

Lecture 8 (Inheritance 1)

Interface and Implementation Inheritance

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In FA24, we condensed the first two inheritance lectures into one.

- Because in FA24, Midterm 1 falls on a Friday (lecture day), and we wanted to cancel that day's lecture.
- Also, because in FA24, we needed to cover the last two inheritance lectures sooner, so you can start (and finish) Project 1B earlier (so you have more midterm studying time).

If you're a student in FA24, you don't need to know about the content we cut (it won't be tested).

If you're curious, you can check out the unabridged version from FA23:

- Inheritance 1: [Slides](#), [Video](#)
- Inheritance 2: [Slides](#), [Video](#)

The Desire for Generality

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Using Inheritance Safely

After adding an additional “insert” method. Our AList and SLList classes from lecture have the following methods (exact same method signatures for both classes).

```
public class AList<Item>{  
    public AList()  
    public void insert(Item x, int position)  
    public void addFirst(Item x)  
    public void addLast(Item i)  
    public Item getFirst()  
    public Item getLast()  
    public Item get(int i)  
    public int size()  
    public Item removeLast()  
}
```

```
public class SLList<Blorp>{  
    public SLList()  
    public SLList(Blorp x)  
    public void insert(Blorp item, int position)  
    public void addFirst(Blorp x)  
    public void addLast(Blorp x)  
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    public Blorp removeLast()  
}
```

Suppose we're writing a library to manipulate lists of words. Might want to write a function that finds the longest word from a list of words:

```
public static String longest(SLList<String> list) {  
    int maxDex = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i += 1) {  
        String longestString = list.get(maxDex);  
        String thisString = list.get(i);  
        if (thisString.length() > longestString.length()) {  
            maxDex = i;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return list.get(maxDex);  
}
```

Observant viewers may note this code is very inefficient! Don't worry about it.

Demo: Using ALists and SLLists

This example usage of the longest method works fine.

WordUtils.java

```
public static String longest(SLList<String> list) {  
    ...  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    SLList<String> someList = new SLList<>();  
    someList.addLast("elk");  
    someList.addLast("are");  
    someList.addLast("watching");  
    System.out.println(longest(someList));  
}
```

watching

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← AList instead of SLList.

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← Compiler error:
SLList cannot be
applied to AList.

If we want longest to be able to handle ALists, what changes do we need to make?

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    int maxDex = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i += 1) {  
        String longestString = list.get(maxDex);  
        String thisString = list.get(i);  
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    }  
  
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        String thisString = list.get(i);  
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        }  
    }  
  
    return list.get(maxDex);  
}
```

Method Overloading in Java

Java allows multiple methods with same name, but different parameters.

- This is called method **overloading**.

```
public static String longest(AlList<String> list) {  
    ...  
}  
  
public static String longest(SLList<String> list) {  
    ...  
}
```

Possible solution: Copy-paste the same method body into two methods with different signatures.

While overloading works, it is a bad idea in the case of `longest`. Why?

- Code is virtually identical. Aesthetically gross.
- Won't work for future lists. If we create a `QList` class, have to make a third method.
- Harder to **maintain**.
 - Example: Suppose you find a bug in one of the methods. You fix it in the `SLList` version, and forget to do it in the `AList` version.

Hypernyms and Hyponyms

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- Dog is a “hypernym” of poodle, malamute, yorkie, etc.

Washing your poodle:

1. Brush your poodle before a bath. ...
2. Use lukewarm water. ...
3. Talk to your poodle in a calm voice.
...
4. Use poodle shampoo. ...
5. Rinse well. ...
6. Air-dry. ...
7. Reward your poodle.

Washing your malamute:

1. Brush your malamute before a bath. ...
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3. Talk to your malamute in a calm voice.
...
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Washing your **dog**:

1. Brush your **dog** before a bath. ...
2. Use lukewarm water. ...
3. Talk to your **dog** in a calm voice. ...
4. Use dog shampoo. ...
5. Rinse well. ...
6. Air-dry. ...
7. Reward your **dog**.

malamute:

- malamute before a bath. ...
- ... water. ...
- malamute in a calm voice.
- shampoo. ...
- malamute.

Hypernym and Hyponym

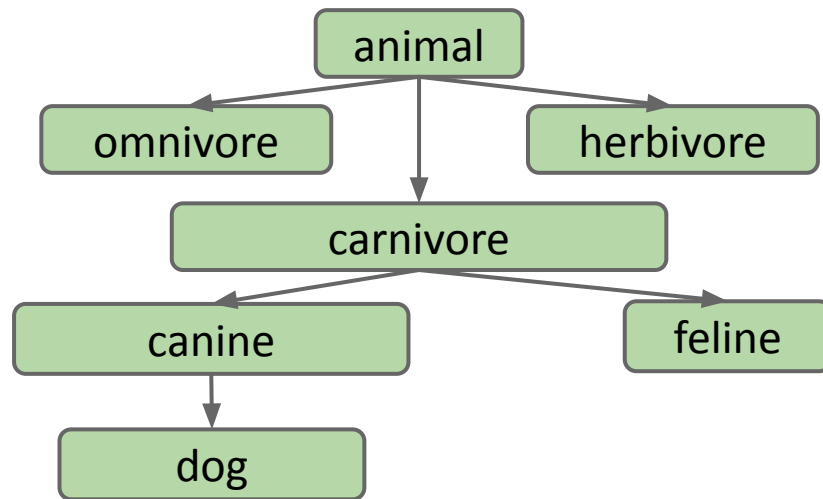
We use the word hyponym for the opposite type of relationship.

- “dog”: Hyponym of “poodle”, “malamute”, “dachshund”, etc.
- “poodle”: Hyponym of “dog”

Hypernyms and hyponyms comprise a hierarchy.

- A dog “is-a” canine.
- A canine “is-a” carnivore.
- A carnivore “is-an” animal.

(for fun: see the [WordNet project](#))



Interface and Implements Keywords

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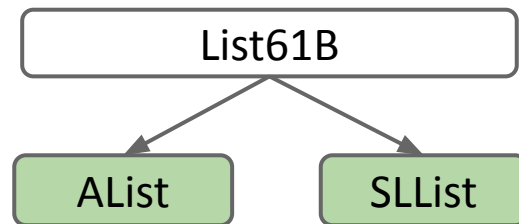
Using Inheritance Safely

SLLists and ALists are both clearly some kind of “list”.

- List is a hypernym of SLList and AList.

Expressing this in Java is a two-step process:

- Step 1: Define a reference type for our hypernym (List61B.java).
- Step 2: Specify that SLLists and ALists are hyponyms of that type.



Step 1: Defining a List61B

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public interface List61B<Item> {  
    public void insert(Item x, int position);  
    public void addFirst(Item x);  
    public void addLast(Item y);  
    public Item getFirst();  
    public Item getLast();  
    public Item removeLast();  
    public Item get(int i);  
    public int size();  
}
```

