## Using Interfaces

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#### Unit test

- Testing in software developments
  - unit tests: testing small size codes, usually functions and methods
  - integration tests: testing systems by combining components
- JUnit is a commonly used tool for unit tests in Java.
  - JUnit is available in various IDEs such as netbeans.

### Using JUnit4 in netbeans

- Preparation
  - Install junit4 library
  - Install hamcrest library
- Select a class for testing
  - ullet Tools o Create/Update Tests
  - Test templates are generated

# Utility methods initially created by JUnit4

- setUpClass(): sets up various common features and runs once before all testing methods
- tearDownClass(): clearing various results of tests and runs once after all testing methods
- setUp(): set up some features for one test and runs before each testing method
- tearDown(): clearing various results of one test and runs once after each testing method

# Example 1.1: Testing example 0

- Creating sort target in the constructor
- Testing sort() method

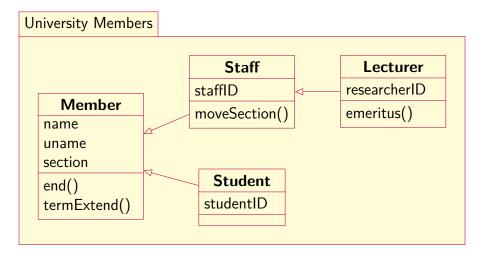
```
public void testSort() {
    System.out.println("sort");
    MergeSort instance = new MergeSort(studentList);
    List<Student> expResult = sortedList;
    List<Student> result = instance.sort();
    Assert.assertEquals(expResult, result);
}
```

• Testing isSorted() method

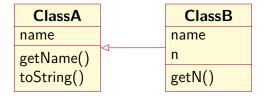
# Hierarchical structure of classes: クラス階層

- Superclasses
  - Generalization / Abstraction : 一般化 / 抽象化
  - Having common methods and fields
  - Defining abstract methods: without implementations
- Subclasses
  - embodiment / Specialization: 実装 / 具体化
  - Implementing (Overriding) methods
  - Adding new methods and fields

## Example 2.1: University members



## Example 3.1: Class inheritance



sample code

https://github.com/oop-mc-saga/JavaIntroduction

# Inheritance: defining subclass: 継承

- A subclass inherits all fields and methods of its superclass.
- The subclass can have additional fields and methods
- The subclass can change implementations of some methods of its superclass.

# Generalization: defining superclass: 一般化

- The superclass provides common fields and methods of its subclasses.
- The superclass can have abstract methods, which do not have implementations.
- Classes have abstract methods are called abstract class

## Method Override: メソッドの再定義

- Note identifiers of methods in Java: contact /signature
  - method name
  - argument list
- Define implementations of abstract methods
- Allow different implementations for subclasses

# Polymorphism: 多形

- A method in subclasses is allowed to behave differently from the corresponding method of their superclass
- An instance of subclasses also can be treated as an instance of its superclass
  - The method in the superclass is invoked, if the new implementation is not given in subclasses.

# Example 3.2: inheritanceExample

- Superclass: SuperClass
- Subclasses: SubClassA and SubClassB
- Observe the behavior of getResult() and getValue() methods

#### Limitation of inheritance in Java

- General difficulties in multiple inheritance
  - Superclasses may have fields or methods with the same name
- Java allows
  - a class inherits only one superclass
- Interfaces as special Superclasses
  - Java classes can inherit multiple interfaces

#### Interfaces

- Restriction on fields
  - Interfaces have only static final fields
  - Allowing to define constants
- Restriction on methods
  - Interfaces can only have abstract methods: without implementation

# Using interfaces

- Declaring to use interface at class definition
- All abstract methods must be implemented
- Users of classes with interfaces need to know only the methods of the interfaces

# Comparable: example of interfaces

- Read API document https://www.oracle.com/jp/java/technologies/ documentation.html
- Understand
  - purposes of methods
  - their return values

# Today's tasks

- Working with example1 package
- Add Comparable interface to the Student class
- Implement the compareTo() method
- Change MergeSort to be compatible with Comparable instances

# Implement Comparable interface to Student class

- Copy example0/Student.java into example1 package
- Confirm package name in example1/Student.java
- Modify class definition
   public class Student implements Comparable<Student>
- Understand the meaning of Comparable<Student> phrase
- Implement the compare\To() method

## Modify MergeSort

- Make MergeSort to be compatible with Comparable
- Copy example0/MergeSort.java into example1
- Generalize the target class of sorting
  - Specify the target using parametrized types
  - Delete all Student class specification

```
public class MergeSort<T extends Comparable<T>>
```

- Do not use any specific fields and methods of the Student class
  - use compareTo() method
- <T extends Comparable<T>> means the type T implementing Comparable

# Parametrized Types

- In the form C<T1,...,Tn>, where C is the name of a class or interface.
- Ti are parametrized types, used for specifying types of parameters of the class or interface.
- Examples:

 You can define classes not by specifying class details by using parametrized types.

#### Homework

- Write a class for bubble sort being compatible Comparable
- Use parametrized types

## Appendix: Comparator

- Comparator interface provides compare method
- compare(o1,o2) returns negative, zero, and positive integers depending on o1 is less than, equal, and greater than o2

```
public class MergeSort<T> {
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         final private List<T> list;
         final private Comparator<T> comparator;
          public MergeSort(List<T> list, Comparator<T> comparator) {
              this.list = list:
              this.comparator = comparator;
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          private boolean less(int i, int j) {
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              return (comparator.compare(list.get(i), list.get(j)) < 0);</pre>
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          . . .
     }
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```

# **Using Comparator**