Object-Oriented Programing

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Solution to in-class exercise

 Why is the implementation of the constructor for Array and its __vtable initialization call in the header file?

```
template <typename T>
struct Array;
template <typename T>
struct Array VT;
template <typename T>
struct Array {
 Array_VT<T>* __vptr;
  const int32_t length;
 T* __data;
  // The constructor (defined inline).
 Array(const int32_t length)
    : __vptr(&__vtable), length(length), __data(new T[length]
  // The function returning the class object for the array.
  static java::lang::Class __class();
  // The vtable for the array.
  static Array_VT<T> __vtable;
};
// The vtable for arrays.
template <typename T>
Array_VT<T> Array<T>::__vtable;
```

- Why is the implementation of the constructor for Array and its __vtable initialization call in the header file?
- A template is not a class or a function. A template is a "pattern" that the compiler uses to generate a family of classes or functions. Therefore its not an implementation.
- More here..

 https://isocpp.org/wiki/faq/templates#templates-defn-vs-decl

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 Why has the 'component' property at line 6 and the 'isArray' at line 20 method been added?

```
struct __Class
         __Class_VT* __vptr;
         String name;
         Class parent;
         Class component;
         bool primitive;
         // The constructor.
10
         __Class(String name,
                 Class parent,
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                 Class component = (Class)__rt::null(),
                 bool primitive = false);
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        // The instance methods of java.lang.Class.
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         static String toString(Class);
         static String getName(Class);
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         static Class getSuperclass(Class);
         static bool isPrimitive(Class);
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         static bool isArray(Class);
         static Class getComponentType(Class);
         static bool isInstance(Class, Object);
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         // The function returning the class object representing
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         // java.lang.Class.
         static Class __class();
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        // The vtable for java.lang.Class.
         static __Class_VT __vtable;
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   };
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```

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- Reminder: <u>covariance</u>: for an array with component type S, if S extends T, then S[] extends T[]

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- Why has the 'component' property at line 6 and the 'isArray' at line 20 method been added?
- Since arrays in Java are covariant, we need to know the type contained in the array to determine if some array is a subclass of some other array.
- isArray exists as a convenience so that we easily recognize array types for special casing logic for them.

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   };
```

 Describe in just a few words what the checkStore function does.

```
template <typename T, typename U>
void checkStore(Array<T>* array, U object)
{
    if (null() != (java::lang::Object) object)
    {
        java::lang::Class t1 = array->__vptr->getClass(array);
        java::lang::Class t2 = t1->__vptr->getComponentType(t1);

        if (! t2->__vptr->isInstance(t2, (java::lang::Object)object))
        {
            throw java::lang::ArrayStoreException();
        }
    }
}
```

- Describe in just a few words what the checkStore function does.
- checkStore checks object of some type U is a legal type to be inserted into the array and if not throws an exception.

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template <typename T, typename U>
void checkStore(Array<T>* array, U object)
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        java::lang::Class t2 = t1->__vptr->getComponentType(t1);

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- checkStore checks object of some type U is a legal type to be inserted into the array and if not throws an exception.
- What is the definition of a legal type?

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void checkStore(Array<T>* array, U object)
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    if (null() != (java::lang::Object) object)
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            throw java::lang::ArrayStoreException();
        }
    }
}
```

 Note the comment on line 10 of output/java_lang.cpp, what needs to happen there?

```
bool __Class::isInstance(Class __this, Object o)
        Class k = o->__vptr->getClass(o);
         do
             if (__this->__vptr->equals(__this, (Object) k))
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               return true;
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            // TODO: handle covariance of arrays
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             k = k->__vptr->getSuperclass(k);
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        while ((Class) __rt::null() != k);
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         return false;
16
17
```

- Note the comment on line 10 of output/java_lang.cpp, what needs to happen there?
- Check if the component of the array types have a super/subclass relationship, since for the component type, if S extends T, then S[] extends T[] and since arrays extend Object.
- I.e. an Array<String> is an instance of Array<Object>

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bool __Class::isInstance(Class __this, Object o)
         Class k = o->__vptr->getClass(o);
         do
             if (__this->__vptr->equals(__this, (Object) k))
               return true;
             // TODO: handle covariance of arrays
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11
             k = k->__vptr->getSuperclass(k);
12
13
         while ((Class) __rt::null() != k);
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         return false;
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```

Briefly explain this code.

