



CHAPTER 12A: INHERITANCE

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Objectives

- •Inheritance: is_A relationship
- Design of a sub-class
- Class reference: super keyword
- •Example: Rectangle, Square (Reduction of Data Field), Prism (Addition of Data Field)
- •Multiple-Inheritance: GeometricObject, Shape, Color, Fill
- Reference, Object, and Inheritance (Type Casting)



Overview of Inheritance

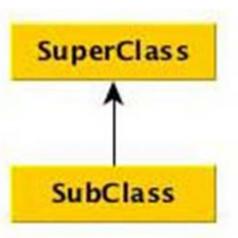
LECTURE 1



 Inheritance in Java begins with the relationship between two classes defined like this:

class SubClass extends SuperClass

• Inheritance expresses the is a relationship in that SubClass is a (specialization of) SuperClass.

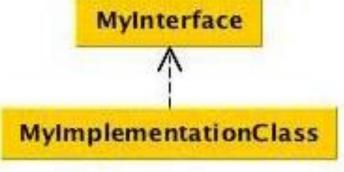




 The extends relation has many of the same characteristics of the implements relationship used for interfaces

class MyImplementationClass implements MyInterface

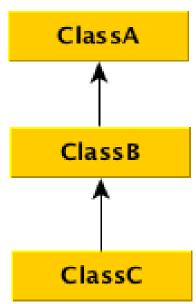
As with inheritance, we say that MylmplementationClass is a MyInterface.





Diagrammatically, these relationships are expressed in UML with the extends as a solid line (white Triangle in some tools) and implements as a dashed line:

The *is a* relationship is transitive in that, if we have this hierarchy:





in which

ClassB is a ClassA

ClassC is a ClassB

then, by transitivity:

ClassC is a ClassA

The term base class is also used for superclass, and derived class as subclass. Being a subclass is also transitive in that we can say that:

ClassC is a subclass of ClassA

The term inheritance expresses the fact that the objects of the subclass inherit all the features of the superclass including data members and functions, although the private data members and functions of the superclass are **not** directly accessible.



What does a subclass inherit?

- •A **subclass inherits** all the members (fields, methods, and nested classes) from its superclass. **Constructors** are not members, so they are not **inherited** by **subclasses**, but the constructor of the superclass can be invoked from the **subclass**.
- •Members of a class that are declared private are not directly accessible by subclasses of that class. Only members of a class that are declared **protected** or **public** are accessed directly by subclasses declared in a package other than the one in which the class is declared.

protected: no access by other package but can be inherited.



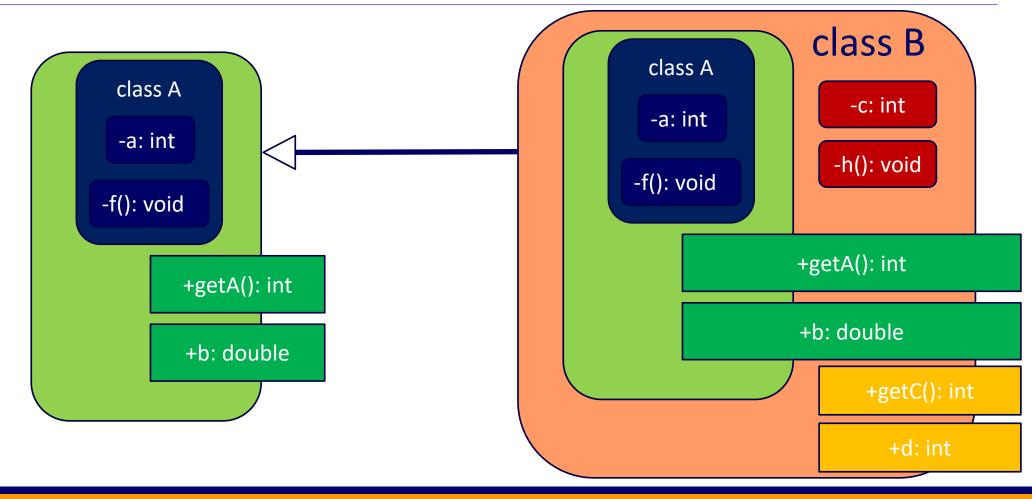
Visibility Modifiers

Modifier	Inheritance	Access
+public	All	All
#protected	All	Subclasses
~default (none)	All	Same package
-private	All	Same class



Accessing an Objects of subclasses

(Subclass is another kind of Wrapper Class)



GeometricObject

-color: String

-filled: boolean

-dateCreated: java.util.Date

+GeometricObject()

+GeometricObject(color: String,

filled: boolean)

+getColor(): String

+setColor(color: String): void

+isFilled(): boolean

+setFilled(filled: boolean): void

+ getDateCreated(): java.util.Date

+toString(): String

The color of the object (default: white).

