

Types

S is a *subtype* of T ($S <: T$) if a piece of code written for T can be used for variables of S

- Reflexive** - $S <: S$
- Transitive** - if $S <: T$ and $T <: U$, then $S <: U$
- Anti-symmetry** - if $S <: T$ and $T <: S$, then $S = T$

S `instanceof` T returns true if $S <: T$

Type Conversions

Narrowing	Widening
$S <: T$, we can type cast a variable of type T to type S	$S <: T$, we can type cast a variable of type S to type T
Shape s = <code>new</code> Circle() Circle c = (Circle) s *requires explicit typecasting and validation at runtime	Shape s = <code>new</code> Circle()

Primitive Types

byte → short → int → long → float → double

char → int

Variance of Types

$C(S)$ stands for complex types - arrays

Covariant - $S <: T$ implies $C(S) <: C(T)$

Contravariant - $S <: T$ implies $C(T) <: C(S)$

Invariant - neither *covariant* nor *contravariant*

* Java **array** is *covariant*

* Java **generics** are *invariant*

* Java arrays and generics **cannot be mixed**

Run-time VS Compile-Time

Circle c = `new` ColouredCirlce(...)

Compile-time type - Circle

Run-time type - ColouredCircle

OOP Principles

Encapsulation

Hides internal representation and implementation

Exposes just the required method interface for use

Noun	Properties	Associated Verbs
Class	Fields	Methods

Composition - HAS-A relationship

Inheritance

extends - IS-A relationship

Polymorphism

Using same method signatures in different subclasses to determine which method should be executed

Dynamic Binding

- Determine compile-time type of target
- Look for all available methods
- Choose the most specific method
- Determine run-time type of target

Method Signatures and Descriptors

Method Signature - method name, number of parameters, type of each parameter, order of parameters

C::foo(B1, B2)

Method Descriptor - method signature + return type

A C::foo(B1, B2)

Method Overriding and Overloading

Overriding - Same method descriptor

Overloading - Same method name, but different method signatures

Information Hiding (Abstraction)

`private` fields, `public` methods

Tell-Don't-Ask

Should get the class to perform a task instead of retrieving the *internal* values and performing the task ourselves

Liskov Substitution Principle

If $S <: T$:

- S should be able to pass all test cases of T
- S should not break any expectations and expected attributes of T - i.e. S should contain all fields and methods of T
- S should be able to replace T and not break any logic

Violation of LSP - if S does not fulfill any of the above conditions

Preventing Inheritance (classes) and Overriding (methods) - `final`

Abstract Classes

`abstract class` A {}

Used when one or more of its instance methods require further details to implement

* may or may not contain any `abstract` methods

Concrete class

A class that is not abstract - overrides any `abstract` methods in its parent class

Interfaces

`interface` GetAreable {}

Models what an entity can do

`class` A **implements** X, Y, Z

Classes can implement multiple interfaces

If `class` A **implements** X, A <: X

`interface` X **extends** Y, Z

Interfaces can extend multiple interfaces, but **cannot implement** (interfaces are abstract!)

`interface` C {}, `class` D {}

C c = (C) `new` D() compiles but subjected to runtime check since there maybe a future class that is a subtype of both C and D (e.g. `class` E **extends** D **implements** C)

Wrapper Class

Primitive	Wrapper
int	Integer
double	Double
char	Character
boolean	Boolean

Enables flexible programs at the cost of performance since primitive wrapper class objects are **immutable**

Leads to **overhead** for memory allocation and garbage collection

Auto-(un)boxing

Integer i = 4

// **auto-boxing**: int 4 converted to an instance of Integer

int j = i

// **auto-unboxing**: converts instance of Integer back to int

Exceptions

Overridden methods in subclasses can throw the same exceptions or any of its subtypes

```
class NewCheckedExceptions extends Exception {
    public NewCheckedExceptions() {
        super("message")
    }
}
class NewUncheckedExceptions extends RuntimeException

class C throws NewCheckedException {
    throw new NewCheckedException("message")
}
...
try {
    // do something
} catch (NewCheckedException e | exception 2) {
    System.out.println(e.getMessage());
    // handle exception 2
} finally {
    // runs regardless of exception occurrence
}
```

