# **Advanced Programming CSE 201**

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Week 3 - Inheritance

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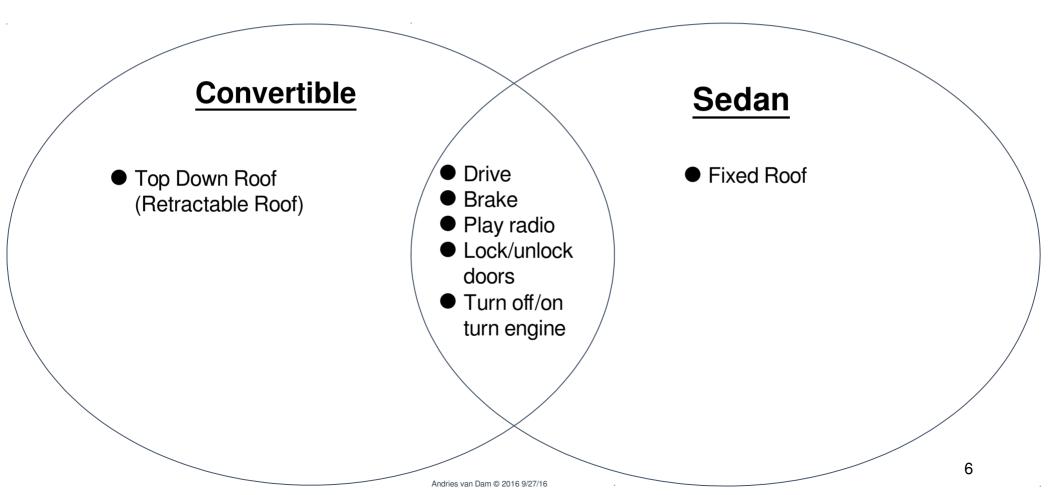
# **Spot the Similarities**





- What are the similarities between a convertible and a sedan?
- What are the differences?

#### Convertibles vs. Sedans



#### Can we model this in code?

- In some cases, objects can be very closely related to each other
  - Convertibles and sedans drive the same way
  - Flip phones and smartphones call the same way
- Imagine we have an Convertible and a Sedan class
  - Can we enumerate their similarities in one
  - How do we portray their relationship through

place?

code?

#### Convertible

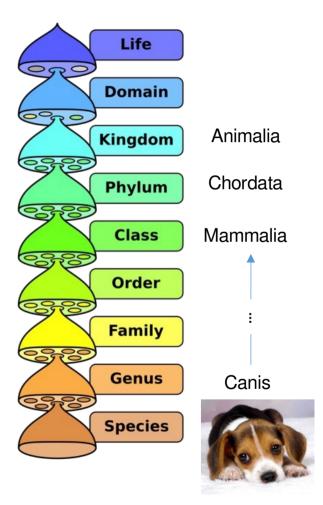
- putTopDown()
- turnOnEngine()
- turnOffEngine()
- drive()

#### Sedan

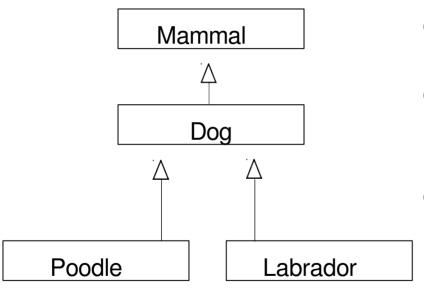
- parkInCompactSpace ()
- turnOnEngine()
- turnOffEngine()
- drive()

#### Inheritance

- In OOP, inheritance is a way of modeling very similar classes
- Inheritance models an "is-a" relationship
  - A sedan "is a" car
  - A dog "is a" mammal
- Remember: Interfaces model an "acts-as" relationship
- You've probably seen inheritance before!
  - Taxonomy from biology class

