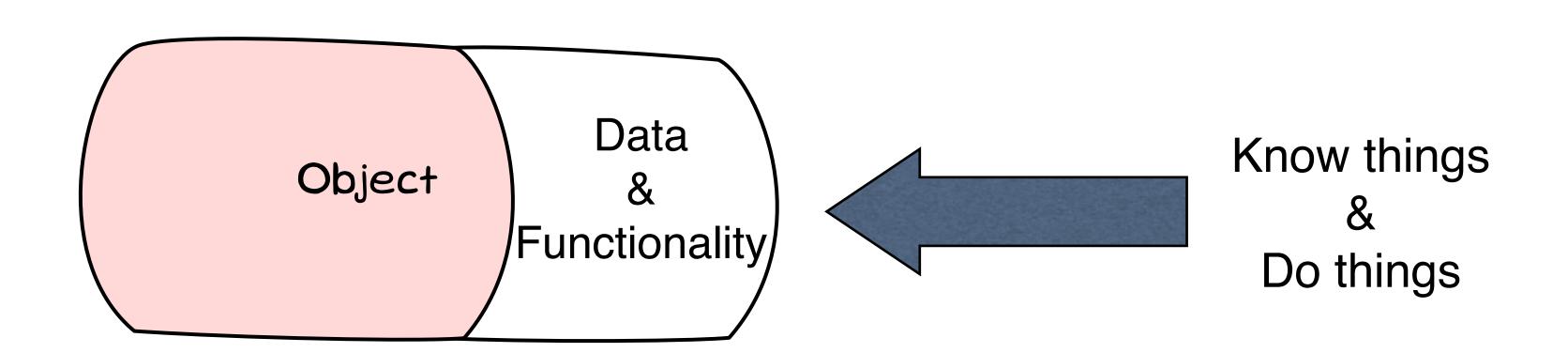
Inheritance

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Object oriented programs contain objects that know and can do things



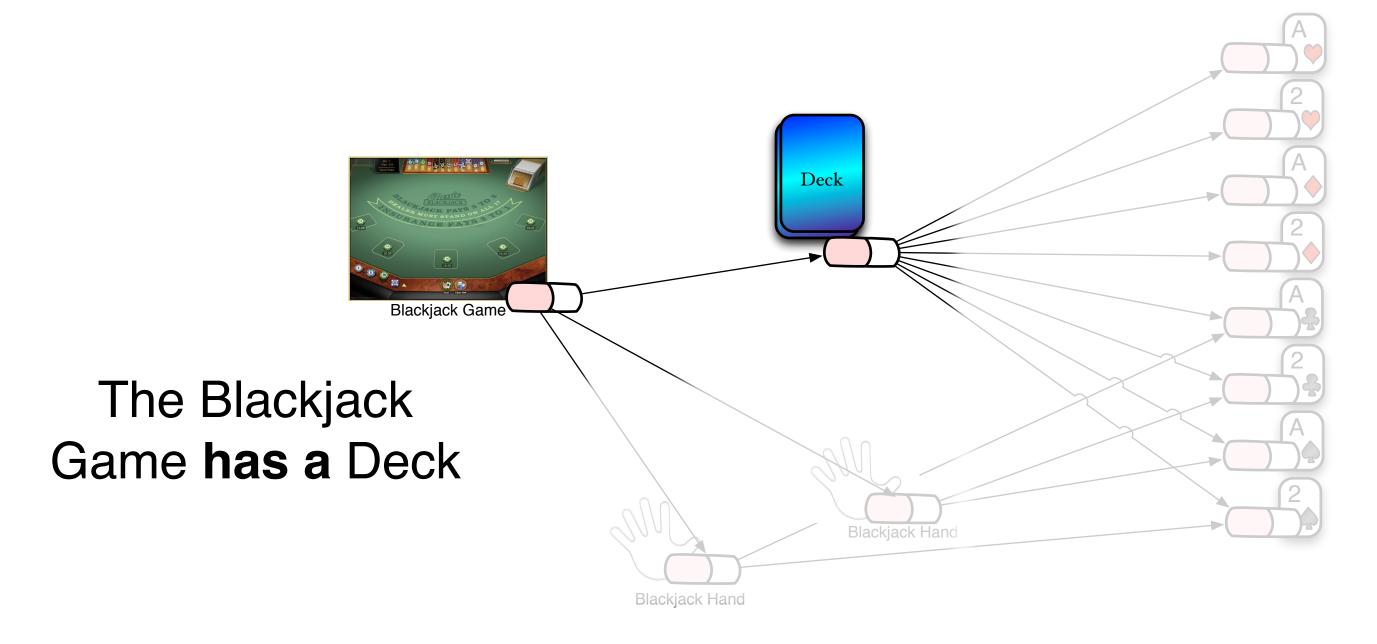
Remember there are three main kinds of relationships

