

Principle of Inheritance in OOP

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Ch 05: Principle of Inheritance in OOP

5.1. Class, Superclass, and Subclass

- we can create a **new** class from an **existing** class.
- The **new** class *inherits* features from an **existing** class.
- **Example: Managers** are in many aspects like **employees**.
- However, in other aspects they are different **because**
- Managers gets a **bonus**
- Every manager is an employee, **but not every employee** is a manager.
- The **Manager** class is a *subclass* of an existing employee class.
- The **Employee** class is a *superclass*.

Example of Inheritance : Listing 5.1 inheritance/ManagerTest.java(1/3)

```
package inheritance;
public class ManagerTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Manager boss = new Manager("Carl Cracker", 80000, 1987, 12, 15); // create object
        boss.setBonus(5000);
        Employee[] staff = new Employee[3];
        staff[0] = boss; // fill the staff array with Manager and Employee objects
        staff[1] = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 50000, 1989, 10, 1);
        staff[2] = new Employee("Tommy Tester", 40000, 1990, 3, 15);
        for (Employee e : staff) // print out information about all Employee objects
            System.out.println("name=" + e.getName() + ",salary=" + e.getSalary());
    }
}
```

Example of Inheritance : Listing 5.2 inheritance/EmployeeTest.java(2/3)

```

package inheritance;
import java.time.*;
public class Employee
{
    private String name;
    private double salary;
    private LocalDate hireDay;
    public Employee(String name, double
salary, int year, int month, int day)
    {
        this.name = name;
        this.salary = salary;

```

```

    public String getName()
    {
        return name;
    }
    public double getSalary()
    {
        return salary;
    }
    public LocalDate getHireDay()
    {
        return hireDay;
    }
    public void raiseSalary(double byPercent)
    {
        double raise = salary * byPercent / 100;
        salary += raise;
    }

```

Example of Inheritance : Listing 5.3 inheritance/Manager.java(3/3)

```
package inheritance;
public class Manager extends Employee
{
    private double bonus;
    public Manager(String name, double salary, int year, int month, int day) {
        super(name, salary, year, month, day);
        bonus = 0;
    }
    public double getSalary() {
        double baseSalary = super.getSalary();
        return baseSalary + bonus;
    }
    public void setBonus(double b) {
        bonus = b;
    }
} // end of manager
```

Defining Subclasses

- Step 1: Use the “**extends**” keyword to define subclasses

```
public class Manager extends Employee
```

```
{
```

```
// added methods and fields unique to managers class
```

```
}
```

- Step 2: Add **fields** and **methods**:

```
public class Manager extends Employee {
```

```
    private double bonus;
```

```
    .....;
```

```
    public void setBonus(double bonus)
```

```
{
```

```
        this.bonus = bonus;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

- **Manager inherits** methods from **Employee** superclass:
 - getName, getHireday,
 - getSalary, raiseSalary
- **Manager inherits** fields from **Employee** superclass:
 - **salary** is present in all Manager objects.

Override methods and provide constructors in subclasses

- When an inherited method is not appropriate, we *override* it in the subclass

//First attempt to override

```
public class Manager extends Employee
```

```
{
```

```
...
```

```
public double getSalary() // overriding getSalary() method of Employee
```

```
{
```

```
    return salary + bonus; // won't work
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Note: Subclass methods **cannot** access **private** superclass fields.

Override methods and provide constructors in subclasses

// Second attempt to override

```
public double getSalary()  
{  
    return getSalary() + bonus; // still won't work due to recursive call  
}
```

// third attempt : Use “super” keyword to avoid recursive call

```
public double getSalary()  
{  
    return super.getSalary() + bonus;  
}
```

