# Programming 2

#### **Lecture 1: Java Revision**

#### 1. Basics

Compilation, types, operators, control structures, Classes and Methods, references, static methods, flow of control

2. Arrays: primitives, objects and multidimensional

**3.** Inheritance: basic syntax, programming

features, using inheritance

See package Programming2Revision for examples

See Programming 1 lecture notes and Lewis and Loftus

# **Programming Languages**

http://lang-index.sourceforge.net/

http://spectrum.ieee.org/computing/software/the-2015-top-ten-programming languages

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Rank	Name	Share	Last month's share	Last year's share
1	С	17.668%	15.868%	16.825%
2	Java	14.720%	15.450%	20.381%
3	Objective-C	8.230%	8.516%	9.221%
4	C++	6.770%	7.544%	7.912%
5	Basic	5.457%	5.955%	7.592%
6	PHP	4.401%	4.144%	4.247%
7	Python	3.658%	3.363%	3.616%
8	C#	3.269%	3.444%	4.598%
9	Perl	2.566%	2.455%	2.459%
10	Ruby	1.918%	1.392%	1.576%

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# **Programming Language Categories**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_programming\_languages\_by\_type

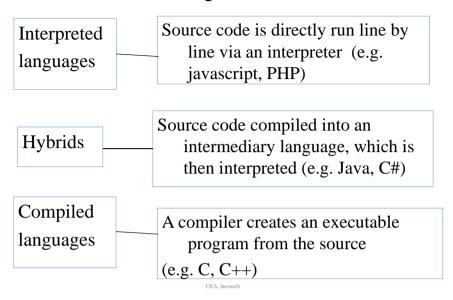
- **1. Low level:** talk directly to the processor (assembly or machine languages: e.g. GAS the GNU assembler)
- 2. High level:
  - 1. Procedural (C, Fortran, Pascal, VB)
  - 2. Object Oriented (Java, C++)
  - 3. Scripting (PHP, javascript)
  - 4. Declarative/Functional (Prolog, Lisp, F#, Haskell)
  - + many more (e.g. Off-side rule languages like Python)

# **Programming Language Differences**

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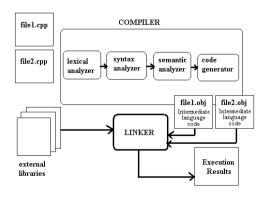
- 1. Compilation process
- 2. Basic syntax
- 3. Basic structure (e.g. typing rules)
- 4. Execution process
- 5. Data structures
- 6. Software engineering features

# Compilation



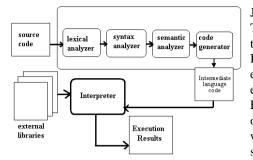
# C/C++ Process

C++ compiles source code into object files then links into machine dependent executable (via assembly language)



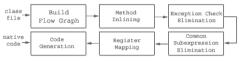
#### http://www.codeproject.com/KB/dotnet/clr.aspx

# Java Process: Hybrid Compiler/Interpreter



Java compiles source into bytecode. The unit of compilation is a class and the bytecode is stored in a .class file. Bytecode is portable. When a class is executed, bytecode is compiled and executed by the Java Runtime Environment (JRE). The main method of an application can be changed without recompiling the bytecode, since everything is compiled on the fly.

The JRE uses Just In Time compilation



The JRE is everywhere. There are not many compilers for making bytecode from other languages

Lewis and Loftus Chapter 1

http://www.codeproject.com/KB/dotnet/clr.aspx

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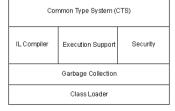
# C# Process: Two stage compiler

C# compiles source code into IL (intermediate language) equivalent to bytecode, but the unit of compilation is an assembly (DLL file)

This means that if you change the main class in C#, you have to recompile the whole project. The .net environment converts the assembly into executables

The CLR is an environment in which .NET applications that have been compiled to IL can be run.

It does **not** interpret. It forms an executable. Not sure where the JIT compiler comes into it then!



Common Language Runtime (CLR)

.net generally on windows only. Languages: VC, VB.net, ASP.net, C# + third party

http://homepages.com.pk/kashman/dotnet.htm#\_dotnet\_operating\_system

# Java Basic Syntax Review

See Programming Semester 1 Lecture 2-4

Lewis and Loftus Chapters 2, 5 and 6

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#### Notes on primitive types

- 1. In Java, primitive variables are only accessible by the variable name, not by a pointer/reference. **C++ has primitive variable pointers**.
- 2. Java is strongly typed, which means variables must first be declared before they can be used (**unlike Matlab**).
- 3. Java performs type checks. This means that if you make assignments such as those below, the code will not compile

```
int a=10;
boolean b;
double x,y=1,z;

z=b;
Not allowed, need to cast

x=a;← Not allowed, need to cast

x=a;← Not allowed, need to cast

x=b;← Not allowed even with cast

C++ does not perform these checks.

4. Java initialises all primitives to zero. However, the compiler will not let you assume a variable has been initialised

y=z; ← Error, z may not have been initialised
```

