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# 9.2: Inheritance and Constructors

#### Recall - Subclasses inherit all the variables and methods of their superclass

```
class Person {
                                                     Person p = new Person();
 public String name;
                                                     p.name = "Gary";
 public String address;
                                                     p.address = "San Francisco";
 public void printInfo() {
                                                     p.printInfo();
    System.out.println(name + " " + address);
class Teacher extends Person {
                                                     Teacher t = new Teacher();
 public String office;
                                                     t.name = "Chris";
                                                     t.address = "San Mateo";
                                                     t.printInfo();
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# Note: Not a best practice to make these public (more on this in a couple of slides

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```

Subclasses can only access the **public** variables and **public** methods of their superclass

```
class Person {
  public String name;
 public String address;
 public void printInfo() {
    String info = buildInfoString();
    System.out.println(info);
 private String buildInfoString() {
    return name + " " + address;
class Teacher extends Person {
 public String office;
  public String getBuildInfoString() {
    return buildInfoString(); ** ERROR **
```

```
Person p = new Person();
p.name = "Gary";
p.address = "San Francisco";
p.printInfo();
Teacher t = new Teacher();
t.name = "Chris";
t.address = "San Mateo";
t.printInfo();
t.buildInfoString(); ** ERROR **
t.office = "215W";
```

```
class Person {
 private String name;
                                                     Person p = new Person("Gary", "San Francisco");
 private String address;
                                                    p.printInfo();
 public Person(String name, String address) {
   this.name = name;
    this.address = address;
 public void printInfo() {
    System.out.println(name + " " + address);
```

Note: This is the better practice - Keep your variables private unless you want other code to mess with 'em!

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public String office;

#### But what happens if items in the superclass are not public?

required: String, String

no arguments

reason: actual and formal argument lists differ in length

found:

```
class Person {
  private String name;
  private String address;
                                               Reminder: If you declare any Constructor, Java will no longer
  public Person (String name, String address
                                               automatically create a no-param constructor for you.
    this.name = name;
    this.address = address;
                                               In this example, since Person has a Constructor that requires
                                               two parameters, there is no way to create a Person with zero
                                               parameters.
  public void printInfo() {
    System.out.println(name + " " + address And this error is telling you that Teacher is malformed because
                                               there is no way to properly create its Person superclass.
                                       error: constructor Person in class Person cannot be applied to given
                                       types;
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                                         found: no arguments
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 private String name;
 private String address;
 public Person() {
    // empty
 public Person(String name, String address) {
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 public void printInfo() {
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Adding a no-param constructor to Person "fixes" the error - Java now has a way to create a Teacher and its Person superclass.

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A:
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So let's try something else...
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class Person {
 private String name;
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 public Person(String name, String address) {
   this.name = name;
    this.address = address;
 public void printInfo() {
    System.out.println(name + " " + address);
class Teacher extends Person {
 public String office;
 public Teacher() {
    super("<a name>","<an adddress>");
```

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Person p = new Person("Gary", "San Francisco");
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t.printInfo();
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#### But what happens if items in the superclass are not public?

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 public void printInfo() {
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Person p = new Person("Gary", "San Francisco");
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Subclasses can invoke a constructor in their superclass with super()

- 1) super() may only be used on the first line of a subclass constructor
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A: <a name> <an address>

Better - But probably still not the best solution...
```

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p.printInfo();

Teacher t = new Teacher("Chris", "Thilgen");
t.printInfo();
```

# Solution 3: Invoke super() from a 2-param Teacher constructor

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Q: Now what is the output of t.printInfo()?
A: Chris San Mateo
Huzzah!
```

