Overloading/Overriding/Hiding

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Overloading

```
class Point {
  float x, y;
  void move(int dx, int dy) {
    x += dx;
     y += dy;
  void move(float dx, float dy) {
    x += dx;
       += dv;
Point p = new Point();
("Example 8.4.9-1" from the Java 8 Language Specification, slightly modified.)
  • p.move(10.1f, 3.0f)?
  • p.move(10, 10)?
```

choose the most specific method

Overriding (and super)

```
class Point {
  int x = 0, y = 0;
 void move(int dx, int dy) { x += dx; y += dy; }
}
class SluggishPoint extends Point {
  void move(int dx, int dy) { x += dx / 2; y += dy / 2; }
}
class SlowPoint extends Point {
  int xLimit, yLimit;
  void move(int dx, int dy) {
   super.move(limit(dx, xLimit), limit(dy, yLimit));
 }
  static int limit(int d, int limit) {
   return d > limit ? limit : d < -limit ? -limit : d:
```

(Example 8.4.8.1-1 from the Java 8 Language Specification, modified.)

Shadowing

• Shadowing an instance variable:

```
class Test {
  static int x = 1;
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int x = 0;
    System.out.print("x=" + x);
    System.out.println(", Test.x=" + Test.x);
  }
}
```

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- Duplicate definitions of locals are an error:

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class Test1 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int i;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) // ERROR!
       System.out.println(i);
  }
}</pre>
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  public static void main(String[] args) {
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  }
}
x=0, Test.x=1
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  int x = 1;
  void m() { System.out.println("A.x = "+x); }
class B extends A {
  /* This could also be 'static'. */
  String x = "hello";
  void k() { System.out.println("B.x = "+x); }
A = new A();
B b = new B();
  • a.m();
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B b = new B();
            A.x = 1
  • a.m();
            A.x = 1
  • b.m();
            B.x = hello
  • b.k():
```

Hiding Methods

Re-definition of static method also hides it in the superclass. A static method cannot hide a non-static method. Hidden methods can still be accessed with:

- super.m()
- ((SuperClass)obj).m()
- Fully.Qualified.Name.m()

Overriding, Overloading, and Hiding

```
class Point {
  int x = 0, y = 0;
  void move(int dx, int dy) {
    x += dx;
    y += dy;
  int color;
class RealPoint extends Point {
  float x = 0.0f, y = 0.0f;
  void move(int dx, int dy) {
    move((float)dx, (float)dy);
  }
  void move(float dx, float dy) {
    x += dx:
    y += dy;
(Example 8.4.9-2 from the Java 8 Language Specification.)
```

Overriding (Wrong)

```
class Point {
  int x = 0, y = 0;
  void move(int dx, int dy) { x += dx; y += dy; }
  int getX() { return x; }
  int getY() { return y; }
  int color;
}
class RealPoint extends Point {
  float x = 0.0f, y = 0.0f;
  void move(int dx, int dy) { move((float)dx, (float)dy); }
  void move(float dx, float dy) { x += dx; y += dy; }
  float getX() { return x; }
  float getY() { return y; }
}
error: getX() in RealPoint cannot override getX() in Point
float getX() { return x; }
return type float is not compatible with int
error: getY() in RealPoint cannot override getY() in Point
float getY() { return y; }
return type float is not compatible with int
2 errors
```

Overriding (Correct)

```
class Point {
  int x = 0, y = 0;
  void move(int dx, int dy) { x += dx; y += dy; }
  int getX() { return x; }
  int getY() { return y; }
  int color:
class RealPoint extends Point {
  float x = 0.0f, y = 0.0f;
  void move(int dx, int dy) { move((float)dx, (float)dy); }
  void move(float dx, float dy) { x += dx; y += dy; }
  int getX() { return (int)Math.floor(x); }
  int getY() { return (int)Math.floor(y); }
```

(Example 8.4.9-2 from the Java 8 Language Specification.)

```
C++
class A {
public:
  void f() { cout << "A::f() was called." << endl; }</pre>
  void f(int i) { cout << "A::f(int) was called." << endl; }</pre>
};
class B : public A {
public:
 void f() { cout << "B::f() was called." << endl; }</pre>
};
A a;
B b;
A*a2 = &b;
 a.f();
 a.f(1);
 b.f();
 b.f(1);
 a2 - > f();
```

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};
A a;
B b;
A*a2 = &b;
 a.f(); A::f() was called.
 a.f(1);
 b.f();
 b.f(1);
 a2 - > f();
```

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A a;
B b;
A*a2 = &b;
 a.f(); A::f() was called.
 a.f(1); A::f(int) was called.
 b.f();
 b.f(1);
 a2 - > f();
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public:
 void f() { cout << "B::f() was called." << endl; }</pre>
};
A a;
B b;
A*a2 = &b;
 a.f(); A::f() was called.
 a.f(1); A::f(int) was called.
 b.f(); B::f() was called.
 b.f(1);
 a2->f();
```

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class A {
public:
  void f() { cout << "A::f() was called." << endl; }</pre>
  void f(int i) { cout << "A::f(int) was called." << endl; }</pre>
};
class B : public A {
public:
 using A::f;
 void f()
               { cout << "B::f() was called." << endl; }
};
A a;
B b;
A*a2 = &b;
 a.f(); A::f() was called.
 a.f(1); A::f(int) was called.
 b.f(); B::f() was called.
 b.f(1); A::f(int) was called. (needs using A::f in B)
 a2 - > f();
```

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 b.f(); B::f() was called.
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 a2 \rightarrow f(); A::f() was called. (no virtual)
```

```
class A {
public:
  virtual
  void f() { cout << "A::f() was called." << endl; }</pre>
  void f(int i) { cout << "A::f(int) was called." << endl; }</pre>
};
class B : public A {
public:
  void f() { cout << "B::f() was called." << endl; }</pre>
};
A a;
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A*a2 = &b;
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 b.f(); B::f() was called.
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```

a2->f(); B::f() was called. (with virtual)