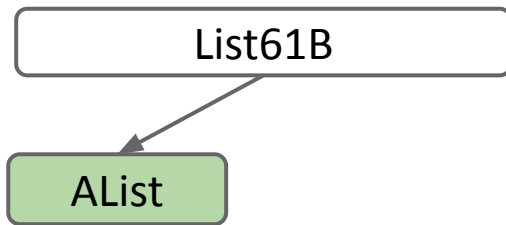
List61B

Step 2: Implementing the List61B Interface

We'll now:

- Use the new **implements** keyword to tell the Java compiler that SLList and AList are hyponyms of List61B.

```
public class AList<Item> implements List61B<Item> {  
    ...  
    public void addLast(Item x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

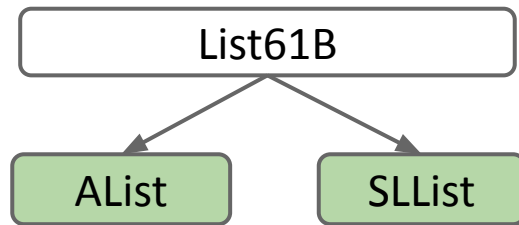


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    public void addLast(Blorp x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



We can now adjust our longest method to work on either kind of list:



```
public static String longest(List61B<String> list) {  
    int maxDex = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i += 1) {  
        String longestString = list.get(maxDex);  
        String thisString = list.get(i);  
        if (thisString.length() > longestString.length()) {  
            maxDex = i;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return list.get(maxDex);  
}
```

```
AList<String> a = new AList<>();  
a.addLast("egg");  
a.addLast("boyz");  
longest(a);
```

Demo: Interface and Implements Keywords

Our longest method now takes in a List61B (not a SLList or AList).

WordUtils.java

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public static String longest(List61B<String> list) {  
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```

You can pass in any
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    someList.addLast("watching");  
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}
```

...including SLList.

watching

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Method Overriding

If a “subclass” has a method with the exact same signature as in the “superclass”, we say the subclass **overrides** the method.

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    public void addLast(Item y);  
    ...  
}
```

```
public class AList<Item> implements List61B<Item>{  
    ...  
    public void addLast(Item x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

AList **overrides** addLast(Item)

Method Overriding vs. Overloading

If a “subclass” has a method with the exact same signature as in the “superclass”, we say the subclass **overrides** the method.

- Animal’s subclass Pig overrides the makeNoise() method.
- Methods with the same name but different signatures are **overloaded**.

```
public interface Animal {  
    public void makeNoise();  
}
```

```
public class Dog implements Animal {  
    public void makeNoise(Dog x)  
    public void makeNoise()
```

makeNoise is **overloaded**

```
public class Pig implements Animal {  
    public void makeNoise() {  
        System.out.print("oink");  
    }  
}
```

Pig **overrides** makeNoise()

```
public class Math {  
    public int abs(int a)  
    public double abs(double a)
```

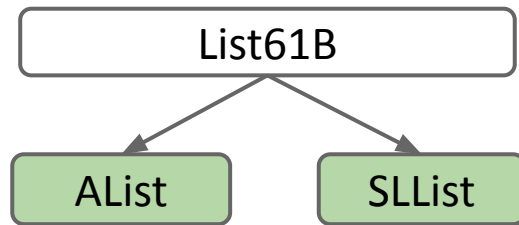
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Optional Step 2B: Adding the @Override Annotation

In 61b, we'll always mark every overriding method with the **@Override** annotation.

- Example: Mark AList.java's overriding methods with **@Override**.
- The only effect of this tag is that the code won't compile if it is not actually an overriding method.

```
public class AList<Item> implements List61B<Item>{  
    ...  
  
    @Override  
    public void addLast(Item x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



If a subclass has a method with the exact same signature as in the superclass, we say the subclass **overrides** the method.

- Even if you don't write `@Override`, subclass still overrides the method.
- `@Override` is just an optional reminder that you're overriding.

Why use `@Override`?

- Main reason: Protects against typos.
 - If you say `@Override`, but it the method isn't actually overriding anything, you'll get a compile error.
 - e.g. `public void addLats(Item x)`
- Reminds programmer that method definition came from somewhere higher up in the inheritance hierarchy.

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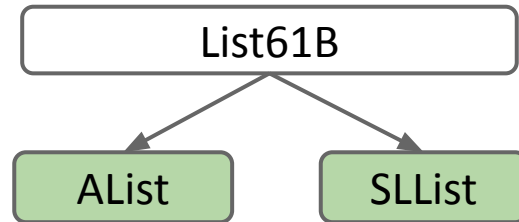
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Interface Inheritance

Specifying the capabilities of a subclass using the **implements** keyword is known as **interface inheritance**.

- Interface: The list of all method signatures.
- Inheritance: The subclass “inherits” the interface.
- Specifies what the subclass can do, but not how.
- Subclasses must override all of these methods!
 - Will fail to compile otherwise.

