OO Theory: Class Hierarchy and Inheritance

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Remember?

Recent Programming Languages의 문제점

- Class, Subclass, Inheritance에 대해 가볍게 대처
- Always taking an easy and simple way
- Multi Paradigm Programming Language를 주장
- Programming Language Theory를 대폭 무시
 - Type에 대한 이론들에 무지
 - Correctness of Program의 중요성을 간과
 - Abstract Data Type의 기본 취지의 퇴색



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Forget Java & C++ at the moment!!!



Inheritance

A mechanism which allows a new class to be incrementally defined from an existing class.

Problem

What is a Zebra?

"A Zebra is like a horse but has stripes"

Horse
inherit + stripes
Zebra



Inheritance avoid repetition and confusion!

Example: Inheritance

Problem

Define a new class called <u>Window</u>, which is a rectangle, but also resizable.



```
Class Window

inherit Rectangle
add operation
resize(int h1, w1);
{ h=h1; w=w1; display(); }
```



Inheritance in OOPLs

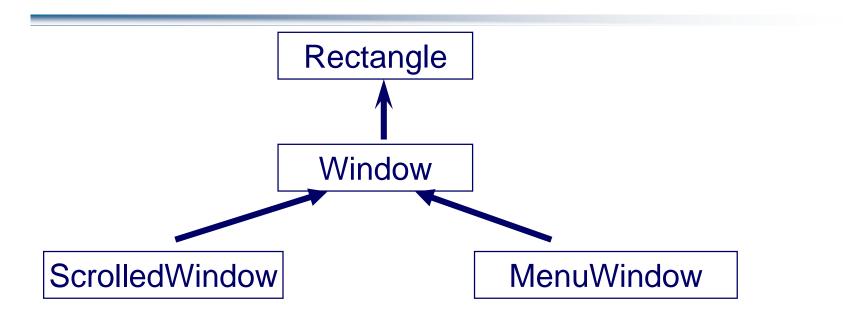
The common operations supported by most OOPLs during inheritance are :

- Addition of new instance variables and methods
- Redefinition(overriding) of inherited methods

There are still other possibilities such as renaming and *exclusion* of inherited methods and redefinition of inherited attributes, but.....



Class Hierarchy



Inheritance builds class hierarchies which are reusable and opens the possibility of application frameworks for domain reuse.



Polymorphism from Inheritance

An object or methods may have multiple types.

Subtyping

An object has its own type and also supertypes. This is the most significant contribution of OOPLs toward polymorphism.

Parametric Polymorphism

Type definition may have type parameters. eg. Stack[Int], Stack[Real], Stack[Process]

Overloading

A single operation name may denote several different operation. eg. Use of "+" for integer addition, array addition, and string con'n.

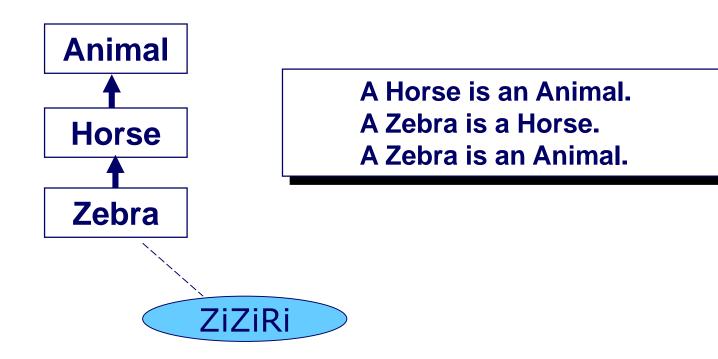
Coercion

Implicit type conversion inserted by the translator. eg. Use of Integer for Real in FORTRAN



Subtyping (Subtype Polymorphism)

Subtyping allows an object to have not only its own type but also its supertypes.





Function Overloading

Solution without polymorphism & inheritance

** Suppose we have types "Triangle" and "Rectangle"

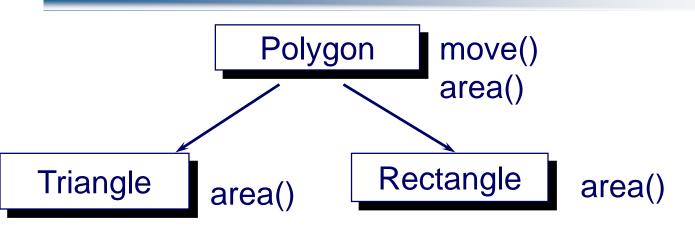
```
function compute_area(p: Polygon) : Real;

case p.polygonType of
    Triangle: return(p.w * P.h);
    Rectangle: return(p.w * P.h/2);
    end case;

end: /* compute_area */
```



Function Overloading Solution with Polymorphism & Inheritance



```
function compute_area(p:Polygon): real;
    return(p.area());
end;
```

** Consider a new type "Hexagon"



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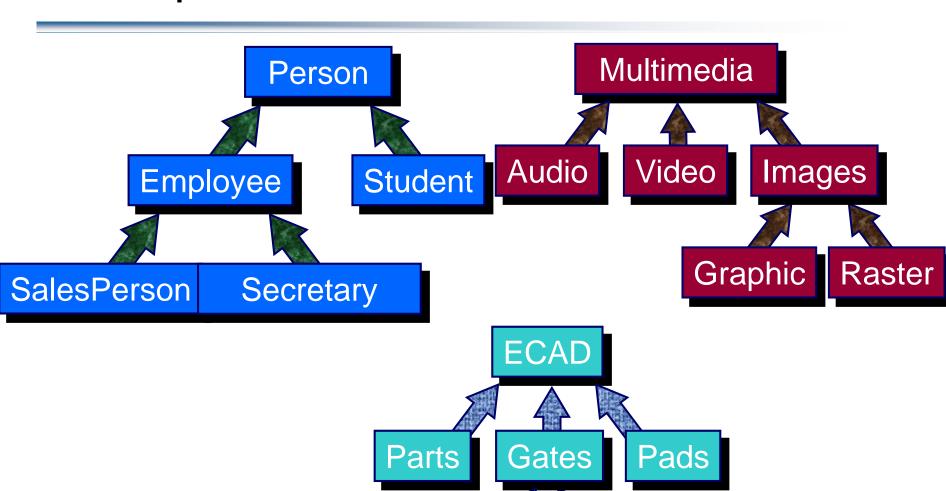


