

Model 1 Java Interfaces

An interface is similar to an abstract class, except that all methods are automatically **public** and **abstract**. Likewise, all fields are automatically **public**, **static**, and **final**. These keywords are omitted in the interface definition.

```
public interface Rechargeable {  
    int MAX_CHARGE = 10;  
  
    int getCharge();  
  
    void recharge();  
}
```

Classes do not extend interfaces; they implement them:

```
public class CellPhone implements Rechargeable {  
    private int chargeLevel;  
    private int volume;  
  
    public CellPhone(int chargeLevel, int volume) {  
        this.chargeLevel = chargeLevel;  
        this.volume = volume;  
    }  
  
    public int getCharge() {  
        return chargeLevel;  
    }  
  
    public void recharge() {  
        chargeLevel = MAX_CHARGE;  
    }  
  
    public int getVolume() {  
        return volume;  
    }  
  
    public void setVolume(int volume) {  
        this.volume = volume;  
    }  
  
    public void makeCall() {  
        System.out.println("Ring... Hello?");  
    }  
}
```

Questions (15 min)

Start time:

1. What two methods are required by Rechargeable?
2. Modify your *ToyRobot.java* to implement the Rechargeable interface. What changes did you need to make?

3. Consider the following rechargeAll method. What type of objects are stored in the list?

```
public static void rechargeAll(ArrayList<Rechargeable> list) {  
    for (Rechargeable item : list) {  
        item.recharge();  
    }  
}
```

4. Consider the following main method. Explain the significance of storing ToyRobot and CellPhone objects in the same ArrayList when calling rechargeAll.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    ArrayList<Rechargeable> items = new ArrayList<>();  
    items.add(new ToyRobot());  
    items.add(new CellPhone(4, 5));  
    rechargeAll(items);  
}
```

5. Explain how an interface is like a contract.