Association

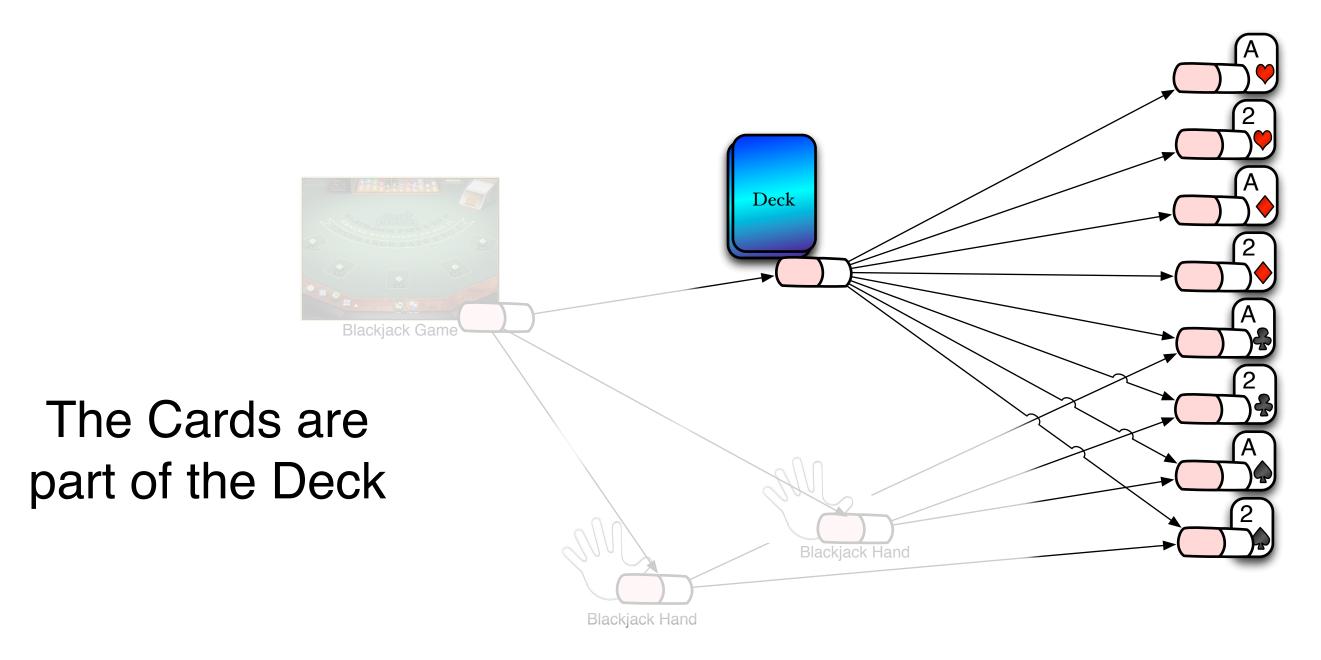
Aggregation

Dependence

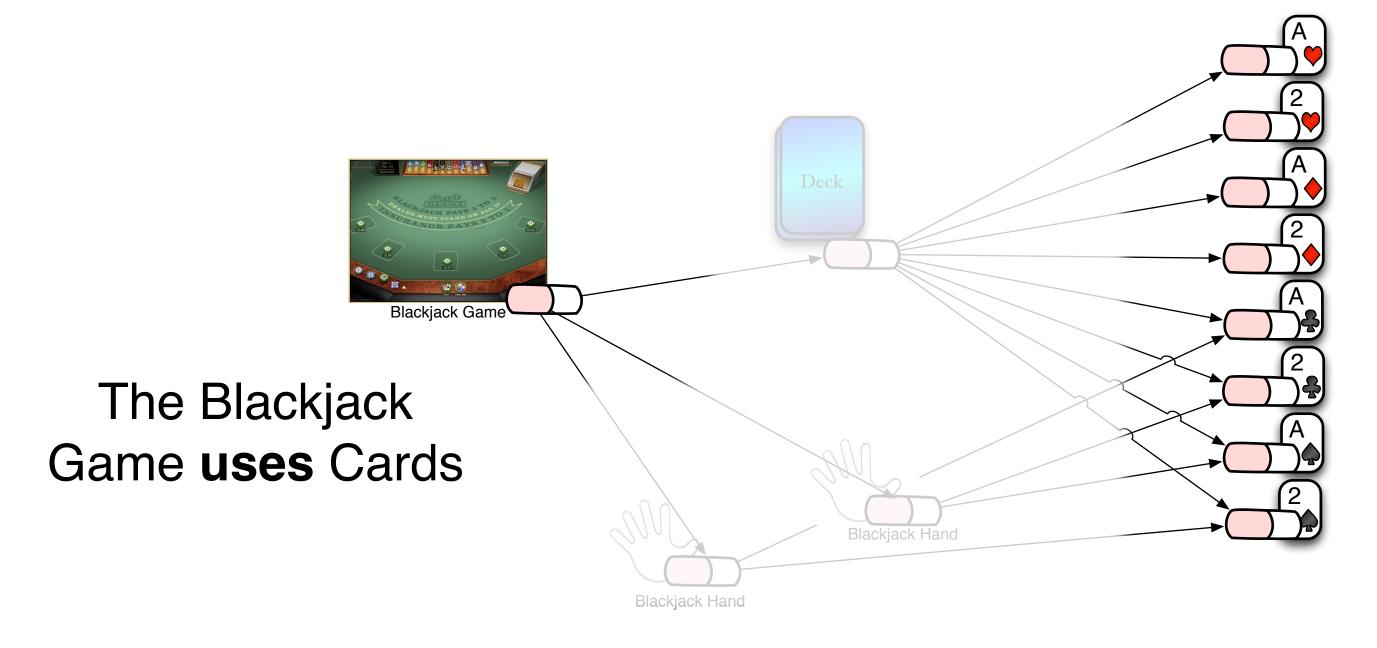