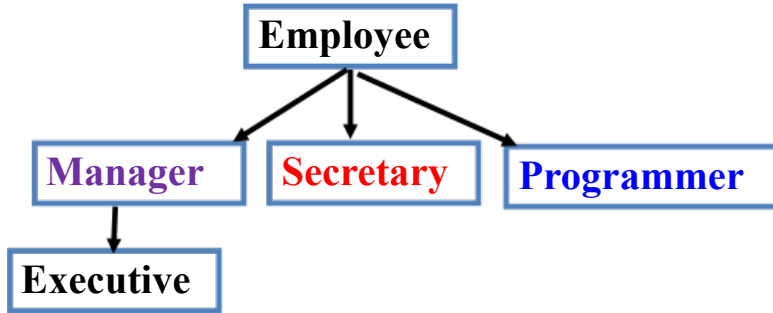

Constructor of Subclass

- Subclass constructor can invoke superclass constructor

```
public Manager(String name, double salary, int year, int month, int day, double bonus)
{
    super(name, salary, year, month, day); // call constructor of Employee Class
    this.bonus = bonus; // name, salary, year, month, day are private to Employee class
}
```

- In **subclass** constructor, call using super must be the **first statement**.
- If there is **no** explicit call to superclass constructor, **no-argument** constructor of superclass is invoked using **super()**;
- If **superclass** does not have a **no-arg** constructor, the compiler reports an error

5.1.1 Inheritance Hierarchies



Note 1: Inheritance is “**IS-A**” relationship between two classes. This relation is true from **bottom** to **top**, but **not** from **Top** to **bottom**

Note 2: Inheritance hierarchy has one or more layers

Note 3: The path from a subclass to its root superclass is called the **inheritance chain** of the subclass

Note 3: **Secretary** class has nothing to do with **Manager** or **Programmer** class

5.1.2 Polymorphism

a) Static polymorphism

- **one method name** refers to a method with many types of argument types
- It is related to method overloading
- It is related to **static binding**
- The appropriate method is selected during **compile time**

b) Dynamic Polymorphism

- **One object variable** like variable **e** (in **stack area**) can refer to many actual types (in heap area).
- It is related to **dynamic binding**:

The appropriate method is selected during **runtime** and **it is not**

5.1.2 Polymorphism

- What happens when a method is applied to an object (heap area) ?

A) Static binding:

- Assume we have class **C** with method **f**
- Assume method **f()** is **overloaded** method such as **f(int)**, **f(double)**, **f(String)**.
- Assume **x** is reference variable of the class **C** as follows.

C x = new C(); // x is an implicit parameter.

- Assume the following **method call**.

x.f(double); // Compiler resolve name conflict by using the **argument** type.

- Compiler **resolves method overloading** conflict(**static binding**)
- compiler enumerates **all methods** of class **C** whose name is **f**.
- Hence, compiler knows all possible candidates for the method to be **invoked**.

• **Note 1** : the name and parameter type list for a method is called the **method's Signature**

• **Note 2** : **return type** of a method is **not** part of a signature of a method.

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- Assume **x** is reference variable of the class **C** as follows.
C x = new C(); // x is an implicit parameter.
- Assume class **D** is subclass of class **C**.
- Assume the actual object type in heap is type **D**.

Case 1: If method **f()** is also defined in class **D**(method overriding),
then the method **f()** in class **D** is invoked

Case 2: if method **f()** is **not** defined in class **D**(**no** method overriding), **then**
the method **f()** in the supper class is searched and invoked

Comparison

- **Static binding (Compiler)**
Looks at the **declared type** of the object and **method** name
- Selects method **f** which has correct match.
- Example, for **x.f("Bye")**, compiler chooses **f(String)**, **not** **f(int)**.
- Hence, the **method call x.f()** is **not** depend on the **actual object type** of the implicit parameter **x** (in heap area)
- **Two Overloaded methods** should have identical **signature**
- **Two Overloaded methods can the same or different return type**

- **dynamic binding (JVM)**
When the program runs, JVM selects the method that **matches** the actual type of the object to which an implicit parameter **x** refers
- **JVM resolves method overriding conflict (dynamic binding)**
- The **override** methods in subclass should have **identical signature** the supper class method and its return type can be supper class type.
- Access modifier of overriding

Example of Dynamic Binding

- **Dynamic Polymorphism** is related to the substitution rule of “**IS-A**” relationship
- This rule states that we can use a subclass object when the program **expect** a **super class object**

Example 1:

Employee **e** ; // e is super class variable

e = new Employee(.....); // employ object expected

e = new Manager (.....); // employ object expected, but manager object is assigned.

