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Fundamentals of Computer Science I

06 - Inheritance and Interfaces

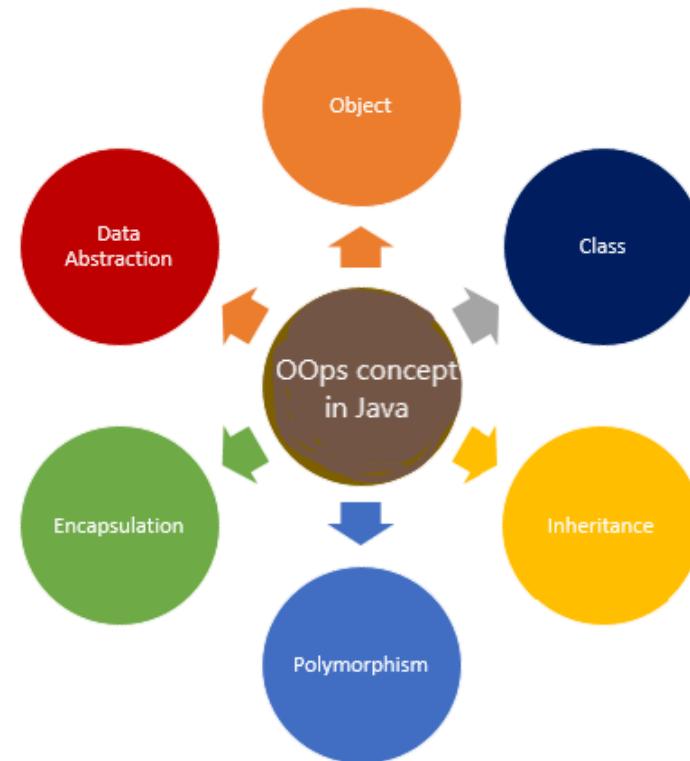
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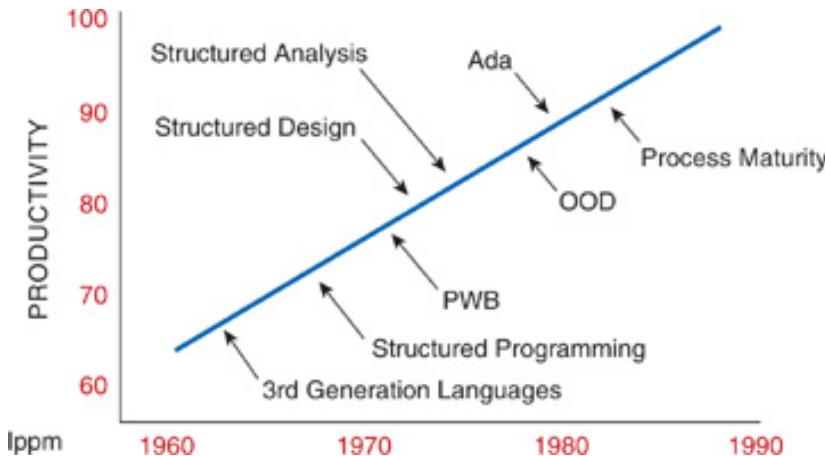
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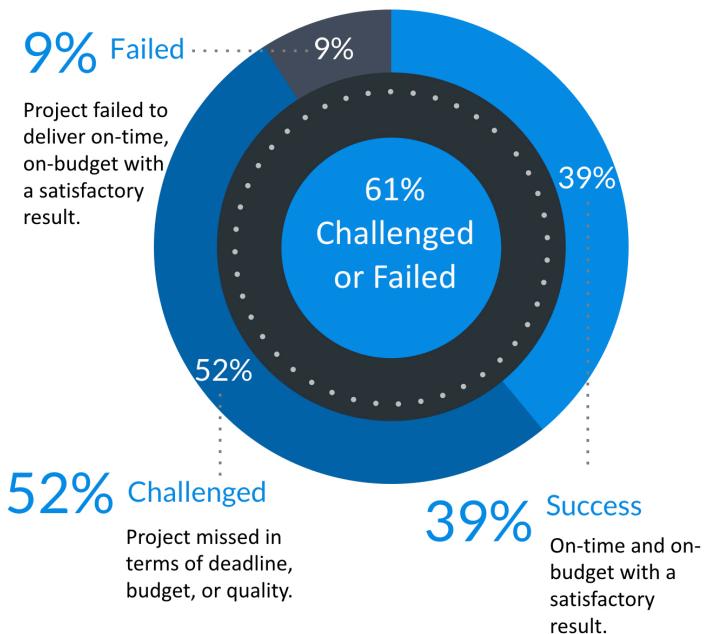


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Inheritance

- **Inheritance** is a way to form new classes based on existing classes, taking on their attributes/behavior.
 - A way to group related classes
 - A way to share code between two or more classes
- One class can extend another, absorbing its data/behavior
 - **superclass**: The parent class that is being extended.
 - **subclass**: The child class that extends the superclass and inherits its behavior and gets a copy of every field and method from superclass