Use association for "has-a" kind relationship



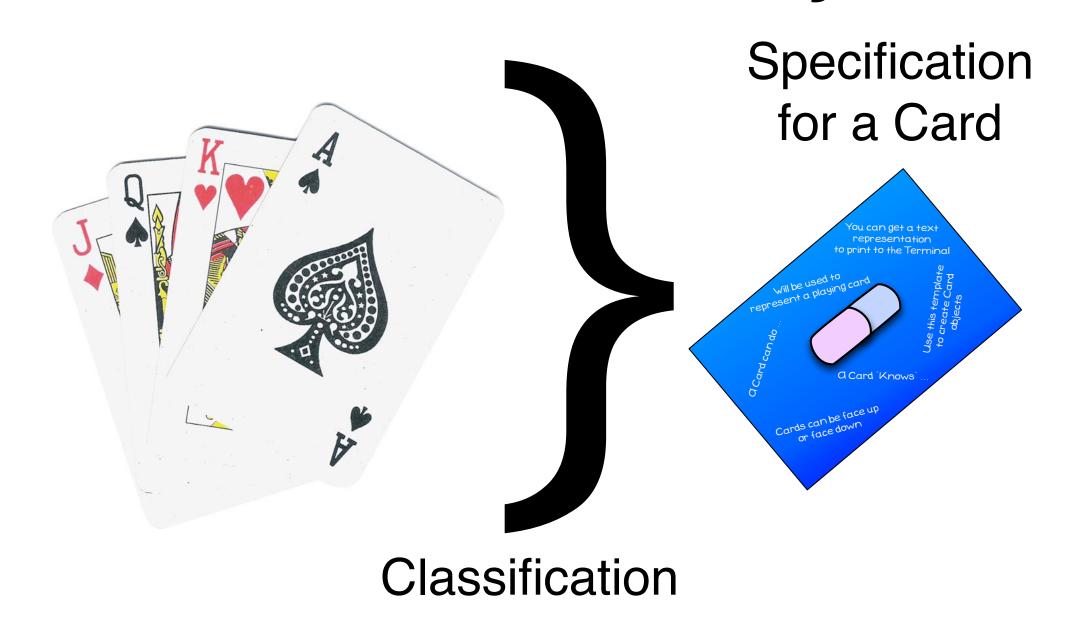
Use "aggregation" for wholepart or container