I. Introduction

- Inheritance → Reusability, Extensibility
- Inheriting behavior → code sharing
- Inheriting representation → structure sharing
- A natural mechanism for organizing information
 - There are many similar things in the real world
 - SW developers tend to similar SWs in a certain domain
- Primary Concern
 - Taxonomizing objects into well-defined inheritance hierarchy



Examples of Inheritance Hierarchies



And



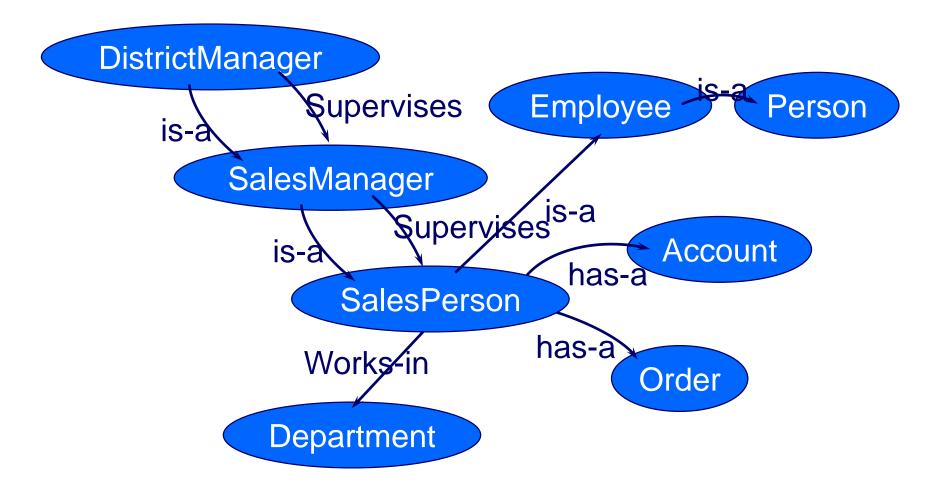
Inheritance in Knowledge Rep.

[1/2]

- Semantic network Quillian (1968)
 - "Node-and-link" model
 - Node: concepts(objects)
 - Link: relationships among concepts
 - Label
 - 'IS-A': inheritance relationships
 - 'HAS-A': attributes of concepts
- Frames *Minsky* (1975)
 - Record-like structure: Slot
 - New concepts from previously defined frames



Al Semantic Network for SalesPerson





Inheritance in Knowledge Representation [2/2]

- Support the notion of "Specialization"
 - Through creating instances
 - Send the message new to a class
 - Through creating subclasses
 - Declare superclasses for a class



Various Issues of Inheritance

- Inheritance and subtyping
- Visibility of inherited variables and methods
- Inheritance and encapsulation
- How to specialize
- Object inheritance
- Multiple inheritance



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2. Inheritance and Subtyping

The concepts of inheritance and subtyping are often confused!

- Inheritance
 - Implementation side
 - Implementational hierarchy
 - Inheriting instance variables
 - Inheriting methods

- Subtyping
 - Semantic relationship among the types of objects
 - Interface side
 - behavioral hierarchy



2.1 Subtyping

- A type T₁ is a subtype of type T₂ IF every instance of T₁ is also an instance of T₂
 - ex) prime number vs. integer
- Principle of substitutability
 - If T1 is a subtype of T2 then an instance of T₁ can be used whenever an operation expects an instance of type T₂
- 3 kinds of subtyping
 - Subsets / Subtyping of Structured Types (tuples) / Subtyping of functions
- Subtyping relation: a partial order (Reflexive, Transitive, Anti-symmetric)
- Inheritance hierarchy
 - Single inheritance: Tree structure
 - Multiple inheritance: DAG structure



2.1.1 Subsets as Subtype

- We can view "Subset" as Subtype, but not always correct!
- Example: the type Integer "I and the subsets of integers
 - R = the integers in the range 1...100
 - P = the prime numbers
 - E = the set of even integers
- R is a subtype of I? / P is a subtype of I? / E is a subtype of I?
 - Algebraic Property of "I" (API): associativity, distributivity
 - Closure Property of "I" (CPI): the sum or product of two integers are also an integer
 - R,P,E preserve API, but Only E preserves CPI
- Complete subtype TI to be a complete subtype of T2
 - Operators of T2 should <u>behave compatibly</u> with arguments from T1

2.1.2 Subtyping of Structured Types [1/2]

** Inclusion semantics of subtype can be extended to tuples or arrays

```
Type Person

[ Name: Character String

Age: Integer

Address: Character String ]

(Instance 2)

[ Name: "Jonh Smith"

Age: 20

Address: "101 Spring St CA, 94563"

Salary: $25,000

Major: "Music"]
```

** Instance 1 and 2 are both members of type Person



2.1.2 Subtyping of Structured Types [2/2]

Subtyping relationship between tuples (<=)

SalesPerson <=

[Name: Character String

Age: 1...21

Address: Character String

Salary: Dollar

Major: Character String]

Employee

[Name: Character String

Age: Integer

Address: Character String]

* Extend this concept to array, stack, tables.....



