

# Introduction to Java programming

## Object-oriented design



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# Introduction

- We will leave the cells and look at how to **model** sequence objects
- In this process, we will (re-)visit three very important new design tools: **interfaces**, **abstract classes** and **enums**
- First, we'll look at how to keep code well organized when our projects are becoming bigger than one or two classes, by using **packages**

# PART 1: Packages & imports

# Keeping your sequences organized

- Let's go into genetics: We are going to build a nice **data model** of biological sequences
- Take a minute to think about how *you* would model biological sequences such as protein and DNA

# A unified sequence model

- What sequences can you think of?
- What methods and properties are shared by all biological sequences; where are differences?
- What is unique to DNA and RNA? What to protein?
- We will start here with a simple, basic model on which you can expand later

# A unified sequence model

## Sequence

```
String seq  
String name
```

```
Sequence(String seq)  
String getSequenceString()  
String getName()  
void setName(String name)  
int getLength()  
Sequence getSubSequence()
```

This is the base class in which (I believe) all sequences, independent of type, will fit

only a Sequence String getter here, no setter. This will make Sequences in my model **immutable**, just as Strings are

# How to organize it all

- So far, you have probably stored all your class files inside a single (default) source directory
- For larger projects this will rapidly become a big unordered mess
- Besides this, you will run into **namespace** problems: how many Sequence classes do you think are out there?

# Namespace

- A **namespace** is a context in which a class name has meaning
- For example, many Java applications have a class called **User**. How can the JVM know which of these classes to use if there are more to be found on the class path?
- In Java this is solved using **packages**

# Packages

- All serious Java projects have their code organized into **packages**
- Packages are containers that keep related classes together and avoid conflicts with classes with identical names
- To keep packages (and thus namespaces) unique, they are usually formed by reversing the programmer/company web address:  
**nl.bioinf** is a package name prefix I often use

# Packages

- Since there are more programmers working behind **nl.bioinf**, I also add my teacher abbreviation:

**nl.bioinf.nomi**

- Finally, all sequence-related classes I put in package sequences. This gives a full package name

**nl.bioinf.nomi.sequences**

- This is a long name, but quite essential

# Packages

- Most of the core Java classes that you have worked with so far are in package **java.lang**
- The *fully qualified* name for class String is actually **java.lang.String**
- Since **java.lang** is the default package you do not have to type this prefix
- Have a look at  
<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/>, find package **java.lang** and you will see all the familiar classes Double, String, Math, Character etc.

# Packages

- Packages are represented in the directory structure containing the code.
- When you have a package `nl.bioinf.sequences` and this package contains a class named `Sequence`, you will **have** to place the class file of `Sequence` at:  
**`.../nl/bioinf/sequences/Sequence.class`**
- You will usually use an IDE that takes care of these matters for you

# Packages and imports

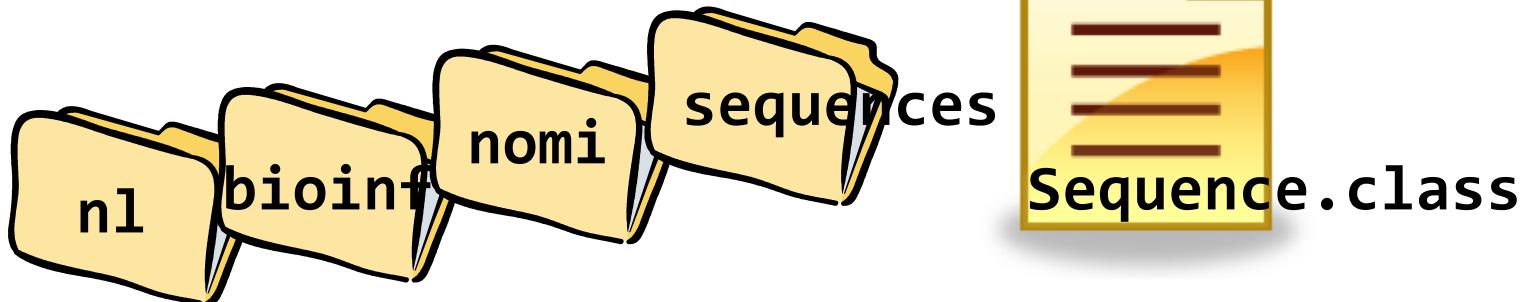
- When you use classes that are not from `java.lang`, or the same package (=directory) your current class is in, you will have to refer to them using a **fully qualified name** or **import** them
- Let's look at an example

# Package declaration

Class Sequence is declared to be included in this package. Package declarations are placed on the first line of the source file, **outside** the actual class code

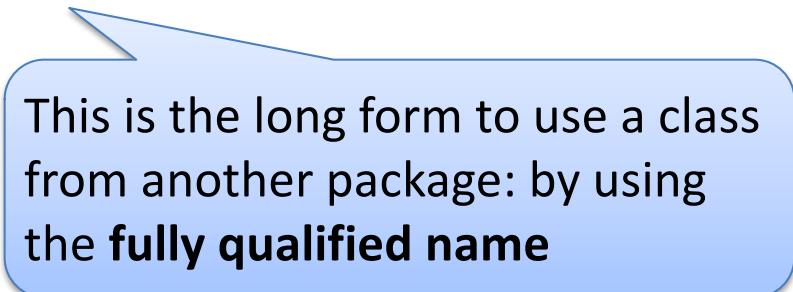
```
package nl.bioinf.nomi.sequences;
```

```
public class Sequence{  
    //class code  
}
```



# Packages and imports

```
package nl.bioinf.nomi.sequences;  
  
public class Sequence{  
  
    void somemethod(){  
        nl.bioinf.nomi.io.SequenceReader sr =  
            new nl.bioinf.nomi.io.SequenceReader();  
    }  
    //more class code  
}
```



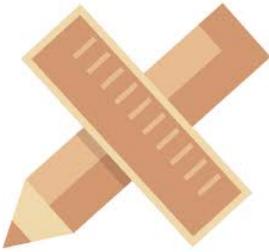
This is the long form to use a class from another package: by using the **fully qualified name**

# Packages and imports

```
package nl.bioinf.nomi.sequences;  
  
import nl.bioinf.nomi.io.SequenceReader;  
  
public class Sequence{  
    void somemethod(){  
        SequenceReader sr = new SequenceReader();  
    }  
    //more class code  
}
```

The short form: put an import statement that will make class SequenceReader available inside class Sequence

Because of the import statement, the short class name SequenceReader can now be used inside this class



# Design rule

- Always put Java classes in well-defined packages with a correct name structure

# PART 2: Creating a model

# Back to the Sequence model: code

```
public class Sequence {  
    private String seq;  
    private String name;  
  
    /*constructs with the sequence string*/  
    public Sequence(String seqStr) {  
        this.seq = seqStr;  
    }  
  
    /*returns the sequence string*/  
    public String getSequenceString() { return seq; }  
    /*setter for sequence name*/  
    public void setName( String name ) { this.name = name; }  
    /*getter for sequence name*/  
    public String getName() { return name; }  
    /*returns the length of the sequence*/  
    public int getLength() { return seq.length(); }  
    /*returns a subSequence of the sequence*/  
    public String getSubSequence() { //for you to implement }  
    /*overrides Object.toString()*/  
    public String toString() { //for you to override }  
}
```

I made the construction of Sequence object with a sequence string mandatory. Do you agree?

