

## Class 9 Notes

### Review:

### The concepts from the last class:

- An **abstract class** is a class that cannot be instantiated  
`public abstract class Dumb.`
- An abstract class may contain abstract methods. An abstract has no implementation.  
`public abstract void aMethod();` --- no code in the method
- A class that inherits from an abstract class is required to override and implement all the abstract class's methods, otherwise the inherited class is also abstract.
- Upcasting :Objects of a derived/child class are also objects of the base/parent class.  
For example,
  - **Production f = new Film(.....) // A Film is-a production**
  - **Cat c = new Leopard(....) // A Leopard is-a Leopard**
- Downcasting means casting an object to a derived, child or more specialized type.
  - Example:
    - (1) Production p = new Film();
    - (2) p.getWriter();
    - (3)((Film)p).getBoxOfficeGross();
- Declared type vs real type
  - Animal rex = new Dog()
  - Declared type of rex is Animal
  - Real type of rex is Dog
  - The compiler looks at the declared type

Here is an example of an abstract class:

<pre> public abstract class Animal {     protected String name;     public Animal(String name)     {         this.name = name;     }     public void myName()     {         System.out.println("My name is "+ name);     }     public abstract void speak(); } </pre>		
<pre> public class Dog <b>extends</b> <b>Animal</b> {     public Dog( String name)     {         super(name);     }      public void speak(     {         System.out.println("Woof");     }      public void eat()     {         System.out.println("Chomp");     } } </pre>	<pre> public class Cat <b>extends</b> <b>Animal</b> {     public Cat( String name)     {         super(name);     }      public void speak()     {         System.out.println("Meow");     }      public void eat()     {         System.out.println("Slurp ");     } } </pre>	<pre> public class Bird <b>extends</b> <b>Animal</b> {     public Bird( String name)     {         super(name);     }      public void speak()     {         System.out.println("Chirp ");     }      public void eat()     {         System.out.println("Peep ");     } } </pre>
<pre> public class Puppy extends Dog {     public Puppy( String name)     {         super(name);     }     public void speak()     {         System.out.println("Squeak ");     } } </pre>		

```

public class TestAnimal1
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Where do we need to downcast?

        Animal fido = new Dog("Fido");           // upcast Dog is-a Animal
        Dog prince = new Dog("Prince");
        Animal scamp = new Puppy("Scamp");        // upcast Puppy is-a Animal
        Dog bingo = new Puppy("Bingo");           // upcast Puppy is-a Dog
        Puppy sparky = new Puppy("Sparky");

        // where are the errors????

        fido.speak();
        fido.eat();

        prince.speak();
        prince.eat();

        scamp.eat();
        scamp.speak();

        bingo.eat();
        bingo.speak();

        sparky.speak();
        sparky.eat();
    }
}

```

```
public class TestAnimal2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Will this compile?

        Animal fido = new Dog("Fido");    // upcast Dog is-a Animal
        Dog prince = new Dog("Prince");
        Animal scamp = new Puppy("Scamp"); // Puppy is-a Animal
        Dog bingo = new Puppy("Bingo");
        Puppy sparky = new Puppy("Sparky");

        fido.speak();
        ((Dog)fido).eat();

        prince.speak();
        prince.eat();

        ((Puppy)scamp).eat();
        scamp.speak();

        bingo.eat();
        bingo.speak();

        sparky.speak();
        sparky.eat();
    }
}
```

```
public class TestAnimal3
// is this OK?
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] animals = new Animal[4];
        animals[0] = new Dog("Fido"); // upcast Dog is-a Animal
        animals[1] = new Puppy("Bingo"); // Puppy is-a Animal
        animals[2] = new Bird("Tweety");
        animals[3] = new Bird("Felix");
        Puppy sparky = new Puppy("Sparky");

        for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++)
        {
            animals[i].myName();
            animals[i].speak();
            animals[i].eat();
        }

    }
}
```

## The **instanceof** operator

Syntax

boolean object instanceof class

**instanceof** is a boolean operator like <, ==, or >

Example: Using the Production hierarchy

Play p = new Musical

p **instanceof** Musical *returns true* // notice the format **object instanceof class**

