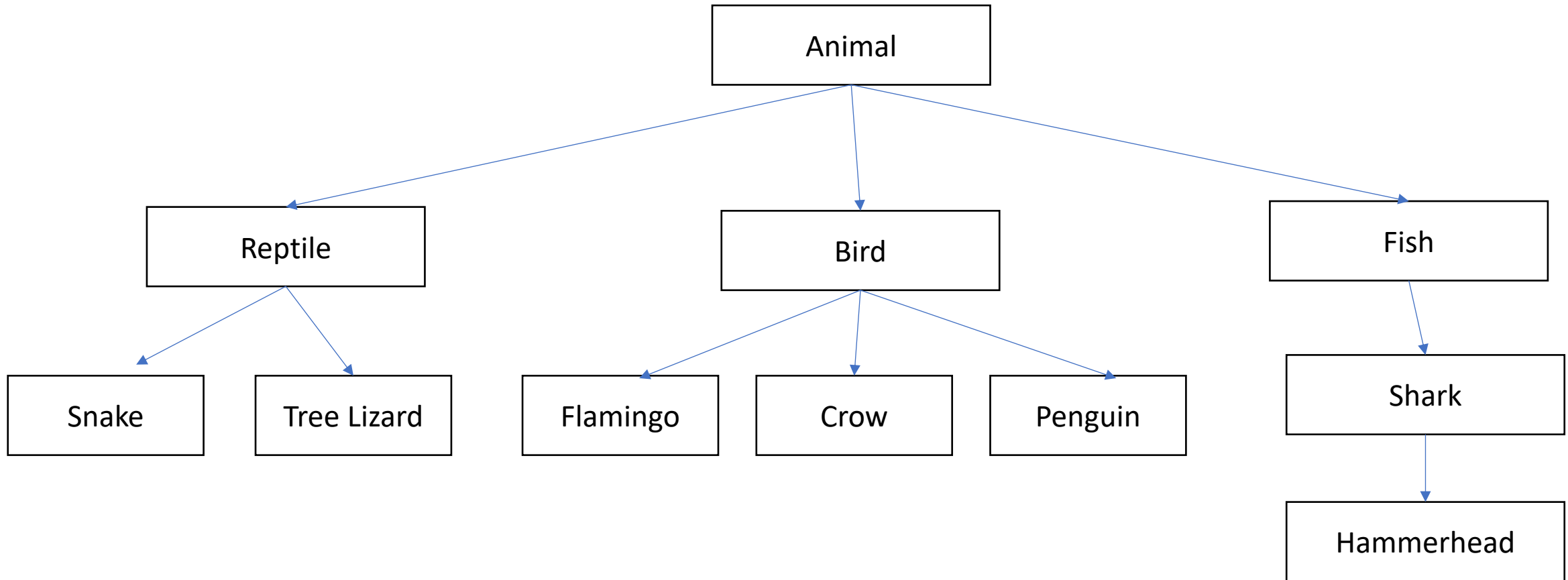
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Note:

`super:`

reference variable that is used to refer parent class object

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# Outline

- Review
- **Inheritance**
- Class actions - Interfaces

# What do animals do?

- Eat
- Sleep
- Move
- procreate

# interfaces

A common set of methods that each implementing class must include (like a blueprint)

*Contract* for a class to implement a certain set of methods

Implementing class *inherits* a list of functions from the interface

methods in an interface are **abstract**

- declared method without an implementation
- contains just method signature

Define an interface using the **interface** keyword

# Implementing an interface

1. Use `implements` keyword instead of `extends` (demo)
2. Implement the functions

# Inheritance vs Extends

## Interfaces (subtyping)

- **implements**
- Guarantees same types have same functions
  - Though the same functions are implemented differently
- A class can implement multiple interfaces
- An interface can extend another interface

## Inheritance (subclassing)

- **extends**
- Reuses implementations
- Consequences:
  - Dependent on base class
  - Changes in superclass affects all subclasses
  - Can re-use code inside classes
- A class can extend just one parent class