Week 4: Diving into OOP Pt. 2

CS 151

Java - Compile Time vs Runtime Errors

Compile Time Error

- Errors detected before the code even executes, these prevent running the program
- Syntax errors (missing semicolon, unmatched braces)
- Type errors (assigning a String to integer variable)
- using a class or package that isn't defined or improperly imported
- in general, things that are fundamentally wrong with the code

Runtime Error

- Errors that come from theoretically sound code, but something happens when running
- Nil pointer errors (attempting to reference car.Color when car is null)
- Array Index out of bounds
- Out of Memory errors (running out of memory due to excessive resource allocation, like a never ending while loop)

Inheritance:

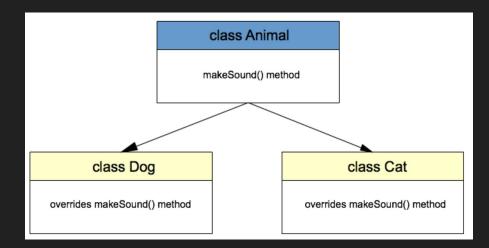
- defines a base class
- other classes can be derived from it

- Polymorphism:

 allows objects of derived classes to interpret methods from the base class more specifically

Example:

- Class Animal defines makeNoise()
- various subclasses of Animal provide specific implementations of makeNoise()
- Although the reference type is Animal, the actual method called depends on the object's actual class



```
public void makeNoise() {
   System.out.println("Some generic animal noise");
public void makeNoise() {
   System.out.println("Bark");
public void makeNoise() {
   System.out.println("Meow");
```

```
public void makeNoise() {
    System.out.println("Chirp");
public static void main(String[] args) {
   Animal myDog = new Dog();
    Animal myBird = new Bird();
   myDog.makeNoise(); // Output: Bark
   myCat.makeNoise(); // Output: Meow
   myBird.makeNoise(); // Output: Chirp
```

- Why is this useful?
- It allows a single method to work on objects of different types
- This allows us to write more effective code with the Animal Class
 - Consider a list of Animals and we iterate through calling makeNoise()
 - As another dev working on Animal class, you don't need to know how each Animal makes noise

```
List<Animal> animals = new ArrayList<>();
Animal dog = new Dog();
Animal cat = new Cat();
Animal genericAnimal = new Animal();
animals.add(dog);
animals.add(cat);
animals.add(genericAnimal);
for (Animal animal: animals) {
   animal.makeNoise(); // Polymorphism in action!
```

- Think of it in terms of Parent class and Child class
- A Child learns from its Parents
 - has access to the fields/methods of the superclass
- But a child learns newer things
 - a child class has its own fields/methods that the parent cannot access

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Reference type (LHS)

- type on the left determines methods and properties accessible at compile time
- you can only access methods defined in the Animal class
- it can be useful to treat a Dog object as an Animal object
- many methods, such as equals(), or anything that involves a collection []Animal, benefit
 from a more generic and flexible assignment

Object type (RHS)

- type of the actual class of the object created at runtime
- new Dog() creates an object of type Dog
- even though you can only call Animal methods, the actual method being run is determined by the object via poly
- because the object itself is type Dog, Java uses polymorphism to execute the Dog's overridden version of the method

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Compile-time (LHS)

- Checks that we are calling methods that are defined in Animal class
- dog.makeSound() would be valid because the reference type declares it

- Run-time (RHS)

- JVM determines the actual object type (Dog), finds the makeSound() method in the Dog class, and invokes the overridden version
- Intuitively: A Dog object in memory should always run the Dog version of makeSound()

Casting

Upcasting

- converting a subclass reference to a superclass reference
- implicit casting and is always safe
- allows treating an object more generally good for polymorphism, such as storing objects in a collection of the superclass type