**Primitive Types** 

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Туре	Default	Space (bits)	Range		
boolean	false	1	[true, false]		
byte	0	8	[-128, 127]		
char	\u0000	16	[\u000, \uFFFF]		
double	0.0	64	10 <sup>-324</sup> to 10 <sup>308</sup>		
float	0.0	32	10 <sup>-46</sup> to 10 <sup>38</sup>		
int	0	32	[-2147483648, 2147483647]		
long	0	64	-2 <sup>63</sup> to 2 <sup>63</sup> -1		
short	0	16	[-32768, 32767]		

int count;
boolean test;
double sum;

# Operators

These are all the same in C, C++ and C#



http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/java/nutsandbolts/op3.html

http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/nutsandbolts/operators.html

# **Operator Precedence**

Operators	Precedence
postfix	expr++ expr
unary	++exprexpr +expr -expr ~!
multiplicative	* / %
additive	+-
shift	<< >> >>>
relational	<><=>= instanceof
equality	== !=
bitwise AND	&
bitwise exclusive OR	۸
bitwise inclusive OR	
logical AND	&&
logical OR	II
ternary	?:
	= += -= *= /= %= &= ^=  = <<= >>=

# Notes on Operators

```
1 Because of the type checking, if you write something like
      if(a=10){ }
     instead of
      if(a==10){}
The compiler will detect the error. C/C++ does not do this check
2. Operator precedence: arithmetic ahead of logical.
      if(a==7+3){}
                           tests whether a equals 10
If in doubt, use brackets
      if(a==(7+3)){}
3. ++ -- Compound Operators can either be pre or post
                              Post increment. a has the value 11, b
    int a=10; b, c=10;
                              has the value 10
    b=a++; ←
                             Pre-increment. c has the value 11, b has
    b=++c; ←
                             the value 11
```

# **Bit Operators**

http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/nutsandbolts/op3.html

assignment

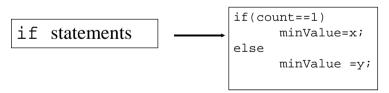


operations on integral types byte a=0,b=42,c=10, d=127;

Classic interview question: write an algorithm to determine whether a number is a power of  $2\ \text{or}$  not

See 1M0Y Semester 1 Lecture 3-4

# **Conditional Control Structures**



switch statements

? the conditional operator
 minVal=x<y? x:y;</pre>

#### Conditional Control Structure Examples

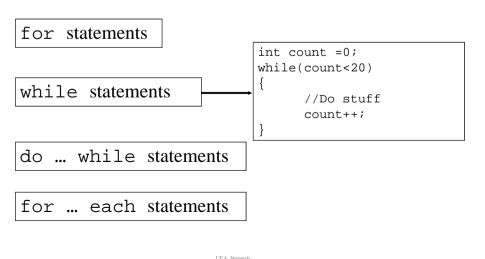
```
if(count==1)
    minValue=x;
else
    minValue =y;
```

switch statement

? the conditional operator

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# Repetition Control Structures



#### Notes on Conditional Control Structures

- •Logical expression for an **if** statement must evaluate to a boolean (different in C/C++, booleans are just integers)
- Prior to Java 7, switch statement expression must be an int or char (same as C/C++). Post Java 7, String switches are now allowed.
- •Switch will fall through if you don't include breaks

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#### Notes on Repetition Control Structures

- you can break out of a loop, but it is ugly.
- you can continue in a loop to end the current iteration, but it is confusing
- for ... each loops work with Iterable collections (we revisit later) but cannot be used to alter the contents of the array you are iterating across

Common interview question: write a method to find kth smallest element in unsorted array.

# Classes and Objects

References
Methods and static methods
Flow of control

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# References

•To create a student object we declare a student reference

```
Student bob, alice;
```

•Then call new to allocate new memory for a student object

```
alice = new Student("ALICE",88);
bob = new Student("BOB",55);
```

# Classes and Objects

•A non-primitive data type is defined using a class. A class is a **template** 

```
public class Student{
    String name;
    int score;
}
```

•An **object** is an **instance** of a **class** 

```
bob = new Student();
```

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# How references work

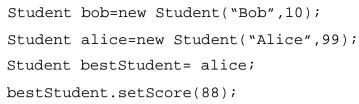
 $\bullet References$  are variables that can store the location in memory of an object.

