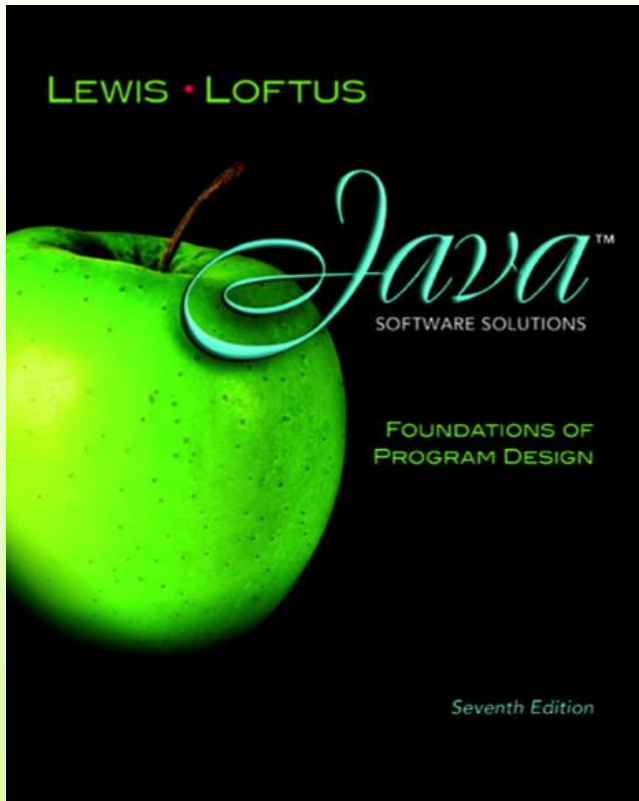


Week 9 & 10

Polymorphism



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Polymorphism

- Polymorphism is an object-oriented concept that allows us to create versatile software designs
- Chapter 10 focuses on:
 - defining polymorphism and its benefits
 - using inheritance to create polymorphic references
 - using interfaces to create polymorphic references
 - using polymorphism to implement sorting and searching algorithms

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Binding

- Consider the following method invocation:

```
obj.doIt();
```

- At some point, this invocation is *bound* to the definition of the method that it invokes
- , Java defers method binding until run time -- this is called *dynamic binding* or *late binding*

Polymorphism

- The term *polymorphism* literally means "having many forms"
- A *polymorphic reference* is a variable that can refer to different types of objects at different points in time
- The method called through a polymorphic reference can change from one invocation to the next
- All object references in Java are potentially polymorphic

Polymorphism

- Suppose we create the following reference variable:

```
Occupation job;
```

- This reference can point to an `Occupation` object, or to any object of any compatible type
- This compatibility can be established using inheritance or using interfaces
- Careful use of polymorphic references can lead to elegant, robust software designs

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Polymorphism via Inheritance

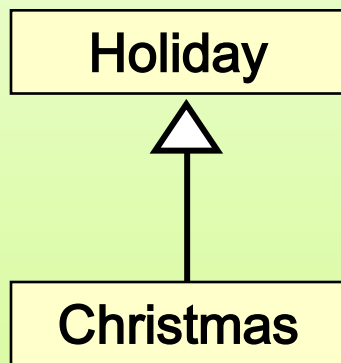
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References and Inheritance

- An object reference can refer to an object of any class related to it by inheritance
- For example, if `Holiday` is the superclass of `Christmas`, then a `Holiday` reference could be used to refer to a `Christmas` object



```
Holiday day;  
day = new Christmas();
```


References and Inheritance

- These type compatibility rules are just an extension of the is-a relationship established by inheritance
- Assigning a `Christmas` object to a `Holiday` reference is fine because Christmas is-a holiday
- Assigning a child object to a parent reference can be performed by simple assignment
- Assigning an parent object to a child reference can be done also, but must be done with a cast (now this is confusing??)
- After all, Christmas is a holiday but not all holidays are Christmas

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- Now suppose the `Holiday` class has a method called `celebrate`, and `Christmas` overrides it
- What method is invoked by the following?

```
day.celebrate();
```

- The type of the object being referenced, not the reference type, determines which method is invoked
- If `day` refers to a `Holiday` object, it invokes the `Holiday` version of `celebrate`; if it refers to a `Christmas` object, it invokes that version

