

## OBJECT-ORIENTED LANGUAGE AND THEORY

# 6. AGGREGATION AND INHERITANCE

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- Thư viện, package...

# How to re-use source code?

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2. Function (structural programming/procedural programming)

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3. Class and Object (object-oriented programming)

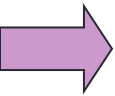
**Inheritance/Generalization**

Association (**Aggregation**/Composition)

# Lesson Goals

- Explaining concepts of source code re-usability
- Showing the nature, description of concepts relating to aggregation and inheritance
- Comparison of aggregation and inheritance
- Representing aggregation and inheritance in UML
- Explaining principles of inheritance and initialization order, object destruction in inheritance
- Applying techniques, principles of aggregation and inheritance in Java programming language

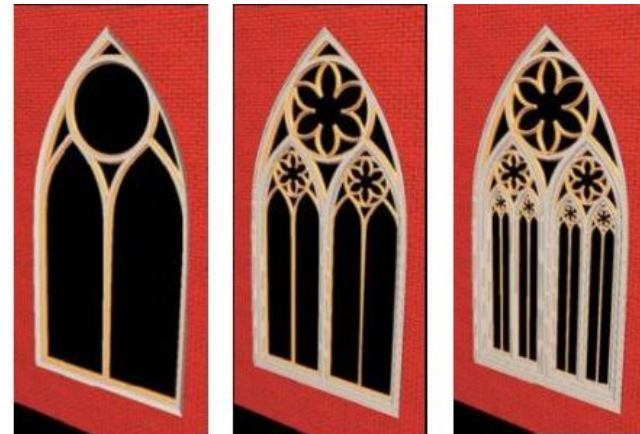
# Outline



1. Source code re-usability
2. Aggregation
3. Inheritance

# 1. Re-usability

- Source code re-usability: re-use already existing source code
  - Structure programming: Re-use function/sub-program
  - OOP: When modeling real world, there exist many object types that have similar or related attributes and behaviors
    - *How to re-use already-written classes?*



# 1. Re-usability (2)

- How to use existing classes:
  - *Copying existing classes* → Redundant and difficult to manage if any changes
  - Creating new classes that re-use of **objects** of existing classes → **Aggregation**
  - Creating new classes based on the extension of existing **classes** → **Inheritance**

# 1. Re-usability (2)

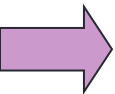
- Advantages
  - Reducing man-power, cost.
  - Improving software quality
  - Improving modeling capacity of the real world
  - Improving maintainability





# Outline

1. Source code re-usability

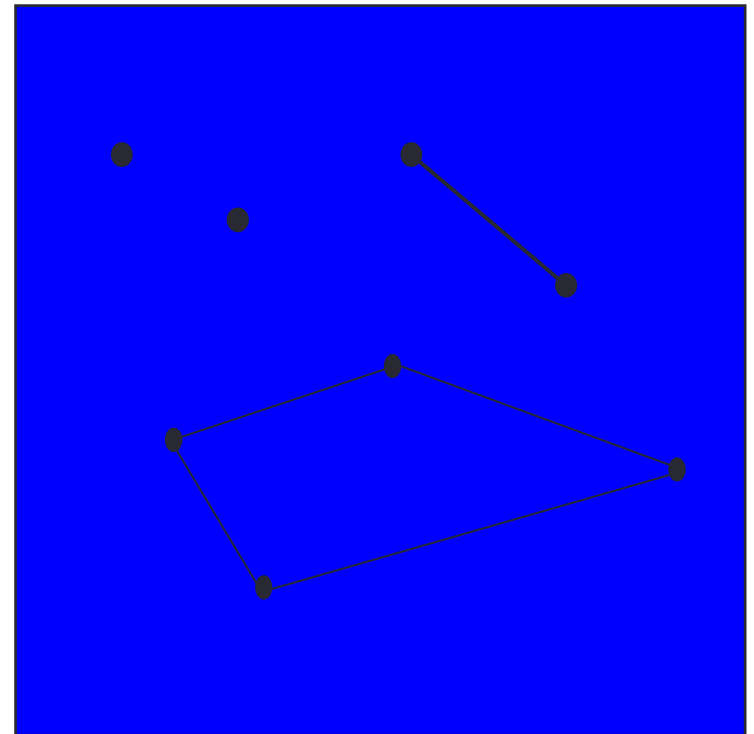


2. Aggregation

3. Inheritance

## 2. Aggregation

- Example:
  - Point
    - A Quadrangle consists of 4 points  
→ Aggregation
- Aggregation
  - Has-a or **is-a-part-of** relations

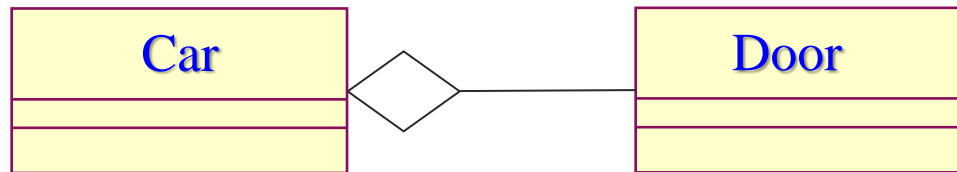


# Main terms

- Aggregate
  - Members of a new class are objects of existing classes.
  - Aggregation re-uses via *objects*
- New class
  - Called Aggregate/Whole class
- Existing class
  - Member class (part)

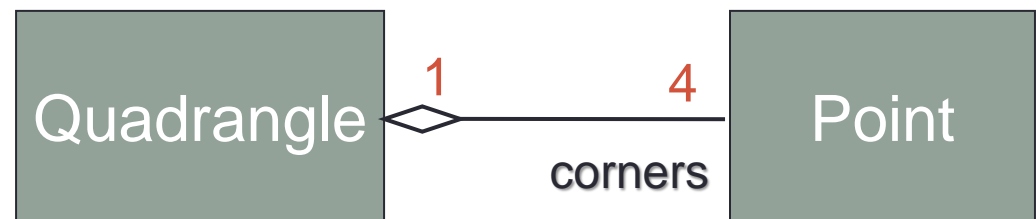
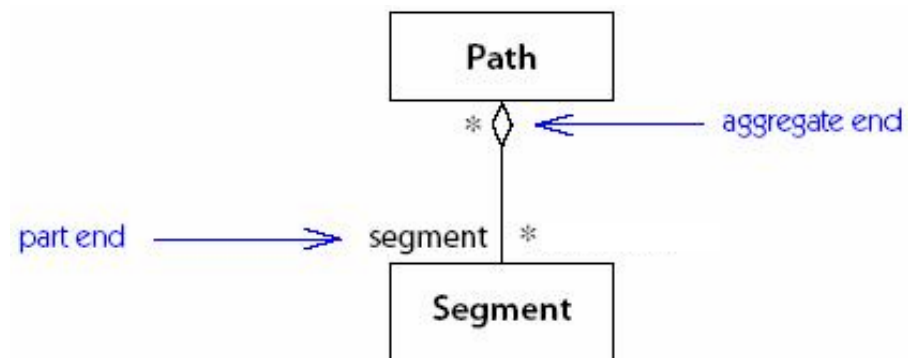
## 2.1. What is aggregation?