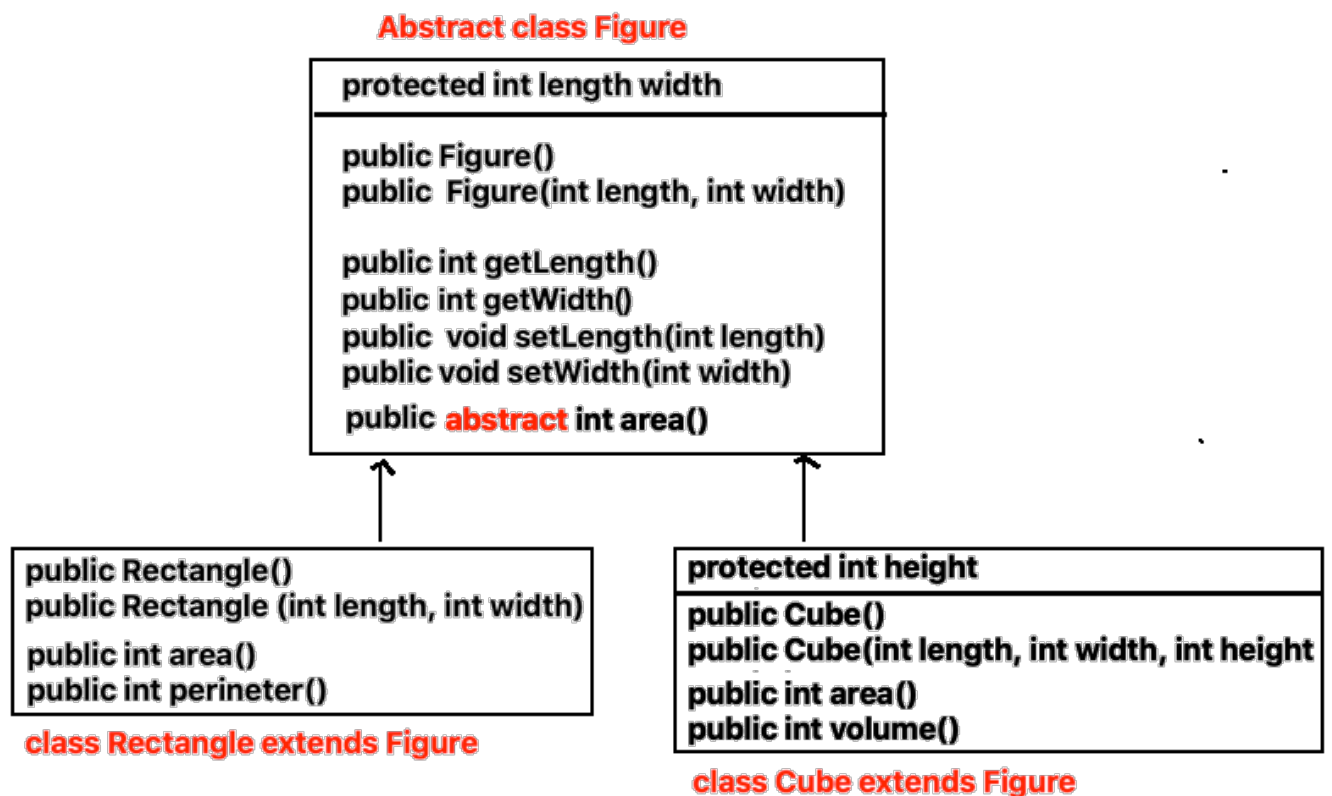
p **instanceof** Play --> true

p **instanceof** Production --true

p **instanceof** Film --> false

Example

Here is a simple hierarchy:



This class uses the instanceof operator:

```
public class Figures
{
    public static void calculate(Figure x) // we can pass in any object in the hierarchy
    {
        if (x instanceof Rectangle)
            System.out.println("Perimeter is " + ((Rectangle)x).perimeter() );
        else if (x instanceof Cube)
            System.out.println("Volume is " + ((Cube)x).volume());
        else
            System.out.println("No calculation performed");
    }

    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Figure[] figures = new Figure[3];
        figures[0] = new Rectangle(1,1);
        figures[1] = new Cube(2,3,4);
        figures[2] = new Rectangle(2,4);

        // Notice the declared type of each object is Figure
        for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
            calculate(figures[i]);
    }
}
```

Notice the downcast in the calculate method

Output:

Perimeter is 4

Volume is 24

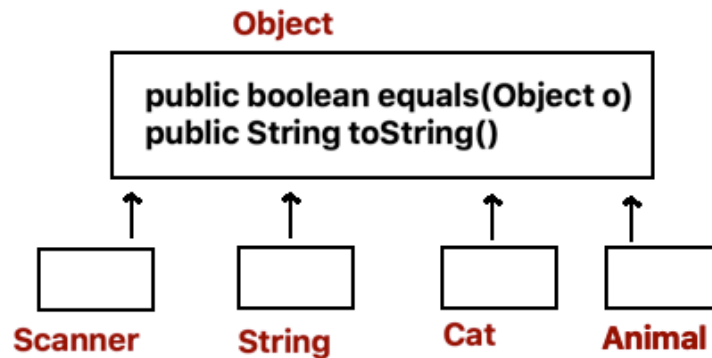
Perimeter is 12

## The **Object** class -- with uppercase "O"

**Object** is a class provided by Java.

**EVERY** class is a subclass/child of Object and every class inherits the methods of Object. These are:

1. boolean equals (Object o)
2. String toString()



Since Object is the parent of all classes, every class can be upcast to Object

```
Object s = new String("Hello"); // Every String is-a Object
```

However, `s.charAt(2)` is illegal.

Why?

Because the declared type of `s` is `Object` and the compiler looks at `Object` for `charAt(..)`.

So you would need a downcast: `((String)s).charAt(2)`

Here is another example:

```
Object[] x= new Object[3];  
X[0] = new Dog("Fido", 3,"woof");  
X[1] =new String("hello");  
X[2] = new Rectangle(2,5);
```

But this is not particularly useful because the declare type of each of these is simply `Object`.