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- Note that the compiler restricts invocations based on the type of the reference
- So if `Christmas` had a method called `getTree` that `Holiday` didn't have, the following would cause a compiler error:

```
day.getTree();    // compiler error
```

- Remember, the compiler doesn't "know" which type of holiday is being referenced
- A cast can be used to allow the call:

```
((Christmas) day).getTree();
```

Quick Check

If `MusicPlayer` is the parent of `CDPlayer`, are the following assignments valid?

```
MusicPlayer mplayer = new CDPlayer();
```

```
CDPlayer cdplayer = new MusicPlayer();
```

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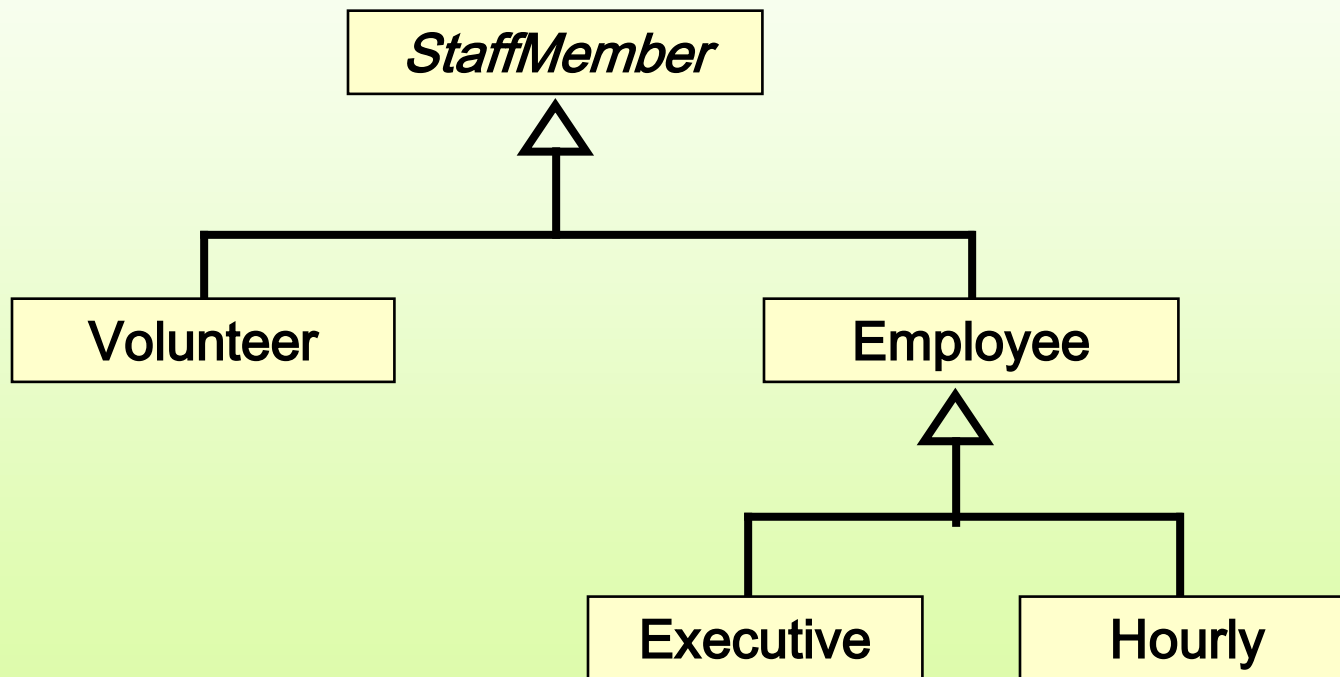
Yes, because a `CDPlayer` is-a `MusicPlayer`

```
CDPlayer cdplayer = new MusicPlayer();
```

No, you'd have to use a cast (and you shouldn't knowingly assign a super class object to a subclass reference)

Polymorphism via Inheritance

- Consider the following class hierarchy:



