Preliminaries II



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Desirable qualities of software systems

- Usefulness
- Timeliness
- Reliability
- Maintainability
- Reusability
- User friendliness
- Efficiency

Not all these qualities are attainable at the same time, nor are they of equal importance.

Object-oriented programming

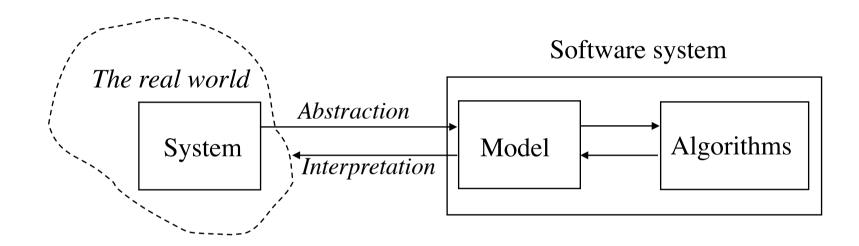
Focuses primarily on

- Reusability
- Maintainability

Maintainability is simplified by

- Flexibility (aspects are easily changeable)
- Simplicity
- Readability

Software development



Abstraction: only essential and relevant parts are captured, others are ignored

Basic concepts in object-oriented programming

Object:

Interpretation in the real world:

An object represents anything in the real world that can be distinctly identified

Representation in the model:

An object has an *identity*, a *state*, and a *behavior*

State and behavior

The **state** of an object is composed of a set of *fields*, or *attributes*. Each field has has a name, a type, and a value.

The **behavior** of an object is defined by a set of *methods* that may operate on the object. In other words, a method may access or manipulate the state of the object.

The **features** of an object refer to the combination of the state and the behavior of the object.

Classes

Class:

Interpretation in the real world:

A *class* represents a set of objects with similar characteristics and behavior. These objects are called *instances* of the class.

Representation in the model:

A *class* characterizes the structure of states and behaviors that are shared by all its instances.





Noun-verb analysis is a means of identifying classes and their methods.

If you look in the "problem statement" for *nouns*, they will often wind up as *classes*.

If you look for *verbs*, they will be *methods* of those classes.

An example of a class

```
class Point {    // Class name
    int x, y;    // Fields

    void move(int dx, int dy) {        // Method
        x += dx;
        y += dy;
    }
}
```

A class is a template, blueprint, that defines what an object's fields and methods will be.

A simple example

figure 3.1

A complete declaration of an IntCell class

A view of the accessibility

figure 3.2

IntCell members: read and write are accessible, but storedValue is hidden.



Using the class

```
1 // Exercise the IntCell class
 3 public class TestIntCell
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
           IntCell m = new IntCell( ):
           m.write( 5 );
           System.out.println( "Cell contents: " + m.read( ) );
10
11
           // The next line would be illegal if uncommented
12
           // because storedValue is a private member
13
           m.storedValue = 0;
14
15
16 }
```

figure 3.3

A simple test routine to show how IntCell objects are accessed

javadoc for the class

figure 3.4

The IntCell declaration with javadoc comments

```
* A class for simulating an integer memory cell
    * @author Mark A. Weiss
   public class IntCell
 7
 8
        * Get the stored value.
        * @return the stored value.
10
11
       public int read( )
12
13
           return storedValue;
14
15
16
17
        * Store a value.
18
        * @param x the number to store.
19
20
       public void write( int x )
21
22
           storedValue = x;
23
24
25
       private int storedValue;
26
27 }
```

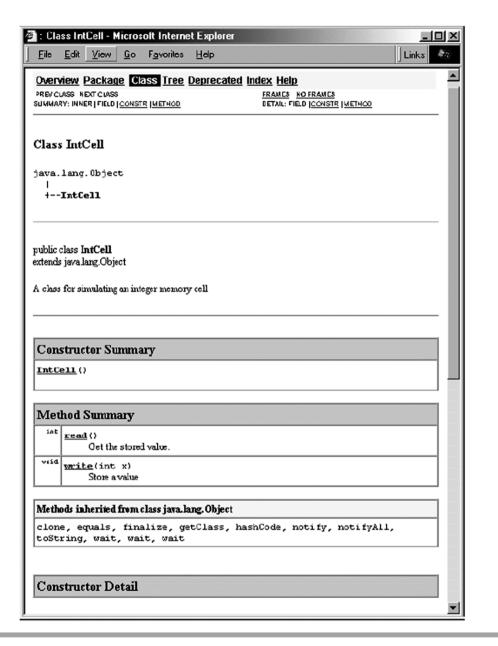


figure 3.5 *javadoc* output for Figure 3.4 (partial output)

Constructors

```
public class Point {
   int x, y;

public Point() { // no-arg constructor
      x = 0; y = 0;
   }

public Point(int x0, int y0) {
      x = x0; y = y0;
   }
}
```

Constructors may be **overloaded**:

A class may have several constructors, if only they have a different number of parameters, or their types differ.

