

Inheritance in Java



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By the end of this video you will be able to...

- Use the keyword **extends** with confidence
- Explain the relationship between a superclass and a subclass
- Use UML Diagrams to display class hierarchies

What did we want?

1. Keep common behavior in one class
2. Split different behavior into separate classes
3. Keep all of the objects in a single data structure

```
public class Person
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

```
public class Student
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

```
public class Faculty
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

```
public class Person
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

```
public class Student extends Person
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

**“extends” means
“inherit from”**

```
public class Person
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

**base/ super
class**

```
public class Student extends Person
{
    private String name;
    ...
}
```

**derived/ sub
class**

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- Public instance variables

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- **Public methods**


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- Public methods
- **Private instance variables**

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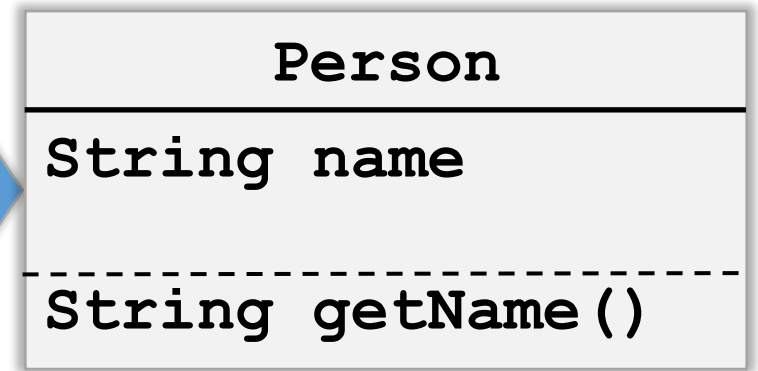
Private vars can be
accessed **only** through
public methods!

What is inherited?