# Sequence model code

```
public class Sequence{  
    private String seq;  
    private String name;  
    /*constructs with the sequence string*/  
    public Sequence( String seqStr ){  
        this.seq = seqStr;  
    }  
    /*returns the sequence string*/  
    public String getSequenceString(){ return seq; }  
  
    /*setter for sequence name*/  
    public void setName(String name) { this.name = name; }  
    /*getter for sequence name*/  
    public String getName(){ return name; }  
    /*returns the length of the sequence*/  
    public int getLength() { return seq.length(); }  
  
    /*returns a subSequence of the sequence*/  
    public Sequence getSubSequence(int start, int stop) {}  
    /*overrides Object.toString()*/  
    public String toString() { //for you to override }  
}
```

simple getter and  
setter for the  
sequence name

To implement  
getLength() just  
**delegate** to String

# Sequence model code

```
public class Sequence{  
    private String seq;  
    private String name;  
    /*constructs with the sequence string*/  
    public Sequence(String seqStr) { this.seq = seqStr; }  
    /*returns the sequence string*/  
    public String getSequenceString() { return seq; }  
    /*setter for sequence name*/  
    public void setName(String name) { this.name = name; }  
    /*getter for sequence name*/  
    public String getName() { return name; }  
    /*returns the length of the sequence*/  
    public int getLength() { return seq.length(); }  
  
    /*returns a subSequence of the sequence*/  
    public Sequence getSubSequence(int start, int stop) {  
        //for you to implement  
    }  
  
    /*overrides Object.toString()*/  
    public String toString() { //for you to override }  
}
```

Getting a subsequence from a bigger one is something you do **all the time** in bioinformatics

# Sequence model code

```
public class Sequence{  
    private String seq;  
    private String name;  
    /*constructs with the sequence string*/  
    public Sequence( String seqStr ){ this.seq = seqStr; }  
    /*returns the sequence string*/  
    public String getSequenceString(){ return seq; }  
    /*setter for sequence name*/  
    public void setName( String name ){ this.name = name; }  
    /*getter for sequence name*/  
    public String getName(){ return name; }  
    /*returns the length of the sequence*/  
    public int getLength(){ return seq.length(); }  
    /*returns a subSequence of the sequence*/  
    public Sequence getSubSequence( int start, int stop ){ //for you to implement }  
  
    /*overrides Object.toString()*/  
    public String toString(){  
        //for you to override  
    }  
}
```

Overriding `Object.toString()` is very useful, especially during development and debugging

# Sequence model code

```
/**  
 * returns a subSequence of the sequence, starting  
 * (inclusive) at position start and ending (inclusive)  
 * at position stop. Sequence coordinates are 1-based,  
 * not 0-based like arrays  
 */  
public Sequence getSubSequence(int start, int stop) {  
    //for you to implement  
}  
/**  
 * overrides Object.toString(); returns a String  
 * representation of the Sequence object  
 */  
public String toString() {  
    //for you to override  
}
```

Do it now, it's not that hard!

# Implementing getSubSequence()

```
public Sequence getSubSequence(int start, int stop) {  
    String subStr = this.seq.substring(start-1, stop);  
    Sequence subSeq = new Sequence(subStr);  
    String subSeqName = this.name  
        + "@" + start  
        + "_" + stop;  
    subSeq.setName(subSeqName);  
    return subSeq;  
}
```

## Javadoc

**String.substring(int beginIndex, int endIndex):**  
Returns a new string that is a substring of this string. The substring begins at the specified beginIndex and extends to the character at index endIndex - 1.

See <http://java.sun.com/javase/7/docs/api/>

# Overriding Object.toString()

```
public String toString() {  
    String strRep = "Sequence[name="  
        + this.name  
        + " length="  
        + this.getLength()  
        + "]";  
    return strRep;  
}
```

Creates a nice String representation of this sequence

By the way, whenever you do a lot of String concatenation, you should absolutely use class StringBuilder!!

# Before we start testing: what did we forget

## Sequence

```
String seq  
String name  
  
Sequence(String seq)  
String getSequenceString()  
String getName()  
void setName(String name)  
int getLength()  
Sequence getSubSequence()
```

We implemented all these methods, including `toString()`. Two other methods of class `Object` were forgotten. Do you know which?

# Remember class Object?

## Object

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

We forgot hashCode()  
and equals()!

Since we are going to  
work with many  
sequences, in advanced  
data structures and  
algorithms, they really  
need to be implemented  
correctly.

# Overriding Object.equals()

```
public boolean equals(Object other) {  
    return(other instanceof Sequence  
        && this.seq.equals(  
            (Sequence)other.getSequenceString)  
    );  
}
```

Delegate the equals  
logic to class String  
(again)

# Overriding Object.hashCode()

```
public int hashCode(){  
    return this.seq.hashCode();  
}
```

And again, delegation  
makes life so much  
simpler!