- The whole class contains objects of member classes
  - Is-a-part of the whole class
  - Re-use data and behavior of member classes via member objects



## 2.2. Representing aggregation in UML

- Using “diamond” at the head of whole class
- Using multiplicity at two heads:
  - A positive integer: 1, 2,...
  - A range (0..1, 2..4)
  - \*: Any number
  - None: By default is 1





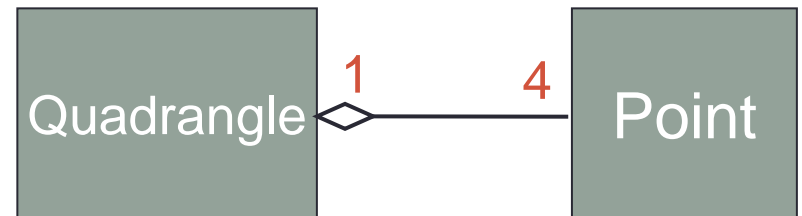
## 2.3. Example in Java

```
class Point {  
    private int x, y;  
    public Point() {}  
    public Point(int x, int y) {  
        this.x = x; this.y = y;  
    }  
    public void setX(int x) { this.x = x; }  
    public int getX() { return x; }  
    public void print() {  
        System.out.print("(" + x + ", "  
                        + y + ")");  
    }  
}
```

```

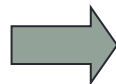
class Quadrangle{
    private Point[] corners = new Point[4];
    public Quadrangle(Point p1,Point p2,Point p3,Point p4){
        corners[0] = p1; corners[1] = p2;
        corners[2] = p3; corners[3] = p4;
    }
    public Quadrangle(){
        corners[0]=new Point();    corners[1]=new Point(0,1);
        corners[2]=new Point(1,1); corners[3]=new Point(1,0);
    }
    public void print(){
        corners[0].print(); corners[1].print();
        corners[2].print(); corners[3].print();
        System.out.println();
    }
}

```





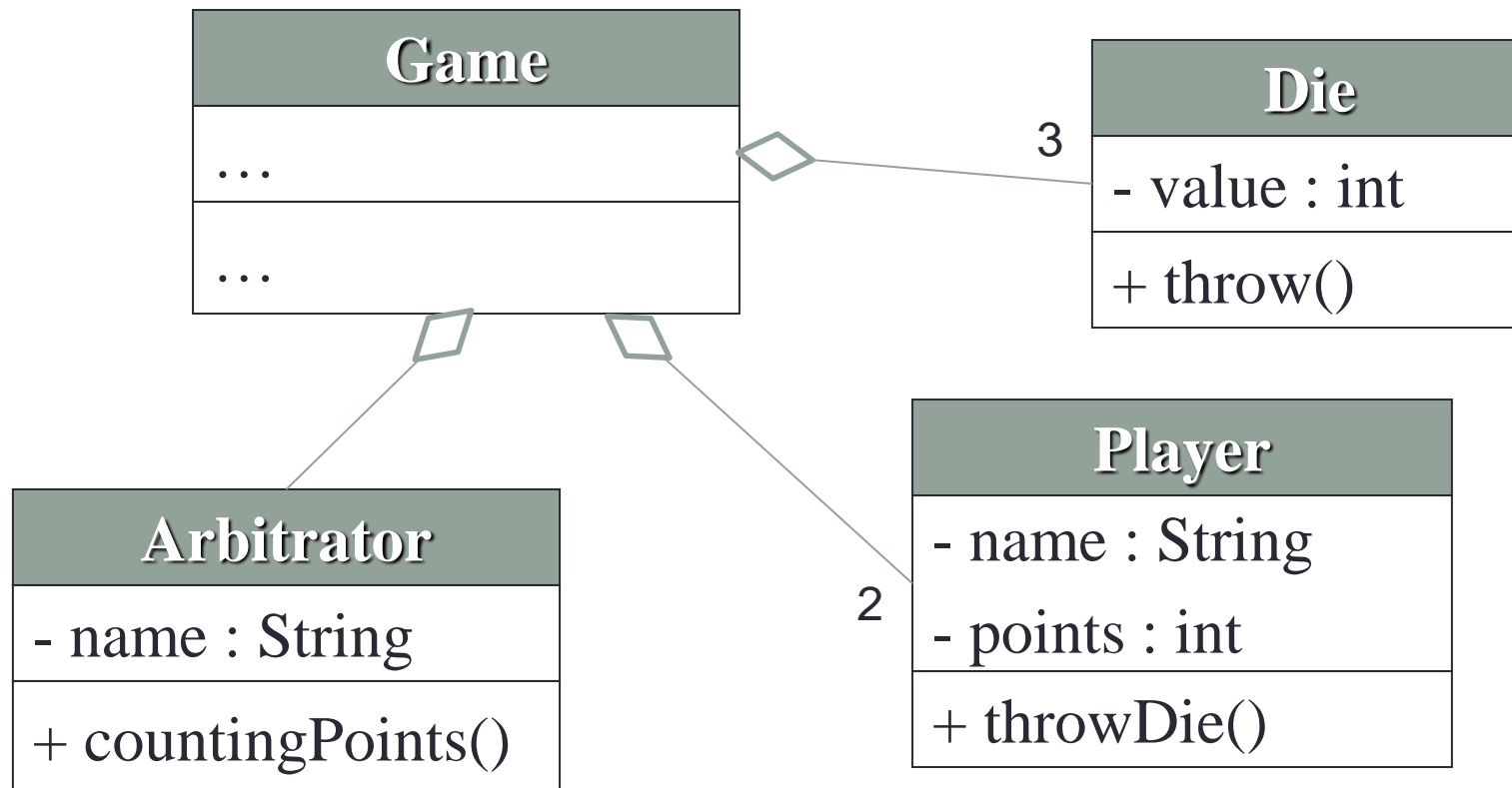
```
public class Test {  
    public static void main(String arg[])  
    {  
        Point p1 = new Point(2,3) ;  
        Point p2 = new Point(4,1) ;  
        Point p3 = new Point(5,1) ;  
        Point p4 = new Point(8,4) ;  
  
        Quadrangle q1 = new Quadrangle(p1,p2,p3,p4) ;  
        Quadrangle q2 = new Quadrangle() ;  
        q1.print() ;  
        q2.print() ;  
    }  
}
```

