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   .....
}
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References & Objects

• How many objects and how many references have been created?
Worker wk1,wk2;</pr>
Adult ad1, ad2;</pr>
Wk1 = new Worker();
Wk2=wk1;
Ad1= new Adult ();
Ad2= wk1;

Abstract Classes

This is an abstract class

```
public abstract class myClass {
   abstract void print ();
   int calculate (int x, int y) {
        return x+y;
   }
}
```

Abstract Classes

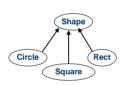
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Casting

Shape c = new Circle(); double r = c.getRadius();

What would happen? Why?



How do we use this Shape as a Circle?

Shape c = new Circle();
double r = ((Circle)c).getRadius();

Forces c to act as a circle

Is this ok?

Shape square = new Shape ();
double r = ((Circle)square).getRadius();

How about this one?

Shape

Square

Narrowing Conversions and Casting

String s = new String("bye");
String t;
Object obj;

obj = s;
t = obj; // NO NO NO !!!

// you must CAST
t = (String) obj;

Review

____Which order is correct for the access

Circle

Rect

modifiers?

- A. public, default, protected, private
- B. private, default, protected, public
- C. default, private, protected, public
- D. protected, private, default, public

Review

Which statement is wrong?

- int myarray [3]={1,2,3};
- int myarray []=new int []{1,2,3};
- int [] myarray ={1,2,3};
- int myarray []=new int [3];

Review

What is the common pattern of class definitions

- A. Methods and instance variables are both private.
- B. Methods are private, and instance variables are public.
- C. Methods are public, and instance variables are private.
- D. Methods and instance variables are both public.

Review



_The Java statement Object element = new Object(); creates a:

- new class
- new object
- new reference variable
- new container to hold objects

Review

Can two different classes contain methods with the same name?

- A. No.
- B. Yes, but only if the two classes have the same name.
- C. Yes, but only if the main program does not create objects of both kinds.
- D. Yes, this is always allowed.

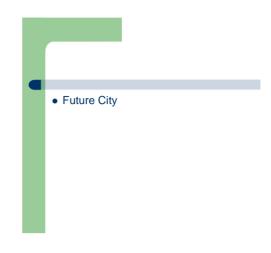
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- The constructor of a subclass can call the constructor of the superclass by using the reference.
 - extends
 - new
 - super
 - import

Review

- Inheritance should only be used when a(n) relationship exists between the superclass and the subclass.
 - is-a
 - has-a
 - has-many
 - similar-to

Review Dynamic binding is also known as _____. - early binding - late binding - package binding - inheritance binding





is the ability of a variable name to represent, during program execution, instances of different but related classes that descend from a common superclass.

- Inheritance
- Containment
- Polymorphism
- Encapsulation

Review

If the field modifier _____ is specified in a method definition, the method cannot be overridden by a subclass.

- public
- protected
- final
- abstract

Review

If a method definition in a superclass has the field modifier _____, a subclass is required to override the method.

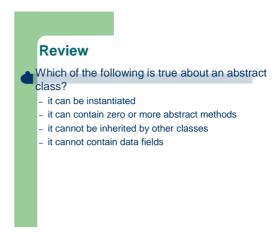
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- protected
- Final
- abstract

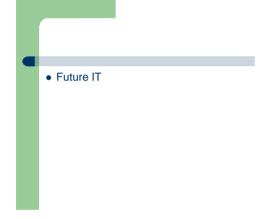
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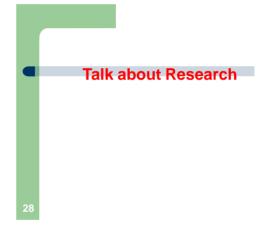
Methods declared as _____ use static binding.

- protected
- final
- public
- abstract

A method that has the same name but a different set of parameters as an existing method is said to the original method. - bind - cancel - Override - overload







What Research Is? Is Research information gathering? Is Research the transportation of facts?



Research Characteristics



- 1. Originates with a question or problem.
- 2. Requires clear articulation of a goal.
- 3. Follows a specific plan or procedure.
- 4. Often divides main problem into subproblems.
- Guided by specific problem, question, or hypothesis.
- 6. Accepts certain critical assumptions.
- 7. Requires collection and interpretation of data.
- Cyclical in nature.

Definition of Software Engineering Research

Discover, improve and evaluate...

