

# Inheritance

## Theory

- Inheritance is needed when multiple classes are very similar in nature
- The inheritance relationship is called the “**is-a(n)**” relationship
- Thankfully this means we save some coding since it will be shared

Below are two example classes:

	<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Full Time Professor</b>		<b>Part Time Professor</b>
last name		last name
first name		first name
Ssn		ssn
Address		address
Birthdate		birthdate
vacation days		contact number
health insurer		Employer
office phone		
Tenor		
sick days		

- Notice how both classes are very similar in many aspects.
- Also, we can create other classes (like Secretary, Janitor, etc...) that would again use many of the same variables, but may have different members pertaining to their job responsibility.
- Also, either a Full Time Professor or Part Time Professor “is – a(n)” Employee.
- Some other examples of the “is a(n)” inheritance relationship
  - A student is a person
  - A professor is a faculty member
  - A lecturer is a faculty member

- An adjunct professor is a faculty member

## Breaking it down - The base (super) class

- Since so many classes shared many variables, lets create a BASE CLASS, that will let others called **sub or derived** classes share the common variables and methods/functions
- also called a **super or base** class, since the keyword super will be used to access the base classes' methods

	<b>BASE (SUPER) CLASS</b>	
	<b>Employee</b>	
<b>SUB (DERIVED) CLASS</b>		<b>SUB CLASS</b>
<b>Full Time Professor</b>	last name	<b>Part Time Professor</b>
	first name	
vacation days	ssn	contact number
health insurer	birthdate	Employer
office phone	address	
tenor		
sick days		

## In Practice

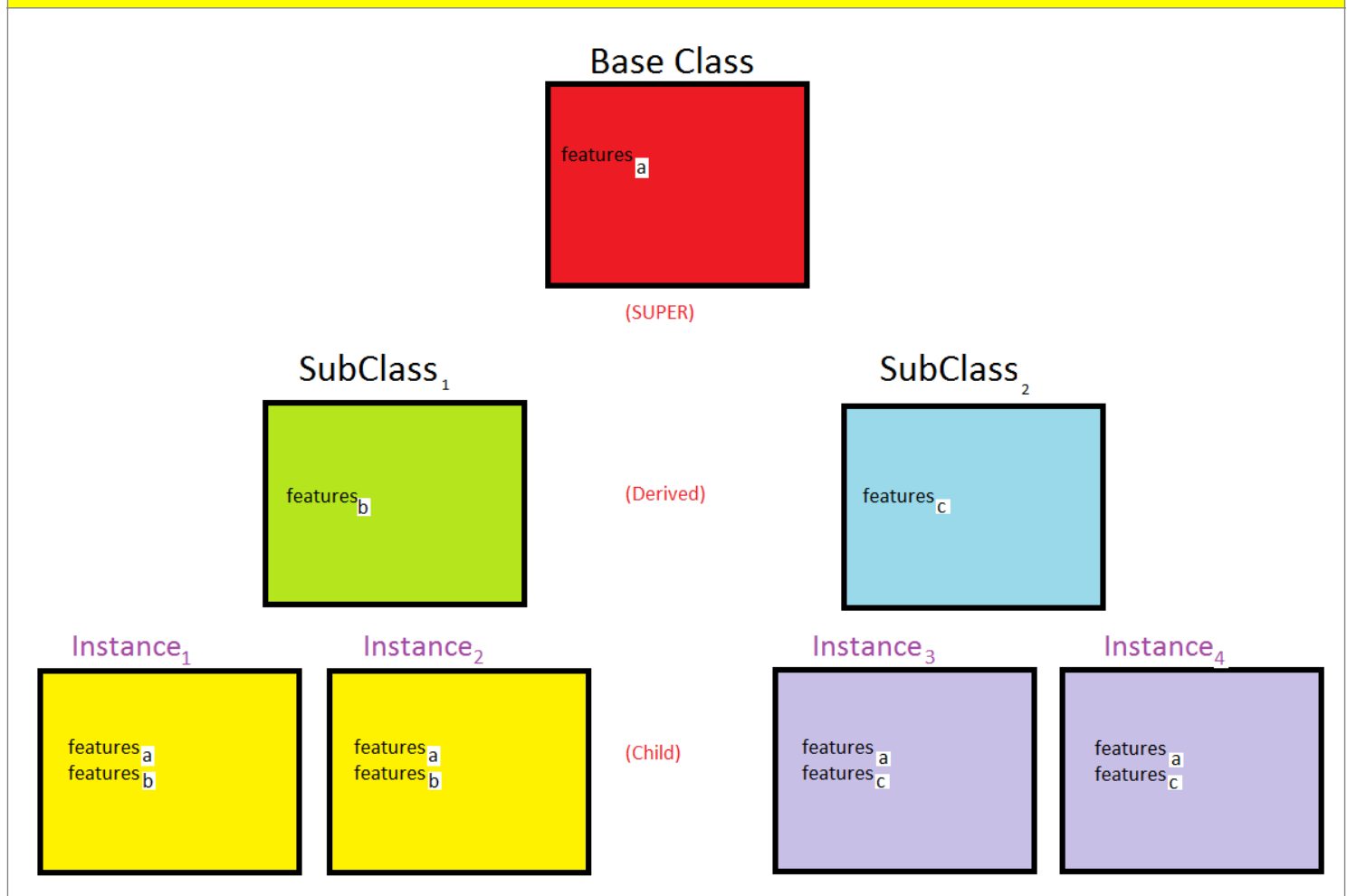
- we are creating more specialized subclass (objects)
  - a specific task that adds to the super (base class)
- all objects should (at minimum) have a complete class profile
  - accessors
  - mutators
  - etc...
- with this established, we can reuse for other projects we might get later
- subclasses may be
  - much smaller than the base class
  - have some of their own member variables/methods/"behaviors"



# Visual representation of Base & Sub Classes

- a visual understanding may be of some help
- please notice
  - an instance of a subclass will inherit both features of the subclass AND base
  - how the distinct players in this process are also called (super, derived, ...)

