

Inheritance

Inheritance looks kind of interesting, but when would you really use it?

Well, it turns out, in Java, you've been using Inheritance all along.

java.lang.Object

This is because every class you create in Java actually extends a special Java class.

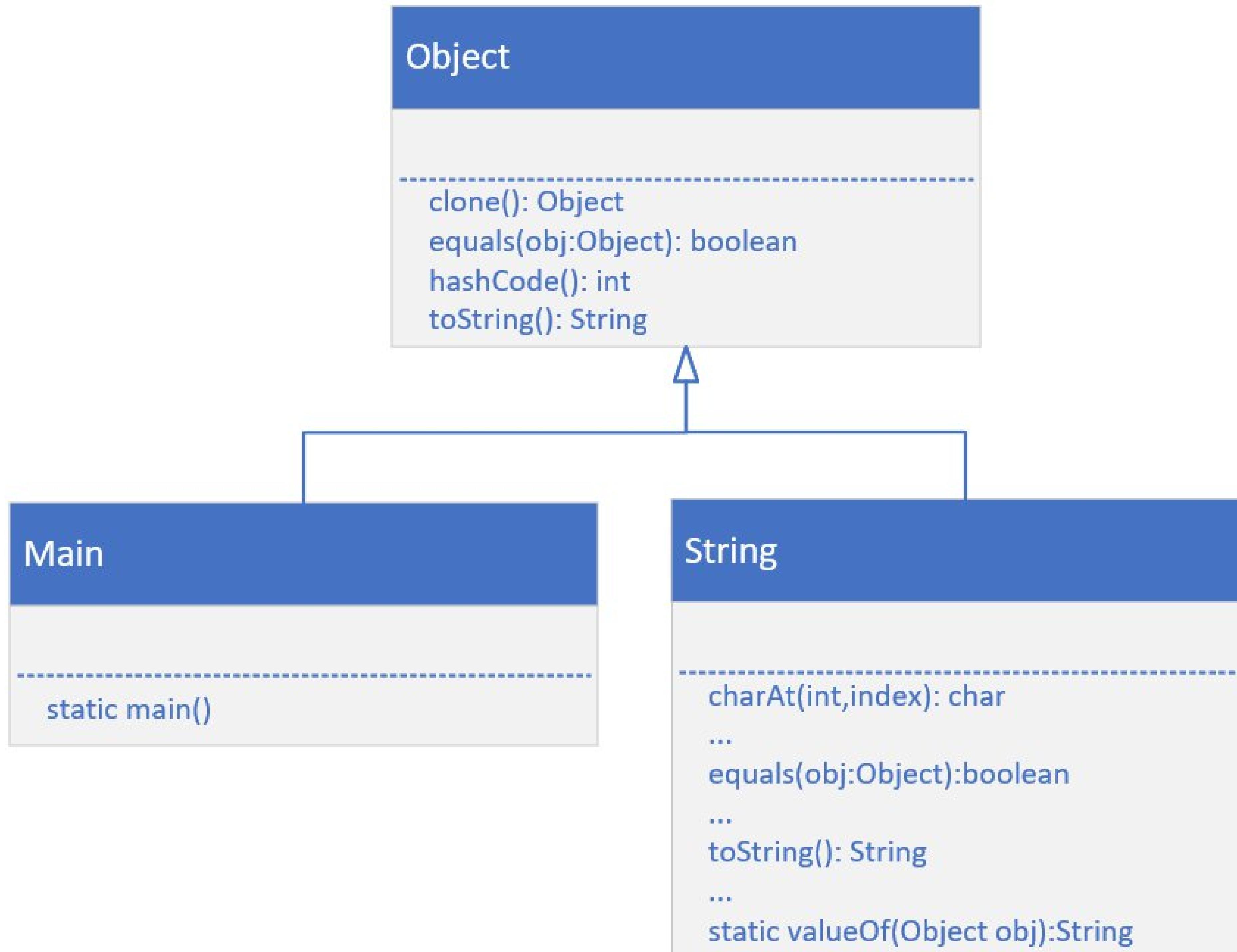
That class is named Object, and it's in the java.lang package.

Ok, that's confusing, a class called Object?

Let's see what Java has to say about this class:

We'll use the link to Java's Application Programming Interface (API) for this class, which you can find in the resources section of this video.

Every Class inherits from Object



This slide shows that my Main class inherits from, or is a subclass of Object, as is also the case with String.

The String class has over 60 methods!

The String class overrides several methods on Object, two of which are equals() and toString().

Class Diagram for Student and PrimarySchoolStudent

I've already built Student which inherits from Object implicitly.

Next, I'll build PrimarySchoolStudent, which will inherit from Student.