Creation of Point objects

```
Point p1 = new Point();
Point p2 = new Point(13, 17);
```

If no constructor is provided for a class, a default no-arg constructor with an empty body is provided implicitly.

```
1 // Minimal Date class that illustrates some Java features
 2 // No error checks or javadoc comments
 4 public class Date
 5 {
           // Zero-parameter constructor
       public Date()
           month = 1:
 9
           day = 1:
10
11
           year = 2010;
12
13
           // Three-parameter constructor
14
       public Date( int theMonth, int theDay, int theYear )
15
16
17
           month = theMonth:
           day = theDay;
18
           year = theYear;
19
20
21
           // Return true if two equal values
22
       public boolean equals( Object rhs )
23
24
           if(! (rhs instanceof Date))
25
               return false:
26
           Date rhDate = ( Date ) rhs;
27
           return rhDate.month == month && rhDate.day == day &&
28
                  rhDate.year == year;
29
30
31
           // Conversion to String
32
       public String toString( )
33
34
           return month + "/" + day + "/" + year;
35
36
37
           // Fields
38
       private int month;
39
       private int day;
41
       private int year;
42
```

figure 3.6

A minimal Date class that illustrates constructors and the equals and toString methods



The this reference

The keyword this may be used inside an instance method or constructor to denote the receiving instance of the call.

Example of use:

```
public class Point {
   int x, y;

public Point(int x, int y) {
     this.x = x; this.y = y;
   }
}
```

Allows access to fields "shadowed" (hidden) by parameters.

Passing this as a parameter

```
class Line {
    Point p1, p2;

    public Line(Point p1, Point p2) {
        this.p1 = p1; this.p2 = p2;
    }
}

public class Point {
    int x, y;

    public Line connect(Point otherPoint) {
        return new Line(this, otherPoint);
    }
}
```



Dealing with aliasing

```
public class Point {
    public Line connect(Point otherPoint) {
        if (this == otherPoint)
            return null;
        return new Line(this, otherPoint);
    }
}
```

The this shorthand for constructors

Many classes have multiple constructors that behave similarly.

We can use this inside a constructor to call one of the other constructors.

Example:

```
public Date() {
    this(1, 1, 2010);
}
```

The call to this must be the first statement in the constructor.

The instanceof operator

The instanceof operator performs a runtime test of class membership.

The result of

exp instanceof ClassName

is true if exp is an instance of ClassName, and false otherwise.

If exp is null, the result is always false.



Static fields and methods

A **static field** is used when we have a variable that all the instances of the same class need to *share*. Typically, this is a symbolic constant, but need not be.

A **static method** is a method that does not need a controlling object, and thus is typically called by supplying the class name in stead of the controlling object.

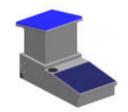
Static fields and methods are called **class fields** and **class methods**, respectively.

Non-static fields and methods are called **instance fields** and **instance methods**, respectively.

```
1 class Ticket
 2 {
       public Ticket( )
           System.out.println( "Calling constructor" );
 5
           serialNumber = ++ticketCount;
      public int getSerial( )
10
           return serialNumber;
11
12
13
      public String toString( )
14
15
           return "Ticket #" + getSerial();
16
17
18
       public static int getTicketCount( )
19
20
21
           return ticketCount;
22
23
       private int serialNumber;
24
25
      private static int ticketCount = 0;
26 }
27
```

figure 3.9

The Ticket class: an example of static fields and methods



Static initializers

Static fields are initialized when the class is loaded. Occasionally, we need a complex initialization.

Such an initialization may be performed in a block preceded by the keyword static. The block must follow the declaration of the static field.

figure 3.10

An example of a static initializer



Packages

Packages are used to organize similar classes. A package is a collection of related classes, interfaces, or other packages.

Package declaration is file based; that is, all classes in the same source file belong to the same package. The name of the package may be given in the beginning of the source file:

package PackageName;



An example package

```
The source file Point.java:
   package geometry;
   public class Point {
        int x, y;
        // ...
The source file Line.java:
   package geometry;
   public class Line {
        Point p1, p2;
```

Examples of application of the package

(1) Using the fully qualified name:

```
import geometry;
geometry.Point p = new geometry.Point(3, 4);
```

(2) Importing the class and using the simple class name:

```
import geometry.Point;
Point p = new Point(3, 4);
```

(3) Importing all classes:



Packages and directory structure

Use of a package requires a directory structure that corresponds to the name of the package.

Example:

The package

dk.ruc.jDisco

must be placed in the directory

dk/ruc/jDisco

Inheritance





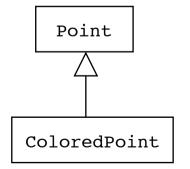
Inheritance

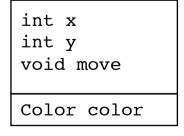
Inheritance is the fundamental object-oriented principle that is used to reuse code among related classes.

Inheritance models the **IS-A relation**.

Example:

```
class ColoredPoint extends Point {
    Color color;
}
```

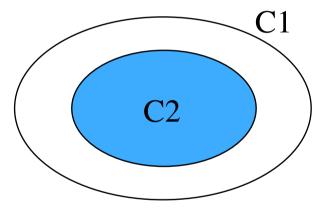




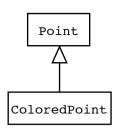


Inherence terminology

A class C2 is said to *inherit* from another class C1, if all instances of C2 are also instances of C1.