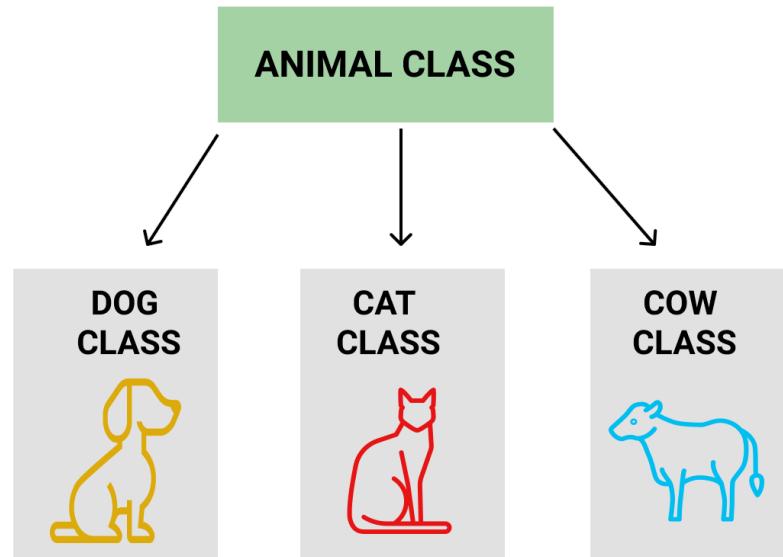
Inheritance - Syntax

- The **extends** keyword: to make a new class that derives from existing class
- The meaning of "**extends**" is to increase the functionality.

```
public class <SUB_CLASS> extends <SUPER_CLASS>
{
    ...
}
```

Inheritance - Purposes

- Extending a class and **overriding methods**
- Allows greater flexibility in **reusing code**
- Creates hierarchies of related object types



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Inheritance - Is-a Relationship & Hierarchy

- **Is-a** Relationship: a hierarchical connection where one category can be treated as a specialized version of another.
 - **Subclasses** have an **is-a** relationship with **superclass** that they are derived from
 - A **Dog** is a type of **Animal**
 - **Animal** includes **Dog**, **Cat**, **Bird**, etc.
 - The **subclasses** consists of all attributes and methods that their **superclass** has
 - The **subclasses** inherit all the state and behaviors of the **superclass**
 - The **subclass** and **superclass** are known as **child** and **parent** classes respectively
- Inheritance Hierarchy: a set of classes connected by **is-a** relationships that can share common code.

Inheritance - Subclass Constructors

- The constructors of subclass should **always** be overridden using **super** keyword
- The local constructor needs to **initiate** the local attributes itself

```
public class Animal
{
    private String name;

    public Animal(String name)
    {
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

```
public class Dog extends Animal
{
    private int age;

    public Dog(String name, int age)
    {
        super(name);
        this.age = age;
    }
}
```

Animal
name

Dog
age

Inheritance - Overriding Methods

- Implement a **new** version of the inherited method of the superclass in the subclass
- The new method **must have the same signature** as the method inherited from the superclass

```
public class Animal
{
    private String name;

    public Animal(String name)
    {
        this.name = name;
    }

    public void speak()
    {
        System.out.println("...");
    }
}
```

```
public class Dog extends Animal
{
    private int age;

    public Dog(String name, int age)
    {
        super(name);
        this.age = age;
    }

    public void speak()
    {
        System.out.println("Woof");
    }
}
```

```
public class Cat extends Animal
{
    private int age;

    public Cat(String name, int age)
    {
        super(name);
        this.age = age;
    }

    public void speak()
    {
        System.out.println("Meow");
    }
}
```

Inheritance - Access Modifiers

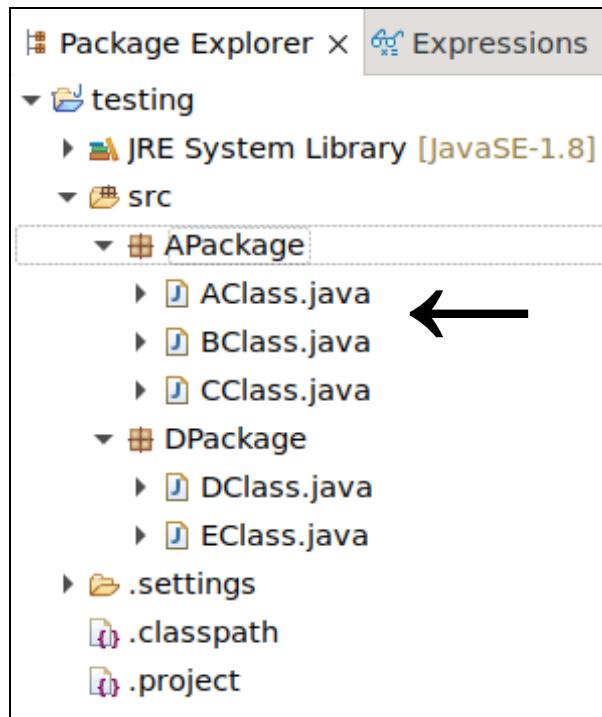
Access Modifier	In Class	In Package (Subclass)	Out of Package (Subclass)	Out of Package (Not subclass)
private	Yes	No	No	No
[Default]	Yes	Yes	No	No
protected	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
public	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Inheritance - Access Modifiers (cont.)