Downcasting

- converting a superclass reference into a more specific subclass reference
- is not inherently safe (not all Employees are PartTimeEmployees) so requires explicit casting
- If you downcast to something that isn't a subclass, you will hit ClassCastException at runtime
 - you can check against this by using instanceof to validate

```
public void work() {
   System.out.println("Employee is working");
public void calculatePay() {
   System.out.println("Calculating hourly pay");
public static void main(String[] args) {
   Employee emp = new HourlyEmployee(); // Implicit upcasting
    emp.work(); // Output: Employee is working - but what if HourlyEmployee had overriden work()?
    if (emp instanceof HourlyEmployee) {
            HourlyEmployee hourlyEmp = (HourlyEmployee) emp;
            hourlyEmp.calculatePay();
```

- Can this method be improved?
 - .getPay() might be different for an Hourly vs Salaried Employee
 - Why doesn't polymorphism solve this problem?
 - Employee class cannot provide a default implementation that would make sense for all subclasses
- Ideally: We postpone the definition of getPay() until the type of employee is known
- Abstract classes have headings but no method body, just a placeholder

```
public boolean samePay(Employee other) {
    return(this.getPay() == other.getPay());
abstract class Employee {
    public abstract double getPay();
    public boolean samePay(Employee other) {
        return this.getPay() == other.getPay();
```

- Abstract Classes can define methods for subclasses without providing concrete implementations
 - by declaring getPay an abstract method, all subclasses MUST provide an implementation
- As the name suggests, an abstract Class cannot be instantiated. In this case, an Employee object cannot be created.
- This helps ensure proper polymorphic behavior

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- Abstract classes cannot be private
 - They are designed to serve as base classes and be inherited, and private would prevent other classes from accessing it
- Abstract methods have no method body and just end with a semicolon
- If a derived class of an abstract class does not define all the abstract methods, then it too is an abstract class and needs to add the abstract modifier

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- Any class with an abstract method is called an abstract class and must use the keyword abstract
- A class that has no abstract methods is called a concrete class
- Although you cannot create an Object of an abstract class, you can use it as a parameter in various methods

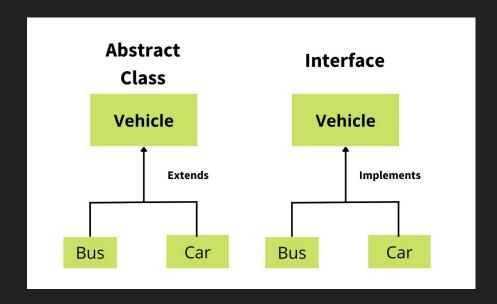
```
abstract class Employee {
    // Abstract method that subclasses must implement
    public abstract double getPay();

    // Method to compare pay between employees
    public boolean samePay(Employee other) {
        return this.getPay() == other.getPay();
    }
}
```

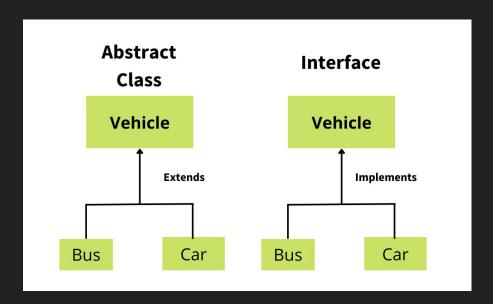
```
public HourlyEmployee(double hourlyRate, double hoursWorked) {
public double getPay() {
public SalariedEmployee (double annualSalary) {
public double getPay() {
```

- When do we use abstract classes?
 - You don't want the base class to be instantiated on its own
 - You want to enforce that all subclasses implement makeNoise() or other methods without providing default implementation
- When to avoid abstract classes?
 - You can provide a reasonable implementation for all methods in the base class
 - You want to allow the base class to be instantiated directly, and makeNoise() could have a generic but meaningless implementation ("some generic animal sound")
 - When an interface will suffice

