

# Interfaces

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# Overview

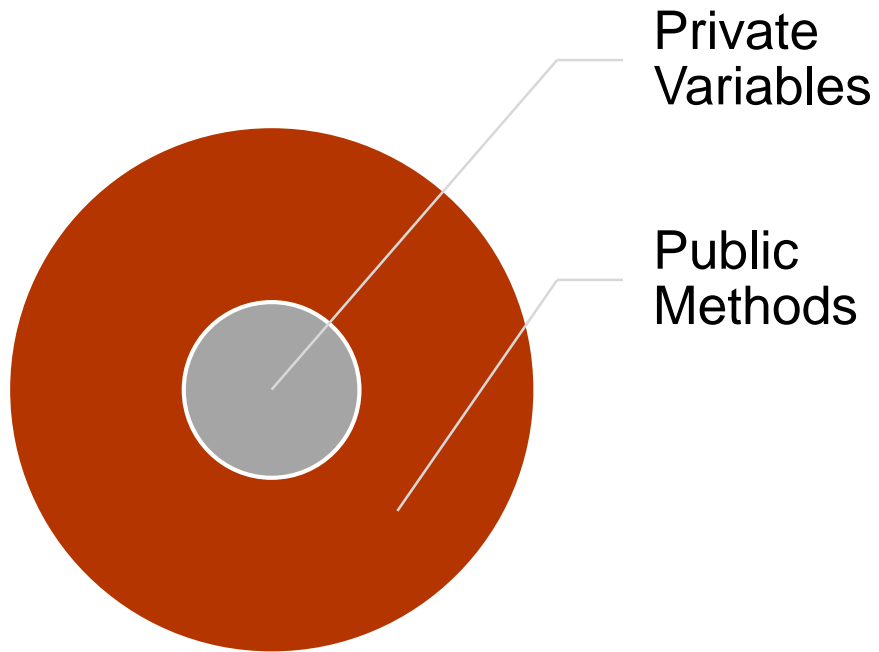
- Interfaces
- Constants
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- Code Reuse
- List<E>

# Recall:

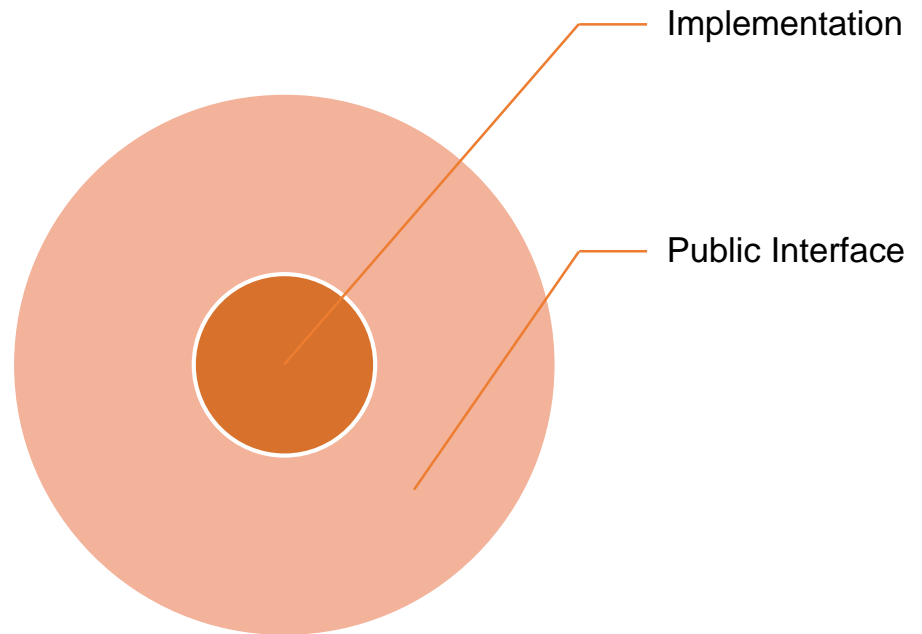
## Three Big Ideas of O.O.

