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**Relationships between objects or classes:** Using references, we can refer from one object of a class to another object of the same or a different class.

*References define **relationships** between objects (instance or object level) and between classes (type or class level)*

Types of relationships:

- **organizational**  
e.g., a list element refers to its successor
- **application-specific**  
e.g., a student is enrolled for a field of study
- **"is-a"** (specialization, generalization, **inheritance**)  
e.g., an automobile is a vehicle (and has all properties of a vehicle, in addition to properties specific to an automobile)
- **"has-a"** (composition)  
e.g., a car has an engine, has four wheels, etc.

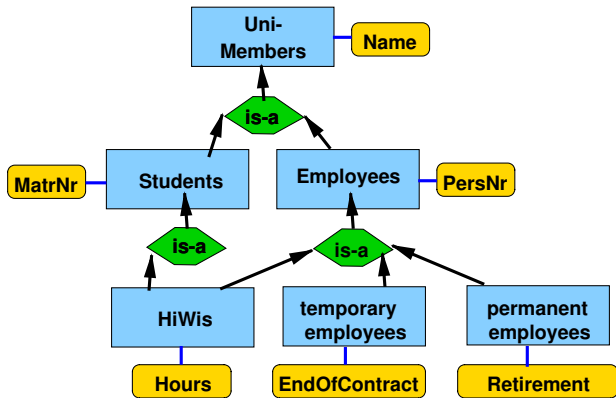
## Inheritance:

- Goal: Reusability!
- Definition of new classes based on existing classes
  - ▶ Reuse data and behavior from the existing class
  - ▶ add new properties
- Superclass is **specialized** to subclass
  - ▶ objects with additional, more specific properties.
- Superclass **generalizes** its subclasses
  - ▶ generalization of the objects to their common properties.
- Keyword in Java: subclass “**extends**” superclass
- Principle:
  - ▶ Subclass inherits the variables and methods of the superclass,
  - ▶ extends them by new variables and methods and
  - ▶ may overwrite methods to adapt to the extended properties of the objects.

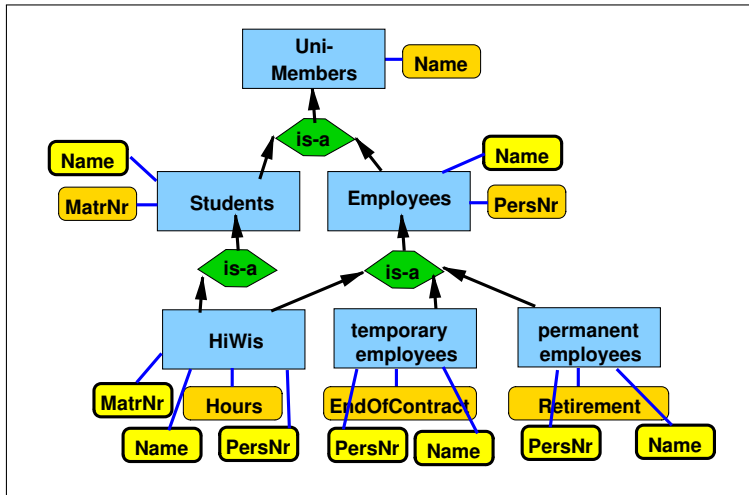
## Class hierarchy

- The inheritance defines a **class hierarchy**.
- The most general class in Java is the class **Object**.
- An object of a subclass is also an object of all corresponding superclasses, e.g.:  
*A sports car is a car,  
is also a land vehicle,  
is also a means of transportation,  
is also a ...*
  - ▶ **subclass**: sports car
  - ▶ **direct superclass**: car
  - ▶ **indirect superclasses**: land vehicle, means of transportation, ...
- Superclasses usually represent larger sets of objects than subclasses, e.g.:
  - ▶ **superclass** land vehicle includes cars, buses, trucks, motorbikes, bicycles, ...
  - ▶ **subclass** car only contains vehicles with special properties.