# Going for a test drive

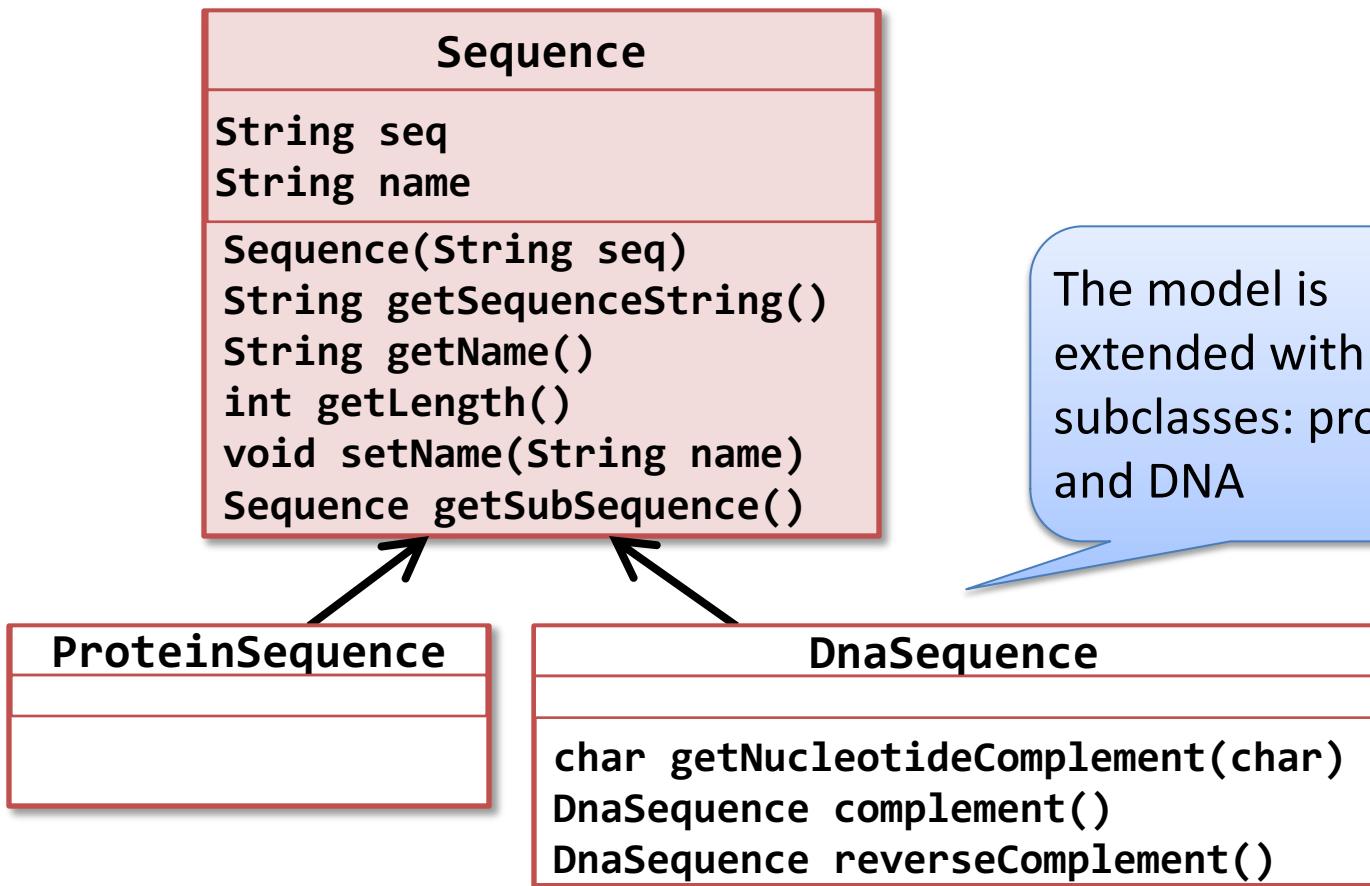
```
public class SequenceTester{  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        SequenceTester tester = new SequenceTester ();  
        tester.test();  
    }  
    private void test() {  
        Sequence seq = new Sequence("SOMERANDOMTEXT");  
        seq.setName("Sequence1");  
        System.out.println(seq.toString());  
        System.out.println(seq.getSequenceString());  
        System.out.println("creating subsequence from 2 to 6: "  
            + seq.getSubSequence(2,6));  
        System.out.println("printing new substring from 2 to 6: "  
            + seq.getSubSequence(2,6).getSequenceString());  
    }  
}
```

```
$ java SequenceTester  
Sequence[name=Sequence1 length=14]  
SOMERANDOMTEXT  
creating subsequence from 2 to 6: Sequence[name=Sequence1@2_6 length=5]  
printing new substring from 2 to 6: OMERA
```

# Extending the model

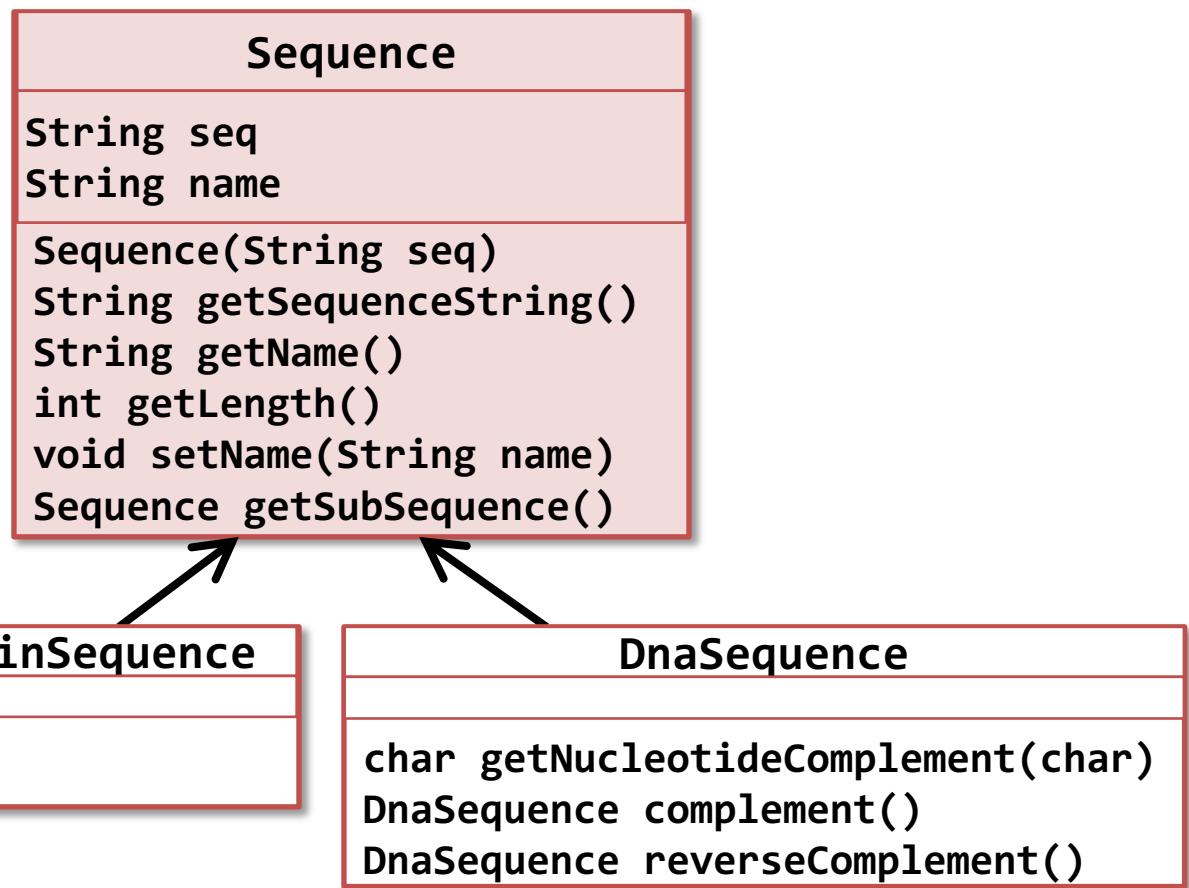
- OK, now we have a generic Sequence class in place
- But how about Proteins, and DNA?
- Do they fit seamlessly into this Sequence model?
- NO!
- Let's extend the model a bit to accommodate for the particulars of these sequence types

