

CSSE 220

Inheritance

Import *Inheritance* from the repo

Inheritance

- Sometimes a new class is a **special case** of the concept represented by another
- Can “borrow” from an existing class, changing just what we need
- The new class **inherits** from the existing one:
 - all methods
 - all instance fields



Look at Code

- BankAccount
- SavingsAccount
- Create Driver.java to illustrate:
 - how objects declared from SavingsAccount inherit from BankAccount

Examples

- **class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount**
 - adds interest earning, keeps other traits
- **class Employee extends Person**
 - adds pay information and methods, keeps other traits
- **class Manager extends Employee**
 - adds information about employees managed, changes the pay mechanism, keeps other traits

Notation and Terminology

- `class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {`
 `// added fields`
 `// added methods`
}

Java keyword

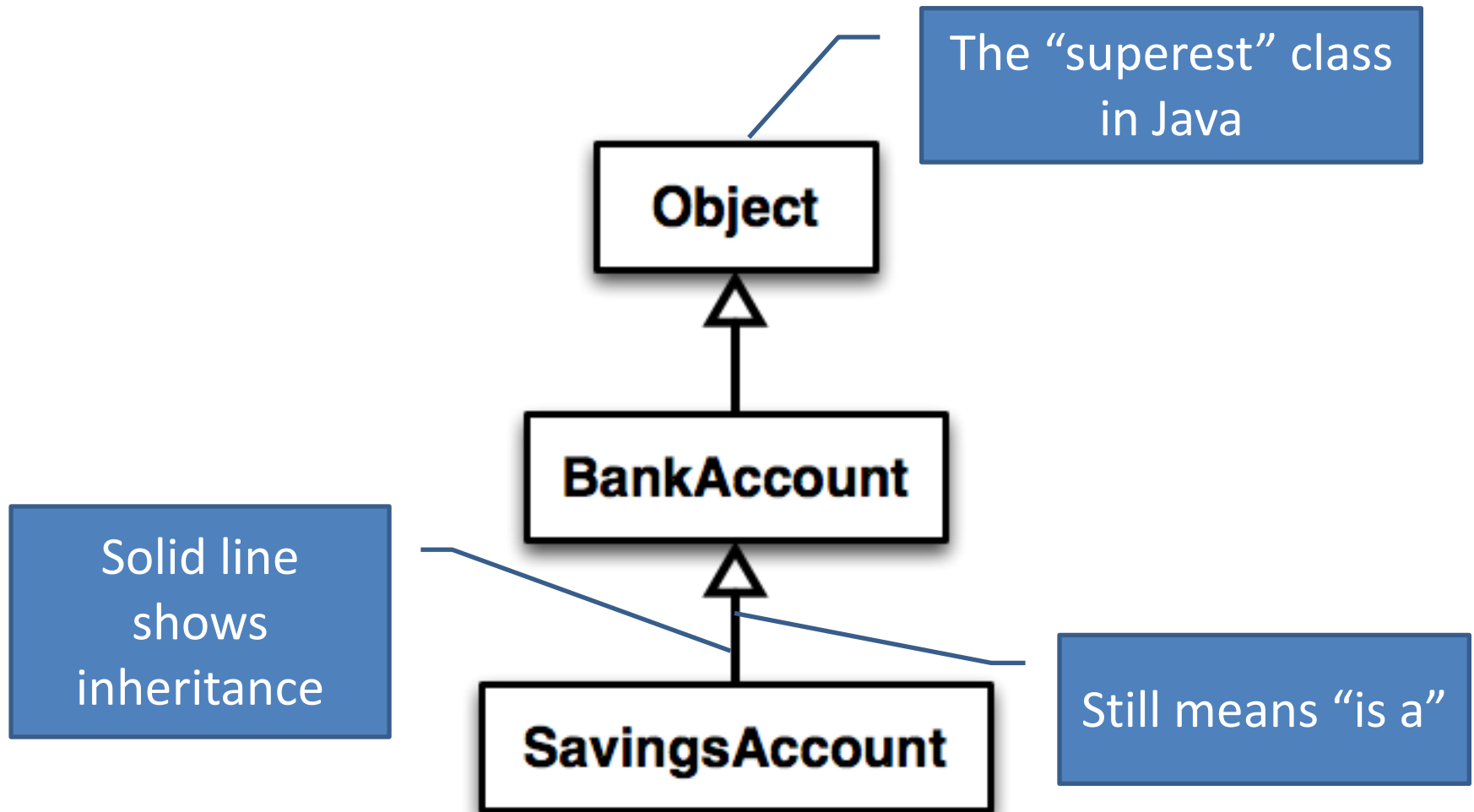
- Say “SavingsAccount **is a** BankAccount”