```
// Template specialization for arrays of ints.
     template<>
     java::lang::Class Array<int32_t>::__class() {
       static java::lang::Class ik =
         new java::lang::__Class(
            __rt::literal("int"),
            (java::lang::Class)__rt::null(),
            (java::lang::Class)__rt::null(),
8
 9
            true
         );
10
11
       static java::lang::Class k =
12
         new java::lang::__Class(
13
14
           literal("[I"),
           java::lang::__Object::__class(),
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           ik);
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       return k;
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```

- Briefly explain this code.
- This is the template specialization for arrays of int. Note that there is superclass for the component since ints don't extend Object.
- The component type must be constructed ad-hoc, since we don't have a java::lang::int

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template<>
     java::lang::Class Array<int32_t>::__class() {
       static java::lang::Class ik =
         new java::lang::__Class(
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            (java::lang::Class)__rt::null(),
            true
         );
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       static java::lang::Class k =
         new java::lang::__Class(
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           literal("[I"),
           java::lang::__Object::__class(),
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           ik);
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       return k;
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```

- How will you add primitive array specializations?
 - Implement 'by-hand' specializations into java_lang.cpp
- How could you add specializations for objects of arbitrary types in your translator?
 - The translator will have to be smart enough to recognize arrays of types that are being translated and generate a specialization for it, as you did by hand for A in this exercise.

```
namespace inputs
    -{
2
       namespace javalang
 3
       {
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        __A::__A() : __vptr(&__vtable) {}
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 6
         String __A::toString(A __this) {
 7
           return new __String("A");
8
        }
9
10
        Class __A::__class() {
11
           static Class k =
12
             new __Class(__rt::literal("inputs.javalang.A"), (Class) __rt::null());
13
           return k;
14
        }
15
16
         __A_VT __A::__vtable;
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     namespace __rt
22
      // Template specialization for arrays of A
23
      template<>
24
       java::lang::Class Array<inputs::javalang::A>::__class()
25
26
         static java::lang::Class k =
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             new java::lang::__Class(literal("[Linputs.javalang.A;"),
28
                                     java::lang::__Object::__class(),
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                                     inputs::javalang::__A::__class());
30
         return k;
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       }
32
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     }
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
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      int[] ints = new int[2];
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      System.out.println(ints[1]);
 4
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      float[] floats = new float[2];
      System.out.println(floats[1]);
6
8
      A[] array = new A[5];
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      for (int i = 0; i < array.length; ++i) {
           A = new A();
11
           array[i] = a;
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      }-
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15
      for (int i = 0; i < array.length; ++i) {</pre>
           A a = array[i];
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           System.out.println(a.toString());
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      }-
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      try {
21
           System.out.println(array[128]);
22
      } catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
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           System.out.println("Caught ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException");
      }-
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      try {
           Object[] o = array;
27
           o[2] = new Object();
28
      } catch (ArrayStoreException e) {
29
           System.out.println("Caught ArrayStoreException");
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      }
32
   }
```

```
int main(void)
      __rt::Array<int32_t>* ints = new __rt::Array<int32_t>(2);
      __rt::checkNotNull(ints);
      __rt::checkIndex(ints, 1);
      cout << ints->__data[1] << endl;</pre>
      __rt::Array<float>* floats = new __rt::Array<float>(2);
      __rt::checkNotNull(floats);
      __rt::checkIndex(floats, 1);
      cout << fixed << floats->__data[1] << endl;
      __rt::Array<A>* array = new __rt::Array<A>(5);
      for(int i = 0; i < array -> length; ++i) {
         A = new _A();
         __rt::checkNotNull(array);
         __rt::checkIndex(array, i);
          __rt::checkStore(array, a);
         array->__data[i] = a;
      }
       for(int i = 0; i < array -> length; ++i) {
        __rt::checkNotNull(array);
        __rt::checkIndex(array, i);
        A a = array->__data[i];
         cout << a->toString(a)->data << endl;</pre>
      }
      trv {
        __rt::checkNotNull(array);
        __rt::checkIndex(array, 128);
        std::cout << array->__data[128] << std::endl;
      } catch (const ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException& ex) {
         std::cout << "Caught ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException"<< std::endl;
      }
      try {
        __rt::Array<Object>* o = (__rt::Array<Object>*) array;
        String s = __rt::literal("Hello");
        __rt::checkNotNull(o);
        __rt::checkIndex(o, 2);
         __rt::checkStore(o, s);
      } catch (const ArrayStoreException& ex) {
         std::cout << "Caught ArrayStoreException"<< std::endl;
      }
      return 0;
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Inheritance is terrible..



Inheritance is terrible..

(sometimes)

- Class inheritance is a powerful way to achieve code reuse, but not always best tool for job.
- It is safe to use class inheritance when extending classes specifically designed for it.
- Inheriting from ordinary, concrete classes is often a bad approach.

Advantages of Class Inheritance

- Substitution principle.
- Easy code reuse, just inherit.
- Easy to modify or extend the implementation being reused.

Disadvantages of Class Inheritance

- Complicated inheritance hierarchies can lead to code which is difficult to read and maintain.
 - Undisciplined, poorly applied subtype polymorphism leads to a large gap between reading the static code and what actually happens at runtime.
 - Bugs become very difficult to find (and sometimes recreate). Mental gymnastics required to debug.

Disadvantages of Class Inheritance

- Breaks encapsulation; subclass exposed to implementation details of superclass.
 - Known as "white-box" reuse. Good abstractions are "black-box".
 - Subclasses may have to be changed if superclass is changed.
 - Tight coupling between super and subclasses.

Breaking Encapsulation

- Best understood through example:
 - Suppose we have a Java program that uses the java.util.HashSet data structure. (Which is an implementation of a Set).
 - In order to tune performance, we want to monitor the number of attempted element insertions.
 - Note that this is different than simply querying the HashSet for size, we want to consider any removed elements in our count or duplicates.

Breaking Encapsulation

- In our first attempt, we write an extension to HashSet that keeps count of the insertion attempts.
- HashSet contains two methods capable of adding elements, add and addAll
- These two methods are overridden.

 This looks pretty reasonable, right?

