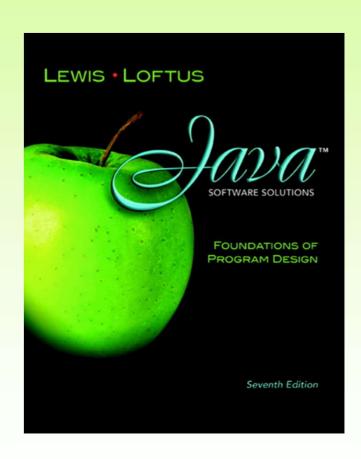
# Chapter 9 Inheritance



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- Inheritance is a fundamental object-oriented design technique used to create and organize reusable classes
- Chapter 9 focuses on:
  - deriving new classes from existing classes
  - the protected modifier
  - creating class hierarchies
  - abstract classes
  - indirect visibility of inherited members
  - designing for inheritance
  - the GUI component class hierarchy
  - extending listener adapter classes
  - the Timer class

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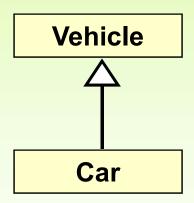
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- Inheritance allows a software developer to derive a new class from an existing one
- The existing class is called the parent class, or superclass, or base class
- The derived class is called the child class or subclass
- As the name implies, the child inherits characteristics of the parent
- That is, the child class inherits the methods and data defined by the parent class

 Inheritance relationships are shown in a UML class diagram using a solid arrow with an unfilled triangular arrowhead pointing to the parent class



 Proper inheritance creates an is-a relationship, meaning the child is a more specific version of the parent

- A programmer can tailor a derived class as needed by adding new variables or methods, or by modifying the inherited ones
- One benefit of inheritance is software reuse
- By using existing software components to create new ones, we capitalize on all the effort that went into the design, implementation, and testing of the existing software

## Deriving Subclasses

 In Java, we use the reserved word extends to establish an inheritance relationship

```
public class Car extends Vehicle
{
    // class contents
}
```

- See Words.java
- See Book.java
- See Dictionary.java

```
//***********************
             Author: Lewis/Loftus
   Words.java
//
   Demonstrates the use of an inherited method.
//********************
public class Words
  // Instantiates a derived class and invokes its inherited and
  // local methods.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     Dictionary webster = new Dictionary();
     System.out.println ("Number of pages: " + webster.getPages());
     System.out.println ("Number of definitions: " +
                     webster.getDefinitions());
     System.out.println ("Definitions per page: " +
                     webster.computeRatio());
```

```
Output
//********
   Words.java
                 Number of pages: 1500
//
                 Number of definitions: 52500
   Demonstrates
//*****
                                                 *****
                 Definitions per page: 35.0
public class Words
  // Instantiates a derived class and invokes its inherited and
  // local methods.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     Dictionary webster = new Dictionary();
     System.out.println ("Number of pages: " + webster.getPages());
     System.out.println ("Number of definitions: " +
                        webster.getDefinitions());
     System.out.println ("Definitions per page: " +
                        webster.computeRatio());
```

```
//***********************
  Book.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//
  Represents a book. Used as the parent of a derived class to
  demonstrate inheritance.
//*********************
public class Book
 protected int pages = 1500;
 //----
 // Pages mutator.
 public void setPages (int numPages)
   pages = numPages;
 //----
   Pages accessor.
             _____
 public int getPages ()
   return pages;
```

```
//**********************
   Dictionary.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents a dictionary, which is a book. Used to demonstrate
// inheritance.
public class Dictionary extends Book
  private int definitions = 52500;
  // Prints a message using both local and inherited values.
  public double computeRatio ()
     return (double) definitions/pages;
continue
```

```
continue
   // Definitions mutator.
   public void setDefinitions (int numDefinitions)
      definitions = numDefinitions;
   // Definitions accessor.
   public int getDefinitions ()
      return definitions;
```

