

# Inheritance in Java



This work is licensed under a [Creative Commons](#)  
[Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License](#)  
by Christine Alvarado, Mia Minnes, and Leo Porter, 2015.

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

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

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

# 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 String getName() {return name;}  
}
```

```
public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
    public int getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
public class Faculty extends Person {  
    private String id;  
    public String getID() {return id;}  
}
```

Reference

---

Person p =

Object

---

???

new Person();

Student s =

new Student();

Person p = new Person();

## Reference

---

**Person p =**

## Object

---

**new Person();**

**Student s =**

**new Student();**

**Person p = new Person();**

**A Person “is-a” Person**



Reference

---

Object

---

Person p =

new Person();

Student s =

new Student();

Student s = new Student();

Reference

---

Person p =

Object

---

new Person();

Student s =

new Student();

Student s = new Student();

A Student “is-a” Student



## Reference

---

**Person p =**

## Object

---

**new Person();**

???

**Student s =**

**new Student();**

**Person p = new Student();**

## Reference

---

Person p =

## Object

---

new Person();

Student s =

new Student();

Person p = new Student();

A Student “is-a” Person



```
// in main  
Person[] p = new Person[3];  
p[0] = new Person();  
p[1] = new Student();  
p[2] = new Faculty();
```

A **Person** array CAN store  
**Student** and **Faculty** objects

## Reference

---

## Object

---

Person p =

new Person();

???

Student s =

new Student();

**Student s = new Person();**

## Reference

---

## Object

---

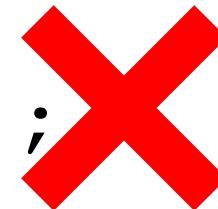
**Person p =**

**new Person();**

**Student s =**

**new Student();**

**Student s = new Person();**



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

```
String n = s.getName();
```

```
public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
    public int getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
public class Faculty extends Person {  
    private String id;  
    public String getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = new Person();  
Person q = new Person();  
Faculty f = new Faculty();  
Object o = new Faculty();
```

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

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

**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 String getName() {return name;}  
}
```

```
String n = s.getName();  
p = s;
```

```
public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
    public int getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
public class Faculty extends Person {  
    private String id;  
    public String getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = new Person();  
Person q = new Person();  
Faculty f = new Faculty();  
Object o = new Faculty();
```

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

```
String n = s.getName();  
p = s;  
int m = p.getID();
```

```
public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
    public int getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
public class Faculty extends Person {  
    private String id;  
    public String getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = new Person();  
Person q = new Person();  
Faculty f = new Faculty();  
Object o = new Faculty();
```

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

```
public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
    public int getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
public class Faculty extends Person {  
    private String id;  
    public String getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = new Person();  
Person q = new Person();  
Faculty f = new Faculty();  
Object o = new Faculty();
```

```
String n = s.getName();  
p = s;  
int m = p.getID();  
f = q;
```

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

```
public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
    public int getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
public class Faculty extends Person {  
    private String id;  
    public String getID() {return id;}  
}
```

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = new Person();  
Person q = new Person();  
Faculty f = new Faculty();  
Object o = new Faculty();
```

```
String n = s.getName();  
p = s;  
int m = p.getID();  
f = q;  
o = s;
```