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window. The title bar is blue and contains the text "C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe". The window has standard minimize, maximize, and close buttons. The command prompt shows the output of the Java program: two lines of coordinates in angle brackets, followed by a prompt to press any key to continue. The first line is "<2, 3><4, 1><5, 1><8, 4>" and the second line is "<0, 0><0, 1><1, 1><1, 0>". The prompt "Press any key to continue . . ." is on the third line. The background of the command prompt is black, and the text is white. There is a scrollbar on the right side of the window.

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# Another example of Aggregation

- A game consisting of two players, 3 dies and an arbitrator.
  - Need 4 classes:
    - Player
    - Die
    - Arbitrator
    - Game
- Game class is the aggregation of the 3 remaining classes



**class Game**

{

Die die1, die2, die3;

Player player1, player2;

Arbitrator arbitrator1;

...

Game(){//initialize for all members}

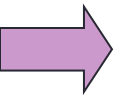
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## 2.4. Initialization order in aggregation

- When an object is created, the attributes of that object must be initialized and assigned corresponding values.
- Member attributes must be initialized first  
→ Constructor methods of member classes must be called first

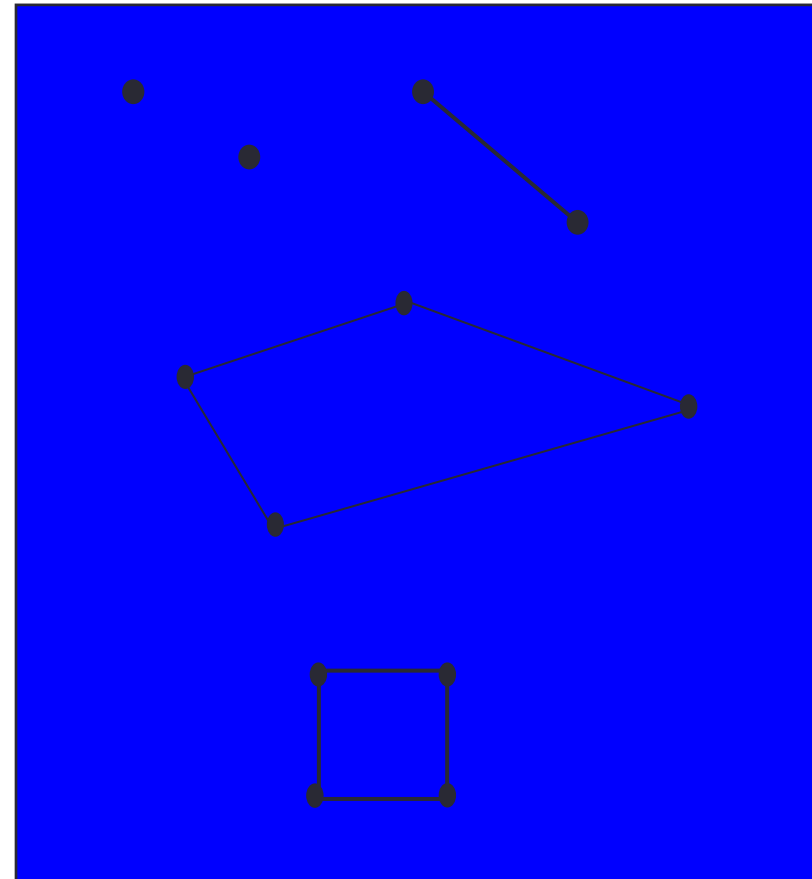
# Outline

1. Source code re-usability
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## 3.1. What is Inheritance?

- Example:
  - Point
    - A quadrangle has 4 points
      - Aggregation (*is a part of*)
  - Quadrangle
    - Square
      - Inheritance (*is a kind of*)
      - Generalization



# Main terms

- Inherit, Derive
  - Creating new class by extending existing classes.
  - New class inherits what are in existing classes and can have its own new features.
- Existing class:
  - Parent, superclass, base class
- New class:
  - Child, subclass, derived class

# What is Inheritance?

- Principles to describe a class based on the extension of an existing class (single inheritance) or a set of existing classes (in case of multi-inheritance)
- Inheritance specifies a relationship between classes when a class shares its structure and/or behavior of a class or of other classes
- Inheritance is also called is-a-kind-of (or is-a) relationship
  - Child is a kind of parent



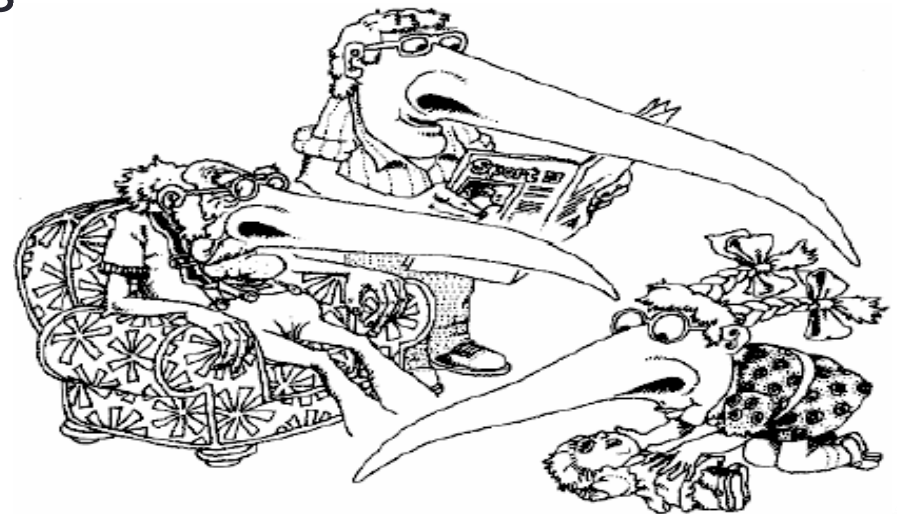
# What is Inheritance?

