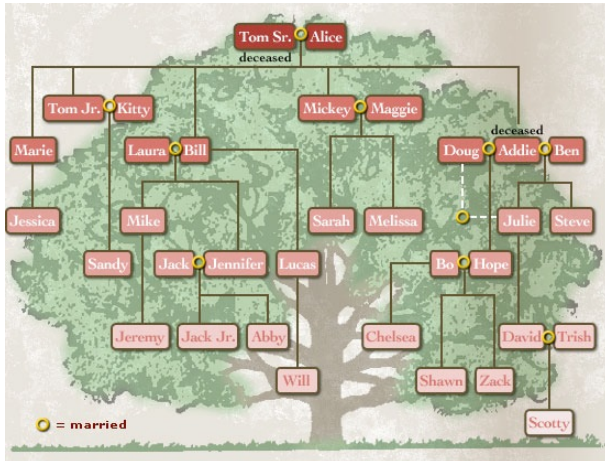


## 7 INHERITANCE CHAPTER 3



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## CONSTRUCTORS, MUTATORS AND ACCESSORS: REVIEW

- Remember methods come in three types:
  - Constructors, used to create new objects:
 

```
Rectangle rectangle = new Rectangle( )
```
  - Mutators, used to change existing objects:
 

```
rectangle.setLocation( 50, 50 )
```
  - Accessors, used to access information from existing objects:
 

```
int x = rectangle.getXLocation( );
```

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## WRITING CONSTRUCTORS AND MUTATORS

- We have written constructors and Mutators

- Constructor for Target class:

```
Target t1 = new Target( 10, 50 );
```

```
public Target(int x, int y)
{
    makeTarget( x, y );
}
```

- Mutator for the Target class

```
t1.move( 5, 2 );
```

```
private void move( int dx, int dy )
{
    int x = level1.getXLocation() + dx;
    int y = level1.getYLocation() + dy;
    setLocation( x, y );
}
```

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## ACCESSORS RETURN VALUES

```
public class Target
{
    private int _size = 60;
```

- Suppose you want to write an accessor for Target that will return its size.
- When you call an accessor you get a value back:
 

```
int size = t1.getSize( );
```
- When you write an accessor you must **return** a value.

```
public int getSize( )
{
    return _size;
```

return type →

→ return statement

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# CONSTRUCTORS, MUTATORS AND ACCESSORS

	Using the method	Writing the method
Constructor	"I need to create a new object"	"I must initialize all my instance variables"
Accessor	"I want some information about this object"	"I must return the values of some of my instance variables"
Mutator	"I want this object to change"	"I need to change my instance variables"

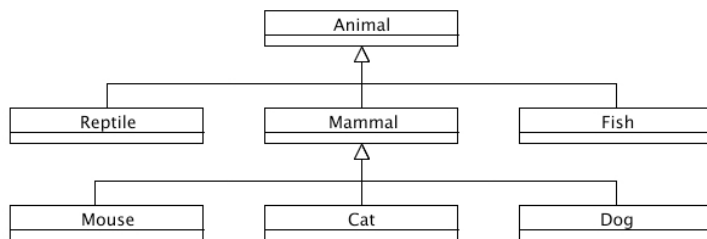
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# ORGANIZING OBJECTS INTO CATEGORIES

- Just as we model objects we will need to model the relationships among the objects
- In every day life we group objects into categories.
  - A pine tree "is a" plant., a car "is a" vehicle.
- Inheritance models the "is-a" relationship.

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## INHERITANCE TREE



- We call this structure a tree, (as in family tree.)
- We say mammal "inherits" from Animal (a mammal "is an" animal).
- Higher in the tree: more general, Lower in the tree: more specialized

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## INHERITANCE IN JAVA

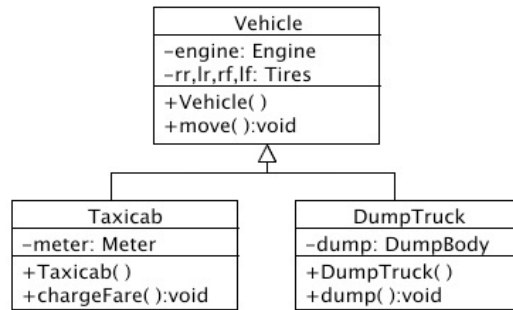
- How can this help us in Java?
- Suppose we wanted to write two classes to define Taxicabs and DumpTrucks.