```
public interface List61B<Item> {  
    public void addFirst(Item x);  
    ...  
    public void proo();  
}
```

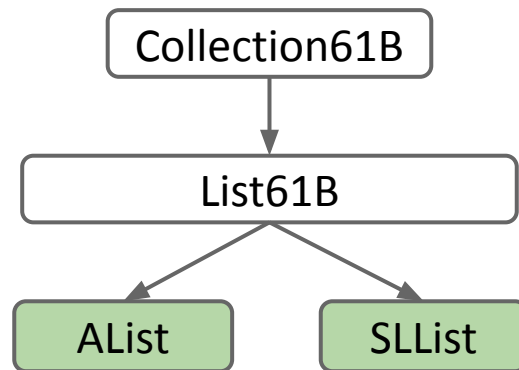


If AList doesn't have a proo() method,
AList will not compile!

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- Such relationships can be multi-generational.
 - Figure: Interfaces in white, classes in green.
 - We’ll talk about this in a later lecture.



Interface inheritance is a powerful tool for generalizing code.

- `WordUtils.longest` works on SLLists, ALists, and even lists that have not yet been invented!

Recall: A memory box can only hold 64 bit addresses for the appropriate type.

- Example: `inputList` can only hold a `List61B<String>`.
- An `AList` is-a `List61B`, so `inputList` can hold a reference to the `AList`.

```
public static String longest(List61B<String> inputList) {  
    int maxDex = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < inputList.size(); i += 1)  
        ...  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    AList<String> a1 = new AList<String>();  
    a1.addLast("horse");  
    WordUtils.longest(a1);  
}
```

Allowed! An
`AList` is a
`List61B`.

Question

Will the code below compile? If so, what happens when it runs?

- a. Will not compile.
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Interface inheritance:

- Subclass inherits signatures, but NOT implementation.

For better or worse, Java also allows **implementation inheritance**.

- Subclasses can inherit signatures AND implementation.

Use the **extends** keyword to inherit methods from a **class**.

- Unlike the **implements** keyword, which inherits signatures from an **interface**.

The Extends Keyword

When a class is a hyponym of an interface, we used **implements**.

- Example: `SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp>`

instead of an interface

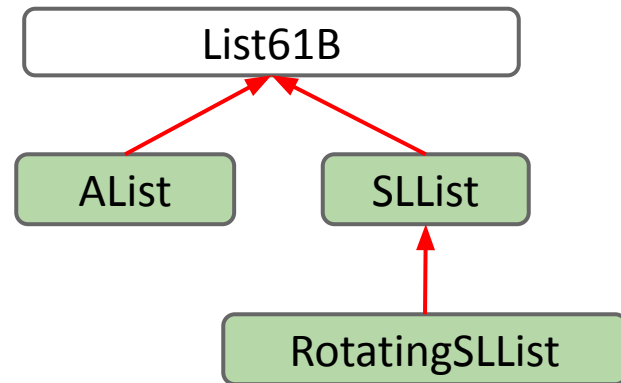
If you want one class to be a hyponym of another *class*, you use **extends**.

We'd like to build `RotatingSLList` that can perform any `SLList` operation as well as:

- `rotateRight()`: Moves back item the front.

Example: Suppose we have `[5, 9, 15, 22]`.

- After `rotateRight`: `[22, 5, 9, 15]`



Demo: Rotating SLList

RotatingSLList.java

```
public class RotatingSLList<Item> {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        RotatingSLList<Integer> rsl = new RotatingSLList<>();  
        /* Creates SList: [10, 11, 12, 13] */  
        rsl.addLast(10);  
        rsl.addLast(11);  
        rsl.addLast(12);  
        rsl.addLast(13);  
  
        /* Should be: [13, 10, 11, 12] */  
        rsl.rotateRight();  
        rsl.print();  
    }  
}
```

This does not compile. The RotatingSLList is missing the addLast, rotateRight, and print methods.

Demo: Rotating SLList

RotatingSLList.java

```
public class RotatingSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
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        rsl.print();  
    }  
}
```

Now the compiler knows that a RotatingSLList is a SLList, so RotatingSLList can inherit the addLast and print methods from the SLList class.

The rotateRight method is still missing.

Demo: Rotating SLList

RotatingSLList.java

```
public class RotatingSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
  
    /** Rotates list to the right. */  
    public void rotateRight() {  
  
    }  
  
}
```

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RotatingSLList.java

```
public class RotatingSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
  
    /** Rotates list to the right. */  
    public void rotateRight() {  
        Item x = removeLast();  
  
    }  
  
}
```

Demo: Rotating SLList

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    public void rotateRight() {  
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        addFirst(x);  
    }  
  
}
```

```
public class RotatingSLList<Blorp> extends SLList<Blorp> {  
    public void rotateRight() {  
        Blorp oldBack = removeLast();  
        addFirst(oldBack);  
    }  
}
```

Because of **extends**, RotatingSLList inherits all members of SLList:

- All instance and static variables.
- All methods.
- All nested classes.

... but members may be private and thus inaccessible! More later.