Indicates whether the object is filled with a color (default: false).

The date when the object was created.

Creates a GeometricObject.

Creates a GeometricObject with the specified color and filled

values.

Returns the color.

Sets a new color.

Returns the filled property.

Sets a new filled property.

Returns the dateCreated.

Returns a string representation of this object.

Circle

-radius: double

+Circle()

+Circle(radius: double)

+Circle(radius: double, color: String,

filled: boolean)

+getRadius(): double

+setRadius(radius: double): void

+getArea(): double

+getPerimeter(): double

+getDiameter(): double

+printCircle(): void

Rectangle

-width: double

-height: double

+Rectangle()

+Rectangle(width: double, height: double)

+Rectangle(width: double, height: double

color: String, filled: boolean)

+getWidth(): double

+setWidth(width: double): void

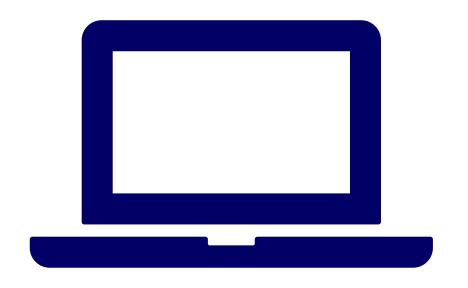
+getHeight(): double

+setHeight(height: double): void

+getArea(): double

+getPerimeter(): double

Superclasses and Subclasses



Demonstration Program

TESTCIRCLERECTANGLE.JAVA
GEOMETRICOBJECT.JAVA
CIRCLEFROMSIMPLEGEOMETRICOBJECT.JAVA
RECTANGLEFROMSIMPLEGEOMETRICOBJECT.JAVA



Are superclass's Constructor Inherited?

- No. They are not inherited.
- They are invoked explicitly or implicitly.
- Explicitly using the super keyword.
- A constructor is used to construct an instance of a class. Unlike properties and methods, a superclass's constructors are not inherited in the subclass. They can only be invoked from the subclasses' constructors, using the keyword <u>super</u>. If the keyword <u>super</u> is not explicitly used, the superclass's no-arg constructor is automatically invoked.





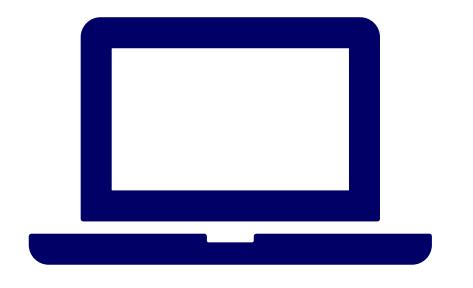
 A constructor may invoke an overloaded constructor or its superclass's constructor. If none of them is invoked explicitly, the compiler puts <u>super()</u> as the first statement in the constructor. For example,

```
public A() {
    super();
    }

public A(double d) {
    // some statements
}

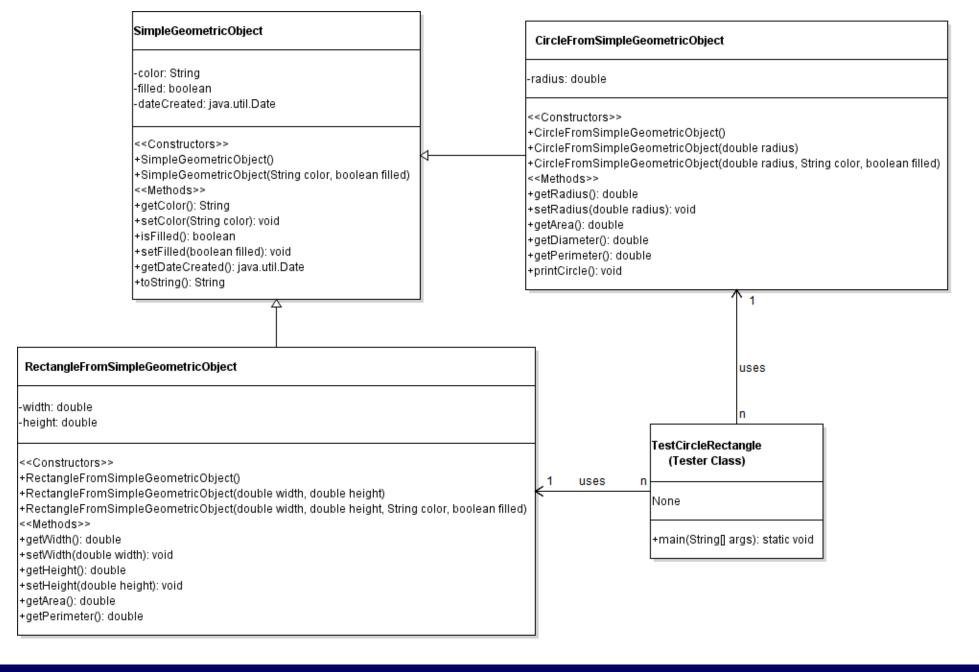
is equivalent to

public A(double d) {
    super();
    // some statements
}
```