- Encapsulation (data hiding):
  - restricting direct access to some of the object's components (ie: variables)
  - bundling of data with the methods operating on that data (ie: a class)
- Abstraction:
  - Dealing with ideas rather than events
  - Providing functionality
  - Hiding implementation details
  - Know: what it does, not how it does it
  - “Design by Contract”
- Polymorphism
- [Inheritance (and to a lesser extent, composition)]

## Encapsulation



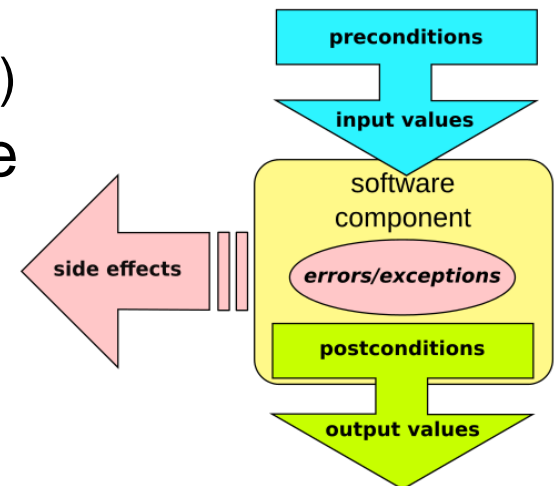
## Abstraction



# Recall:

## 2) Public Interface

- Methods through which the object is manipulated
  - Encapsulation:
    - hiding the object's variables (private modifier)
    - Only members of the class may access them directly
  - Abstraction:
    - Hiding the details (the implementation)
  - You can (read: should) have private helper methods



# Problem

- We've been dealing with classes
  - Have full implementation
  - We know how they are implemented
  - We know what variables are present, though we may not know their values
- Don't really have Abstraction

# Ex:

- ArrayList<>
  - From javadoc, I know:
    - Backed by an array
    - Of a fixed size
    - Grows as necessary
      - In a predictable way
    - Probably doesn't automatically shrink
  - I can find all of the source code for this class if I want to.
- There's no real abstraction
  - I can start depending on behaviours of ArrayList that are not part of it's public interface
  - That's bad

# Solution: Interfaces

- Have a language construct that **only** specifies the public interface
- Only constants, no variables
  - Encapsulation: Data is hidden
  - Abstraction: Cant know of variable's existence
- Only public methods, no other modifiers
  - Encapsulation: things grouped together
  - Abstraction: Cant know any implementation