Taxicab	DumpTruck
-engine: Engine -rr,lr,rf,lf: Tires -meter: Meter	-engine: Engine -rr,lr,rf,lf: Tires -dump: DumpBody
+TaxiCab() +move():void +chargeFare():void	+DumpTruck() +move():void +dump():void

- Much of the code would be duplicated which suggests an inheritance hierarchy.
- The common features are assigned to a new class, Vehicle.

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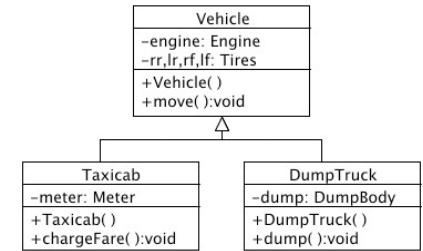
# INHERITANCE IN JAVA



- Vehicle is a superclass of Taxicab and DumpTruck.
  - aka: base class or parent class
- Taxicab and DumpTruck are each a subclass of Vehicle.
  - aka: derived class or child class

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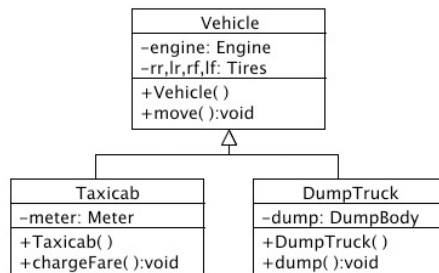
# INHERITANCE



- A subclass inherits capabilities and properties from its superclass
- A subclass specializes its superclass
  - by adding new methods and properties,
  - by overriding existing methods,
  - by defining “abstract” methods declared by parent
- A superclass factors out capabilities common to its subclasses

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# INHERITANCE



- Subclasses inherit public capabilities (methods).
- Subclasses inherit private properties (instance variables) but do not have access to them.

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# JAVA INHERITANCE

## WITHOUT

```

public class Taxicab
{
    private Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
    public void chargeFare () { ... }
}

public class DumpTruck
{
    private Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;
    private DumpBody dump;

    public DumpTruck() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
    public void dump () { ... }
}
    
```

## WITH

```

public class Vehicle
{
    private Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;

    public Vehicle() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
}

public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void chargeFare () { ... }
}

public class DumpTruck extends Vehicle
{
    private DumpBody dump;

    public DumpTruck() { ... }
    public void dump () { ... }
}
    
```

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# OVERRIDING AN INHERITED METHOD

- We can **override** an inherited method by redefining it in the derived class.
- Taxicab has overridden its inherited `move()` method with its own version

```
public class Vehicle
{
    private Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;

    public Vehicle() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
}

public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
    public void chargeFare () { ... }
}
```

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# METHOD RESOLUTION

- Methods can be overridden in subclasses. What happens if the `move()` message is sent to a `Vehicle`?
  - Java **searches up the tree** for the first definition of a `move()` method.
  - Once it finds one, it executes only that one
    - For a `TaxiCab`, this will be `TaxiCab.move()`
    - For a `DumpTruck`, it will be `Vehicle.move()`
- This is called method resolution.

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# OVERLOADING AN INHERITED METHOD

- Just as before we can overload methods.
- Taxicab has (an inherited) `move()` method which is now **overloaded** by `move(int)`, it now has two methods with that name;

```
public class Vehicle
{
    private Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;

    public Vehicle() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
}

public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void move(int n) { ... }
    public void chargeFare () { ... }
}
```

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# OVERLOADING VS OVERRIDING

- **Overloading** occurs when a class defines two or more methods with the same name but different signatures (parameter lists) --- the class has multiple methods with that name.
- **Overriding** occurs when a derived class defines a method with the **same** signature as an inherited method --- the class has **only one** method with that name and signature.

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# THE KEYWORD: THIS

- The keyword `this` refers to the current object.
- Taxicab is overriding the `move` method, which in turn calls its own `startMeter` method.

```
public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public move( )
    {
        this.startMeter();
        ....
    }
    public void startMeter(){ ... }
    public void chargeFare ( ) { ... }
}
```

In most circumstances, `this` is optional:

1. If no variable is used to specify the object associated with a method invocation, you mean the current object (`this`).
2. Same convention applies to references to instance variables.

