

interface: defines how clients interact with a module

Last time: encapsulation/modularity

Java "interface": language feature for making interfaces for classes, signatures for public methods

Today: subtyping

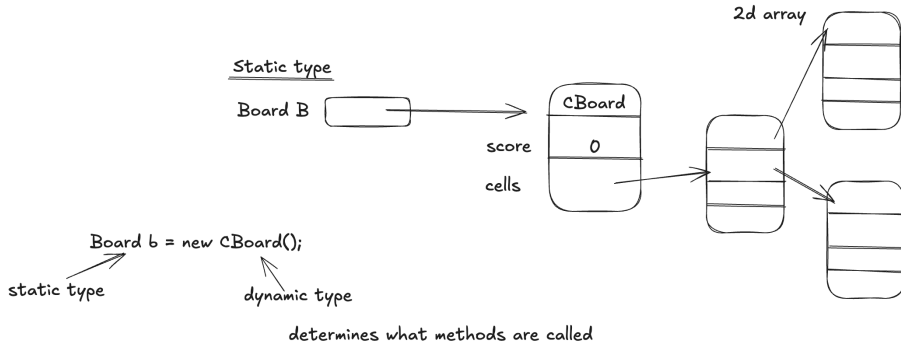
Abstraction barrier

clients can't tell which implementation is being used

example

```
void display(Board b){  
  .  
  .  
  b.tile(r,c)  
  .  
  .  
}
```

calls CBoard.tile
or TBoard.tile
depending on what b
refers to

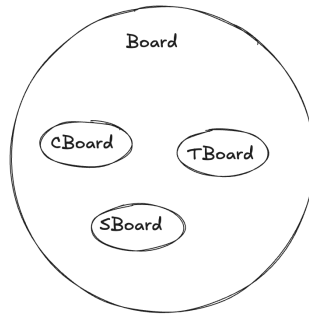


Subtyping

a CBoard can be
used wherever
a Board is
expected

CBoard is a subtype
of Board

CBoard <: Board
↑
means subset



subtype relationships

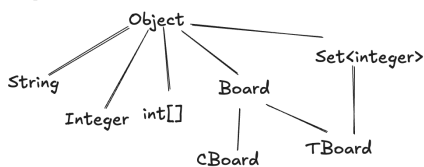
C Implements I, C <: I

I1 extends I2, I1 <: I2

C1 extends C2, C1 <: C2 ← inheritance

Subtype hierarchy

A class can implement >1 interface



```
class TBoard implements Board, Set<Integer>{  
  boolean contains(Integer i){  
    //loop over tiles  
  }  
}
```

must implement Set<Integer> method

Sound typing

Dynamic type must be a subtype of the static type

Casts

(t)e view value of e as a t

down-cast: supertype -> subtype

up-cast:

```
CBoard c = ...  
Board b = (Board) c;  
//can't fail, equiv. b = c
```

CBoard d = (CBoard) b;
- can fail with ClassCastException
eg. if b is actually a TBoard
- exposes CBoard
subtyping != encapsulation

```
interface SolvableBoard extends Board{  
  Direction[] solve();  
}
```

SolvableBoard <: Board