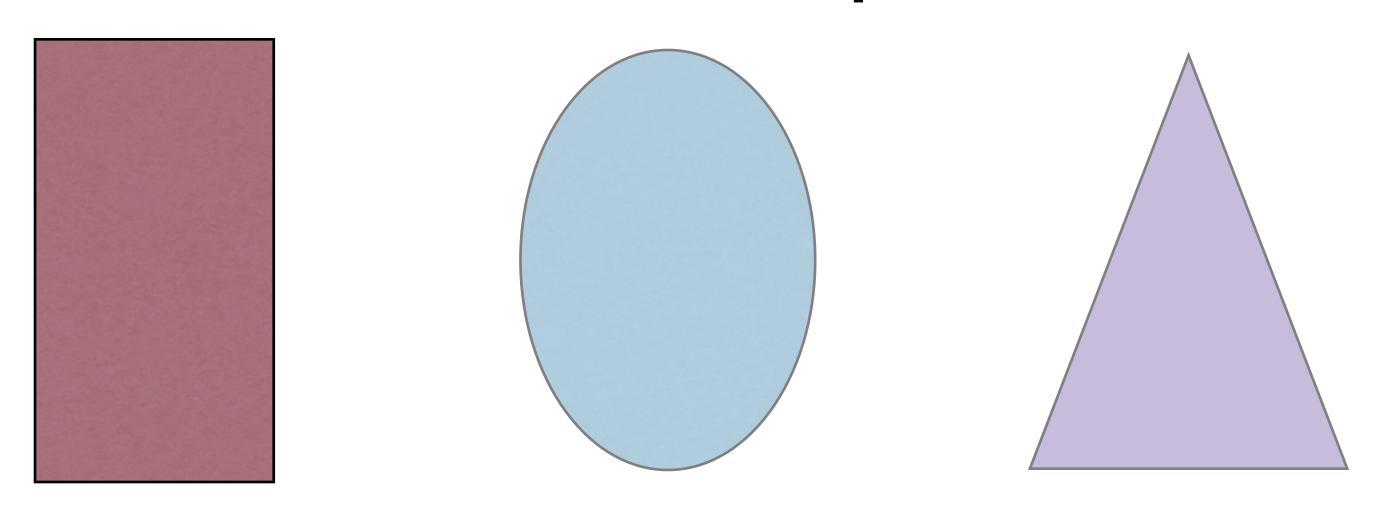
Use dependency for temporary "uses" style relationships



Developers use the process of abstraction to define object classes



Abstraction also includes generalisation and specialisation

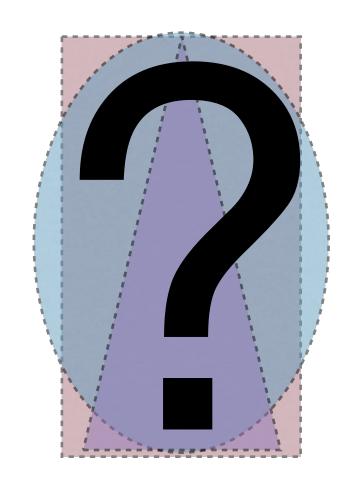


What are these?

Use generalisation and specialisation to create families of classes

What do you want to do with shape?

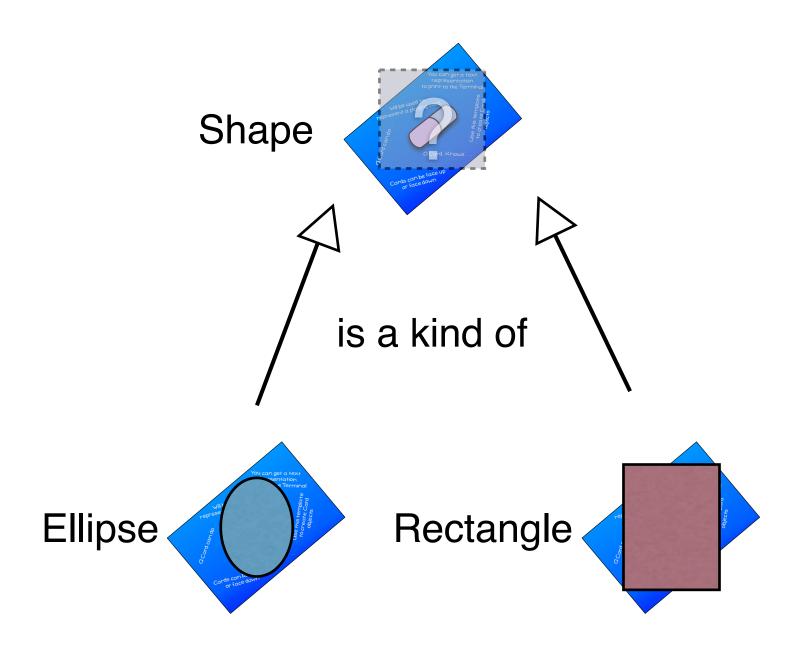
Do you care if they are ellipses, rectangles, triangles?