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# THE KEYWORD SUPER

- The keyword `super` refers to the superclass of the current class.
- Taxicab overrides the `move` method, which calls the super class `move` method.

```
public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void move( )
    {
        this.startMeter();
        super.move();
    }
    public void startMeter(){ ... }
    public void chargeFare ( ) { ... }
}
```

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# THE DERIVED CLASS CONSTRUCTOR

- As usual, the constructor should initialize the instance variables.
- But how do we initialize our inherited instance variables?
- We just let the super class constructor take care of them

```
public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab()
    {
        super( );
        meter = new Meter( );
    }
    public void move( ){ ... }
    public void startMeter(){ ... }
    public void chargeFare ( ) { ... }
}
```

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# THE KEYWORD PROTECTED

- Although a **Taxicab** has an (inherited) **engine**, it can't access it directly since it is declared as **private** in **Vehicle**. This is called pseudo-inheritance.
- Sometimes a derived class may need to access an inherited variable directly.
- This can be done if the base class declares the variable as protected rather than private

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# PROTECTED VARIABLES

- Since Vehicle declared engine as protected, Taxicab can directly access it.

```

public class Vehicle
{
    protected Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;

    public Vehicle() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
}

public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void move(int n) { ... }
    public void chargeFare ()
    {
        engine.idle();
        ...
    }
}
    
```

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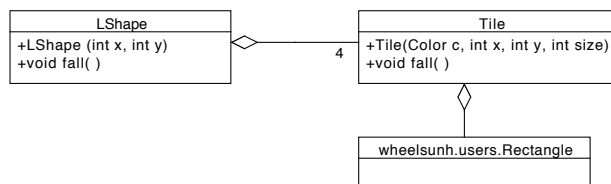
# HIERARCHY FOR WHEELSUNH.USERS

- Part of an inheritance tree in wheelsunh
  - class wheelsunh.etc.**AbstractGraphic**
    - class wheelsunh.users.**Shape**
      - class wheelsunh.users.**Line**
      - class wheelsunh.users.**RectangularShape**
        - class wheelsunh.users.**Ellipse**
        - class wheelsunh.users.**Rectangle**
        - class wheelsunh.users.**RoundedRectangle**
          - class wheelsunh.users.**ConversationBubble**
  - class wheelsunh.users.**ShapeGroup**

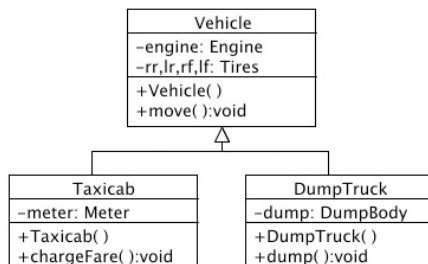
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# UML RELATIONSHIPS

- “Has-A”, Containment:



- “Is-A”, Inheritance:



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# MOUSE EVENTS FOR WHEELSUNH SHAPES

- A look at the *wheelsunh* API reveals the following methods for *AbstractGraphic*
- Since all the shapes derive from *AbstractGraphic*, they all inherit these methods.

```

void mouseClicked( java.awt.event.MouseEvent e ){ ... }
    Called when mouse is clicked over the graphic.
void mouseDragged( java.awt.event.MouseEvent e ){ ... }
    Called when mouse button is pressed and dragged over graphic.
void mousePressed( java.awt.event.MouseEvent e ) { ... }
    Called when a mouse button is pressed over the graphic.
void mouseReleased( java.awt.event.MouseEvent e ) { ... }
    Called when a mouse button is released over the graphic.
    
```

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# CLICKABLECIRCLE

```
import wheelsunh.users.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class ClickableCircle extends Ellipse
{
    public ClickableCircle(int x, int y)
    {
        super(x,y);
    }

    public void mousePressed( MouseEvent me )
    {
        setColor(java.awt.Color.blue);
    }

    public void mouseReleased( MouseEvent me )
    {
        setColor( java.awt.Color.red );
    }

    public static void main( String [] s)
    {
        new Frame();
        new ClickableCircle( 200, 200 );
    }
}
```

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# COMPOSITE OBJECTS

- A composite graphical object (such as an ATV) shares some basic characteristics with a simple graphical object (like a rectangle):
  - location
  - orientation
- It can also be very convenient for it to share other characteristics:
  - mouse behavior
- wheelsunh supports this in its ShapeGroup class

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# WHEELSUNH SHAPEGROUP

- *ShapeGroup* models a group of shapes (such as a ATV composed of Ellipses, Rectangles, and Lines) that will behave like a single shape.
- *ShapeGroup* has a setLocation method that changes the locations of all its components so they are consistent with the group's location
- If we extend *ShapeGroup* we do not need to implement *setLocation* ourselves --- although we may want to.

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# SHAPEGROUP METHODS

- *ShapeGroup* new method:
  - *add( AbstractShape )*:
    - you **must add** each component shape to the group
- *ShapeGroup* inherited methods:
  - *getXLocation( )*, *getYLocation( )*, *setLocation( int x, int y )*
  - *getRotation( )*, *setRotation( int degrees )*
  - all the **mouse handling** methods
    - Any shape **that has been added** to the ShapeGroup forwards its mouse events to the group.
    - The group can then implement mouse event handling methods.