## Visually understanding Inheritance



# The Extends Reserved word

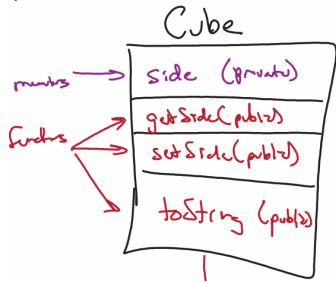
- extends can be thought of as a “better version”, more detailed version
  - you are “extending a template”
- used only in the subclass
- notice the naming convention **for objects** below
  - base class has a simple name
  - extended class (subclass) has the Extended and Base classes object
- “extends” induces a **subtyping** relation
  - Part Time professor would be a “subtype” of Employee
- $S <: T$ 
  - (S is a subtype of T)
- $P \vdash Q$  (called a turnstile)
  - means that Q is derivable from P
  - Or from P, I know that Q...

# Overall Example with Extends

## Cube and Extended Cube Example

```
public class Cube
{
    private double side;

    public void setSide(double x) {side = x; }
    public double getSide() { return side; }
    public String toString() { return "This cube's sides are" + getSide(); }
```



```
public class ExtendedCube extends Cube
{
    public double getSurfaceArea() { return 6 * getSide() * getSide(); }
    public double getVolume() { return getSide() * getSide() *
getSide(); }
    public String toString()
    {
        return "This cube's sides is" + getSide() + "\n" +
        "This cube's surface area is" + getSurfaceArea() + "\n" +
        "This cube's sides are" + getVolume() + "\n";
    }
}
```

```
public class Driver
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Cube basic = new Cube();
        ExtendedCube advanced = new ExtendedCube();

        basic.setSide(6);
        advanced.setSide(10);

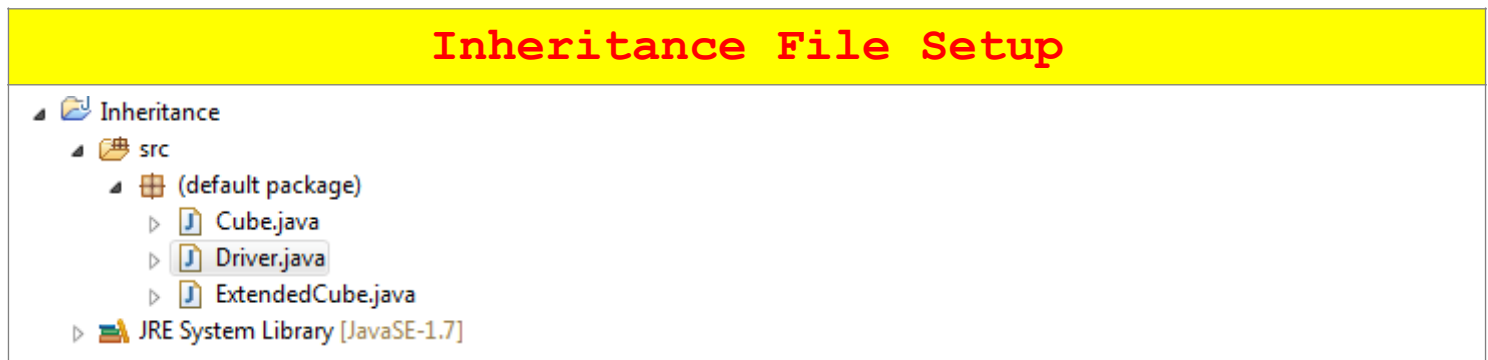
        System.out.println(basic);
        System.out.println(advanced);
    }
}
```

1. The “advanced” instance above called what method that IT DIDN’T have. Which one was it?? Why was it able to call that method??

2. Draw what the ExtendedCube would look like (show relation to Cube (arrow) )  
Answer:
3. Draw what the INSTANCES look like, and what they should return as values
4. Copy and Paste the code into your IDE and run.

## Inheritance and the file/project makeup

- This example uses a default package
  - So really no package
  - Notice that all of the .java files are together



## Eclipse can help with Inheritance

- Again, let the IDE help you
- As long as you have BOTH the base and derived classes setup, the IDE will tell you what options you have



# IDE help with Inheritance

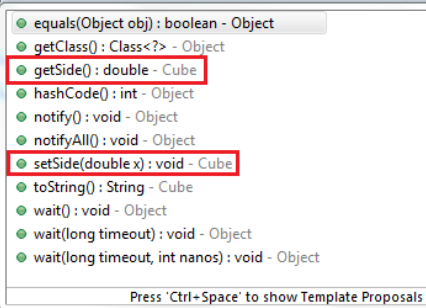
## Base Class

```
public static void main(String args[])
{
    Cube basic = new Cube();
    ExtendedCube advanced = new ExtendedCube();

    basic.setSide(6);
    advanced.setSide(10);
}
```

basic.