Note : we cannot assign a supper class reference to a subclass variable

Example :

Manager m = e ; // **error** because **all** employees are not managers

Example of Dynamic Polymorphism

- Consider a mix of employees and managers:

// construct a manager object

```
Employee[] staff = new Employee[3];
staff[0] = new Manager("Carl Cracker", 80000, 1987, 12, 5, 5000 );
staff[1] = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 50000, 1989, 10, 1);
staff[2] = new Employee("Tony Tester", 40000, 1990, 3, 15);
```

- Print out everyone's salaries:

```
for (Employee e : staff)
    System.out.println(e.getName() + " " + e.getSalary());
```

- Which getName method gets called?
- There is only one: Employee.getName
- Question: Which getSalary method gets called?
Is Employee.getSalary or Manager.getSalary?
- Answer: It depends on the actual type of e (reference variable e)

Output:

```
Carl Cracker  85000.0
Harry Hacker  50000.0
Tony Tester   40000.0
```

Note : the declared type of **e** (stack area) is **Employee** . But the actual object(heap area) referenced by e is Employee or Manager . Hence, JVM decide the correct object at **run time**.

5.1.2 Dynamic Polymorphism: JVM generates Tables of methods for class Hierarchy

Employee Table

- getName: **Employee**.getName();
- getSalary: **Employee**.getSalary();
- getHireDay: **Employee**.getHireDay();
- raiseSalaryName: **Employee**.raiseSalary()

Remarks:

- Manager** class **inherits 3** method from **Employee** class **without** override
- b) **Manager** class inherits one method from **Employee** by overriding
- c) **Manager** class add its own class

Manager Table

- getName: **Employee**.getName();
 - getSalary: **Manager**.getSalary();
 - getHireDay: **Employee**.getHireDay();
 - raiseSalaryName: **Employee**.raiseSalary()
 - **SetBonus**: **Manager**.setbonus();
- a) getName(),getHireDate(),raiseSalary()
- b) getSalary();
- c) setbonus();

Q. Assume Employee e =new Employee();

How to resolve the call: e.getsalary() ?

Example: Signature of Overriding method

- **Caution:** Argument types of **overriding** method must **match** *exactly*:

class **Employee**

```
{  
    public void setBoss(Employee boss) {.....}  
    .....  
}
```

class **Manager**

```
{  
    public void setBoss(Manager boss) {.....} //Error: different argument  
    .....  
}
```

Example: return type of Overriding

Note 1: Use `@Override` annotation to make the compiler check:

`@Override public void setBoss(Employee boss)`

Note 2: Return type can be *covariant*:

class Employee

```
{  
    public Employee getBoss() { ... }  
    .....  
}
```

class Manager

```
{  
    public Manager getBoss() { ... } // ok, covariant return type  
    .....  
}
```

5.1.4. Preventing Inheritance: **Final** Classes and Methods

- To if you want prevent another programmer from creating a **new subclass** from your class, declare your class with **final** key word.

```
public final class Executive extends Manager
{
```

...

```
} // If a class is final, there is no dynamic polymorphism(dynamic binding)
```

- We can also prevent **method overriding** using **final** key word

```
public class Employee
{
```

...

```
public final String getName() { return name; }
```

5.1.5. Down Casting

```
Employee[] staff = new Employee[3];  
staff[0] = new Manager("Carl Cracker", 80000, 1987, 12, 5, 5000 );  
staff[1] = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 50000, 1989, 10, 1);  
staff[2] = new Employee("Tony Tester", 40000, 1990, 3, 15);
```

Question 2: which of the following is correct to call the **setBonus(...) method** of a **Manager subclass** ?

a) With down casting(**CORRECT**)

```
Manager boss = (Manager) staff[0] ;
```

```
boss.setBonus(...); // setBonus method is defined only in the subclass
```

b) Without down casting(**ERROR**)

```
staff[0]. setBonus(...); // setBonus method is defined only in the subclass
```