- On "modularization" view: If B inherits A, all services of A will be available in B
- On "type" view: If B inherits A, at anywhere a representation of A is required, the representation of B might be a good replacement.

=> Polymorphism

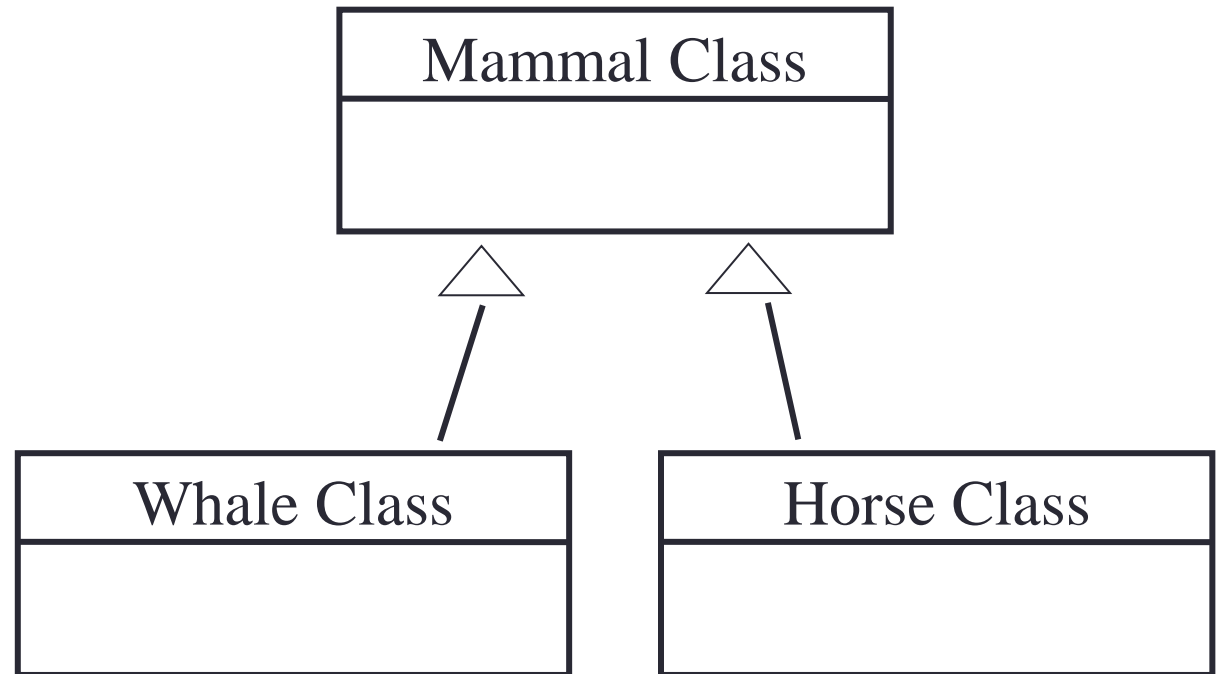
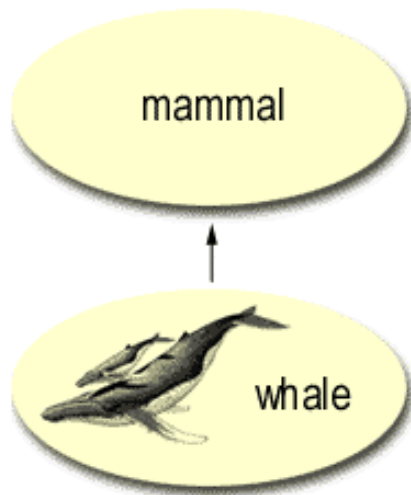
# Child classes?

- Re-use by inheriting data and behavior of parent classes
- Can be customized in two ways (or both):
  - Extension: Add more new attributes/behaviors
  - Redefinition (Method Overriding): Modify the behavior inheriting from parent class



# More example

- Whale class inherits from mammal class.
- A whale *is-a* mammal
- Whale class is *subclass*, mammal class is *superclass*



# Similarity

- Both Whale and Horse have *is-a* relation with mammal class
- Both Whale and Horse have some common behaviors of Mammal
- Inheritance is a key to re-use source code — If a parent class is created, the child class can be created and can add some more information

## 3.2. Aggregation and Inheritance

- Comparing aggregation and inheritance?
  - Similarity
    - Both are techniques in OOP in order to re-use source code
  - Difference?

# Difference between Aggregation and Inheritance

## Inheritance

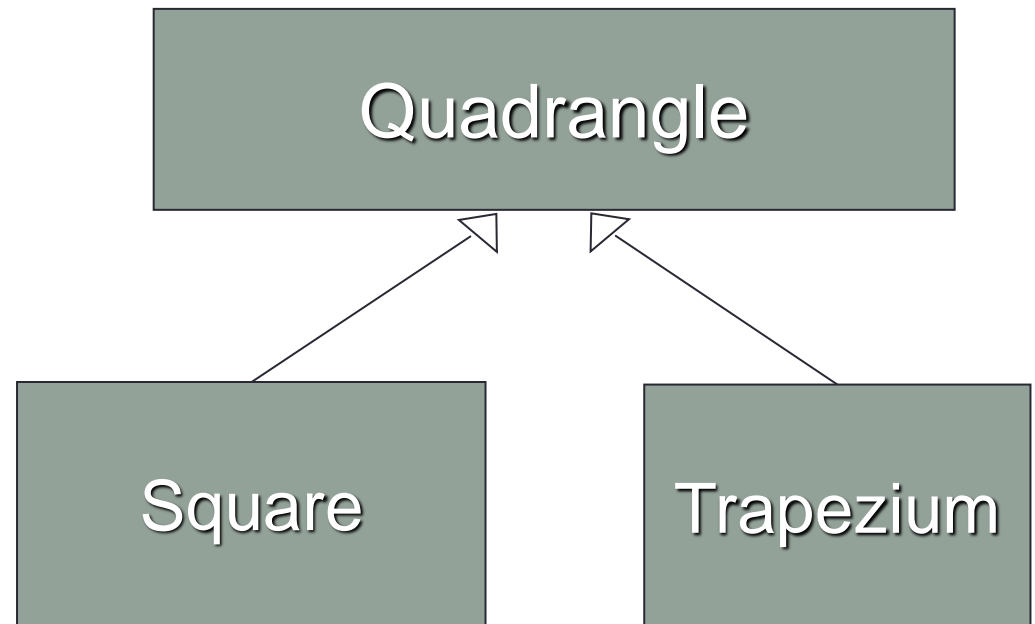
- Inheritance **re-uses** via **class**.
  - Creating new class by extending existing classes
- “is a kind of” relation
- Example: Car is a kind of transportation mean