- Public instance variables
- Public methods
- Private instance variables

```
public class Person
{
    private String name;
    public getName() { return name;}
}
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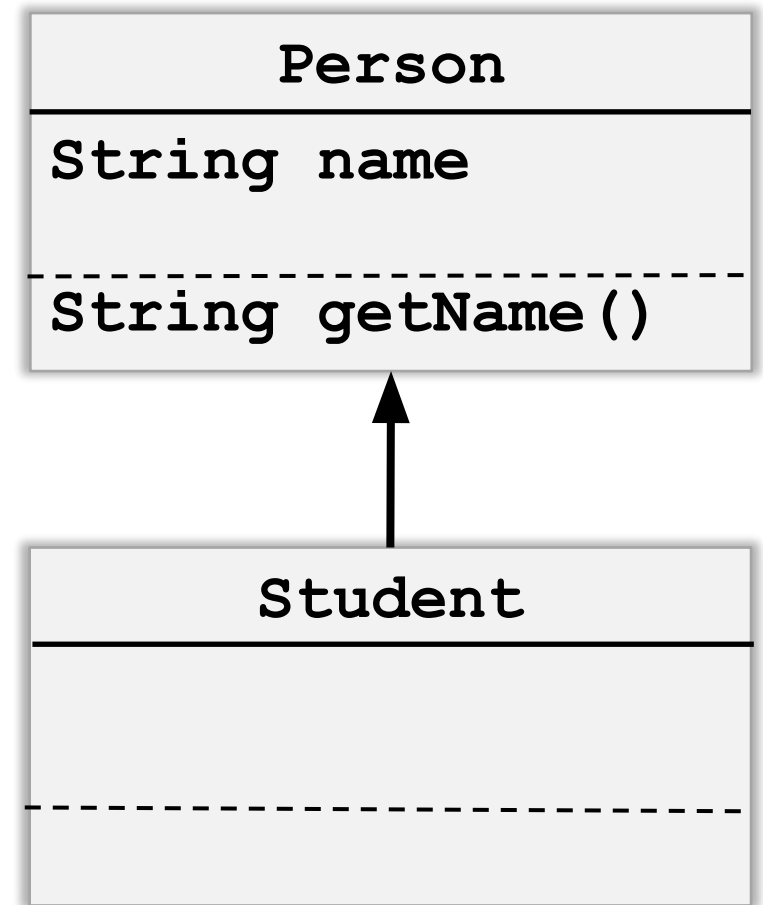
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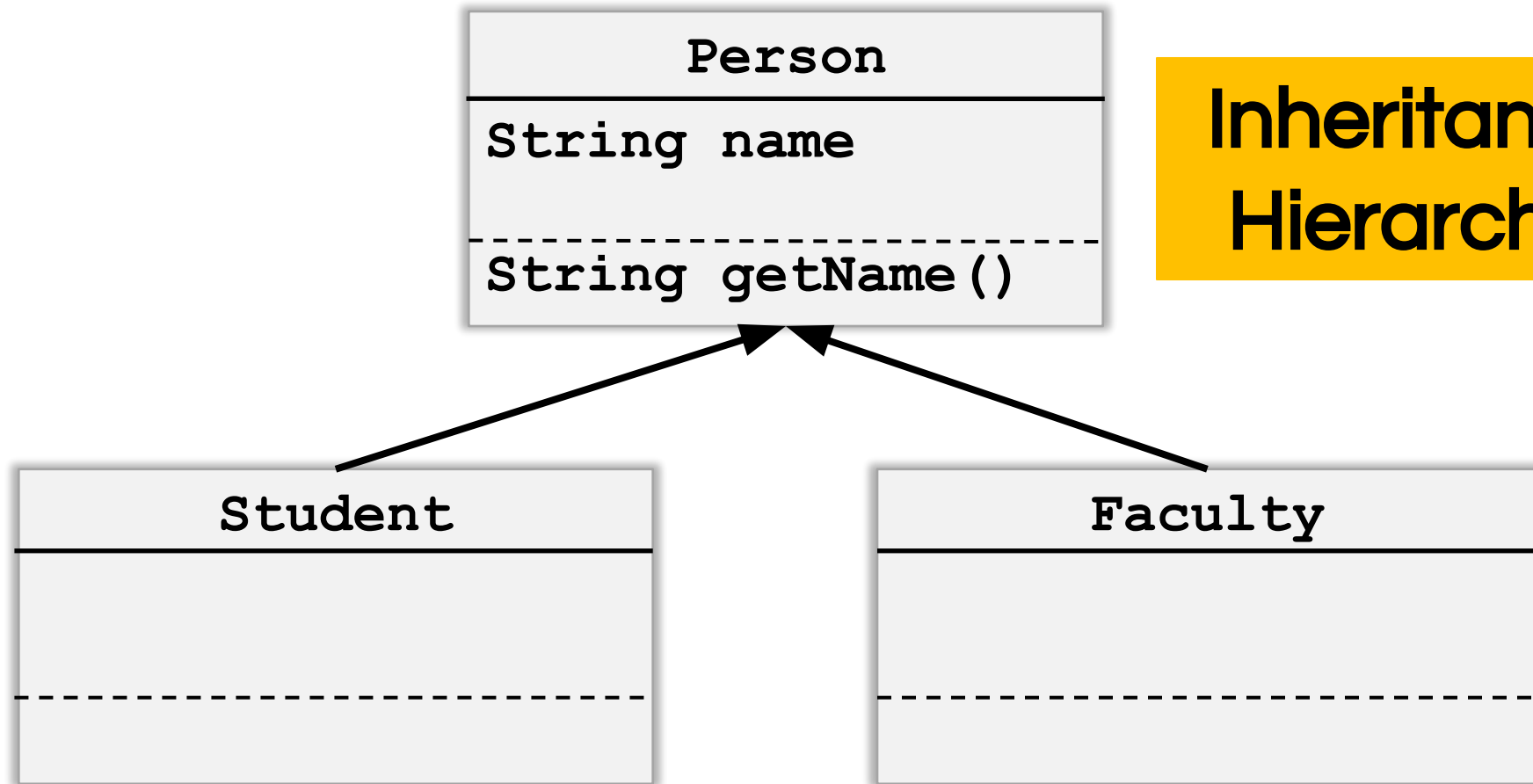
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