```
package APackage;

public class AClass
{
    // same package - same class
    public void testMeAll()
    {
        tryMePrivate();    // Worked
        tryMeDefault();   // Worked
        tryMeProtected(); // Worked
        tryMePublic();    // Worked
    }

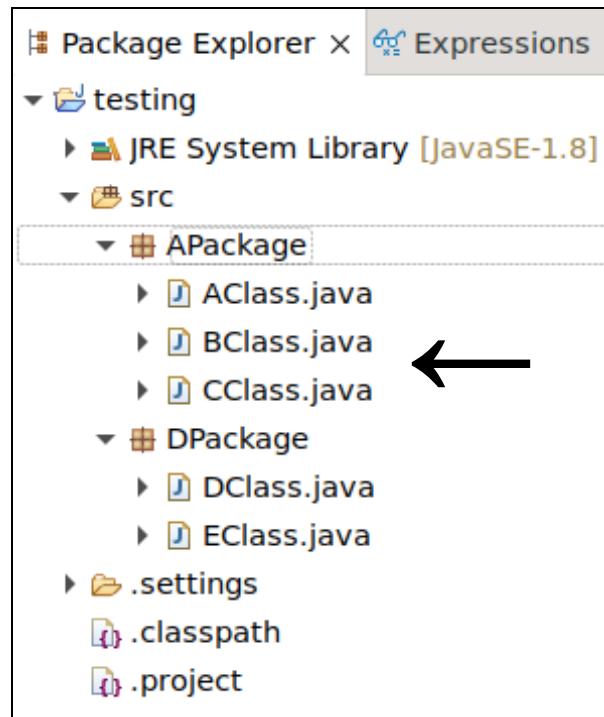
    private void tryMePrivate() {};
    void tryMeDefault() {};
    protected void tryMeProtected() {};
    public void tryMePublic() {};
}
```



Inheritance - Access Modifiers (cont.)

```
package APackage;

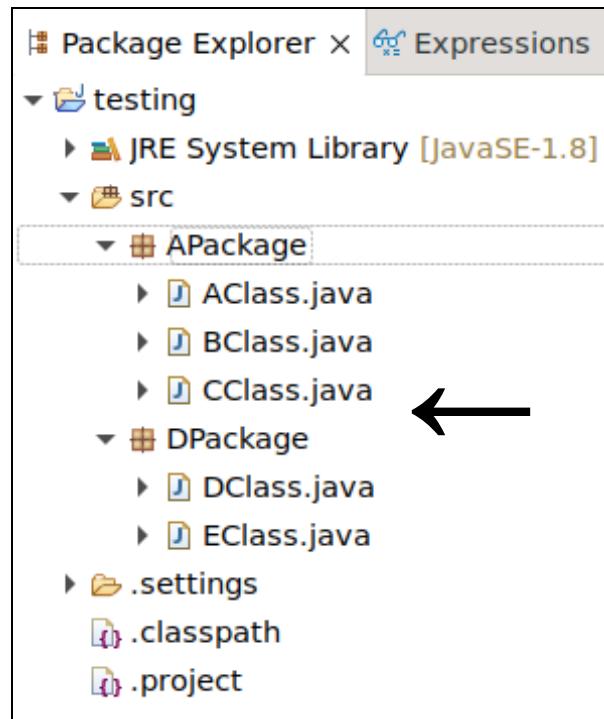
public class BClass
extends AClass
{
    // same package - subclass
    public void testMeAll()
    {
        tryMePrivate();    // Compiled Error
        tryMeDefault();   // Worked
        tryMeProtected(); // Worked
        tryMePublic();    // Worked
    }
}
```



Inheritance - Access Modifiers (cont.)