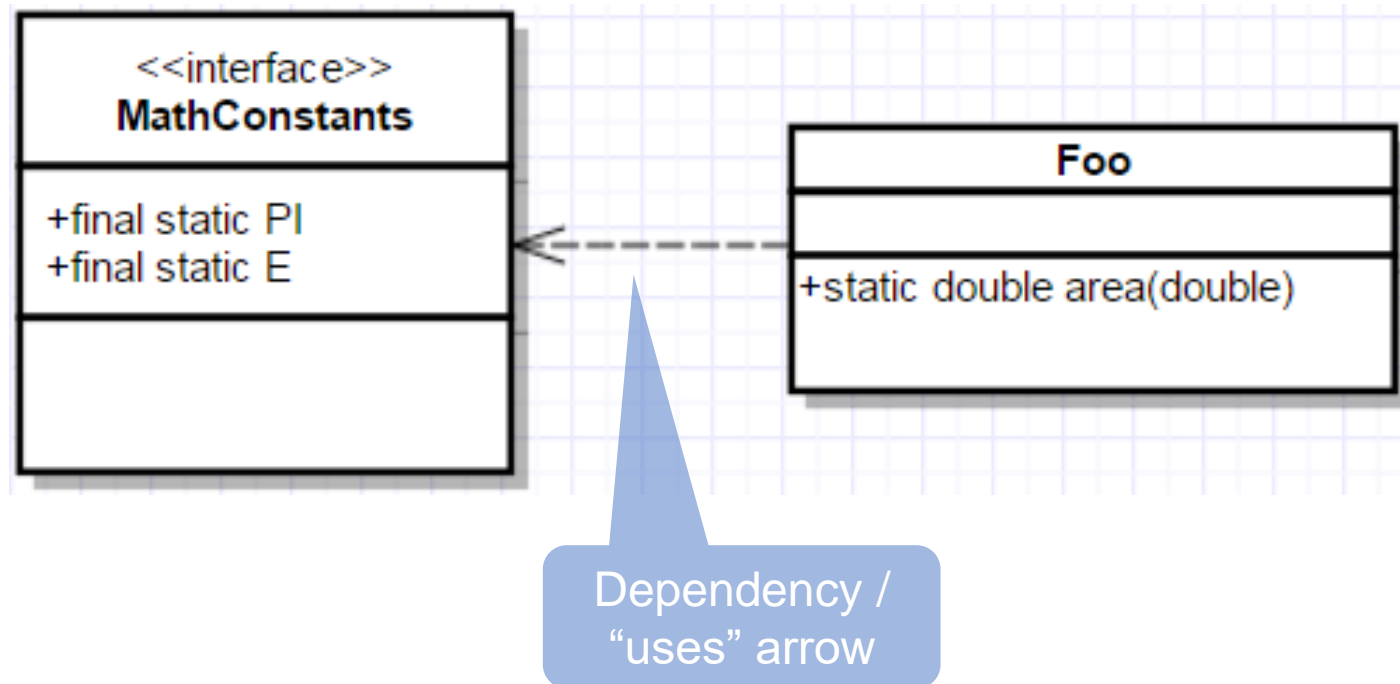
# Using an Interface

## - Constants

```
1 public interface MathConstants {  
2     double PI = Math.PI;  
3     double E = 2.7182818284590452353602874713527;  
4 }  
5  
6 public class Foo {  
7  
8     public static double area(double r) {  
9         return MathConstants.PI * r * r;  
10    }  
11 }
```