System.out.  
System.out.



**equals**

public boolean

Indicates whether s  
The equals metho  
non-null object ref  
o It is reflexive: fi  
x.equals(x)  
o It is symmetric:  
x.equals(y)  
y.equals(x)  
o It is transitive:

Pres (forgot toString)

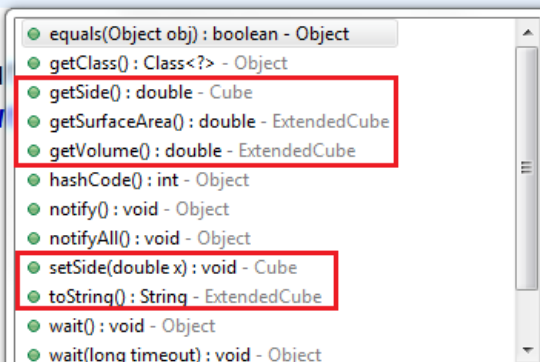
## Derived Class

```
public static void main(String args[])
{
    Cube basic = new Cube();
    ExtendedCube advanced = new ExtendedCube();

    basic.setSide(6);
    advanced.setSide(10);
}
```

advanced.

System.out.  
System.out.



**equals**

public b

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non-null ob  
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o It is syn  
x.equi  
y.equi  
o It is tra  
- if ...

- The IDE will also keep track of the class member's visibility
- many IDE's already help you identify which members you can reference  
DEPENDING on where you are physically writing code

- but you need to BIG picture in mind as well

In Cube/ExtendedCube, change data member “side” to public. What does an IDE window show now? (What does the public data member look like?)

## Eclipse and automated member access

```
System.out.println(side);
```

```
}
```

The field Cube.side is not visible

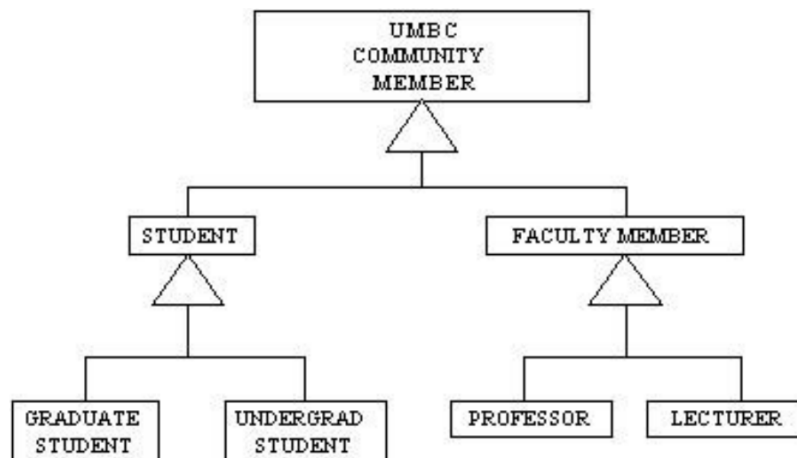
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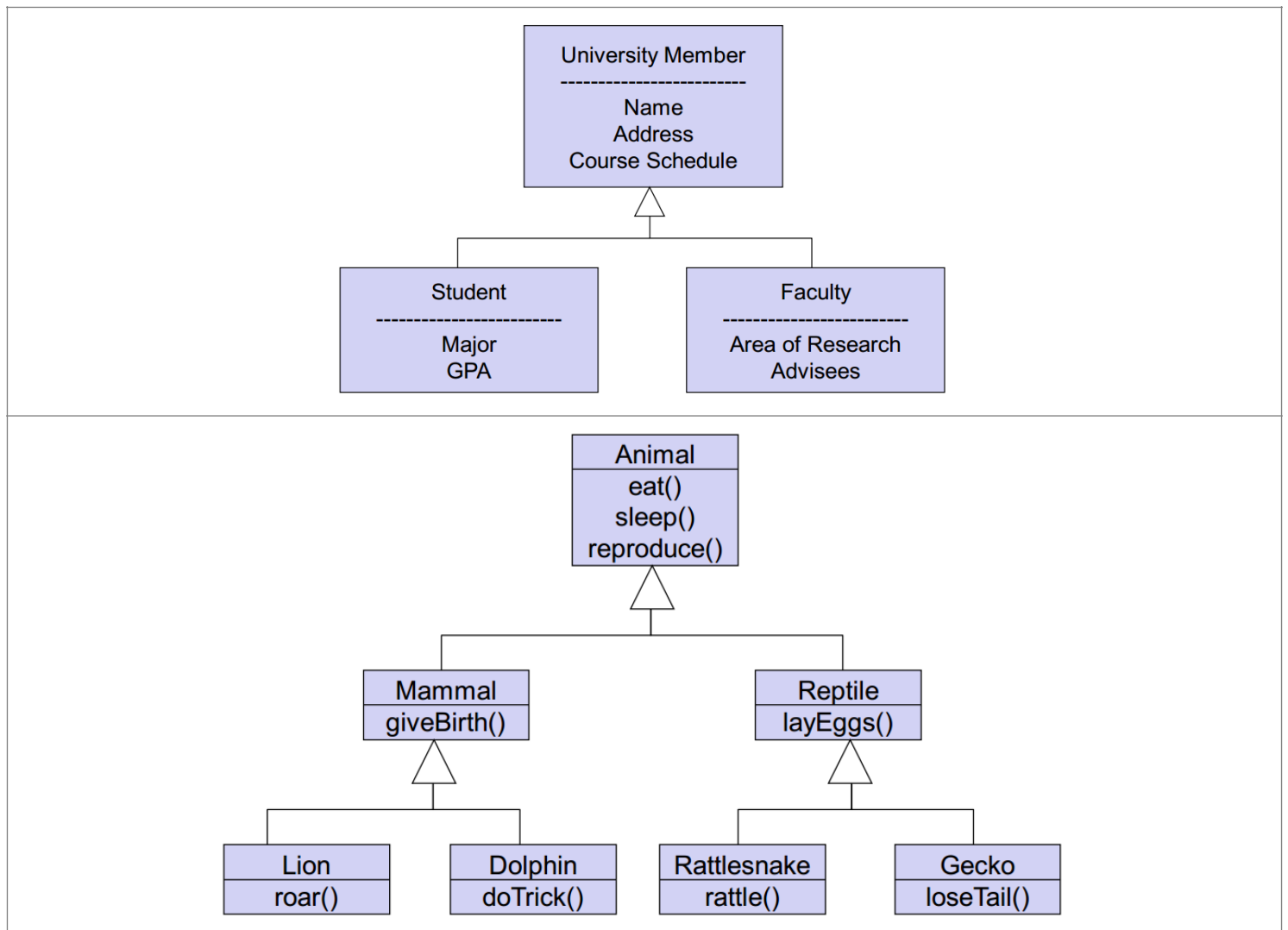
"side" is a private variable that does not have direct access and needs a getter/setter to access

