

AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A

UNIT 7: REMAINING TOPICS

Day 4: Inheritance

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Inheritance (Parent/Child Classes)

class A
(superclass)

class B
(subclass)

important keywords for parent/child classes:
extends

links child class to its parent

class can only extend one class *but* can have several classes extending each other in a chain

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super

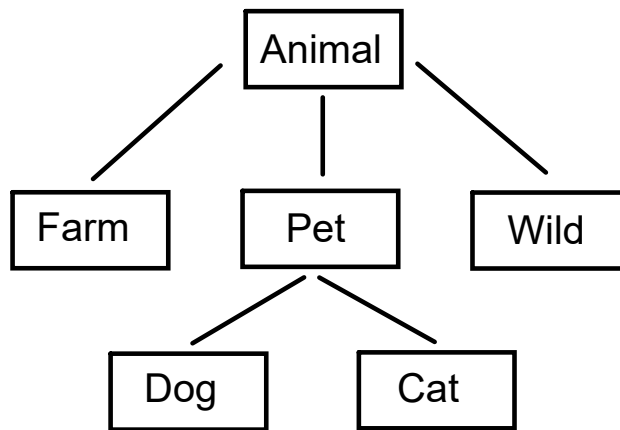
calls methods/constructors from parent class

if the parent class does not have the method, Java looks at the next parent class up the ladder

at the top ALL classes inherit from **Object**

note: class templates must be in the same folder and the parent must be compiled before child or you will get a compilation error

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```
public class Animal {
    private int age;
    private double weight;
    public Animal(int a, double w) {
        if (a >= 0)
            age = a;
        else
            age = 0;
        if (w > 0)
            weight = w;
        else
            weight = -1; //signals weight unknown
    }
    public String toString() {
        return "age: " + age + "\nweight: " + weight;
    }
    public int getAge() {
        return age;
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
}
```

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Notes:

- In a child class's CONSTRUCTOR, the call to the parent's CONSTRUCTOR must be the first line of code
- Even if you DO NOT code a call to the parent's constructor, Java DOES implicitly include one - it would be to the default constructor - if the parent does NOT have a default constructor, the child would not compile

```
public class Pet extends Animal{
    private String name;
    public Pet(String n, int a, double w){
        super(a, w);
        name = n;
    }
    public String toString() {
        return name + "\n" + super.toString();
    }
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
}
```

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```
public class Dog extends Pet {
    private String breed;
    public Dog(String n, String b, int a, double w){
        super(n, a, w);
        breed = b;
    }
    public String toString() {
        return super.toString() + "\nbreed: " + breed;
    }
    public void speak() {
        System.out.println("Woof");
    }
}
```

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```

public class Cat extends Pet {
    private boolean longhair;
    public Cat(String n, int a, double w, boolean l){
        super(n, a, w);
        longhair = l;
    }
    public String toString() {
        if (longhair)
            return super.toString() + "\nis a longhair cat";
        else
            return super.toString() + "\nis not a longhair cat";
    }
    public void speak() {
        System.out.println("Meow");
    }
}

```

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creating objects that extend

child types can be put into parent variables BUT NOT vice versa

Which lines will NOT compile and why?

```

Animal a1 = new Animal();
Animal a2 = new Animal(5, 15.2);
Animal a3 = new Animal(-2, 17.8);
Pet p1 = new Animal(3, 17.5);
Pet p2 = new Pet(4, 35.2);
Pet p3 = new Pet("Dolly", 6, 25.6);
Animal a4 = new Pet("Rascal", 3, 17.5);
Dog d1 = new Animal(7, 16.8);
Dog d2 = new Pet("Fido", 8, 28.2);
Dog d3 = new Dog("Rex", 4, 15.4);
Dog d4 = new Dog("Samson", "Dalmation", 1, 40);
Cat c1 = new Cat("Sebastion", 3, 15, false);
Animal a5 = new Dog("Sandy", "Beagle", 10, 45.2);
Pet p4 = new Dog("Tiger", "Greyhound", 2, 16.1);
Cat c2 = new Cat("Beatrice", 5, 17.2, true);
a5.speak();
d4.speak();
c2.speak();
p3.speak();
int age = c1.getAge();

```

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What prints out for each of the following?

<code>System.out.println(a2 + "\n");</code>	age: 5 weight: 15.2
<code>System.out.println(a3 + "\n");</code>	age: 0 weight: 17.8
<code>System.out.println(p3 + "\n");</code>	Dolly age: 6 weight: 25.6
<code>System.out.println(a4 + "\n");</code>	Rascal age: 3 weight: 17.5
<code>System.out.println(d4 + "\n");</code>	Samson age: 1 weight: 40.0 breed: Dalmation
<code>System.out.println(a5 + "\n");</code>	Sandy age: 10 weight: 45.2 breed: Beagle
<code>System.out.println(c1 + "\n");</code>	Sebastian age: 3 weight: 15.0 is not a longhair cat

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