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Inheritance, Method Overriding and Object Reference

Recalling Inheritance

From view of the derived class there are 3 categories of methods in the base class.

1. Constructors:

To call constructors of base class "super" keyword is used

Syntax: super(<args>);

2. Overridden Functions:

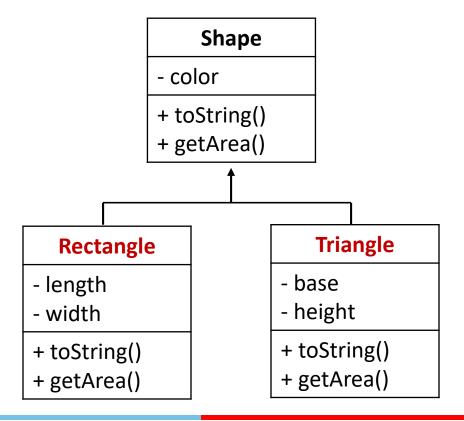
To call overridden functions of base class

Syntax: super.functionName(<args>);

3. Remaining/Normal Functions:

To call remaining functions

Syntax: functionName(<args>);



Recalling Inheritance - Example

```
public class Shape {
 String color;
 public Shape (String c) {
 color = c;
 @Override
 public String toString() {
  return "Shape of color=\"" + color + "\"";
 public double getArea() {
 System.err.println("Shape unknown! Cannot compute area!");
  return 0;
```

Recalling Inheritance - Example

```
public class Rectangle extends Shape {
int length, width;
public Rectangle(String color, int 1, int w) {
   super(color);
  length = 1;
  width = w;
@Override
public String toString() {
 return "Rectangle of length=" + length + " and width=" + width + ", subclass of " + super.toString();
@Override
public double getArea() {
 return length*width;
```

Recalling Inheritance - Example

```
public class Triangle extends Shape{
int base, height;
public Triangle(String color, int b, int h) {
  super(color);
  base = b;
  height = h;
@Override
public String toString() {
 return "Triangle of base=" + base + " and height=" + height + ", subclass of " + super.toString();
@Override
public double getArea() {
  return 0.5*base*height;
```

```
public class TestShape {
public static void main(String[] args) {
 Rectangle s1 = new Rectangle("red", 4, 5);
 System.out.println(s1);
 System.out.println("Area is " + s1.getArea());
 Triangle s2 = new Triangle("blue", 7, 8);
System.out.println(s2);
 System.out.println("Area is " + s2.getArea());
```

```
Rectangle of length=4 and width=5, subclass of Shape of color="red" Area is 20.0

Triangle of base=7 and height=8, subclass of Shape of color="blue" Area is 28.0
```

Passing Objects to Methods

- Java is strictly pass by value.
- Call by reference can be achieved when objects are passed as arguments.
 - When a variable of class type is created, it implies that a reference to an object is created.
 E.g. Account a1;
 - Reference variable is used to store the address of the object.
 - When the reference is passed to a method, the parameter that receives refer to the same object.

```
class Account{
  int id; String name; float amount;
  Account(int act, String aname){
       id = act;
      name = aname;
  boolean equalTo(Account a) {
       return(id == a.id && name == a.name);
      class TestAccount{
        public static void main(String[] args){
             Account a1 = new Account(832345, "Ankit");
             Account a2 = new Account(832345, "Ankit");
             Account a3 = new Account(832346, "Shobit");
             System.out.println("a1==a2: " + a2.equalTo(a1));
             System.out.println("a1==a3: " + a3.equalTo(a1));
      }}
```

Output:

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a1 == a2: true a1 == a3: false



Assigning Object Reference Variables

- Value of a reference variable can be assigned to another reference variable.
- Assigning reference will not create distinct copies of objects.
- All reference variables are referring to the same object.

```
class Account{
  int acc;
  String name;
  float amount;
  Account(int act,String aname){
       acc = act;
       name = aname;
  boolean equalTo(Account a) {
       return(acc == a.acc && name == a.name);
  void display(){
       System.out.println(acc+" "+name+" "+amount);}
```

Assigning Object Reference

```
class Second{
  public static void main(String[] args){
  Account a1 = new Account(832345, "Ankit");
  Account a2 = a1;
  Account a3 = new Account(832346, "Shobit");
  System.out.println("a1==a2:" + a2.equalTo(a1));
  System.out.println("a1==a3:" + a3.equalTo(a1));
  a1.name = "Sahni";
  a2.display();
  System.out.println(a1.hashCode());
  System.out.println(a2.hashCode());
```