C2 is said to be a *subclass* of C1. C1 is said to be a *superclass* of C2.



Interpretations of inheritance

A subclass is an extension of its superclass.

A subclass is a *specialization* of its superclass.

A superclass is a generalization of its subclasses.

```
1 class Person
2 {
       public Person( String n, int ag, String ad, String p)
         { name = n; age = ag; address = ad; phone = p; }
       public String toString( )
        { return getName( ) + " " + getAge( ) + " "
                             + getPhoneNumber(); }
 9
       public String getName( )
10
        { return name; }
11
12
       public int getAge( )
13
        { return age; }
14
15
       public String getAddress( )
16
        { return address; }
17
18
       public String getPhoneNumber( )
19
         { return phone; }
20
21
       public void setAddress( String newAddress )
22
         { address = newAddress; }
23
24
       public void setPhoneNumber( String newPhone )
25
         { phone = newPhone; }
26
27
       private String name;
28
       private int
                      age;
29
       private String address;
30
       private String phone;
31
32 }
```

figure 4.1

The Person class stores name, age, address, and phone number.

The Student class stores name, age, address, phone number, and gpa via copy-and-paste.

```
1 class Student
2 {
       public Student( String n, int ag, String ad, String p,
 3
                       double q )
         { name = n; age = ag; address = ad; phone = p; qpa = q; }
 5
 6
       public String toString( )
 7
         { return getName( ) + " " + getAge( ) + " "
 8
                + getPhoneNumber( ) + " " + getGPA( ); }
 9
10
       public String getName( )
11
         { return name; }
12
13
       public int getAge( )
14
         { return age; }
15
16
       public String getAddress( )
17
         { return address; }
18
19
       public String getPhoneNumber( )
20
         { return phone; }
21
22
       public void setAddress( String newAddress )
23
         { address = newAddress; }
24
25
       public void setPhoneNumber( String newPhone )
26
         { phone = newPhone; }
27
28
       public double getGPA( )
29
         { return gpa; }
30
31
       private String name;
32
       private int
                      age:
33
       private String address;
34
       private String phone;
35
       private double gpa
36
                                             // grade point average
37 }
```

```
1 class Student extends Person
 2 {
       public Student( String n, int ag, String ad, String p,
 3
                       double g )
           /* OOPS! Need some syntax; see Section 4.1.6 */
            gpa = g; }
       public String toString( )
         { return getName( ) + " " + getAge( ) + " "
10
                + getPhoneNumber() + " " + getGPA(); }
11
12
       public double getGPA( )
13
         { return gpa; }
14
15
       private double gpa;
16
17 }
```

Inheritance used to create Student class

Person Class

name age address phone

Student Class

name age address phone gpa

figure 4.4

Memory layout with inheritance. Light shading indicates fields that are private, and accessible only by methods of the class. Dark shading in the Student class indicates fields that are not accessible in the Student class but are nonetheless present.

The general layout of inheritance

```
1 public class Derived extends Base
 2 {
       // Any members that are not listed are inherited unchanged
 3
       // except for constructor.
           // public members
       // Constructor(s) if default is not acceptable
       // Base methods whose definitions are to change in Derived
       // Additional public methods
10
           // private members
11
       // Additional data fields (generally private)
12
       // Additional private methods
13
14 }
```

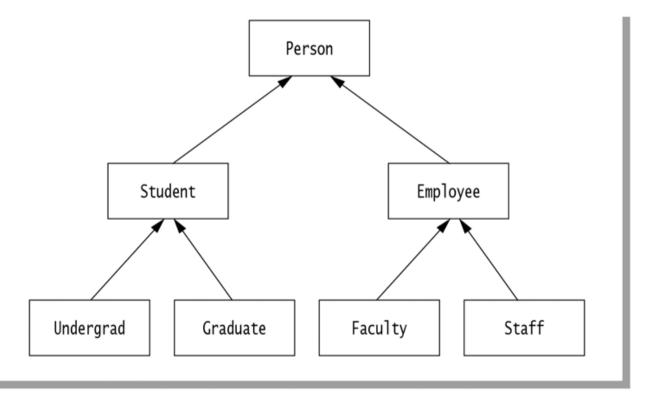


figure 4.6The Person hierarchy

Constructors for subclasses

```
import java.awt.Color;
public class ColoredPoint extends Point {
   public Color color;
   public ColoredPoint(int x, int y, Color color) {
         super(x, y);  // must be the first statement
         this.color = color;
   public ColoredPoint(int x, int y) {      // black point
       this(x, y, Color.black); // must be the first statement
   public ColoredPoint() {
       color = Color.black; // invokes super() implicitly
```