Polymorphism via Inheritance

- Let's look at an example that pays a set of diverse employees using a polymorphic method
- See `Firm.java`
- See `Staff.java`
- See `StaffMember.java`
- See `Volunteer.java`
- See `Employee.java`
- See `Executive.java`
- See `Hourly.java`

```

//*****
//  StaffMember.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents a generic staff member.
//*****

abstract public class StaffMember
{
    protected String name;
    protected String address;
    protected String phone;

    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up this staff member using the specified
    //  information.
    //-----
    public StaffMember (String eName, String eAddress, String ePhone)
    {
        name = eName;
        address = eAddress;
        phone = ePhone;
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
// Returns a string including the basic employee information.  
//-----  
public String toString()  
{  
    String result = "Name: " + name + "\n";  
  
    result += "Address: " + address + "\n";  
    result += "Phone: " + phone;  
  
    return result;  
}  
  
//-----  
// Derived classes must define the pay method for each type of  
// employee.  
//-----  
public abstract double pay();  
}
```

```

//*****
//  Volunteer.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents a staff member that works as a volunteer.
//*****

public class Volunteer extends StaffMember
{
    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up this volunteer using the specified
    //  information.
    //-----
    public Volunteer (String eName, String eAddress, String ePhone)
    {
        super (eName, eAddress, ePhone);
    }

    //-----
    //  Returns a zero pay value for this volunteer.
    //-----
    public double pay()
    {
        return 0.0;
    }
}

```

```

//*****
//  Employee.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents a general paid employee.
//*****

public class Employee extends StaffMember
{
    protected String socialSecurityNumber;
    protected double payRate;

    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up this employee with the specified
    //  information.
    //-----
    public Employee (String eName, String eAddress, String ePhone,
                     String socSecNumber, double rate)
    {
        super (eName, eAddress, ePhone);

        socialSecurityNumber = socSecNumber;
        payRate = rate;
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
// Returns information about an employee as a string.  
//-----  
public String toString()  
{  
    String result = super.toString();  
  
    result += "\nSocial Security Number: " + socialSecurityNumber;  
  
    return result;  
}  
  
//-----  
// Returns the pay rate for this employee.  
//-----  
public double pay()  
{  
    return payRate;  
}  
}
```

```

//*****
//  Executive.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents an executive staff member, who can earn a bonus.
//*****

public class Executive extends Employee
{
    private double bonus;

    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up this executive with the specified
    //  information.
    //-----
    public Executive (String eName, String eAddress, String ePhone,
                     String socSecNumber, double rate)
    {
        super (eName, eAddress, ePhone, socSecNumber, rate);

        bonus = 0;  // bonus has yet to be awarded
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
//  Awards the specified bonus to this executive.  
//-----  
public void awardBonus (double execBonus)  
{  
    bonus = execBonus;  
}  
  
//-----  
//  Computes and returns the pay for an executive, which is the  
//  regular employee payment plus a one-time bonus.  
//-----  
public double pay()  
{  
    double payment = super.pay() + bonus;  
  
    bonus = 0;  
  
    return payment;  
}  
}
```

```

//*****
//  Hourly.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents an employee that gets paid by the hour.
//*****

public class Hourly extends Employee
{
    private int hoursWorked;

    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up this hourly employee using the specified
    //  information.
    //-----
    public Hourly (String eName, String eAddress, String ePhone,
                   String socSecNumber, double rate)
    {
        super (eName, eAddress, ePhone, socSecNumber, rate);

        hoursWorked = 0;
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
//  Adds the specified number of hours to this employee's  
//  accumulated hours.  
//-----  
public void addHours (int moreHours)  
{  
    hoursWorked += moreHours;  
}  
  
//-----  
//  Computes and returns the pay for this hourly employee.  
//-----  
public double pay()  
{  
    double payment = payRate * hoursWorked;  
  
    hoursWorked = 0;  
  
    return payment;  
}
```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
// Returns information about this hourly employee as a string.  
//-----  
public String toString()  
{  
    String result = super.toString();  
  
    result += "\nCurrent hours: " + hoursWorked;  
  
    return result;  
}  
}
```

```

//*****
//  Staff.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents the personnel staff of a particular business.
//*****

public class Staff
{
    private StaffMember[] staffList;