Output:

a1==a2: true

a1==a3: false

832345 Sahni 0.0





Method Overloading

Different ways to overload

- Changing the number of arguments
 - int add(int a, int b)
 - int add(int a, int b, int c)
- Changing the data type
 - int add(int a, int b)
 - double add(double a, double b)
- Note: Changing only return type does not mean method overloading
 - int add(int a, int b)
 - double add(int a, int b)
 - Compile Time Error: method add(int,int) is already defined in class Adder

Method Overloading - Example

```
class Account{
                                          class TestAccount{
 int acc_no;
                                            public static void main(String[] args){
 String name;
                                                 Account a1 = new Account();
 float amount;
                                                 a1.insert(832345, "Ankit", 5000);
 void insert(int a, String n, float amt){
                                                 a1.display();
  acc no = a;
                                                 Account a2 = new Account();
  name = n;
                                                 a2.insert(832346, "Shobit");
  amount = amt; }
                                                 a2.display();
 void insert(int a, String n){
  acc no = a;
  name = n;
  amount = 1000; }
                                                                 Output:
 void display(){
                                                                 832345 Ankit 5000.0
  System.out.println(acc no+" "+name+" "+amount);}
                                                                 832346 Shobit 1000.0
```

```
public static void main(String[] args){
  System.out.println("main with String[]");
public static void main(String args){
  System.out.println("main with String");
public static void main(){
  System.out.println("main without args");
```

Ans: Yes. But, JVM calls main() method which receives **string array** as arguments only.

What should be printed?

```
class OverloadingCalculation{
  void add(int a, int b){
      System.out.println("int arg method invoked");
  void add(long a, long b){
      System.out.println("long arg method invoked");
  public static void main(String args[]){
      OverloadingCalculation obj = new OverloadingCalculation();
      obj.add(20, 20);
```

int arg method invoked

What should be printed?

```
class OverloadingCalculation{
  void add(int a, long b){
      System.out.println("a method invoked");
  void add(long a, int b){
      System.out.println("b method invoked");
  public static void main(String args[]){
      OverloadingCalculation obj = new OverloadingCalculation();
      obj.add(20, 20);
```

Output:

Compile time error

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Constructor Overloading

- Recall: Constructor is just like a method but without return type.
- Constructor overloading: Having more than one constructor with different parameter lists.
- The compiler differentiates by the number of parameters in the list and their types.

Constructor Overloading - Example

```
class Account{
                                                 class TestAccount{
  int acc_no;
                                                   public static void main(String[] args){
  String name;
                                                   Account a1=new Account(832345, "Ankit", 5000);
  float amount;
                                                   a1.display();
  Account(int acc, String aname){
                                                   Account a2=new Account(832346, "Shobit");
  acc no = acc;
                                                   a2.display();
  name = aname;
  amount = 1000;
  Account(int acc, String aname, float amt){
  acc no = acc;
  name = aname;
  amount = amt;
                                                                        Output:
  void display(){
  System.out.println(acc no+" "+name+" "+amount);
```

832345 Ankit 5000.0 832346 Shobit 1000.0

Passing Objects to Constructors **Example**

```
class TestAccount{
class Account{
                                                 public static void main(String[] args){
  int acc;
                                                  Account a1 = new Account(832345, "Ankit");
  String name;
                                                  Account a2 = new Account(a1);
  float amount;
                                                  Account a3 = new Account(832346, "Shobit");
  Account(int act, String aname){
    acc = act;
                                                  System.out.println("a1==a2: " + a2.equalTo(a1));
    name = aname;
                                                  System.out.println("a1==a3: " + a3.equalTo(a1));
                                                  a1.name = "Sahni";
  Account(Account a){
                                                  a1.display();
     acc = a.acc;
                                                  a2.display();
    name = a.name;
  boolean equalTo(Account a) {
                                                                          Output:
     return(acc == a.acc && name == a.name);
  void display(){
     System.out.println(acc+" "+name+" "+amount);}
```

a1 == a2: true a1 == a3: false 832345 Sahni 0.0 832345 Ankit 0.0



Thank You!