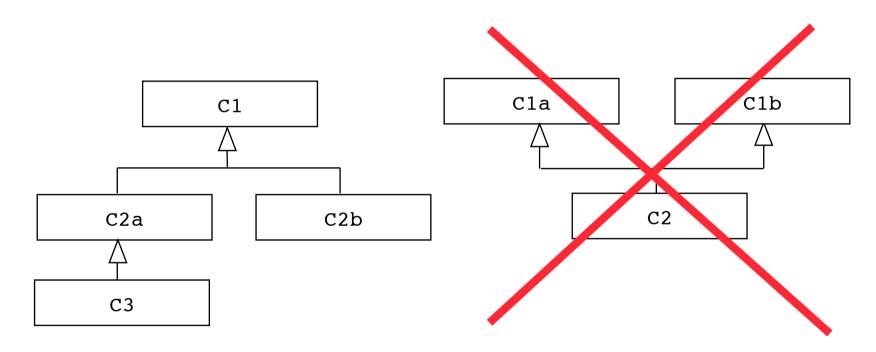
A constructor for new class Student; uses super

The complete Student and Employee classes, using both forms of super

```
1 class Student extends Person
2 {
 3
       public Student( String n, int ag, String ad, String p,
                       double q )
 4
         { super( n, ag, ad, p ); gpa = g; }
 5
 6
       public String toString( )
7
         { return super.toString( ) + getGPA( ); }
8
9
       public double getGPA( )
10
         { return gpa; }
11
12
       private double gpa;
13
14 }
15
16 class Employee extends Person
17 {
       public Employee(String n, int ag, String ad,
18
                        String p, double s )
19
         { super( n, aq, ad, p ); salary = s; }
20
21
       public String toString( )
22
         { return super.toString( ) + " $" + getSalary( ); }
23
24
       public double getSalary( )
25
         { return salary; }
26
27
       public void raise( double percentRaise )
28
         { salary *= (1 + percentRaise); }
29
30
       private double salary;
31
32 }
```

Single inheritance

In Java, a class may inherit from at most one superclass.





Class Object

In Java, all classes are organized in a hierarchy (tree) that has the class Object as root.

All classes, except Object, has a unique superclass.

If no superclass is specified for a class, then Object is its superclass.

Class Object

```
public class Object {
    public String toString();
    public boolean equals(Object obj);
    public int hashCode();
    protected Object clone();
    ...
}
```





Rule of assignment: The type of the expression at the right-hand side of an assignment must be a subtype of the type at the left-hand side of the assignment.

Polymorphic (from Greek): having many forms

Type conversion (casting)

The rule of assignment is checked at **compile time**.

```
e = p; // compilation error
```

The rule may be satisfied by narrowing the type at the right-hand side of the assignment:

```
e = (Employee) p; // explicit cast, ok
```

The validity of an explicit cast is always checked at **run time**.

If the cast is invalid, a ClassCastException is thrown.



Overriding methods

Methods in a superclass may be *overridden* by methods defined in a subclass. *Overriding* refers to the introduction of an instance method in a subclass that has the same name, same signature, and a type-compatible return type of a method in the superclass. Implementation of the methods in the subclass *replaces* the implementation in the superclass.

```
class Shape {
    public String toString() {
        return "Shape";
    }
}
class Line extends Shape {
    Point p1, p2;

    public String toString() {
        return "Line from " + p1 + " to " + p2;
    }
}
```

@Override

In Java 5, the annotation @Override forces the compiler to check that a method is overridden.

The compiler prints out the error message

method does not override a method from its superclass @Override

Polymorphic method invocation

Which implementation of a overridden method will be invoked depends on the actual class of the object referenced by the variable at **run time**, not the declared type of the variable. This is known as *dynamic binding*.

Example:

```
1 class PersonDemo
 2 {
       public static void printAll( Person [ ] arr )
 3
           for( int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++ )</pre>
               if( arr[ i ] != null )
                   System.out.print( "[" + i + "] " );
                   System.out.println( arr[ i ].toString( ) );
10
11
12
13
14
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
15
16
       Person [ ] p = new Person[ 4 ];
17
18
           p[0] = new Person( "joe", 25, "New York",
19
                               "212-555-1212");
20
           p[1] = new Student( "jill", 27, "Chicago",
21
                                "312-555-1212", 4.0 );
22
           p[3] = new Employee( "bob", 29, "Boston".
23
                                 "617-555-1212", 100000.0);
24
25
           printAll( p );
26
27
28 }
```

An illustration of polymorphism with arrays

Field and method modifiers



public

The feature is accessible to any class.

private

The feature is only accessible by the class itself.

protected

The feature is accessible by the class itself, all its subclasses, and all the classes within the same package.

Neither public, private, nor protected

The feature is accessible by all the classes in the same package.

final

A final field has a constant value, which may not be changed.

A final method may not be overridden in subclasses.

static

A **static** field is shared by all instances of the class.

A **static** method accesses only static fields.