    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up the list of staff members.
    //-----
    public Staff ()
    {
        staffList = new StaffMember[6];
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
staffList[0] = new Executive ("Sam", "123 Main Line",  
    "555-0469", "123-45-6789", 2423.07);  
  
staffList[1] = new Employee ("Carla", "456 Off Line",  
    "555-0101", "987-65-4321", 1246.15);  
staffList[2] = new Employee ("Woody", "789 Off Rocker",  
    "555-0000", "010-20-3040", 1169.23);  
  
staffList[3] = new Hourly ("Diane", "678 Fifth Ave.",  
    "555-0690", "958-47-3625", 10.55);  
  
staffList[4] = new Volunteer ("Norm", "987 Suds Blvd.",  
    "555-8374");  
staffList[5] = new Volunteer ("Cliff", "321 Duds Lane",  
    "555-7282");  
  
((Executive)staffList[0]).awardBonus (500.00);  
  
((Hourly)staffList[3]).addHours (40);  
}
```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
//  Pays all staff members.  
//-----  
public void payday ()  
{  
    double amount;  
  
    for (int count=0; count < staffList.length; count++)  
    {  
        System.out.println (staffList[count]);  
  
        amount = staffList[count].pay();  // polymorphic  
  
        if (amount == 0.0)  
            System.out.println ("Thanks!");  
        else  
            System.out.println ("Paid: " + amount);  
  
        System.out.println ("-----");  
    }  
}
```

```

//*****
//  Firm.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Demonstrates polymorphism via inheritance.
//*****

public class Firm
{
    //-----
    //  Creates a staff of employees for a firm and pays them.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Staff personnel = new Staff();

        personnel.payday();
    }
}

```

Output

Name: Sam

Address: 123 Main Line

Phone: 555-0469

Social Security Number: 123-45-6789

Paid: 2923.07

Name: Carla

Address: 456 Off Line

Phone: 555-0101

Social Security Number: 987-65-4321

Paid: 1246.15

Name: Woody

Address: 789 Off Rocker

Phone: 555-0000

Social Security Number: 010-20-3040

Paid: 1169.23

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) ;

Output (continued)

Name: Diane

Address: 678 Fifth Ave.

Phone: 555-0690

Social Security Number: 958-47-3625

Current hours: 40

Paid: 422.0

Name: Norm

Address: 987 Suds Blvd.

Phone: 555-8374

Thanks!

Name: Cliff

Address: 321 Duds Lane

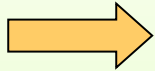
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Thanks!

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Polymorphism via Interfaces

- Interfaces can be used to set up polymorphic references as well
- Suppose we declare an interface called `Speaker` as follows:

```
public interface Speaker
{
    public void speak() ;
    public void announce (String str) ;
}
```


Polymorphism via Interfaces

- An interface name can be used as the type of an object reference variable:

```
Speaker current;
```

- The `current` reference can be used to point to any object of any class that implements the `Speaker` interface
- The version of `speak` invoked by the following line depends on the type of object that `current` is referencing:

```
current.speak();
```

Polymorphism via Interfaces

- Now suppose two classes, `Philosopher` and `Dog`, both implement the `Speaker` interface, providing distinct versions of the `speak` method
- In the following code, the first call to `speak` invokes one version and the second invokes another:

```
Speaker guest = new Philosopher();  
guest.speak();  
guest = new Dog();  
guest.speak();
```

Polymorphism via Interfaces

- As with class reference types, the compiler will restrict invocations to methods in the interface
- For example, even if `Philosopher` also had a method called `pontificate`, the following would still cause a compiler error:

```
Speaker special = new Philosopher();  
special.pontificate(); // compiler error
```

- Remember, the compiler bases its rulings on the type of the reference

Quick Check

Would the following statements be valid?

```
Speaker first = new Dog();  
Philosopher second = new Philosopher();  
second.pontificate();  
first = second;
```

Quick Check

Would the following statements be valid?

```
Speaker first = new Dog();  
Philosopher second = new Philosopher();  
second.pontificate();  
first = second;
```

Yes, all assignments and method calls are valid as written

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Sorting

- *Sorting* is the process of arranging a list of items in a particular order
- The sorting process is based on specific criteria:
 - sort test scores in ascending numeric order
 - sort a list of people alphabetically by last name
- There are many algorithms, which vary in efficiency, for sorting a list of items
- We will examine two specific algorithms:
 - Selection Sort
 - Insertion Sort

Selection Sort

- The strategy of Selection Sort:
 - select a value and put it in its final place in the list
 - repeat for all other values
- In more detail:
 - find the smallest value in the list
 - switch it with the value in the first position
 - find the next smallest value in the list
 - switch it with the value in the second position
 - repeat until all values are in their proper places

Selection Sort

Scan right starting with 3.
1 is the smallest. Exchange 1 and 3.