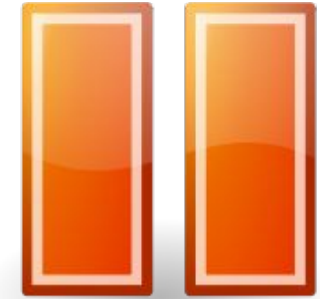
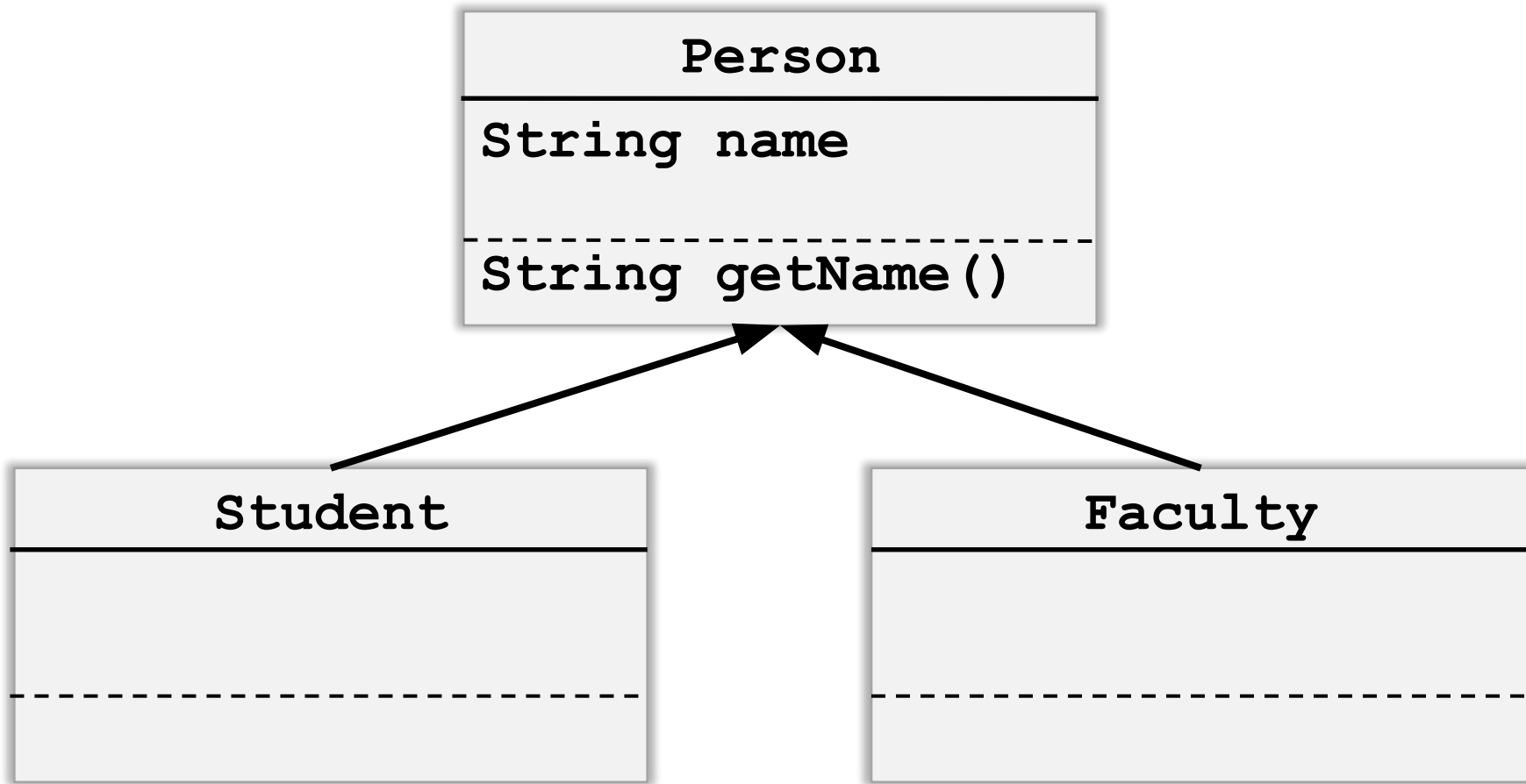
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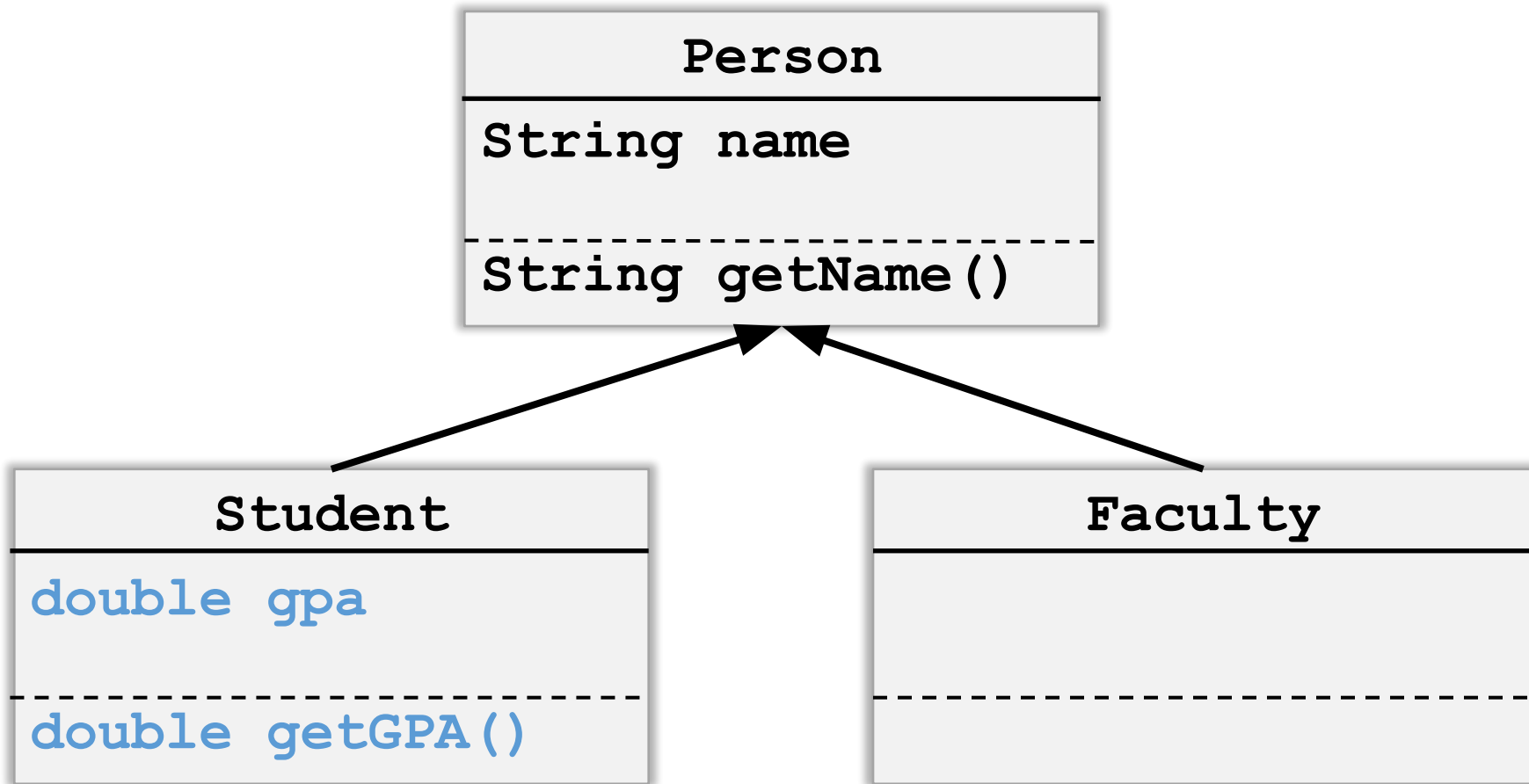