# Using an Interface

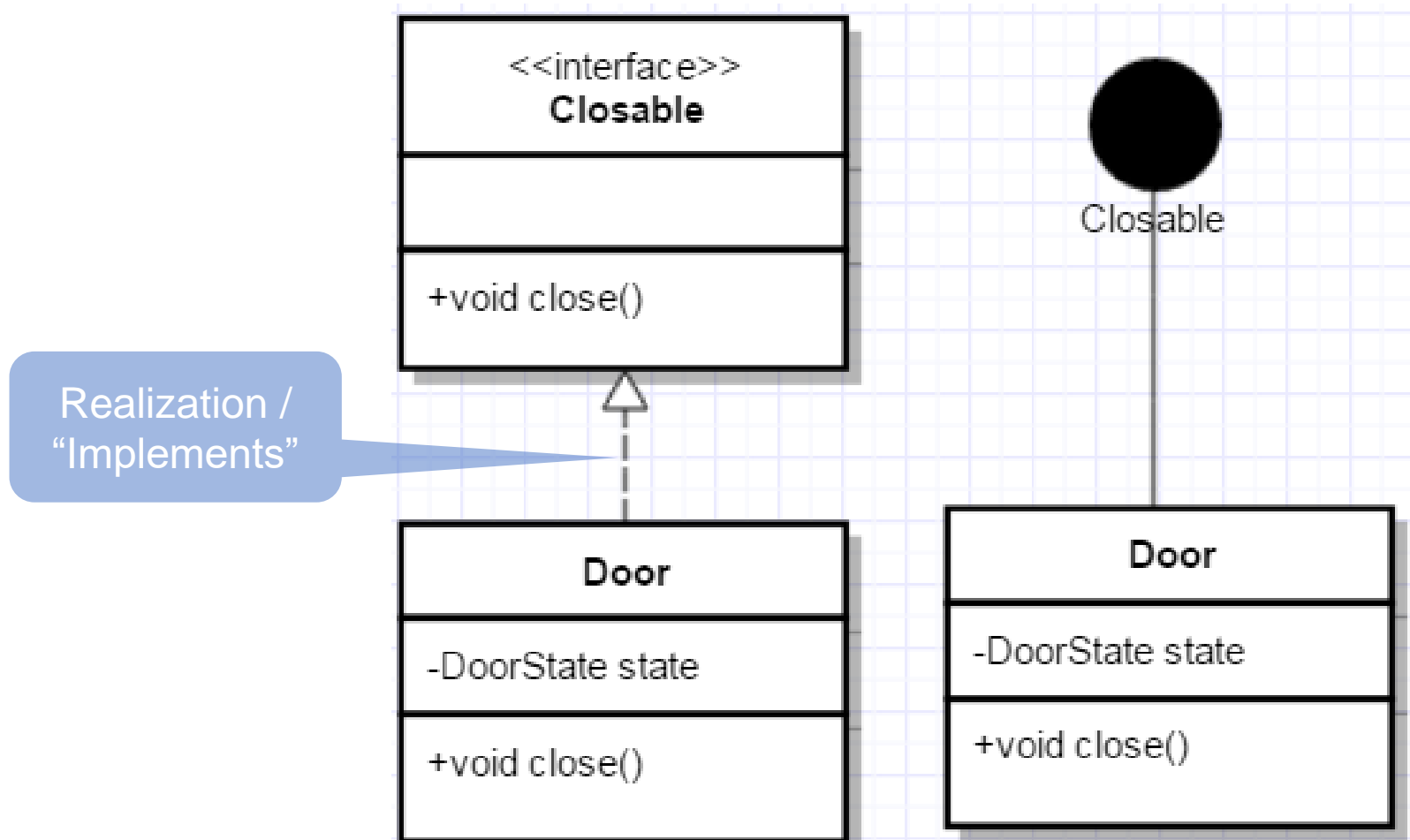
## - Constants



# Implementing - Closable

```
2  public interface Closable {  
3  
4      void close();  
5  }  
6  
7  public class Door implements Closable {  
8  
9      //...  
10  
11     public void close() {  
12         state = DoorState.CLOSED;  
13     }  
14 }  
15  
16 Closable toClose = new Door();  
17 toClose.close();
```