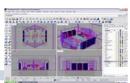
- · methods, and
- tools

... to help practitioners develop large scale software.

Software Engineering Research entails both

- discovery of new/enhanced methods and tools
- evaluation of methods and tools

Research Projects



- Research begins with a problem.
 - This problem need not be Earth-shaking.
 - (MSc, vs. Ph.D. topic)
- Identifying this problem can actually be the hardest part of research. (Why?)
- In general, good research projects should:
 - Address an important question.
 - Advance knowledge.

Research Project Pitfalls

- The following kinds of projects usually don't make for good research:
 - Self-enlightenment.
 - Comparing data sets.
 - Correlating data sets.
 - Problems with yes / no answers.



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High-Quality Research



- Good research requires:
 - The scope and limitations of the work to be clearly defined
 - The process to be clearly explained so that it can be reproduced and verified by other researchers.
 - A thoroughly planned design that is as objective as possible.

High-Quality Research



- · Good research requires:
 - Highly ethical standards be applied.
 - All limitations be documented.
 - Data be adequately analyzed and explained.
 - All findings be presented unambiguously and all conclusions be justified by sufficient evidence.

Sources of Research Problems

• ????



Sources of Research Problems

- Observation.
- Literature reviews (future work of research papers).
- Professional conferences (Group discussion).
- Experts.



Examples of Joined Research

- Does program transformation help increase the productivity of software maintenance?
 How?
- How does interface design affect software architecture?
- How can we best reverse engineer the architecture of a system to improve human understanding?
- What is the impact of object orientation on program transformation?

Processes & Methodologies

- Research Process.
- Common Methodologies.



Research Process

- Research is an extremely cyclic process.
 - Later stages might necessitate a review of earlier work.
- This isn't a weakness of the process but is part of the built-in error correction machinery.
- Because of the cyclic nature of research, it can be difficult to determine where to start and when to stop.

Step 1: A Question Is Raised

- A question occurs to or is posed to the researcher for which that researcher has no answer.
 - This doesn't mean that someone else doesn't already have an answer.
- The question needs to be converted to an appropriate problem statement like that documented in a research proposal.

Step 2: Suggest Hypotheses

- The researcher generates intermediate hypotheses to describe a solution to the problem.
 - This is at best a temporary solution since there is as yet no evidence to support either the acceptance or rejection of these hypotheses.



Step 3: Literature Review

- The available literature is reviewed to determine if there is already a solution to the problem.
 - Existing solutions do not always explain new observations.
 - The existing solution might require some revision or even be discarded.



Step 4: Literature Evaluation

- s possible that the literature review has yielded a solution to the proposed problem.
 - This means that you haven't really done research.
 - A solution might be turned out tomorrow
- On the other hand, if the literature review turns up nothing, then additional research activities are justified.



Step 5: Acquire Data



- The researcher now begins to gather data relating to the research problem.
 - The means of data acquisition will often change based on the type of the research problem.
 - This might entail only data gathering, but it could also require the creation of new measurement instruments.

Step 6: Data Analysis



- The data that were gathered in the previous step are analyzed as a first step in ascertaining their meaning.
- As before, the analysis of the data does not constitute research.
 - This is basic number crunching.

Step 7: Data Interpretation

- The researcher interprets the newly analyzed data and suggests a conclusion.
 - This can be difficult.
 - Keep in mind that data analysis that suggests a correlation between two variables can't automatically be interpreted as suggesting causality between those variables.

Interpreting Data



Step 8: Hypothesis Support

- The data will either support the hypotheses or they won't.
 - This may lead the researcher to cycle back to an earlier step in the process and begin again with a new hypothesis.
 - This is one of the self-correcting mechanisms associated with the scientific method. *Null Hypothesis*

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Common Methodologies

- Methodologies are high-level approaches to conducting research.
 - The individual steps within the methodology might vary based on the research being performed.
- The commonly used research methodology (quantitative vs qualitative):
 - Case Study
 - Experiment
 - Survey



Keep In Mind That

- No study is perfect
- "All data is dirty is some way or another; research is what you do with that dirty data" (Manuel)
- Measurement involves making choices

Conclusion



- There are a lot of topics in software engineering research
- Software engineering is shifting from qualitative and empirical understanding to precise and quantitative models.
 - The experimentation is desirable for software engineering whenever possible.
- Those methods might be applicable to other fields in Computer Science

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It is nice to be with you!

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