```
public class InstrumentedHashSet extends HashSet {
      // The number of attempted element insertions
      private int addCount = 0;
 4
      public InstrumentedHashSet() { super(); }
 5
 6
      public InstrumentedHashSet(Collection c) { super(c); }
 8
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      public InstrumentedHashSet(int initCap, float loadFactor) {
         super(initCap, loadFactor);
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12
      public boolean add(Object o) {
13
         addCount++;
14
         return super.add(o);
15
      }
16
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      public boolean addAll(Collection c) {
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         addCount += c.size();
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         return super.addAll(c);
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      public int getAddCount() {
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         return addCount;
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      }
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```

- This looks pretty reasonable, right?
- Suppose we do this...

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HashSet hs = new InstrumentedHashSet();
hs.addAll(new String[] ("1", "2", "3"))
System.out.println(hs.getAddCount());
```

 What should we expect as output?

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- 3 right? Well, it prints 6.

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- The problem is that the addAll method of the class HashSet is implemented by calling the add method for each element in the Collection argument.
- Since add is overridden by the subclass every inserted element is counted twice.

```
public class InstrumentedHashSet extends HashSet {
       // The number of attempted element insertions
       private int addCount = 0;
       public InstrumentedHashSet() { super(); }
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"Fixing" the Problem

- We could "fix" this by removing our implementation of addAll.
- While that would work, our data structure's correct functioning would depend on the implementation of its superclass.
- There is no guarantee that this implementation detail would hold true in future versions of Java.
- Encapsulation is broken.

"Fixing" the Problem

- We could again try to "fix" this by implementing our own version of addAll, where we iterate over the Collection ourselves and add each element.
- This is slightly better, but also has problems.
- We are defeating a primary purpose of inheritance (code reuse) possibly introducing bugs.
- And this is not always possible, since data required for this technique, in some cases may be private.

"Fixing" the Problem

- This problem stems from method overriding.
- Ok, lets not override methods then. This sounds safer. (It is in fact, to a degree).
- So we add a addWithInsertionCount method that returns an int.
- However, what if a future version of HashSet has its own addWithInsertionCount method... and it returns a long?

Fixing the Problem

- Luckily there is a solution and it is a design technique with wide applicability.
- Wrap HashSet inside a new class that delegates all work to the HashSet and its only logic is only counts the number of attempted insertions.
- This approach is called 'composition'.
- By using composition we can make the wrapper class independent of the concrete implementation of HashSet.

Composition

- This technique is called 'composition' because the existing class becomes a component of the new class.
- Each instance method method in the new class either 'decorates' or 'forwards to' an existing Set implementation.
- Note how we take an implementation of the Set interface as an argument at construction.

```
public class InstrumentedSet implements Set {
       private final Set s;
       private int addCount = 0;
       public InstrumentedSet(Set s) { this.s = s; }
       public boolean add(Object o) {
         addCount++;
 8
         return s.add(o):
 9
       }
10
11
       public boolean addAll(Collection c) {
12
         addCount += c.size():
13
         return s.addAll(c);
14
15
16
       public int getAddCount() { return addCount; }
17
18
       public void clear() { s.clear(); }
19
20
      // Other forwarding methods for the remaining
21
      // methods of the Set interface
22
      // ...
24
```

Composition

- This approach is extremely flexible.
- Unlike the inheritance-based approach, our new class can work for any Set implementation.
- We are completely decoupled from the set implementation. Encapsulation is preserved.
- This is known as the 'Decorator Pattern'

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       private int addCount = 0;
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         addCount++;
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Another Disadvantage of Class Inheritance

- Implementations inherited from superclasses can not be changed at run-time.
 - To change the way a subclass behaves you must modify the source code.