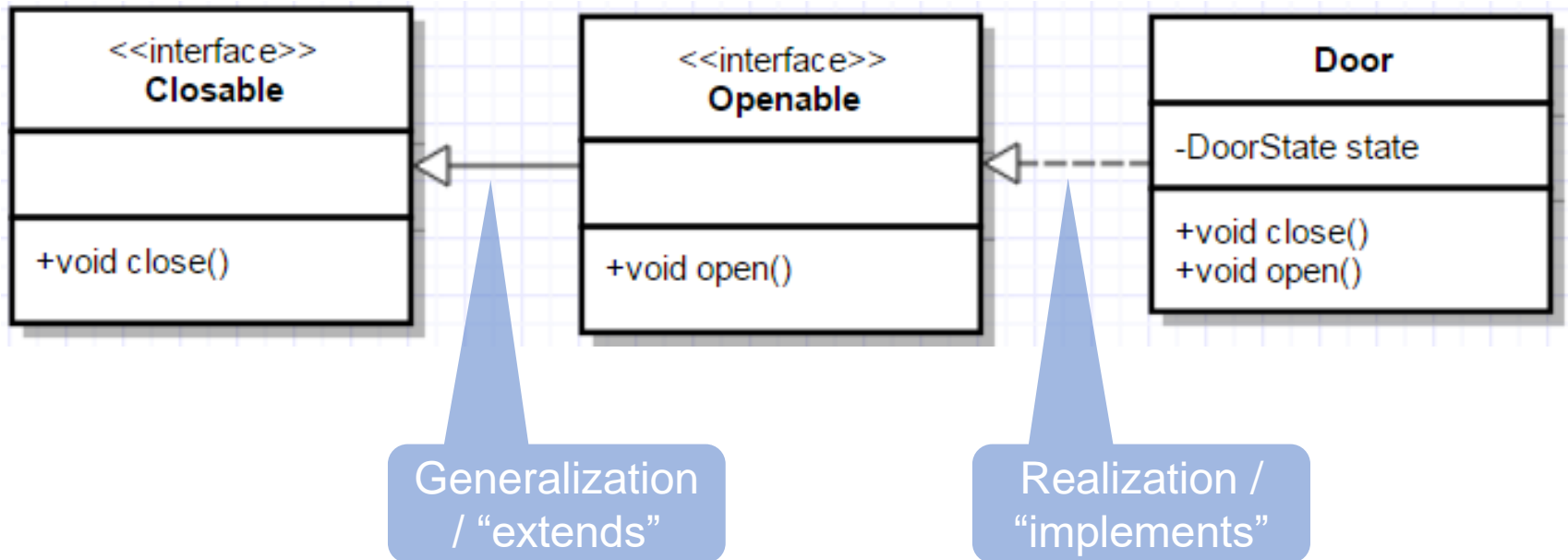
# Implementing - Closable



# Extending - Openable

```
2  public interface Openable extends Closeable {
3
4      void open();
5  }
6
7  public class Door implements Openable {
8
9      // ...
10
11     public void close() {
12         //...
13     }
14     public void open() {
15         // ..
16     }
17 }
18
19 Openable toOpen = new Door();
20 toOpen.close();
21 toOpen.open();
22 Closeable toClose = toOpen;
23 toClose.close();
24
25 toClose.open(); // compile error
26 ((Openable)toClose).open(); // ok!
```