Scan right starting with 9.
2 is the smallest. Exchange 9 and 2.



Scan right starting with 6.
3 is the smallest. Exchange 6 and 3.



Scan right starting with 6.
6 is the smallest. Exchange 6 and 6.



Swapping

- The processing of the selection sort algorithm includes the *swapping* of two values
- Swapping requires three assignment statements and a temporary storage location
- To swap the values of `first` and `second`:

```
temp = first;  
first = second;  
second = temp;
```

Polymorphism in Sorting

- Recall that a class that implements the `Comparable` interface defines a `compareTo` method to determine the relative order of its objects
- We can use polymorphism to develop a generic sort for any set of `Comparable` objects
- The sorting method accepts as a parameter an array of `Comparable` objects
- That way, one method can be used to sort an array of `People`, or `Books`, or whatever

Selection Sort

- This technique allows each class to decide for itself what it means for one object to be less than another
- Let's look at an example that sorts an array of `Contact` objects
- The `selectionSort` method is a static method in the `Sorting` class
- See `PhoneList.java`
- See `Sorting.java`
- See `Contact.java`

The static selectionSort method in the Sorting class:

```
//-----  
//  Sorts the specified array of objects using the selection  
//  sort algorithm.  
//-----  
public static void selectionSort (Comparable[] list)  
{  
    int min;  
    Comparable temp;  
  
    for (int index = 0; index < list.length - 1; index++)  
    {  
        min = index;  
        for (int scan = index+1; scan < list.length; scan++)  
            if (list[scan].compareTo(list[min]) < 0)  
                min = scan;  
  
        // Swap the values  
        temp = list[min];  
        list[min] = list[index];  
        list[index] = temp;  
    }  
}
```

```

//*****
//  Contact.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Represents a phone contact.
//*****

public class Contact implements Comparable
{
    private String firstName, lastName, phone;

    //-----
    //  Constructor: Sets up this contact with the specified data.
    //-----
    public Contact (String first, String last, String telephone)
    {
        firstName = first;
        lastName = last;
        phone = telephone;
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
//  Returns a description of this contact as a string.  
//-----  
public String toString ()  
{  
    return lastName + ", " + firstName + "\t" + phone;  
}  
  
//-----  
//  Returns a description of this contact as a string.  
//-----  
public boolean equals (Object other)  
{  
    return (lastName.equals(((Contact)other).getLastName()) &&  
            firstName.equals(((Contact)other).getFirstName()));  
}
```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
//  Uses both last and first names to determine ordering.  
//-----  
public int compareTo (Object other)  
{  
    int result;  
  
    String otherFirst = ((Contact)other).getFirstName();  
    String otherLast = ((Contact)other).getLastName();  
  
    if (lastName.equals(otherLast))  
        result = firstName.compareTo(otherFirst);  
    else  
        result = lastName.compareTo(otherLast);  
  
    return result;  
}
```

continue

continue

```
//-----  
//  First name accessor.  
//-----  
public String getFirstName ()  
{  
    return firstName;  
}  
  
//-----  
//  Last name accessor.  
//-----  
public String getLastName ()  
{  
    return lastName;  
}  
}
```

```

public class PhoneList
{
    //-----
    //  Creates an array of Contact objects, sorts them, then prints
    //  them.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Contact[] friends = new Contact[8];

        friends[0] = new Contact ("John", "Smith", "610-555-7384");
        friends[1] = new Contact ("Sarah", "Barnes", "215-555-3827");
        friends[2] = new Contact ("Mark", "Riley", "733-555-2969");
        friends[3] = new Contact ("Laura", "Getz", "663-555-3984");
        friends[4] = new Contact ("Larry", "Smith", "464-555-3489");
        friends[5] = new Contact ("Frank", "Phelps", "322-555-2284");
        friends[6] = new Contact ("Mario", "Guzman", "804-555-9066");
        friends[7] = new Contact ("Marsha", "Grant", "243-555-2837");

        Sorting.selectionSort(friends);

        for (Contact friend : friends)
            System.out.println (friend);
    }
}

```