Implementations Fixed at Runtime

- Another example is necessary...
 - Suppose we want to model the business logic of an airline.
 - One component of the software handles transactions with passengers such as ticket reservation and purchase. Another component handles payroll.
 - The ticketing component involves passengers and agents, while the payroll component involves only agents.
 - The ticketing component needs to keep track of the name and address of each *passenger*. The payroll component needs to maintain the *same information* for each *agent*.

Implementations Fixed at Runtime

- A design for the two components might involve the following class hierarchy:
 - A class Person is used to store the name and address of each person.
 - There are two classes, Passenger and Agent, to model agents and passengers, respectively.
 - Both of these classes are subclasses of Person.

Person Hierarchy

What's wrong with this design?

```
public abstract class Person {
 2
       private String name;
       private Address address;
 3
       //.. Accessors, etc.
     }
 5
     public class Agent extends Person {
       // Agent-related methods...
     }
 9
10
     public class Passenger extends Person {
11
       // Passenger-related methods...
12
    }
13
```

Person Hierarchy

- What's wrong with this design?
- The roles of a person may change over time.
- A person may be a passenger at one point in time and an agent at a another point in time, or even both at the same time.
- This is not reflected in the static class hierarchy.

```
public abstract class Person {
   private String name;
   private Address address;
   //.. Accessors, etc.
}

public class Agent extends Person {
   // Agent-related methods...
}

public class Passenger extends Person {
   // Passenger-related methods...
}
```

Fixing the problem

- One viable solution is to use subclassing and composition together:
 - Introduce a new class PersonRole that has a reference to a Person.
 - Define Passenger and Agent as subclasses of PersonRole.

```
public abstract class PersonRole {
       protected Person p;
     // Role-related methods...
    public class Agent extends PersonRole {
      // Agent-related methods...
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     public class Passenger extends PersonRole {
      // Passenger-related methods...
11
     }
12
13
    public class Person {
14
       private String name;
15
       private Address address;
16
      //.. Accessors, etc.
18
```

Advantages of Composition

- Contained objects are accessed by the containing class solely through their interfaces.
- "Black-box" reuse, since internal details of contained objects are not visible.
- Good encapsulation.
- Fewer implementation dependencies.
- Each class is focused on just one task.
- The composition can be defined dynamically at run-time through objects acquiring references to other objects of the some type.

Disadvantages of Composition

- Resulting systems tend to have more objects.
 - Though the JVM is good at dealing w/ short-lived objects.
- Lots of "boiler plate" code for forwarding methods that delegate work to the contained objects.
 - Nothing new in Java.
- Interfaces must be carefully defined in order to use many different objects as composition blocks.
 - This is where you get into trouble.

So when should one use class inheritance?

- Coad's Rules: Use class inheritance when the following criteria are satisfied:
 - 1. A subclass expresses "is a special kind of" and not "is a role played by a" (and also not "has a").
 - 2. An instance of a subclass never needs to become an object of another class.
 - 3. A subclass extends, rather than overrides or nullifies, the responsibilities of its superclass.
 - 4. A subclass does not extend the capabilities of what is merely a utility class.
 - 5. For a class in the problem domain, the subclass specializes a role, transaction, or device.

And when you do use it..

- Beware the pitfalls!
- The relationships between objects in the problem domain do not always carry over to an OO design.
- For example, suppose we want to model geometric objects such as rectangles, squares, circles, etc.
- Since a square is a special kind of a rectangle, we might want to implement squares as a subclass of Rectangle:

False Hierarchies

```
public class Rectangle {
 1
                                                                  public class Square extends Rectangle {
       protected double width;
 2
                                                                    public Square(double s) { super(s, s); }
       protected double height;
 3
 4
                                                                    // ...
       public Rectangle(double w, double h) {
 5
         width = w;
 6
                                                                    public void setHeight(double h) {
         height = h;
                                                                      height = h;
                                                                      width = h;
 8
                                                              8
                                                                    }
9
                                                              9
       public double getWidth() { return width; }
10
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       public double getHeight() { return height; }
                                                             11
                                                                    public void setWidth(double w) {
11
                                                                      height = w;
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       public void setWidth(double w) { width = w; }
                                                             13
13
                                                             14
       public void setHeight(double h) { height = h; }
14
                                                             15
15
       public double area() {return (width * height); }
                                                             16
                                                                    //...
16
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17
```

 Note that we override the setHeight and setWidth to maintain the invariant that the height and width of a square coincide.

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 A Square object does not behave like a Rectangle object because the methods setHeight and setWidth of class Square modify both height and width.

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 We cannot safely use a Square object when a Rectangle object is expected, even though the subclass relationship suggests otherwise. This is a violation of the *substitution principle*.

Final note...

- Everything we have talked about today relates to class inheritance. What's known as "implementation inheritance".
- There is another kind of inheritance that has fewer disadvantages, called "definition inheritance".
- Have you heard of interfaces? That is an example.
 We will get to that later in the semester.