

Lecture 10

Abstract classes, interfaces, packages, lists

Inheritance Recap

- A class can *extend* another class
- `class Enemy extends Fighter { ... }`
 - `Enemy` is a *subclass* of `Fighter`
 - `Fighter` is *the superclass* of `Enemy`
 - All **public** and **protected** members of `Fighter` are now also members of `Enemy`
 - Objects of type `Enemy` can be used as though they were of type `Fighter`:

```
public static void punch(Fighter f) { ... }  
...  
punch(new Enemy (...));
```
 - An `Enemy` *IS* a `Fighter`!

Inheritance Recap

- A subclass can have methods not present in its superclass
- ```
class Person {
 public void talk() {
 System.out.println("Hi!");
 }
}

class BritishPerson extends Person {
 public void drinkTea() {
 System.out.println(
 "I do say, this blend is most delightful!"
);
 }
}

...
BritishPerson p = new BritishPerson();
p.talk();
p.drinkTea();
```

# Inheritance Recap

- Adding a method to a subclass does *not* add it to its superclass

```
• class Person {
 public void talk() {
 System.out.println("Hi!");
 }
}

class BritishPerson extends Person {
 public void drinkTea() {
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);
 }
}

...
Person p = new BritishPerson();
p.talk();
p.drinkTea(); ← Compiler error! Person has no method
drinkTea()!
```

# Inheritance Recap

- A subclass can *override* its superclass' methods

```
• class Person {
 public void talk() {
 System.out.println("Hi!");
 }
}

class BritishPerson extends Person {
 @Override
 public void talk() {
 System.out.println("Greetings, old chap!");
 }
}

Person p = new BritishPerson();
p.talk();
```



Greetings, old chap!

# Inheritance Recap

- A subclass can *override* its superclass' methods

- ```
class Person {  
    public void talk() {  
        System.out.println("Hi!");  
    }  
}
```

Which methods are available?
Decided by *declared type*.

```
    class BritishPerson extends Person {  
        public void talk() {  
            System.out.println("Hello!");  
        }  
    }  
    Person p = new BritishPerson();  
    p.talk();
```

Which version of each method to call?
Decided by *actual type*.

Inheritance Recap

Code Example: Adding a Boss Enemy

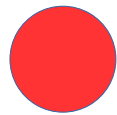
Abstract Classes

- An **abstract class** is an incomplete class!
- It may contain **abstract methods** – methods with no definition!
- The intention is that we create subclasses that implement these abstract methods in different ways.
- We cannot create an instance of an abstract class – only an instance of a completed subclass.

Abstract Classes - Example

```
abstract class Shape {  
    public abstract double area();  
}  
  
class Circle extends Shape {  
    private double radius;  
  
    public Circle(double radius) {  
        this.radius = radius;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public double area() {  
        return Math.PI * this.radius * this.radius;  
    }  
}  
  
class Square extends Shape { ... }
```

Abstract Classes - Rules



- A class is declared abstract with the abstract keyword
- A method is declared abstract with the abstract keyword
- If a class contains an abstract method, it must be an abstract class
- An abstract class C cannot be instantiated. `new C(...)` will not compile
- Abstract classes can contain everything that a non-abstract class can contain:
instance variables, non-abstract methods, class methods, class variables

Abstract Classes

Code Example: Abstract Fighters

Interface

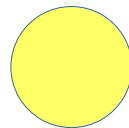
Before Java 8:

An **interface** is a collection of abstract methods:

```
interface HasMass {  
    double getMass ();  
}
```

Note:

- All methods are public and abstract. Keywords are optional.
- Do not include them



Implementing Interfaces

A class can **implement** an interface:

```
class PointMass implements HasMass {  
    public double mass;  
  
    @Override  
    public double hasMass () {  
        return mass;  
    }  
}
```

