CS2030 Programming Methodology

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Tutorial 1 Suggested Guidance

Abstraction, Encapsulation and Inheritance

1. Given the following program fragment.

```
class A {
    public int x = 5;
    public static int y = 1;

    public A() {
        x = x + 1;
        y = y + 1;
    }
}
```

By either creating a main method or using JShell, invoke the following:

```
A a1 = new A();
A a2 = new A();
```

- (a) After executing a1.x = 10, what is the value of a2.x?
- (b) After executing a1.y = 10, what is the value of a2.y?
- (c) What is the significance of the **static** keyword used during instance variable declaration? How is it useful?
- (d) Is A.x = 3 a valid statement? How about a1.x = 3 and A.y = 3?

Students are expected to try it and infer the differences between an instance variable, and a class (static) variable used for aggregation purposes. Even though al.y is valid, it is considered a bad programming practice to access a class field through an instance variable; the proper way is to use the class name A.y.

2. Consider the following two classes:

```
public class P {
    private int x;
    public void changeSelf() {
        x = 1;
    }
    public void changeAnother(P p) {
        public void changeAnother(P p) {
            p.x = 1;
    }
}
```

- (a) Which line(s) above violate the private access modifier of x?
- (b) What does this say about the concept of an "abstraction barrier"?

The abstraction barrier sits between the client and the implementer. Here class P is the implementer, and Q is the client that makes use of the p, an object of P.

The barrier is not broken when one one object of type P accesses the instance variables of another type P object, since P is the sole implementer.

3. Given the following class Circle.

```
public class Circle {
    Point centre;
    double radius;
    public Circle(Point centre, double radius) {
        this.centre = centre;
        this.radius = radius;
    }
    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        System.out.println("equals(Object) called");
        if (obj == this) {
            return true;
        }
        if (obj instanceof Circle) {
            Circle circle = (Circle) obj;
            return (circle.centre.equals(centre) && circle.radius == radius);
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
    public boolean equals(Circle circle) {
        System.out.println("equals(Circle) called");
        return circle.centre.equals(centre) && circle.radius == radius;
    }
}
In the following fragment
Circle c1 = new Circle(new Point(0, 0), 10);
Circle c2 = new Circle(new Point(0, 0), 10);
Object o1 = c1;
Object o2 = c2;
What is the output of the following statements?
(a) o1.equals(o2);
                                      (e) c1.equals(o2);
(b) o1.equals((Circle) o2);
                                      (f) c1.equals((Circle) o2);
(c) o1.equals(c2);
                                      (g) c1.equals(c2);
(d) o1.equals(c1);
                                      (h) c1.equals(o1);
```

```
jshell> o1.equals(o2)
equals(Object) called
$7 ==> false
jshell> o1.equals((Circle) o2)
equals(Object) called
$8 ==> false
jshell> o1.equals(c2)
equals(Object) called
$9 ==> false
jshell> o1.equals(c1)
equals(Object) called
$10 ==> true
jshell> c1.equals(o2)
equals(Object) called
$11 ==> false
jshell> c1.equals((Circle) o2);
equals(Circle) called
$12 ==> false
jshell> c1.equals(c2)
equals(Circle) called
$13 ==> false
jshell> c1.equals(o1)
equals(Object) called
$14 ==> true
```

Calling the equals method though a reference of type Object would invoke the toString method of Object, but which is overridden by the same method of the sub-class Circle.

The only time that the overloaded method equals(Circle circle) can be called is when the method is invoked through an object of Circle type, and the argument is an object of Circle type also.

4. Which of the following program fragments will result in a compilation error?

```
(a) class A {
       public void f(int x) {}
       public void f(boolean y) {}
(b) class A {
       public void f(int x) {}
       public void f(int y) {}
(c) class A {
       private void f(int x) {}
       public void f(int y) {}
   }
(d) class A {
       public int f(int x) {
           return x;
       public void f(int y) {}
   }
(e) class A {
       public void f(int x, String s) {}
       public void f(String s, int y) {}
Method overloading supports a class to have more than one method of the same name
(or constructor) with different argument lists (number/type/order of parameters).
(a) Compilable
(b) A.java:3: error: method f(int) is already defined in class A
        public void f(int y) {}
   1 error
(c) A.java:3: error: method f(int) is already defined in class A
        public void f(int y) {}
   1 error
(\mathrm{d}) A.java:5: error: method f(int) is already defined in class A
        public void f(int y) {}
   1 error
```

(e) Compilable

- 5. In Lecture #3, we designed the class Rectangle that inherits from the class Shape. Now we want to design a class Square that inherits from Rectangle. A square has the constraint that the four sides are of the same length.
 - (a) How should Square be implemented such that we obtain the following using JShell?

```
jshell Shape.java Rectangle.java Square.
java
| Welcome to JShell -- Version 9.0.4
| For an introduction type: /help intro

jshell> Square s = new Square(5)
s ==> Square with area 25.00 and perimeter 20.00
jshell>
```

(b) Do you think Square should inherit from Rectangle? Or should it be the other way around? Or maybe they should not inherit from each other?

Suppose Square inherits from Rectangle, so methods in Rectangle gets inherited by Square.

One method that can be included into class Rectangle is the

```
resize(int width, int height)
```

method that resizes the rectangle object.

Now, suppose a client of the rectangle class receives Rectangle objects (some of which could be of type Square). By applying resize on these objects, one can turn a square into a rectangle since the method resize is inherited from Rectangle to a Square. Even is setsize can be overridden in Square, which of the two parameters, height or width would it use?