# Extending the model



# Extending the model

This is weird! A subclass without any additions or overrides. Is this the logical thing to do?



# ProteinSequence

```
public class ProteinSequence extends Sequence{  
  
    public ProteinSequence(String seqStr) {  
        super(seqStr);  
    }  
  
    //put any protein-  
    //specific code here  
}
```

This calls the superclass constructor public Sequence(String seq)

Because you defined only a single constructor Sequence(String seq){} in class Sequence you have to implement the same in all subclasses, or call the super constructor with some default value (which isn't possible here).

# DnaSequence

This is what a DnaSequence should be able to do in my view

```
public class DnaSequence extends Sequence {  
    public DnaSequence(String seqStr) {  
        super(seqStr);  
    }  
    /* returns a complement of a nucleotide character  
     * and N if it is not a valid nucleotide */  
    public static char getNucleotideComplement(char nuc) {  
        // to be implemented later  
        return 'N';  
    }  
    /* returns a complement copy of this */  
    public DnaSequence complement() {  
        // to be implemented later  
        return null;  
    }  
    /* returns a reverse complement copy */  
    public DnaSequence reverseComplement() {  
        // to be implemented later  
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException("not implemented yet");  
    }
```

Again the mandatory constructor

While in development, I provide default return values ...

Or better still, make it quite clear you're still in development

# Complementing a nucleotide

```
/**  
 * returns a complement  
 * and N if it is not  
 */  
  
public static char getComplement(char nuc) {  
    switch (nuc) {  
        case 'A': return 'T';  
        case 'a': return 'T';  
        case 'C': return 'G';  
        case 'c': return 'G';  
        case 'G': return 'C';  
        case 'g': return 'C';  
        case 'T': return 'A';  
        case 't': return 'A';  
        default: return 'N';  
    }  
}
```

Notice the **static** keyword? It says: I am class level, not object level. It makes this method available outside object context: `DnaSequence.getComplement('A');`

Here is a simple way to complement a nucleotide. We'll create a more efficient version later. When there is no valid DNA letter passed, I simply return N

# More modifiers

- Let's revisit the old ones and introduce some new (and don't forget about ***default*** access)

keyword	meaning
<b>private</b>	not visible to anything but own object methods
<b>public</b>	visible to any method, any object, any class
<b>protected</b>	visible only to classes from the same package and to subclasses
<b>static</b>	methods and variables that are class-properties, not object properties
<b>final</b>	properties, methods, and classes with this keyword can not be changed, extended, overriden anymore

# Static access

- The **static** keyword is very usefull if you want to make variables or methods accessible independent of objects
- when you make a method static you can call it on the class, as you have seen:  
**DnaSequence.getComplement('A');**
- There is one catch: static methods must be independent of object properties!

# Final properties, methods and classes

- When you make a **class** final, it cannot be subclassed anymore
- When you make a **method** final, it cannot be overriden anymore
- When you make a **variable** final, it cannot be changed anymore. This is the same as a constant

# Are you supposed to be created?

```
private void test(){  
    Sequence seq = new Sequence("SOMERANDOMTEXT");  
    seq.setName("Sequence1");  
    System.out.println(seq.toString());  
}
```

Don't you think it is slightly funny that you can instantiate an object of type Sequence?

As with the generic Cell supertype before, Sequence should be made abstract

# Complementing a DNA string

- Let's finally implement some DNA functionality

```
/* returns a complement copy of this sequence */
public DnaSequence complement() {
    char[] arr = getSequenceString().toCharArray();
    char[] cArr = new char[arr.length];
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        cArr[i] = getComplement(arr[i]);
    }
    return new DnaSequence(new String(cArr));
}
```

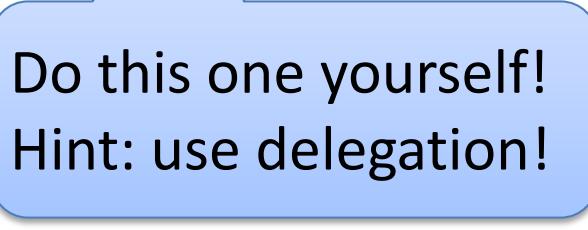
A nice method provided by class String

This is where the real complementing happens.

you can construct a String with a **char[ ]**

# Reverse complementing a DNA string

```
/* returns a reverse complement sequence */  
public DnaSequence reverseComplement() {  
    //how would you do this?  
}
```



Do this one yourself!  
Hint: use delegation!

# DNA sequences

```
/* returns a reverse complement copy of this sequence */
public DnaSequence reverseComplement() {
    char[] arr = getSequenceString().toCharArray();
    char[] rcArr = new char[arr.length];
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        rcArr[i] = getComplement(arr[arr.length - (i+1)]);
    }
    return new DnaSequence(new String(rcArr));
}
```

This is where the reverse complementing happens. You can see this method is almost identical to complement(). *Did you create a better implementation, without code duplication?*

# Going for a test drive again

```
private void test() {  
    DnaSequence dna = new DnaSequence("AGCCTATGGCATGCC");  
    dna.setName("DNA1");  
    DnaSequence dnaCompl = dna.complement();  
    DnaSequence dnaRevCompl = dna.reverseComplement();  
    System.out.println(dna.getSequenceString());  
    System.out.println(dnaCompl.getSequenceString());  
    System.out.println(dnaRevCompl.getSequenceString());  
}
```

```
$ java SequenceTester  
Sequence[name=Protein1 length=8]  
AGCCTATGGCATGCC  
TCGGATACCGTACGG  
GGCATGCCATAGGCT
```

# But how about RNA?

- You have an inheritance tree containing Sequence, Protein and DNA
  - You probably know there is also RNA
  - RNA and DNA are both nucleic acids. They have MUCH in common.
- 
- Now modify your data model to also include RNA...
  - And while you are at it, make some check, somewhere, on the legality of constructed sequence objects
  - And we also forgot to test equals() and hashCode()...