Design of hierarchies

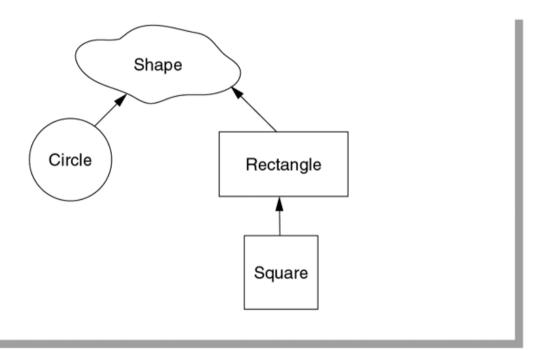


figure 4.10

The hierarchy of shapes used in an inheritance example

A possible Shape class

```
public class Shape
public double area()

return -1;
}
```

```
1 public class Circle extends Shape
2 {
3
       public Circle( double rad )
4
         { radius = rad; }
5
       public double area( )
        { return Math.PI * radius * radius; }
       public double perimeter( )
9
        { return 2 * Math.PI * radius; }
10
11
       public String toString( )
12
        { return "Circle: " + radius; }
13
14
       private double radius;
15
16 }
17
   public class Rectangle extends Shape
19
20
       public Rectangle( double len, double wid )
21
         { length = len; width = wid; }
22
       public double area( )
23
         { return length * width; }
24
25
       public double perimeter( )
26
27
         { return 2 * ( length + width ); }
28
       public String toString( )
29
        { return "Rectangle: " + length + " " + width; }
30
31
       public double getLength( )
32
        { return length; }
33
34
       public double getWidth( )
35
         { return width; }
36
37
38
       private double length;
       private double width;
39
40 }
41
42 public class Square extends Rectangle
43 {
44
       public Square( double side )
         { super( side, side ); }
45
46
       public String toString( )
47
         { return "Square: " + getLength(); }
48
```

Circle, Rectangle, and Square classes

A sample program that uses the shape hierarchy

```
1 class ShapeDemo
2 {
       public static double totalArea( Shape [ ] arr )
 3
 4
           double total = 0;
 5
           for( Shape s : arr )
               if( s != null )
                   total += s.area( );
10
           return total;
11
12
13
14
       public static void printAll( Shape [ ] arr )
15
           for( Shape s : arr )
16
               System.out.println( s );
17
18
19
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
20
21
           Shape [] a = \{ new Circle(2.0),
22
                           new Rectangle( 1.0, 3.0 ),
23
                           null, new Square( 2.0 ) };
24
25
           System.out.println( "Total area = " + totalArea( a ) );
26
           printAll( a );
27
28
29 }
```



Abstract methods and classes

An **abstract method** is a method that declares functionality that all derived class objects must eventually implement. In other words, it says what these objects *can do*. However, it does not provide a default implementation.

A class that has a least one abstract method is an **abstract** class. Java requires that abstract classes explicitly be declared as such (using the keyword abstract).

Any attempt to construct an instance of an abstract class is illegal.

```
public abstract class Shape
public abstract double area();
public abstract double perimeter();

public double semiperimeter()
public double semiperimeter()
freturn perimeter() / 2; }
}
```

An abstract Shape class. Figures 4.12 and 4.13 are unchanged.



Interfaces

An **interface** can be thought of as a special form of class, which declares only the *features to be supported* by the class.

Java interfaces provide no implementation. Implementation is deferred to classes that implement the interfaces.

Interface features can be either abstract methods or constants (that is, static and final fields). All features are public.

Like abstract classes, an interface may not have instances.

Implementation of interfaces

A class that *implements* an interface provides implementation for the abstract methods declared in interface by overriding those methods.

```
interface Drawable {
    void draw(Graphics g);
}

public class Line implements Drawable {
    Point p1, p2;

    public void draw(Graphics g) {
        g.drawLine(p1.x, p1.y, p2.x, p2.y);
    }
}
```

Extending and implementing interfaces

Classes that implement an interface must provide implementations of all methods of the interface (unless the class itself should be abstract).

An interface may inherit from one or more interfaces but not from a class.

Java allows only single inheritance for class extension but *multiple inheritance* for interface extension and implementation.

Multiple interface implementations

```
interface Movable {
    void move(int dx, int dy);
public class Line implements Drawable, Movable {
    Point p1, p2;
    public void move(int dx, int dy) {
        p1.move(dx, dy);
        p2.move(dx, dy);
    public void draw(Graphics g) {
        g.drawLine(p1.x, p1.y, p2.x, p2.y);
```

The Comparable interface (pre-Java 5)

```
package java.lang;

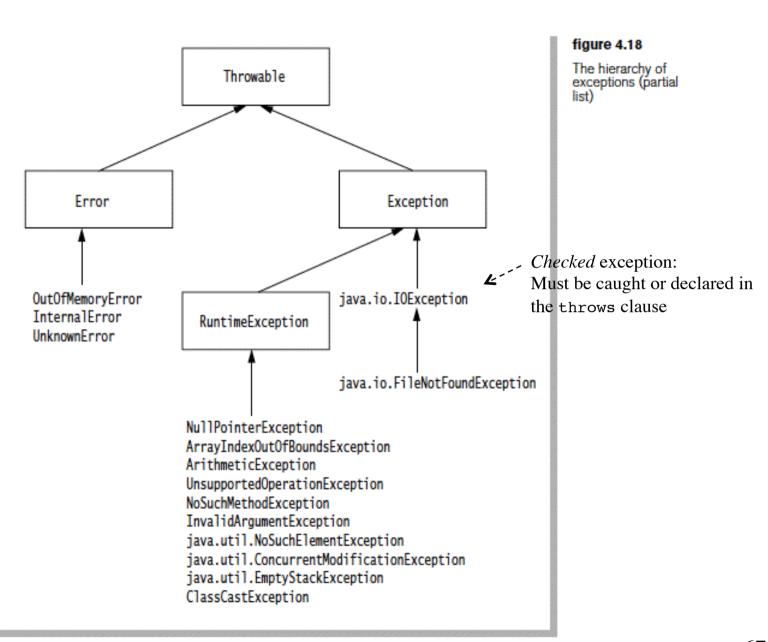
public interface Comparable

{
  int compareTo(Object other);
}
```