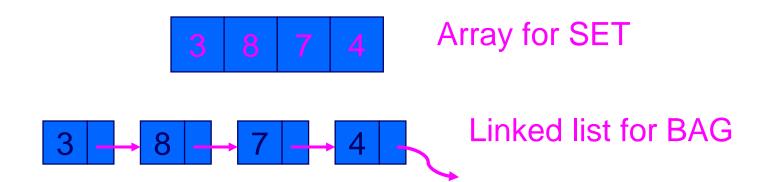
2.2 Contrasting Inheritance with Subtyping[1/2]

- Inheritance implementation side
- Subtyping interface side
- Each type could have an entirely different implementation of representation, but may maintain the behavioral subtype compatibility
- Inheritance hierarchy and subtype hierarchy could be separated (Separation of Implementation and Interface!)
- The separation of implementation and interface (keeping two different hierarchies) results in clean and correct OOPL
- The programmer's viewpoint: Two hectic hierarchies!



2.2 Contrasting Inheritance with Subtyping [2/2]

- Ex) Set vs. Bag (multiset)
 - Instances of Set could be implemented as arrays
 - Instances of Bag could be implemented as linked lists
- Implementations are different, but Set is a subtype of Bag





2.2.1 Implicit Subtyping vs. Explicit Inheritance

- Declaring subtyping relationships in OOPLs
 - Explicitly by naming a type to be a subtype of another type
 - Most conventional PLs
 - Through "superclass/subtype" clause
 - Implicitly by inferring the subtype relationship from the properties of the types
 - Type inferrencing in some OO languages such as Eiffel
 - Through hybrid schemes



2.2.2 Subtyping and Dynamic Binding

T' is a subtype of T

```
Y: T';
X: T;
X:= Y; □□□□□
```

is <u>dynamically binding X</u> to an object of a different type (different from its static type)

 Dynamic binding also can apply to methods (SalesPerson is a subtype of Employee)

Mary: Employee;

Jill: SalesPerson;

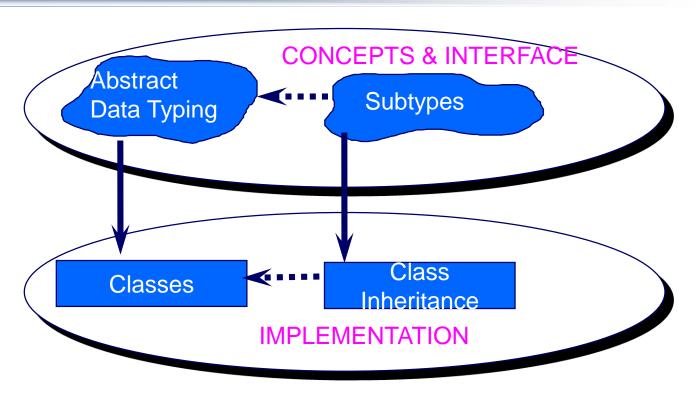
Mary.EvaluateBonus(...);

Mary := Jill;

Mary.EvaluateBonus(...);



2.2.3 What Do Classes inherit?



The *interface* of the superclass (a set of messages)

The *representation* of the superclass (a set of instance variables)

The *code* that implements the methods of the superclass (a set of methods)



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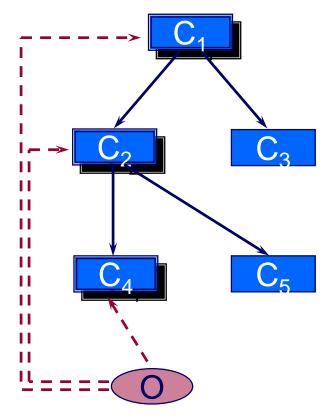
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3. Class Inheritance

- O := new C
 - O is a member of C
 - O is a member of every superclass of C
- O is a member of C_1 , C_2 , and C_4 .



 $O := new C_4$



Several Overriding Options

For Instance Variables

- No redefinition
- Arbitrary redefinition
- Constrained redefinition
- Hidden definition

For Methods

- No redefinition
- Arbitrary redefinition
- Constrained redefinition



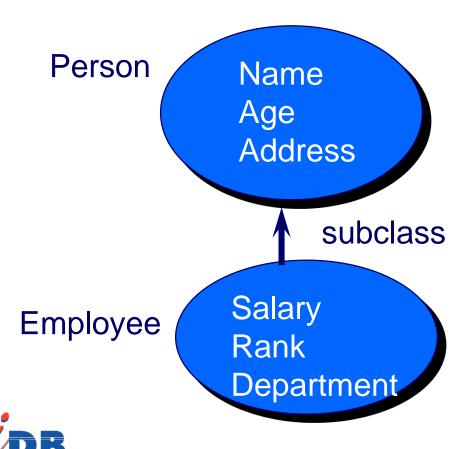
Overriding Flexibility vs. Typing

- Arbitrary overriding
 - Flexible & Cannot guarantee strong typing
- Constrained overriding
 - Less flexible & Guarantees strong typing & Type-safe
- To prevent a run-time type error in strongly typed language
 - All redefined methods in C' must conform with the corresponding methods in C
 - Allow only dynamic binding of variables to subclass instances
 - ex) Sp: SalesPerson
 - Sm: SalesManager
 - Sp := Sm



3.1 Inheriting Instance Variables

 Instances of a subclass must retain the same types of information as instances of their superclasses



State of an Employee

Name
Age
Address
Salary
Rank
Department

3.1.1 Redefining instance variables

- Arbitrary overriding
 - Problem: run-time type error
- Constrained overriding
 - The type of an <u>inherited</u> instance variable in the subclass must be a <u>subtype</u> of the type of the <u>corresponding</u> instance variable in the superclass
- The trade-off between <u>arbitrary</u> and <u>constrained</u> overriding is between <u>flexibility</u> and <u>type-safe</u> programming
- Java에서는? Python에서는?