## Inheritance and a game plan

- you have to be able to design an overall game plan
- start with a base object, then break into smaller more defined objects
  - the deeper (or more derived) the LESS code and material it should have

## Example Inheritance Applications

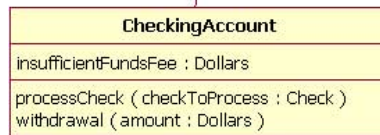
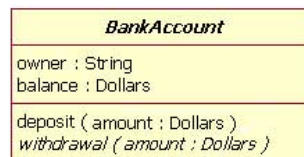




## Inheritance and UML (game plan)

- So much better
- Can translate to any language

**UML of Inheritance in Action**



# The Final keyword

- the final keyword prevents an overriding of methods and member variables, classes, etc...
- not a bad idea to have the base class as final

## Final Example

```
public class Base
{
    private int data;

    public Base () {data = 0;}
    public Base (int n) {data = n;}

    public int getData() {return data;}
    public final String toString() { return "base's data " + data; } ← no overriding
}

public class Derived extends Base
{
    private int subData;

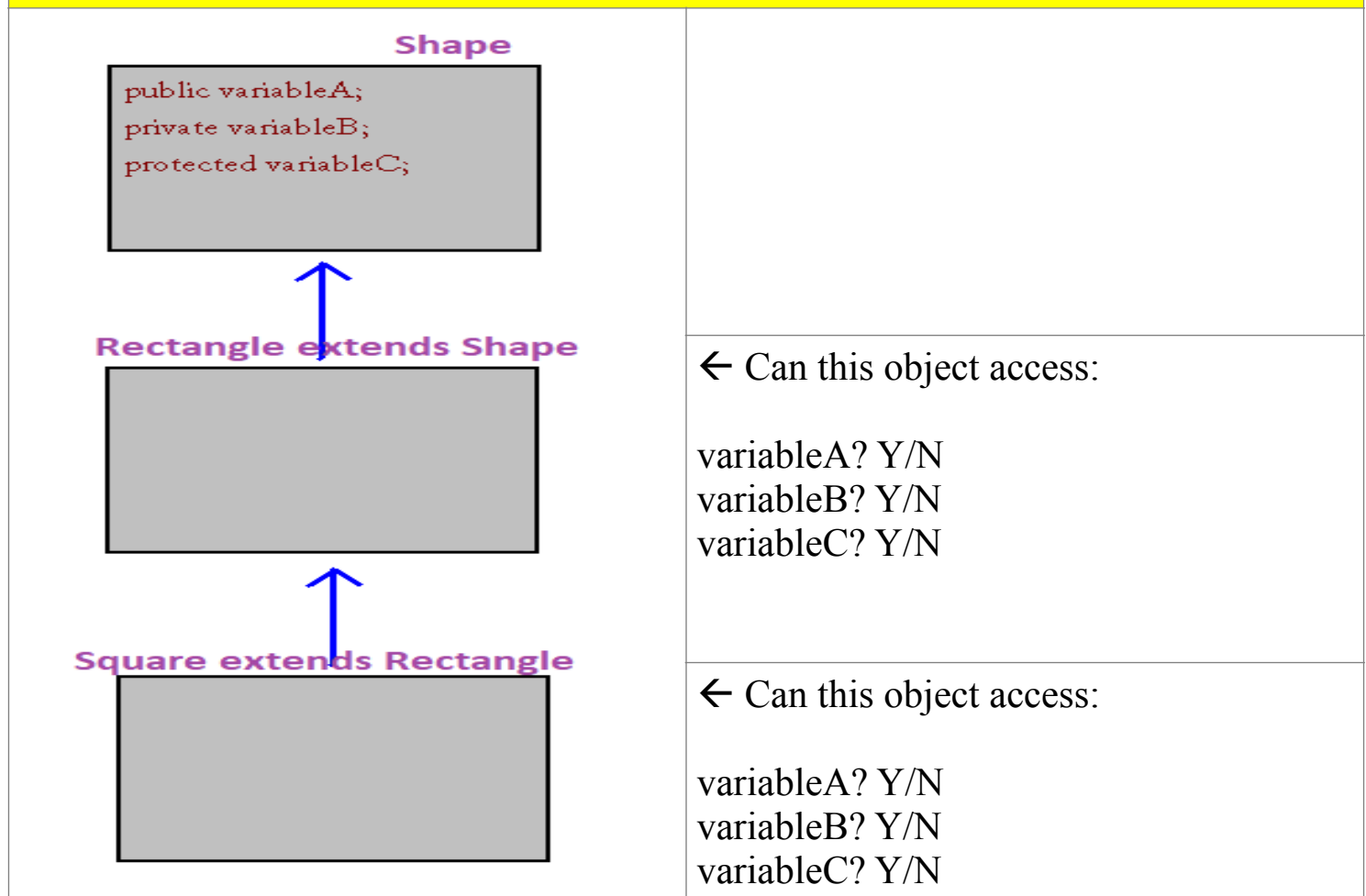
    public Derived (int b, int d)
    {
        super(b); // sending 'b' to super class
        subData = d;
    }

    public int getSubData() {return subData;}
    public String toString() ← Error (will not compile)
    {
        return super.toString() + "\n" +
            "subclass's data " + getSubData();
    }
}
```