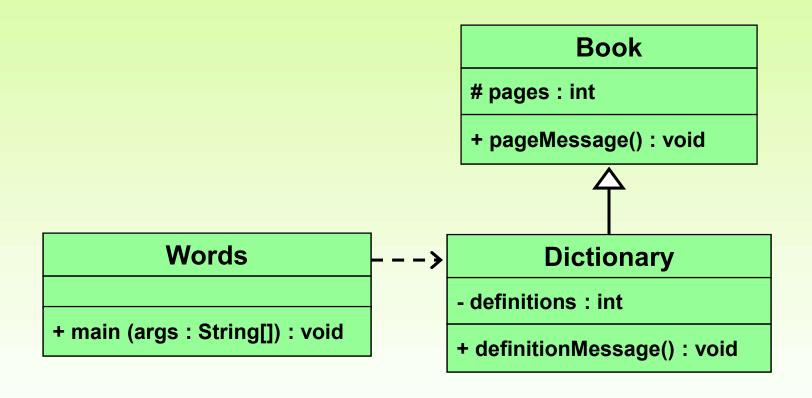
### The protected Modifier

- Visibility modifiers affect the way that class members can be used in a child class
- Variables and methods declared with private visibility cannot be referenced in a child class
- They can be referenced in the child class if they are declared with public visibility -- but public variables violate the principle of encapsulation
- There is a third visibility modifier that helps in inheritance situations: protected

### The protected Modifier

- The protected modifier allows a child class to reference a variable or method in the child class
- It provides more encapsulation than public visibility, but is not as tightly encapsulated as private visibility
- A protected variable is also visible to any class in the same package as the parent class
- See Appendix E for details of all Java modifiers
- Protected variables and methods can be shown with a # symbol preceding them in UML diagrams

# Class Diagram for Words



# The super Reference

- Constructors are not inherited, even though they have public visibility
- Yet we often want to use the parent's constructor to set up the "parent's part" of the object
- The super reference can be used to refer to the parent class, and often is used to invoke the parent's constructor
- A child's constructor is responsible for calling the parent's constructor

### The super Reference

- The first line of a child's constructor should use the super reference to call the parent's constructor
- The super reference can also be used to reference other variables and methods defined in the parent's class
- See Words2.java
- See Book2.java
- See Dictionary2.java

```
//**********************
   Words2.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of the super reference.
//*********************
public class Words2
  // Instantiates a derived class and invokes its inherited and
  // local methods.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     Dictionary2 webster = new Dictionary2 (1500, 52500);
     System.out.println ("Number of pages: " + webster.getPages());
     System.out.println ("Number of definitions: " +
                      webster.getDefinitions());
     System.out.println ("Definitions per page: " +
                      webster.computeRatio());
  }
```

```
Output
//*********
                                                 *****
  Words2.java
                 Number of pages: 1500
                 Number of definitions: 52500
   Demonstrates 1
//********
                                                 ******
                 Definitions per page: 35.0
public class Words2
  // Instantiates a derived class and invokes its inherited and
  // local methods.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     Dictionary2 webster = new Dictionary2 (1500, 52500);
     System.out.println ("Number of pages: " + webster.getPages());
     System.out.println ("Number of definitions: " +
                        webster.getDefinitions());
     System.out.println ("Definitions per page: " +
                        webster.computeRatio());
  }
```

```
//********************
  Book2.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents a book. Used as the parent of a derived class to
   demonstrate inheritance and the use of the super reference.
//********************
public class Book2
  protected int pages;
  // Constructor: Sets up the book with the specified number of
     pages.
  public Book2 (int numPages)
    pages = numPages;
continue
```

```
continue
 // Pages mutator.
 public void setPages (int numPages)
   pages = numPages;
 }
 //-----
 // Pages accessor.
 //-----
 public int getPages ()
   return pages;
```

```
//********************
// Dictionary2.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Represents a dictionary, which is a book. Used to demonstrate
// the use of the super reference.
//**********************
public class Dictionary2 extends Book2
  private int definitions;
  //-----
  // Constructor: Sets up the dictionary with the specified number
  // of pages and definitions.
  public Dictionary2 (int numPages, int numDefinitions)
    super (numPages);
    definitions = numDefinitions;
continue
```

```
continue
 // Prints a message using both local and inherited values.
 //----
 public double computeRatio ()
   return (double) definitions/pages;
 //----
 // Definitions mutator.
 public void setDefinitions (int numDefinitions)
   definitions = numDefinitions;
 //-----
 // Definitions accessor.
 //-----
 public int getDefinitions ()
   return definitions;
```

## Multiple Inheritance

- Java supports single inheritance, meaning that a derived class can have only one parent class
- Multiple inheritance allows a class to be derived from two or more classes, inheriting the members of all parents
- Collisions, such as the same variable name in two parents, have to be resolved
- Multiple inheritance is generally not needed, and Java does not support it