3.1.2 Hiding instance variables [1/4]

- The superclass can hide its variables from the subclass
- Controversial, sometimes <u>dangerous!</u>
- SalesPerson superclass and SalesManager subclass,
 - Suppose Account variable in SalesPerson is hidden!
 - Methods of Salesmanager can access Account (only through the methods of superclass)
 - An instance of SalesPerson can access Account directly



3.1.2 Hiding instance variables [2/4]

- Inheritance may conflict with encapsulation
- Making the instance variable invisible to the subclass may violate both <u>uniformity</u> and <u>encapsulation</u>.
 - Inheritance may conflict with encapsulation
- When encapsulation is violated, we lose the benefits of locality
- If the superclass needs to be re-implemented, we may need to reimplement its subclasses.



If the <u>Account</u> instance variable in a class C is re-implemented, <u>the TotalAccount method</u> in C and C's subclasses need to be re-implemented!

** This is due to Inheritance.

** If Account is implemented by array

TotalAccounts := 0;

For I := 1 to MaxArraySize

if Accounts[I] <> NIL

TotalAccounts :=

TotalAccounts + 1;
end

** If Account is implemented by linked-list

```
TotalAccounts := 0;
NextAccount := Accounts;
while (NextAccount <> NIL) do
Begin
    TotalAccounts := TotalAccounts + 1;
NextAccounts := NextAccount^.Next;
End
```



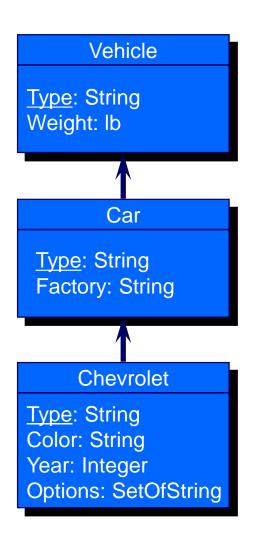
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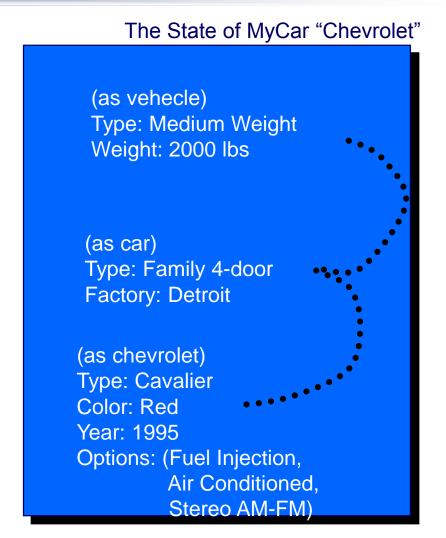
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- CommonObjects (Snyder, 1986)
 - Supports <u>independent definitions</u> of instance variables in the inheritance class hierarchy
 - The inheriting clients (subclasses) cannot directly access or manipulate the instance variables of their superclasses
 - The instance variables of the superclass must be accessed and/or updated through the methods of the superclass
 - All "private" instance variables

** CommonObjects distinguished inherited variables and local variables with the same name.

** No overriding and all private!







3.1.2 Hiding instance variables [4/4]

- The most general approach that combines <u>efficiency</u> and <u>flexibility</u>
 - Public (open to any client)
 - Private (open to no client)
 - Subclass Visible (open to inheriting clients)
 ex) "protected" (in C++)

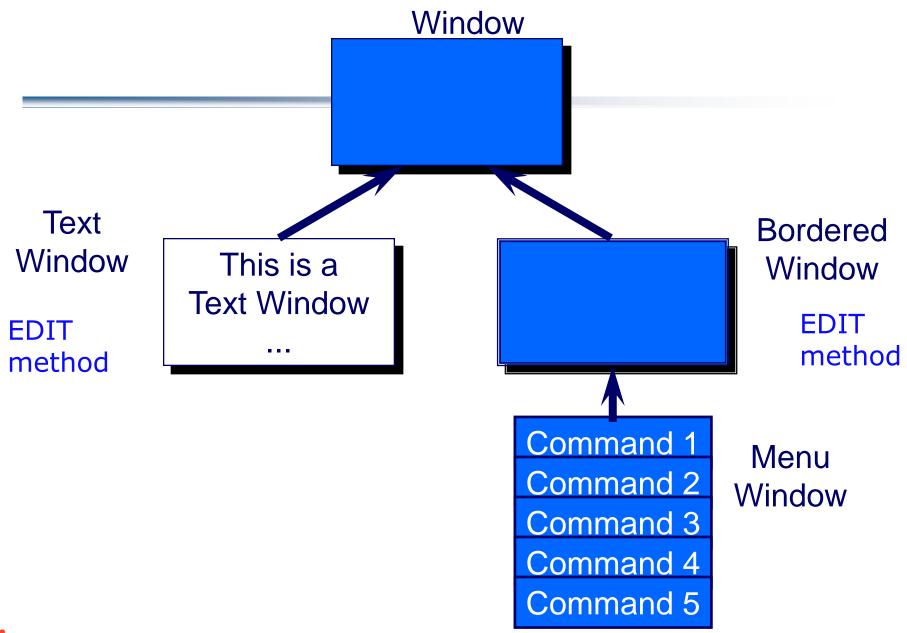
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3.2 Inheriting Methods

- A method defined for a class is inherited by its subclasses
- The inherited methods are part of the interface manipulating the instances of the subclass
- Sometimes, methods with same name in the sibling classes may be totally unrelated
 - Edit in Text-Window class is different from Edit in Bordered-Window class