5.1.5. Down Casting

```
Employee[] staff = new Employee[3];  
staff[0] = new Manager("Carl Cracker", 80000, 1987, 12, 5, 5000 );  
staff[1] = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 50000, 1989, 10, 1);  
staff[2] = new Employee("Tony Tester", 40000, 1990, 3, 15);
```

Question 1: Can we call the **getSalary(...)** method of a Manager subclass **without** down casting as follows ? (yes)

```
staff[0].getSalary(...) ; // getSalary() is defined in both subclass &  
                           // superclass
```

5.1.5. “Instance of” Operator before Down Casting

- Manager boss=(manager) staff[0]; //CORRECT.
- Manager boss=(manager) staff[1]; // ERROR due to a ClassCastException .
- To avoid this use, test it using “ **instanceOf**” operator as follows:

```
if (staff[1] instanceof Manager )
{
    boss = (Manager) staff[1];
    ...
}
```

Note 1: Down casting is possible from superclass to subclass only.

Example:

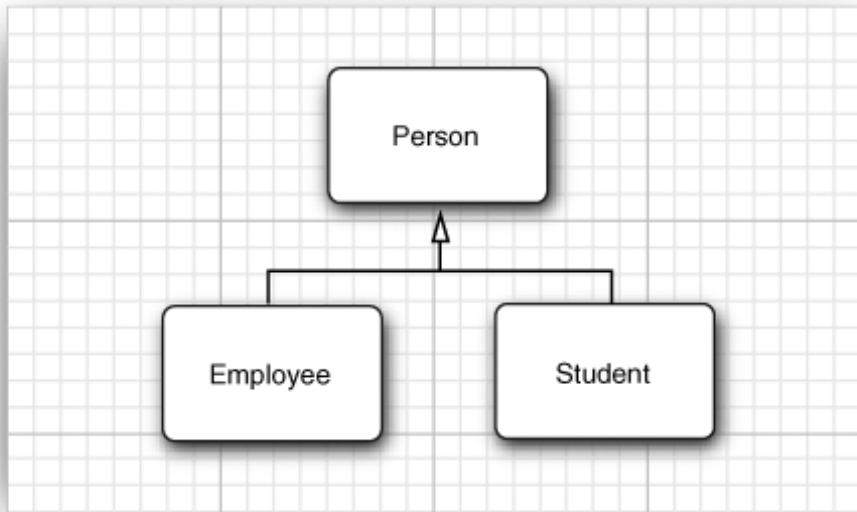
```
String c = (String) staff[1]; // Compile-time error because String class is not subclass
of Employee class
```

Note 2: There is no down casting between two subclasses .

5.1.6. Abstract classes and abstract Methods

- When we **move up** in the **inheritance hierarchy**, classes become more general (abstract)
- **Example**: we can modify Employee class hierarchy by adding a **Person** as a **superclass** of an **Employee** class
- **Why we need a high level of abstraction?**
- To factor out common attributes such as **name** and common methods like **getName()**.
- It is also used to **factor out common abstract** methods like **getDescription()** to return a **brief description** of a person, such as
 - a) an employee with a salary of \$50,000.00
 - b) a student majoring in computer science

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- However, when factoring **out a common** class, it is difficult to implement a common method in the super class ;
- Example: The **Person** class knows **nothing** about the salary of a person and the major of a person. It only **knows the name** of the person.
- **Approach 1: The method returns empty String**

String Person.getDescription():

```
{  
    String s = “ ”;  
    return s ;  
}
```

Approach 2: by declaring abstract class without providing an implementation:

Syntax:

public abstract String getDescription();

5.1.6. Abstract classes and abstract Methods

Note: abstract classes to have fields, constructors, and concrete methods:

```
public abstract class Person
{
    private String name; // field
    public Person(String n) // constructor
    {
        name = n;
    }
    public String getName()
    {
        return name; // concrete method
    }
    public abstract String getDescription(); //no implementation
}
```

Note 1: abstract methods are place holders

Note 2: In addition to abstract methods,

abstract classes to have , fields, constructors, and concrete methods

Note 3: We **cannot** create an instance of an abstract class in **heap area**.