## Aggregation

- Aggregation **re-uses** via **objects**.
  - Create a reference to objects of existing classes in the new class
- “is a part of” relation
- Example: Car has 4 wheels

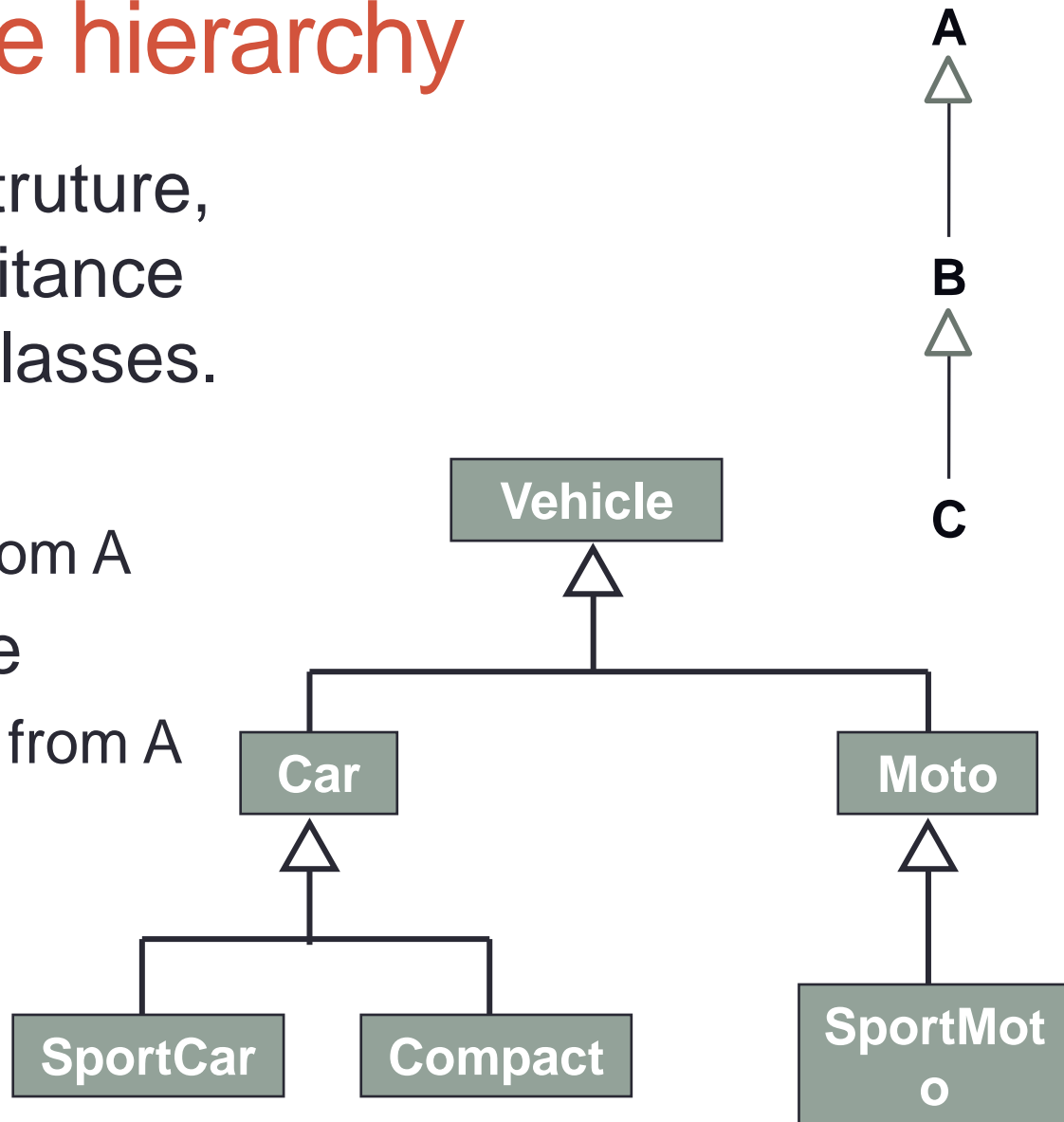
## 3.3. Representing Inheritance in UML

- Using “empty triangle” at parent class



## 3.4. Inheritance hierarchy

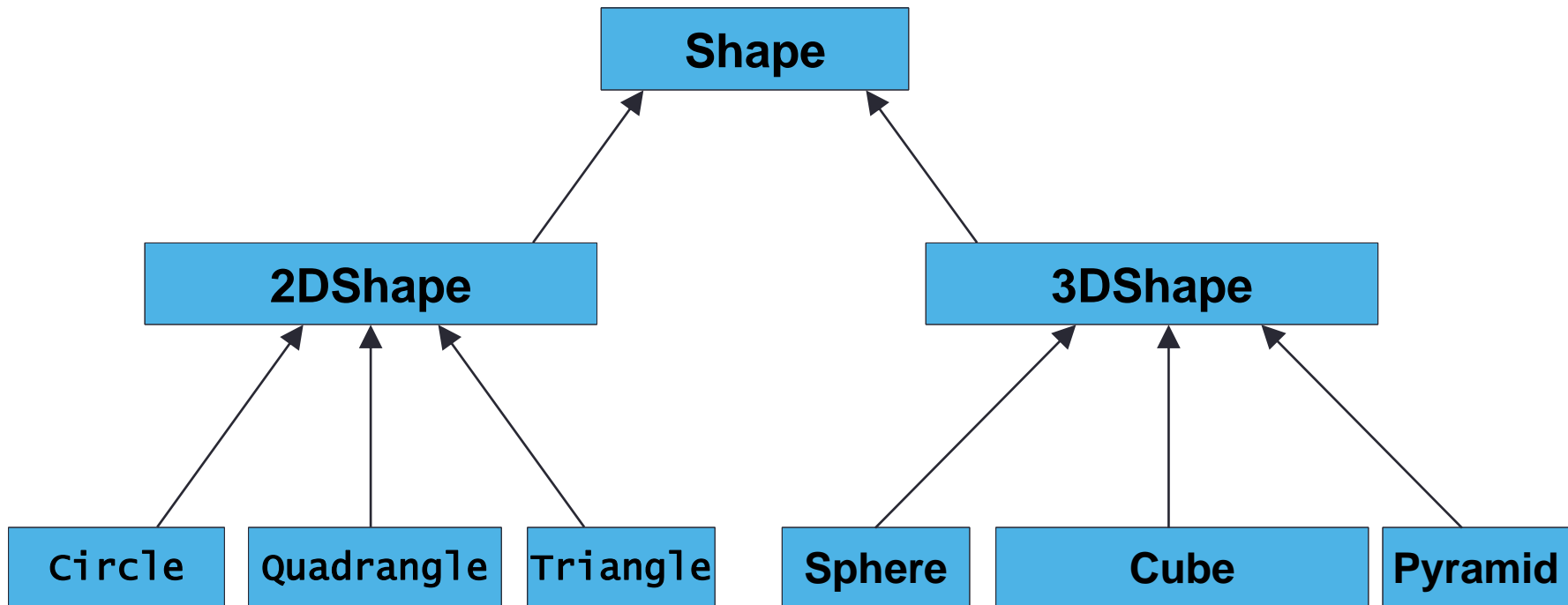
- Is hierarchy tree structure, representing inheritance relation between classes.
- Direct inheritance
  - B directly inherits from A
- Indirect inheritance
  - C indirectly inherits from A