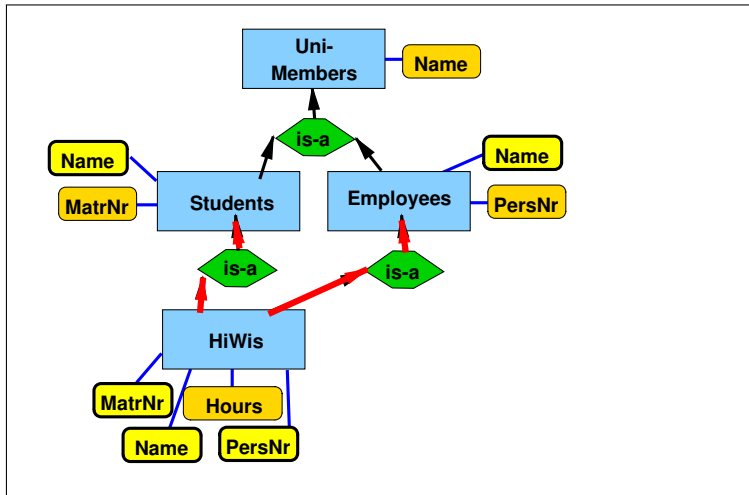
Example: **University members**,  
initially without inherited properties:



Example: **University members**,  
with inherited properties:



Attention: Example includes **multiple inheritance!**  
(forbidden in Java, only 'workaround' possible)



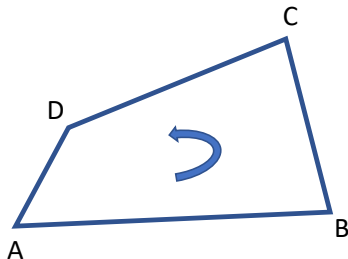
## Inheritance hierarchy in Java

- Inheritance hierarchies were developed in the 60ies when trying to process natural language with the computer. Thus inheritance hierarchies often followed terminological is-a relationships.
- Inheritance hierarchies have a tree-like structure, where every class is super- and/or subclass.
- In Java the root of the inheritance hierarchy (i.e., the most general class) is the class **Object**.
- In the following Java examples, reuse of class definitions is in the focus.



## Inheritance hierarchy in Java

- We consider specific geometric objects, namely quadrilaterals (polygons with four sides and four corners):
  - ▶ Quadrilaterals
  - ▶ Parallelograms
  - ▶ Rectangles
- We represent a geometric object by its corners, i.e., for a quadrilateral, we store four corner points (in counter-clockwise order)



As a foundation for representing these objects, we use the class `Pt` which represents points in the plane.

```
1 public class Pt {
2     private int x, y;
3
4     public Pt(int xVal, int yVal){
5         x = xVal ; y = yVal ; }
6
7     public void setX( int xVal ) {x = xVal;}
8
9     public void setY( int yVal ) {y = yVal;}
10
11     public int getX() {return x;}
12     public int getY() {return y;}
13
14     public double dist(Pt p){
15         return Math.sqrt((x-p.getX())*(x-p.getX())
16                             + (y-p.getY())*(y-p.getY()));}
17
18     public String toString() {return "("+x+";"+y+"");}
19 }
```

## Class for Quadrilateral objects

```
1 public class Quadrilateral {
2     private Pt a,b,c,d;
3
4     public Quadrilateral() { }
5     public Quadrilateral
6         (Pt p1, Pt p2,
7          Pt p3, Pt p4){
8         a=p1; b=p2; c=p3; d=p4;
9     }
10
11
12
13
14
15     public Pt getA() {return a;}
16     public Pt getB() {return b;}
17     public Pt getC() {return c;}
18     public Pt getD() {return d;}
19
20     ...
```

## Class for Parallelogram objects

```
1 public class Parallelogram {
2     private Pt a,b,c,d;
3
4     public Parallelogram() { }
5     public Parallelogram
6         (Pt p1, Pt p2,
7          Pt p3){
8         a=p1; b=p2; c=p3;
9         int dx=a.getX()-b.getX();
10        int dy=a.getY()-b.getY();
11        d=new Pt (c.getX()+dx,
12                 c.getY()+dy);
13    }
14
15    public Pt getA() {return a;}
16    public Pt getB() {return b;}
17    public Pt getC() {return c;}
18    public Pt getD() {return d;}
19
20    ...
```

```

1      ...
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 public double perimeter() {
11     return a.dist(b)+b.dist(c)
12           +c.dist(d)+d.dist(a); }
13
14 public String toString(){
15     return "["+a+", "+b+", "
16           +c+", "+d+"]"; }
17 }