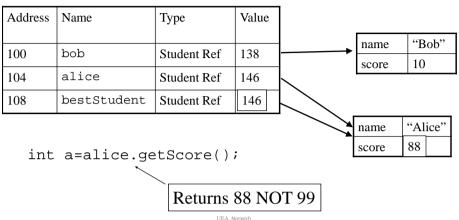
Student bob;

bob= new Student("Bob",10);

Address	Name	Туре	Value	
0x00000	bob	Student Reference	0x0000	04
0x00004		Student	name	"Bob"
			score	10

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# Static Variables and Methods

•Static variables and methods are associated with the **class** rather than the **object** 

```
public class Student{
//Static variable
    private static String university="UEA";

//Static method
    public static void setUni(String s)
    {
        university=s;
    }
}
```

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#### Methods and Classes

- •A class definition consists of:
  - the instance variables for an object of that class; and
  - the methods that can performed on an object.

```
public class Student{
    protected String name;
    protected int score;

    public int getScore(){ return score;}
    public void setName(String s)
    {
        name=s;
    }
}
```

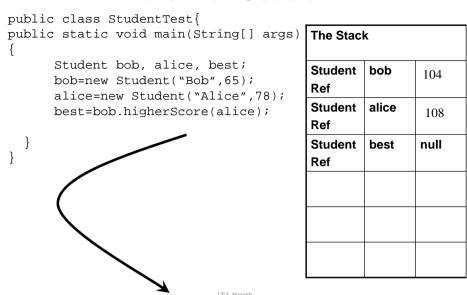
# Static vs Dynamic

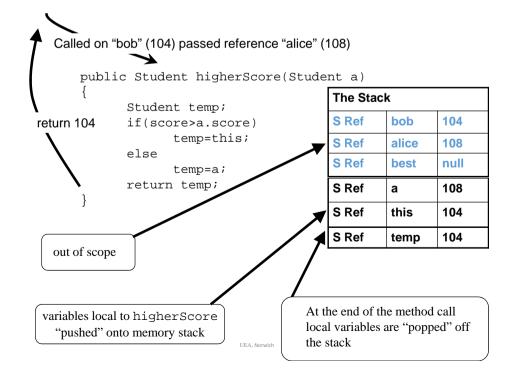
```
public class Student{
   public static int numStudents=0;
   private String name;
   private int score;
   public Student(){
          name="";
          score=0;
   public Student(String n, int s){
          score=s;
   public void setName(String s){name =s;}
   public static void setNumStudent(int a){numStudents=a;}
   public Student higherScore (Student a){
          if(score>a.score)
                return this:
          return a;
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```

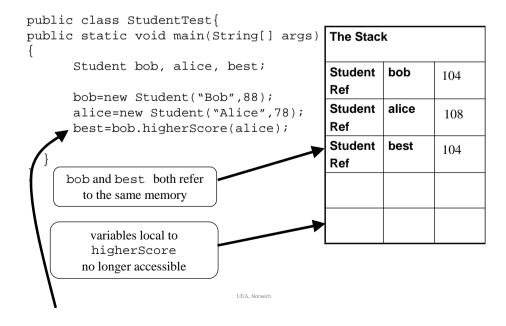
#### Test Class

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### Flow of Control







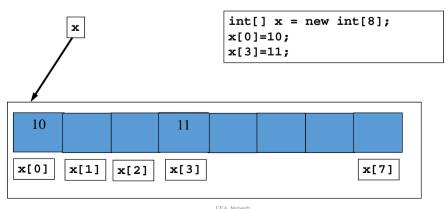
### Basics with Java vs C++

- •In Java primitives are only accessible directly through the variable name. You cannot pass a method a pointer to a primitive. C++ has references to primitives (pointers)
- •In Java objects are always accessed by reference. You cannot pass a whole object to a method.
- •In Java we have **static methods** and **dynamic methods**. In C++, these are called **functions** and **member functions**

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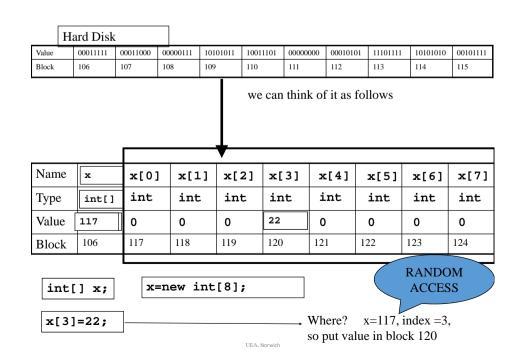
# 1. Arrays of Primitives

Arrays are collections of elements contiguous in memory that implement a list with random access



**ARRAYS** 

- 1. Arrays of Primitives:
- 2. Arrays of References:
- 3. Multi-Dimensional Arrays
- 4. ArrayList



Name	x	x[0]	x[1]	x[2]	x[3]	x[4]	x[5]	x[6]	x[7]
Type	int[]	int							
Value	107	5	34	63	92	111	140	169	208
Block	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114

We use a loop to access all the elements of an array