# Extending - Openable



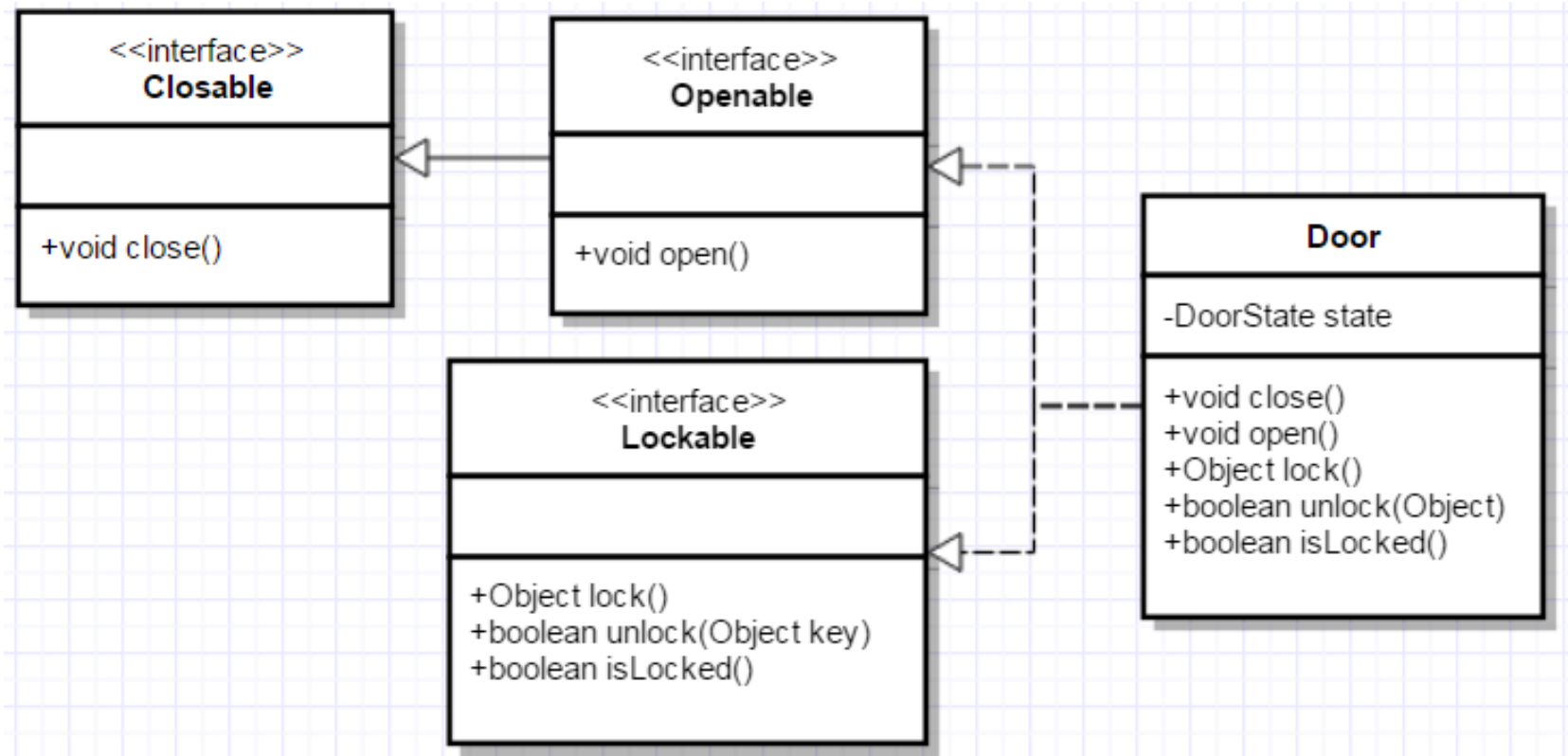
# Multiple Interfaces

## - Openable & Lockable

```
2 public interface Lockable {
3     Object lock();
4     boolean unlock(Object key);
5     boolean isLocked();
6 }
7
8 public class Door implements Openable, Lockable {
9     public Object lock() { /*...*/ }
10    public boolean unlock(Object key) { /*...*/ }
11    public boolean isLocked() { /*...*/ }
12
13    public void close() { /*...*/ }
14    public void open() { /*...*/ }
15 }
```

# Multiple Interfaces

## - Openable & Lockable





# Why?

- Okay in theory, but why in practice?
- For code reuse.

# Code Reuse - Comparable

```
2 package java.lang;
3 import java.util.*;
4
5 /**
6  * This interface imposes a total ordering on the objects of each class that
7  * implements it. This ordering is referred to as the class's <i>natural
8  * ordering</i>, and the class's <tt>compareTo</tt> method is referred to as
9  * its <i>natural comparison method</i>.<p>
10  * ...
11  */
12 public interface Comparable<T> {
13     /**
14      * Compares this object with the specified object for order. Returns a
15      * negative integer, zero, or a positive integer as this object is less
16      * than, equal to, or greater than the specified object.
17      * ...
18      */
19     public int compareTo(T o);
20 }
```

```

2 package java.lang;
3
4 /**
5  * The {@code Double} class wraps a value of the primitive type
6  * {@code double} in an object. An object of type
7  * {@code Double} contains a single field whose type is
8  * {@code double}.
9  * ...
10 */
11 public final class Double extends Number implements Comparable<Double> {
12     //...
13
14     public int compareTo(Double anotherDouble) {
15         return Double.compare(value, anotherDouble.value);
16     }
17
18     public static int compare(double d1, double d2) {
19         if (d1 < d2)
20             return -1;           // Neither val is NaN, thisVal is smaller
21         if (d1 > d2)
22             return 1;           // Neither val is NaN, thisVal is larger
23
24         // ... details ...
25     }
26 }