# PART 3: Polymorphism (the sequel)

# Polymorphism revisited

- We are going to (re-)visit an aspect that makes Java (and OO in general) such a powerfull tool for creating complex applications: **polymorphism**
- Polymorphism means “being able to take many forms”
- This applied originally to biology; as you will see, this is no different



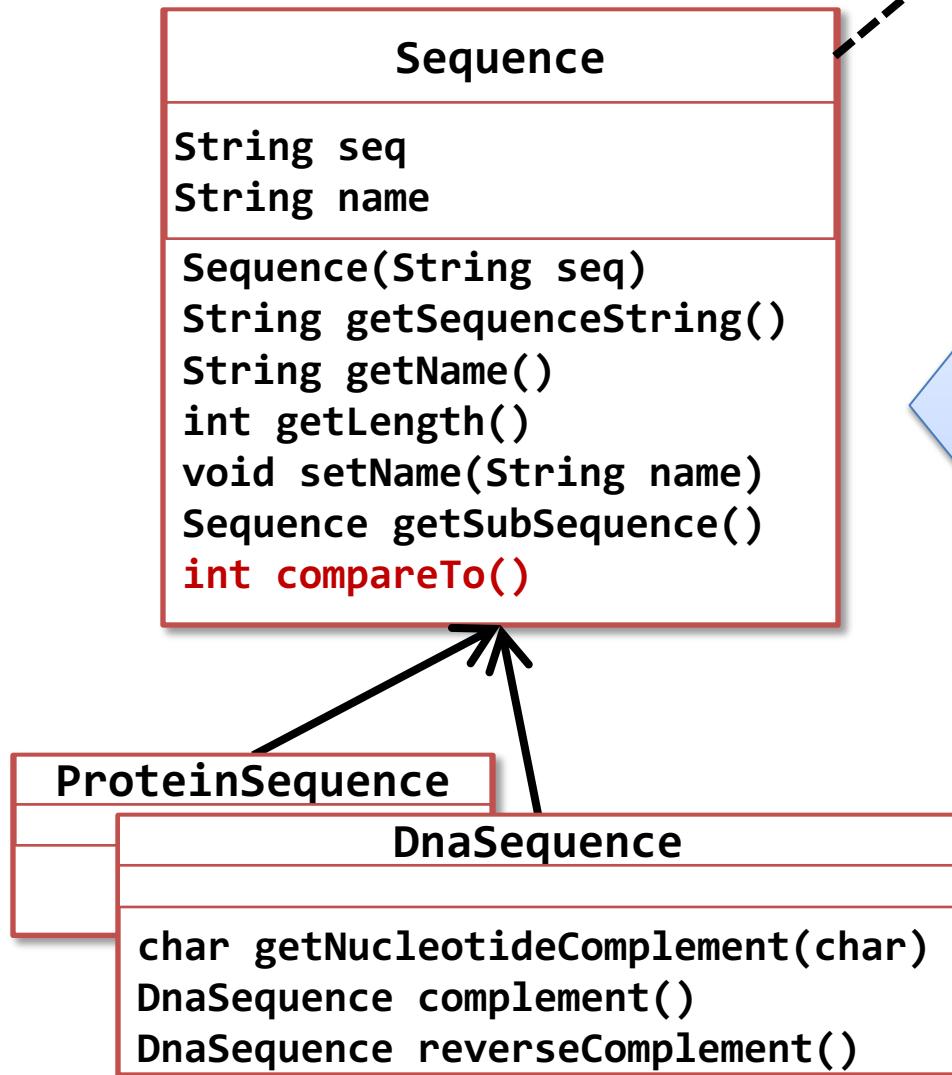
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# Sorting is the new order

- In a previous session, we implemented some sorting functionality
- We'll use it in the next part of this presentation

```
/**implements Comparable.compareTo(), sorts by length,  
 * shortest length will come first */  
public int compareTo(Sequence otherSequence) {  
    return this.getLength() - otherSequence.getLength();  
}
```

# The model again



```
<<interface>>
Comparable
int compareTo(Sequence)
```

This is the model that we have so far. We have a **Sequence** superclass that is a **Comparable** and is extended by its subclasses **ProteinSequence** and **DnaSequence**

# The challenge: listing all types of sequences

- Suppose you have created a really funky graphical user interface for sequence analysis
- You want to be able to list all the sequences that the user has available, like this:

select	sequence name	type	length
<input type="checkbox"/>	dnaPol1gene	DNA	2109
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dnaPol2gene	DNA	2242
<input type="checkbox"/>	dnaPol1protein	Protein	761
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dnaPol2protein	Protein	788
<input type="checkbox"/>	rnaPol1gene	DNA	1873

# The bad solution

- You could do something like this:

```
ArrayList<ProteinSequence> prots =
    dataAccessObject.getProteinSequences();
ArrayList<DnaSequence> dnas =
    dataAccessObject.getDnaSequences();

graphicsController.listProteins(prots);
graphicsController.listDNAs(dnas);

/* etc etc, many many lines of code dealing identically
 * with very related objects. You already know what this
 * means:
 * MAINTENANCE NIGHTMARE
 */
```

# The good solution

- There is a very nice way to deal with all your sequences in the same way: by dealing with them as Sequences!

```
ArrayList<Sequence> sequences =  
    dataAccessObject.getSequences();
```

```
graphicsController.listSequences(sequences);
```

You can treat ProteinSequences and DnaSequences as if they are Sequence objects. You can do this because a DnaSequence ISA Sequence and a ProteinSequence ISA Sequence

# Meet polymorphism

- This is the basis of polymorphism:

```
ArrayList<Sequence> sequences = new ArrayList<Sequence>();
```