3.2.1 Method Overriding

[1/2]

 A method M in a superclass can be overridden by a method M in a subclass

- When a message with selector M is sent to an object O, the underlying system will bind M to the method with the same name in the most specialized class of O
- The general algorithm of executing a message sent to an object is a bottom-up search



3.2.1 Method Overriding

[2/2]

- Method Invocation Algorithm (bottom up to root)
 - Initially set cC (the "current" class) to C.
 - If a method S is declared in the definition of cC, then it is M.
 Stop searching and execute (invoke) it.
 - If cC is the root of the class hiearchy, generate an error and stop; the method is undefined.
 - Else set cC to its parent and go to step 2.
- Example (SalesPerson ← SalesManager)
 - Mary is an instance of SalesManger
 - AddNewAccount is defined only in class SalesPerson
 - Mary AddNewAccount: NewAccount



3.2.2 Invoking Superclass Methods

[1/2]

- It is sometimes useful to call within a method of the subclass an overridden method of the superclass
- Use the pseudo parameter "super"

Examples: Employee SalesPerson SalesManager

```
StandardEmployeeBonus = (\leftarrow defined in "Employee")

Rank * 1000 + NumberOfYears * 100
```

```
SalesPersonBonus = (← defined in "SalesPerson")
StandardEmployeeBonus + TotalSalesAmount * 0.01
```

SalesManagerBonus = (← defined in "SalesManager")
SalesPersonBonus + TotalSalesForceSales* 0.005



3.2.2 Invoking Superclass Methods

[2/2]

- Invoking overriden superclass methods
 - When a message is sent to super, the search for the method starts with the superclass
 - Qualify the method with the class name: class.method
- Examples in Smalltalk

```
■ EvaluateBonus \leftarrow defined in 'Employee' ^{((rank * 1000) + numberOfYears * 100))}
```

- EvaluateBonus ← defined in 'SalesPeson'
 ^((super EvaluateBonus) + ((self TotalSalesAmount) * 0.01))
- EvaluateBonus ← defined in 'SalesManger'
 ^((super EvaluateBonus) + ((self TotalSalesForceSales) * 0.005))



3.2.3 Constrained Overriding of Methods [1/8]

- In strongly typed OO languages
 - Signature: the specification of the <u>types</u> of the <u>input</u> and <u>output parameters</u> of a method
 - Signatures are specified for each method
- In typeless OO languages (ex. Smalltalk)
 - Signature: the number of arguments, the method name, and the specification of the object returned by the method
 - TI *T2 → T3
 - AddNewAccount: SalesPerson * Account → SalesPerson
 - AddNewAccount: arguments(SalesPerson, Account) returns SalesPerson
 - AddNewAccount of SalesPerson: argument Account returns SalesPerson



- When does the signature of a function conform to the signature of another function?
- When is a signature $T_1 \rightarrow T_2$ a <u>subtype</u> of a signature $T_3 \rightarrow T_4$?
- Covariant rule (intuitive, but not correct, but ok for most cases!)
 - the arguments and the result of the method in the subclass be <u>subtype</u> of the arguments and the result of the corresponding method in the superclass
 - (input parameter) T_1 should be a subtype of T_3 (output parameter) T_2 should be a subtype of T_4



Anomaly of covariant rule: Assume 2 types of accounts

SalesPerson:Account instance variable SalesManager:MgrAccount instance variables

AddNewAccount: SalesPerson * Account

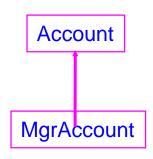
→ SalesPerson

AddNewAccount: SalesPerson * MgrAccount

→ SalesPerson

Bind to SalesManager instance





A : Account

Sp: SalesPerson

Sm: SalesManager

x : Employee

. . .

/* initialize Sm and A */

..

Sp := Sm

x := Sp AddNewAccount: A

Account instance! Run-time error!



3.2.3 Constrained Overriding [3/8]

Contravariance rule

- Guarantee strong type checking and avoid run-time type errors
- Contravariance applies to the arguments of the message or function and not to the target object
- T_1 should be a <u>supertype</u> of T_3 and T_2 should be a <u>subtype</u> of T_4

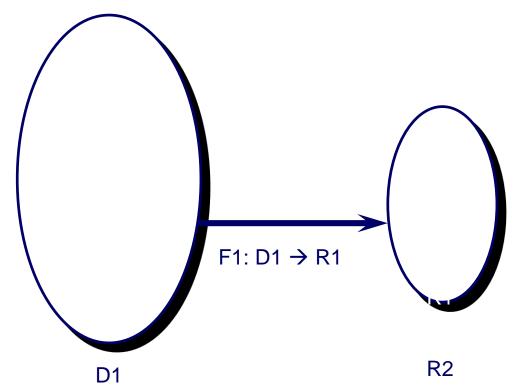
in order to be
$$T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \leftarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4$$

- The input parameters of the modified method should be more general than those of the corresponding method
- Not intuitive for programmers



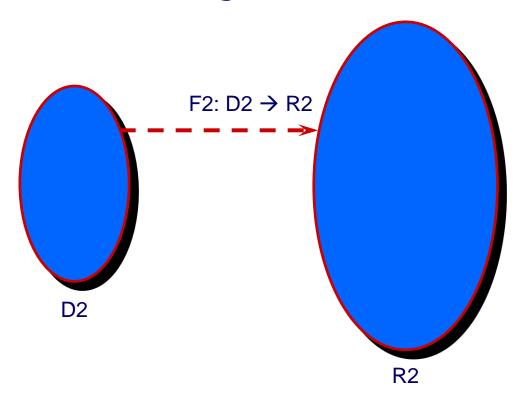
3.2.3 Constrained Overriding of Methods [4/8]