- **Superclass:** BankAccount

- **Subclass:** SavingsAccount

English we use to
talk about inheritance

Inheritance in UML



Interfaces vs. Inheritance

- `class ClickHandler implements MouseListener`

– ClickHandler **promises** to implement all the methods of MouseListener

For client code reuse

- `class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount`

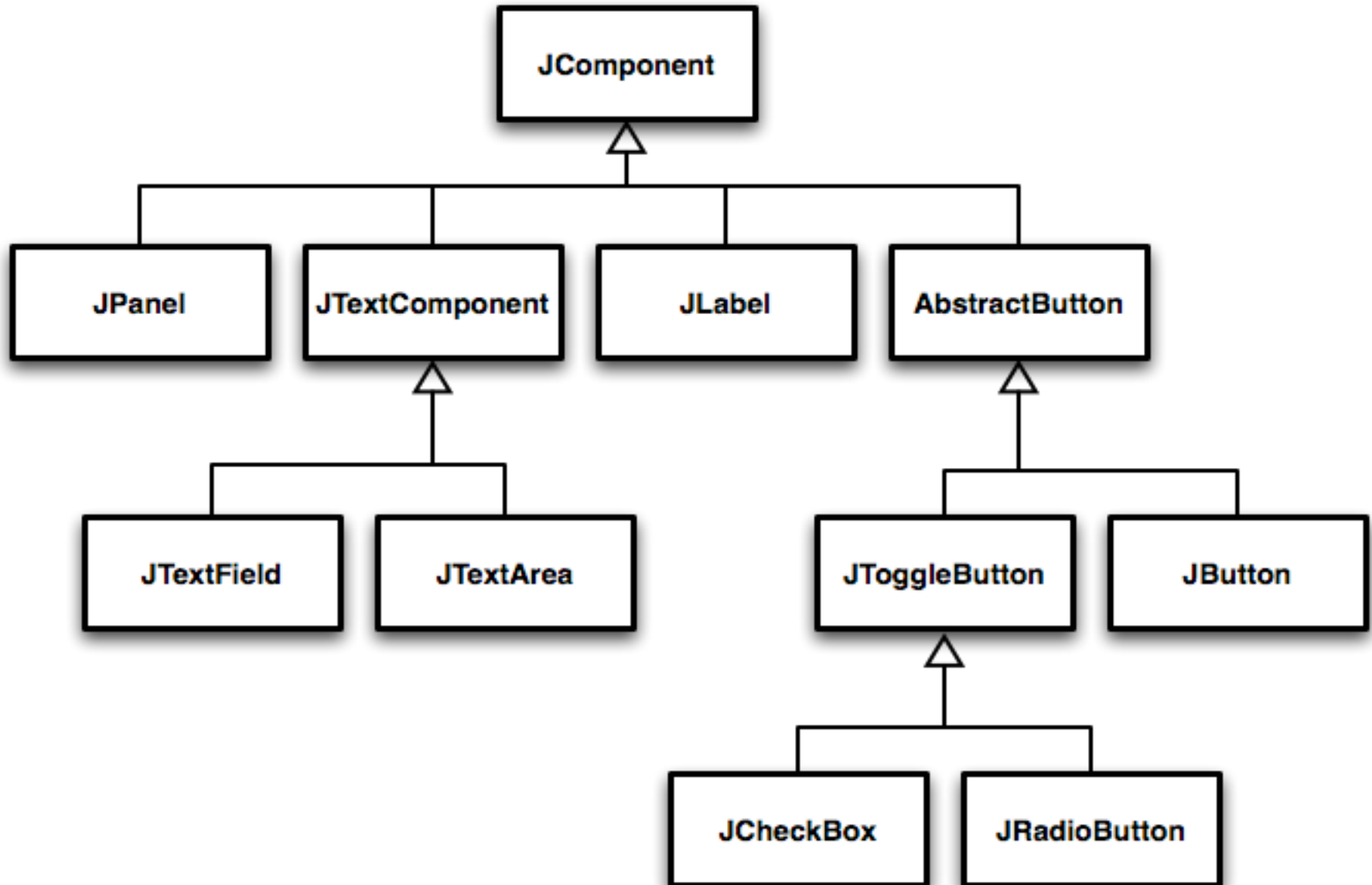
– CheckingAccount **inherits** (or overrides) all the methods of BankAccount