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# Overriding Methods

- A child class can override the definition of an inherited method in favor of its own
- The new method must have the same signature as the parent's method, but can have a different body
- The type of the object executing the method determines which version of the method is invoked
- See Messages.java
- See Thought.java
- See Advice.java

```
//*********************
  Messages.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
  Demonstrates the use of an overridden method.
//*********************
public class Messages
  //----
  // Creates two objects and invokes the message method in each.
  public static void main (String[] args)
    Thought parked = new Thought();
    Advice dates = new Advice();
    parked.message();
    dates.message(); // overridden
```

### Output I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe. Warning: Dates in calendar are closer than they appear. I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe. // Creates two objects and invokes the message method in each. public static void main (String[] args) Thought parked = new Thought(); Advice dates = new Advice(); parked.message(); dates.message(); // overridden

```
//*********************
  Thought.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Represents a stray thought. Used as the parent of a derived
// class to demonstrate the use of an overridden method.
//***********************
public class Thought
  //----
 // Prints a message.
  //-----
 public void message()
    System.out.println ("I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a " +
                 "parallel universe.");
   System.out.println();
```

```
//*********************
  Advice.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Represents some thoughtful advice. Used to demonstrate the use
  of an overridden method.
//*********************
public class Advice extends Thought
  //-----
  // Prints a message. This method overrides the parent's version.
  public void message()
    System.out.println ("Warning: Dates in calendar are closer " +
                   "than they appear.");
    System.out.println();
    super.message(); // explicitly invokes the parent's version
```

# Overriding

- A method in the parent class can be invoked explicitly using the super reference
- If a method is declared with the final modifier, it cannot be overridden
- The concept of overriding can be applied to data and is called shadowing variables
- Shadowing variables should be avoided because it tends to cause unnecessarily confusing code

## Overloading vs. Overriding

- Overloading deals with multiple methods with the same name in the same class, but with different signatures
- Overriding deals with two methods, one in a parent class and one in a child class, that have the same signature
- Overloading lets you define a similar operation in different ways for different parameters
- Overriding lets you define a similar operation in different ways for different object types

### **Quick Check**

#### True or False?

A child class may define a method with the same name as a method in the parent.

A child class can override the constructor of the parent class.

A child class cannot override a final method of the parent class.

It is considered poor design when a child class overrides a method from the parent.

A child class may define a variable with the same name as a variable in the parent.

### **Quick Check**

#### True or False?

A child class may define a method with the same name as a method in the parent.

True

A child class can override the constructor of the parent class.

False

A child class cannot override a final method True of the parent class.

It is considered poor design when a child class overrides a method from the parent.

False

A child class may define a variable with the same name as a variable in the parent.

True, but shouldn't

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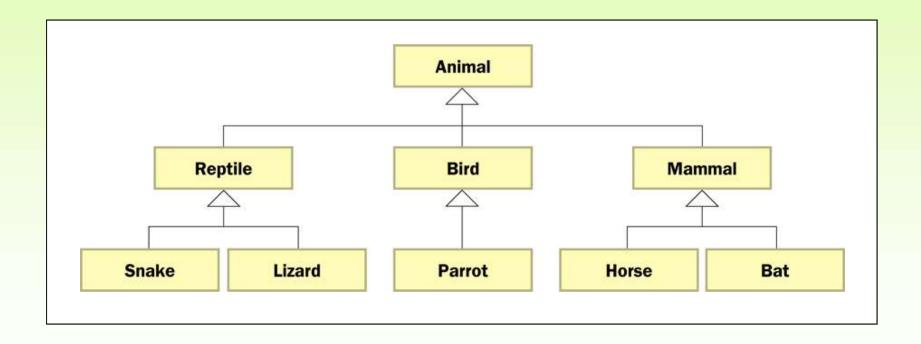
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### Class Hierarchies

 A child class of one parent can be the parent of another child, forming a class hierarchy



#### Class Hierarchies

- Two children of the same parent are called siblings
- Common features should be put as high in the hierarchy as is reasonable
- An inherited member is passed continually down the line
- Therefore, a child class inherits from all its ancestor classes
- There is no single class hierarchy that is appropriate for all situations

## The Object Class

- A class called Object is defined in the java.lang package of the Java standard class library
- All classes are derived from the Object class
- If a class is not explicitly defined to be the child of an existing class, it is assumed to be the child of the Object class
- Therefore, the Object class is the ultimate root of all class hierarchies

## The Object Class

- The Object class contains a few useful methods, which are inherited by all classes
- For example, the toString method is defined in the Object class
- Every time we define the toString method, we are actually overriding an inherited definition
- The toString method in the Object class is defined to return a string that contains the name of the object's class along with a hash code