```
package APackage;

public class CClass
{
    // same package - not subclass
    public void testMeAll()
    {
        AClass me = new AClass();
        me.tryMePrivate();    // Compiled Error
        me.tryMeDefault();   // Worked
        me.tryMeProtected(); // Worked
        me.tryMePublic();   // Worked
    }
}
```

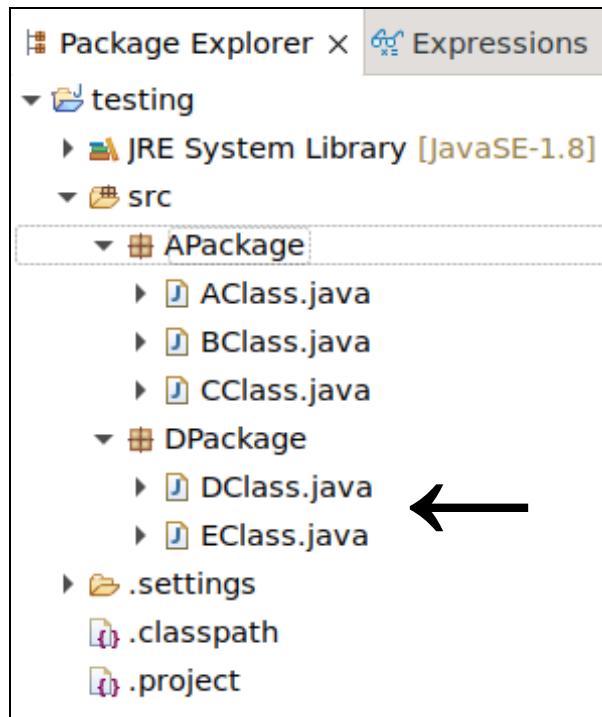


Inheritance - Access Modifiers (cont.)

```
package DPackage;

import APackage.AClass;

public class DClass
extends AClass
{
    // different package - subclass
    public void testMeAll()
    {
        tryMePrivate();    // Compiled Error
        tryMeDefault();   // Compiled Error
        tryMeProtected(); // Worked
        tryMePublic();    // Worked
    }
}
```

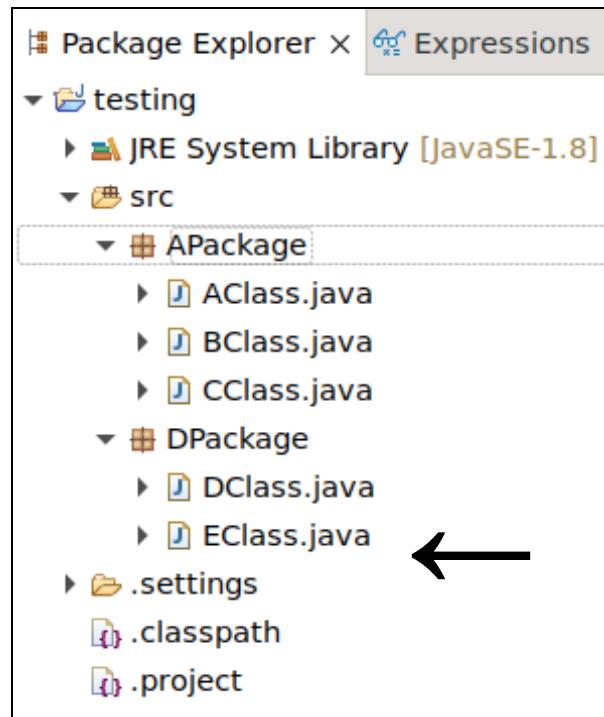


Inheritance - Access Modifiers (cont.)

```
package DPackage;

import APackage.AClass;

public class EClass
{
    // different package - not subclass
    public void testMeAll()
    {
        AClass me = new AClass();
        me.tryMePrivate();    // Compiled Error
        me.tryMeDefault();   // Compiled Error
        me.tryMeProtected(); // Compiled Error
        me.tryMePublic();    // Worked
    }
}
```



Inheritance - The **Object** Class

- In Java, **all** classes are derived either directly or indirectly from **Object** class
- There are certain methods that are inherited by **all** objects
 - Two important examples are **toString()** and **equals(Object)**
- These methods **don't always** behave the way you want them to
- Typically, we want to write new local versions (**overriding methods**) for the inherited classes you create to override the undesirable default behavior of the method

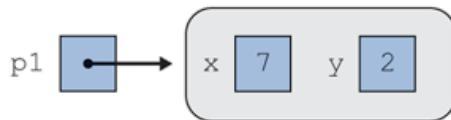
```
public class MyClass
extends Object // no error but unnecessary
{
    ... the content of the class
}
```

Inheritance - The `equals(obj)` Method

- The equality operator compares the **memory addresses** of two objects
- The equality method compares based on the **overridden implementation**

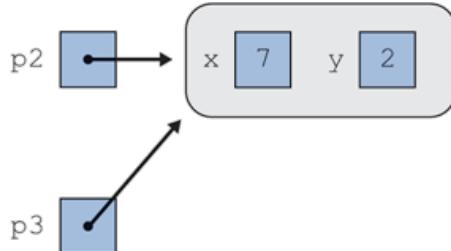
```
Point p1 = new Point(7, 2);
Point p2 = new Point(7, 2);
Point p3 = p2;