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# TARGET SHAPEGROUP

```
// The "old" way
public class Target
{
    public Target( int x, int y )
    {
        Ellipse outer = new Ellipse(x, y);
        Ellipse inner = new Ellipse(x + 10, y + 10);
        //change sizes and colors of both
    }
    public void setLocation(int x, int y)
    {
        outer.setLocation(x, y);
        inner.setLocation(x + 10, y + 10);
    }
}
```

```
// the new way
public class Target extends ShapeGroup
{
    public Target( int x, int y )
    {
        Ellipse outer = new Ellipse( 0, 0 );
        this.add( outer );
        Ellipse inner = new Ellipse( 10, 10 );
        this.add( inner );
        // set color and size of both ...

        // ShapeGroup setLocation!
        this.setLocation( x, y );
    }
}
```

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# CLICKABLEGROUP

```
import wheelsunh.users.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class ClickableGroup extends ShapeGroup
{
    private Rectangle rect;
    private Ellipse ellip;

    public ClickableGroup( int x, int y )
    {
        rect = new Rectangle( 0, 0 );
        add(rect);
        ellip = new Ellipse( 50, 0 );
        add(ellip);

        setLocation( x, y );
    }

    public void mousePressed( MouseEvent me )
    {
        rect.setColor(java.awt.Color.blue);
    }

    public void mouseReleased( MouseEvent me )
    {
        rect.setColor( java.awt.Color.red );
    }

    public static void main( String [] s)
    {
        new Frame();
        new ClickableGroup( 200, 200 );
    }
}
```

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# ABSTRACT CLASSES

- Sometimes a base class is not used to create objects, but simply as a tool to collect the common features of the derived classes.
- For example, we may want TaxiCabs and DumpTrucks in a program, but we will never have generic "vehicles".
- We can make *Vehicle* abstract.

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# ABSTRACT CLASSES

- Suppose we want a *dailyReport()* method for our vehicles. A *DumpTruck* will report the number of loads and a *Taxicab* will report the meter reading, but a generic *Vehicle* has nothing to report.
- We will put an abstract *dailyReport()* method into *Vehicle*.

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# ABSTRACT CLASSES

- Abstract Class: The keyword `abstract` appears after the `public` modifier in the class definition.
- Abstract method: The keyword `abstract` appears after the `public` modifier in the method and the body of the method is replaced with `;`

```
public abstract class Vehicle
{
    protected Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;

    public Vehicle() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
    public abstract void dailyReport();
}

public class Taxicab extends Vehicle
{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void move(int n) { ... }
    public void chargeFare () { ... }
}
```

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# ABSTRACT CLASSES

- Abstract Class: No instances of class `Vehicle` can be created.
- Abstract method: Every derived class **must** override the method.

```
public abstract class Vehicle
{
    protected Engine engine;
    private Wheel rr, lr, rf, lf;

    public Vehicle() { ... }
    public void move() { ... }
    public abstract void dailyReport();
}

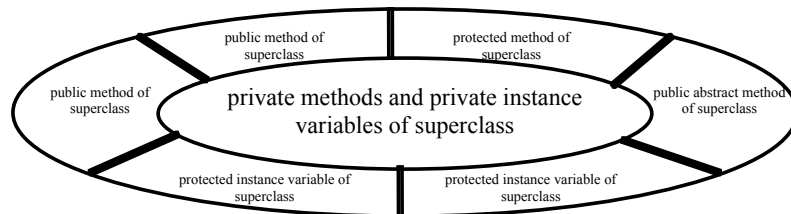
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{
    private Meter meter;

    public Taxicab() { ... }
    public void dailyReport()
    {
        ....
    }
    public void move(int n) { ... }
    public void chargeFare () { ... }
}
```

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## WHAT CAN BE INHERITED?

- What can a subclass inherit from its superclass?



- Only the features in the outer ring!

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## REVIEW

- Inheritance Hierarchies in Java
- Super class / sub class
- Extending a class
- Overriding inherited methods
- Abstract classes
- Mouse Methods and ShapeGroup

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# NEXT TIME

- Inheritance helps us to manage complexity by organizing similar classes into an (is-a) hierarchy.
- Sometimes classes can be very different but share some common behavior (a dog can walk and a robot can walk) how will we organize this “acts as” relationship.
- Both classes will implement a *CanWalk* interface.
- Read Chapter 4.