## The Object Class

- The equals method of the Object class returns true if two references are aliases
- We can override equals in any class to define equality in some more appropriate way
- As we've seen, the String class defines the equals method to return true if two String objects contain the same characters
- The designers of the String class have overridden the equals method inherited from Object in favor of a more useful version

#### **Abstract Classes**

- An abstract class is a placeholder in a class hierarchy that represents a generic concept
- An abstract class cannot be instantiated
- We use the modifier abstract on the class header to declare a class as abstract:

```
public abstract class Product
{
    // class contents
}
```

#### **Abstract Classes**

- An abstract class often contains abstract methods with no definitions (like an interface)
- Unlike an interface, the abstract modifier must be applied to each abstract method
- Also, an abstract class typically contains nonabstract methods with full definitions
- A class declared as abstract does not have to contain abstract methods -- simply declaring it as abstract makes it so

#### **Abstract Classes**

- The child of an abstract class must override the abstract methods of the parent, or it too will be considered abstract
- An abstract method cannot be defined as final or static
- The use of abstract classes is an important element of software design – it allows us to establish common elements in a hierarchy that are too general to instantiate

#### Interface Hierarchies

- Inheritance can be applied to interfaces
- That is, one interface can be derived from another interface
- The child interface inherits all abstract methods of the parent
- A class implementing the child interface must define all methods from both interfaces
- Class hierarchies and interface hierarchies are distinct (they do not overlap)

#### **Quick Check**

What are some methods defined by the Object class?

What is an abstract class?

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What are some methods defined by the Object class?

```
String toString()
boolean equals(Object obj)
Object clone()
```

#### What is an abstract class?

An abstract class is a placeholder in the class hierarchy, defining a general concept and gathering elements common to all derived classes. An abstract class cannot be instantiated.

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## Visibility Revisited

- It's important to understand one subtle issue related to inheritance and visibility
- All variables and methods of a parent class, even private members, are inherited by its children
- As we've mentioned, private members cannot be referenced by name in the child class
- However, private members inherited by child classes exist and can be referenced indirectly

## Visibility Revisited

- Because the parent can refer to the private member, the child can reference it indirectly using its parent's methods
- The super reference can be used to refer to the parent class, even if no object of the parent exists
- See FoodAnalyzer.java
- See FoodItem.java
- See Pizza.java

```
//*********************
// FoodAnalyzer.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Demonstrates indirect access to inherited private members.
//*********************
public class FoodAnalyzer
  // Instantiates a Pizza object and prints its calories per
  // serving.
  public static void main (String[] args)
    Pizza special = new Pizza (275);
    System.out.println ("Calories per serving: " +
                     special.caloriesPerServing());
```

```
// FoodAnalyzer.
              Calories per serving: 309
   Demonstrates
                                         vate members.
//**********************************
public class FoodAnalyzer
  // Instantiates a Pizza object and prints its calories per
  // serving.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     Pizza special = new Pizza (275);
     System.out.println ("Calories per serving: " +
                      special.caloriesPerServing());
```

```
//********************
   FoodItem.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents an item of food. Used as the parent of a derived class
// to demonstrate indirect referencing.
//*********************
public class FoodItem
  final private int CALORIES PER GRAM = 9;
  private int fatGrams;
  protected int servings;
  // Sets up this food item with the specified number of fat grams
  // and number of servings.
  public FoodItem (int numFatGrams, int numServings)
     fatGrams = numFatGrams;
     servings = numServings;
continue
```

# continue // Computes and returns the number of calories in this food item due to fat. private int calories() return fatGrams \* CALORIES\_PER GRAM; // Computes and returns the number of fat calories per serving. public int caloriesPerServing() return (calories() / servings);

```
//*********************
  Pizza.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Represents a pizza, which is a food item. Used to demonstrate
  indirect referencing through inheritance.
//*********************
public class Pizza extends FoodItem
  //-----
  // Sets up a pizza with the specified amount of fat (assumes
    eight servings).
  public Pizza (int fatGrams)
    super (fatGrams, 8);
```

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### Designing for Inheritance

- As we've discussed, taking the time to create a good software design reaps long-term benefits
- Inheritance issues are an important part of an object-oriented design
- Properly designed inheritance relationships can contribute greatly to the elegance, maintainability, and reuse of the software
- Let's summarize some of the issues regarding inheritance that relate to a good software design

## Inheritance Design Issues

- Every derivation should be an is-a relationship
- Think about the potential future of a class hierarchy, and design classes to be reusable and flexible
- Find common characteristics of classes and push them as high in the class hierarchy as appropriate
- Override methods as appropriate to tailor or change the functionality of a child
- Add new variables to children, but don't redefine (shadow) inherited variables