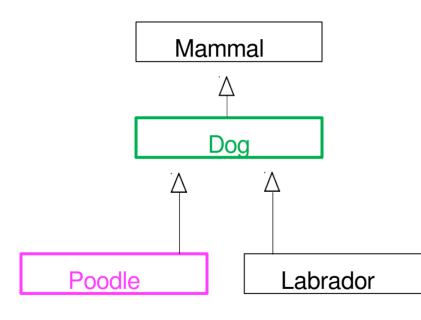


# **Modeling Inheritance (1/2)**



- This is an inheritance diagram
  - Each box represents a class
- ◆ A Poodle "is-a" Dog, a Dog "is-a" Mammal
  - Transitively, a Poodle is a Mammal
- "Inherits from" = "is-a"
  - Poodle inherits from Dog
  - Dog inherits from Mammal
- This relationship is not bidirectional
  - A Poodle is a Dog, but not every Dog is a Poodle (could be a Labrador, a German Shepard, etc)

# **Modeling Inheritance (2/2)**



- Superclass/parent/base: A class that is inherited from
- Subclass/child/derived: A class that inherits from another
- "A Poodle is a Dog"
  - Poodle is the subclass
  - Dog is the superclass
- A class can be both a superclass and a subclass
  - Ex. Dog
- In Java you can only inherit from one superclass (no multiple inheritance)
  - Other languages, like C++, allow for multiple

#### **Motivations for Inheritance**

- A subclass inherits all of its parent's public and protected capabilities
  - If Car defines drive(), Convertible inherits drive() from Car and drives the same way. This holds true for all of Convertible's subclasses as well
- Inheritance and Interfaces both legislate class's behavior, although in very different ways
  - Interfaces allow the compiler to enforce method implementation
    - An implementing class will have all capabilities outlined in an interface
  - Inheritance assures the compiler that all subclasses of a superclass will have the superclass's public capabilities without having to respecify code – methods are inherited
    - A Convertible knows how to drive and drives the same way as Car because of inherited code
- Benefit of inheritance
  - Code reuse

- If drive() is defined in Car, Convertible doesn't need to redefine it! Code is inherited Only need to
- implement what is different, i.e. what makes Convertible special

### Superclasses vs Subclasses

A superclass factors out commonalities among its subclasses

o describes everything that all subclasses have in common.

NOTE: Java classes can have only one parent (super) class, unlike CPP.

A subclass differentiates/specializes its superclass by:

o adding new methods:

**overriding inherited methods:** 

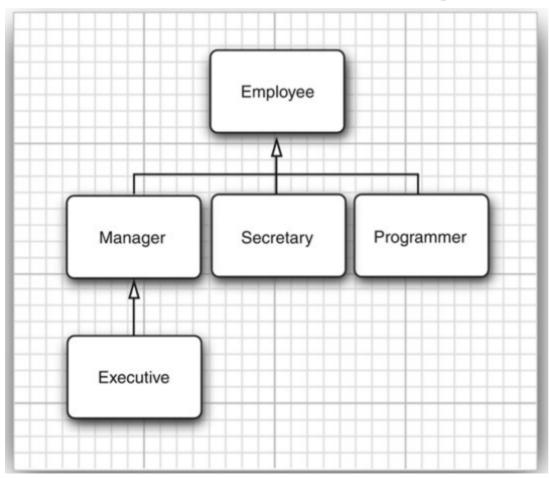
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# Method Overriding

- Override parent class 'public' methods (not private).
  - Child can access 'public' methods and attributes of parent class.
  - Using parent class attributes super.<Attib\_name>
  - Using parent class methods super.f()
  - Calling parent class constructor<subclass constructor>{

```
super(<arguments>)
```

```
public class Manager extends Employee
  private double bonus;
  public void setBonus(double bonus)
     this.bonus = bonus;
public double getSalary()
   double baseSalary = super.getSalary();
   return baseSalary + bonus;
```