Suppose we have F1:D1 → R1 in a superclass SUP





Suppose we want to change F1 into F2 in a subclass SUB



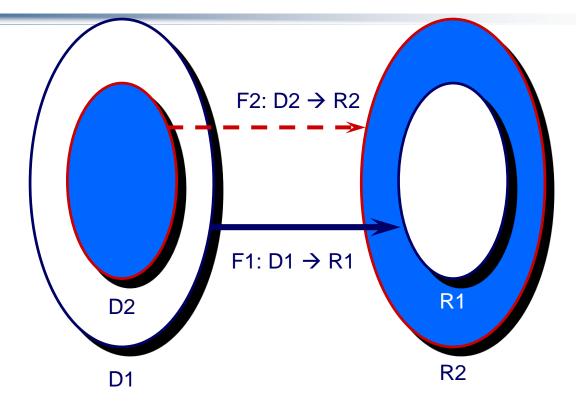
Of course, we want to maintain F1 ← F2

We want F2 can safely override F1

Yes, we want to keep SUP ← SUB relations

3.2.3 Constrained Overriding of Methods

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** Under the above situation

For all x in D2, the result (R1) of F1 is-a the result (R2) of F2

- ** F1:D1 → R1 ← F2:D2 → R2 IFF D2 <= D1 and R1 <= R2
- ** F1 can safely override F2



3.2.3 Constrained Overriding of Methods [7/8]

- Method arguments are subject to contravariance rule
- A method of a subclass is more specific than the method it overrides from a superclass if its result type is more specific, or any of the argument types are more general.



3.2.3 Constraining Pre/Post Conditions

- Precondition: the precondition in the subclass must be weaker
- Postcondition: the postcondition in the redefined method must be stronger

SalesPerson

Precondition of AddNewAccount

The current total number of accounts assigned to the salesperson must be less than the salesperson's quota

Postcondition of AddNewAccount

The total number of accounts is greater than or equal to one

SalesManager

Precondition of AddNewAccount

The current total number of accounts assigned to the salespeople managed by the sales manager fall below a threshold T, where T is larger than any SalesPerson's quota

Postcondition of AddNewAccount

The total number of accounts handled directly by the sales manager is greater than or equal to one

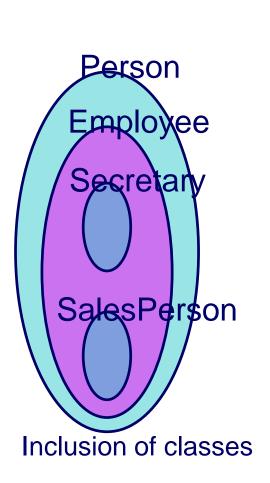


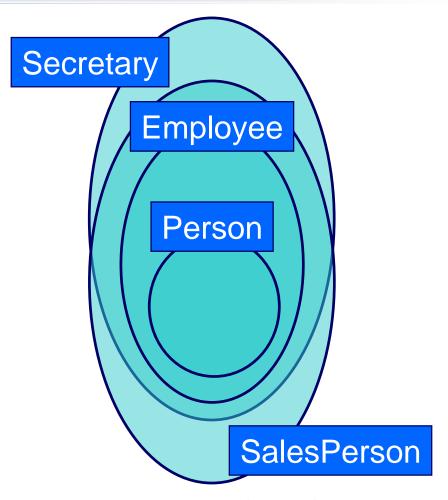


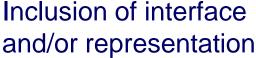
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3.2.4 Inheriting the Interface

- A class C_1 inherits from class C_2 but the interface of C_1 is a superset of the interface of C_2 .
- Apart from specialization, inheritance also can be viewed as an extension.









3.2.5 Excluding Superclass Methods

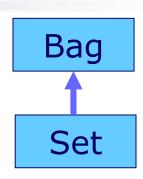
Methods defined for the class <u>Bag</u>

Insert Difference

Delete CartesianProduct

Intersect NumberOfOccurrences

Union



- Create the subclass Set
- Exclude NumberOfOccurrences from the interface of the class Set
- 2 basic ways for excluding inherited methods
 - Override the method and send a diagnostic message when it is invoked on an instance of a subclass
 - Specifying implicitly or explicitly that the inherited method should not be inherited
- Java에서는? Python에서는?



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4. Metaclasses

- Possible questions
 - Is a class an object?
 - What is the class of a class?

- Metaclasses are classes whose instances are also classes.
- Two advantages in treating classes as objects
 - Provide the storage of class variables and class methods
 - Conceptually convenient in creating a new class



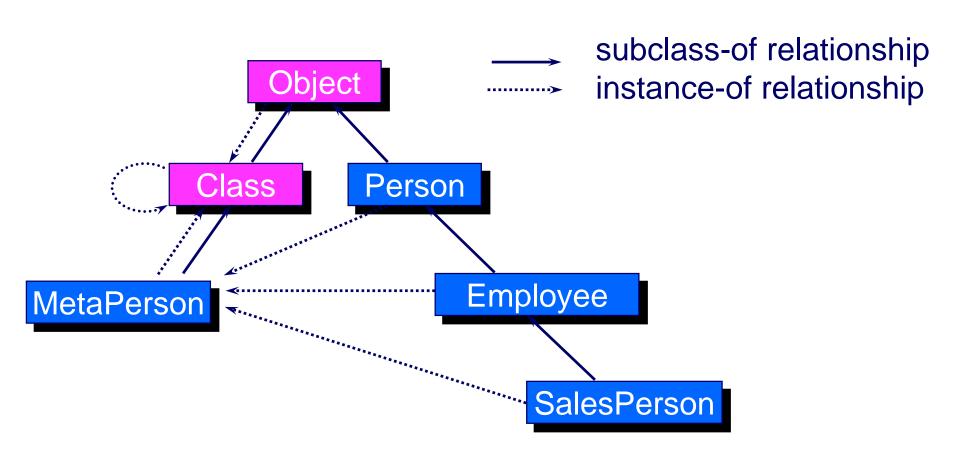
4.1 Explicit Support of MetaClass [1/3]

