



INFO 5100

Application Engineering and Development

Week 4



Agenda

- Review Class
- Inheritance



Review Class

```
public class Dog {  
    private String name;  
    public Dog() {  
        this.name = "no name";  
    }  
    public Dog(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
    public String getName() {  
        return this.name;  
    }  
    public void bark() {  
        System.out.println("my name is: " + this.name);  
    }  
    @Override  
    public boolean equals(Object o) {  
        if (o == this) return true;  
        if (!(o instanceof Dog)) return false;  
        Dog d = (Dog)o;  
        return this.name.equals(d.name);  
    }  
    @Override  
    public String toString() {  
        return this.name;  
    }  
}
```



Class

- Properties of an Object are determined by its instance variables
 - Also known as Fields or Member Variables
- Behavior of an Object are determined by its instance methods
 - Constructors are special



Inheritance

- Imagine you are tasked to implement an Employee class
 - The Employee has some basic properties
 - The Employee should get paid



Employee

```
public class Employee {  
    // properties of an employee  
    private String firstName;  
    private String lastName;  
    private int age;  
    private int salary;  
    public void work() {  
        System.out.println("i did some work");  
    }  
    public void getPaid(int amount) {  
        this.salary += amount;  
    }  
}
```



Inheritance

- The requirement changed to support different types of Employees
 - Salaried Employee
 - Hourly Employee
 - Salaried Employee can enjoy things like healthcare, more PTO, and get paid twice a month
 - Hourly Employee does not have healthcare, does not have PTO, and get paid daily
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- How to achieve this?



Non-Inheritance Approaches

- Copy and Paste all the employee code and create two classes
 - SalariedEmployee
 - HourlyEmployee
- Keep the single class Employee
 - Add a status flag
 - Using switch or if statements in every method



Non-Inheritance Drawbacks

- There could potentially be huge amount of Employee types
 - There could be bug in initial implementation of Employee class before Copy and Pasting
 - How do you manage Employees together? Instead of two collections
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- Maintainability and Extensibility are poor



Abstraction

- Models relationship accurately
- Without forcing the user to keep track of more than necessary



HourlyEmployee

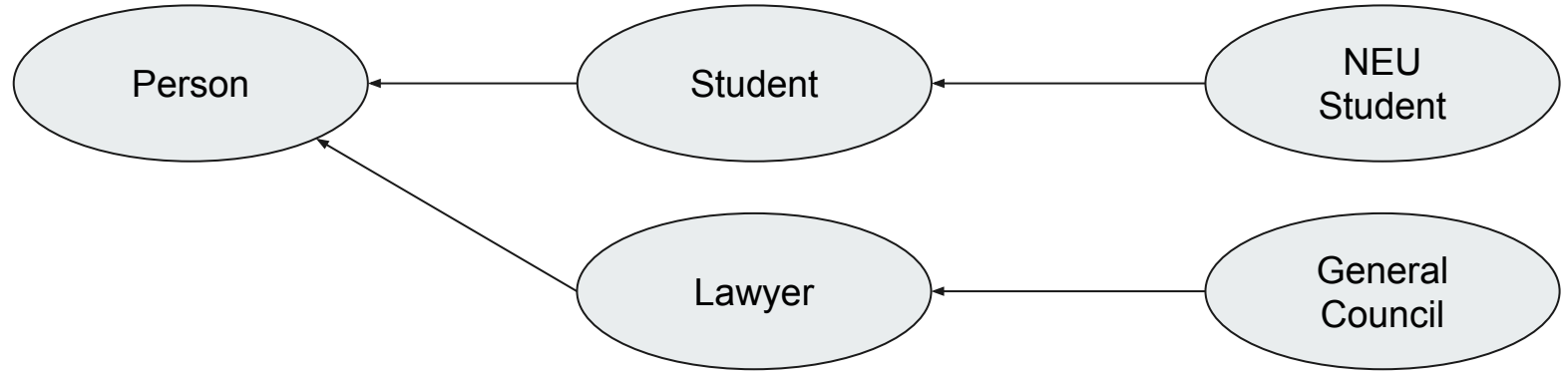
```
public class HourlyEmployee extends Employee {  
  
    public void withdrawSalary() {  
        // logic to allow withdraw of salary daily  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        HourlyEmployee he = new HourlyEmployee();  
        he.work();  
    }  
}
```