## Inheritance Design Issues

- Allow each class to manage its own data; use the super reference to invoke the parent's constructor to set up its data
- Override general methods such as toString and equals with appropriate definitions
- Use abstract classes to represent general concepts that derived classes have in common
- Use visibility modifiers carefully to provide needed access without violating encapsulation

## Restricting Inheritance

- If the final modifier is applied to a method, that method cannot be overridden in any derived classes
- If the final modifier is applied to an entire class, then that class cannot be used to derive any children at all
- Therefore, an abstract class cannot be declared as final

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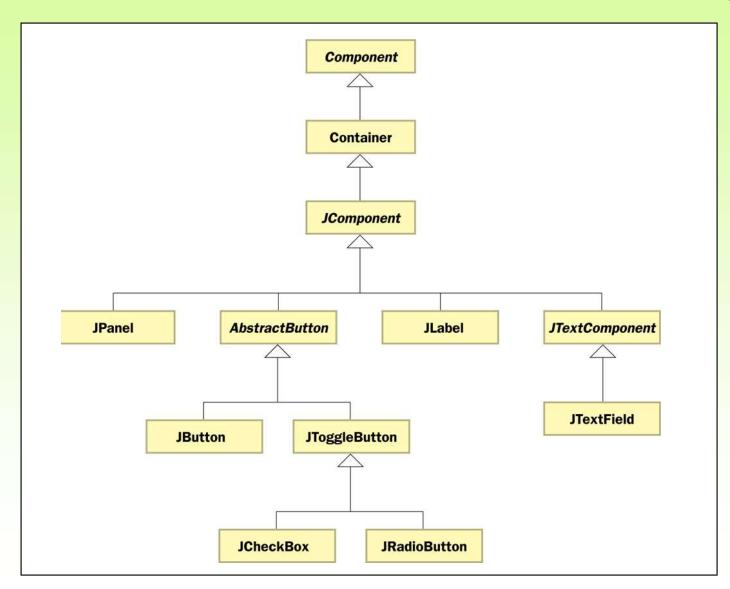


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## The Component Class Hierarchy

- The Java classes that define GUI components are part of a class hierarchy
- Swing GUI components typically are derived from the JComponent class which is derived from the Container class which is derived from the Component class
- Many Swing components can serve as (limited) containers, because they are derived from the Container class
- For example, a JLabel object can contain an ImageIcon

# Partial Component Class Hierarchy



## The Component Class Hierarchy

- An applet is another good example of inheritance
- Recall that when we define an applet, we extend the JApplet class
- The JApplet class already handles all the details about applet creation and execution, including:
  - interaction with a Web browser
  - accepting applet parameters through HTML
  - enforcing security restrictions

## The Component Class Hierarchy

- Our applet classes only have to deal with issues that specifically relate to what our particular applet will do
- When we define paintComponent method of an applet, we are actually overriding a method defined originally in the JComponent class and inherited by the JApplet class

### **Event Adapter Classes**

- Inheritance also gives us a alternate technique for creating listener classes
- We've seen that listener classes can be created by implementing a particular interface, such as MouseListener
- We can also create a listener class by extending an event adapter class
- If a listener interface has more than one method, it has a corresponding adapter class, such as the MouseAdapter class

### **Event Adapter Classes**

- Each adapter class implements the corresponding listener, providing empty method definitions
- When you derive a listener class from an adapter class, you only need to override the event methods that pertain to the program
- Empty definitions for unused event methods are automatically provided via inheritance
- See OffCenter.java
- See OffCenterPanel.java

```
//*********************
  OffCenter.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
  Demonstrates the use of an event adapter class.
//*********************
import javax.swing.*;
public class OffCenter
  //----
  // Creates the main frame of the program.
  public static void main (String[] args)
    JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Off Center");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
    frame.getContentPane().add(new OffCenterPanel());
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
Off Center
//******
                                                     ********
// OffCenter.ja
                 Distance: 92.36
   Demonstrate:
//******
                                                     *********
import javax.sw:
public class Of:
  // Creates
  public statio
     JFrame fr
     frame.set
                                                    SE);
     frame.get
     frame.pacl
     frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//***********************
   OffCenterPanel.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents the primary drawing panel for the OffCenter program.
//*********************
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import java.text.DecimalFormat;
import javax.swing.*;
public class OffCenterPanel extends JPanel
  private final int WIDTH=300, HEIGHT=300;
  private DecimalFormat fmt;
  private Point current;
  private int centerX, centerY;
  private double length;
continue
```

```
continue
   // Constructor: Sets up the panel and necessary data.
   public OffCenterPanel()
      addMouseListener (new OffCenterListener());
      centerX = WIDTH / 2;
      centerY = HEIGHT / 2;
      fmt = new DecimalFormat ("0.##");
      setPreferredSize (new Dimension(WIDTH, HEIGHT));
      setBackground (Color.yellow);
continue
```

```
continue
   // Draws a line from the mouse pointer to the center point of
   // the applet and displays the distance.
  public void paintComponent (Graphics page)
      super.paintComponent (page);
      page.setColor (Color.black);
     page.drawOval (centerX-3, centerY-3, 6, 6);
      if (current != null)
        page.drawLine (current.x, current.y, centerX, centerY);
        page.drawString ("Distance: " + fmt.format(length), 10, 15);
continue
```