Note 4: we can create **object variable** of abstract class on **stack area**

Person p1 = new Person(« kim»); // Error(note 3)

Person p2 = new Student(« kim", « maths»); // Ok(note 4)

Note: Abstract class must have direct or indirect concrete subclass

Example: Listing 5.4

AbstractClasses/PersonTest.java(1/4)

- **package** abstractClasses;
- **public class** PersonTest

```
{  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        Person[] people = new Person[2];  
        // fill the people array with Student and Employee objects  
        people[0] = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 50000, 1989, 10, 1);  
        people[1] = new Student("Maria Morris", "computer science");  
        // print out names and descriptions of all Person objects  
        for (Person p : people)  
            System.out.println(p.getName() + ", " + p.getDescription());  
    }  
}
```

Example: Listing 5.5

AbstractClasses/Person.java(2/4)

```
package abstractClasses;  
public abstract class Person  
{  
    public abstract String getDescription();  
    private String name;  
    public Person(String name)  
    {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
    public String getName()  
    {  
        return name;  
    }  
}
```

Example: Listing 5.6

AbstractClasses/Employee.java(3/4)

```
package abstractClasses;
import java.time.*;
public class Employee extends Person
{
    private double salary;
    private LocalDate hireDay;
    public Employee(String name, double salary,
        int year, int month, int day)
    {
        super(name);
        this.salary = salary;
        hireDay = LocalDate.of(year, month, day);
    }
}
```

```
public LocalDate getHireDay()
{
    return hireDay;
}
public String getDescription()
{
    return String.format
        ("an employee with a salary of $%.2f", salary);
}
public void raiseSalary(double byPercent)
{
    double raise = salary * byPercent / 100;
    salary += raise;
}
} // End of employee
```

```
public double getSalary()
```

Example: Listing 5.7

AbstractClasses/student.java(4/4)

- **package** abstractClasses;
- **public class** Student **extends** Person

```
{  
    private String major;  
    public Student(String name, String major)  
    {  
        // pass n to superclass constructor  
        super(name);  
        this.major = major;  
    }  
    public String getDescription()  
    {  
        return "a student majoring in " + major;  
    }  
}
```

5.1.7. Protected Access Modifier

- **Note 1:** fields in a class are best tagged as private
- **Note 2:** Methods in a class are usually tagged as public.
- **Note 3:** Any **field or method** declared private **will not be visible** to other classes
- **Note 4:** A subclass cannot access the **private fields** of its superclass.
- **Note 5 :** If we use **protected** modifier, subclass methods access a superclass field.
- **For example,** if the **superclass Employee** declares the **hireDay** field as **protected** instead of **private**, then the **Manager** methods can access it directly.

5.1.7. Protected Access Modifier

- **Example:**

```
public class Employee  
{  
    protected double salary;  
}
```

- A **Manager**(subclass) **method** can access the **salary field** of **Employee class**
- But only inside the **Manager instances(objects)** , and **not inside** other **Employee objects(instances)**
- **Caution 1:** Protected **features** are visible to all subclasses and to all other classes in the same package .
- **Caution 2:** Anyone can **extend** a class with protected modifier.
- Hence, **protected modifier** is against the spirit of data encapsulation

5.1.7. Protected Access Modifier

- A **summary** of the four access modifiers in Java that control visibility :
 1. Visible to the class only (**private**).
 2. Visible to the world (**public**).
 3. Visible to the package and all subclasses (**protected**).
 4. Visible to the package—the **default**(no modifiers are needed).

5.2. “Object” class : The Root of class hierarchy in Java

- The “**Object**” class is a superclass of all Java classes (**java.lang.Object**).
- **Every class** has **Object** as a **superclass** directly or indirectly by default.