Contract of the method compareTo:

```
1 public abstract class Shape implements Comparable
 2
       public abstract double area();
 3
       public abstract double perimeter( );
       public int compareTo( Object rhs )
           Shape other = (Shape) rhs;
           double diff = area() - other.area();
10
           if( diff == 0 )
11
               return 0;
12
           else if( diff < 0 )
13
               return -1;
14
           else
15
               return 1;
16
       }
17
18
       public double semiperimeter( )
19
         { return perimeter( ) / 2; }
20
21 }
```

The Shape class (final version), which implements the Comparable interface



NoSuchElementException, implemented in weiss.util

```
package weiss.util;
 2
   public class NoSuchElementException extends RuntimeException
 4
 5
        * Constructs a NoSuchElementException with
        * no detail message.
7
8
       public NoSuchElementException( )
9
10
11
12
13
        * Constructs a NoSuchElementException with
14
        * a detail message.
15
        * @param msg the detail message.
16
17
       public NoSuchElementException( String msg )
18
19
           super( msg );
20
21
22 }
```

Generics



Using Object for genericity

```
// MemoryCell class
// Object read() --> Returns the stored value
// void write(Object x) --> x is stored

public class MemoryCell

// Public methods
public Object read() { return storedValue; }
public void write(Object x) { storedValue = x; }

// Private internal data representation
private Object storedValue;
}
```

figure 4.22

A generic MemoryCe11 class (pre-Java 5)

Generic: broadly covering

```
public class TestMemoryCell

public static void main( String [ ] args )

MemoryCell m = new MemoryCell();

m.write( "37" );

String val = (String) m.read();

System.out.println( "Contents are: " + val );

system.out.println( "Contents are: " + val );
```

Using the generic MemoryCe11 class (pre-Java 5)

A simplified ArrayList, with add, get, and size (pre-Java 5)

```
1 /**
   * The SimpleArrayList implements a growable array of Object.
   * Insertions are always done at the end.
4 */
  public class SimpleArrayList
6 {
7
        * Returns the number of items in this collection.
8
        * Oreturn the number of items in this collection.
9
10
       public int size()
11
12
13
           return theSize:
14
15
16
        * Returns the item at position idx.
17
        * Oparam idx the index to search in.
18
        * Othrows ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if index is bad.
19
20
       public Object get( int idx )
21
22
           if(idx < 0 \mid | idx >= size())
23
24
               throw new ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException();
25
           return theItems[ idx ];
26
27
28
29
        * Adds an item at the end of this collection.
        * Oparam x any object.
30
31
        * Oreturn true (as per java.util.ArrayList).
32
33
       public boolean add( Object x )
34
35
           if( theItems.length == size( ) )
36
37
               Object [ ] old = theItems;
               theItems = new Object[ theItems.length * 2 + 1 ];
38
               for( int i = 0; i < size( ); i++ )
39
40
                   theItems[ i ] = old[ i ];
41
42
43
           theItems[ theSize++ ] = x;
44
           return true;
45
46
       private static final int INIT_CAPACITY = 10;
47
48
49
       private int
                           the Size = 0:
       private Object [ ] theItems = new Object[ INIT_CAPACITY ];
50
51
```



Wrapper classes

Because in Java primitive types are not objects, *wrapper* classes are provided to "wrap" the values of primitive types into objects when needed. Each primitive type has a corresponding wrapper class.

Primitive type	Wrapper class
boolean	Boolean
byte	Byte
char	Character
double	Double
float	Float
int	Integer
long	Long
short	Short

Each wrapper object is *immutable* (meaning its state can never change), and stores one primitive value that is set when the object is constructed.



Boxing conversions

Automatic conversion of a value of a primitive type to an instance of a wrapper class is called **auto-boxing**.

```
Integer val = 7;
   is equivalent to
Integer val = new Integer(7);
```

Automatic conversion of an instance of a wrapper class to a value of a primitive type is called **auto-unboxing**.

```
int x = val;
  is equivalent to
int x = val.intValue();
```

```
import java.util.ArrayList;

public class BoxingDemo

{
    public static void main( String [ ] args )
    {
        ArrayList<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<Integer>();

        arr.add( new Integer( 46 ) );
        Integer wrapperVal = arr.get( 0 );
        int val = wrapperVal.intValue();
        System.out.println( "Position 0: " + val );
}
```