- An interface is similar to a base class in inheritance, but it is not a class
 - Some languages allow one class to be derived from two or more base classes, although this is not allowed in Java
 - Instead, Java allows a class to implement multiple interfaces



- An interface is something like an extreme abstract class
 - but it is not a class
 - An interface is a type that can be satisfied by any class that implements it
 - Think of an interface as an agreement that each class implementing it must satisfy
- It specifies the set of methods that any implementing class must have
 - Contains method headings and constant definitions only
 - No instance variable or any complete method definitions



- A class implementing an interface must implement ALL methods defined in the interface
- An interface and all its method headings should be public
 - and any class that implements it must keep these methods public
- Because an interface is a type, a method can be written with a parameter of an interface type

```
interface Chargeable {
    int STANDARD VOLTAGE = 220;
    void charge();
class Smartphone implements Chargeable {
    private String model;
    public Smartphone (String model) {
        this.model = model;
    @Override
    public void charge() {
        System.out.println("Charging " + model + "
at " + STANDARD VOLTAGE + " volts.");
class ChargingStation {
    public void plugInAndCharge (Chargeable device) {
        System.out.println("Device plugged in.");
        device.charge();
```

- Interfaces can also declare defined constants
 - all variables in an interface must be public, static, and final
 - Only because this is understood, Java allows these modifiers to be omitted
- A class can only inherit from one base class but can implement any number of interfaces

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interface Chargeable {
    int STANDARD VOLTAGE = 220;
    void charge();
class Smartphone implements Chargeable {
    private String model;
    public Smartphone(String model) {
        this.model = model;
    public void charge() {
        System.out.println("Charging " + model + " at
```

```
// Define an interface
interface Drivable {
    void drive();
}

// Implement the interface in a class
class Car implements Drivable {
    @Override
    public void drive() {
        System.out.println("The car is driving.");
    }
}
```

```
public void startDriving(Drivable vehicle) {
    vehicle.drive();
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Drivable myCar = new Car();
    Driver driver = new Driver();
    driver.startDriving(myCar);
```

```
interface Drivable {
   void drive();
   void charge();
   private String model;
   public ElectricScooter(String model) {
        this.model = model:
```

```
public void drive() {
    System.out.println("The electric scooter is zooming
public void charge() {
    System.out.println("Charging the electric scooter...");
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ElectricScooter myScooter = new ElectricScooter("Xiaomi
    myScooter.drive(); // Output: The electric scooter is
    myScooter.charge(); // Output: Charging the electric
```

Interfaces - instanceOf

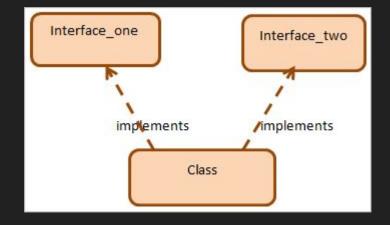
- You can also check interface implementation with instanceof
 - if myPhone instanceOf Smartphone
 - if myPhone instanceOf Chargeable
- Compare this to:

The reference (left hand side)
 determines the methods available
 to call

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Object[] objects = new Object[] {
        new ElectricScooter("Model X1"),
        new Car("Tesla"),
        new ElectricScooter ("Model Y2")
    for (Object obj : objects) {
        if (obj instanceof Drivable) {
            ((Drivable) obj).drive();
            System.out.println("This object is not
drivable: " + obj);
```

Interfaces - Inconsistency

- When a class implements 2 interfaces
 - Inconsistency will occur if the interfaces have constants with the same name but different values
 - Or when they contain methods with the same signature or different return types
 - If a Class definition implements two inconsistent interfaces, then that Class definition is illegal and compile time exception will be thrown



Interfaces vs Polymorphism

- Could this polymorphism example have been interfaces?
 - class Bird implements NoiseMaker
 which stipulates void makeNoise
- Interfaces are contracts they specify what methods a Class must implement, but doesn't provide any behavior
- Because all Animals have shared attributes, it makes sense for them to have the same superclass