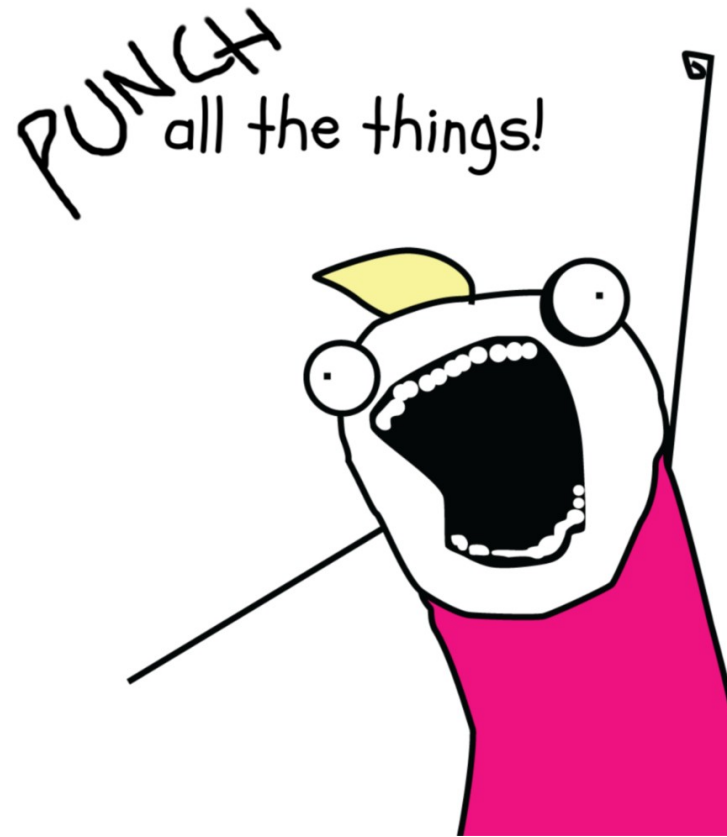
Implementing Interfaces

A class can **implement** an interface:

```
class RigidBody implements HasMass {  
    public double volume;  
    public double density;  
  
    @Override  
    public double hasMass() {  
        return volume * density;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Implementing Interfaces

Code Example



Abstract Classes vs Interfaces

Before Java 8:

- Abstract classes may contain instance variables, non-abstract methods
- Interfaces can only contain abstract methods (and constants)
- A class can only extend one class (abstract or non-abstract)
- A class can implement more than one interface

Multiple Inheritance

- The Diamond Problem (Deadly Diamond of Death):

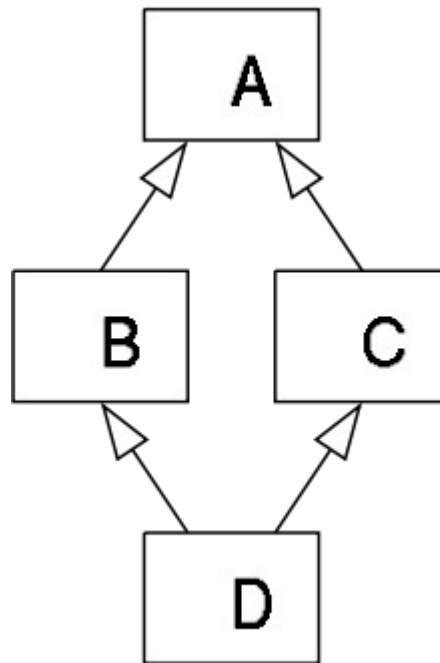


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A has a method f

B and C both override f

We call f on an object of type D

Which code is executed?

Solutions from Various Languages:

- C++: We have to say which we want when we call `f` (`B::A.f()` or `C::A.f()`)
- Python: We give the superclasses an order when we construct `D`
- PHP (before 2012): No multiple inheritance

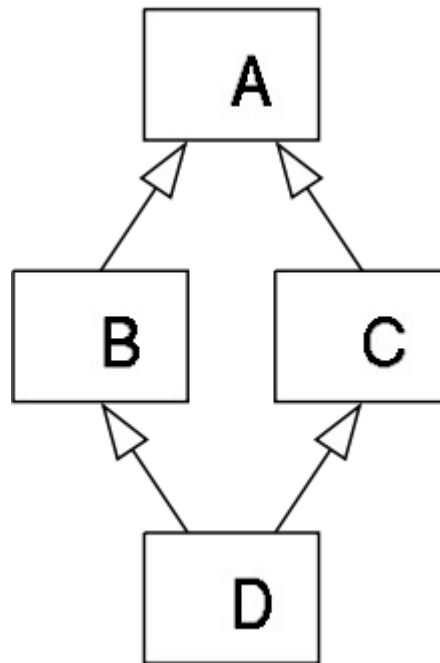
Implementing Multiple Interfaces

A class can only **extend** one **class** (abstract or non-abstract)

but it can **implement** many **interfaces**:

