

CSE 215L: Programming language II Lab
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Lab - 10 [Inheritance]
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Objective:

- To define a subclass from a superclass through inheritance
- To invoke the superclass's constructors and methods using the super keyword
- To override the instance methods in the subclass

Inheritance: In Object-oriented programming (OOP), new classes can be defined from the existing classes which are called inheritance. More simply, Inheritance is a mechanism in which one object acquires all the properties and behaviors of a parent object. It represents the IS-A relationship which is also known as a parent-child relationship. Inheritance has two purposes: reuse existing code, and reduce code duplication.

Superclasses and Subclasses: Inheritance enables us to define a general class (i.e., a superclass) and later extends it to more specialized classes (i.e., subclasses). Generally, when common traits are found among two classes, define one as super/parent/base class and the other as sub/child/extended/derived class. A child class can inherit the properties of the parent class and also can add its own properties.

Using the extends keyword: The extends keyword has been used to relate the subclass with the superclass. For example, let's say we have two classes, named class A and B, respectively, where class A is the superclass and B is the subclass. Then the Java syntax will be,

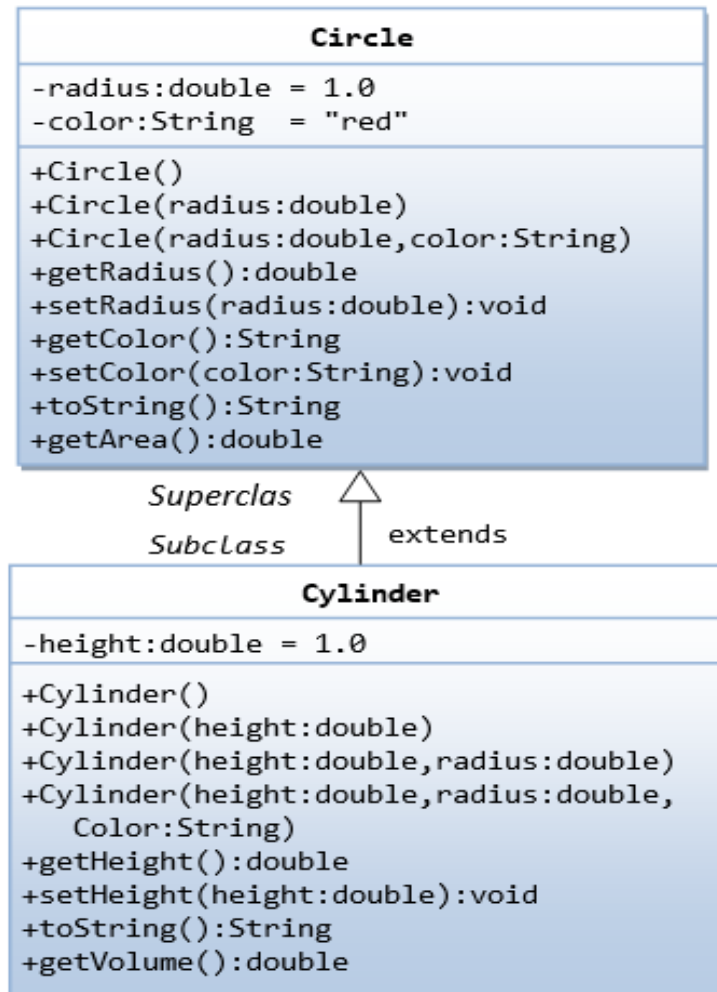
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public class B extends A
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Using the super keyword (this vs. super): The keyword **this** refers to the object itself. It can also be used inside a constructor to invoke another constructor of the same class. For example, the following code shows the uses of this keyword.

<pre> public class Circle { private double radius; public Circle(double radius) { this.radius = radius; } public Circle() { this(1.0); } } </pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this keyword is used to reference the hidden data field radius of the object being constructed. • this(1.0), in this statement, this keyword is used to invoke another constructor.
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Tasks:

1. Implement the following classes and test their methods.



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