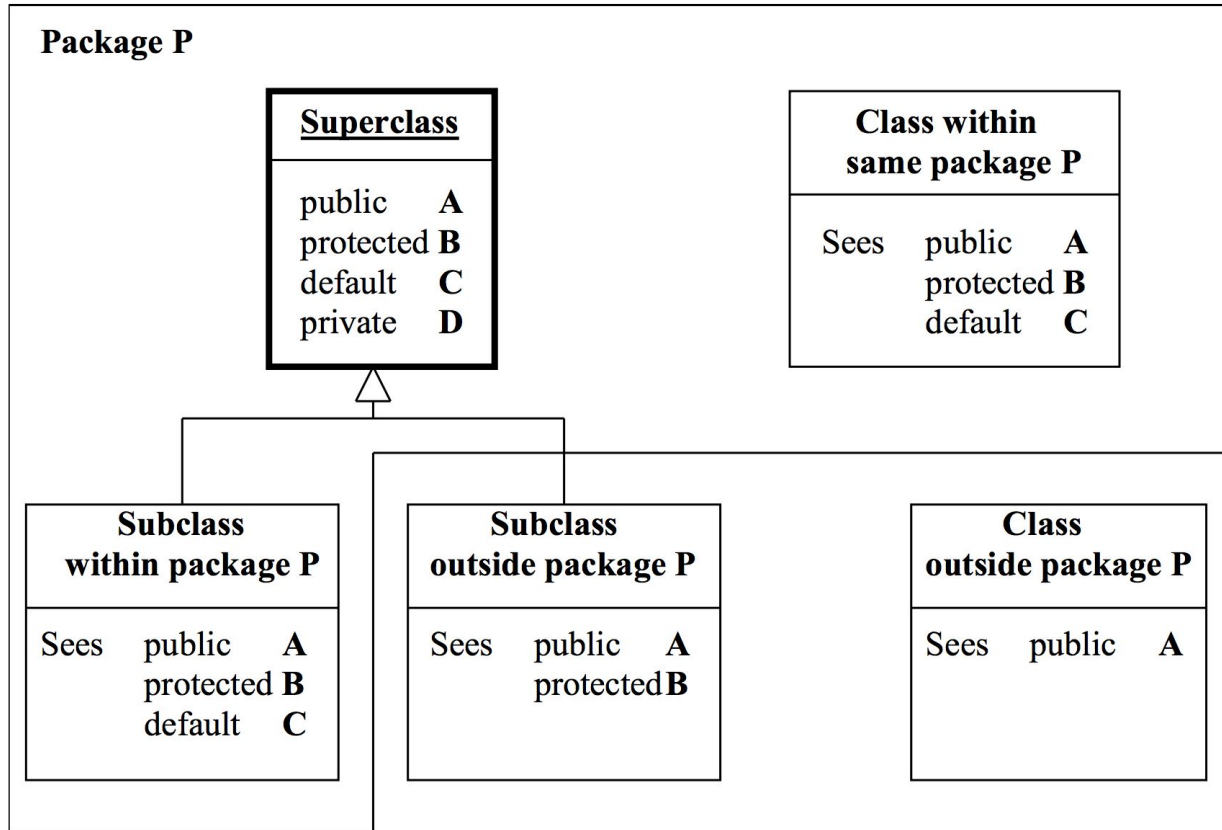


Inheritance

- Use **extends** keyword to declare inheritance relationship
 - HourlyEmployee inherits from Employee
 - Employee is a **base/superclass** for HourlyEmployee
 - HourlyEmployee is a **derived/subclass** of Employee
- Subclass could have instance variables that are not defined in superclass
- Subclass could have instance methods that are not defined in superclass
- Subclass do not need to redeclare all the instance variables and methods in superclass
- Subclass inherits properties/behaviors except those marked Private

Inheritance Hierarchy







Inheritance

- Subclass optionally can override a method inherited from a superclass
 - In previous class we saw example with toString and equals
- Subclass can use **super** keyword to invoke superclass method



Inheritance

- You cannot **extend** multiple classes in Java
- Example
 - A is the super class
 - B extends A, overrides method A.doSomething()
 - C extends A, overrides method A.doSomething()
 - D extends B and C, but do not override any method
 - Now we do D.doSomething(), which version to call?



Types in Java

- Type of the variable and the value must match*
- In some cases, Java performs auto **type casting**
 - Numeric values might loss precision
 - Sometimes during operations



Polymorphism

```
Employee e1 = new String("i am a string");  
Employee e2 = new HourlyEmployee();  
HourlyEmployee e3 = new Employee();
```



Polymorphism

- At runtime select appropriate behavior based on the reference
- It is possible to treat superclass and subclass similarly
 - Objects of all types derived from a common superclass can all be treated as Objects of superclass type



Polymorphism

- The is-a rule
 - HourlyEmployees are always Employee
 - Employees are not always HourlyEmployee
- The variable type determines what kind of properties/behaviors you can access
- You can manually perform typecasting to get access to subclass properties/behaviors
 - Could generate runtime error
- Use **instanceof** operation to perform check on runtime before typecasting



Polymorphism

- Use **final** keyword to prevent overriding and extending
 - final method cannot be overridden in a subclass
 - final class cannot be extended
 - All methods in the class became implicitly final



Abstract Class

- With levels of inheritance it is hard to control the usage of superclasses
- **abstract** can be used to enforce subclass must implement certain methods



Abstract Class

```
public abstract class AbstractEmployee {  
    public String name;  
  
    public abstract void work();  
}
```



Abstract Class

```
public class ConcretEmployee extends AbstractEmployee {  
  
    @Override  
    public void work() {  
        System.out.println("doing work");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // AbstractEmployee ae = new AbstractEmployee();  
        ConcretEmployee ce = new ConcretEmployee();  
        ce.work();  
    }  
}
```




Abstract Class

- Declared with keyword **abstract**
- Cannot be instantiated with **new** keyword
- A class with at least **one abstract method** must be defined as abstract class



Interface

- More abstract than abstract class
 - Most of time do not have any concret/default implementation of functions
 - Only public abstract method declarations and public constants
 - Not instantiable
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- Can be used for multi-inheritance



Interface

```
public interface Worker {  
  
    public void work();  
  
}
```



Interface

```
public class ConcretEmployeeV2 implements Worker, Comparable<ConcretEmployeeV2> {  
    public String name;  
    public void work() {  
        System.out.println("do some work");  
    }  
    public int compareTo(ConcretEmployeeV2 c) {  
        return this.name.compareTo(c.name);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        ConcretEmployeeV2 c = new ConcretEmployeeV2();  
        c.work();  
    }  
}
```