

# JAVA POLYMORPHISM





## **Objective**

The primary objective for this lab is to enable you to derive new types and to override functionality.

#### Overview

Read the instructions below and critically evaluate each code sample. Trust nothing and make comments that will be reviewed as a class.

### Part 1 - Racing cars

#### Scenario

You are going to work with a project which consists of a Car class, a RacingCar class and a Program (test) class that fills a Car[] array with Cars and RacingCars objects.

The **Program** class will then process each **Car**, setting their initial speeds to 60MPH (this is done using a blatant cheat that normal cars don't usually possess – a **getToSixty()** method).

The test will then continue by making each 'Car' accelerate for 2 seconds before writing their model and speed to the Console.

If the car is a RacingCar we will need to add some additional code to the Program class so that a little extra information is written out.

#### Step by step

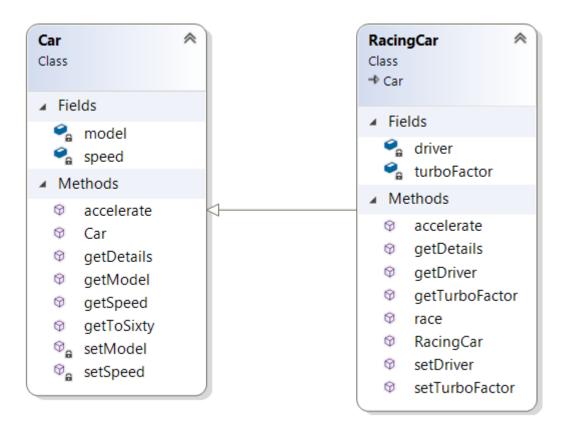
- 1. Open the Labs project.
- 2. Add a class called **Program** with a **main()** method in a package called **exercise8**.
- 3. Add a class called **Car** to the new package.
- 4. Add another class called **RacingCar**. This class extends Car.
- 5. The Car and RacingCar classes will have the fields and methods as displayed in the class diagram below.



6. You will also need to add constructors for the two classes.

Study the diagram below before writing any code.

Please also note that any method shown below with the same name as the class is the constructor for that class.



7. Add code to the **Car** class.

Create getters and setters for the **model** and **speed** fields. The **getToSixty()** method just sets the **speed** to 60.

The accelerate method should look like **void accelerate**(**int** seconds) and increase the speed by five seconds.

- 8. Create a suitable constructor for the Car class to set the model.
- 9. Add a method called getDetails() to return the speed and the model of the field values.
- 10. Add extra code to the RacingCar class.

Add a **String driver** field with getters and setters. Add an **int turboFactor** with getters and setters.

- 11. You'll have to create a suitable constructor for the RacingCar class to record the driver's name as well as the model.
- 12. Create a method in the RacingCar class called race() which just prints a message like 'Racing!'



13. The **accelerate()** method will invoke the base class (Car) accelerate method and then multiply the **speed** by the **turboFactor**.

**Tip:** Use the **super.accelerate()** method.

- 14. Override the getDetails of the super class (Car) to return the name of the driver as well.
- 15. The **main()** method should create an array of Cars comprising of a few cars and racing cars.
- 16. The main() method should then pass the cars array to a method called **processCars**.

The processCars method currently:

- Gets each 'Car' up to 60MPH as a start point.
- Then accelerates each Car for two seconds.
- And displays details of each car.
- You'll also display the driver's name but only if a Car is of type RacingCar.

You'll need to examine the type of car in the array and if it is a RacigCar, cast it to a RacingCar in order to get the driver's name.

**Tip:** use **instanceof** like: if (**c instanceof** *RacingCar*) {....} where '**c'** is a car element in the array.

17. Replace the **getDetails()** method with an override of the Object class's **toString()** method. All Objects have a toString() method which you can use to get details of an object.



## Part 2 - Employee hierarchy

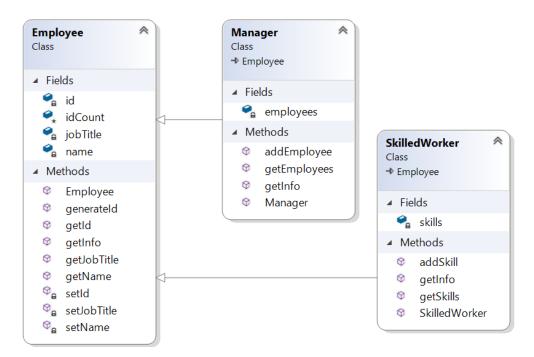
#### **Scenario**

In these labs, you will design and create a class hierarchy for an employee tracking system.

## Designing the hierarchy

18. Create the following classes.

The employee class is provided below. Just copy and paste. We'll need you to concentrate on the other two classes.



To get you started here is the code for the Employee class:

```
public class Employee {
     private String name;
     private String jobTitle;
     private int id;
     protected static int idCount;
     public String getName() { return name; }
     private void setName(String name) { this.name = name; }
     public String getJobTitle() { return jobTitle; }
     private void setJobTitle(String jobTitle) { this.jobTitle = jobTitle;}
     private void setId(int id) { this.id = id; }
     public int getId() { return id;}
     public Employee(String name, String jobTitle ) {
             setId(++Employee.idCount * 10);
             setName(name);
             setJobTitle(jobTitle);
     }
```



```
public String getInfo() {
    String info = "\n**** ****";
    info += "Name: " + getName() + "\n";
    info += "Job Title: "+ getJobTitle() + "\n";
    info += "Employee ID: "+ getId()+ "\n";
    return info;
}
```

- 19. The Manager class holds an ArrayList<Employee> called employees.
- 20. The addEmployee(Employee emp) method adds the emp object to the employees ArrayList.
- 21. The **getInfo()** method of the Manager should first gather the manager's details (using super.getInfo()) and then use a for-loop to go through the **employees** ArrayList in order to call their getInfo() method. It should then return the resulting string.
- 22. The **SkilledWorker** has an **ArrayList** <String> called **skills** which holds the names of skills possessed by a SkilledWorker instance.
- 23. The addSkill(String skill) method adds the skill String to skills.
- 24. In the main() method:
  - 1. Create a Manager instance.
  - 2. Create a few regular Employee instances and add them to the manager's employees ArrayList.
  - 3. Create a SkilledWorker object with a few skills and then add the instance to the Manager's employee ArrayList.
  - 4. Call the manager's getInfo() method and display the result.

Question: Can we add a manager instance to a manager's employees?