```
boolean[] pass =
  new boolean[size];
char[] name = new char[size];
for(int i=0;i<x.length;i++)
{
    pass[i]=false;
    name[i]='A';
    x[i]=i*30+(5-i);
}
i=0
    x[0]=0*30+5-i=5;
i=1
    x[1]=1*30+5-1=34;
i=7
    x[7]=7*30+5-7=208;</pre>
```

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#### pg=new House[3];

Name	pg	 pg[0]	pg[1]	pg[2]
Type	House Array	House	House	House
	Reference	Reference	Reference	Reference
Value	2456	NULL	NULL	NULL
Block	106	 2456	2460	2464

# 2. Arrays of Objects

Object[] objectArrayReference;

House[] pottergate;

Declares a reference to an array of Object references and a a reference to an array of House reference

Name	pottergate			
Туре	House Array Reference			
Value	null			
Block	106	107	108	109

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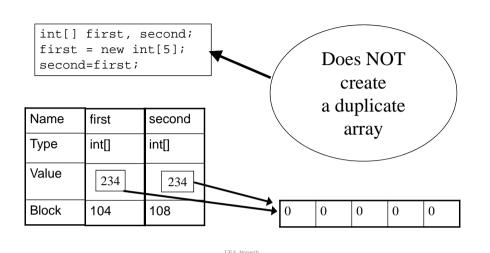
for(i=0;i<pg.length;i++)</pre>

pg[i]=new House(i,"House"+(i+1));

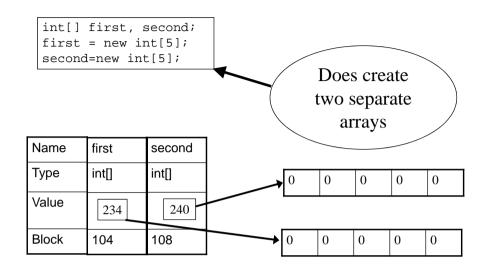
	1	_					[0]	
Name	pg		pg[0]		pg[1]		pg[2]	
Type	House Array		House		House		House	
	Reference		Referer	nce	Referer	nce	Referenc	е
Value	2456		6534		6538		7894	
Block	106	ر.	2456		2460		2464	
Name		$\overline{\top}$					$\overline{}$	
Туре	House	I	House			House	е	
Value	0		1			2		
	House1	]	House2			House	3	
Block	6534	(	6538			7894		

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#### 3. Copying Arrays and Array References



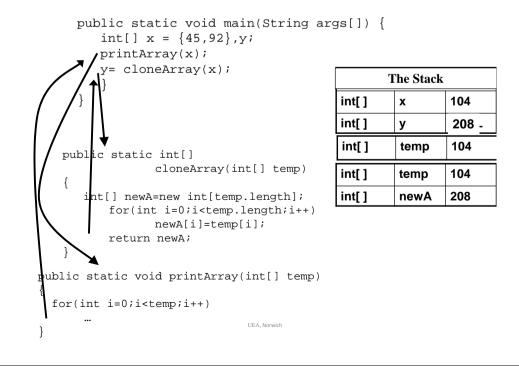
# **Copying Arrays and Array References**



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Array reference argument

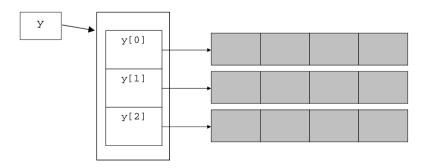


# Multi Dimensional Arrays

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#### Object[][] y = new Object[3][4];

y is a reference to an array of object arrays

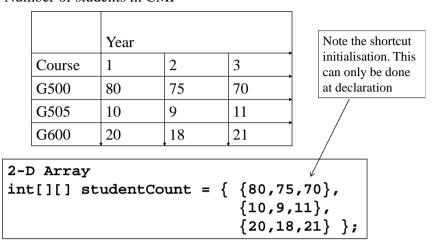


- •Rows do not have to be contiguous in memory
- •Note this is fundamentally different to the way C/C++ stores multidimensional arrays

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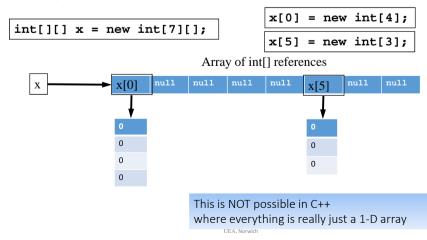
# 2-Dimensional Arrays

•The most natural way to model tabular data is by using an array Data: Number of students in CMP



# Multi-D Arrays

Java allows ragged arrays. A 2-D array is actually an array of array references



•Tabular data of objects can also be modelled with ArrayList and with ArrayList of ArrayList