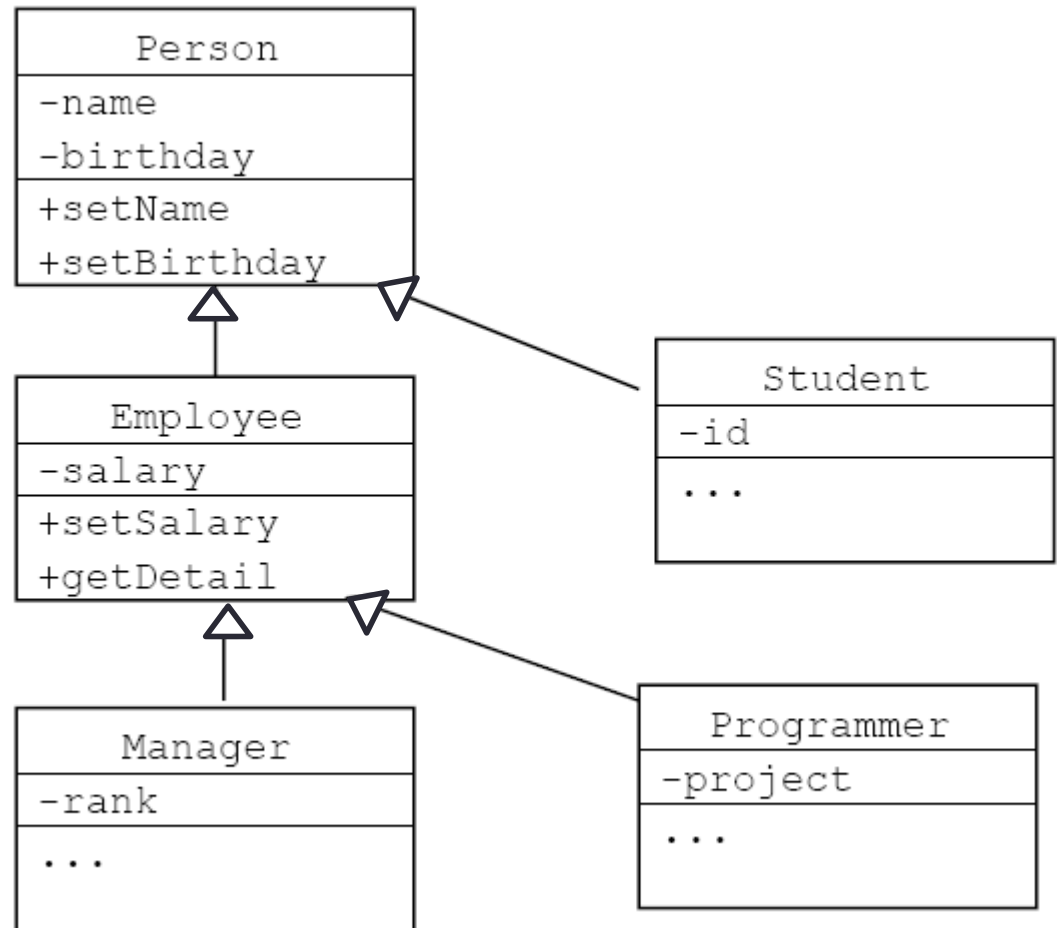
## 3.4. Inheritance hierarchy (2)

- Child classes having the same parent class are called **siblings**
- A child class inherits **all its ancestors**