// **Object is a super class explicitly**

- public class Employee **extends** Object ;

// **Object is a super class implicitly**

public class Employee ;

// **Object is a super class indirectly**

- public class Employee **public class Manger extends** Employee;

5.2. “Object” class : The Root of class hierarchy in Java

- We can use a variable of type “**Object**” class to refer to objects of any class type (**principle of polymorphism**)

Example:

```
Object obj1 = new Employee("Harry Hacker", 35000);
```

```
Object obj2 = new int[10];
```

Note 1: in Java, only primitive types(int, double, etc.) are not objects.

Note 2: All array types are class types that extend the “**Object**” class.

Note 3 : Since a variable of type **Object** is used as a generic holder, to do specific operation , we need to casting

Example: Employee e = (Employee) obj1 ;

5.2. “Object” class : The Root of class hierarchy in Java

- The “**Object**” class has **no** field to be inherited by all other classes
- However, it has **11 methods** that are **inherited** or **overridden** by **other classes**.
- Public final `Class<?> getClass();` // 1
- public `int hashCode();` // 2
- public `boolean equals(Object obj)` // 3
- public `String toString()` // 4
- protected `Object clone()` throws `CloneNotSupportedException` // 5
- protected `void finalize()` throws `Throwable` // 6
- 5 methods related to Multithreaded programming ();
- **Totally 11 methods.**

5.2.1. The equals() Method of “Object” class

- equals() method in “Object” class tests whether two **object references** are identical.
- We have to **override** equals() method to compare the same **state** of two objects.
- **Example: Consider two Employee objects by comparing their fields as follows.**

Class Employee // this class extends Object class implicitly

```
{
public boolean equals(Object otherObject) // overriding
{
L1. if (this == otherObject) return true;
L2. if (otherObject == null) return false;
L3: if (this.getClass() != otherObject.getClass() ) return false;
L4: Employee other = (Employee) otherObject; // downcasting
L5: return name.equals(other.name) && salary == other.salary && hireDay.equals(other.hireDay);
}
}
```

5.2.1. The equals() Method of “Object” class..

- If **name** or **hireDay** are **null**, How to compare them?
- **Solution:** invoke “**Objects.equals(a,b)**” method.
- This method returns **true** if both arguments a and b are **null**;
- It returns **false** if only one is null.
- Otherwise, modify the **Line 5** of the previous code as follows:

```
return Objects.equals(name, other.name)  
&& salary == other.salary  
&& Object.equals(hireDay, other.hireDay);
```

How to override equals() method in a Subclass

- **First**, invoke `equals()` method on supper class: `super.equals()`
- If it **returns true**, then compare instance fields of a subclass.

```
public class Manager extends Employee
```

```
{
```

```
.....
```

```
public boolean equals(Object otherObject)
```

```
{ // to check that “this” and other belong to the same class
```

```
if ( ! super.equals(otherObject) ) return false;
```

```
Manager other = (Manager) otherObject;
```

```
return this.bonus == other.bonus; // compare fields
```

```
}
```


5.2.2 Equality Testing and Inheritance

Q1. If **implicit** and **explicit** parameters belong to the subclass and super class, how should the **equals()** method behave ?

Q2. Should an Employee equal to a Manager ?

- In Java, the **equals()** method has the following properties
 - 1) **It is Reflexive:** **x.equals(x)** return true for any **non-null reference x**;
 - 2) **It is symmetric :** **x.equals(y)** return true iff **y.equals(x)** return true
 - 3) **transitive :** if **x.equals(y)** return true, **y.equals(z)** return true, then **x.equals(z)** return true
- **Note :** It is **hard** to do with mixed types like **Manager(m)** and **Employee(e)**
- By symmetry, **m.equals(e)** and **e.equals(m)** must **return** the same value.
- Hence, the meaning of **equals** must be **fixed** in the superclass **to avoid this problem**
- **Note:** The standard Java library contains over **150** implementations of **equals()** method

Example: Equality Testing and Inheritance continued...

`public class Person` // Steps to override `equals()` method of “Object” root class.