- Polymorphism is an incredibly powerful tool.
- Allows for generic programming.
- Treat multiple classes as their generic type while still allowing specific method implementations to be executed.
- Polymorphism+Inheritance is strong generic coding

```
hireDay = LocalDate.of(year, month, day);
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  package inheritance;
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  import java.time.*;
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  public class Employee
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```

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      private double bonus;
       * @param name the employee's name
       * @param salary the salary
       * @param year the hire year
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       * @param month the hire month
11
       * @param day the hire day
13
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         super(name, salary, year, month, day);
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```
Employee e;
e = new Employee(. . .); // Employee object expected
e = new Manager(. . .); // OK, Manager can be used as well
Manager boss = new Manager(. . .);
Employee[] staff = new Employee[3];
staff[\theta] = boss;
 boss.setBonus(5000); // OK
                                                Why?
  staff[0].setBonus(5000); // ERROR
```

#### **Rules for Method Calls**

- 1. Compiler looks at types of objects and method names, determines the appropaite method based on the return type. The compiler also resolves.
- 2. Argument types.
- 3. Method types 'private', 'static', 'final'.
- 4. Polymorphic associations dynamic binding at runtime.

### **Preventing Inheritance**

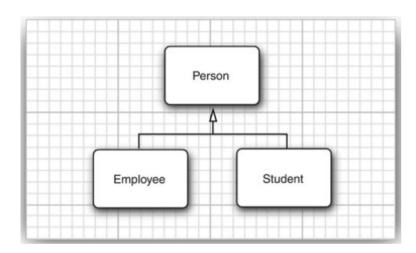
- 1. What all a child class inherits:
  - Public objects and methods.
  - Private of parent is never inhreited.
  - Parent constructors (by default public, like everything else in Java).
  - Preventing inheritance:

```
public final class Executive extends Manager
{
    . . .
}
```

- You could also prevent specific methods
- from being inherited without making them private.

```
public class Employee
{
    ...
    public final String getName()
    {
       return name;
    }
    ...
}
```

#### **Abstract Classes**



```
public abstract class Person
{
    . . .
    public abstract String getDescription();
}
```

```
package abstractClasses;
3 public abstract class Person
      public abstract String getDescription();
      private String name;
      public Person(String name)
                                          package abstractClasses;
         this.name = name:
                                            import java.time.*;
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                                                public String getDescription()
                                                  return String.format("an employee with a salary of $%.2f", salary);
                                          29
                                                public void raiseSalary(double byPercent)
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                                                  double raise = salary * byPercent / 100;
                                                  salary += raise;
```

#### **Protected Access**

- 'Protected' methods and objects cannot be accessed by objects of the class much like 'private'.
- 'Protected' methods and objects/variable can be accessed by child classes.

# **Object – the Cosmic Super Class**

Object – parent of all classes (implicit); not of primitive types – int, char, byte etc.

```
Object obj = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 35000);
```

- Can be a Employee e = (Employee) obj;
- Arrays regardless they are of primitive types or of classes, are of type Object.

```
Employee[] staff = new Employee[10];
obj = staff; // OK
obj = new int[10]; // OK
```

# Object - equals() method

- Test if two objects 'equal' or same. Could mean many things reference to same object (default), same value etc.
- Object class defines equal(). Other classes, can extend it with their own definition.

```
public class Employee
{
    ...
    public boolean equals(Object otherObject)
    {
        // a quick test to see if the objects are identical
        if (this == otherObject) return true;
        // must return false if the explicit parameter is null
        if (otherObject == null) return false;
        // if the classes don't match, they can't be equal
        if (getClass() != otherObject.getClass())
        return name.equals(other.name)
        && salary == other.salary
        && hireDay.equals(other.hireDay);
    }
    // if the classes don't match, they can't be equal
    if (getClass() != otherObject.getClass())
        return false;
        // now we know otherObject is a non-null Employee
```

# Object - toString() method

 Used to for printing a string equivalent information of the class. E.g. System.out.println(s); the return type is String and the name is toString()

```
class MyClass{
...
public String toString(){
return "XYZ";
}
```

# **Object Wrappers and Autoboxing**

- Object corresponding to a primitive type [Integer, Long, Flot, Double, Short, Byte and Boolean].
- Their objects are immutable once a wrapper object has been created their values cannot be changed.
- They are 'final' and cannot be inherited.
- Integer[] list;
- list = new Integer[500];
- list[0] = 1;
- list[1] = 1;
- list[i]++;
- But list[i] == list[j] fails.