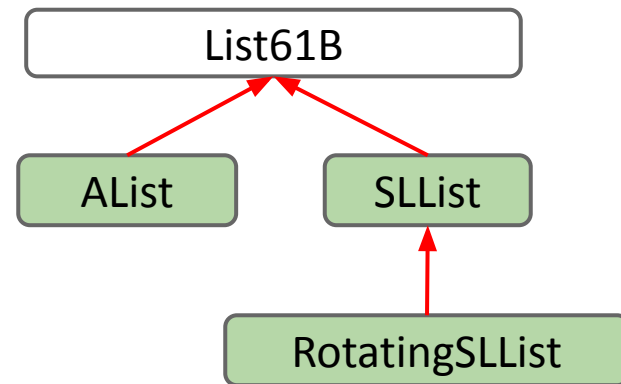
Constructors are not inherited.

Clarification: Implements vs. Extends

How do you know which to pick between “implements” and “extends”?

- You must use “implements” if the hypernym is an interface and the hyponym is a class (e.g. hypernym List, hyponym AList).
- You must use “extends” in all other cases.

There's no choice that you have to make, the Java designers just picked a different keyword for the two cases.



Super Keyword: Vengeful SLList

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Another Example: VengefulSLList

Suppose we want to build an SLList that:

- Remembers all Items that have been destroyed by `removeLast`.
- Has an additional method `printLostItems()`, which prints all deleted items.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    VengefulSLList<Integer> vs1 = new VengefulSLList<Integer>();  
    vs1.addLast(1);  
    vs1.addLast(5);  
    vs1.addLast(10);  
    vs1.addLast(13);      /* [1, 5, 10, 13] */  
    vs1.removeLast();     /* 13 gets deleted. */  
    vs1.removeLast();     /* 10 gets deleted. */  
    System.out.print("The fallen are: ");  
    vs1.printLostItems(); /* Should print 10 and 13. */  
}
```


Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
```

```
public void printLostItems() {
```

}

}

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;
```

```
public void printLostItems() {  
  
}
```

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;
```

```
public void printLostItems() {
    deletedItems.print();
}
```

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public Item removeLast() {  
  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    @Override  
    public Item removeLast() {  
  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    @Override  
    public Item removeLast() {  
  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```

We could try to copy-paste the removeLast method from SLList.

Problem: SLList's removeLast method uses private variables like sentinel and size. VengefulSLList cannot access these variables.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    @Override  
    public Item removeLast() {  
        Item x = super.removeLast();  
  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```

Solution: Use the `super` keyword to call SLList's `removeLast` method.

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    @Override  
    public Item removeLast() {  
        Item x = super.removeLast();  
        deletedItems.addLast(x);  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```


VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    @Override  
    public Item removeLast() {  
        Item x = super.removeLast();  
        deletedItems.addLast(x);  
        return x;  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    @Override  
    public Item removeLast() {  
        Item x = super.removeLast();  
        deletedItems.addLast(x);  
        return x;  
    }  
  
    public void printLostItems() {  
        deletedItems.print();  
    }  
}
```

If we run this, we get an exception.

deletedItems is null. It was never initialized (we never created an actual list), so we can't add to deletedItems.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;
    public VengefulSLList() {

    }

    @Override
    public Item removeLast() {
        Item x = super.removeLast();
        deletedItems.addLast(x);
        return x;
    }

    public void printLostItems() {
        deletedItems.print();
    }
}
```

Solution: Add a constructor that initializes the deletedItems list.

Note: You could also initialize the list on the same line you declared the deletedItems variable.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;
    public VengefulSLList() {
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();
    }

    @Override
    public Item removeLast() {
        Item x = super.removeLast();
        deletedItems.addLast(x);
        return x;
    }

    public void printLostItems() {
        deletedItems.print();
    }
}
```


Another Example: VengefulSLList

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;
    public VengefulSLList() {
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();
    }

    @Override
    public Item removeLast() {
        Item oldBack = super.removeLast();
        deletedItems.addLast(oldBack);
        return oldBack;
    }

    public void printLostItems() {
        deletedItems.print();
    }
}
```

calls
Superclass's
version of
removeLast()



Note: Java syntax disallows super.super. For a nice description of why, see [this link](#).

A Boring Constructor Gotcha

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Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        VengefulSLList<Integer> vs1 = new VengefulSLList<>();  
        vs1.addLast(1);  
        vs1.addLast(5);  
        vs1.addLast(10);  
        vs1.addLast(13);    /* [1, 5, 10, 13] */  
        vs1.removeLast();   /* 13 gets deleted. */  
        vs1.removeLast();   /* 10 gets deleted. */  
        System.out.print("The fallen are: ");  
        vs1.printLostItems(); /* Should print 10 and 13. */  
    }  
}
```

Set a
breakpoint
here.

Then step *in*
(not *over*).

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
}
```

We step into the
VengefulSLList
constructor.

Then step *in* again
(not *over*).

SLList.java

```
public class SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp> {
    private Node sentinel;
    private int size;

    /** Creates an empty list. */
    public SLList() {
        size = 0;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
    }

    public SLList(Blorp x) {
        size = 1;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
        sentinel.next = new Node(x, null);
    }
}
```

We step into the constructor of SLList (the super class).

SLList.java

```
public class SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp> {
    private Node sentinel;
    private int size;

    /** Creates an empty list. */
    public SLList() {
        size = 0;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
    }

    public SLList(Blorp x) {
        size = 1;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
        sentinel.next = new Node(x, null);
    }
}
```

This helps us
correctly set up
size...

SLList.java

```
public class SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp> {
    private Node sentinel;
    private int size;

    /** Creates an empty list. */
    public SLList() {
        size = 0;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
    }

    public SLList(Blorp x) {
        size = 1;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
        sentinel.next = new Node(x, null);
    }
}
```

...and correctly set
up sentinel.

