

Inheritance in Java



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```
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;}  
}
```

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public class Student extends Person {  
    private int id;  
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}
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```

Reference

Object

Person p =

???

new Person();

Student s =

new Student();

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Reference

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Person p = new Person();

A Person "is-a" Person



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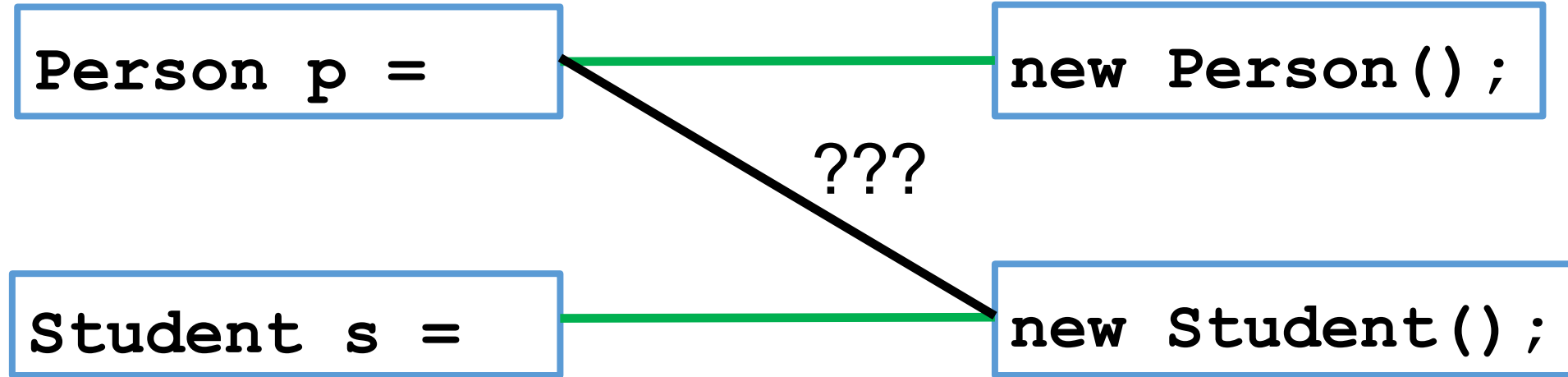
Student s = new Student();

A Student "is-a" Student



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`Person p = new Student();`

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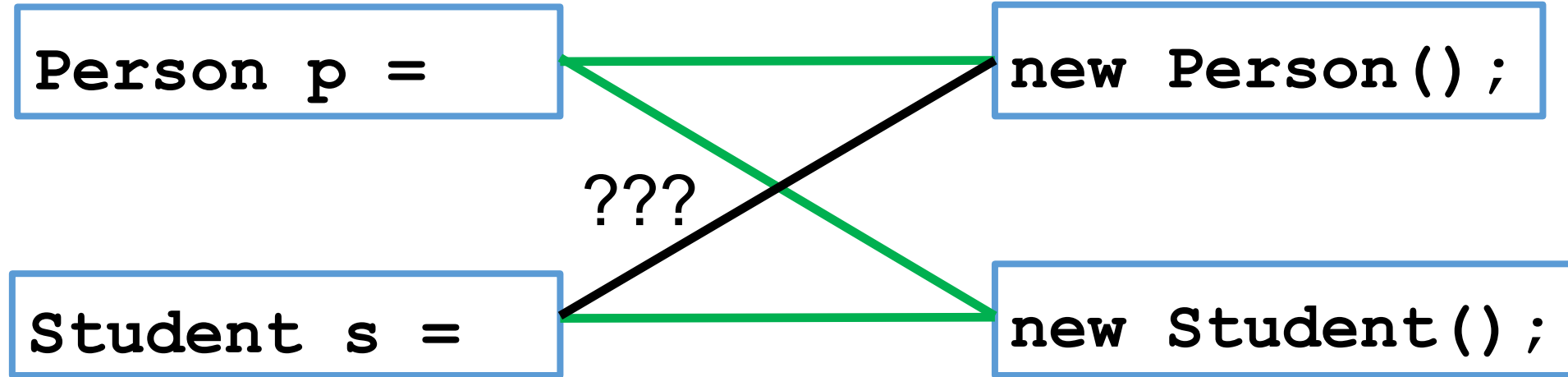


```
// in main
Person[] p = new Person[3];
p[0] = new Person();
p[1] = new Student();
p[2] = new Faculty();
```

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

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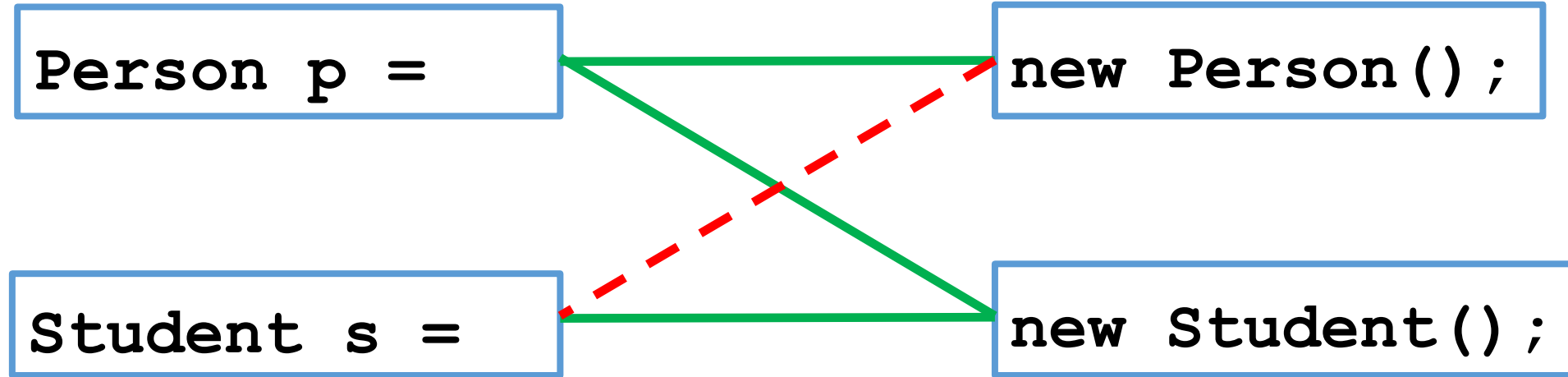
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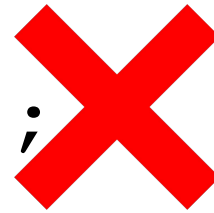
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Object o = new Faculty();
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```
String n = s.getName();
```

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

What is inherited?

- Public instance variables
- Public methods
- Private instance variables

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