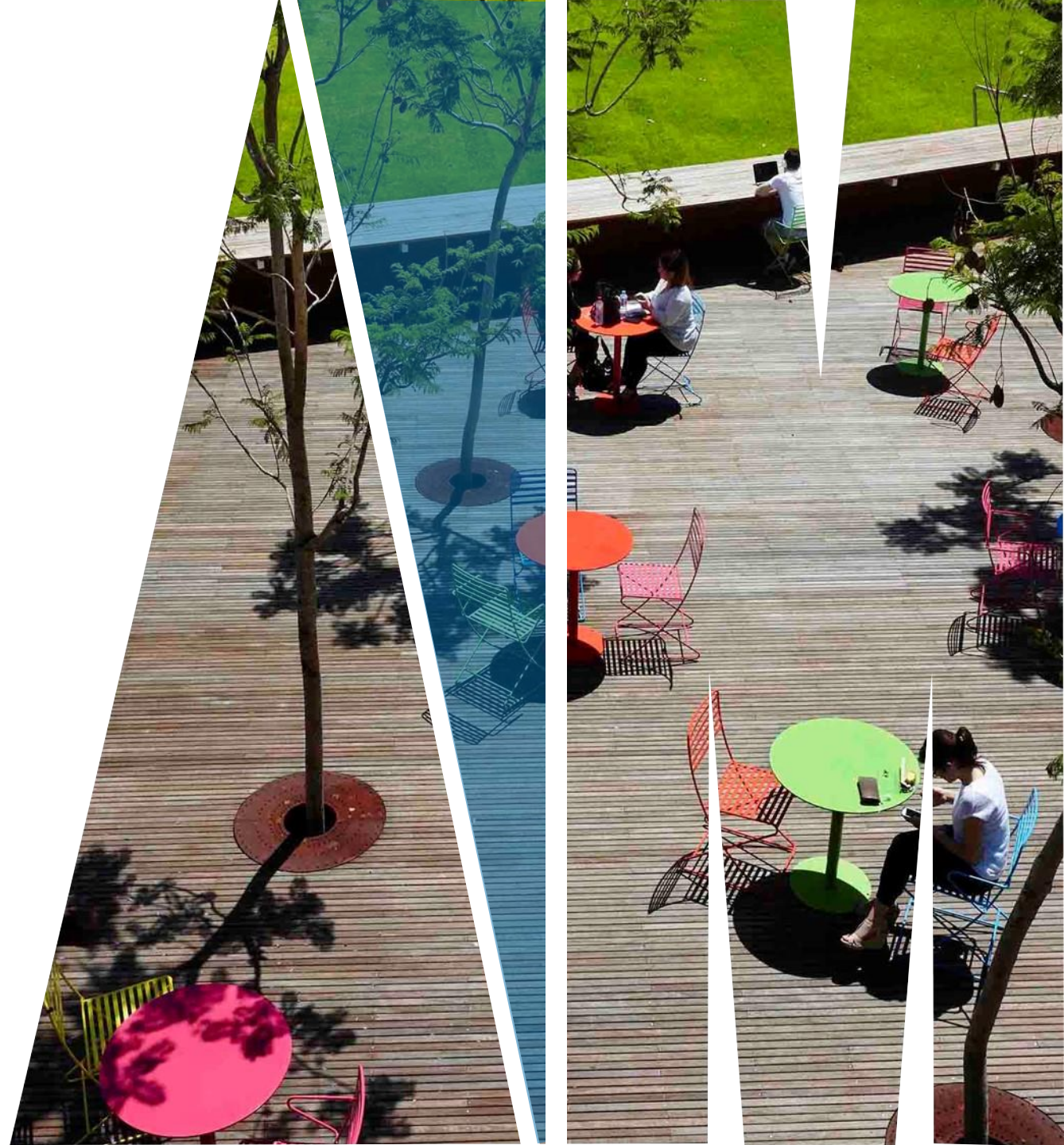


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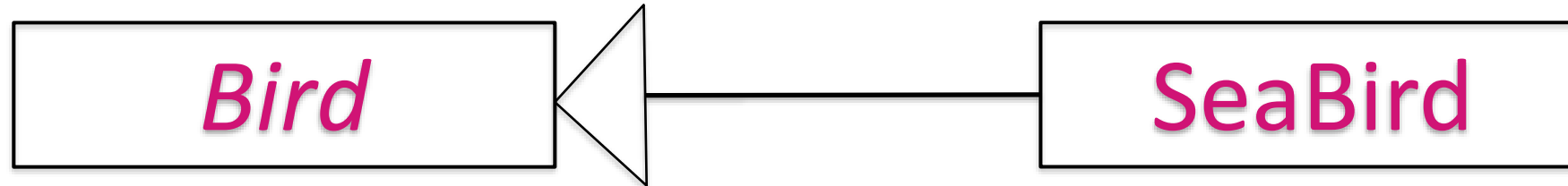
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REAL-WORLD REPRESENTATION



Seagull



Can swim and fly

Frigatebird



Can fly but cannot swim, they drown if they fall into the water

Penguin



Can swim but, definitely, cannot fly.