{

1. `public final boolean equals(Object otherObject)` // explicit parameter

{

2. `if (this == otherObject) return true;` // fcompare implicit and explicit parameters

1. `if (otherObject == null) return false;` // check whether explicit parameter is null

4. `if (! (otherObject instanceof Person)) return false;` // compare parent and child

5. `Person other = (Person) otherObject;` // cast to a variable our type

6. `return this.id == other.id;` // compare each filed

}

}

// Note: if line 1 is replaced by the foolowing line, it is wrong

`public boolean equals (Employee other);` // Error signature is different from parent class

4.2.3. The hashCode Method

- A **Hash code** is an integer derived from an **object**.
- Hash codes should be scrambled : If x and y are **distinct objects**, **then there is a high probability that x.hashCode () and y.hashCode()** are different.
- The **hashCode()** method is implemented in the “**Object**” class using **object’s memory address**
- **Hence**, every object has a default hash code **by inheritance**

Example: **String** class overrides **HashCode()** using the following algorithm:

```
int hash = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < length(); i++)
    hash = 31 * hash + charAt(i); // public char charAt (int index);
// Sample out put
```

String Hashcode(derived from content of the string)

“Hello”.hashCode() 69609650,

"Harry".hashCode() 69496448.

Note: **StringBuilder** class(**java.lang.StringBuilder**) did not override the **hashCode()** of **Object Class**

Example 2: The hashCode() Method of Employee class.

L1. `public class Employee`

L2 `{`

.....

L3. `public int hashCode()`

L4 `{`

L5. `return Objects.hash(name, salary, hireDay); //combine hash codes of the fields(Java 7)`

`}`

`} //Note: line 5 can be replaced by the following codes`

`public int hashCode()`

`{`

`return Objects.hashCode(name) + new Double(salary).hashCode()+ Objects.hashCode(hireDay);`

`// return name.hashCode+ new Double(salary).hashCode()+ hireDay.hashCode(); // before java 7`

`}`

4.2.3. The hashCode Method Con'd

Rules of hashCode

- a) Hash codes must be consistent. If x and y are equal objects , then their hash codes must be equal.
- b) **Object.hashCode()** is derived from the memory location of the object on heap memory
- c) Our definitions of equality and hashCode must be compatible:
 - If **x.equals(y)** is true, then **x.hashCode()** must **return** the same value as **y.hashCode()**.
 - For example, if we define **Employee.equals** to compare employee **IDs**,
then the hashCode() method needs to hash the IDs, not employee names.
 - Hence, if we **override equals()** method , we must also **override hashCode()** method.
- d) Combine the **hash codes** of the fields that the equals method compares

5.2.4. The toString() Method

- `public String toString();`
- The `toString()` method returns a string representation of an object in heap memory.
- `toString` method() is ubiquitous because when we concatenate a **string** and **an object**, java invoke `toString()` method on the object automatically as shown below.
 - a) `"Center: " + p ;` // compiler call `p.toString()` automatically
 - b) `" " + P ;` // this is similar to `p.toString()` ;
 - c) `System.out.println(p);` // this is similar to `System.out.println(p.toString ());`

Note: The “**Object**” class defines the `toString()` to print the **class name** and the hash code of the object (`Object.toString();`)

For example, the call `System.out.println(System.out)`, display the following:

`java.io.PrintStream@2f6684` because `PrintStream` class did not override it.

Note: we must Override `toString()` to get meaningful meaning for our own class like

Example 1: The toString Method

- **Note:** we must **override toString()** to get meaningful display for our own class like
- **Example:** to display the out: `java.awt.Point[x=10,y=20]` , write the following code
`public class Point` // write the `toString()` method of `Point` class.

```
{
```

```
.....  
public String toString() // override it
```

```
{
```

```
    return "java.awt.Point[x =" + x + ", y= " + y + "]";
```

```
}
```

```
} output : java.awt.Point[x=10,y=20]
```

Example 2: Inheritance and the toString() Method

a) In Employee class, we can override toString() as follows.

```
public String toString()
{
    return getClass().getName()
        + "[name=" + name + ",salary=" + salary + ",hireDay=" + hireDay + "];"
}
```

b) In Manager subclass:

```
public String toString()
{
    return super.toString() + "[bonus=" + bonus + "];"
}
```

c) Output format of manager class:

Manager[name=...,salary=...,hireDay=...][bonus=...]