```

```

1      ...
2 public double area() {
3     return
4         a.getX()*b().getY()
5         +a.getY()*c().getX()
6         +b.getX()*c().getY()
7         -b.getY()*c().getX()
8         -a.getY()*b().getX()
9         -a.getX()*c().getY(); }
10
11 public double perimeter() {
12     return a.dist(b)+b.dist(c)
13           +c.dist(d)+d.dist(a); }
14
15 public String toString(){
16     return "PG["+a+", "+b+", "
17           +c+", "+d+"]"; }
18 }

```

These *independent* definitions of the classes **Quadrilateral** and **Parallelogram** show commonalities, e.g.:

- equal: variables `a`, `b`, `c`, `d`, methods `getA` etc., `perimeter`
- different are: constructor, methods `area`, `toString`

## Now: Parallelogram as subclass of Quadrilateral:

```
1 public class Quadrilateral {
2
3     private Pt a,b,c,d;
4
5     public Quadrilateral() { }
6     public Quadrilateral
7         (Pt p1, Pt p2,
8          Pt p3, Pt p4){
9         a=p1; b=p2; c=p3; d=p4;
10    }
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18    public int getA() {return a;}
19    public int getB() {return b;}
20    public int getC() {return c;}
21    public int getD() {return d;}
22    ...
```

```
1 public class Parallelogram
2     extends Quadrilateral{
3     // a,b,c,d are inherited
4
5     public Parallelogram() { }
6     public Parallelogram
7         (Pt p1, Pt p2,
8          Pt p3){
9         super(p1,p2,p3,
10             new Pt (p3.getX()
11                     +p1.getX()
12                     -p2.getX(),
13                     p3.getY()
14                     +p1.getY()
15                     -p2.getY()));
16     }
17
18     // getA() is inherited
19     // getB() is inherited
20     // getC() is inherited
21     // getD() is inherited
22     ...
```

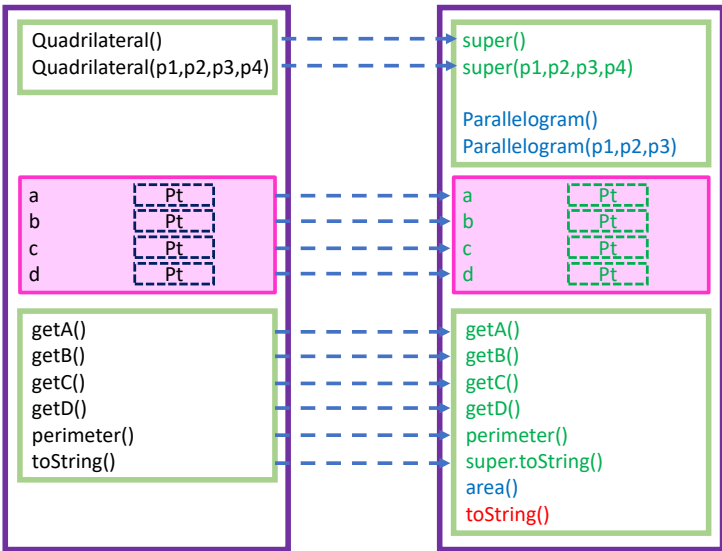
```
1    ...
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11 public double perimeter() {
12     return a.dist(b)+b.dist(c)
13         +c.dist(d)+d.dist(a); }
14
15
16 public String toString(){
17     return "["+a+","+b+","+
18         +c+","+d+"]"; }
19 }
```

```
1    ...
2 public double area() {
3     return
4         getA().getX()*getB().getY()
5         +getA().getY()*getC().getX()
6         +getB().getX()*getC().getY()
7         -getB().getY()*getC().getX()
8         -getA().getY()*getB().getX()
9         -getA().getX()*getC().getY(); }
10
11 // perimeter inherited
12
13
14
15 // toString, overwritten
16 public String toString(){
17     return "PG"
18         +super.toString(); }
19 }
```