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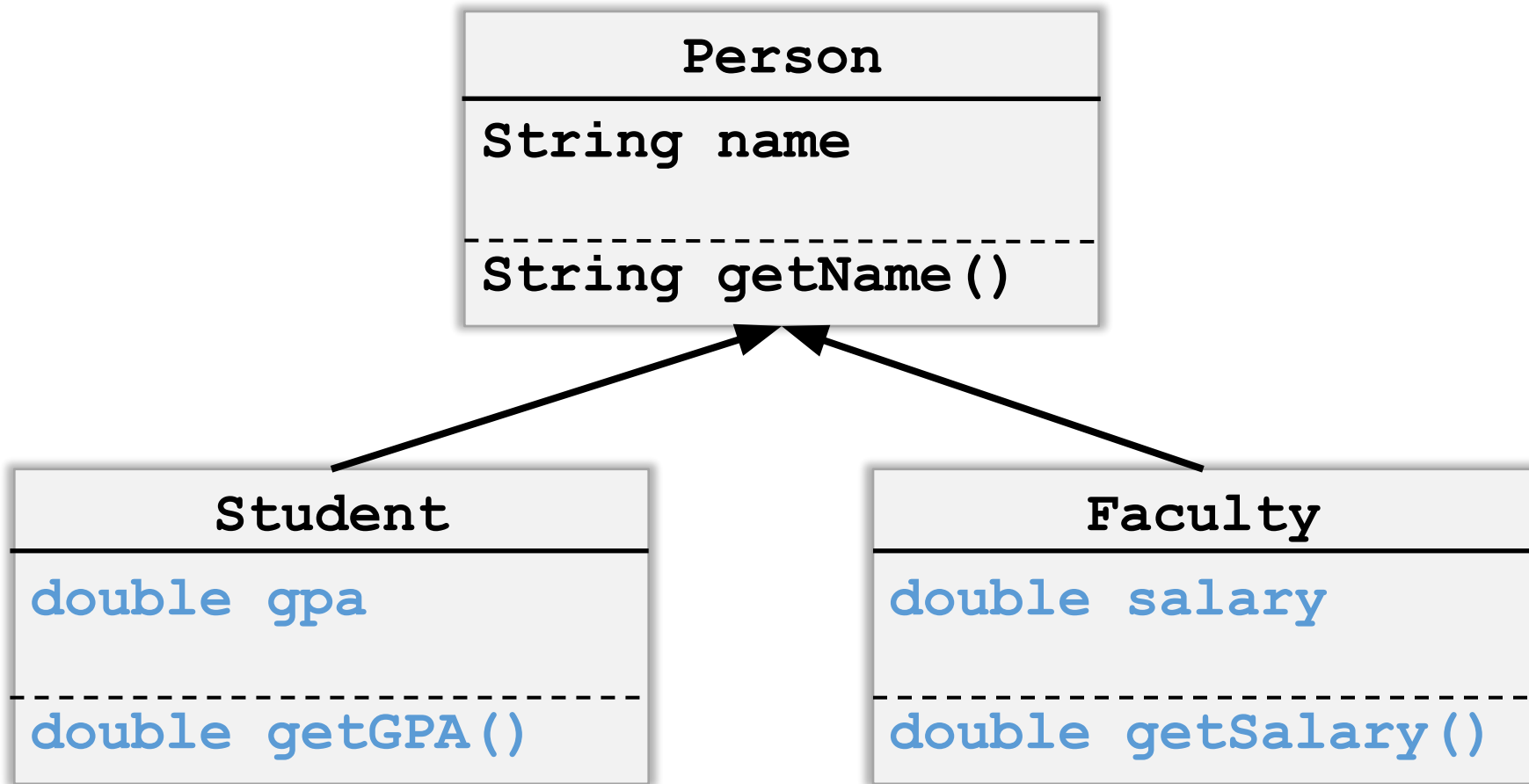


Inheritance Hierarchy!









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Coming up!