An illustration of the Integer wrapper class using Java 5 generic ArrayList

Without automatic conversion

Autoboxing and unboxing

```
import java.util.ArrayList;

public class BoxingDemo

{
   public static void main( String [ ] args )
   {
        ArrayList<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        arr.add( 46 );
        int val = arr.get( 0 );
        System.out.println( "Position 0: " + val );
}
```

```
import java.math.BigInteger:
 3 class FindMaxDemo
       /**
 5
        * Return max item in a.
        * Precondition: a.length > 0
       public static Comparable findMax( Comparable [ ] a )
 9
10
           int maxIndex = 0;
11
12
           for( int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
13
               if( a[ i ].compareTo( a[ maxIndex ] ) > 0 )
14
                   maxIndex = i;
15
16
           return a[ maxIndex ];
17
18
19
       /**
20
        * Test findMax on BigInteger and String objects.
21
22
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
23
24
           BigInteger [ ] bi1 = { new BigInteger( "8764" ),
25
                                  new BigInteger( "29345" ),
26
                                  new BigInteger( "1818" ) };
27
28
           String [ ] st1 = { "Joe", "Bob", "Bill", "Zeke" };
29
30
           System.out.println( findMax( bi1 ) );
31
           System.out.println( findMax( st1 ) );
32
33
34
```

A generic findMax routine, with demo using shapes and strings (pre-Java 5)





Generics allow a type or method to operate on objects of various types while providing compile-time type safety.

In Java 5, classes, interfaces and methods may be declared with one or more *type parameters*.

Benefits:

- Compile-time type safety
- Greater readability (unnecessary casting is avoided)

A generic ArrayList

```
public class ArrayList<E> implements List {
    public boolean add(E o);
    public E get(int i);
    public boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c);
    ...
}
```

The name of the type parameter, here E, may be chosen freely. Alternative: ElementType.

The notation <? extends E> denotes an arbitrary subtype of E (or E itself). The wildcard character ? stands for an unknown type.



Example of application

Generic implementation of the MemoryCe11 class

Generic Comparable interface

```
package java.lang;

public interface Comparable<AnyType>
{
 public int compareTo( AnyType other );
}
```

figure 4.31

Comparable interface, Java 5 version which is generic

Generic collections are not covariant

```
public static double totalArea( ArrayList<Shape> arr )

double total = 0;

for( Shape s : arr )
    if( s != null )
    total += s.area();

return total;

}
```

figure 4.32

totalArea method that does not work if passed an ArrayList<Square>

Covariance: Type compatibility

ArrayList<Square> is not type compatible with ArrayList<Shape>. (In contrast, Square[] is type compatible with Shape[]. Arrays are covariant.)

Use of wildcards with bound

figure 4.33

totalArea method revised with wildcards that works if passed an ArrayList<Square>

```
public static double totalArea( ArrayList<? extends Shape> arr )

double total = 0;

for( Shape s : arr )
    if( s != null )
    total += s.area( );

return total;
}
```

Generic static method

```
public static <AnyType>
boolean contains( AnyType [ ] arr, AnyType x )

{
    for( AnyType val : arr )
        if( x.equals( val ) )
        return true;

return false;
}
```

figure 4.34

Generic static method to search an array

The type parameters in a generic method precede the return type.

```
public static <AnyType> AnyType findMax( AnyType [ ] a )

int maxIndex = 0;

for(int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
    if(a[i].compareTo(a[maxIndex]) > 0 )
        maxIndex = i;

return a[maxIndex];

}
```

figure 4.35

Generic static method to find largest element in an array that does not work

The compiler cannot prove that the call to compare To at line 6 is valid.

Using type bounds

figure 4.36

Generic static method to find largest element in an array. Illustrates a bounds on the type parameter

```
public static <AnyType extends Comparable<? super AnyType>>
AnyType findMax( AnyType [ ] a )

{
    int maxIndex = 0;

    for(int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
        if(a[i].compareTo(a[maxIndex]) > 0)
            maxIndex = i;

    return a[maxIndex];
}
```

The notation <? extends AnyType> denotes an arbitrary supertype of AnyType (or AnyType itself).

SimpleArrayList class using generics

Because we cannot generate arrays of generic objects, we must create an array of Object and use a typecast.

```
* The GenericSimpleArrayList implements a growable array.
    * Insertions are always done at the end.
 4
   public class GenericSimpleArrayList<AnyType>
 6
 7
         * Returns the number of items in this collection.
 8
         * Greturn the number of items in this collection.
 9
10
       public int size()
11
12
            return theSize;
13
14
15
16
        * Returns the item at position idx.
17
         * Oparam idx the index to search in.
18
         * Othrows ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if index is bad.
19
20
21
       public AnyType get( int idx )
22
            if( idx < 0 || idx >= size( ) )
  throw new ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException( );
23
24
25
            return theItems[ idx ];
26
27
28
         * Adds an item at the end of this collection.
29
         * Oparam x any object.
30
31
         * Greturn true.
32
33
       public boolean add( AnyType x )
34
            if( theItems.length == size( ) )
35
36
                AnyType [ ] old = theItems;
37
                  theItems = (AnyType [])new Object[size()*2 + 1];
38
                for( int i = 0; i < size( ); i++ )
39
40
                    theItems[ i ] = old[ i ];
41
42
43
            theItems[ theSize++ ] = x;
44
            return true;
45
48
       private static final int INIT_CAPACITY = 10;
47
48
       private int theSize:
49
       private AnyType [ ] theItems;
50
51 }
```