```
Object[][] y = new Object[3][3];
```

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# Array Points to Note

- 1. All Java arrays are Objects. Object ol=new int[10];
- 2. All Java arrays contain an extra integer length. This is not true of C.
- 3. Arrays are an implementation of List that allows for constant time access but requires linear time modification (see data structures).
- 3. ArrayList is part of the Collections package and is a java wrapper for Arrays.
- 4. In C++, array names are simply pointers to the first element, and you can do strange pointer arithmetic operations. **This is not the case in Java!**
- 5. This alternative declaration is valid

```
int x[];
double y[];
```

But is not recommended (old style C declarations).

6. Shorthand initialisation is only valid at declaration

# **Higher Dimensional Arrays**

```
3-D Array
Pixel[][][] mriScan = new Pixel[654][654][654];
```

```
ArrayList<ArrayList<Number>>> mri=
new ArrayList<ArrayList<ArrayList<Number>>>();
```

Bit of a hideous nightmare!

```
11-D Array
Pixel[][][][][][][][][][][] superString;
```



# ArrayList Class

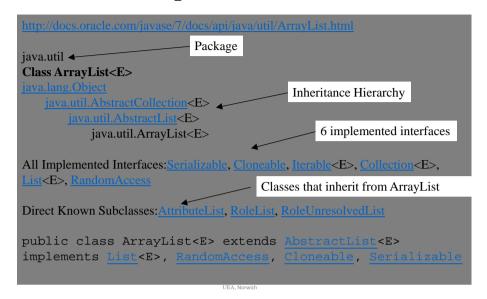
The ArrayList class is part of the java.util package of the Java standard class library and part of the Collections framework package, which we cover in detail in week 3.

It implements a List as a maximum size array which grows a maximum of 12 items if the size is exceeded.

```
public class ArrayList<E> extends AbstractList<E> implements List<E>,Cloneable,
Serializable, RandomAccess {
  private static final long serialVersionUID = 8683452581122892189L;
  private transient int firstIndex;
  private transient int lastIndex;
  private transient E[] array;
```

ArrayList generic (covered in detail later).

# ArrayList API



# Using ArrayList

Using RAW TYPES for examples. Generics later

```
allows access to the class
import java.util.ArrayList;
ArrayList test;
                                                 creates a 10 max size array
test = new ArrayList(10);
Player topScorer = new Player("Walcott",14);
String champions = "Arsenal";
                                             Objects in an ArrayList cannot
test.add(topScorer);
                                             be accessed with an index and
test.add(champions);
String str1 = test.get(0).toString();
                                             square brackets. The method get
String str2 = (String)test.get(1);
                                             is used instead
test.set(1, "Football");
test.set(2, "Club");
                                   Capacity is different to size!
test.ensureCapacity(100);
Object b=test.set(11,"Ozil"); //runtime error
Object b=test.get(11);
//this should surely return null but instead crashes!
```

# ArrayList Methods

#### **Accessor Methods**

**get(int index):** Returns the element at the specified position in this list **set (int index, E element).** Replaces the element at the specified position in this list with the specified element

contains(Object o): Returns true if this list contains the specified element.
More formally, returns true if and only if this list contains at least one
element e such that (o==null ? e==null : o.equals(e))

#### Structural Modifier Methods

add(E element): Appends the specified element to the end of this list.add(int index, E element): Inserts the specified element at the specified position in this list.

**remove(int index):** Removes the element at the specified position in this list. **remove(**Object o): Removes the first occurrence of the specified element from this list, if it is present.

**ensureCapacity(int minCapacity):** Increases the capacity of this ArrayList instance, if necessary, to ensure that it can hold at least the number of elements specified by the minimum capacity argument.

#### Inheritance

#### 1. Basic Syntax:

- 1.1 Terminology
- 1.2 Inheritance vs Composition
- 1.3 Final Classes
- 1.4 Access modifiers
- 1.5 Constructors
- 1.6 Static variables and methods
- 1.7 Pros and Cons

#### 2. Programming Features:

- 2.1 Overriding Methods
- 2.2 Polymorphism and Type Compatibility
- 2.3 Dynamic Binding and Polymorphism
- 2.4 Abstract Methods and Classes
- 2.5 Interfaces

#### 3. Using Inheritance:

- 3.1 Code reuse
- 3.2 As an alternative to selection
- 3.3 To decouple an application from the implementation
- 3.4 To write general methods UEA. Norwich

#### Inheritance Syntax

```
public class BaseClass{
//fields and methods here
}

public class SubClass extends BaseClass {
//subclass specialisation
}
```

Any object of type SubClass will automatically have the fields and methods of BaseClass

#### Inheritance Terminology

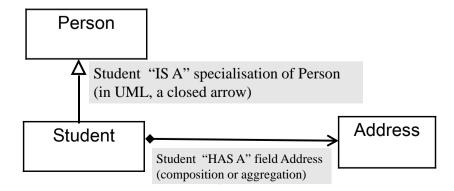
- •A class used to derive a new class is referred to as a *base class*, *parent class* or *superclass*.
- •A new class inheriting from a base class is referred to as a *derived class*, *child class* or the *subclass*
- •A subclass *extends* a base class
- •The relationship between the subclass and the base class is that the subclass "IS-A" particular example of a type of the base class