# Inheritance and Class Member Visibility

- public (UML +)
  - access members via the subclass class functions
- protected (UML #)
  - **DIRECT** access member via ONLY the subclass class functions
  - items are “shared within the family”
  - # (UML symbol)
- protected final
  - this can be the only instance of this named function/variable
- private (UML -)
  - *NOT accessible in the subclass class!*
  - **UNLESS YOU USE AN ACCESSOR METHOD!!**

## Class Member Visibility Example



// Using the Cube example, in your code, try accessing Cube's side data member **DIRECTLY** from ExtendedCube. What does the error say??

The order of the extended classes has to be Square, then Rectangle, then Shape.  
Why??

## BASE Object constructors and Super

- constructors work the same as before and MUST be created in the BASE class (at least)
- here are the issues
  - Base class constructor is called before Derived class constructor
  - any SUBCLASS will need to call the **BASE CLASS's** constructor using the “super” reserved word **IF A BASE CLASS** constructor is present
    - MANDATORY
- Lupoli's hints
  - start from the child's class constructor
  - but make sure the base class' constructor is satisfied

**BELOW ARE LEARNING EXAMPLES ONLY!!!**

(we won't really do it this way!)

### Constructors and "super" in action

#### Example 1 (Not OK)

```
public class Base
{
    private int data;

    Base () {data = 0;}
    Base (int n) {data = n;}

    public int getData () {return data;}
}
```

- base class has both a default and programmer defined constructor
- the sub-class does not have a constructor, so by default calls the base class' default constructor
- this set up is NOT **OK**

```
public class Derived extends Base
{
    private int subData;

    public int getSubData() {return subData;}
}
```

```
Derived example1 = new Derived(); // will work
Derived example2 = new Base(5); // will not work, Derived MUST have a constructor with one parameter
Derived example3 = (Derived) new Base(5); // will not work, Derived MUST have a constructor with one parameter
Derived example4 = new Derived(3,4); // will not work, Derived MUST have a constructor with one parameter
```



## Example 2 (Not OK)

```
public class Base
{
    private int data;

    public Base (int n) {data = n;}

    public int getData() {return data;}
}
```

```
public class Derived extends Base
{
    private int subData;

    public int getSubData() {return subData;}
}
```

- the base class has a programmer defined constructor
- this will not compile since the base class has a defined constructor, but the subclass does not call the base class' constructor
- this setup is *not OK*

## Example 3 (OK)

```
public class Base
{
    private int data;

    public int getData()
    {
        return data;
    }

    public Base( int n)
    {
        data = n;
    }
}
```

```
public class Derived extends Base
{
    private int subData;

    public int getSubData()
    {
        return subData;
    }

    public Derived( int b, int d )
    {
        super( b );
        subData = d;
    }
}
```

- the base class is the same
- the subclass specifically calls the base class constructor using the “super” command
- notice the parameter in the super is the same as the number of parameters in the base class

```
Derived example1 = new Derived(); // will not work, Derived does not have a constructor with no parameters
Derived example2 = new Derived(5); // will not work, Derived does not have a constructor with one parameter
Derived example3 = new Derived(3,4); // will work
```



# Super calls in a nutshell

- Only in a derived class can call “super” IF the method/member variable is public or protected!!
  - Not private!!

## Super calls

```
public class Base
{
    public int data;
    protected double price = 23.23;

    Base () {data = 0;}
    Base (int n)
    {
        data = n;
    }

    public int getData() {return data;}
    private int getData2() {return data;}
}
```

```
public class Derived extends Base
{
    private int subData;
    private int data;
    |
    Derived() { super(); }

    Derived(int x, int y)
    {
        super(x); // call the base class's constructor that has one parameter
        super.getData();
        getData(); // same thing

        getData2();
        The method getData2() from the type Base is not visible because getData2 is private
        publ urn subData;
    }
}
```

1 quick fix available:

[Change visibility of 'getData2\(\)' to 'protected'](#)

Press 'F2' for focus

Using the Cube/Extended Cube, the overall goal is to have ExtendedCube's constructor pass the side value. Make sure to have a "super" call in ExtendedCube's constructor.