# **Object Wrappers and Autoboxing**

list[i].intValue() == list[j].intValue();

#### java.lang.Integer 1.0

- int intValue()
  returns the value of this Integer object as an int (overrides the intValue method
  in the Number class).
- static String toString(int i)
   returns a new String object representing the number i in base 10.
- static String toString(int i, int radix)
   lets you return a representation of the number i in the base specified by the radix parameter.
- static int parseInt(String s)
- static int parseInt(String s, int radix)
  - returns the integer whose digits are contained in the string s. The string must represent an integer in base 10 (for the first method) or in the base given by the radix parameter (for the second method).
- static Integer valueOf(String s)
- static Integer valueOf(String s, int radix)
  - returns a new Integer object initialized to the integer whose digits are contained in the string s. The string must represent an integer in base 10 (for the first method) or in the base given by the radix parameter (for the second method).

#### java.text.NumberFormat 1.1

Number parse(String s)
returns the numeric value, assuming the specified String represents a number.

#### **Enum classes**

- Enumerated types alternatives to constants.
- public enum Size { SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, EXTRA\_LARGE }

```
public enum Size
 SMALL("S"), MEDIUM("M"), LARGE("L"), EXTRA LARGE("XL");
 private String abbreviation;
 private Size(String abbreviation) { this.abbreviation = abbreviation; }
 public String getAbbreviation() { return abbreviation; }
Size s = Enum.valueOf(Size.class, "SMALL");
```

### **Generic ArrayLists**

- ArrayList is a generic class with a type parameter.
- An example of polymorphism.
- Provides a dynamically growing (or shrinking) array of objects.
- ArrayList<Integer> mylist = new ArrayList<Integer>();
- or
- ArrayList<Integer> mylist = new ArrayList<>();

# **Generic ArrayLists**

#### java.util.ArrayList<E> 1.2

- ArrayList<E>()
   constructs an empty array list.
- ArrayList<E>(int initialCapacity)
   constructs an empty array list with the specified capacity.
- boolean add(E obj)
   appends obj at the end of the array list. Always returns true.
- int size()
  returns the number of elements currently stored in the array list. (Of course,
  this is never larger than the array list's capacity.)
- void ensureCapacity(int capacity)
   ensures that the array list has the capacity to store the given number of elements without reallocating its internal storage array.
- void trimToSize()
   reduces the storage capacity of the array list to its current size.

- Accessing ArrayList elements
- mylist.get(index);
- mylist.set(index,val);

 ArrayList.toString() already defined. Prints comma separated array element values.

#### **Interfaces**

```
public class Employee implements Comparable<Employee>
  private String name;
  private double salary;
  public Employee(String name, double salary)
      this.name = name;
      this.salary = salary;
  public String getName()
     return name;
  public double getSalary()
     return salary;
  public void raiseSalary(double byPercent)
     double raise = salary * byPercent / 100;
     salary += raise;
   * Compares employees by salary
    * @param other another Employee object
    * @return a negative value if this employee has a lower salary than
    * otherObject, 0 if the salaries are the same, a positive value otherwise
  public int compareTo(Employee other)
      return Double.compare(salary, other.salary);
```

#### Interfaces

```
x = new Comparable(. . .); // ERROR
Comparable x; // OK
x = new Employee(. . .); // OK provided Employee implements Comparable
```

# Interfaces – Single Inheritance with Multiple Interface Implementations.

- public interface Comparable{
- public int compareTo(Object otherobject);
- }

- class Manager extends Employee implements Comparable {
- •
- }



Can be as many as the programmer feels like.