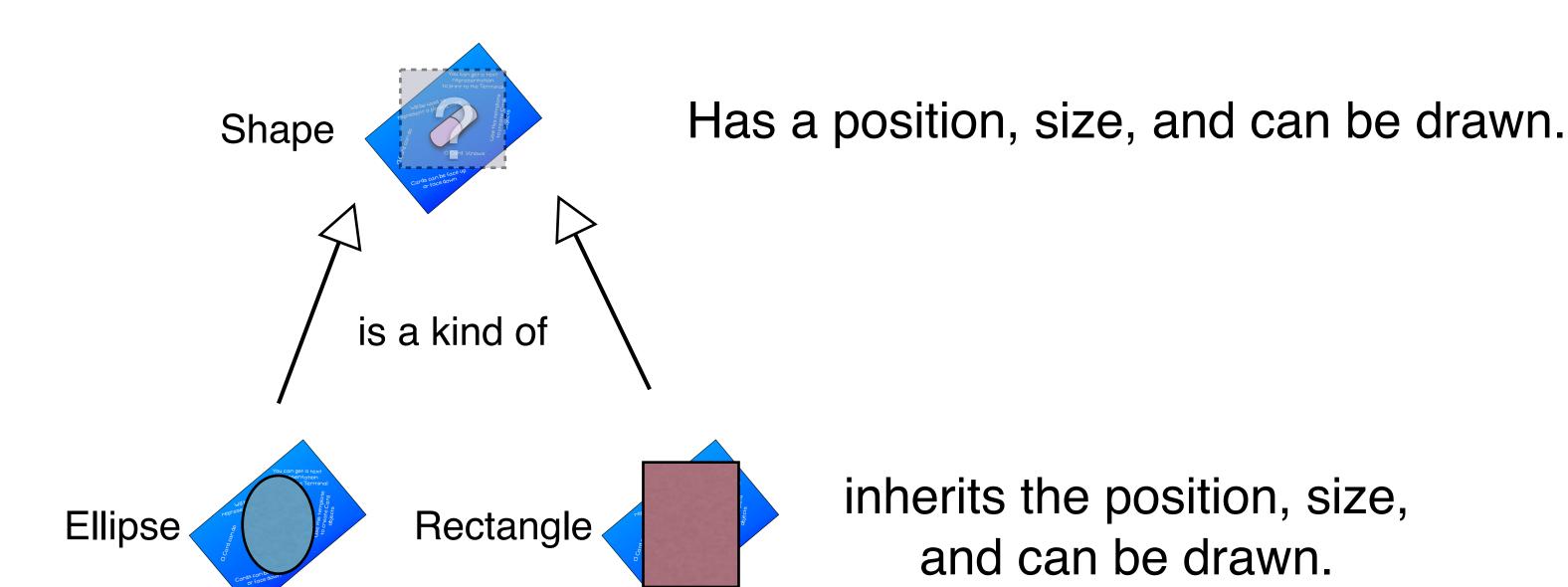
Use inheritance to model generalisation and specialisation in your OO code

Inherit attributes and behaviour from a parent class

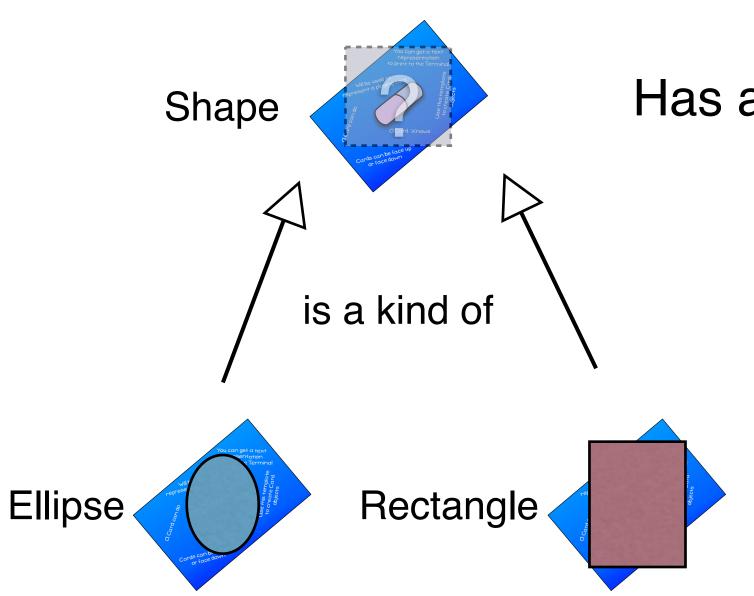
Use inheritance to model **is-a** kinds of relationships



The child class **inherits** all of the features of the parent...