Demonstration Program

VIOLET UML FOR INHERITANCE







Design of a sub-class

LECTURE 2



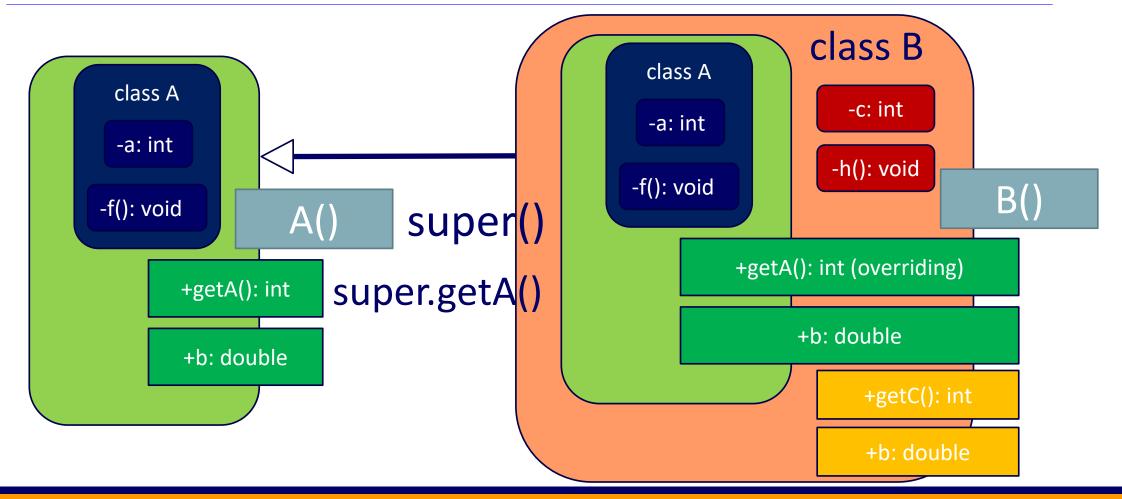
Defining a Subclass

A subclass inherits from a superclass. You can also:

- Add new properties
- Add new methods
- Derived new properties from base class
- Override the methods of the superclass



super keyword





super keyword

LECTURE 3



Using the Keyword super

The keyword super refers to the superclass of the class in which super appears. This keyword can be used in two ways:

- To call a superclass constructor
- To call a superclass method (access public methods, protected methods, default methods same package only, no private methods)

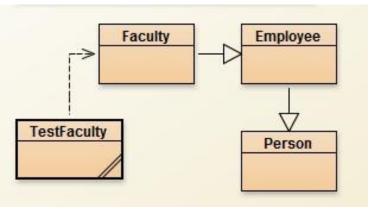


CAUTION

•You must use the keyword <u>super</u> to call the superclass constructor. Invoking a superclass constructor's name in a subclass causes a syntax error. Java requires that the statement that uses the keyword <u>super</u> appear first in the constructor.