```
class FilledSquare  
    extends Square  
    implements Moveable, Drawable, ...
```

Multiple Inheritance



So `f` cannot be defined (non-abstract) in both `B` and `C`.
When we call `f()` on an object, it must have just one definition.

Abstract Classes vs Interfaces

Java 7

	Abstract Class	Interface
Instance variables	Yes	No
Abstract methods	Yes	Yes
Public non-abstract methods	Yes	No
Constants	Yes	Yes
Constructors	Yes	No
Private methods	Yes	No

Abstract Classes vs Interfaces

Java 8

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- Public non-abstract methods are added with the `default` keyword

Abstract Classes vs Interfaces

Java 9

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So what about the Diamond Problem?

- If interfaces I1 and I2 both implement default method f (i.e. non-abstract method):
class C implements I1, I2 { ... }
will not compile.
- I expect in future versions of Java: no difference between abstract classes and interfaces

Is-a vs Has-a

```
class Vehicle {  
    public void speedUp () {...}  
}  
class Engine {  
    public int getSize () {...}  
}
```

How should we write the class Car?

We want to speedUp a car and get its engine size...

Is-a vs Has-a

- **Is-a** relationships are represented by **subclassing**
- **Has-a** relationships are represented by **composition**

A car **is a** vehicle

A car **has an** engine

```
class Car extends Vehicle {  
    Engine engine;  
    public int getEngineSize () {  
        return engine.getSize();  
    }  
}
```

Packages

Classes are collected into **packages**

- Package names are all lower case

- Put related classes in the same package

The first line of the file gives the name of the package

```
package graphics;
```

- The package name must be the same as the directory name

Namespaces

Suppose class Circle is in package graphics

Inside graphics: we refer to it as Circle

Outside graphics: we must **import** it to use it

- `import graphics;`
 - We can now refer to the class as `graphics.Circle`
- `import graphics.Circle;`
 - We can now refer to the class as `Circle`

Access Modifiers

- A class or interface may be `public` or `package-private` (no modifier)
 - Public: Can be accessed anywhere in the program
 - Package-private: Can only be accessed within the same package
- A file can contain at most one public class, which must have the same name as the file (minus `.java`)

Access Modifiers

- A member (method or instance variable) can be `public`, `protected`, `private` or `package-private` (no modifier)

<i>Access Modifiers</i>	<i>Same Class</i>	<i>Same Package</i>	<i>Subclass</i>	<i>Other packages</i>
public	Y	Y	Y	Y
protected	Y	Y	Y	N
no access modifier	Y	Y	N	N
private	Y	N	N	N

Subpackages

Packages can contain subpackages:

```
package graphics.3d;
```

This must be in the directory graphics/3d

- **Reading**

- Java Direkt med Swing 10.7-10.8, 3.1-3.2

- **Exercises**

- Java Direkt med Swing chapter 10
 - The Object-Oriented Zoo 2.0 (see course website)
 - Play around with this week's code examples – can you turn the pieces into a simple, text-based game?