```

```

111 public final class String
112     implements java.io.Serializable, Comparable<String>, CharSequence {
113     /** The value is used for character storage. */
114     private final char value[];
1144     * @param anotherString the {@code String} to be compared.
1145     * @return the value {@code 0} if the argument string is equal to
1146     *         this string; a value less than {@code 0} if this string
1147     *         is lexicographically less than the string argument; and a
1148     *         value greater than {@code 0} if this string is
1149     *         lexicographically greater than the string argument.
1150     */
1151     public int compareTo(String anotherString) {
1152         int len1 = value.length;
1153         int len2 = anotherString.value.length;
1154         int lim = Math.min(len1, len2);
1155         char v1[] = value;
1156         char v2[] = anotherString.value;
1157
1158         int k = 0;
1159         while (k < lim) {
1160             char c1 = v1[k];
1161             char c2 = v2[k];
1162             if (c1 != c2) {
1163                 return c1 - c2;
1164             }
1165             k++;
1166         }
1167         return len1 - len2;
1168     }

```

# Why?

- We can write methods that can accept anything that is-a Comparable
  - Including things that we never thought about
- If anyone wants to use our methods
  - They just implement Comparable

# Eg: List<>

- ArrayList

```
2 public class ArrayList<E> extends AbstractList<E>
3     implements List<E>, RandomAccess, Cloneable, java.io.Serializable {
4     //...
5 }
6
7 public class LinkedList<E>
8     extends AbstractSequentialList<E>
9     implements List<E>, Deque<E>, Cloneable, java.io.Serializable {
10    //...
11 }
12
13 List<String> names;
14 names = new ArrayList<String>();
15 names = new LinkedList<String>();
16
17 // we could write:
18 public static void sort(List<Comparable> toSort);
19 public static <E extends Comparable> E getMax(List<E> toSearch);
```

# List<>

- 2 classes that implement List<>
  - Each “is a” List<>
    - Can do all “list” things
    - Can be assigned to a List<> variable
  - Have their own implementations
- When we get a List<>,
  - cant get any instance variables (encapsulation)
    - Don’t know which implementation
  - no idea of the implementation (abstraction)
    - Could even be another kind of list entirely
      - Eg: Collections.unmodifiableList(List<>)

# List<>

- ArrayList<E> is-a:
  - AbstractList<E> (extends)
  - List<E> (implements)
  - RandomAccess (implements)
  - Cloneable (implements)
  - java.io.Serializable (implements)
- LinkedList is-a:
  - AbstractSequentialList<E> (extends)
  - List<E> (implements)
  - Deque<E> (implements)
  - Cloneable (implements)
  - java.io.Serializable (implements)



```

1 package java.util;
2 public interface List<E> extends Collection<E> {
3     // Query Operations
4     int size();
5     boolean isEmpty();
6     boolean contains(Object o);
7     Iterator<E> iterator();
8     Object[] toArray();
9     <T> T[] toArray(T[] a);
10
11     // Modification Operations
12     boolean add(E e);
13     boolean remove(Object o);
14
15     // Bulk Modification Operations
16     boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);
17     boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c);
18     boolean addAll(int index, Collection<? extends E> c);
19     boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c);
20     boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c);
21     void clear();
22     //...
23
24     // Comparison and hashing
25     boolean equals(Object o);
26     int hashCode();
27
28     // Positional Access Operations
29     E get(int index);
30     E set(int index, E element);
31     void add(int index, E element);
32     E remove(int index);
33
34     // Search Operations
35     int indexOf(Object o);
36     int lastIndexOf(Object o);

```

# Recap

- Interfaces
- Constants
  - Using
- Implementing
  - Closable
- Extending
  - Openable
- Multiple Interfaces
  - Openable, Lockable
- Code Reuse
  - Comparable
- List<E>
  - Is-a many things