- **a,b,c** and **d** are declared as **private** in **Quadrilateral** and thus cannot be directly accessed in **Parallelogram**.
- Alternative: Modifier **protected**, between **public** and **private**: accessible in all subclasses and all classes of the same package (see later)
- Three methods of the superclass **Quadrilateral** are not directly accessible in the subclass **Parallelogram**, but only with the keyword **super** to access the superclass:
  - ▶ the two constructors **Quadrilateral()** and **Quadrilateral(p1,p2,p3,p4)**, only via **super()** or **super(p1,p2,p3,p4)** at the start of the constructors of **Parallelogram**.
  - ▶ the overwritten method **toString()** as **super.toString()**

The calls **super.toString()**, **super()** and **super(p1,p2,p3,p4)** can be used in this form only in direct subclasses

- **Quadrilateral** and **Parallelogram** are also (indirect) subclasses of **Object** and thus have additional methods (later...)!



inherited new overwritten



Visibility modifiers for the instance variables **a, b, c, d** in **Quadrilateral**:

- **private**:  
then access to **a, b, c, d** from the subclass **Parallelogram** not directly possible, only using inherited methods, i.e.,  
**getA() , getB() , getC() , getD() , perimeter() ,**  
**super.toString() , super() , super(p1,p2,p3,p4)**
- **protected**: direct access from subclass **Parallelogram** allowed
- **public**: direct access allowed in all classes

Recommendation: Variables should be **private**, without direct access outside the defining class

Thus: define **a, b, c** and **d** in **Quadrilateral** as **private** and access them only via methods!

## Complete example C5E09\_Inheritance:

- file `Pt.java`: **class** `Pt` as before for representing points in the plane.
- file `Quadrilateral.java`: **class** `Quadrilateral` as above, with **private** modifier for the instance variables.
- file `Parallelogram.java`: **Klasse** `Parallelogram` as subclass of `Quadrilateral`.
- file `Rectangle.java`: **extension** of the class hierarchy by the **class** `Rectangle` as subclass of `Parallelogram`.
- additionally **main** in the class `Rectangle` as a method for testing.

file `Rectangle.java`: extension of the class hierarchy by the class `Rectangle` as subclass of `Parallelogram`

```
1 public class Rectangle extends Parallelogram {
2
3     public Rectangle() {}
4
5     public Rectangle( Pt p1, Pt p2, Pt p3) {
6         super( p1, p2, p3 );
7     }
8
9     public double area() {
10         return getA().dist(getB())
11             *getB().dist(getC());
12     }
13
14     public double diag() {
15         return getA().dist(getC());
16     }
17
18     @Override public String toString() {
19         return "Rect:" + super.toString();
20     }
21     ...
}
```

in file `Rectangle.java`: method for testing class `Rectangle`

```
1  public static void main( String[] args ) {  
2      System.out.println("Test method for class hierarchy.\n");  
3  
4      Rectangle c = new Rectangle  
5                      (new Pt(0,0),new Pt(2,0),new Pt(2,2));  
6  
7      System.out.println(rect);  
8      System.out.println("area   : " +rect.area());  
9      System.out.println("perim  : "+rect.perimeter());  
10     System.out.println("diag   : "+rect.diag());  
11  
12 }  
13 }
```

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The generation of a subclass object generates a sequence of **constructor** calls:

- The subclass constructor first(!) implicitly or explicitly calls the superclass constructor.
- The constructor calls follow the class hierarchy up to the constructor of the class **Object**.
- The method bodies of the constructors are then executed from the superclass to the subclass (along the class hierarchy 'top down').
- Explicit calls of a constructor of the superclass must always be done at the beginning of the declaration of the calling constructor.

- The **garbage collector** removes objects from memory to which no references refer.
- In early versions of Java, a **finalizer** was recommended, but this has been deprecated since Java 9.
- Many programs never make use of finalizers!
- In practice the garbage collector works only after some delay. i.e., even calling it directly may not immediately start garbage collection.