```
public class PhoneList
```

```
{
```

```
//-----
```

```
//  Creates an array of Contact objects, sorts them, then prints
```

```
//  them.
```

```
//-----
```

```
public static
```

```
{
```

```
    Contact[]
```

```
    friends[0]
```

```
    friends[1]
```

```
    friends[2]
```

```
    friends[3]
```

```
    friends[4]
```

```
    friends[5]
```

```
    friends[6]
```

```
    friends[7]
```

Output

Barnes, Sarah 215-555-3827

Getz, Laura 663-555-3984

Grant, Marsha 243-555-2837

Guzman, Mario 804-555-9066

Phelps, Frank 322-555-2284

Riley, Mark 733-555-2969

Smith, John 610-555-7384

Smith, Larry 464-555-3489

"610-555-7384");

, "215-555-3827");

"733-555-2969");

"663-555-3984");

"464-555-3489");

, "322-555-2284");

, "804-555-9066");

, "243-555-2837");

```
    Sorting.selectionSort(friends);
```

```
    for (Contact friend : friends)
```

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

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Insertion Sort

- The strategy of Insertion Sort:
 - pick any item and insert it into its proper place in a sorted sublist
 - repeat until all items have been inserted
- In more detail:
 - consider the first item to be a sorted sublist (of one item)
 - insert the second item into the sorted sublist, shifting the first item as needed to make room to insert the new one
 - insert the third item into the sorted sublist (of two items), shifting items as necessary
 - repeat until all values are inserted into their proper positions

Insertion Sort

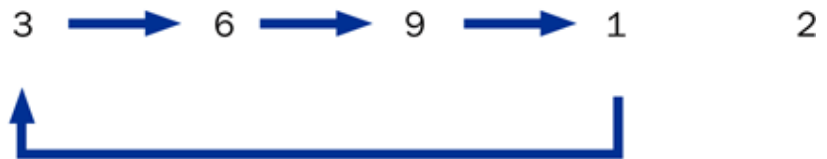
3 is sorted.
Shift nothing. Insert 9.



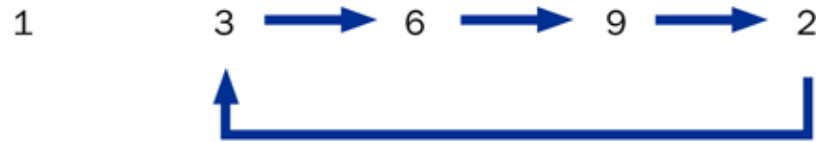
3 and 9 are sorted.
Shift 9 to the right. Insert 6.



3, 6 and 9 are sorted.
Shift 9, 6, and 3 to the right. Insert 1.



1, 3, 6 and 9 are sorted.
Shift 9, 6, and 3 to the right. Insert 2.



All values are sorted.



The static `insertionSort` method in the `Sorting` class:

```
//-----  
//  Sorts the specified array of objects using the insertion  
//  sort algorithm.  
//-----  
public static void insertionSort (Comparable[] list)  
{  
    for (int index = 1; index < list.length; index++)  
    {  
        Comparable key = list[index];  
        int position = index;  
  
        //  Shift larger values to the right  
        while (position > 0 && key.compareTo(list[position-1]) < 0)  
        {  
            list[position] = list[position-1];  
            position--;  
        }  
  