Constructor Chaining

Constructing an instance of a class invokes all the superclasses' constructors along the inheritance chain. This is called *constructor chaining*.



```
public class Faculty extends Employee {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    new Faculty();
  public Faculty() {
    System.out.println("(4) Faculty's no-arg constructor is invoked");
class Employee extends Person {
  public Employee() {
    this ("(2) Invoke Employee's overloaded constructor");
    System.out.println("(3) Employee's no-arg constructor is invoked");
  public Employee(String s) {
    System.out.println(s);
class Person {
  public Person() {
    System.out.println("(1) Person's no-arg constructor is invoked");
```

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 public static void main(String[] args) -
                                                       1. Start from the
    new Faculty();
                                                        main method
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                                                      2. Invoke Faculty
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                                                         constructor
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  public Employee(String s)
    System.out.println(s);
                                                5. Invoke Person() constructor
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BlueJ: Terminal Window -

Options

- (1) Person's no-arg constructor is invoked
- (2) Invoke Employee's overloaded constructor
- (3) Employee's no-arg constructor is invoked
- (4) Faculty's no-arg constructor is invoked

Results:



Example on the Impact of a Superclass without no-arg Constructor

• Find out the errors in the program:

```
public class Apple extends Fruit {
}
class Fruit {
  public Fruit(String name) {
    System.out.println("Fruit's constructor is invoked");
  }
}
```

Nothing will be called



Calling Superclass Methods

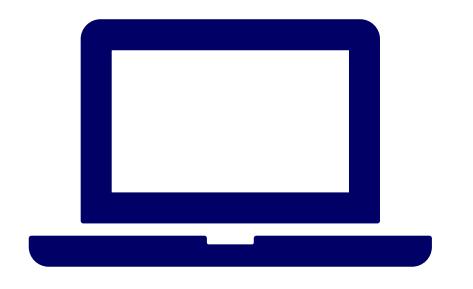
You could rewrite the printCircle() method in the Circle class as follows:

```
public void printCircle() {
   System.out.println("The circle is created " +
     super.getDateCreated() + " and the radius is " + radius);
}
```



Example of Inheritance

LECTURE 4



Demonstration Program

BUILDING A NEW SUBCLASS – RECTANGLE, SQUARE, PRISM, OVAL, CIRCLE SPHERE



Multiple-Inheritance

LECTURE 5

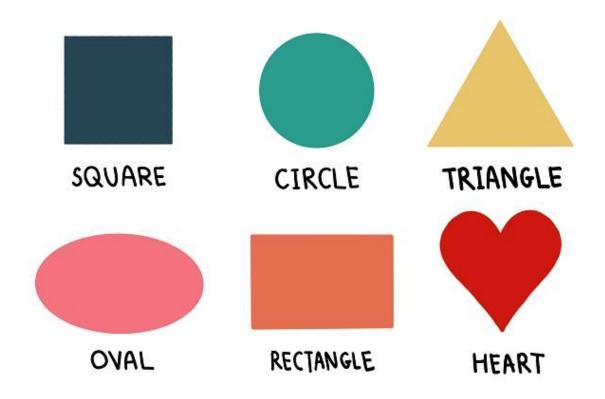


Multiple Inheritance

- •Multiple inheritance means a class extends multiple parent classes.
- •Java does not support multiple inheritance, but other languages do.
- •To solve this problem, you have use interface (Java allows multiple-implementations of interfaces), or hierarchical inheritance to realize multiple inheritance.



Shape





Paint Colors

Red

Excitement Strength Love Energy

Orange

Confidence Success Bravery Sociability

Yellow

Creativity Happiness Warmth Cheer

Green

Nature Healing Freshness Quality

Blue

Trust Peace Loyalty Competence

Pink

Compassion Sincerity Sophstication Sweet

Purple

Royalty Luxury Spirituality Ambition

Brown

Dependable Rugged Trustworthy Simple

Black

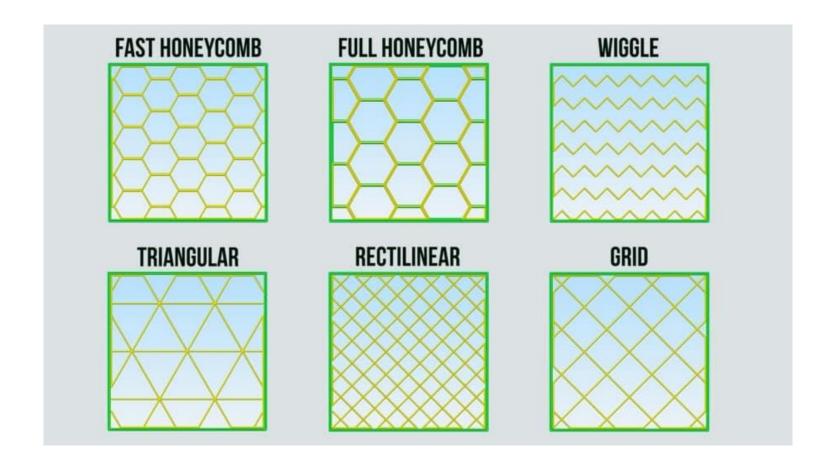
Formality Dramatic Sophistication Security