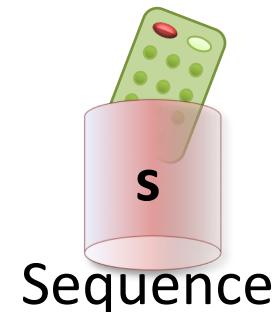
```
Sequence dna1 = new DnaSequence("GATTACGGATAC");  
sequences.add(dna1);
```

```
Sequence prot1 = new ProteinSequence("WGEASDTNY");  
sequences.add(prot1);
```

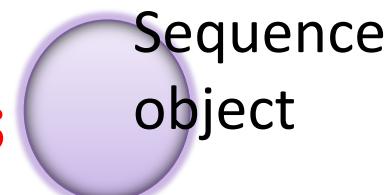
What happens here is you **declare a reference variable** of type Sequence, you **instantiate** an object of type ProteinSequence and make the Sequence variable **point to** the ProteinSequence object

# The traditional way of creating object variables

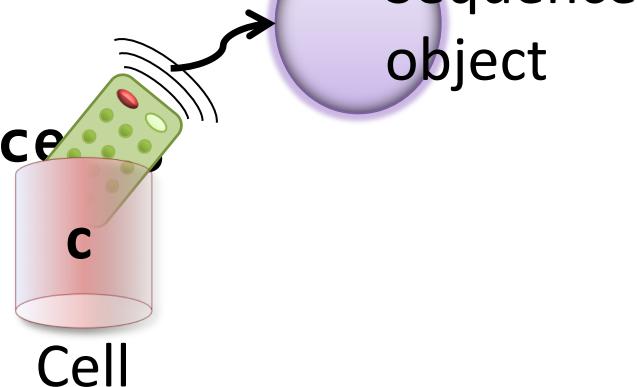
**Sequence s = new Sequence();**



**Sequence c = new Sequence();**



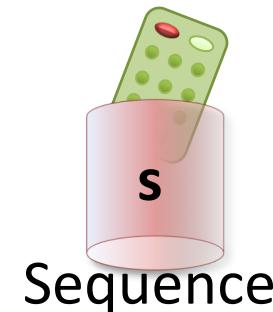
**Sequence c = new Sequence();**



# The polymorphic way of creating object variables

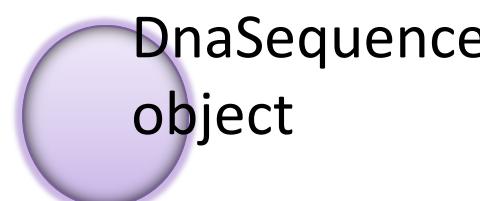
**Sequence s**

```
= new DnaSequence();
```



**Sequence s**

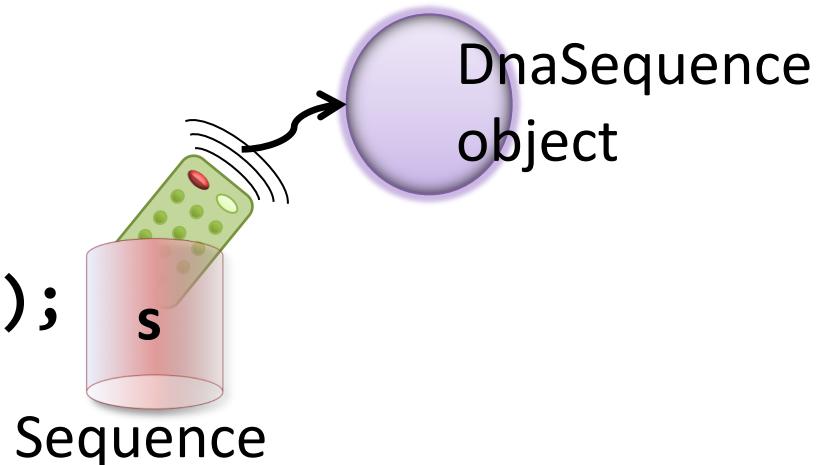
```
= new DnaSequence();
```



Create the  
**polymorphic**  
object

**Sequence s**

```
= new DnaSequence();
```



# What does this make my sequence?

- Your Sequence reference variable still points to a real DnaSequence object; it has not been morphed or something
- **AN OBJECT WILL NEVER EVER CHANGE INTO ANOTHER OBJECT**

# What is the consequence?

- You will only be able to call methods defined in the class of the reference variable
- You will be able to use the variable in collections of the supertype
- You will be able to use the variable in any context requesting the supertype (and you should define generic methods whenever possible)

# What does this make my sequence?

```
Sequence sequence = new DnaSequence();
```

```
sequence.getSubSequence();
```

You **can** do this;  
it is a Sequence  
method

```
sequence.complement();
```

You **can't** do this; it  
is a DnaSequence  
method

# How do I get my DnaSequence back?

- If you want your DnaSequence functionality back, you'll have to cast it to the desired type:

```
Sequence sequence = new DnaSequence();
sequence.getSubSequence();
/*you want to complement it*/
DnaSequence complement =
    (DnaSequence) sequence.complement();
```

# DNA will never become protein

- There is one big risk involved: you must be **sure** you are casting an object to its correct type, otherwise you get the dreaded *ClassCastException*
- To be sure of the correct cast, you can put in this test:

`instanceof` is a binary operator that returns true if an object is of the given type

```
If (sequence instanceof DnaSequence) {  
    DnaSequence =  
        (DnaSequence) sequence.complement();  
}
```