System.out.println(p1.equals(p2)); // ??????
System.out.println(p1 == p2);      // false
System.out.println(p2 == p3);      // true
```



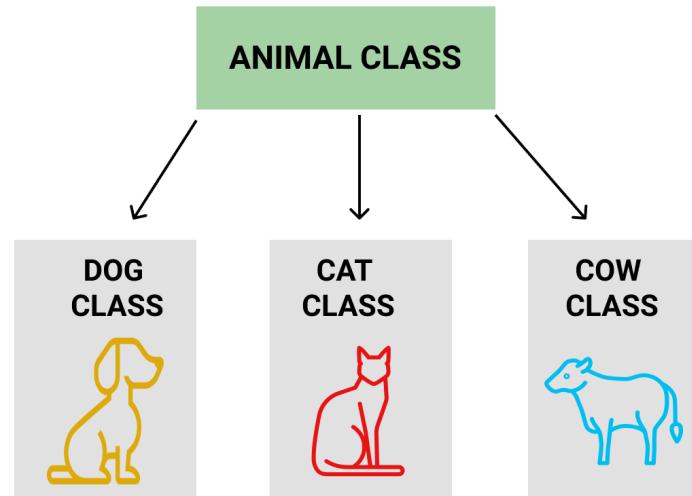
```
String str1 = new String("MyString");
String str2 = new String("MyString");
String str3 = "MyString";
String str4 = "MyString";

System.out.println(str1.equals(str2)); // true
System.out.println(str1 == str2);     // false
System.out.println(str1.equals(str3)); // true
System.out.println(str1 == str3);     // false
System.out.println(str3.equals(str4)); // true
System.out.println(str3 == str4);     // true
```



Inheritance - The `equals(obj)` Method (cont.)

- Dictate how the comparison that determines equality is made
- The `equals` method should **always** take a parameter of type **Object**
 - This creates a potential issue because direct comparisons of the derived object with an object of type Object will **not** work
 - The Java compiler will **not** know ahead of time what type of "**Object**" that need to be compared.



Inheritance - The equals(obj) Method (cont.)

```
3 public class Dog extends Animal
4 {
5     private int age;
6
7     public Dog(String name, int age)
8     {
9         super(name);
10        this.age = age;
11    }
12
13    public static void main(String[] args)
14    {
15        Dog d1 = new Dog("Henry", 3);
16        Dog d2 = new Dog("Henry", 8);
17        System.out.println(d1.equals(d2)); // false
18        System.out.println(d1 == d2); // false
19    }
20 }
```

```
3 public class Dog extends Animal
4 {
5     private int age;
6
7     public Dog(String name, int age)
8     {
9         super(name);
10        this.age = age;
11    }
12
13    public static void main(String[] args)
14    {
15        Dog d1 = new Dog("Henry", 3);
16        Dog d2 = new Dog("Henry", 8);
17        System.out.println(d1.equals(d2)); // true
18        System.out.println(d1 == d2); // false
19    }
20
21    public boolean equals(Object object)
22    {
23        Dog other = (Dog) object;
24        if (this.getName().equals(other.getName()))
25            return true;
26        else return false;
27    }
28 }
```

The instanceof Keyword

- To **identify** the type of subclass (two child classes can have different attributes)
- To avoid comparisons between two **incomparable** objects
- Always **cast** the object type after being identified
- The **instanceof** keyword accomplishes **this**