```
/*file bankAccount.java **/
public class BankAccount{
      protected double balance;
      public void setBalance(double b){
                                               balance=b; }
/*file currentAccount.java */
public class CurrentAccount extends BankAccount{
      public double overdraft;
      public void setOD(double b){overdraft=b;}
      public static void main(String[] args){
              BankAccount b= new BankAccount();
              Current Aggount a-now Current Aggount
  this is ok because c IS A BankAccount hence c has a field called balance.
  and can call the method setBalance
                                        cannot do this because not all
             c.setBalance(100.00);
                                        bank accounts are current
             c.setOD(1000);
////
             b.setOD(99); \leftarrow
```

#### Inheritance vs Composition

•Inheritance is a different relationship to composition.

**INHERITANCE:** Class B "IS A" specialisation of Class A **COMPOSITION**: Class B "HAS A" field of Class A



#### Final Classes

•You can make it so a class cannot be extended by declaring the class final

```
public final class FinalClass{
//You cannot now extend this class
}
```

•Making classes final can improve the efficiency of your code

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#### Constructors

#### •Constructors are NOT inherited in Java (can be in C++)

• this can cause you problems if you do not define a default constructor, and if you call other methods in the constructor.

```
public class Shape {
   private double area;
   public Shape(double d){area=d;}
```

#### **Access Modifiers**

- •All public and protected fields and methods are inherited by the subclass
- •Base class private fields are not accessible in the sub class. Objects of the subclass still contain these variables though.

#### Static Variables and Methods

•Static variables and methods are **not** inherited

- •There is only ONE double called BankAccount . MAXBALANCE .
- \* You can access static variables and methods from object references, but you shouldn't .

#### Inheritance Pros

- 1. It allows a high degree of code reuse
- 2. It encourages encapsulation and data hiding
- 3. It allows stable modularity by removing the need to rewrite code

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# 2. Further Inheritance Programming Points

### 2.1 Overriding Methods

- 2.2 Polymorphism and Type Compatibility
- 2.3 Dynamic Binding and Polymorphism
- 2.4 Abstract Methods and Classes
- 2.5 Interfaces

Inheritance Cons

- 1. It can encourage you to write over complex, over designed code
- 2. It can encourage sloppy use of data structures because of implementation hiding
- 3. It introduces overheads into your programs performance

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# 1. Method Over-riding

Sub class can change the definition of a method in the base class

```
public class Shape{
    public double area() {
        return -1;
    }
    public double perimeter()
    {
        return -1;
    }
}
```

```
public class Rectangle extends Shape {
                                             sub class
      private double length=10;
      private double width=10;
                              Optional javadoc
      @Override ←
                                               method area has
      public double area()
                                               been over-ridden
            return length*width;
      public static void main(String[] args)
            Shape s =new Shape();
            Rectangle r=new Rectangle();
                                               returns -1
            double al=s.area(); •
            double a2=r.area();
            double p1=s.perimeter();
                                               returns 100
            double p2=r.perimeter();
              Both return -1 from a call to the Shape
              method, since perimeter has not been
              overriden
```

#### final Methods

- •All methods by default can be overridden.
- •If you declare a method final then it cannot be overridden

```
public class BankAccount{
    protected double balance;
    public final double setBalance(double b){
        balance=b;
    }
}
```

- •Making a method final improves the efficiency of your code
- •In C++ (and C#), all methods (member functions) are by default final. To make it so you can override a method, you declare it virtual

#### Parent methods can be called using super

```
public class Person{
    protected String name;
    public String toString(){
        return name;
    }
}

public class Student extends Person{
    protected String studentID;
    public String toString() call to Person.toString()
    {
        String temp=super.toString();
        return temp+","+studentID;
    }
}
This is the way to enhance a method, rather than redefine it completely
```

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Polymorphism: The ability to store references to different types of objects

```
Student s;
Postgrad bob = new Postgrad();
Undergrad alice=new Undergrad();

s=bob;
s=alice;
Student s = new Student();

Student s = new Student();

Postgrad and Undergrad are sub classes of Student

Student references can thus store the location of Postgrad and Undergrad objects

Postgrad CANNOT store Student

Dostgrad CANNOT store Student
```

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#### Polymorphism

- •A reference can store the memory location of any subtype of that class
- •All classes inherit from the built in class Object
- •Hence an Object reference can store the location of an instance of any class.