## 3.4. Hierarchy tree (2)

All objects inherit  
from the basic  
class **Object**

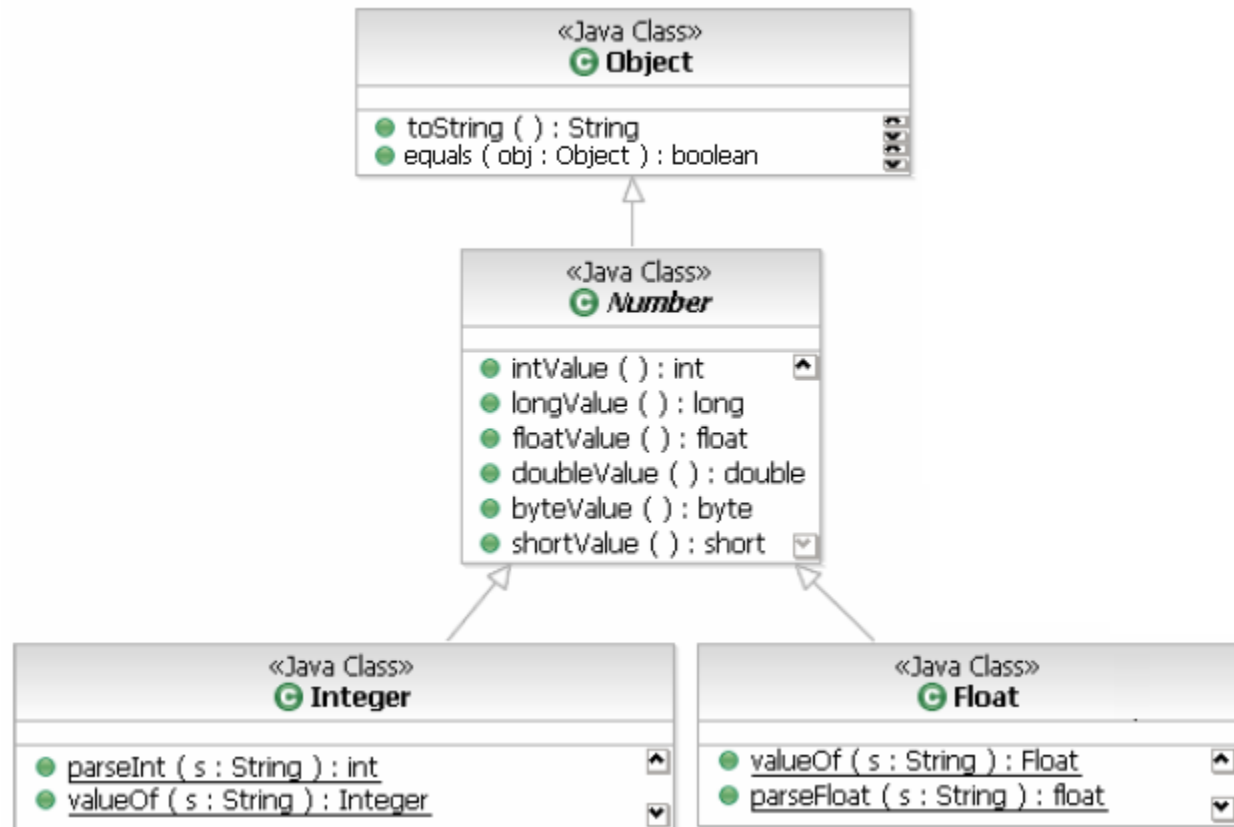


# Class Object

- Class `Object` is defined in the standard package `java.lang`
- If a class is not defined as a child of another class, it is by default a direct child of class `Object`.  
→ Class `Object` is the root class on the top level in the hierarchy tree

# Class Object (2)

- Contains some useful methods that are inherited by all other classes, for example: `toString()`, `equals()`...



## 3.5. Inheritance rules

- Access attribute: **protected** (access modifier)
- Protected members in a parent class is accessed by:
  - Members of parent classes
  - Members of children classes
  - Members of classes in the same package as the parent class
- What does a child class inherit?
  - Inherit all the attributes/methods that are declared as public and protected in the parent class.
  - Does not inherit private attributes/methods.

## 3.5. Inheritance rules (2)

| Visibility of members in parent class | <b>public</b> | <b>None (default)</b> | <b>protected</b> | <b>private</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Classes in the same package           |               |                       |                  |                |
| Child classes – same package          |               |                       |                  |                |
| Child classes – different package     |               |                       |                  |                |
| Different package, non-inher          |               |                       |                  |                |

## 3.5. Inheritance rules (2)

|                                      | <b>public</b> | <b>None</b> | <b>protected</b> | <b>private</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Same package                         | Yes           | Yes         | Yes              | No             |
| Child classes<br>– same package      | Yes           | Yes         | Yes              | No             |
| Child classes<br>– different package | Yes           | No          | Yes              | No             |
| Different package,<br>non-inher      | Yes           | No          | No               | No             |

## 3.5. Inheritance rules (3)

- Methods that can not be inherited:
  - Construction and destruction methods
    - Methods that initialize and delete objects
    - These methods are only defined to work in a specific class
- Assignment operation =
  - Performs the same task as construction method



## 3.6. Inheritance syntax in Java


- Inheritance syntax in Java:
  - `<SubClass> extends <SuperClass>`
- Example:

```
class Square extends Quandrangle {  
    ...  
}  
  
class Bird extends Animal {  
    ...  
}
```

## Example 1

```
public class Quadrangle {  
    protected Point corners = new Point[4];  
    public Quadrangle() { ... }  
    public void print() { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

Using protected  
attributes of the parent  
class in the child class



```
public class Square extends Quadrangle {  
    public Square() {  
        corners[0]=new Point(0,0); corners[1]=new Point(0,1);  
        corners[2]=new Point(1,0); corners[3]=new Point(1,1);  
    }  
}  
  
public class Test{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Square sq = new Square();  
        sq.print();  
    }  
}
```

Calling public method of  
parent class

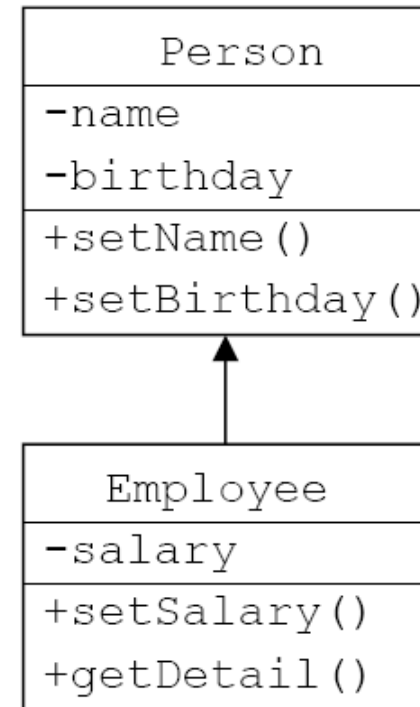


## Example 2

protected

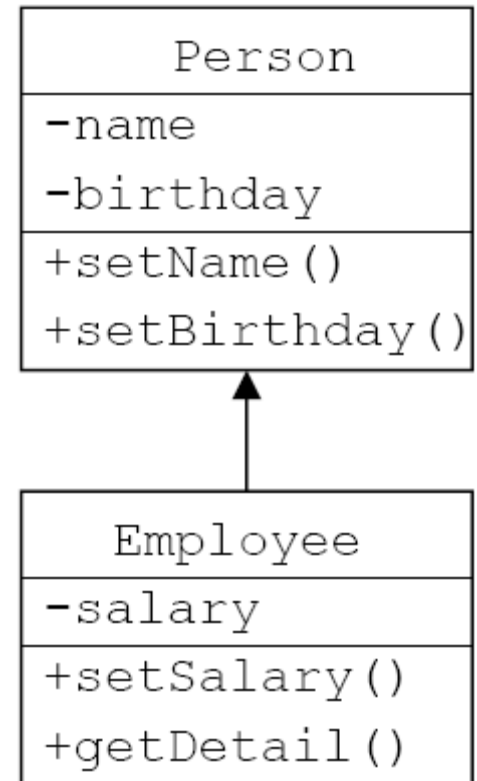
```
class Person {
    private String name;
    private Date birthday;
    public String getName() {return name;}
    ...
}

class Employee extends Person {
    private double salary;
    public boolean setSalary(double sal) {
        salary = sal;
        return true;
    }
    public String getDetail() {
        String s = name+", "+birthday+", "+salary; //Error
    }
}
```



## Example 2 (cont.)