## Example K5B10E\_Constructors:

(a) class **SuperClass** for constructor example:

```
1 public class SuperClass {
2
3     private String superData;
4
5     public SuperClass() {
6         superData = "-SP-";
7         System.out.println("super default constructor: " + this);
8     }
9
10    public SuperClass(String name) {
11        superData=name ;
12        System.out.println("super special constructor: " + this);
13    }
14
15    @Override public String toString() {
16        return "superData_" + superData;
17    }
18 }
```



(b) class **SubClass** for constructor example:

```
1 public class SubClass extends SuperClass {
2
3     private String subData;
4
5     public SubClass() {
6         subData = "-sb-";
7         System.out.println("sub default constructor:    " + this);
8     }
9
10    public SubClass(String supname, String subname) {
11        super( supname );
12        subData = subname;
13        System.out.println("sub special constructor:    " + this);
14    }
15
16    @Override public String toString() {
17        return "subData_" + subData + ",_" + super.toString();
18    }
19 }
```

### (c) test class:

```
1 public class Test {
2     public static void main( String args[] ) {
3         SuperClass a = new SuperClass ("-AA-");
4         SubClass    b = new SubClass    ();
5         SubClass    c = new SubClass    ("-C1-", "-C2-");
6         System.out.println();
7         a = null;    // marked for garbage collection
8         b = null;    //           - " -
9         c = null;    //           - " -
10        System.gc(); // call garbage collector
11    } }
```

### (d) example output:

```
1 super special constructor: superData -AA-
2 super default constructor: subData null, superData -SP-
3 sub default constructor:   subData -sb-, superData -SP-
4 super special constructor: subData null, superData -C1-
5 sub special constructor:   subData -C2-, superData -C1-
```

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Important: When can we store a reference to a class in a variable of another class?

Possible combinations of variables and references with inheritance (with example **Parallelogram** as subclass of **Quadrilateral**):

$x = r$	reference $r$ to superclass	reference $r$ to subclass
variable $x$ of superclass type	yes	<b>yes</b> (Parallelogram 'is-a' Quadrilateral)
variable $x$ subclass type	<b>no</b> (Quadrilateral 'is-NOT-a' Parallelogram)	yes

## Example C5E11\_References (using the known classes Quadrilateral and Parallelogram):

```
1 public class References {
2     public static void main( String[] args ) {
3         Pt a=new Pt(0,0), b=new Pt(1,0), c=new Pt(1,1), d=new Pt(0,1);
4
5         // Superclass reference to Superclass object:
6         Quadrilateral ql = new Quadrilateral(a,b,c,d);
7
8         // Subclass reference to Subclass object:
9         Parallelogram pg = new Parallelogram(a,b,c);
10
11        // Superclass reference to Subclass object:
12        Quadrilateral qlRef = pg;
13
14        // Subclass reference to Superclass object:
15        // Parallelogram pgRef = ql; // compile error
16
17        System.out.println( ql.toString() +
18            "\n_(call toString() of the class Quadrilateral)\n\n");
19
20        System.out.println( pg.toString() +
21            "\n_(call toString() of the class Parallelogram)\n\n");
22
23        System.out.println( qlRef.toString() +
24            "\n_(call toString() of the class Parallelogram)\n\n");
25    }}
```

**Casting** of a superclass reference is possible if the test **instanceof** for the subclass property is successful.

**instanceof** is a special boolean operator that has a reference and a class name as parameters, see Example K5B12E\_ReferenceCast:

```
1 public class ReferenceCast {
2     public static void main( String[] args ) {
3
4         Pt a=new Pt(0,0), b=new Pt(1,0), c=new Pt(1,1), d=new Pt(0,1);
5
6         Quadrilateral qlRef = new Parallelogram(a,b,c,d);
7
8         Parallelogram pgRef = new Parallelogram();
9         if ( qlRef instanceof Parallelogram )
10             pgRef = (Parallelogram) qlRef;
11
12         System.out.println( qlRef.toString()
13             + "\n__call toString() of the class Parallelogram"
14             + "\n__superclass reference to subclass object\n\n");
15
16         System.out.println( pgRef.toString()
17             + "\n__call toString() of the class Parallelogram"
18             + "\n__superclass reference to subclass object "
19             + "cast to Parallelogram\n");
20     } }
```

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- Annotation: language component to include meta data into the source code, used by the compiler
- most important example: `@Override`
- purpose: annotate methods that overwrite superclass methods
- if no corresponding superclass method exists: compile error!
- helps to identify typos, e.g. `@Override public toString()` instead of `@Override public toString()`
- other annotations: `@Deprecated`



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Methods in Java can be defined as 'abstract' (without body):

```
1 public abstract double perimeter (); // no '{}'
```

A class including an abstract method must be defined as abstract as well:

```
1 public abstract class Figure {  
2     public abstract double perimeter ();  
3     public abstract double area ();  
4 }
```

- Abstract classes cannot be instantiated, they only serve to construct subclasses.
- Classes can also be defined as abstract if they include non-abstract methods. (This prevents an instantiation.)