For implementation code reuse

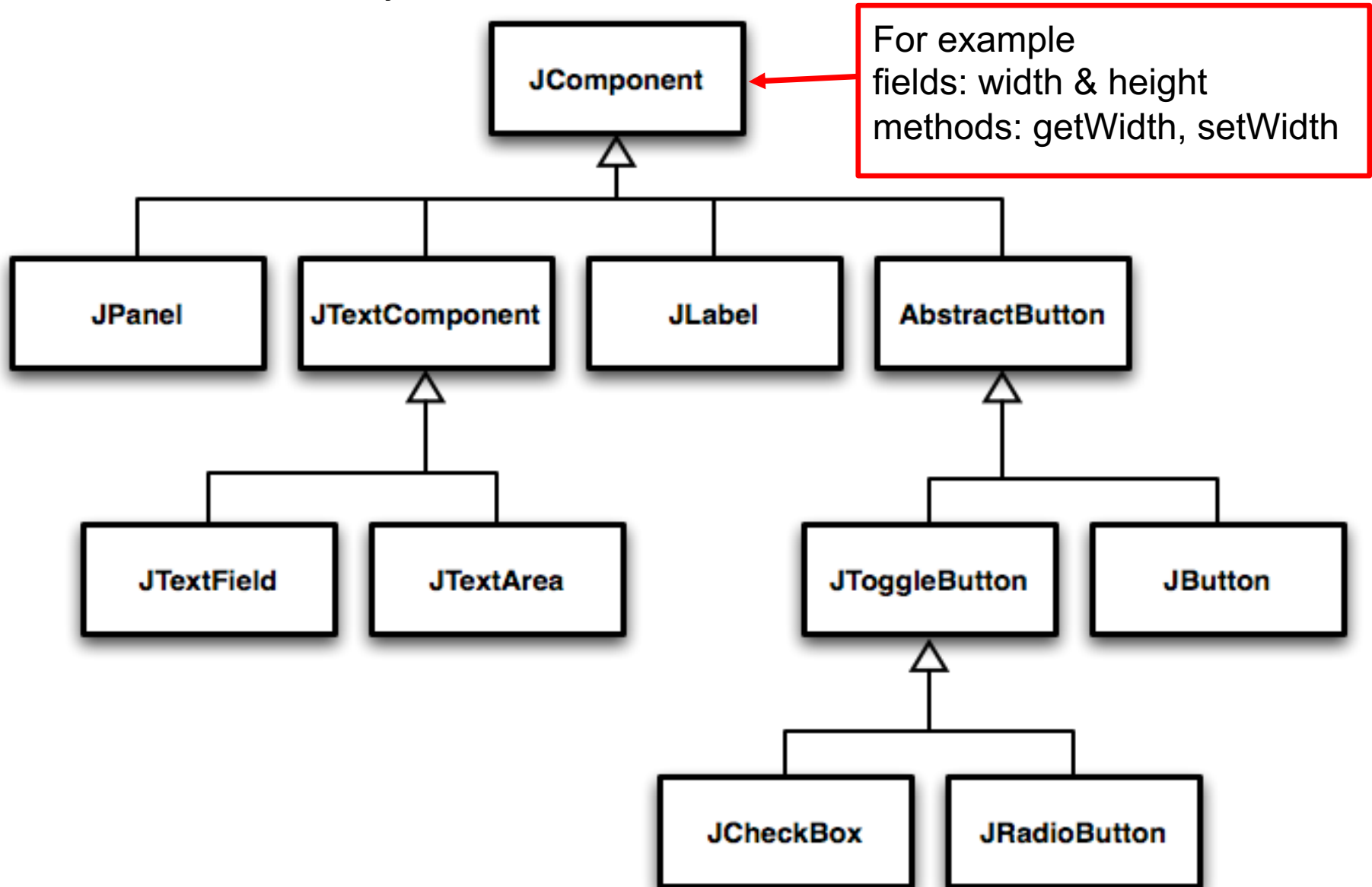
Interface in Bet Example

- By creating and using an Interface in the betting example, we removed duplication in the *handleRoll* method of the client
- We were able to make one `ArrayList<Bet>` in the client, and then have *handleRoll* walk that `ArrayList` object and process each of the different bets