SLList.java

```
public class SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp> {
    private Node sentinel;
    private int size;

    /** Creates an empty list. */
    public SLList() {
        size = 0;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
    }

    public SLList(Blorp x) {
        size = 1;
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);
        sentinel.next = new Node(x, null);
    }
}
```

Then we'll return
back to the
VengefulSLList
constructor we
came from.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
}
```

Back out to the
VengefulSLList
constructor.

Here, we'll finish
setting up the
deletedItems list,
which is specific to
the child class.

Constructor Behavior Is Slightly Weird

Constructors are not inherited. However, the rules of Java say that **all constructors must start with a call to one of the super class's constructors** [\[Link\]](#).

- Idea: If every VengefulSLList is-an SLList, every VengefulSLList must be set up like an SLList.
 - If you didn't call SLList constructor, sentinel would be null. Very bad.
- You can explicitly call the constructor with the keyword `super` (no dot).
- If you don't explicitly call the constructor, Java will automatically do it for you.

```
public VengefulSLList() {  
    deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
}
```

```
public VengefulSLList() {  
    super(); ← must come first!  
    deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
}
```

These constructors are exactly equivalent.

Calling Other Constructors

If you want to use a super constructor other than the no-argument constructor, can give parameters to super.

```
public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
    super(x); ← calls SLList(Item x)  
    deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
}
```

Not equivalent! Code to the right makes implicit call to super(), not super(x).

```
public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
    deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
}
```

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;

    public VengefulSLList() {
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();
    }

    public VengefulSLList(Item x) {

    }

}
```

Let's write a second constructor for VengefulSLList that takes in an item.

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
  
    public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
        super(x);  
    }  
}
```

Let's write a second constructor for VengefulSLList that takes in an item.

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
  
    public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
        super(x);  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
}
```

Let's write a second constructor for VengefulSLList that takes in an item.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        VengefulSLList<Integer> vs1 = new VengefulSLList<>(0);  
        vs1.addLast(1);  
        vs1.addLast(5);  
        vs1.addLast(10);  
        vs1.addLast(13);    /* [1, 5, 10, 13] */  
        vs1.removeLast();   /* 13 gets deleted. */  
        vs1.removeLast();   /* 10 gets deleted. */  
        System.out.print("The fallen are: ");  
        vs1.printLostItems(); /* Should print 10 and 13. */  
    }  
}
```

Set a
breakpoint
here.

Then step *in*
(not over).

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
  
    public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
        super(x);  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
}
```

We step into the VengefulSLList constructor with one argument.

Then step *in* again (not *over*).

SLList.java

```
public class SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp> {  
    private Node sentinel;  
    private int size;  
  
    /** Creates an empty list. */  
    public SLList() {  
        size = 0;  
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);  
    }  
  
    public SLList(Blorp x) {  
        size = 1;  
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);  
        sentinel.next = new Node(x, null);  
    }  
}
```

We step into the
SLList constructor
with one argument.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
  
    public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
        // super(x);  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
}
```

What if we didn't
call the constructor?

Java still calls the
no-argument
constructor
implicitly.

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        VengefulSLList<Integer> vs1 = new VengefulSLList<>(0);  
        vs1.addLast(1);  
        vs1.addLast(5);  
        vs1.addLast(10);  
        vs1.addLast(13);    /* [1, 5, 10, 13] */  
        vs1.removeLast();   /* 13 gets deleted. */  
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        System.out.print("The fallen are: ");  
        vs1.printLostItems(); /* Should print 10 and 13. */  
    }  
}
```

Set a
breakpoint
here.

Then step *in*
(not over).

Coding Demo: Vengeful SLList

VengefulSLList.java

```
public class VengefulSLList<Item> extends SLList<Item> {  
    private SLList<Item> deletedItems;  
  
    public VengefulSLList() {  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
  
    public VengefulSLList(Item x) {  
        // super(x);  
        deletedItems = new SLList<Item>();  
    }  
}
```

We step into the
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constructor with one
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Then step *in* again
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```
public class SLList<Blorp> implements List61B<Blorp> {  
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    private int size;  
  
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    public SLList() {  
        size = 0;  
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);  
    }  
  