Example: Listing 5.8

Equals/EqualsTest.java(1)

```
package equals;

public class EqualsTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Employee alice1 = new Employee
        ("Alice Adams", 75000, 1987, 12, 15);
        Employee alice2 = alice1;
        Employee alice3 = new Employee
        ("Alice Adams", 75000, 1987, 12, 15);
        Employee bob = new Employee
        ("Bob Brandson", 50000, 1989, 10, 1);
```

```
        System.out.println("alice1 == alice2:"
        + (alice1 == alice2));

        System.out.println("alice1 == alice3:"
        + (alice1 == alice3));

        System.out.println("alice1.equals(alice3):"
        + alice1.equals(alice3));

        System.out.println("alice1.equals(bob):"
        + alice1.equals(bob));

        System.out.println("bob.toString(): " + bob);
```

Example: Listing 5.8

Equals/EqualsTest.java(2)

```
Manager carl = new Manager("Carl Cracker", 80000, 1987, 12, 15);
Manager boss = new Manager("Carl Cracker", 80000, 1987, 12, 15);
boss.setBonus(5000);
System.out.println("boss.toString(): " + boss);
System.out.println("carl.equals(boss): " + carl.equals(boss));
System.out.println("alice1.hashCode(): " + alice1.hashCode());
System.out.println("alice3.hashCode(): " + alice3.hashCode());
System.out.println("bob.hashCode(): " + bob.hashCode());
System.out.println("carl.hashCode(): " + carl.hashCode());

} // end of main()
} // end of EqualsTest class
```

Example: Listing 5.9

Equals/Employee.java(1)

```
package equals;
import java.time.*;
import java.util.Objects;
public class Employee
{
    private String name;
    private double salary;
    private LocalDate hireDay;

    public Employee(String name, double salary, int year, int month, int day) {
        {
            this.name = name;
            this.salary = salary;
            hireDay = LocalDate.of(year, month, day);
        }
    }
}
```

```
public String getName()
{
    return name;
}

public double getSalary()
{
    return salary;
}

public LocalDate getHireDay()
{
    return hireDay;
}

public void raiseSalary(double byPercent)
{
    double raise = salary * byPercent / 100;
    salary += raise;
}
```

Example: Listing 5.9

Equals/Employee.java(2)

```

public boolean equals(Object otherObject)
{
    // a quick test to
    if (this == otherObject) return true;
    if (otherObject == null) return false;
    // to test class match
    if (getClass() != otherObject.getClass())
        return false;
    // now otherObject is a non-null Employee
    Employee other = (Employee) otherObject;    // test field by
    field
    return Objects.equals(name, other.name)
        && salary == other.salary
        && Objects.equals(hireDay, other.hireDay);
}

```

```

public int hashCode()
{
    return Objects.hash
        (name, salary, hireDay);
}
public String toString()
{
    return getClass().getName()
        + "[name="
        + name
        + ",salary="
        + salary
        + ",hireDay="
        + hireDay
        + "];

```

Example: Listing 5.10

Equals/Manager.java

```

package equals;
public class Manager extends Employee
{
    private double bonus;
    public Manager(String name, double salary, int year, int month, int
    day)
    {
        super(name, salary, year, month, day);
        bonus = 0;
    }
    public double getSalary()
    {
        return super.getSalary() + bonus;
    }
    public boolean equals(Object otherObject)
    {
        if (!super.equals(otherObject)) return false;
        Manager other = (Manager) otherObject;
        // super.equals compare class of this and other
        return bonus == other.bonus;
    }
    public int hashCode()
    {
        return super.hashCode() + 17 *
        new Double(bonus).hashCode();
    }
    public String toString()
    {
        return super.toString() + "bonus=" + bonus;
    }
}

```