White

Clean Simplicity Innocence Honest

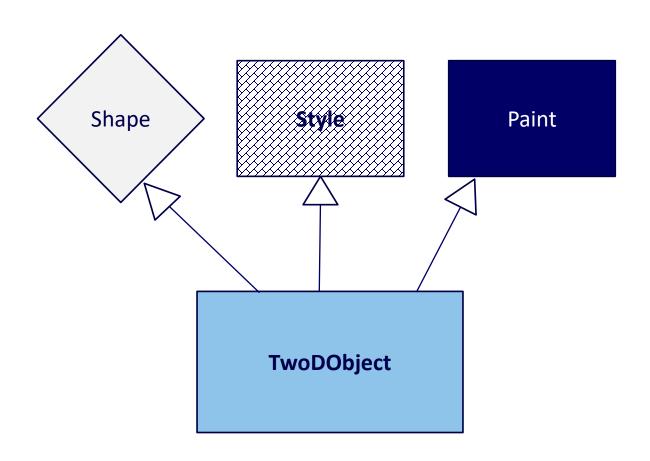


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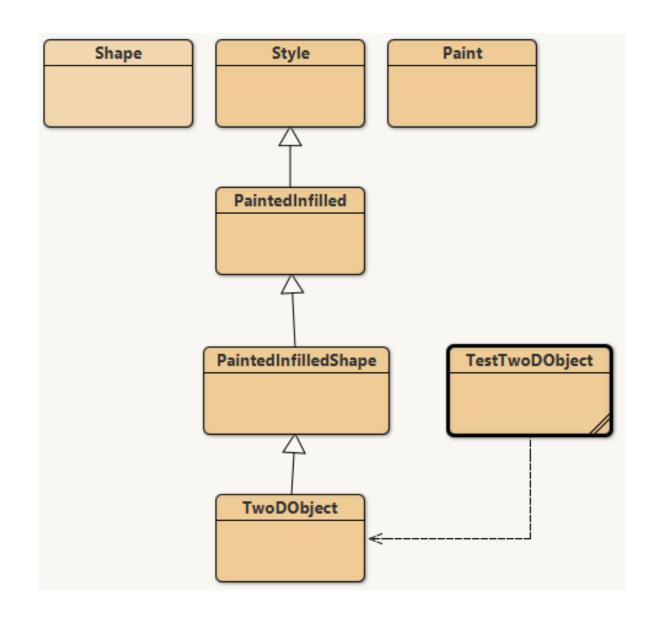


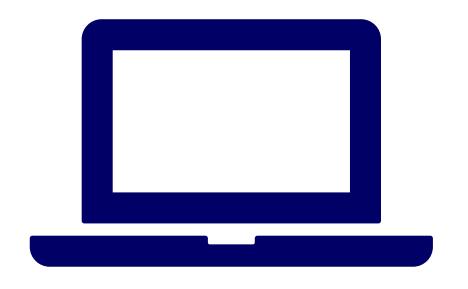


Geometric Object



Geometric Object Style PaintInfilled PaintedInfilledShape **TwoDObject**





Demonstration Program

SHAPE, STYLE, PAINT, PAINTEDINFILLED, PAINTEDINFILLEDSHAPE, TWODOBJECT, TESTTWODOBJECT



Reference and Object

LECTURE 6



Reference and Object

The **reference variable** can be reassigned to other objects provided that it is not declared final. The type of the reference variable would determine the methods that it can invoke on the object.

A reference variable can refer to any object of its declared type or any subtype of its declared type. A reference variable can be declared as a class or interface type.

Boy tom = new Boy(); Person eric = new Person(); Person anybody; tom Boy eric anybody Person Girl amy = new Girl(); amy Girl **Methods handling** Person can handle **Parent Class Boys and Girls.** Children Class



Reference