# Game planning

- In proper planning using inheritance start with an application that could use inheritance to stop redundancy of code
- Start drawing out the various objects of the application first and list their respective members

The various Vehicles						
Plane	Truck	Submarine	Motorcycle	Spaceship	Car	Train
wingSpan engineType numberOfSeats speed numberOfPilots numberOfPassengers fuelType autopilot wheels	Gas tank Seats Radio Gears Tire wheel Doors Weight License Engine (V6) Price Electric A/C Fluid Key Mirror	Flag (operating country) Manufacturer Year of construction Type (military, civilian,...) Operating range Sonar Range Maximum speed Maximum bottom time Min operating crew Max crew capacity Power source Armament	Speedometer Breaks Gas Tank Handlebar VIN # Clutch Wheels Radio Engine	doors brakes boosters lazers lights steering VIN wigns engine seats windows saftey_eq pilot cargo electronics comm_eq	Weight Wheels Fuel Seats Electronics License Plate VIN # Horn Windows Doors Lights A/C Fluids Gears Steering Cargo	TicketCost Cargo Dinning Beds Tracks Wheels Doors Carpet Charis Crew TypeTrain PowerSource Whistle Light Breaks

- Group related members into a base class (in theory)
  - This will take some adjustments and “compromises”
  - The member name may need to be more detailed

## The various Vehicles (after combining like members)

Plane	Truck	Submarine	Motorcycle	Spaceship	Car	Train
wingSpan Type numberOfPilots fuelType autopilot	Gas tank Radio Gears Tire wheel Price Electric A/C Fluid Key Mirror	Flag (operating country) Type (military, civilian,...) Operating range Sonar Range Maximum bottom time Min operating crew Max crew capacity Power source Armament	Brakes Gas Tank Clutch Radio	brakes boosters lazers lights steering saftey_eq pilot cargo hyperdrive electronics comm_eq	Fuel Electronics Horn Lights A/C Fluids Gears Steering Cargo	TicketCost Cargo Dinning Beds Tracks Carpet Charis Crew TypeTrain Whistle Light Breaks

## The new BASE class

### Vehicle Class

```
// overall vehicle details
float weight;
int yearMade; // would love to use short, but would have to cast
String make;
String model;
String color;
String ID;
int wheels;

// people related
int occupants;

// compartment related
int bathrooms;
int seats;
int doors;
int windows;

// engine related
String powerSource;
String engineType;
int horsepower;
int engineCount;
```

- Determine accessibility
  - Base class
    - Data members in the BASE should be **protected** at least
      - Validation, but shared among it's derived classes
    - functions should be **protected** at least

## The new BASE class

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- int engineCount;
```





- Derived class
  - Data members should be private
  - functions should be public
  - So the main can access

## The various Vehicles (after combining like members)

Plane	Truck	Submarine	Motorcycle	Spaceship	Car	Train
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wingSpan</li> <li>- Type</li> <li>- numberOfPilots</li> <li>- fuelType</li> <li>- autopilot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gas tank</li> <li>- Radio</li> <li>- Gears</li> <li>- Tire wheel</li> <li>- Price</li> <li>- Electric</li> <li>- A/C</li> <li>- Fluid</li> <li>- Key</li> <li>- Mirror</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flag (operating country)</li> <li>- Type (military, civilian,...)</li> <li>- Operating range</li> <li>- Sonar Range</li> <li>- Maximum bottom time</li> <li>- Min operating crew</li> <li>- Max crew capacity</li> <li>- Power source</li> <li>- Armament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brakes</li> <li>- Gas Tank</li> <li>- Clutch</li> <li>- Radio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- brakes</li> <li>- boosters</li> <li>- lasers</li> <li>- lights</li> <li>- steering</li> <li>- safety_eq</li> <li>- pilot</li> <li>- cargo</li> <li>- hyperdrive</li> <li>- electronics</li> <li>- comm_eq</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fuel</li> <li>- Electronics</li> <li>- Horn</li> <li>- Lights</li> <li>- A/C</li> <li>- Fluids</li> <li>- Gears</li> <li>- Steering</li> <li>- Cargo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TicketCost</li> <li>- Cargo</li> <li>- Dining</li> <li>- Beds</li> <li>- Tracks</li> <li>- Carpet</li> <li>- Chairs</li> <li>- Crew</li> <li>- TypeTrain</li> <li>- Whistle</li> <li>- Light</li> <li>- Breaks</li> </ul>

- Code the BASE class
  - Create the data members (private)
  - Use all IDE features to build the rest of the
    - Mutators/accessors (protected) and toString
    - Constructors (Fully Programmer defined)

**Code the Base Class first**

```

public class Vehicle
{
    // overall vehicle details
    private float weight;
    private int yearMade; // would love to use short, but would have to cast
    private String make;
    private String model;
    private String color;
    private String ID;
    private int wheels;

    // people related
    private int occupants;

    // compartment related
    private int bathrooms;
    private int seats;
    private int doors;
    private int windows;

    // engine related
    private String powerSource;
    private String engineType;
    private int horsepower;
    private int engineCount;

    // velocity related
    private int maxSpeed;