```
public class Test{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Employee e = new Employee();  
        e.setName("John");  
        e.setSalary(3.0);  
    }  
}
```



## Example 3 – Same package

```
public class Person {  
    Date birthday;  
    String name;  
    ...  
}  
public class Employee extends Person {  
    ...  
    public String getDetail() {  
        String s;  
        String s = name + "," + birthday;  
        s += "," + salary;  
        return s;  
    }  
}
```

## Example 3 – Different package

```
package abc;

public class Person {
    protected Date birthday;
    protected String name;
    ...
}

import abc.Person;
public class Employee extends Person {
    ...
    public String getDetail() {
        String s;
        s = name + "," + birthday + "," + salary;
        return s;
    }
}
```

# Construction and destruction of objects in inheritance

- Object construction:
  - A parent class is initialized before its child classes.
  - Construction methods of a child class always call construction methods of its parent class at the very first command
    - Implicit call: whe the parent class has a **default constructor**
    - Explicit call (explicit)
- Object destruction:
  - Contrary to object initialization

### 3.4.1. Implicit call of constructor of parent class

```
public class Quadrangle {
    public Quadrangle() {
        System.out.println
            ("Parent Quadrangle()");
    }
    // . . .
}

public class Square
    extends Quadrangle {
    public Square() {
        //Implicit call "Quadrangle();"

        System.out.println
            ("Child Square()");
    }
}
```

```
public class Test {
    public static void
    main(String arg[])
    {
        HinhVuong hv =
            new HinhVuong();
    }
}
```



Parent Quadrangle()  
Child Square()



# Example

```
public class Quadrangle {  
    protected Point[] corners=new Point[4];  
    public Quadrangle(Point p1,Point p2,  
        Point p3,Point p4){  
        corners[0] = p1; corners[1] = p2;  
        corners[2] = p3; corners[3] = p4;  
    }  
}  
  
public class Square extends  
    Quadrangle {  
    public Square() {  
        System.out.println  
            ("Child Square()");  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Test {  
    public static void  
    main(String arg[])  
    {  
        Square sq = new  
            Square();  
    }  
}
```

**Error**



Cannot find symbol ...

### 3.4.2. Implicit constructor call of parent class

- The first command in constructor of a child class can call the constructor of its parent class
  - `super (Danh_sach_tham_so) ;`
  - This is obliged if the parent class does not have any default constructor
    - Parent class already has a constructor with arguments
    - The constructor of child class must not have arguments.

```

public class Quadrangle {
    protected Point corners = new Point[4];
    public Quadrangle() { ... }
    public Quadrangle(Point d1, Point d2, Point d3, Point d4)
    { ... }
    public void print() { ... }
}

public class Square extends Quadrangle {
    public Square() { super(); }
    public Square(Point p1, Point p2, Point p3, Point p4) {
        super(d1, d2, d3, d4);
    }
}

public class Test{
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Square sq = new Square();
        sq.print();
    }
}

```

## Example 1.1

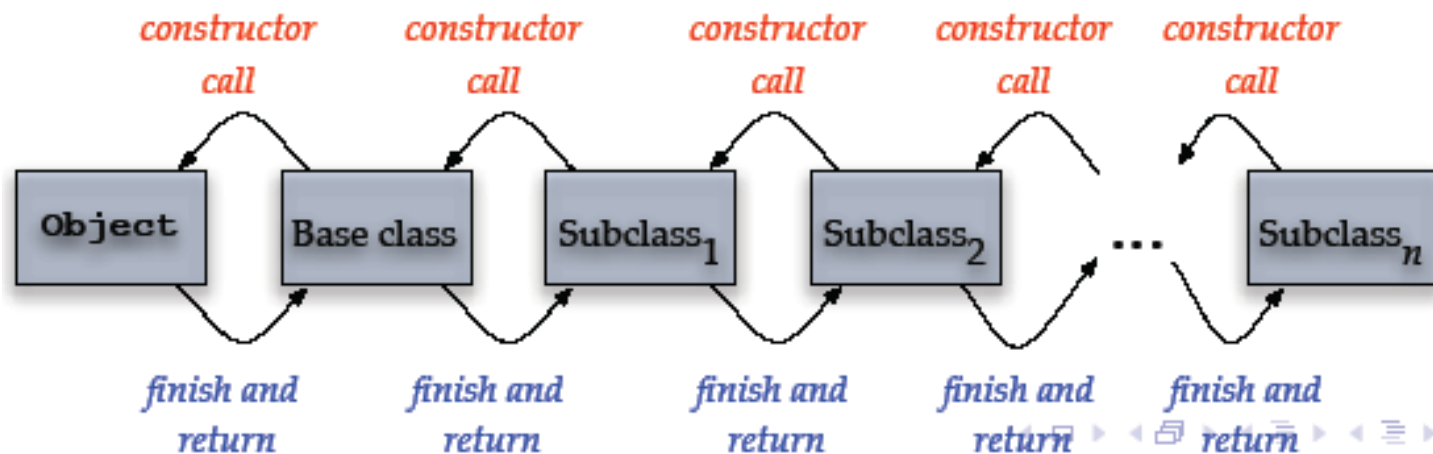
Explicit constructor call of parent class

Constructor of child class **has no** arguments

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public class Quadrangle {  
    protected Point[] corners=new Point[4];  
    public Quadrangle(Point p1,Point p2,  
        Point p3,Point p4) {  
        System.out.println("Parent Quadrangle()");  
        corners[0] = p1; corners[1] = p2;  
        corners[2] = p3; corners[3] = p4;  
    }  
}  
  
public class Square extends Quadrangle {  
    public Square() {  
        super(new Point(0,0),new Point(0,1),new Point(1,1),  
            new Point(1,0));  
        System.out.println("Child Square()");  
    }  
}
```

# Implicit call of constructor

- When initializing an object, a serie of constructors will be called explicitly (via `super()` method call or implicitly)
- Constructor call of the most basic class in the hierarchy tree will be done last, but will finish first. The constructor of the derived class will finish at the last.



# Implicit call of finalize()

- When an object is destroyed (by GC), a serie of finalize() methods will be called automatically.
- The order is inverse compared to the calls of constructors
  - Method finalize() of derived class is called first, then the ones of its parent class