The SimpleRectangle class, which does not implement the Comparable interface

```
1 // A simple rectangle class.
2 public class SimpleRectangle
3 {
       public SimpleRectangle( int len, int wid )
         { length = len; width = wid; }
 6
       public int getLength( )
         { return length; }
 9
       public int getWidth( )
10
         { return width; }
11
12
       public String toString( )
13
         { return "Rectangle " + getLength() + " by "
14
                               + getWidth(); }
15
16
       private int length;
17
       private int width;
18
19
```

The Comparator interface

figure 4.39

The Comparator interface, originally defined in java.util and rewritten for the weiss.util package

The generic findMax algorithm, using a function object

```
1 public class Utils
 2 {
       // Generic findMax with a function object.
 3
       // Precondition: a.length > 0.
       public static <AnyType> AnyType
 5
       findMax( AnyType [ ] a, Comparator<? super AnyType> cmp )
           int maxIndex = 0;
           for( int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
10
               if( cmp.compare( a[ i ], a[ maxIndex ] ) > 0 )
11
                   maxIndex = i;
12
13
           return a[ maxIndex ];
14
15
16 }
```

An example of a function object

```
class OrderRectByWidth implements Comparator<SimpleRectangle>
2
 3
       public int compare( SimpleRectangle r1, SimpleRectangle r2 )
         { return( r1.getWidth() - r2.getWidth() ); }
 5
   public class CompareTest
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
10
           SimpleRectangle [ ] rects = new SimpleRectangle[ 4 ];
11
           rects[ 0 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 1, 10 );
12
           rects[ 1 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 20, 1 );
13
14
           rects[ 2 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 4, 6 );
           rects[3] = new SimpleRectangle(5, 5);
15
16
           System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " +
17
                Utils.findMax( rects, new OrderRectByWidth() ) );
18
19
20 }
```

Static nested class

```
import java.util.Comparator;
  class CompareTestInner1
       private static class OrderRectByWidth implements Comparator<SimpleRectangle>
6
           public int compare( SimpleRectangle r1, SimpleRectangle r2 )
7
             { return r1.getWidth( ) - r2.getWidth( ); }
9
10
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
11
12
           SimpleRectangle [ ] rects = new SimpleRectangle[ 4 ];
13
           rects[0] = new SimpleRectangle(1, 10);
14
           rects[ 1 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 20, 1 );
15
           rects[ 2 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 4, 6 );
16
           rects[3] = new SimpleRectangle(5, 5);
17
18
           System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " +
19
                Utils.findMax( rects, new OrderRectByWidth() ) );
20
21
22
```

figure 4.42

Using a nested class to hide the OrderRectByWidth class declaration

Local inner class

```
1 class CompareTestInner2
2 {
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
           SimpleRectangle [ ] rects = new SimpleRectangle[ 4 ]:
           rects[0] = new SimpleRectangle(1, 10);
           rects[1] = new SimpleRectangle(20, 1);
           rects[ 2 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 4, 6 );
           rects[ 3 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 5, 5 );
10
           class OrderRectByWidth implements Comparator<SimpleRectangle>
11
12
               public int compare( SimpleRectangle r1, SimpleRectangle r2 )
13
                 { return r1.getWidth() - r2.getWidth(); }
14
15
16
           System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " +
17
                Utils.findMax( rects, new OrderRectByWidth()));
18
19
20 }
```

figure 4.43

Using a local class to hide the OrderRectByWidth class declaration further

Non-static nested classes are called *inner classes*.

Anonymous inner class

```
1 class CompareTestInner3
 2 {
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
           SimpleRectangle [ ] rects = new SimpleRectangle[ 4 ];
           rects[ 0 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 1, 10 );
           rects[ 1 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 20, 1 );
           rects[ 2 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 4, 6 );
           rects[ 3 ] = new SimpleRectangle( 5. 5 ):
10
           System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " +
11
               Utils.findMax( rects, new Comparator<SimpleRectangle>( )
13
                   public int compare( SimpleRectangle r1, SimpleRectangle r2 )
14
                      { return rl.getWidth( ) - r2.getWidth( ); }
15
16
           ));
17
18
19 }
```

figure 4.44

Using an anonymous class to implement the function object

```
1 final class SomeClass
 2 {
       public SomeClass( int i )
         { id = i: }
 5
       public boolean sameVal( Object other )
         { return other instanceof SomeClass && equals( other ); }
       /**
 9
        * This is a bad implementation!
10
        * other has the wrong type, so this does
11
        * not override Object's equals.
12
13
       public boolean equals (SomeClass other)
14
         { return other != null && id == other.id; }
15
16
17
       private int id;
18 }
19
20 class BadEqualsDemo
21 {
       public static void main( String [ ] args )
22
23
           SomeClass obj1 = new SomeClass( 4 );
24
           SomeClass obj2 = new SomeClass(4);
25
26
           System.out.println(obj1.equals(obj2)); // true
27
           System.out.println(obj1.sameVal(obj2)); // false
28
29
30 }
```

An illustration of overloading equals instead of overriding equals. Here, the call to the sameVal returns false!