- ObjVlisp treats objects, classes, and metaclasses uniformly as objects
- Two built-in system classes
 - Class
 - its own instance, and a subclass of Object
 - metaclass: a subclass and an instance of Class
 - Object
 - the root of all classes (the most general class)
 - an instance of Class



4.1 Explicit Support of Metaclass

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4.2 Implicit or Hidden Metaclasses

[1/2]

- In Smalltalk, Mataclasses cannot be declared and created explicitly
- Each metaclass has exactly one instance, which is its class.
- Class methods: the methods declared in a metaclass
- Class variables: the variables of the class
- Built-in classes
 - Object
 - Every object is an instance of Object
 - Every class is a subclass of Object
 - The metaclass of every object is the Object class
 - The Object class is a subclass of Class
 - The Object class does not have a metaclass



4.2 Implicit or Hidden Metaclasses

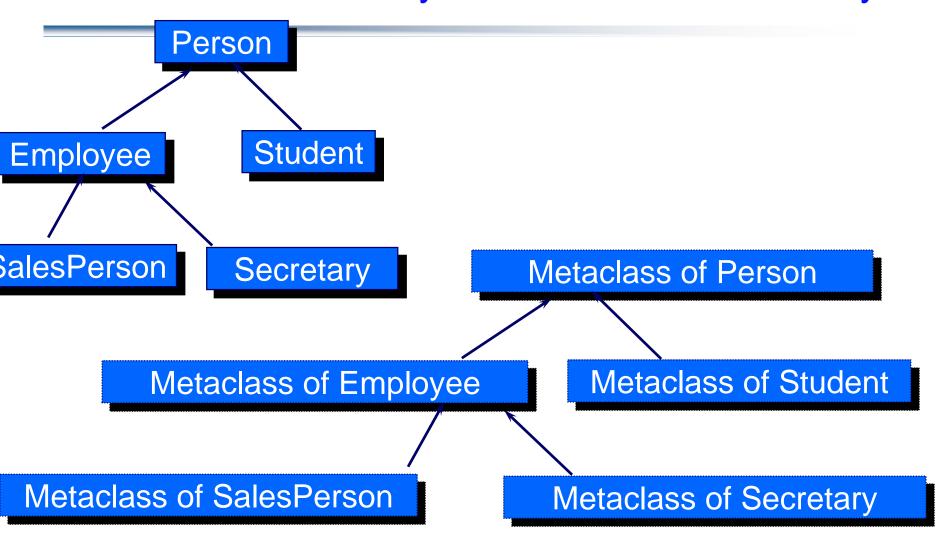
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- Class
 - Every metaclass is a subclass of Class
 - The metaclass Class is a subclass of the Object class
- Metaclass
 - All metaclasses are instances of the Metaclass class
 - The metaclass of Metaclass is Metaclass class



Implicit Metaclass:

Parallel "class hierarchy" and "metaclass hierarchy"





4.3 Various Viewpoints about Metaclass

- "Classes as objects"
 - Smalltalk: hidden metaclass approach
 - ObjVlisp: explicit metaclass approach
 - not satisfactory
- "Classes as types"
 - C++, Simula, Eiffel
 - a clear and mature technology
- What about Java? What about Python?



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5. Object Inheritance

- An object instance O inherits the state of an object instance O'
 - if the value of an instance variable *i'* defined in *O'* determines the value of the same instance variable in *O*
- Instance inheritance & delegation



person.John

Name: John Smith

Age: 32

Address: 1212 Main St.

inherits

employee.John

Salary: \$32,000

Rank: 15

Department: Hardware

inherits

salesman.John

Accounts: {11, 101, 235}

Orders: {55, 72, 113}

Quota: 5

Commission: 5%

inherits

student.John

GPA: 3.8

Advisor: Dr. Bill Jacob

Major: Business



John Smith

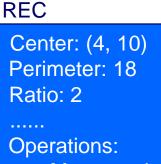


5.1 Prototype Systems and Delegation

- Prototype system
 - The distinctions between instance objects and class objects are removed
 - create concepts first and then ...
 - generalizing concepts by saying what aspects of the concepts are allowed to vary
- Delegation
 - The mechanism used to implement prototypes
- 경우에 따라서는 유용할수 있는 feature
- Java에서는? Python에서는?

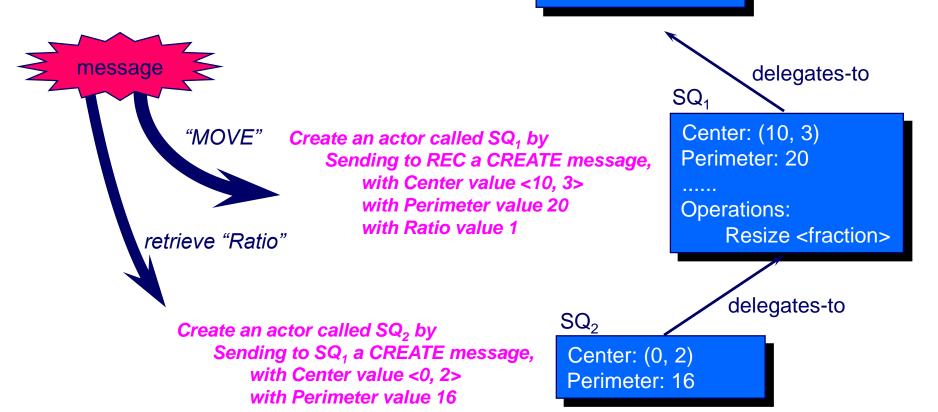
Create an actor called REC by Sending to OBJECT a message to EXTEND himself, with new acquaintances named:

Center, with value <4, 10> Perimeter, with value 18 Ratio, with value 2



Move <point>
Rotate <angle>

.....