```
Object anyObject;
int[] ar=new int[10];
Integer i=new Integer(10);
String s="Arsenal";
anyObject=i;
anyObject=s;
anyObject=ar;

•C++ does not have this built in inheritance hierarchy. This is one of the main differences in the languages
```

# Dynamic Binding and Polymorphism

```
Shape s;
s = new Rectangle();
double r = s.area();

s is static type Shape, so does
this call Shape?

public class Shape{
    public double area()
    }

return -1;
    public double area()
}

return length*width;
}
```

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# Dynamic Binding and Polymorphism

- •The *static* type of s is Shape, but its *dynamic* type is Rectangle
- •The dynamic type is used to determine which method to call.
- •The ability of a reference variable to store references to several different types is called **polymorphism**
- •When operations are applied to a polymorphic variable, the operation appropriate to the dynamic type is selected by **dynamic binding** or **late binding**
- •This is **the** key feature of OO programming

Note: the static type determines the static variables and methods

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#### **Abstract classes and methods**

Shape is now an **abstract class**. This means a Shape object cannot be created

public abstract class Shape{
 public abstract double area();
}

area is an **abstract method**. This means that any class extending Shape **must define a method area** 

In C++ pure virtual functions are equivalent to abstract methods

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#### **Abstract classes and methods**

```
public class Rectangle extends Shape{
    private double length;
    private double width;
    public double area()
    {
        return length*width;
    }
        Rectangle extends Shape hence it
        must define a method area
```

In Java, any class with an abstract method must be explicitly declared abstract (not necessary in C++)

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# **Interfaces**

- •In Java, an interface is a collection of abstract methods
- •Interfaces allow classes to inherit multiple sets of abstract methods

```
public interface Shape{
    double area();
    double perimeter();
}

Abstract methods, but you don't need the key word abstract
```

# **Interfaces**

```
public class Rectangle implements Shape{
    private double length;
    private double width;
    public double area()
    {
        return length*width;
    }
}
No equivalent
in C++
```

classes can only inherit from a single class

classes can implement any number of interfaces

# Java built in interfaces

#### 1. Comparable Interface

```
public interface Comparable {
    public int compareTo(Object o);
}
```

- •Returns 1 if the calling object is "greater than" the one passed as an argument
- •Returns -1 if this is "less than" the argument
- •Returns 0 if they are equal

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Because Student implements Comparable it must define compareTo

```
public class Student implements Comparable{
...
    public int compareTo(Object other)
    {
        if(this.regNos>((Student)other).regNos)
            return 1;
        if(this.regNos==((Student)other).regNos)
            return 0;
        return -1;
     }
        Note the need for casting.
        Generics will allow us to
            overcome this
```

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- 1. Understanding Inheritance
- 2. Inheritance Programming Points
- 3. Using Inheritance

#### Inheritance In Java vs C++

JAVA: A class can only extend one other class

C++: multiple inheritance is allowed

JAVA: Everything inherits from Object

C++: No built in inheritance hierarchy

JAVA: All methods **can be** overridden unless specifically made final

C++: All member functions **cannot be** overridden unless specifically made virtual

JAVA: Interfaces are a special construct that consist of a collection of abstract methods

C++: No equivalent language construct

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# 3. Using Inheritance

The following is applicable to any programming language that provides inheritance

- 3.1 Code reuse
- 3.2 As an alternative to selection
- 3.3 To decouple an application from the implementation
  - 3.4 To enable general methods

The basic software engineering motivation for inheritance is to make classes as loosely decoupled as possible, and to reduce the number of potential unforseen consequences.

#### **Code Reuse**

- •The most obvious benefit of inheritance is that you don't have to rewrite all the code from the base class
- •However, you get the same effect through composition and its less confusing.
- •You should only use inheritance when the relationship between the classes you are modelling warrants it
- •In practice, you will use composition much more than inheritance. *Most of the programming patterns involve composition*.

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#### 3.2 Separating an application from the classes it uses

- •Suppose we want to use shapes in a range of graphics programs.
- •We will use rectangles, squares, triangles and circle.
- •These may be used in a large number of different applications
- •There are two ways to model the shape

```
With a variable in Shape to indicate shape type

Shape

public class Shape{
    char shapeType;
    //Square =s, Triangle =t
    //Circle=c, Rect =r
    double area(){

...
    }
    Square

With inheritance

With inheritance

Shape

+findArea: double

+findArea: double

+findArea: double

Square
```

+findArea: double

#### Object Based Programming: Selecting between alternatives

```
public class Shape{
  char shapeType;
  double h,w,r;
  double area(){
    switch(shapeType){
      case 'r': case 's':
        return h*w;
      case 't':
        return 0.5*h*w;
      case 'c':
        return Math.PI*r*r;
    }
}
```

Note there may be a large number of methods that need to do this selection

This design pattern can get very big very quickly (code bloat)

If we add another Shape to our class, we will have to alter every method where this selection occurs.

# Usage: Shape s= //Get shape from somewhere double area=s.area();

Control passed to method area where selection occurs

#### Object Oriented Programming: Selecting by dynamic binding