Change how inherited methods behave in the child class (overriding the parent)

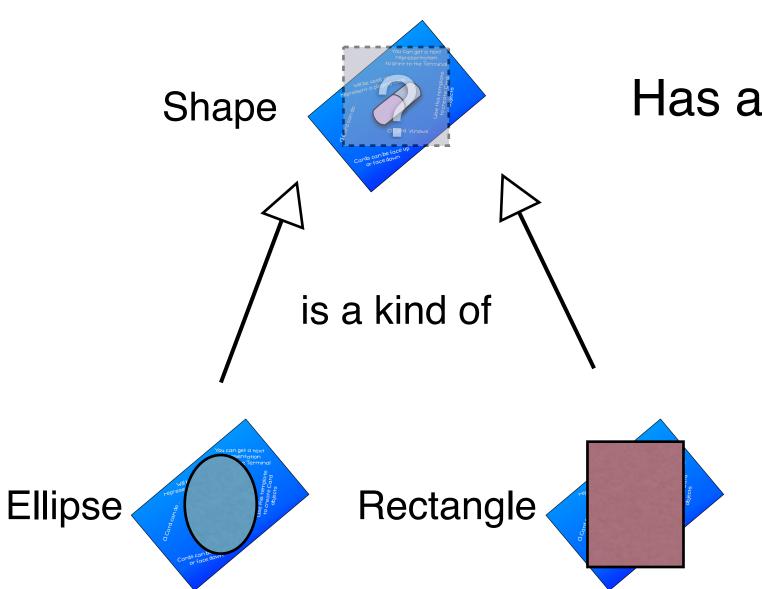


Has a position, size, and can be drawn.

Rectangle = Draws a Rectangle

Ellipse = Draws an Ellipse

Add additional features in the child class

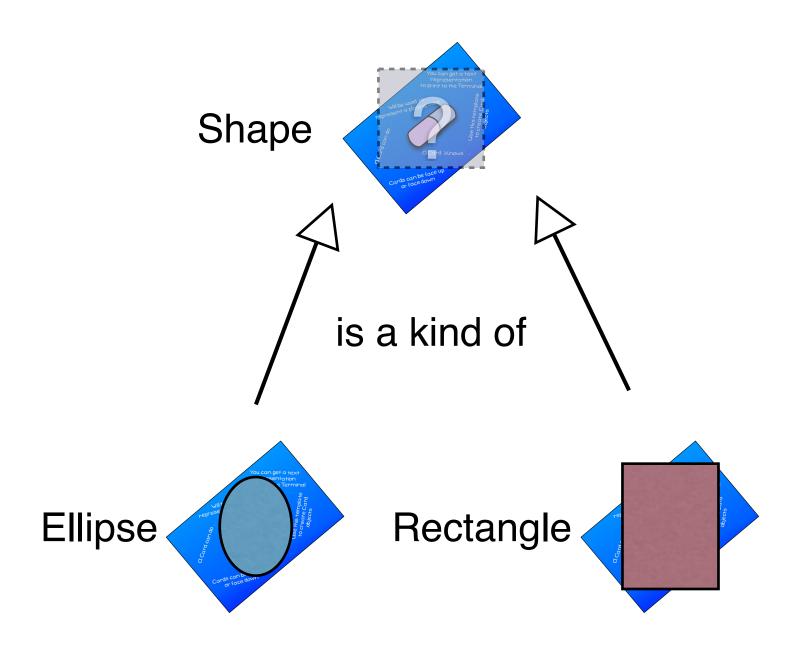


Has a position, size, and can be drawn.

Rectangle = MakeSquare()

Ellipse = MakeCircular()

The child class can see public and protected members of the parent



Access levels

public: anyone

protected: only derived classes

private: nobody else

Inheritance declared by derived classes

C++

class Rectangle : public Shape

Java

class Rectangle extends
Shape

C#

class Rectangle: Shape

Objective-C

@interface Rectangle : Shape

Will inheritance help you create object oriented programs?

Abstraction is much more than just classification

Use inheritance to model generalisation and specialisation

Inheritance helps bring flexibility, extensibility, and adaptability to your OO programs