    // constructor
    public Vehicle(float weight, int yearMade, String make, String model, String color, String iD, int wheels,
int i,
                int j, int k, int l, int m, String powerSource, String engineType, int horsepower,
                int engineCount, int n) {
        this.weight = weight;
        this.yearMade = yearMade;
        this.make = make;
        this.model = model;
        this.color = color;
        ID = iD;
        this.wheels = wheels;
        this.occupants = i;
        this.bathrooms = j;
        this.seats = k;
        this.doors = l;
        this.windows = m;
        this.powerSource = powerSource;
        this.engineType = engineType;
        this.horsePower = horsepower;
        this.engineCount = engineCount;
        this.maxSpeed = n;
    }

    // getters and setter (Mutators and Accessors)
    protected float getWeight() { return weight; }
    protected void setWeight(float weight) { this.weight = weight; }
    protected int getYearMade() { return yearMade; }
    protected void setYearMade(int yearMade) { this.yearMade = yearMade; }
    protected String getMake() { return make; }
    protected void setMake(String make) { this.make = make; }
    protected String getModel() { return model; }
    protected void setModel(String model) { this.model = model; }
    protected String getColor() { return color; }
    protected void setColor(String color) { this.color = color; }
    protected String getID() { return ID; }
    protected void setID(String iD) { ID = iD; }
    protected int getWheels() { return wheels; }
    protected void setWheels(int wheels) { this.wheels = wheels; }
}

```

- Code the Derived class
  - Create the data members
  - Use all IDE features to build the rest of the
    - Mutators/accessors (public)
  - **In the Derived class, code the Extend to it's BASE class**
    - **This updates the IDE to let it know your derived class has inherited features**
    - Create constructor
      - Should have `super(...)` in it now to fill the base class members
    - Create `toString`

## Creating the Derived class

### Before Extends Vehicle

```
public class Plane {  
  
    int wingSpan = 0;  
    int numberOfPilots = 0;  
    String fuelType;  
    boolean autoPilot;  
  
    public int getWingSpan() { return wingSpan; }  
    public int getNumberOfPilots() { return numberOfPilots; }  
    public String getFuelType() { return fuelType; }  
    public boolean isAutoPilot() { return autoPilot; }  
    public void setWingSpan(int wingSpan) { this.wingSpan = wingSpan; }  
    public void setNumberOfPilots(int numberOfPilots) { this.numberOfPilots = numberOfPilots; }  
    public void setFuelType(String fuelType) { this.fuelType = fuelType; }  
    public void setAutoPilot(boolean autoPilot) { this.autoPilot = autoPilot; }  
  
}
```

### After Extends Vehicle

```

public class Plane extends Vehicle{

    int wingSpan = 0;
    int numberOfPilots = 0;
    String fuelType;
    boolean autoPilot;

    public Plane(float weight, int yearMade, String make, String model,
        String color, String iD, int wheels, int i, int j, int k, int l,
        int m, String powerSource, String engineType, int horsepower,
        int engineCount, int n, int wingSpan, int numberOfPilots,
        String fuelType, boolean autoPilot) {
        super(weight, yearMade, make, model, color, iD, wheels, i, j, k, l, m,
            powerSource, engineType, horsepower, engineCount, n);
        this.wingSpan = wingSpan;
        this.numberOfPilots = numberOfPilots;
        this.fuelType = fuelType;
        this.autoPilot = autoPilot;
    }

    public int getWingSpan() { return wingSpan; }
    public int getNumberOfPilots() { return numberOfPilots; }
    public String getFuelType() { return fuelType; }
    public boolean isAutoPilot() { return autoPilot; }
    public void setWingSpan(int wingSpan) { this.wingSpan = wingSpan; }
    public void setNumberOfPilots(int numberOfPilots) { this.numberOfPilots = numberOfPilots; }
    public void setFuelType(String fuelType) {this.fuelType = fuelType; }
    public void setAutoPilot(boolean autoPilot) { this.autoPilot = autoPilot; }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Plane [wingSpan=" + wingSpan + ", numberOfPilots="
            + numberOfPilots + ", fuelType=" + fuelType + ", autoPilot="
            + autoPilot + ", getWeight()" + getWeight()
            + ", getYearMade()" + getYearMade() + ", getMake()"
            + getMake() + ", getModel()" + getModel() + ", getColor()"
            + getColor() + ", getID()" + getID() + ", getWheels()"
            + getWheels() + ", getOccupants()" + getOccupants()
            + ", getBathrooms()" + getBathrooms() + ", getSeats()"
            + getSeats() + ", getDoors()" + getDoors() + ", getWindows()"
            + getWindows() + ", getPowerSource()" + getPowerSource()
            + ", getEngineType()" + getEngineType() + ", getHorsePower()"
            + getHorsePower() + ", getEngineCount()" + getEngineCount()
            + ", getMaxSpeed()" + getMaxSpeed() + ", toString()"
            + super.toString() + ", getClass()" + getClass()
            + ", hashCode()" + hashCode() + "];"
    }
}

```

- Create the Driver Class
  - Create one instance to test

**Create an instance in the Driver**

```

public class Driver {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Plane SouthWest = new Plane(10000, 2014, "Boeing", "787", "Orange", "SW
1976",
                                5, 150, 3, 150, 7, 55, "Jet Fuel (JP8)", "Pratt and
Whitney", 2500,
                                4, 400, 80, 2, "Jet Fuel (JP8)", false);