    public SLList(Blorp x) {  
        size = 1;  
        sentinel = new Node(null, null);  
        sentinel.next = new Node(x, null);  
    }  
}
```

Because we didn't explicitly call super, we step into the default no-argument SLList constructor.

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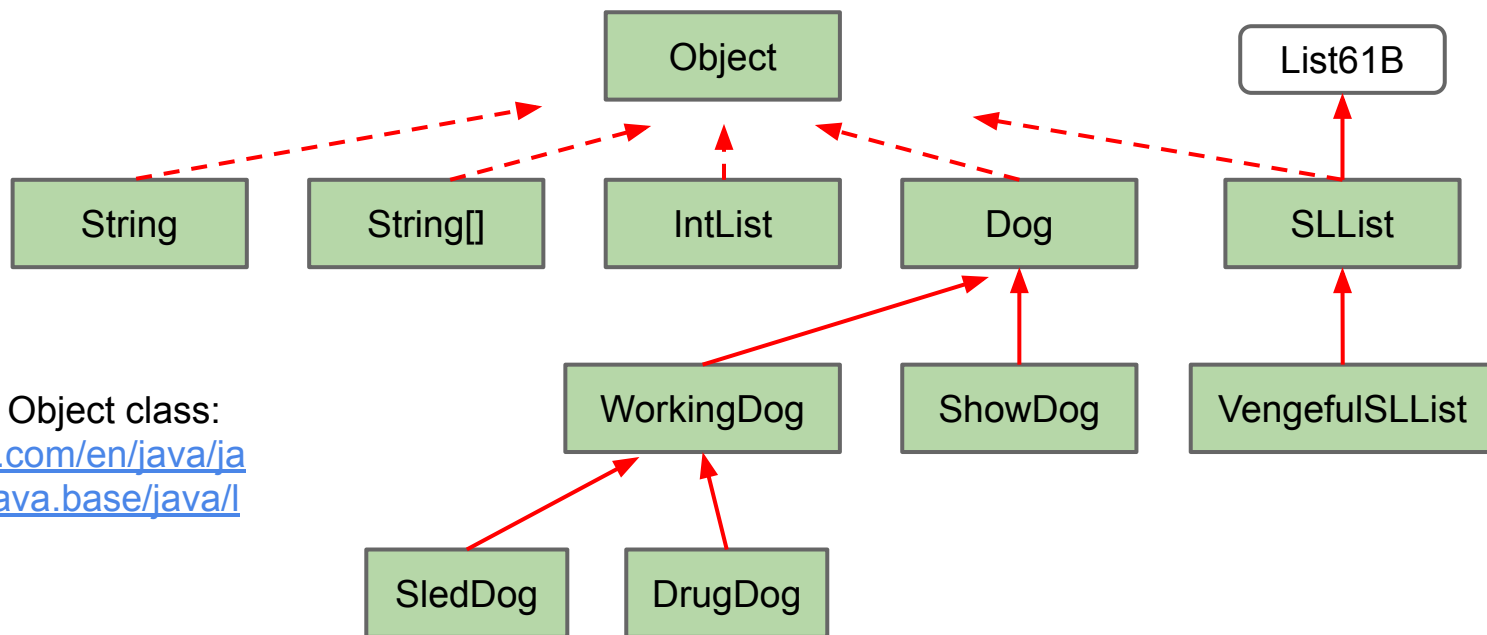
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The Object Class

As it happens, every type in Java is a descendant of the Object class.

- VengefulSLList extends SLList.
- SLList extends Object (implicitly).



Documentation for Object class:
<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/17/docs/api/java.base/java/lang/Object.html>

Interfaces don't extend Object:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/html/cls-9.html#cls-9.2>

All classes are hyponyms of Object.

- `String toString()`
- `boolean equals(Object obj)`
- `int hashCode()`
- `Class<?> getClass()`
- `protected Object clone()`
- `protected void finalize()`
- `void notify()`
- `void notifyAll()`
- `void wait()`
- `void wait(long timeout)`
- `void wait(long timeout, int nanos)`

Coming in another lecture soon.

Coming later.

Won't discuss or use in 61B.

Thus every Java class has these methods. Amusingly `clone` is [fundamentally broken](#).

Static and Dynamic Type

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Question

Recall that if X is a superclass of Y, then an X variable can hold a reference to a Y.

Which print method do you think will run when the code below executes?

- SLList.removeLast()
- VengefulSLList.removeLast()

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    SLList<Integer> vs1 = new VengefulSLList<Integer>(9);  
    vs1.removeLast();  
}
```

Recall that if X is a superclass of Y, then an X variable can hold a reference to a Y.

Which print method do you think will run when the code below executes?

- SLList.removeLast()
- **VengefulSLList.removeLast().**

And this is the sensible choice. But how does it work?

- Before we can answer that, we need new terms: static and dynamic type.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    SLList<Integer> vs1 = new VengefulSLList<Integer>(9);  
    vs1.removeLast();  
}
```

Static Type vs. Dynamic Type

Every variable in Java has a “compile-time type”, a.k.a. “static type”.

- This is the type specified at **declaration**. Never changes!

Variables also have a “run-time type”, a.k.a. “dynamic type”.

- This is the type specified at **instantiation** (e.g. when using new).
- Equal to the type of the object being pointed at.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    → LivingThing lt1;  
    lt1 = new Fox();  
    Animal a1 = lt1;  
    Fox h1 = new Fox();  
    lt1 = new Squid();  
}
```

Technically requires a
“cast”. See next lecture.

	Static Type	Dynamic Type
lt1	LivingThing	null

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	Static Type	Dynamic Type
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a1	Animal	Fox

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    LivingThing lt1;  
    lt1 = new Fox();  
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    lt1 = new Squid();  
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```



	Static Type	Dynamic Type
lt1	LivingThing	Fox
a1	Animal	Fox
h1	Fox	Fox

Static Type vs. Dynamic Type

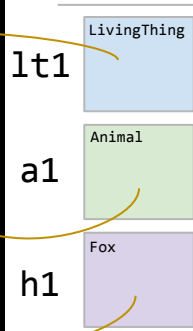
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- Equal to the type of the object being pointed at.

```
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    LivingThing lt1;  
    lt1 = new Fox();  
    Animal a1 = lt1;  
    Fox h1 = new Fox();  
    → lt1 = new Squid();  
}
```



	Static Type	Dynamic Type
lt1	LivingThing	Squid
a1	Animal	Fox
h1	Fox	Fox

Dynamic Method Selection For Overridden Methods

Suppose we call a method of an object using a variable with:

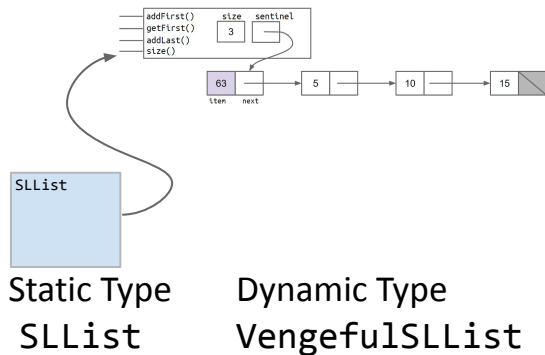
- compile-time type X
- run-time type Y

Then if Y **overrides** the method, Y's method is used instead.

- This is known as “dynamic method selection”.