- A subclass of an abstract class can be instantiated, if it overwrites and implements all abstract methods of the superclass.
- A subclass that does not implement all inherited abstract methods is itself abstract.

	<b>class</b>	<b>abstract class</b>	<b>final class</b>
Generation of objects	yes	no	yes
Creation of subclasses	yes	yes	no

## Example: *abstract* class Shape

```
1 public abstract class Shape {
2
3 // concrete constructor:
4 // for (usually implicit) calls by subclass constructors
5 protected Shape() { }
6
7 // abstract methods:
8
9 public abstract double perimeter();
10
11 // concrete methods:
12
13 public String getName() {
14     return this.getClass().toString();
15     // name of the class of an object, as String
16 }
17 }
```

## Quadrilateral as concrete subclass of the abstract class Shape

```
1 public class Quadrilateral extends Shape {
2
3     private Pt a,b,c,d;
4
5     public Quadrilateral() { }
6
7     public Quadrilateral(Pt p1, Pt p2, Pt p3, Pt p4) {
8         a=p1; b=p2; c=p3; d=p4; }
9
10    // overwrite abstract methods with concrete methods
11
12    @Override public double perimeter() {
13        return a.dist(b)+b.dist(c)+c.dist(d)+d.dist(a); }
14
15    // additional methods:
16
17    public int getA() {return a;}
18    public int getB() {return b;}
19    public int getC() {return c;}
20    public int getD() {return d;}
21
22    @Override public String toString(){
23        return "["+a+","+b+","+c+","+d+"]"; }
24 }
```

## Parallelogram as indirect subclass of the abstract class Shape

```
1 public class Parallelogram extends Quadrilateral {
2     // new constructors:
3     public Parallelogram() { }
4     public Parallelogram (Pt p1, Pt p2, Pt p3) {
5         super(p1,p2,p3, new Pt (p3.getX()+p1.getX()-p2.getX(),
6                                 p3.getY()+p1.getY()-p2.getY()));
7     }
8     // new methods:
9     public double area() {
10         return getA().getX()*getB().getY()+getA().getY()*getC().getX()
11             +getB().getX()*getC().getY()-getB().getY()*getC().getX()
12             -getA().getY()*getB().getX()-getA().getX()*getC().getY();
13     }
14     // inherited (from Shape): getName
15
16     // inherited (from Quadrilateral): perimeter
17
18     // overwritten (from Quadrilateral):
19     @Override public String toString() {
20         return "PG" + super.toString();
21     }
22 }
```

## Rectangle as indirect subclass of the abstract class Shape

```
1 public class Rectangle extends Parallelogram {
2     // new:
3     public Rectangle() { }
4     public Rectangle(Pt p1, Pt p2, Pt p3 ) {
5         super( p1, p2, p3 );
6     }
7
8     public double diag() {
9         return getA().dist(getC());
10    }
11    // overwritten (from Parallelogram):
12    @Override public double area() {
13        return getA().dist(getB())
14            *getB().dist(getC());
15    }
16    }
17    @Override public String toString() {
18        return "Rect:"+super.toString()
19    }
20    // inherited (from Quadrilateral): perimeter
21    // inherited (from Shape): getName
22 }
```