THE INTERFACE

An interface is a **completely**
"**abstract class**" that is used to group
related methods with **empty bodies**.

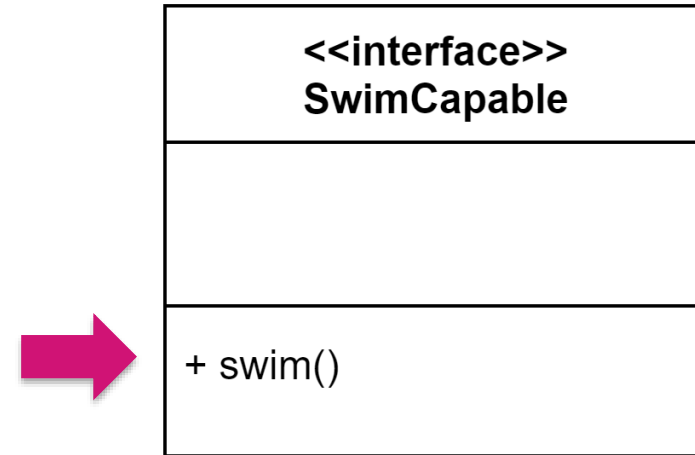
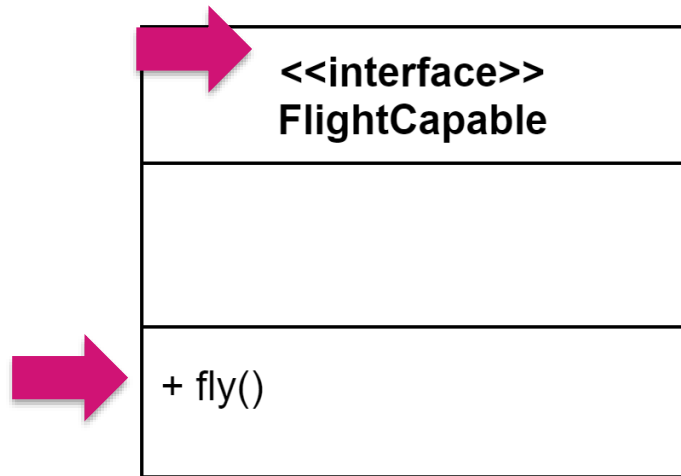
In other words, they are **collections**
of abstract methods.

Like a pure **blueprint** of what a class
must do and not how.



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**swim()
fly()**



fly()



swim()

CONCRETE/ABSTRACT V/S INTERFACES

	Interfaces	Abstract classes	Concrete classes
Constructor	✗	✓	✓
Static/final attributes	✓	✓	✓
Non-static or non-final attributes	✗	✓	✓
PRIVATE attributes and methods	✗	✓	✓
PROTECTED attributes and methods	✗	✓	✓
PUBLIC methods	✓	✓	✓
ABSTRACT methods	✓	✓	✗
STATIC methods	✓	✓	✓
FINAL methods	✗	✓	✓
DEFAULT methods	✓	✗	✗
Multiple inheritance?	✓	✗	✗

INTERFACES

SYNTAX

```
1 interface interface_name {  
2  
3     // declare final/static attributes  
4     // declare methods that are abstract  
5     // by default.  
6 }
```

INTERFACES

SYNTAX

Interface methods do not have a body.

```
interface FlightCapable{  
    public void fly();  
}
```

<<interface>> FlightCapable
+ fly()

```
interface SwimCapable{  
    public void swim();  
}
```

<<interface>> SwimCapable
+ swim()

INTERFACES

SYNTAX

The interface must be "**implemented**" (kind of like inherited) by another class with the **implements** keyword (instead of extends).

Penguin



swim()

```
interface SwimCapable{  
    public void swim();  
}
```



```
class Penguin extends SeaBird implements SwimCapable{  
    public void swim() {  
        // The body of swim() is provided here  
        System.out.println("The penguin can swim");  
    }  
}
```



The body of the interface method is provided by the "implement" class.

EXTENDING MULTIPLE INTERFACES

The extends keyword is used once, and the parent interfaces are declared in a **comma-separated list**.