        list[position] = key;  
    }  
}
```

Comparing Sorts

- The Selection and Insertion sort algorithms are similar in efficiency
- They both have outer loops that scan all elements, and inner loops that compare the value of the outer loop with almost all values in the list
- Approximately n^2 number of comparisons are made to sort a list of size n
- We therefore say that these sorts are of *order n^2*
- Other sorts are more efficient: *order $n \log_2 n$*

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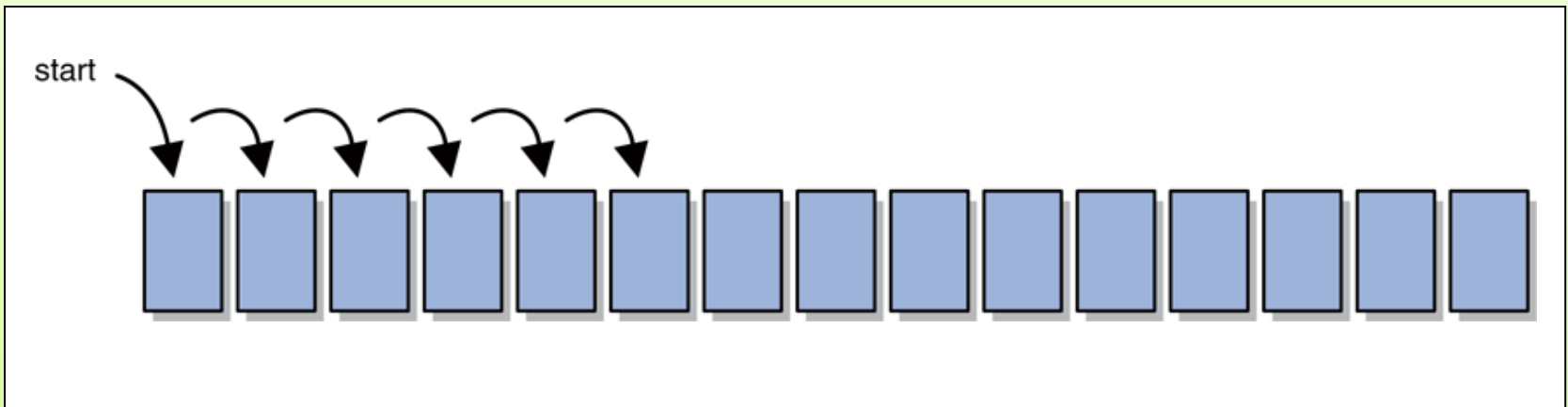
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Searching

- *Searching* is the process of finding a *target element* within a group of items called the *search pool*
- The target may or may not be in the search pool
- We want to perform the search efficiently, minimizing the number of comparisons
- Let's look at two classic searching approaches: linear search and binary search
- As we did with sorting, we'll implement the searches with polymorphic `Comparable` parameters

Linear Search

- A linear search begins at one end of a list and examines each element in turn
- Eventually, either the item is found or the end of the list is encountered

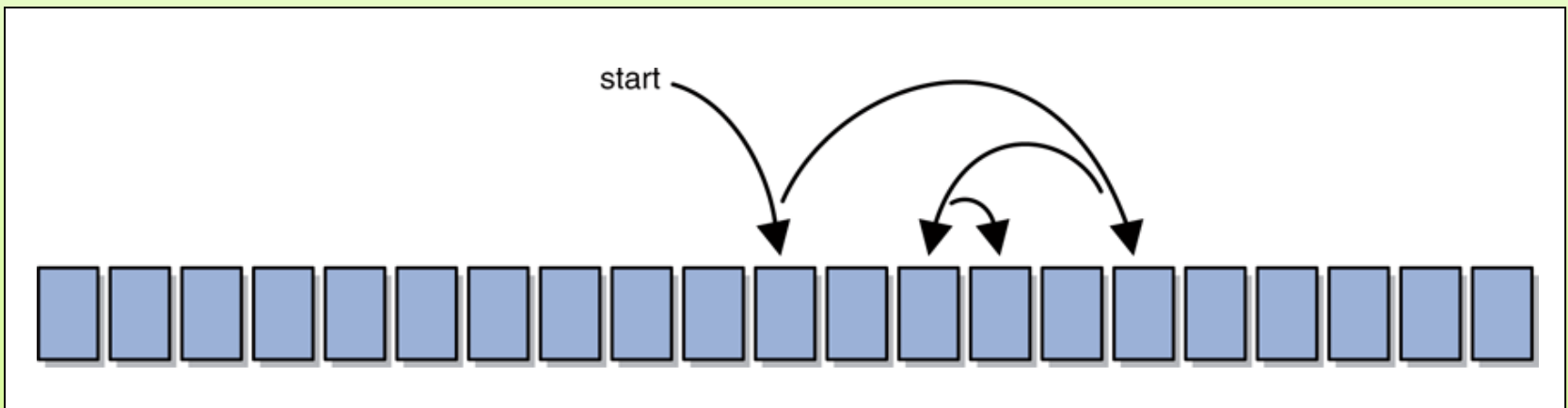


Binary Search

- A *binary search* assumes the list of items in the search pool is sorted
- It eliminates a large part of the search pool with a single comparison
- A binary search first examines the middle element of the list -- if it matches the target, the search is over
- If it doesn't, only one half of the remaining elements need be searched
- Since they are sorted, the target can only be in one half of the other

Binary Search

- The process continues by comparing the middle element of the remaining *viable candidates*
- Each comparison eliminates approximately half of the remaining data
- Eventually, the target is found or the data is exhausted



Searching

- The search methods are implemented as static methods in the `Searching` class
- **See** `PhoneList2.java`
- **See** `Searching.java`

The linearSearch method in the Searching class:

```
//-----  
// Searches the specified array of objects for the target using  
// a linear search. Returns a reference to the target object from  
// the array if found, and null otherwise.  
//-----  
public static Comparable linearSearch (Comparable[] list,  
                                       Comparable target)  
{  
    int index = 0;  
    boolean found = false;  
  
    while (!found && index < list.length)  
    {  
        if (list[index].equals(target))  
            found = true;  
        else  
            index++;  
    }  
  
    if (found)  
        return list[index];  
    else  
        return null;  
}
```

The `binarySearch` method in the `Searching` class:

```
//-----  
// Searches the specified array of objects for the target using  
// a binary search. Assumes the array is already sorted in  
// ascending order when it is passed in. Returns a reference to  
// the target object from the array if found, and null otherwise.  
//-----  
public static Comparable binarySearch (Comparable[] list,  
                                       Comparable target)  
{  
    int min=0, max=list.length, mid=0;  
    boolean found = false;  
  
    while (!found && min <= max)  
    {  
        mid = (min+max) / 2;  
        if (list[mid].equals(target))  
            found = true;  
        else  
            if (target.compareTo(list[mid]) < 0)  
                max = mid-1;  
            else  
                min = mid+1;  
    }  
}
```

continue

continue

```
    if (found)
        return list[mid];
    else
        return null;
}
```



```

//*****
//  PhoneList2.java          Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
//  Driver for testing searching algorithms.
//*****

public class PhoneList2
{
    //-----
    //  Creates an array of Contact objects, sorts them, then prints
    //  them.
    //-----

    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Contact test, found;
        Contact[] friends = new Contact[8];

        friends[0] = new Contact ("John", "Smith", "610-555-7384");
        friends[1] = new Contact ("Sarah", "Barnes", "215-555-3827");
        friends[2] = new Contact ("Mark", "Riley", "733-555-2969");
        friends[3] = new Contact ("Laura", "Getz", "663-555-3984");
        friends[4] = new Contact ("Larry", "Smith", "464-555-3489");
        friends[5] = new Contact ("Frank", "Phelps", "322-555-2284");
        friends[6] = new Contact ("Mario", "Guzman", "804-555-9066");
        friends[7] = new Contact ("Marsha", "Grant", "243-555-2837");
    }
}

```

continue

continue

```
test = new Contact ("Frank", "Phelps", "");  
found = (Contact) Searching.linearSearch(friends, test);  
if (found != null)  
    System.out.println ("Found: " + found);  
else  
    System.out.println ("The contact was not found.");  
System.out.println ();
```

```
Sorting.selectionSort(friends);
```

```
test = new Contact ("Mario", "Guzman", "");  
found = (Contact) Searching.binarySearch(friends, test);  
if (found != null)  
    System.out.println ("Found: " + found);  
else  
    System.out.println ("The contact was not found.");
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

continue

Output

Found: Phelps, Frank 322-555-2284

Found: Guzman, Mario 804-555-9066

```
test = new Contact ("Phelps", "Frank", "322-555-2284");
found = (Contact) Searching.binarySearch(friends, test);
if (found != null)
    System.out.println ("Found: " + found);
else
    System.out.println ("The contact was not found.");
System.out.println ();

Sorting.selectionSort(friends);

test = new Contact ("Mario", "Guzman", "");
found = (Contact) Searching.binarySearch(friends, test);
if (found != null)
    System.out.println ("Found: " + found);
else
    System.out.println ("The contact was not found.");
}
```

Summary

- Chapter 10 has focused on:
 - defining polymorphism and its benefits
 - using inheritance to create polymorphic references
 - using interfaces to create polymorphic references
 - using polymorphism to implement sorting and searching algorithms
 - additional GUI components