So what good is the Object class? How do we use the Object class?

EVERY class inherits

boolean equals (Object o)

from Object

But this **equals(Object o) compares references**

Usually a class overrides the equals it inherits from Object.

String does this.

It is common to override equals(Object o) in the classes that we make.

**Example:**

```
public class Rectangle
{
    Private int length, width;
    // constructors
    // other methods

    public boolean equals (Object o)
    {
        return this.length == ((Rectangle)o).length && // notice the downcast
            this.width == ((Rectangle)o).width;
    }
}
```

So two Rectangle objects are equal if they have the same length and width

```
Rectangle x = new Rectangle (3,5);
```

```
Rectangle y = new Rectangle (3,5);
```

```
Rectangle z = new Rectangle (4,6);
```

x.equals(y) returns true but x.equals(z) returns false

**Example**

```

public class Leopard extends Cat
{
    protected in numspots;
    // other code
    public boolean equals(Object o)
    {
        Return yhis.numSpots == ((Leopard)o).numSpots);
    }
}

```

## String toString()

Every class inherits  
 Public String toString()  
 From Object

Every class we have written has a toString() methods

```

Film f = new Film(.....);
String s = f.toString()
System.out.println(s)

```

```

Dog rex = new Dog(....)
System.out.println(rex.toString())

```

toString() has been hiding in all our classes but as it stands it is not very useful

For example:

<pre> public class Square {     public int side;     public Square()     {         side = 1;     }     public Square(int s)     {         side = s;     } } </pre>	<pre> public int area() {     return side * side; }  public static void main(String [] args) {     Square s = new Square(5);     System.out.println("toString() returns : "+ s.toString()); } } </pre>
--	--

The output is toString() returns : Square@56f2c96c

The toString() method give the name of the class and a memory location

This is not particularly informative .

So to be of any use, we **override** toString()

Example:

```
public class Square
{
    public int side;
    public Square()
    {
        side = 1;
    }
    public Square(int s)
    {
        side = s;
    }

    public int area()
    {
        return side * side;
    }

    public String toString()
    {
        return "The side of the square is "+side+
            " and the area is "+ area();
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Square s = new Square(5);
        System.out.println( s.toString());
    }
}
```

Now the output is

**The side of the square is 5 and the area is 25**

#### **Shortcut and convenience:**

If x is an object then

System.out.println(x)

Is the same as

System.out.println(x.toString())

When you pass an object to println or print toString() is automatically called

Example: What is the output?

```
public class Pupil
{
    private String name;
    private double gpa;
    private String idNumber;

    public Pupil()
    {
        name = "";
        gpa = 0.0;
        idNumber = "";
    }

    public Pupil(String name, double gpa, String id)
    {
        this.name = name;
        this.gpa = gpa;
        idNumber = id;
    }
    //getters and setters go here

    public boolean equals(Pupil o)
    {
        return (this.idNumber).equals(o.idNumber); // uses String equals
    }

    public String toString()
    {
        return name + " " + idNumber + " " + gpa;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Pupil bart = new Pupil("Bart Simpson", 1.3, "12345");
        Pupil anotherBart = new Pupil("Bart ", 1.9, "12345");
        Pupil lisa = new Pupil("Lisa Simpson", 3.8, "54321");

        System.out.println(bart); //calls bart.toString()
        System.out.println(lisa); // notice I did not need toString()
        System.out.println(bart.equals(lisa));
        System.out.println(bart.equals(anotherBart));
    }
}
```

### One last note about equals()

**Why bother overriding the equals of Object when a class can just have its own equals**

The following class has its own equals method. So that equals is **overloaded** -- There are two versions

1. The equals inherited from Object: `boolean equals(Object o)`
2. The equals defined in Person : `boolean equals(Person p)`

```
public class Person
{
    private String last;
    private String first;

    public Person()
    {
        first = "";
        last = "";
    }

    public Person(String first, String last)
    {
        this.first = first;
        this.last = last;
    }

    public boolean equals(Person p) // note the parameter is Person
    {
        return first.equals(p.first) && last.equals(p.last);
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Person p = new Person("Sheldon", "Cooper");
        Object q = new Person("Sheldon", "Cooper");
        System.out.println(p.equals(q));
    }
}
```

**The output is false.**

Person has two versions of equals(..): the one written in the program

`equals(Person p)`  
and the one inherited.

`Equals (Object o)`

The parameter q has declared type Object so the inherited one is chosen. Probably not what you want

Here the equals from Object is overridden. There is just ONE version of equals.  
**This is how it should be done.**

```
public class Person1
{
    private String last;
    private String first;

    public Person1()
    {
        first = "";
        last = "";
    }

    public Person1(String first, String last)
    {
        this.first = first;
        this.last = last;
    }

    public boolean equals(Object p) // note the parameter is Object
    {
        return first.equals(((Person1)p).first) && last.equals(((Person1)p).last);
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Person1 p = new Person1("Sheldon", "Cooper");
        Object q = new Person1("Sheldon", "Cooper");
        System.out.println(p.equals(q));
    }
}
```

Output is true