Seagull



swim()
fly()

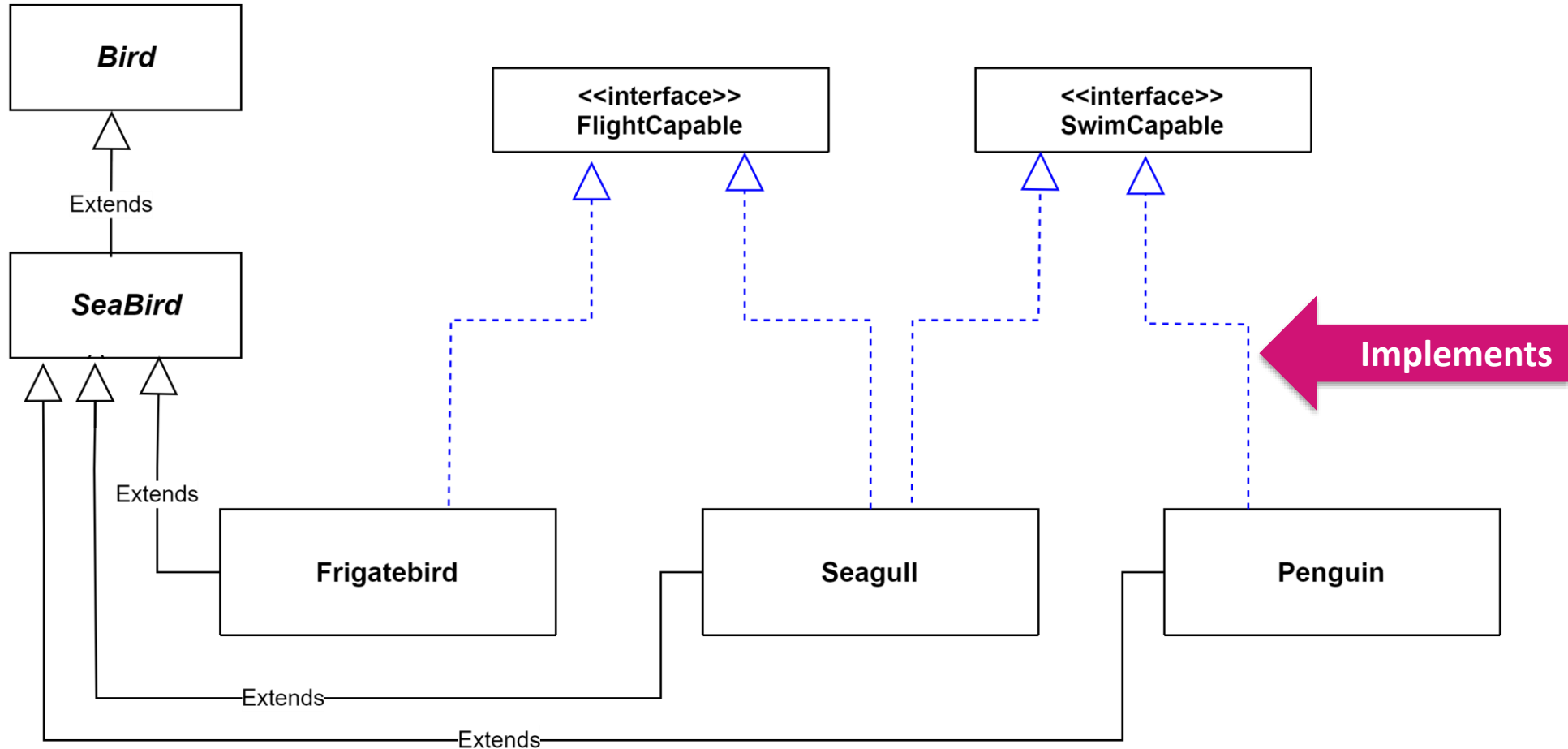
```
interface FlightCapable{  
    public void fly();  
}
```

```
interface SwimCapable{  
    public void swim();  
}
```

```
class Seagull extends SeaBird implements SwimCapable, FlightCapable{  
    public void swim() {  
        System.out.println("The Seagull can swim");  
    }  
  
    public void fly() {  
        System.out.println("The Seagull can fly");  
    }  
}
```

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DEFAULT METHOD IN INTERFACES

In JAVA 8 and above, **default methods** allow the interfaces to have methods with implementation without affecting the classes that implement the interface.

```
1 interface TestInterface
2 {
3     public void square(int a); // abstract method
4
5     default void show() { // default method
6         System.out.println("Default Method Executed");
7     }
8 }
```

The most common use of interface default methods is to **incrementally provide additional functionality to a given type without breaking down the implementing classes.**

Default methods are also known as **defender methods** or **virtual extension methods**.

REASONS FOR USING INTERFACES

Interfaces are used to achieve **abstraction**.

Designed to support **dynamic method resolution at run time**

It helps you to achieve **loose coupling**.

Allows you to **separate** the definition of a method from the inheritance hierarchy

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