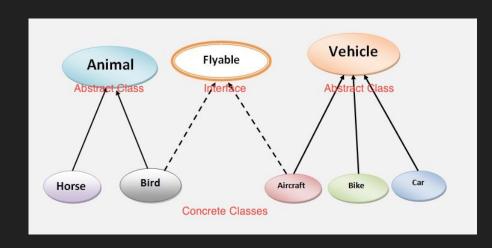
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Interfaces vs Abstract Classes

Interface:

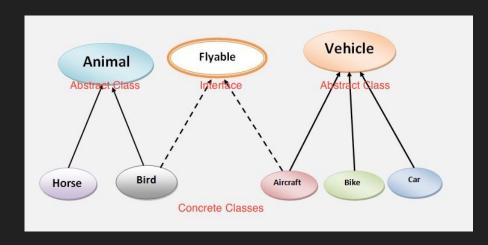
- Specifies methods that must be implemented
- Classes can implement multiple interfaces, allowing for a form of multiple inheritance
- Cannot contain instance variables, only constants (static final variables)

- Common base for a group of related classes, some methods can be defined for shared code and some left abstract
- A class can only extend one abstract class, making it more restrictive
- Like other classes, it can have instance variables and fully implemented methods to provide common functionality



Interfaces vs Abstract Classes

- Use an interface if:
 - You need somewhat unrelated classes to implement the same methods
 - You want to specify method signatures without implementation details
 - Your classes don't share an ancestor
- Use an abstract class if:
 - You have common behavior that multiple related classes should inherit
 - You want to provide some default method implementations but leave others abstract
 - You have fields/constructors in the base class that apply to all subclasses



Midterm - October 3rd

Topics covered on the midterm will include, but are not limited to:

- Any material from slides weeks 1 6
- Data types, variable assignment, functions/methods in Java
- Classes, Objects, Constructors
- Inheritance, Interfaces, Abstract Classes, Overloading, Overriding, Casting
- UML Class Diagrams, UML Sequence Diagrams
- SDLC, Exception Handling
- Multiple Choice, 50 questions, during normal class time

Please bring a pencil/eraser and your student ID

HW:

- Create abstract class MediaContent
 - methods: play(), getDuration()
 - attributes: title, releaseYear, duration
- Create interface: Downloadable
 - methods: download()
- Class Movie (extends MediaContent, implements Downloadable)
 - attributes: Genre, Director
 - bonus: can you limit the number of acceptable Genres to Comedy and Action?
- class TVSeries (extends MediaContent, implements Downloadable)
 - attributes: seasons, episodesPerSeason

- class Documentary (extends MediaContent)
 - attributes: category, narrator
- Main class:
 - Create an array of MediaContent with items from all 3 classes
 - Loop through and call play() and getDuration() for each object
 - Use instanceof to check for Downloadable objects and if available, download it

```
if (media instanceof Downloadable) {
     ((Downloadable) media). download();
}
```

HW 2:

- Create a Zoo class with:
 - Abstract Class Animal
 - methods makeSound, getDiet
 - Interface Trainable
 - method performTrick
 - Class Mammal (extends Animal)
 - Attribute: furType
 - Implements methods from
 Animal with "generic mammal sound" and "omnivore"
 - Class Bird (extends Animal, implements Trainable)
 - attribute: wingspan (double)
 - getDiet, performTrick return "Insectivore" and "flying in circles!"

- Class Lion (extends Mammal)
 - makeSound, getDiet returns "Roar" and "Carnivore"
- Class Parrot (extends Bird)
 - makeSound, getDiet return "Squawk" and "Herbivore"
 - performTrick returns "the Parrot is mimicking sounds!"
- Main:
 - Create an Array of Lion, Parrot,
 Mammal, Bird
 - Loop through and print the results of calling makeSound, getDiet
 - Use instanceOf to call performTrick on Trainable objects