- The methods of the 3 different bet classes were still independent and there might have been a way to reduce duplication across those 3 classes by using inheritance

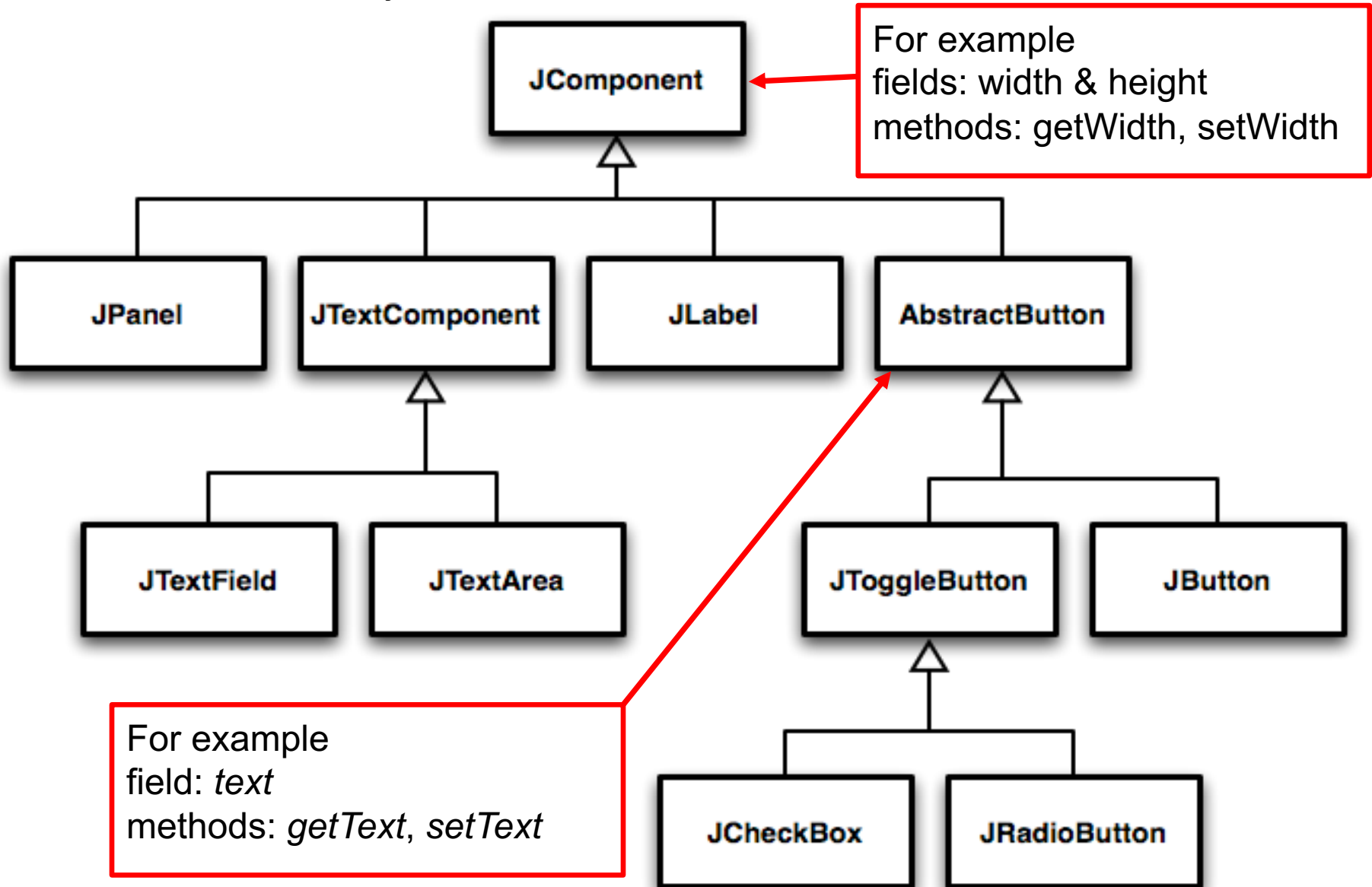
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With Methods, Subclasses can:

1. **Inherit** methods **unchanged**

- Simply by using 'extends' w/o doing anything else
- Client of subclass gets to call all methods inherited from superclass

2. **Override** methods

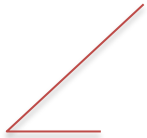
- Declare a new method **with same signature** to use **instead of superclass method**
- Client of subclass only gets to call overridden method

3. **Add** entirely new methods not already in superclass

- Client can call these new subclass methods

With Fields, Subclasses:

- **ALWAYS inherit** all fields **unchanged**
 - But only have access to: protected, public, and package level fields
 - No access to superclass's private fields
- **Can add** entirely new fields not in superclass



DANGER! Don't use the same name as a superclass field!

Super Calls

- Calling superclass **method**:
 - **`super.methodName(args);`**
 - **Joe: Demonstrate in Eclipse w/ BankAccount**
- Calling superclass explicit **constructor**:
 - **`super(args);`**
- Calling default constructor:
 - **`super();`**

Must be the first line of the subclass constructor

Let's Code CheckingAccount

- A special type of BankAccount
- Has 3 free transactions each month
 - Withdraw
 - Deposit
- Every additional transaction (beyond) costs \$1.50
 - 4 cost \$1.50
 - 5 cost \$3.00
- At end of each month fees are deducted (all together)
 - Transaction count is reset at this time

Joe Todo

- Switch to Eclipse
- Create subclass CheckingAccount from making BankAccount a superclass
- Add fields to CheckingAccounts that keep track of # of transactions
- Create constructor to init: initial balance and # of transactions
- Override *deposit* method (from superclass)
 - Discuss @Override
 - Predefined Annotation Types in Java
- Override *withdraw* method
- Implement *deductFees* method

Polymorphism and Subclasses

- A subclass instance **is a** superclass instance
 - Polymorphism still works!
 - **// Original declaration:**
 - **BankAccount ba = new BankAccount();**
 - **// Change declaration, use CheckingAccount**
 - **BankAccount ba = new CheckingAccount();**
ba.deposit(100);
 - Client used BankAccount in original *new* (above), client still works after change because CheckingAccount has all of BankAccount methods, e.g., *deposit*

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 - Polymorphism still works!
 - `BankAccount ba = new CheckingAccount();`
`ba.deposit(100);`
- But not the other way around!
 - `CheckingAccount ca = new BankAccount();`
`ca.deductFees();`
- Why not?



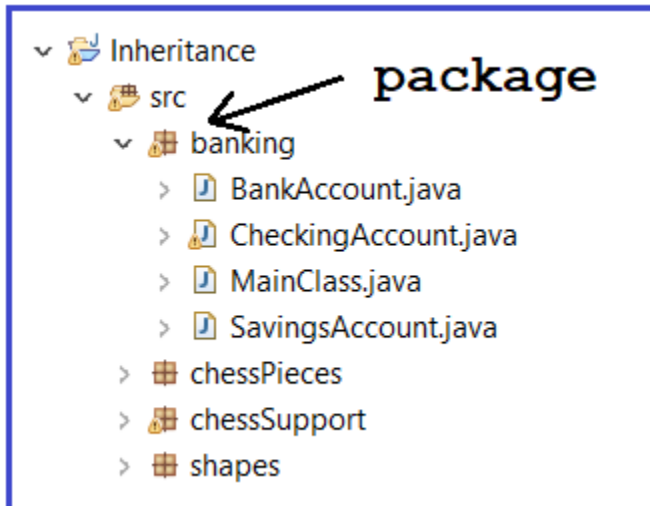
BOOM!