```
1 public boolean equals(Object object)
2 {
3     if (object instanceof Dog)
4     {
5         Dog other = (Dog) object;
6         if (this.getName().equals(other.getName()))
7             return true;
8         else return false;
9     }
10
11     return false;
12 }
```

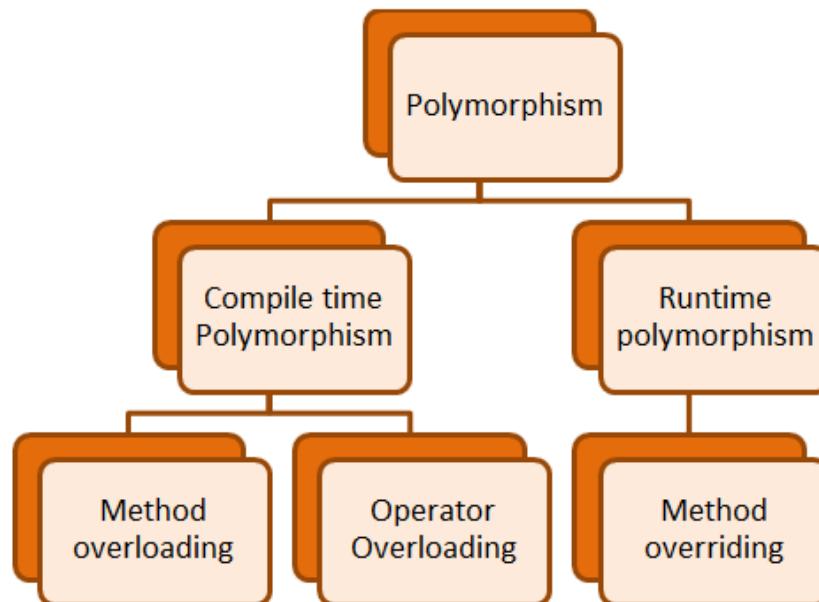
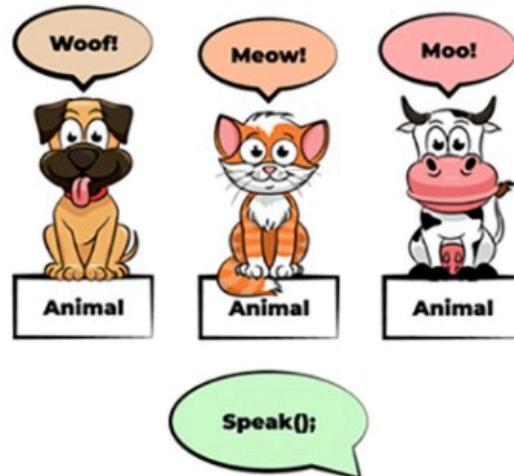
The **final** Keyword

- The **final** keyword generally mean "**no change after being set**"
 - When we use **final** keyword on a variable, it's called **constant**
 - We cannot assign a different value once it's initiated
 - When we use **final** keyword on a method, no formal terminology to call it
 - We cannot overwrite this method from the parent class
 - When we use **final** keyword on a class, no formal terminology to call it
 - We cannot inherit from this class (it has no child class)



Polymorphism

- Polymorphism: ability for the same code to be used with different types of objects and behave differently with each.
 - Compile-time Polymorphism (static or early binding)
 - Runtime Polymorphism (dynamic or late binding)



Polymorphism - Parameters

We can pass any subtype of a parameter's type.

```
public class AnimalMain
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal dog = new Dog("Teddy", 5);
        Animal cat = new Cat("Lucy", 4);
        printInfo(dog);
        printInfo(cat);
    }

    public static void printInfo(Animal animal)
    {
        animal.speak();
    }
}
```

```
varikmp@gazelle:~/ $ javac *.java
varikmp@gazelle:~/ $ java AnimalMain
Woof
Meow
varikmp@gazelle:~/ $ _
```

Polymorphism - Array

We can have an array of objects that inherit from one parent.

```
public class AnimalMain
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] animals = {
            new Animal("Rosie"),
            new Dog("Lucky"),
            new Cat("Gary")
        };

        int index, len = animals.length;
        for (index = 0; index < len; index++)
            animals[index].speak();
    }
}
```

```
varikmp@gazelle:~/ $ javac *.java
varikmp@gazelle:~/ $ java AnimalMain
...
Woof
Meow
varikmp@gazelle:~/ $ _
```

Polymorphism - Mechanics

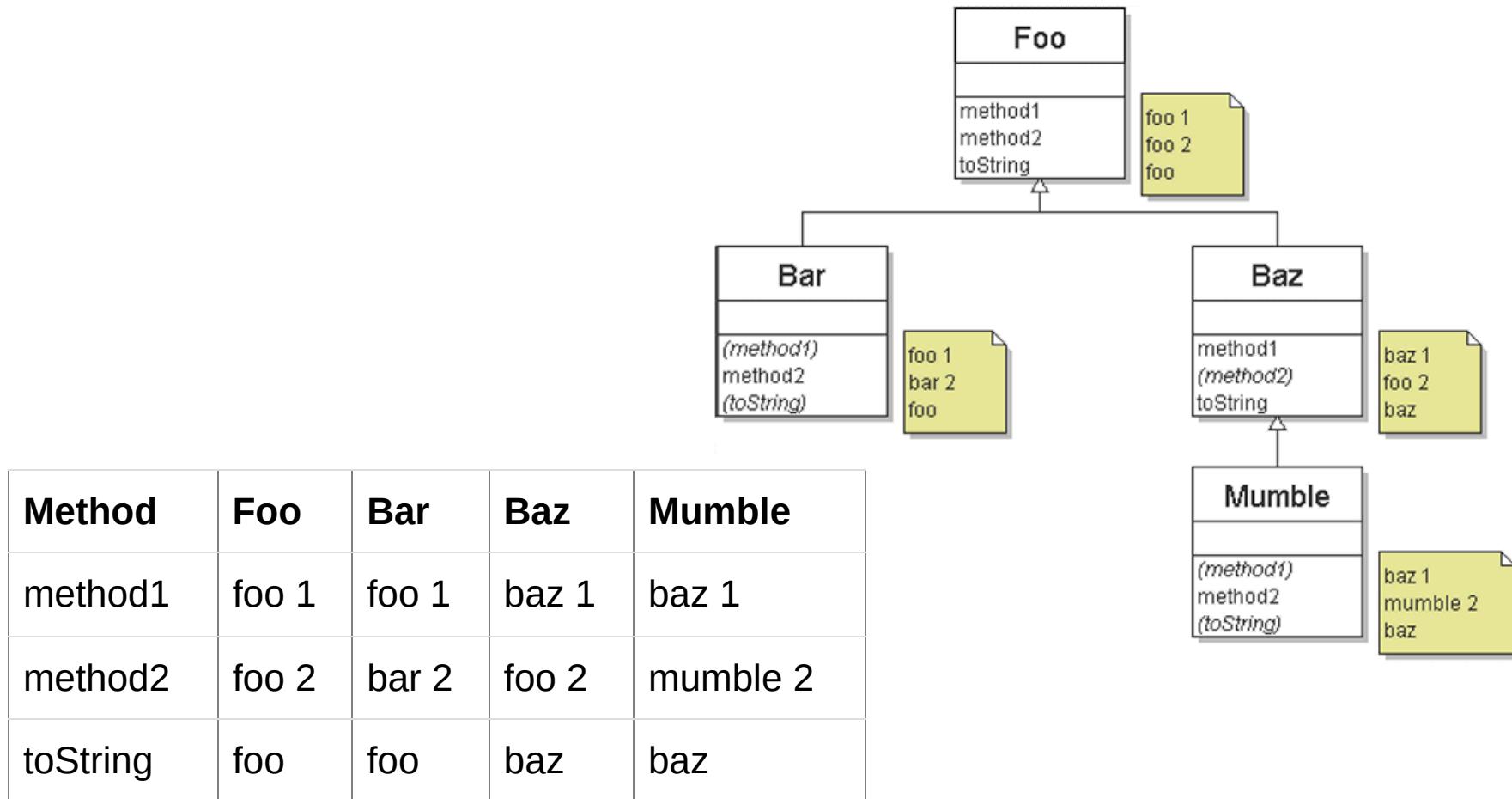
```
public class Foo {  
    public void method1() {  
        System.out.println("foo 1");  
    }  
  