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<pre>class Person {   public String name;</pre>	Person	?	?
<pre>protected String age; private String taxId;</pre>			
}	Teacher	?	?
class Teacher extends Person {}			
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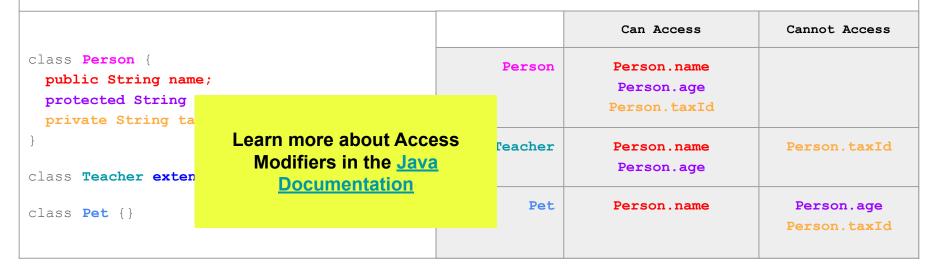
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#### **Summary**

- Subclasses do not have access to the private variables and private methods of their superclass (create accessor methods or carefully decorate items with protected)
- Subclasses can use the super() function to invoke superclass constructors
- super() can only be used on the first line of a subclass constructor (to prevent subclasses from interfering with the creation of the superclass)
- The params passed to super() determine which constructor in the superclass is invoked
- If you do not add a call to super() in a subclass constructor Java will
  automatically add call to super() with no params i.e. it will call the no-param
  constructor of the superclass (to ensure that the super-class is properly created;
  because the subclass depends on it)

```
class Widget {
                                                   Widget w1 = new Widget();
 public Widget() {
                                                   > ?
    System.out.println("WidgetA");
 public Widget(String s) {
    System.out.println("WidgetB");
 public Widget(int x, int y) {
    System.out.println("WidgetC");
```

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```

```
Widget w2 = new Widget("some string");
class Widget {
 public Widget() {
                                                   > ?
   System.out.println("WidgetA");
 public Widget(String s) {
   System.out.println("WidgetB");
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                                                   > WidgetB
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   System.out.println("WidgetC");
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```
class Widget {
                                                   Widget w3 = new Widget(400, 100);
 public Widget() {
                                                   > ?
   System.out.println("WidgetA");
 public Widget(String s) {
   System.out.println("WidgetB");
 public Widget(int x, int y) {
   System.out.println("WidgetC");
```

```
class Widget {
                                                   Widget w3 = new Widget(400, 100);
 public Widget() {
                                                   > WidgetC
   System.out.println("WidgetA");
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```

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class Widget {
                                                   SuperWidget sp1 = new SuperWidget();
 public Widget() {
                                                   > ?
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class SuperWidget {
```

```
SuperWidget sp1 = new SuperWidget();
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 public Widget() {
                                                   > ""
    System.out.println("WidgetA");
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class SuperWidget extends Widget {
 public SuperWidget() {
    System.out.println("SuperWidgetA");
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class SuperWidget extends Widget {
 public SuperWidget() {
    System.out.println("SuperWidgetA");
    super();
```

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ERROR: super() can only be used on the first line of a constructor!

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 public SuperWidget() {
    super("some string");
    System.out.println("SuperWidgetA");
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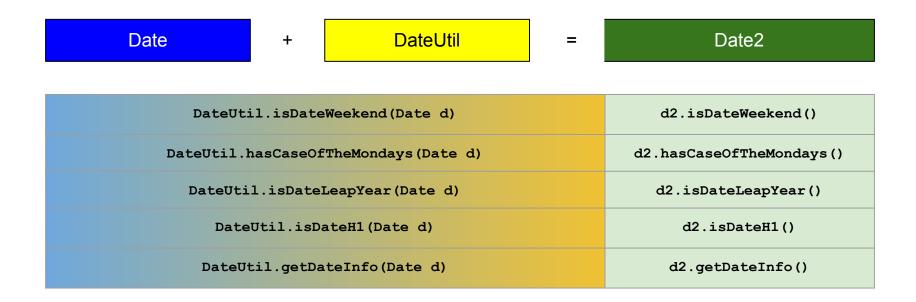
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