#### continue //\* Represents the listener for mouse events. Demonstrates the ability to extend an adaptor class. //\* private class OffCenterListener extends MouseAdapter // Computes the distance from the mouse pointer to the center // point of the applet. public void mouseClicked (MouseEvent event) current = event.getPoint(); length = Math.sqrt(Math.pow((current.x-centerX), 2) + Math.pow((current.y-centerY), 2)); repaint();

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- The Timer class of the javax.swing package is a GUI component, but it has no visual representation
- A Timer object generates an action event at specified intervals
- Timers can be used to manage any events that are based on a timed interval, such as an animation
- To create the illusion of movement, we use a timer to change the scene after an appropriate delay

- The start and stop methods of the Timer class start and stop the timer
- The delay can be set using the Timer constructor or using the setDelay method
- See Rebound.java
- See ReboundPanel.java

```
//************************
  Rebound.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
   Demonstrates an animation and the use of the Timer class.
//*********************
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class Rebound
  //-----
  // Displays the main frame of the program.
  public static void main (String[] args)
    JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Rebound");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
    frame.getContentPane().add(new ReboundPanel());
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
Rebound
//*****
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   Rebound. java
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                                                lass.
//*****
                                                *********
import java.awt.
import java.awt.
import javax.swing.*;
public class Rebound
  //-----
  // Displays the main frame of the program.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Rebound");
     frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
     frame.getContentPane().add(new ReboundPanel());
     frame.pack();
     frame.setVisible(true);
```

```
//*********************
   ReboundPanel.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents the primary panel for the Rebound program.
//***********************
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class ReboundPanel extends JPanel
  private final int WIDTH = 300, HEIGHT = 100;
  private final int DELAY = 20, IMAGE SIZE = 35;
  private ImageIcon image;
  private Timer timer;
  private int x, y, moveX, moveY;
continue
```

```
//*********************
   ReboundPanel.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents the primary panel for the Rebound program.
//***********************
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class ReboundPanel extends JPanel
  private final int WIDTH = 300, HEIGHT = 100;
  private final int DELAY = 20, IMAGE SIZE = 35;
  private ImageIcon image;
  private Timer timer;
  private int x, y, moveX, moveY;
continue
```

#### continue // Sets up the panel, including the timer for the animation. //----public ReboundPanel() timer = new Timer(DELAY, new ReboundListener()); image = new ImageIcon ("happyFace.gif"); x = 0; y = 40;moveX = moveY = 3;setPreferredSize (new Dimension(WIDTH, HEIGHT)); setBackground (Color.black); timer.start(); //----// Draws the image in the current location.

public void paintComponent (Graphics page)

image.paintIcon (this, page, x, y);

super.paintComponent (page);

continue

#### continue

```
//********************
// Represents the action listener for the timer.
//********************
private class ReboundListener implements ActionListener
  // Updates the position of the image and possibly the direction
  // of movement whenever the timer fires an action event.
  public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent event)
     x += moveX;
     y += moveY;
     if (x \le 0 \mid \mid x \ge WIDTH-IMAGE SIZE)
       moveX = moveX * -1;
     if (y \le 0 \mid | y > = HEIGHT-IMAGE SIZE)
       moveY = moveY * -1;
     repaint();
```

## Summary

- Chapter 9 focused on:
  - deriving new classes from existing classes
  - the protected modifier
  - creating class hierarchies
  - abstract classes
  - indirect visibility of inherited members
  - designing for inheritance
  - the GUI component class hierarchy
  - extending listener adapter classes
  - the Timer class