    public void method2() {  
        System.out.println("foo 2");  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return "foo";  
    }  
}  
  
public class Bar extends Foo {  
    public void method2() {  
        System.out.println("bar 2");  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Baz extends Foo {  
    public void method1() {  
        System.out.println("baz 1");  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return "baz";  
    }  
}  
  
public class Mumble extends Baz {  
    public void method2() {  
        System.out.println("mumble 2");  
    }  
}
```

```
Foo[] elements = { new Foo(), new Bar(),  
                  new Baz(), new Mumble() };  
for (int i = 0; i < elements.length; i++) {  
    System.out.println(elements[i]);  
    elements[i].method1();  
    elements[i].method2();  
}
```

What would be the output of the following?

Polymorphism - Mechanics (cont.)



Polymorphism - Mechanics (cont.)

```
public class Foo {  
    public void method1() {  
        System.out.println("foo 1");  
    }  
  
    public void method2() {  
        System.out.println("foo 2");  
    }  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return "foo";  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Bar extends Foo {  
    public void method2() {  
        System.out.println("bar 2");  
    }  
  
    // this method doesn't have in the parent class  
    public void method3() {  
        System.out.println("bar 3");  
    }  
}
```

What would be the output of the following?

```
Foo element = new Bar();  
element.method1(); // "foo 1" -> Bar doesn't have method1(). It calls method1() from Foo where it inherited  
element.method2(); // "bar 2" -> Bar does have method2(). It calls method2() where it defined  
element.method3(); // this line causes compiled error because Foo doesn't have method3() defined
```

Interfaces

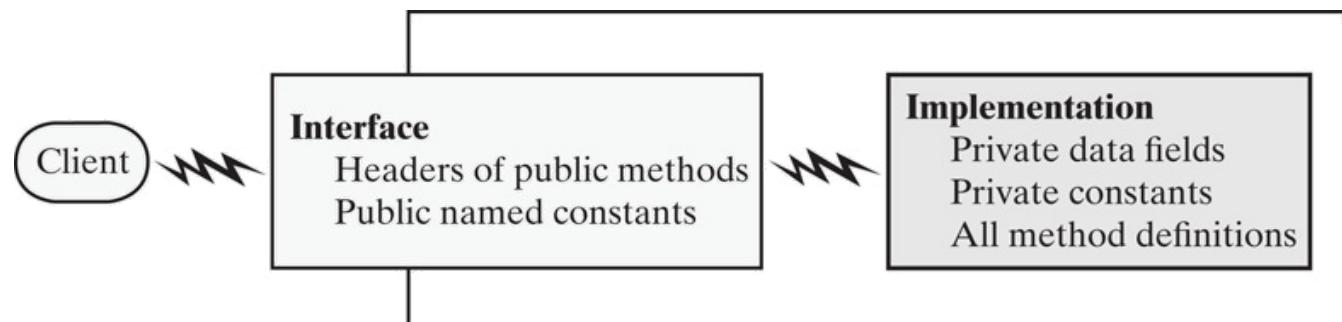
- **Snake** can "implements" **Reptile**
- **Eagle** can "implements" **Bird**
- **Dog** can "implements" **Mammal**
- **Reptile**, **Bird**, and **Mammal** are **Animal**

Reptile	Bird	Mammal
isDeadlyVenom	isLayingEgg	isLactating



Interfaces (cont.)

- Inheritance is useful as a way to share code but limited to single inheritance
 - A class can **extend only one superclass**
- What if we want to set up **multiple "is-a" relationships?**
- A feature called an interface can represent a common supertype between **multiple classes without code sharing**
- Interface fundamentally provides **only method declarations**
- The class implements an interface **must overwrite all methods** in the interface



Interfaces (Example)