# Instanceof demo

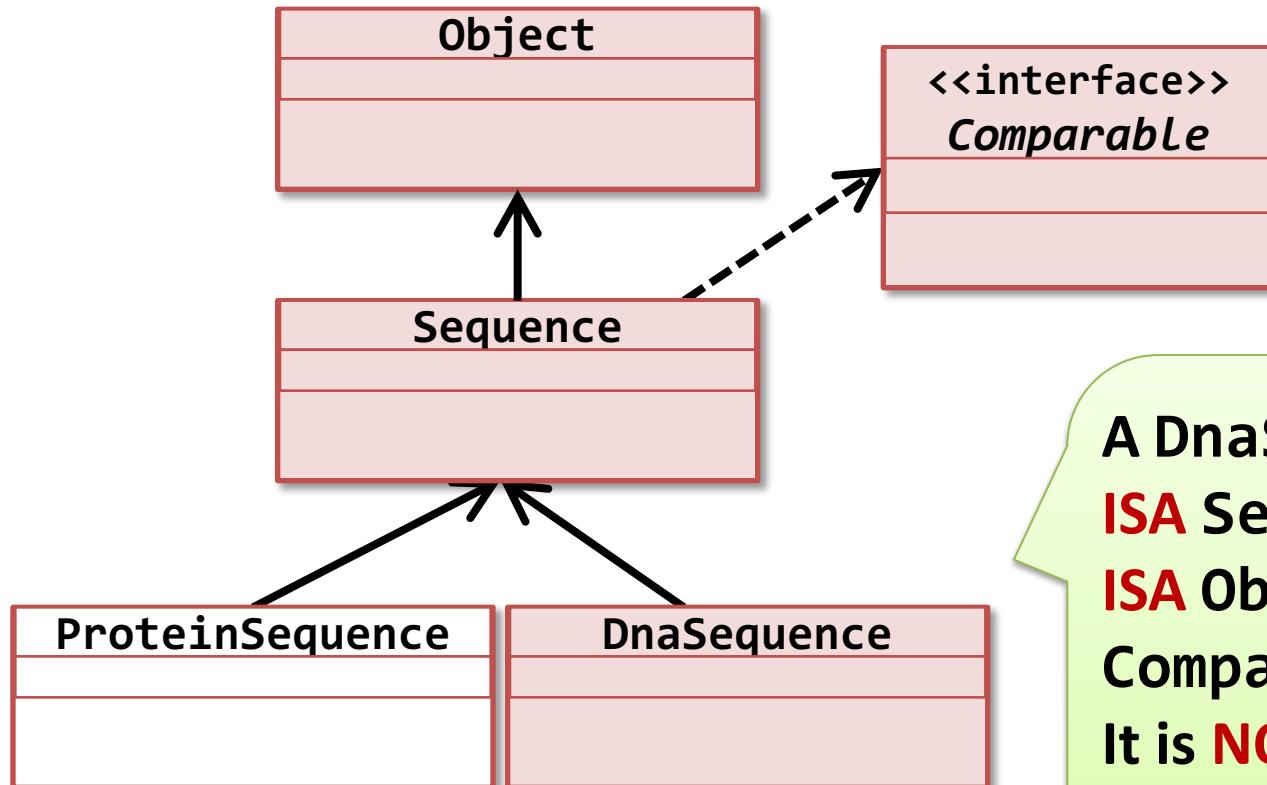
```
import static java.lang.System.out; //for brevity only!!
Sequence seq = new DnaSequence("GATTGCTCGGGATA") ;
seq.setName("dna1");

out.println(seq.toString());
out.println("seq instanceof Sequence: " + (seq instanceof Sequence));
out.println("seq instanceof DnaSequence: " + (seq instanceof DnaSequence));
out.println("seq instanceof ProteinSequence: " + (seq instanceof
ProteinSequence));
out.println("seq instanceof Object: " + (seq instanceof Object));
out.println("seq instanceof Comparable: " + (seq instanceof Comparable));
```

```
$ java PolymorphismDemo
Sequence[name=dna1 length=14]
seq instanceof Sequence: true
seq instanceof DnaSequence: true
seq instanceof ProteinSequence: false
seq instanceof Object: true
seq instanceof Comparable: true
```

Yes, you can even treat a  
DnaSequence object as if it is  
only a Comparable !!

# ISA



A DnaSequence  
**ISA** Sequence,  
**ISA** Object and **ISA** Comparable.  
It is **NOT A**  
ProteinSequence !!

# The power of polymorphism

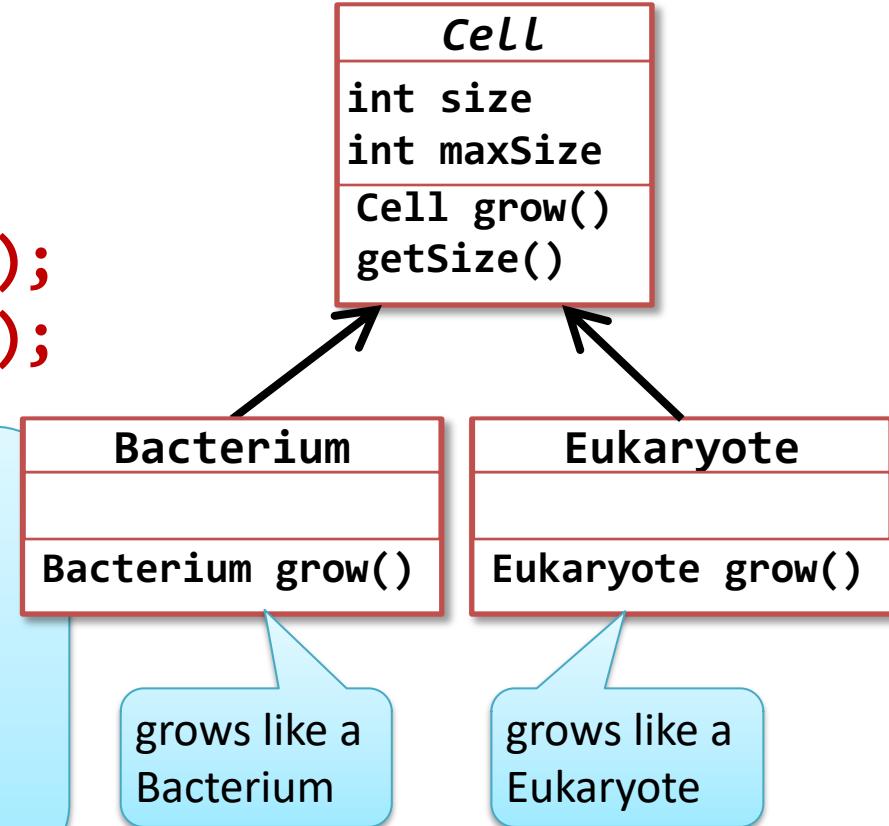
Using inheritance and polymorphism, you can

- simply deal with different types of objects identically (**polymorphic reference**)
- extend the model easily with other classes without having to change/add code all over your application
- implement different behaviours behind a method defined in a superclass: **polymorphic behaviour**

# Remember your testtube and cells?

```
Cell cell = new Bacterium();  
Cell babyCell = cell.grow();
```

grow() has been declared in Cell. It has been **overridden** in Bacterium and Eukaryote to reflect their different growing styles. This is also an aspect of polymorphism: **polymorphic behaviour**



