

Inheritance

Polymorphism, Subtyping, Reuse

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Lecture #8 out of 8

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Polymorphism

Implementation Inheritance

Chapter #1:

Polymorphism

[LSP SOLID Subtyping Generics Overloading]

Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)



“If for each object o_1 of type S there is an object o_2 of type T such that for all programs P defined in terms of T , the behavior of P is unchanged when o_1 is substituted for o_2 , then S is a subtype of T .”

— Barbara Liskov. Keynote Address — Data Abstraction and Hierarchy, 1987

[LSP SOLID Subtyping Generics Overloading]

SOLID (the “L” part)



“Functions that use pointers or references to base classes must be able to use objects of derived classes without knowing it.”

— Robert C. Martin. *Clean Code: A Handbook of Agile Software Craftsmanship*. Pearson Education, 2008. doi:[10.5555/1388398](https://doi.org/10.5555/1388398)

[LSP SOLID [Subtyping](#) Generics Overloading]

Subtyping

```
1 interface Figure
2     float area();
3
4 interface Circle extends Figure
5     float perimeter();
6
7 interface Polygon extends Figure
8     int sides();
9
10 void paint(Figure f)
11     float s = f.area();
12     // ...
```



Circle \sqsubseteq Figure

Circle <: Figure

[LSP SOLID Subtyping Generics Overloading]

Parametric Polymorphism (Generics)

```
1 class StackOfStrings {
2     void push(String str) // ...
3     String pop() // ...
4
5 class StackOfIntegers {
6     void push(Integer num) // ...
7     Integer pop() // ...
8
9 var s1 = new StackOfStrings();
10 s1.push("Hello, world!");
11
12 var s2 = new StackOfIntegers();
13 s2.push(42);
```

```
1 class <T> Stack<T> {
2     void push(T item) // ...
3     T pop() // ...
4 }
5
6 var s1 = new Stack<String>();
7 s1.push("Hello, world!");
8
9 var s2 = new Stack<Integer>();
10 s2.push(42);
```

Ad Hoc Polymorphism (Method Overloading)

```
1 class Cart {  
2     void add(int pid) // ...  
3     void addString(String pid) {  
4         this.add(Integer.parseInt(pid));  
5     }  
6 }  
7  
8 var c = new Cart();  
9 c.add(42);  
10 c.addString("17");  
11 c.addString("Hello, world!");
```

```
1 class Cart {  
2     void add(int pid) // ...  
3     void add(String pid) {  
4         this.add(Integer.parseInt(pid));  
5     }  
6 }  
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8 var c = new Cart();  
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11 c.add("Hello, world!");
```


Chapter #2:

Implementation Inheritance



GRADY BOOCH

“However, there is tension between the concepts of coupling and inheritance because inheritance introduces significant coupling. On the one hand, weakly coupled classes are desirable; on the other hand, inheritance—which tightly couples superclasses and their subclasses—helps us to exploit the commonality among abstractions.”

— Grady Booch, Robert A. Maksimchuk, Michael W. Engle, Bobbi J. Young, Jim Connallen, and Kelli A. Houston. *Object-Oriented Analysis and Design With Applications*. Addison-Wesley, 1994. doi:[10.5555/1407387](https://doi.org/10.5555/1407387)



“The `extends` keyword is evil; maybe not at the Charles Manson level, but bad enough that it should be shunned whenever possible.”

— Allen Holub. Why Extends Is Evil. <https://jttu.net/holub2003extends>, 9 2003. [Online; accessed 12-09-2024]



“Someone asked him: “If you could do Java over again, what would you change?” “I’d leave out classes,” he replied.”

— Allen Holub. Why Extends Is Evil. <https://jttu.net/holub2003extends>, 9 2003. [Online; accessed 12-09-2024]

[Reuse Composition Multiple Parents]

Code Reuse

```
1 class Square
2     private float width;
3     float area()
4         return width * width;
5
6 class Circle extends Square
7     Circle(float radius)
8         super(radius);
9     @Override float area()
10        return 3.14 * super.area();
```



Here, the `Circle` is not a `Square`. It merely reuses the code that was negligently left open in the `Square`.

Inheriting means “receive (money, property, or a title) as an heir at the death of the previous holder.” Who is dead, you ask? An object is dead if it allows other objects to inherit its encapsulated code and data.

[Reuse [Composition](#) Multiple Parents]

Composition over Inheritance

Implementation Inheritance:

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7     Circle(float radius)
8         super(radius);
9     @Override float area()
10        return 3.14 * super.area();
```

Composition:

```
1 final class Square
2     private float width;
3     float area()
4         return width * width;
5
6 final class Circle
7     private Square s;
8     Circle(float radius)
9         this.s = new Square(radius);
10    float area()
11        return 3.14 * s.area();
```

[Reuse Composition Multiple Parents]

All classes, without exceptions, should be either `final` or `abstract`

[Reuse Composition Multiple Parents]

Multiple Inheritance

```
1 class Pi
2     float value()
3         return 3.1415926;
4
5 class Square
6     private float width;
7     float area()
8         return width * width;
9
10 class Circle extends Square, Pi
11     Circle(float r): Square(r), Pi() {}
12     virtual float area()
13         return Pi.value() * Square.area();
```



[Reuse Composition Multiple Parents]

Multiple Super Types

```
1 interface Actor
2     void move(int dx, int dy);
3
4 interface Figure
5     float area();
6
7 class Circle implements Figure, Actor
8     Circle(float r)
9     @Override float area()
10         // ...
11     @Override void move(int dx, int dy)
12         // ...
```



[Reuse Composition Multiple [Parents](#)]

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