```
3 public interface Shape  
4 {  
5     public double getArea();  
6     public double getPerimeter();  
7 }
```

```
3 public class Rectangle  
4 implements Shape  
5 {  
6  
7 }
```

```
3 public class Rectangle  
4 implements Shape  
5 {  
6     private int height;  
7     private int width;  
8  
9     public Rectangle(int height, int width)  
10    {  
11        this.height = height;  
12        this.width = width;  
13    }  
14  
15    @Override  
16    public double getArea()  
17    {  
18        return this.height * this.width;  
19    }  
20  
21    @Override  
22    public double getPerimeter()  
23    {  
24        return (this.height + this.width) * 2;  
25    }  
26 }
```

Inheritance & Interfaces

- **Inheritance** shares the same **characteristics** in code implementation.
- **Inheritance** is to derive new classes from existing classes.
- **Interface** shares the same **prototypes** in the objects (no code sharing).
- **Interface** is to implement abstract classes and multiple inheritance.

Abstract Class

- Abstract class is a **hybrid** of **concrete class** and **abstract interfaces**
- Abstract class **cannot** be initiated itself
- Abstract class can **have attributes**
- Abstract method is **only allowed** to be in abstract class
- Abstract method can be **optionally** implemented
- Abstract class can:
 - **Extend** from a superclass
 - **Implement** multiple interfaces

Abstract Class - Properties

Functionality or Object Types	Interfaces	Abstract Classes	Concrete Classes
Object can have attributes	No	Yes	Yes
Object can have methods implemented	No	Yes	Yes
Object can be initiated	No	No	Yes
Object must implement all methods that inherited from the interfaces	No	No	Yes

Abstract Class - Example

```
public abstract class Animal
{
    String name;

    public Animal(String name) { this.name = name; }
    public void move()
    {
        System.out.println("I am moving");
        speak(); // not implemented yet
    }

    public abstract void speak();
}
```

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal myDog = new Dog("lucky");
        myDog.speak();
        myDog.move();

        // this line below causes compiled error
        // Animal myDog = new Animal("lucky");
    }
}
```

```
public class Dog extends Animal
{
    // always require to create constructor(s)
    public Dog(String name) { super(name); }

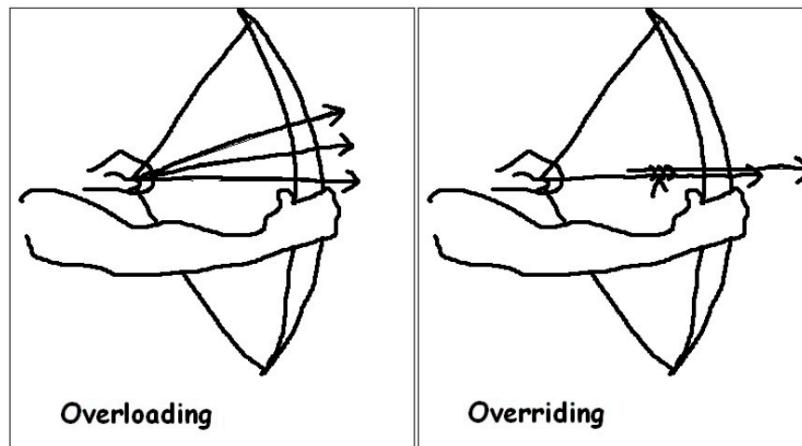
    public void speak() // required to implement
    {
        System.out.println("I am speaking");
    }
}
```

I am speaking
 I am moving
 I am speaking

Overloading & Overriding

- **Overloading:** a feature of Java in which a class has more than one method of the same name and their parameters are different
- **Overriding:** a feature that allows a subclass or child class to provide a specific implementation of a method that is already provided by one of its super-classes or parent classes

```
class OverloadingExample{  
    static int add(int a, int b)  
    {  
        return a+b;  
    }  
  
    static int add(int a, int b, int c)  
    {  
        return a+b+c;  
    }  
}
```



```
class Animal{  
    void eat(){  
        System.out.println("Eating");  
    }  
}  
  
class Dog extends Animal{  
    void eat(){  
        System.out.println("Eating Bread");  
    }  
}
```

Questions & Answer



Thank You!

