

# COMPUTER PROGRAMMING WEEK 7

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## THE SUBCLASS

- •Inherits the data and methods of the parent class
- Does not inherit the constructors of the parent class

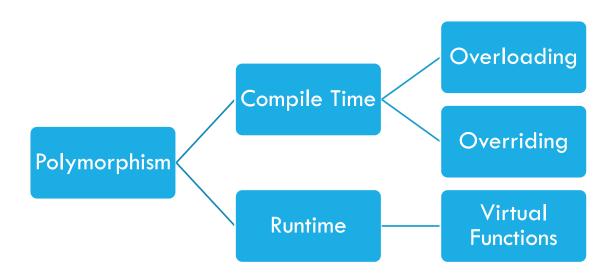
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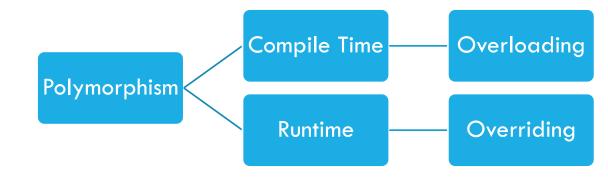
- 1) add new data
- 2) add new methods
- 3) change the implementation of parent method.

# INVOKING PARENT CLASS CONSTRUCTORS

```
public class Employee {
    protected String name;
    protected double salary;
    protected Date birthDate;
    public Employee (String name, double salary, Date birthDate) {
        this.name = name;
        this.salary = salary;
        this.birthDate = birthDate;
    }
    //...
}
```

#### **POLYMORPHISM**





In Object Oriented Paradigm

In Java

#### **OVERLOADING METHODS**

Polymorphism: the ability to have many different forms

- Methods overloading:
- methods having the same name,
- argument list must differ,
- return types can be different, but we cannot overload on return type
- Example:

```
public void println(int i)
public void println(float f)
public void println(String s)
```

### **OVERLOADING METHODS**

The arguments can be differ in:

public void **println** (int i)

1- change number of arguments.

public void println(int i, string s, float f)

2- change type (data type) of arguments.

public void println(float i)

3- change position of arguments.

public void println(string s, float f, int i)

## **OVERRIDING METHODS**

- •A subclass can modify the **behavior** inherited from a parent class
- •A subclass can create a method with different functionality than the parent's method but with the:
- same name
- same **argument list**
- same **return type**

#### **EXAMPLE**

#### INVOKING OVERRIDDEN METHODS

# OVERRIDDEN METHODS CANNOT BE LESS ACCESSIBLE

```
public class Parent{
    public void foo() {}
}

public class Child extends Parent{
    private void foo() {} //illegal
}
```

#### **Overriding Methods**

Polymorphism: the ability to have many different forms

```
Employee e = new Employee(...);
System.out.println( e.toString() );
e = new Manager(...); //Correct
System.out.println( e.toString() );
```

Which toString() is invoked?

#### Static vs. Dynamic type of a reference

```
// static (compile time) type is: Employee
Employee e;
// dynamic (run time) type is: Employee
e = new Employee();
// dynamic (run time) type is: Manager
e = new Manager();
```

#### **Polymorhic Arguments**

```
public String createMessage( Employee e ) {
   return "Hello, "+e.getName();
//...
Employee e1 = new Employee ("Endre", 2000, new Date (20, 8, 1986));
Manager m1 = new Manager ("Johann", 3000,
                          new Date(15, 9, 1990), "Sales");
System.out.println(createMessage(e1));
System.out.println(createMessage(m1));
```

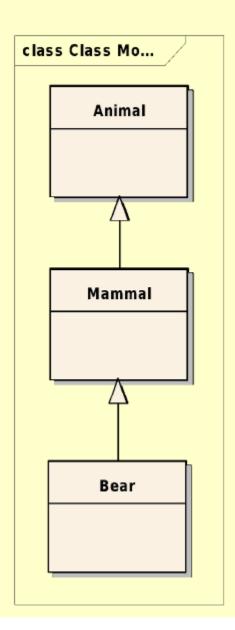
### **Heterogeneous Arrays**

```
Employee emps[] = new Employee[ 100 ];
emps[ 0 ] = new Employee();
emps[ 1 ] = new Manager();
emps[ 2 ] = new Employee();
// ...
// print employees
for( Employee e: emps ) {
  System.out.println(e.toString());
// count managers
int counter = 0;
for( Employee e: emps ) {
  if( e instanceof Manager ) {
      ++counter;
```

### Static vs. Dynamic type of a reference

```
Employee e = new Manager ("Johann", 3000,
                         new Date(10,9,1980), "sales");
System.out.println( e.getDepartment() );// ERROR
//Solution
System.out.println( ((Manager) e).getDepartment() );// CORRECT
//Better Solution
if ( e instanceof Manager ) {
    System.out.println(((Manager) e).getDepartment());
```

### The instanceof Operator



```
Animal a = new Bear();

//expressions
a instanceof Animal → true
a instanceof Mammal → true
a instanceof Bear → true
a instanceof Date → false
```