Another Example

- Can use:
 - `public void transfer(double amount, BankAccount o){
 this.withdraw(amount);
 o.deposit(amount);
}`
in BankAccount
- To transfer between different accounts:
 - `SavingsAccount sa = ...;`
 - `CheckingAccount ca = ...;`
 - `sa.transfer(100, ca);`

Access Modifiers

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- Notes:

- **default** (i.e., no modifier)—only code in the same **package** can see it
 - good choice for classes
- **protected**—like default, but subclasses also have access
 - sometimes useful for helper methods



Bad for fields!

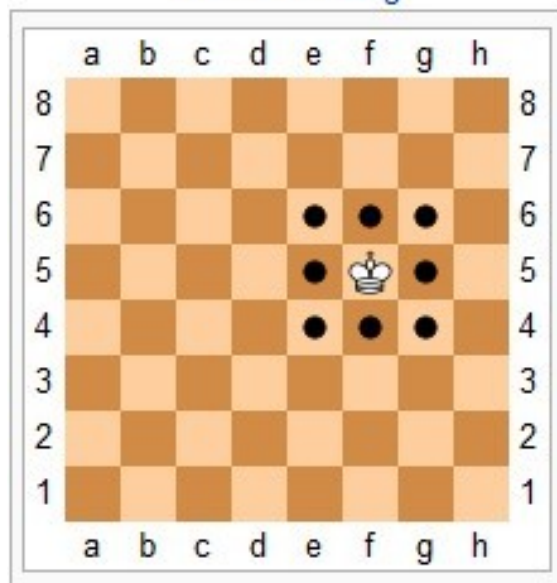
Live coding

- Joe: examine at chessPieces/chessSupport
 - Let's Look at King and ChessPiece
 - StandardBoardProvider (uncomment King lines)
- In-class work:
 - Create Rook class, start by duplicating King class and renaming and modifying copied methods

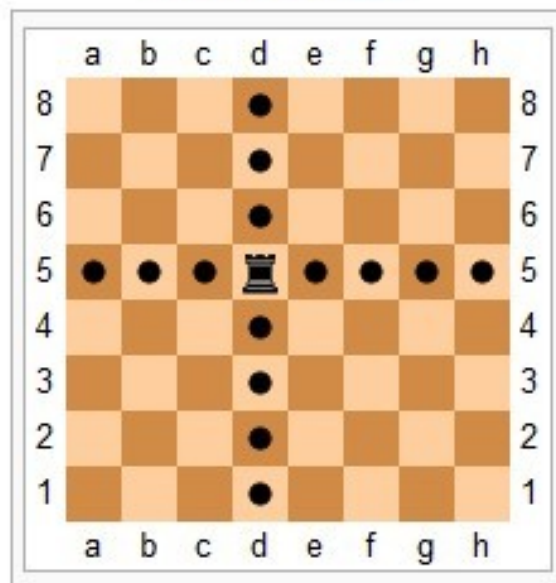
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- In-class work, continued:
 - Change King and Rook to use super class ChessPiece
 - Implement Bishop and Queen next, and then any piece you want after that