This term is a bit obscure.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    LivingThing lt1;  
    lt1 = new Fox();  
    Animal a1 = lt1;  
    Fox h1 = new Fox();  
    lt1 = new Squid();  
}
```



In older versions of this class, the section on Dynamic Method Selection included a tricky corner case where a subclass overloads (rather than overrides) a superclass method.

- Even older versions went even deeper, showing what happens when subclasses have variables with the same name as their superclass.

Students spent a great deal of time on something that isn't ultimately very important. This is not a class about Java minutiae, so I cut this material.

- Example, the infamous Bird/Falcon/gulgate problem from Spring 2017: https://hkn.eecs.berkeley.edu/examfiles/cs61b_sp17_mt1.pdf
- If you are doing problems where the behavior of the DMS is highly counterintuitive, it is probably out of scope.
- See [these extra slides](#) or [bonus video A](#), then [bonus video B](#) if you're curious.

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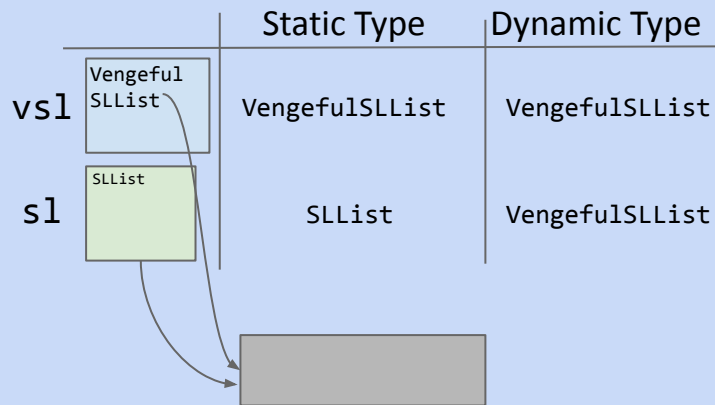
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Using Inheritance Safely

Dynamic Method Selection and Type Checking Puzzle

For each line of code, determine:

- Does that line cause a compilation error?
- Which method does dynamic method selection use?



```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    VengefulSLList<Integer> vs1 =  
        new VengefulSLList<Integer>(9);  
    SLList<Integer> s1 = vs1;  
  
    s1.addLast(50);  
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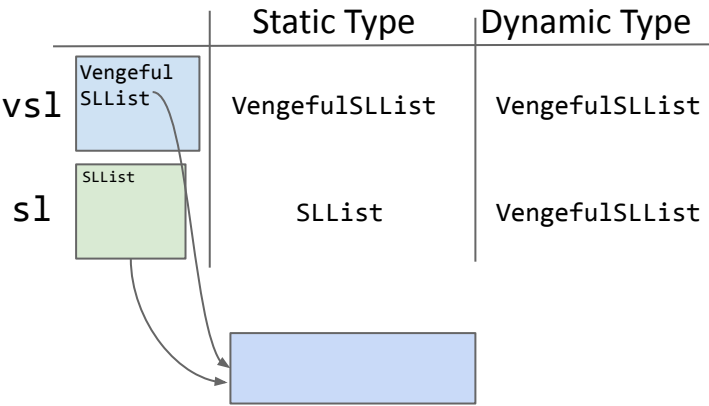
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Reminder: Dynamic Method Selection

Also called dynamic type.

If overridden, decide which method to call based on **run-time** type of variable.

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VengefulSLList doesn't override, uses SLList's.

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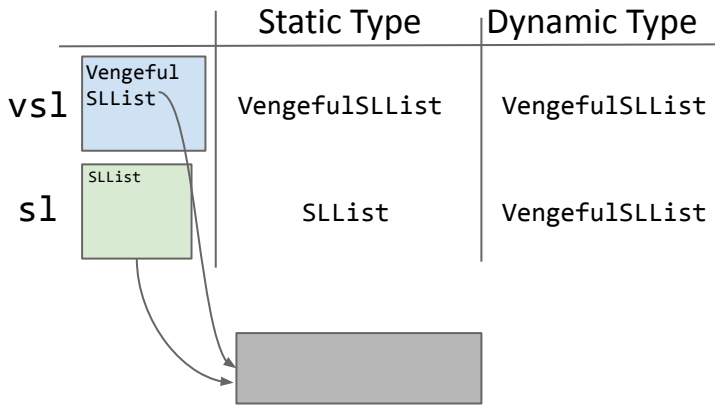
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- But cannot call printLostItems.



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}
```

Compilation error!

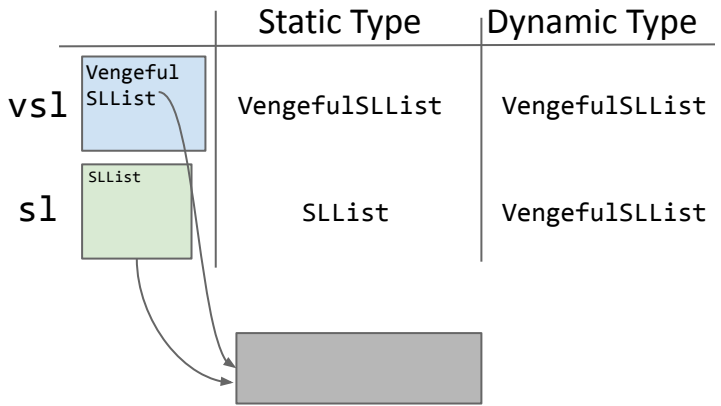
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    s1.printLostItems();
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}
```

Compilation errors!

Compiler also allows assignments based on compile-time types.

- Even though s1's runtime-type is VengefulSLList, cannot assign to vs12.
- Compiler plays it as safe as possible with type checking.