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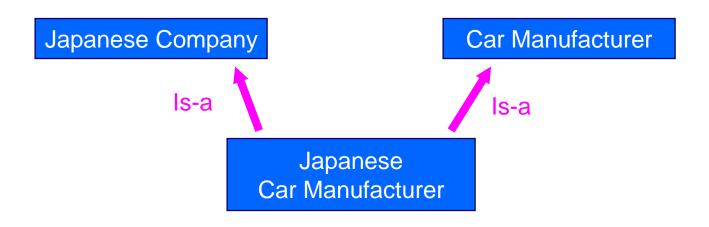


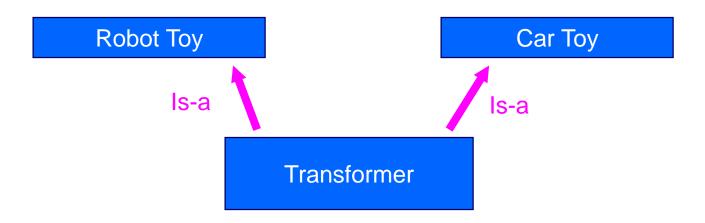
6. Multiple Inheritance

- The mechanism that allows a class to inherit from more than one immediate superclass.
- The class inheritance hierarchy becomes a DAG (Directed Acyclic Graph).
- "Conflict" arises when different methods or instance variables with the same name are defined by two or more superclasses.



Examples of multiple inheritance







Conflict Resolution of Multiple Inheritance

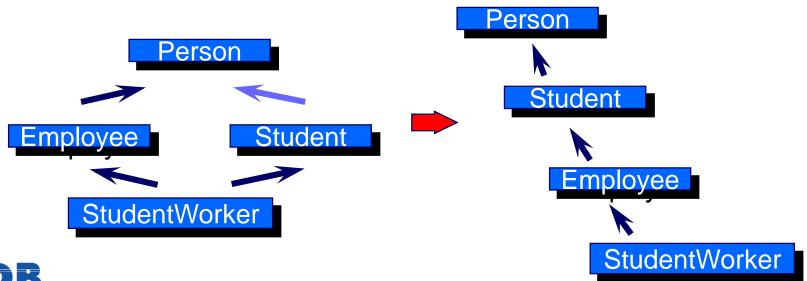
- Two kinds of conflict
 - instance variables come from a common ancestor
 - instance variables are totally unrelated
- Conflict resolution strategies
 - Linearization
 - Forbidding conflicts and Renaming strategies
 - Qualifying instance variables and methods
 - The Meet operation for subtypes



6.1 Linearization

- Specify a linear, overall order of classes
- Mapping the DAG of the predecessors of a class into a linear order
- Problem
 - The ordering of superclasses in a class declaration has significant implications.
 - Example

StudentWorker superclasses Employee, Student





6.2 Renaming Strategies

- The conflicting instance variables must be renamed
- Requiring renaming of conflicting instance variables or methods provides a lot of flexibility to the user
- Example(in Eiffel syntax)

class TechnicalManager inherit

Manager rename Skill as ManagerSkill

TechnicalConsultant rename Skill as TechnicalSkill

or

class TechnicalManager inherit

Manager rename Skill as ManagerSkill

TechnicalConsultant



6.3 Qualified Variables and Methods

- Qualification of variable or method names with the name of the class
 - C++ uses this strategy
- Example

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Manager::Skill ← the Skill of Managers
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TechnicalConsultant::Skill ← the Skill of TechnicalConsultants



6.4 The Meet Operation

Applies only to typed attributes

$$T_1 = [a_1:t_1, a_2:t_2, a_3:t_3]$$

 $T_2 = [a_3:t_3', a_4:t_4]$

The meet of T_1 and T_2 is the greatest lower bound of T_1 and T_2 using the subtyping relationship.

$$T_3 = T_1 \text{ meet } T_2$$

= $[a_1:t_1, a_2:t_2, a_3:t_3 \text{ meet } t_3', a_4:t_4]$

then the meet opreation: YoungAdultAge <u>meet</u> AdultAge = 30 -40



6.5 Evaluating the Strategies

Linearization

- Hides the conflict resolution problem from the user
- Introduces a superfluous ordering
- Renaming or qualifying
 - Puts the burden of conflict resolution on the user
 - Provide more flexibility to the user
- The meet strategy
 - Provides a clean semantics for multiple inheritance
 - Introduces certain limitations
- Renaming and qualifying is the most promising strategies
- _ Java에서는? Python에서는?

이런 OOP의 이론적 배경에도 불구하고...

■ Fast Prototyping와 Easy & Flexible Coding를 강조하다보면 Class와 Inheritance의 부정확한 사용을 하게 될수있는데...

- What if! (가정의 시나리오)
- Inheritance의 이해가 서로 다른 여러명이 team projec을 한다면?
- 그렇게 탄생한 SW가 수년뒤 화성에 인간을 싫어나르는 우주선의 trajectory control SW라면?
- 그렇게 탄생한 SW가 전세계 stock marke들의 stock tradin을 동시에 가능하게 하는 SW라면?