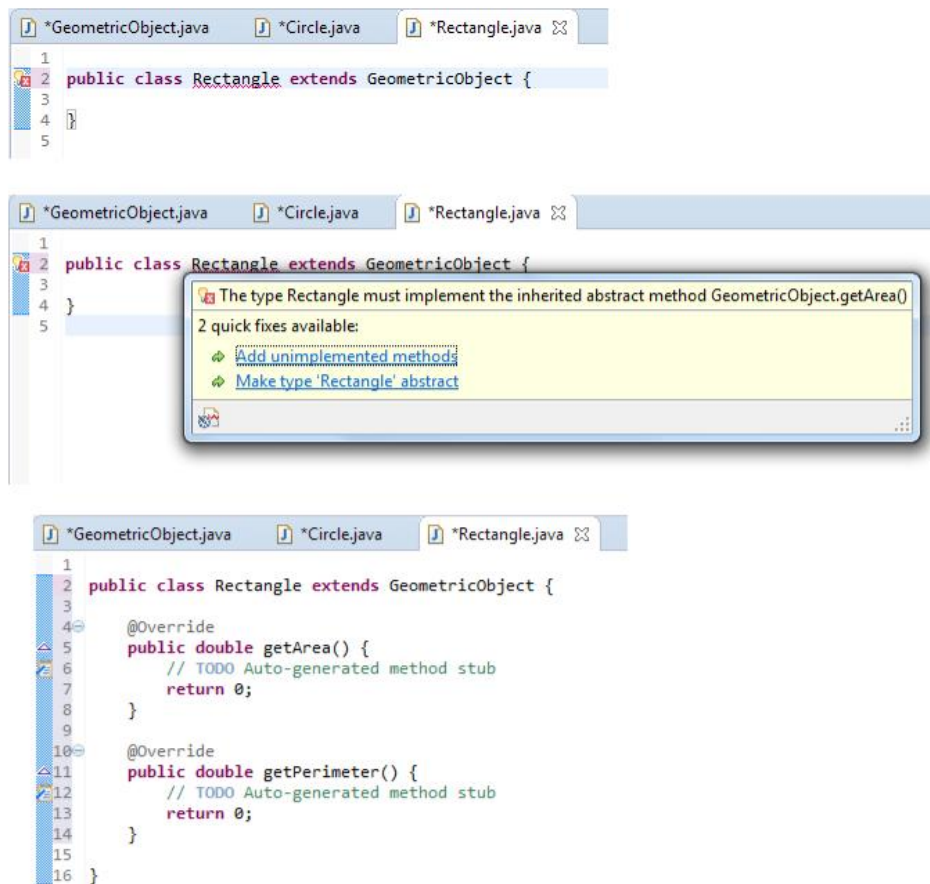
        System.out.println(SouthWest);
    }
}

```

## Building subclass functions quickly

- thanks Nick Levandoski UMBC training Su'14
- after the creation of your base class, any functions that also need to be addressed in subclass can be automatically generated
  - again, the base class must be completed first

### Lazy Eclipse Users (sub class generation)



# Overriding (not overloading, but darn close)

- same as overloading, but between related objects (base – subclass)
  - in C++ this would be done using the “virtual” keyword in the base class
- subclass has a method with the same **name and number and (possibly) type** of parameters as a method in a super class
  - notice, same number/type of parameters (not like overloading)
- use must also worry about member method/member visibility
  - a private in a base class cannot be accessed by a subclass

## Overriding Example

```
public class Base
{
    private int data;

    public Base () {data = 0;}
    public Base (int n) {data = n;}

    public int getData() {return data;}
    public String toString() { return "base's data " + data; }
}

public class Derived extends Base ← Subclass inherited the toString() method
{
    private int subData;

    public Derived (int b, int d)
    {
        super(b); // sending 'b' to super class
        subData = d;
    }

    public int getSubData() {return subData;}
    public String toString() ← Subclass overrides the inherited method
    {
        return super.toString() + "\n" + ← invokes the inherited the toString() method
        "subclass's data " + getSubData();
    }
}
```

```
Derived example3 = new Derived(3,4); // will work
System.out.println(example3);
```

base's data 3

subclass's data 4



- notice two display methods
- also notice subclass' calls base class' (super) display
- \*A TOSTRING method is much better than a display method (just used this example)

## Rules for overriding an Inherited Methods

- the overriding method's header (signature) must be exactly the same as the header of the inherited method
- the visibility of the overriding method cannot be more restrictive than the visibility of the inherited method
- constructors cannot be overridden
- a function with static cannot be overridden

## Overriding vs. Overloading

- Overriding
  - Same function name or “signature” in 2 or more inherited (related) objects
- Overloading
  - Same function name or “signature” in 1 object (**except parameters**)

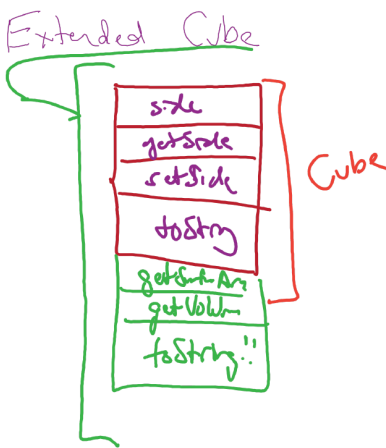
# Developing Inheritance Structures Guide

- Look for Objects that have common attributes and behaviors
- Factor common items into a single class
- Determine which subclasses need specialized features
- Examine groups of subclasses that may exhibit common behaviors
- Apply the IS-A test

// Develop a structure for a Contestant, then it's child classes Bowler and Golfer

## Solutions

### ExtendedCube overview



## Sources

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