Expressions have compile-time types:

- An expression using the new keyword has the specified compile-time type.

```
SLList<Integer> s1 = new VengefulSLList<Integer>();
```

- Compile-time type of right hand side (RHS) expression is VengefulSLList.
- A VengefulSLList is-an SLList, so assignment is allowed.

```
VengefulSLList<Integer> vs1 = new SLList<Integer>();
```

- Compile-time type of RHS expression is SLList.
- An SLList is not necessarily a VengefulSLList, so compilation error results.

← Compilation error!

Compile-Time Types and Expressions

Expressions have compile-time types:

- Method calls have compile-time type equal to their declared type.

```
public static Dog maxDog(Dog d1, Dog d2) { ... }
```

- Any call to maxDog will have compile-time type Dog!

Example:

```
Poodle frank = new Poodle("Frank", 5);  
Poodle frankJr = new Poodle("Frank Jr.", 15);  
  
Dog largerDog = maxDog(frank, frankJr);  
Poodle largerPoodle = maxDog(frank, frankJr);
```

Compilation error!

RHS has
compile-time type
Dog.

Java has a special syntax for specifying the compile-time type of any expression.

- Put desired type in parenthesis before the expression.
- Examples:

- Compile-time type Dog:

```
maxDog(frank, frankJr);
```

- Compile-time type Poodle:

```
(Poodle) maxDog(frank, frankJr);
```

Tells compiler to pretend it sees a particular type.

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```

```
Dog largerDog = maxDog(frank, frankJr);  
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```

Compilation OK!
RHS has compile-time
type Poodle.

Casting is a powerful but dangerous tool.

- Tells Java to treat an expression as having a different compile-time type.
- In example below, effectively tells the compiler to ignore its type checking duties.
- Does not actually change anything: sunglasses don't make the world dark.

```
Poodle frank = new Poodle("Frank", 5);  
Malamute frankSr = new Malamute("Frank Sr.", 100);  
  
Poodle largerPoodle = (Poodle) maxDog(frank, frankSr);
```

If we run the code above, we get a `ClassCastException` at runtime.

- So much for .class files being verifiably type checked...

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Interface Inheritance (a.k.a. what):

- Allows you to generalize code in a powerful, simple way.

Implementation Inheritance (a.k.a. how):

- Allows code-reuse: Subclasses can rely on superclasses or interfaces.
 - Example: `addFirst()` implemented in `SLList.java`, but used in `RotatingSLList.java`.
 - Gives another dimension of control to subclass designers: Can decide whether or not to override default implementations.

Important: In both cases, we specify “is-a” relationships, not “has-a”.

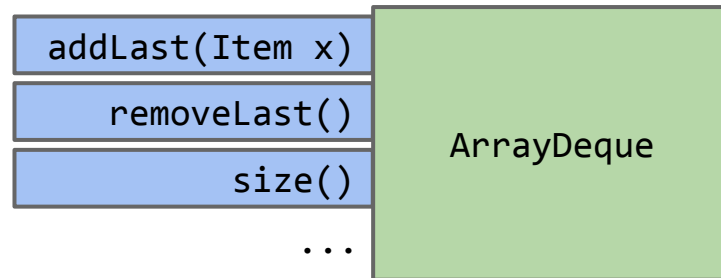
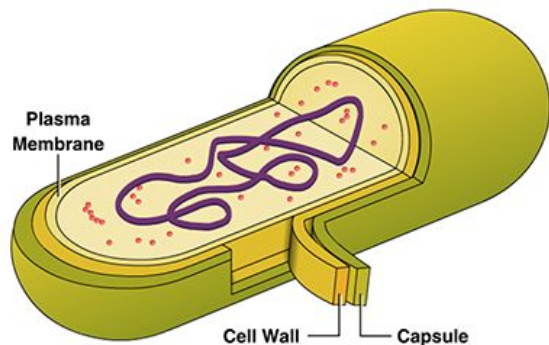
- Good: Dog implements Animal, SLList implements List61B.
- Bad: Cat implements Claw, Set implements SLList.

Particular Dangers of Implementation Inheritance

- Makes it harder to keep track of where something was actually implemented (though a good IDE makes this better).
- Rules for resolving conflicts can be arcane. Won't cover in 61B.
 - Example: What if a method is both overloaded and overridden?
- Encourages overly complex code (especially with novices).
 - Common mistake: Has-a vs. Is-a!
- Breaks encapsulation!

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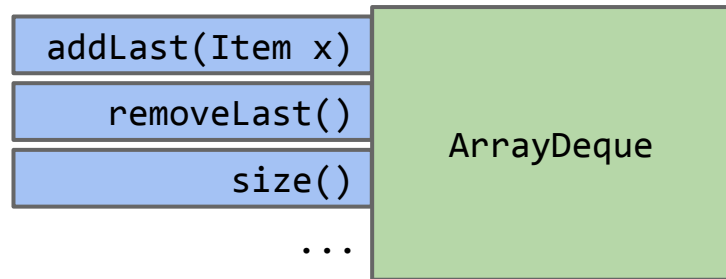
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Abstraction Barriers

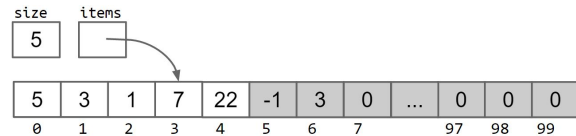
As the user of an ArrayDeque, you cannot observe its internals.

- Even when writing tests, you don't (usually) want to peer inside.



Java is a great language for enforcing abstraction barriers with syntax.

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[Implementation](#)

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- Instance variables private. Methods like `resize` private.
- Implementation inheritance (e.g. `extends`) breaks encapsulation!
 - (Optional) To see why, check out [this video](#) and [this video](#).
 - Intuition: A subclass can "see" the implementation of its superclass.