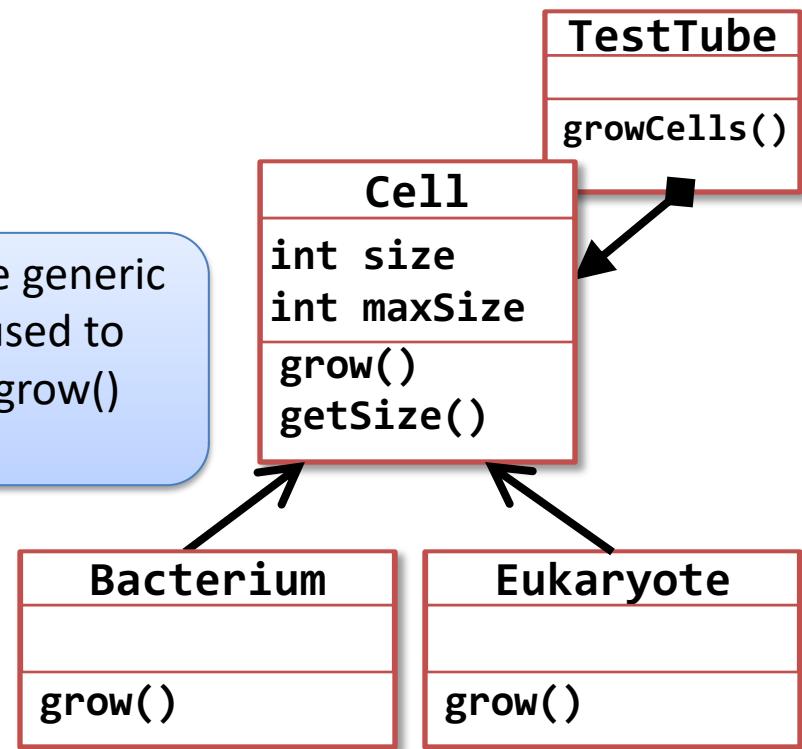
# a polymorphic testtube

```
public class TestTube {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        TestTube testTube = new TestTube();  
        testTube.growCells("bacterium");  
    }  
}
```

```
public void growCells(String type) {  
    Cell cell;  
    if (type.equals("bacterium")) {  
        cell = new Bacterium();  
    }  
    else if (type.equals("eukaryote")) {  
        cell = new Eukaryote();  
    }  
    //room for other types such  
    //as Archaea, or bone cells  
    Cell babyCell = cell.grow();  
}
```

The generic type Cell is declared, but specific types are instantiated (Bacterium, Eukaryote)

Here the generic type is used to call the grow() method



# polymorphic behaviour IN CODE

```
public abstract class Cell {  
    private int size;  
    private int maxSize;  
    /*returns the cell's size*/  
    public int getSize(){  
        return size;  
    }  
    /*abstract method!*/  
    public abstract Cell grow();  
}
```

```
public class Bacterium extends Cell {  
    /*overrides Cell.grow()*/  
    public Cell grow() {  
        System.out.println("a bacterium growing");  
    }  
}
```

```
public class TestTube{  
    public static main( String[] args){  
        Cell cell;  
        //cell = new Cell(); ILLEGAL  
        //cell.grow();  
        cell = new Bacterium();  
        cell.grow();  
    }  
}
```

```
$ java TestTube  
a bacterium growing
```

Calls grow() on a Bacterium object.

# **PART 3: Loose ends**

# Some loose ends

- There are actually some subjects that were skipped so far
- Since they are so important for well-designed applications, they will revisited here shortly:
  - Interfaces
  - Enums
  - Inner classes

# Interfaces

- You of course remember the Comparable interface: It is a contract that you can sign within your classes
- Signing it will force you to live up to the contract by implementing the compareTo() method
- When you sign the contract, your class can be (polymorphically) treated as an instance of the interface

# Interfaces

- Interfaces are like all-abstract classes, but with one very important distinction:
- Classes can extend only a single class, but as many interfaces as they like!
- In Object-oriented programming there is a very important design rule that says  
***"Program against interfaces, not against implementations"***
- Remember this rule, and you'll always be a happy camper when major refactoring is required

# Enums revisited

- Quite often, you have methods that make decisions based on some variable that has only a few allowed values
- Inexperienced programmers often use **public static final** constants for these well-defined values
- When you are truly a Java programmer, you will use the Force of *enums*

# Enums: constants on steroids

```
public enum UserType{  
    GUEST,  
    USER,  
    HACKER;  
}  
public void greetUser(UserType userType){  
    switch(userType){  
        case GUEST:  
            System.out.println("Register so we can spam you");  
            break;  
        case USER: System.out.println("Thanks, spam is underway");  
            break;  
        case HACKER: System.out.println("I cannot spam you");  
    }  
}
```

Only three types of Users can ever exist

Easy switching on all types!

# Enums: constants on steroids

```
public enum LifeDomains {  
    BACTERIA("bacteria"),  
    ARCHAEA("archaea"),  
    EUKARYA("eukarya") {  
        public boolean isProkaryote() { return false; }  
    };  
    private String type;  
    private LifeDomains(String type) {  
        this.type = type;  
    }  
    public String toString() { return type; }  
    public boolean isProkaryote() { return true; }  
}  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    System.out.println(LifeDomains.EUKARYA);  
    System.out.println(LifeDomains.EUKARYA.isProkaryote());  
}
```

A within-class override of the default implementation: a **constant-specific class body!**

A regular method

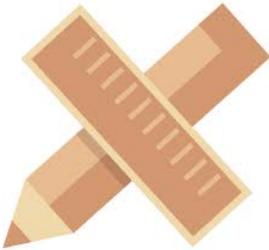
# Inner classes

- While we have done so almost always, there is a widespread misconception about how many classes can exist in one file
- There can be only one ***public*** top-level class per file
- A file can, however, have many (anonymous) inner classes and interface implementers:

# Inner classes

```
public class Outer {  
    private Usable usable = new Usable() {  
        public void use() {}  
    };  
    public void useInners() {  
        Inner i = new Inner();  
        usable.use();  
    }  
    private class Inner {  
        /* extra special class dedicated to  
         * functioning of Outer class */  
    }  
    private interface Usable {  
        public void use();  
    }  
}
```

Take a minute to study this and realize the myriad of design choices it gives you



# Design rule

- You make a class an inner classes when
  - this class is very tightly bound to the outer class (logically, functionally)
  - this class has no reason to live outside the outer class
- Make a clear distinction between static and non-static inner classes!

# that's it folks!

- You have reached the end of the course and are close to becoming a kick-butt Java programmer
- remember to drop the buzz words with your supervisor now and then:
  - inheritance
  - encapsulation
  - polymorphism
  - and the best of all: Constant-specific class body

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