```
interface Shape{
  double area();
 //Etc
                                               If we add another
                                               Shape to our
 Public class Rectangle implements Shape{
                                               inheritance
  double h.w;
  double area(){return h*w};
                                               hierarchy, we do
                                               not have to
                                               change any of the
 Public class Triangle implements Shape {
  double h.b;
                                               existing code.
  double area(){return 0.5*h*b};
 Public class Square extends Rectangle
 //Specific square stuff here
                                             Selection happens by
                                             dynamic binding before
Shape s= //Get shape from somewhere
double area=s.area();
                                             method area is called
```

# 3. Using Inheritance

- 3.1 Inheritance as an alternative to selection
- 3.2 Changing implementation without changing application
  - 3.3 Creating general methods

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#### **3.2.** Changing implementation without changing application

The application printManager needs a List. The actual implementation of List is irrelevant to the method processJob

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#### **3.2.** Changing implementation without changing application

Suppose you want to write an application that will manipulate a Collection of objects

For example, we might be writing a program to manage a print queue

```
Public class printManager{
   List myData;
   public printManager(List m) {
    myData = m;
}
   public void processJob(Object o) {
//Add, remove, get and set values in the list
/* This could be very complex code
   myData.add()   myData.remove()
   myData.get()   myData.set()
   sorting, */
}
```

#### **3.2.** Changing implementation without changing application

A program that uses printManager can alter the data structure (i.e. the implementation) without having to change the application

```
public static void main(){
PrintManager office, home;

office = new PrintManager(new ArrayList());
// Use in some way, m.processJob("First");

home = new PrintManager(new LinkedList());
// Use in a different way, hence LinkedList better
}
```

This is good because the best data structure to use will be different depending on how it is used.

# 3. Using Inheritance

- 3.1 Inheritance as an alternative to selection
- 3.2 Changing implementation without changing application
  - 3.3 Creating generally applicable methods

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# 3.3 Creating general methods

Ideally we would like to be able to write a single method that could sort an array of any type of Object. We don't want to write a different method for each class we define

```
public class MySorting{
    public static void selectionSort(Student[] s){
    ...
    }
    public static void selectionSort(House[] s){
        ...
    }
    public static void selectionSort( Card[] s){
        ...
}
```

This code is not particularly useful!

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# 3.3 Creating general methods

Suppose we would like to write a class to provide tools to sort arrays using the selection sort algorithm

```
Task: Selection Sort: Sorts Array T[1...n] into ascending order
        integer pos:
        element min:
        for i=1 to n-1 loop
8
                Find position of smallest element in T[i .. n]
5
                         pos=i; min=T[i]
2
        for j=i+1 to n loop
6
                if T[j]<min
9
                         pos=i; min=T[i]
                Swap element at smallest position with element at i
3
                        T[pos] = T[i]; T[i]=min
1
4
0
```

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The key requirement for sorting is to be able to compare two objects. If we pass an array of Comparable objects, then we can **guarantee** the method compareTo is implemented

# This method can sort any array of objects (of the same type) which implement the comparable interface

#### The restrictions are:

**cmp** ) {

- 1. It cannot be used on an array of objects (not all objects are *comparable*)
- 2. To use with primitive types would have to use a wrapper class (this is common in java)
- 3. We can only compare the objects in a single way, and after compilation we cannot change this. Frequently the application will determine which field we want to sort an array by (e.g. spread sheet program). We may want to sort our array of Students by score, alphabetically, by age, etc.

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# public class MySorting{ public static void selectionSort(Object[] n, Comparator int min,i,j; Object temp; for (i=0; i< n.length-1; i++)min=i; for(j=i+1; j< n.length; j++){ if(cmp.compare(n[j],n[min])<0)</pre> min=j; if(i!=min){

#### General Sort Routine 2: Functors

- •An alternative is to pass as an argument the method that will be used to compare
- •In C++ you would use a *function pointer*
- •In java, you wrap the compare method in a new class that implements the Comparator interface

```
public interface Comparator {
    int compare(Object o1, Object o2);
```

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```
class CompareByScore implements Comparator{
public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2){
     return ((Student)obj1).score-((Student)obj2).score;
class CompareByName implements Comparator{
public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2){
      Student s1 = (Student)obj1;
      Student s2= (Student)obj2;
      return s1.name.compareTo(s2.name);
```

Functors are usually defined as nested classes (we will cover this later)

temp=n[i]; n[i]=n[min]; n[min]=temp;

```
To use selectionSort with a functor
Object[] myCourse= new Student[5];
Comparator functor1 = new CompareByScore();
//Create array of students
//...
// Sort by score

Sort.selectionSort(myCourse, functor1);
//Sort by name

Sort.selectionSort(myCourse,new CompareByName());
```