#### **Interfaces – Default Methods**

 Somewhat like a default constructor, but you cannot instantiate objects of interfaces!

```
public interface Comparable<T>
  default int compareTo(T other) { return 0; }
     // by default, all elements are the same
                                    public interface Iterator<E>
                                       boolean hasNext();
                                       E next();
                                       default void remove() { throw new UnsupportedOperationException("remove"); }
```

#### Popular Use Case – Callbacks.

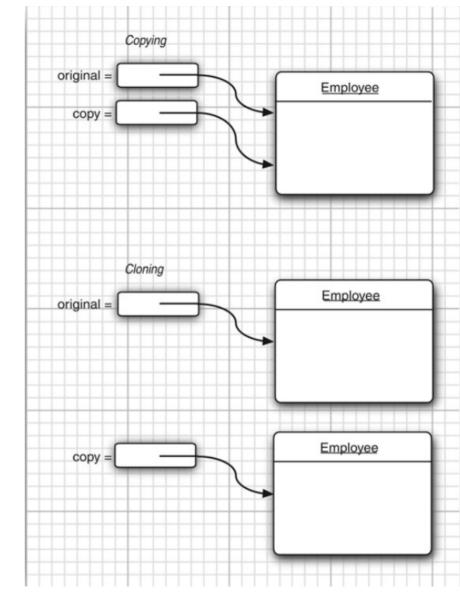
- Callback function frameworks use interfaces.
- Event listeners need to implement these interfaces and interface functions.

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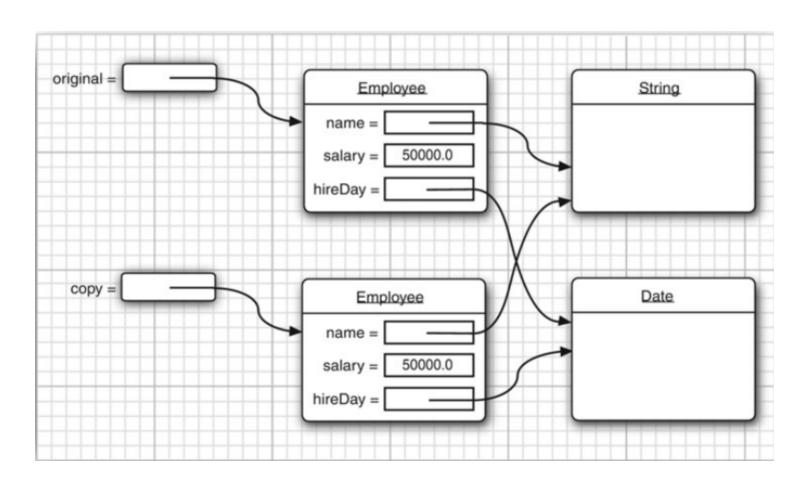
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import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import java.time.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class TimerTest
   public static void main(String[] args)
      var listener = new TimePrinter();
      // construct a timer that calls the listener
      // once every second
      var timer = new Timer(1000, listener);
      timer.start();
      // keep program running until the user selects "OK"
      JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Quit program?");
      System.exit(0);
class TimePrinter implements ActionListener
   public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
      System.out.println("At the tone, the time is "
         + Instant.ofEpochMilli(event.getWhen()));
      Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().beep();
```

#### **Object Cloning**

```
var original = new Employee("John Public", 50000);
Employee copy = original;
copy.raiseSalary(10); // oops--also changed original
Employee copy = original.clone();
copy.raiseSalary(10); // OK--original unchanged
```



#### **Object Cloning – Default:Shallow Copy**



#### **Object Cloning – Deep Copy: Implement Clonable**

```
class Employee implements Cloneable
  // public access, change return type
  public Employee clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException
     return (Employee) super.clone();
                                                          class Employee implements Cloneable
   . . .
                                                             public Employee clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException
                                                                // call Object.clone()
                                                                Employee cloned = (Employee) super.clone();
                                                                // clone mutable fields
                                                                cloned.hireDay = (Date) hireDay.clone();
                                                                 return cloned;
```