Generics

Allow classes/methods to be defined without using Object type

- Enforces **type safety** → binds a generic type to specific type at compile time
- errors will be at *compile time* instead of *runtime*

```
class Pair<S, T> {...}

// DictEntry follows the T type in Pair
class DictEntry<T> extends Pair<String, T> {...}

// bounded parameters
class Pair<S extends Comparable<S>, T> {...}
```

```
// arrays and generics dont mix
// need to declare before assigning
class Seq<T> {
    private T[] array;

    public Seq(int size) {
        // The only way we can put an object into array
        // is through the method set() and we only put
        // object of type T inside. So it is safe to
        // cast `Object[]` to `T[]`.
        @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
        T[] a = (T[]) new Object[size];
        this.array = a;
    }
}
```

Generic Methods

```
// type parameter must appear before the return type
public static <T> boolean contains(T[] arr, T obj) {}

// to call a generic method
A.<Circle>contains(...)

// bounded class generics method
public static <T extends GetAreable> T
    findLargest(T[] arr)

// instance method
public <U> void printSomething(U value)
```

Notes

B implements Comparable {...}
A extends B {...}
A <: B <: Comparable <: Comparable<?>
Comparable<A> INVARIANT Comparable
Comparable<A> <: Comparable<? extends B>
Comparable <: Comparable<? super A>

Type Erasure

During compilation, type parameters are erased and replaced with the most specific reference type
* Object for *unbounded* and the **bound** for *bounded* parameters

Heap pollution - situation where a parameterized type expects to hold an object of type X but stores an object of type Y instead

Suppress warnings

- only suppress warnings if it causes a type error
- @SuppressWarnings can only be applied to declarations and not assignments

Raw Types

A generic type used without type arguments
Only use together with instanceof - a instanceof A

Wildcards eliminate this need since we can now do "a instanceof A<?>"
Leads to **unchecked warnings**
Seq<?> - sequence of specific, but unknown types
Seq - sequence of Object instances, no type checking
Seq<Object> - sequence of Object instances

Wildcards

PECS - Producer Extends, Consumer Super

Upper-bounded - V<? extends A>

When we want to **retrieve from** instead of adding to

- Covariance
- if S <: T, then A<? extends S> <: A<? extends T>
- A<S> <: A<? extends S>

```
public void copyFrom(Seq<? extends T> src) {
    int len = Math.min(this.array.length,
        src.array.length);
    for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
        this.set(i, src.get(i));
    }
}
```

Lower-bounded - V<? super A>

When we want to **add to** a collection instead of retrieving from

- Contravariance
- if S <: T, then A<? super T> <: A<? super S>
- A<S> <: A<? super S>

```
public void copyTo(Seq<? super T> dest) {
    int len = Math.min(this.array.length,
        dest.array.length);
    for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
        dest.set(i, this.get(i));
    }
}
```

Unbounded - V<?>

The parent class of all wildcards
* Array<?> is the supertype of all Array<T>

Type Inference

Ensures **type safety** - compiler can ensure that List<myObj> holds objects of type myObj at *compile time* instead of *runtime*
* <? super Integer> - inferred as Object
* <? extends Integer> - inferred as Integer

Diamond Operator

Pair<String,Integer> p = new Pair<>();
p would be inferred as an instance of Pair<String,Integer>

Constraints

- Target typing - type of target variable
→ Shape o = statement(), so T <: Shape

2. Type parameter bound
→ public static <T extends GetAreable>, so T <: GetAreable
3. Argument parsed
→ Seq<Circle> <: Seq<? extends T>, so T <: Circle
→ Shape <: S, so Shape <: S <: Object

public static <T extends GetAreable> T
 findLargest(Seq<? extends T> seq) {...}
Shape o = A.findLargest(new Seq<Circle>(0));
public .. contains(..., S obj) {...}
A.contains(circleSeq, shape)

Most specific
Type1 <: T <: Type2 → T = Type1
Type1 <: T → T = Type1
T <: Type2 → T = Type2

Java

Access modifiers

- public/private - fields accessible/inaccessible from outside the class
- static - associate field with class
- final - value will not change

this - refers to current instance

Stack and Heap

```
public A multiply(A b) {
    A a = new A(this.x * b.x, new B());
    return a;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    B b = new B();
    A a1 = new A(2, b);
    A a2 = new A(3, b);
    A c = a2.multiply(a1);
}
```