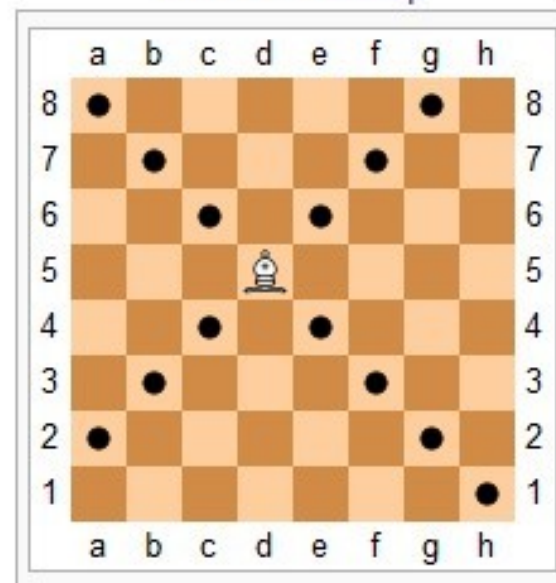
Moves of a king



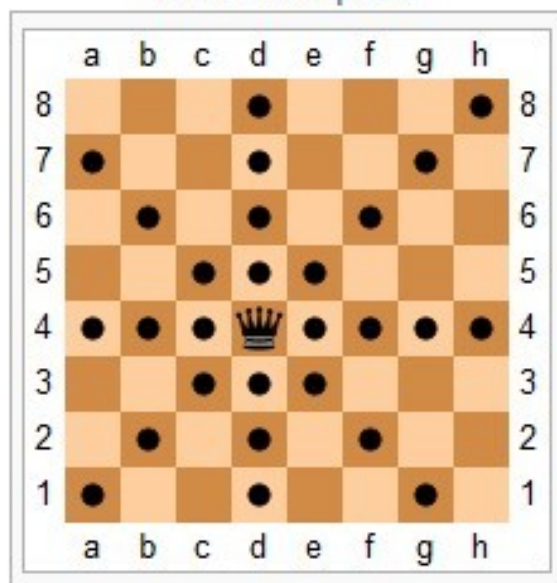
Moves of a rook



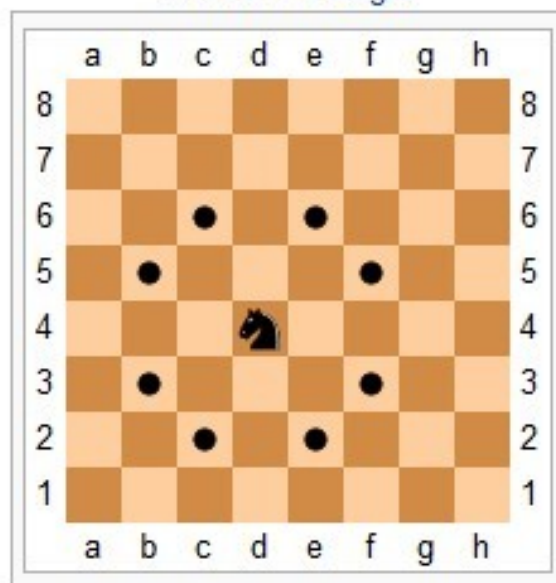
Moves of a bishop



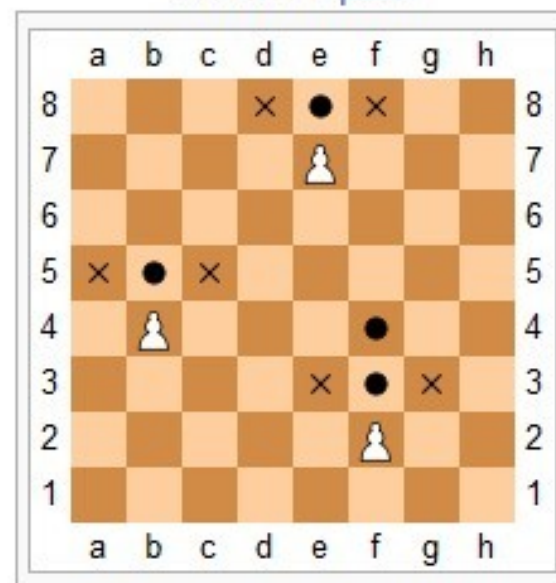
Moves of a queen



Moves of a knight



Moves of a pawn



Abstract Classes

Also look at the code in the shapes package, especially ShapesDemo (during or after class)

- Hybrid of superclasses and interfaces
 - Like regular superclasses:
 - Provide implementation of some methods
 - Like interfaces
 - Just provide signatures and docs of other methods
 - Cannot be instantiated
- Example:
 - ```
public abstract class BankAccount {
 /** documentation here */
 public abstract void deductFees();
 ...
}
```

Elided methods as before

Chess

Ball World

It's a solo project, but feel free to talk with others as you do it.

And to ask instructor/assistants for help

**WORK TIME**