## Example C5E13\_Shape\_Abstract: calling 'polymorphic' methods

```
1 public class ShapeTest {
2     public static void main( String args[] ) {
3
4         Quadrilateral ql = new Quadrilateral(new Pt(0,0),new Pt(1,0),
5                                             new Pt(1,1), new Pt(0,1));
6         Parallelogram pg = new Parallelogram(new Pt(0,0),new Pt(2,0),
7                                             new Pt(2,2));
8         Rectangle re = new Rectangle(new Pt(0,0),new Pt(3,0),
9                                     new Pt(3,3));
10
11 // usual access to methods of each class:
12 System.out.println("\n\n" + ql.getName() + "_(direct)\n"
13                     + "[_" + ql.getA() + "_,_" + ql.getB()
14                     + "_,_" + ql.getC() + "_,_" + ql.getD() + "]" );
15
16 System.out.println("\n\n" + pg.getName() + "_(direct)\n"
17                     + "[_" + pg.getA() + "_,_" + pg.getB()
18                     + "_,_" + pg.getC() + "_,_" + pg.getD() + "]" );
19
20 System.out.println("\n\n" + re.getName() + "_(direct)\n"
21                     + "[_" + re.getA() + "_,_" + re.getB()
22                     + "_,_" + re.getC() + "_,_" + re.getD() + "]" );
23
24 ...
```



```
1  ...
2  Shape arrayOfShapes[] = new Shape[ 3 ];
3  arrayOfShapes[ 0 ] = ql;assignment of subclass references!
4  arrayOfShapes[ 1 ] = pg;
5  arrayOfShapes[ 2 ] = re;
6  // access via concrete methods of Shape/Quadrilateral:
7  for ( int i = 0; i < arrayOfShapes.length; i++ ) {
8      System.out.println("\n\n"
9          + arrayOfShapes[ i ].getName() + "_ (via_Shape)\n");
10 }
11 // use of overwritten methods:
12 for ( int i = 0; i < arrayOfShapes.length; i++ ) {
13     System.out.println("\n\n"
14         + arrayOfShapes[ i ].getName() + "_ (via_Shape)\n"
15         + "\n" + arrayOfShapes[ i ].toString()
16         + "\nperimeter = " + arrayOfShapes[ i ].perimeter());
17     }
18 }
19 }
```

## Polymorphism:

- Methods are **polymorphic** if they can be used with objects of different types.
- Implementation in Java:
  - 1 Definition the method in a superclass (abstract or not)
  - 2 Overwriting of the method in the corresponding subclasses.
  - 3 Method can be applied for objects of classes where the implementation of the method is defined.
- The array **arrayOfShapes** is defined on the abstract class **Shape** and can thus contain elements of arbitrary (non-abstract) subclasses of **Shape**.
- The methods **perimeter**, **getName** can be called for the abstract class **Shape**, the (overwriting) implementation of the corresponding subclass is executed.
- The methods **getA**, **getB**, **getC**, **getD** can be called only for objects of the class **Quadrilateral** or its subclasses. The method **area** and **toString** are polymorphic since the implementations in different subclasses are different.

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Interfaces are similar to abstract classes and are used to define interfaces.

	<b>Interfaces</b>	<b>abstract classes</b>
identifier	<b>interface</b> ifname	<b>abstract class</b> classname
methods	all implicitly abstract	abstract and concrete
variables	only <b>static final</b>	arbitrary
constructors	none	default or explicit
subclasses	<b>implements ifname</b>	<b>extends classname</b>
subinterfaces	<b>extends ifname</b>	-

A class can

- be a subclass of *at most one* superclass (extends), but
- implement *arbitrary many* interfaces (implements)

Thus:

*Interfaces in Java implement a restricted form of multiple inheritance.*

## Example interface **Shape**

- no constructor (constructor not useful since any variables must be `static final`)
- All methods are implicitly(!) defined as **abstract**.

```
1 public interface Shape {  
2  
3     // no constructor !  
4     // all methods abstract  
5  
6     public double perimeter();  
7     public String getName();  
8 }
```

## Quadrilateral as concrete subclass of interface Shape:

- overwrites abstract methods with concrete (implemented) methods

```
1 public class Quadrilateral implements Shape {
2
3     private Pt a,b,c,d;
4
5     public Quadrilateral() { }
6     public Quadrilateral(Pt p1, Pt p2, Pt p3, Pt p4) {
7         a=p1; b=p2; c=p3; d=p4; }
8
9     //implementation as before:
10    public int getA() {return a;}
11    public int getB() {return b;}
12    public int getC() {return c;}
13    public int getD() {return d;}
14
15    //implementation of abstract methods:
16    @Override public double perimeter() {
17        return a.dist(b)+b.dist(c)+c.dist(d)+d.dist(a);}
18    @Override public String getName() { return this.getClass().toString()}
19    //overwrite the method inherited from Object :
20    @Override public String toString()
21        {return "["+a+","+b+","+c+","+d+"]";}
22 }
```

The classes `Parallelogram`, `Rectangle` and `ShapeTest` can be reused without any change(!) from the example for abstract classes with identical result, see `C5E14_Shape_Interface!`