

CSC 222: Object-Oriented Programming

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Inheritance & polymorphism

- derived class, parent class
- inheriting fields & methods, overriding fields and methods
- bank account example
- IS-A relationship, polymorphism
- super methods, super constructor
- colored dice example
- instanceof, downcasting

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Inheritance

inheritance is a mechanism for enhancing existing classes

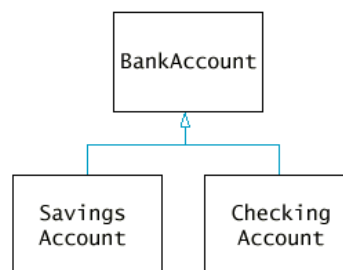
- one of the most powerful techniques of object-oriented programming
- allows for large-scale code reuse

with inheritance, you can derive a new class from an existing one

- automatically inherit all of the fields and methods of the existing class
- only need to add fields and/or methods for new functionality

example:

- *savings account* is a bank account with interest
- *checking account* is a bank account with transaction fees



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BankAccount class

here is an implementation of a basic BankAccount class

- stores account number and current balance
- uses static field to assign each account a unique number
- accessor methods provide access to account number and balance
- deposit and withdraw methods allow user to update the balance

```
public class BankAccount {
    private double balance;
    private int accountNumber;
    private static int nextNumber = 1;

    public BankAccount() {
        this.balance = 0;
        this.accountNumber =
            BankAccount.nextNumber;
        BankAccount.nextNumber++;
    }

    public int getAccountNumber() {
        return this.accountNumber;
    }

    public double getBalance() {
        return this.balance;
    }

    public void deposit(double amount) {
        this.balance += amount;
    }

    public void withdraw(double amount) {
        if (amount >= this.balance) {
            this.balance -= amount;
        }
    }
}
```

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Specialty bank accounts

now we want to implement SavingsAccount and CheckingAccount

- a savings account is a bank account with an associated interest rate, interest is calculated and added to the balance periodically
- could copy-and-paste the code for BankAccount, then add a field for interest rate and a method for adding interest
- a checking account is a bank account with some number of free transactions, with a fee charged for subsequent transactions
- could copy-and-paste the code for BankAccount, then add a field to keep track of the number of transactions and a method for deducting fees

disadvantages of the copy-and-paste approach

- tedious work
- lots of duplicate code – code drift is a distinct possibility
 - if you change the code in one place, you have to change it everywhere or else lose consistency (e.g., add customer name to the bank account info)
- limits polymorphism (will explain later)

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SavingsAccount class

inheritance provides a better solution

- can define a SavingsAccount to be a special kind of BankAccount
automatically inherit common features (balance, account #, deposit, withdraw)
- simply add the new features specific to a savings account
need to store interest rate, provide method for adding interest to the balance
- general form for inheritance:

```
public class DERIVED_CLASS extends EXISTING_CLASS {  
    ADDITIONAL_FIELDS  
  
    ADDITIONAL_METHODS  
}
```

note: the derived class does not explicitly list fields/methods from the existing class (a.k.a. parent class) – they are inherited and automatically accessible

```
public class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {  
    private double interestRate;  
  
    public SavingsAccount(double rate) {  
        this.interestRate = rate;  
    }  
  
    public void addInterest() {  
        double interest =  
            this.getBalance()*this.interestRate/100;  
        this.deposit(interest);  
    }  
}
```

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Using inheritance

```
BankAccount generic = new BankAccount();           // creates bank account with 0.0 balance  
...  
generic.deposit(120.0);                             // adds 120.0 to balance  
...  
generic.withdraw(20.0);                             // deducts 20.0 from balance  
...  
System.out.println(generic.getBalance());           // displays current balance: 100.0
```

```
SavingsAccount passbook = new SavingsAccount(3.5); // creates savings account, 3.5% interest  
...  
passbook.deposit(120.0);                             // calls inherited deposit method  
...  
passbook.withdraw(20.0);                             // calls inherited withdraw method  
...  
System.out.println(passbook.getBalance());           // calls inherited getBalance method  
...  
passbook.addInterest();                             // calls new addInterest method  
...  
System.out.println(passbook.getBalance());           // displays 103.5
```

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CheckingAccount class

can also define a class that models a checking account

- again, inherits basic features of a bank account
- assume some number of free transactions
- after that, each transaction entails a fee
- must *override* the deposit and withdraw methods to also keep track of transactions
- can call the versions from the parent class using `super`

```
super.PARENT_METHOD();
```

```
public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount {
    private int transactionCount;
    private static final int NUM_FREE = 3;
    private static final double TRANS_FEE = 2.0;

    public CheckingAccount() {
        this.transactionCount = 0;
    }

    public void deposit(double amount) {
        super.deposit(amount);
        this.transactionCount++;
    }

    public void withdraw(double amount) {
        super.withdraw(amount);
        this.transactionCount++;
    }

    public void deductFees() {
        if (this.transactionCount > CheckingAccount.NUM_FREE) {
            double fees =
                CheckingAccount.TRANS_FEE *
                (this.transactionCount - CheckingAccount.NUM_FREE);
            super.withdraw(fees);
        }
        this.transactionCount = 0;
    }
}
```

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Interfaces & inheritance

recall that with interfaces

- can have multiple classes that implement the same interface
- can use a variable of the interface type to refer to any object that implements it

```
List<String> words1 = new ArrayList<String>();
List<String> words2 = new LinkedList<String>();
```

- can use the interface type for a parameter, pass any object that implements it

```
public void DoSomething(List<String> words) {
    . . .
}
```

```
DoSomething(words1);
```

```
DoSomething(words2);
```

the same capability holds with inheritance

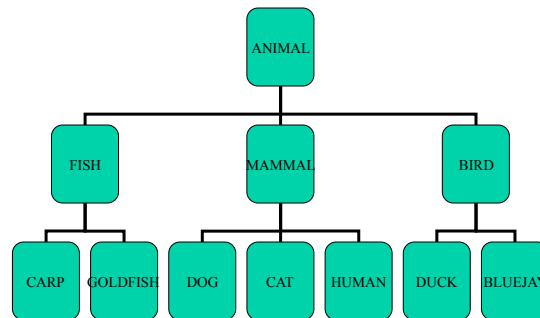
- could assign a `SavingsAccount` object to a variable of type `BankAccount`
- could pass a `CheckingAccount` object to a method with a `BankAccount` parameter

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IS-A relationship

the IS-A relationship holds when inheriting

- an object of the derived class is still an object of the parent class
- anywhere an object of the parent class is expected, can provide a derived object
- consider a real-world example of inheritance: animal classification



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Polymorphism

in our example

- a SavingsAccount is-a BankAccount (with some extra functionality)
- a CheckingAccount is-a BankAccount (with some extra functionality)
- whatever you can do to a BankAccount (e.g., deposit, withdraw), you can do with a SavingsAccount or Checking account
 - derived classes can certainly do more (e.g., addInterest for SavingsAccount)
 - derived classes may do things differently (e.g., deposit for CheckingAccount)

polymorphism: the same method call can refer to different methods when called on different objects

- the compiler is smart enough to call the appropriate method for the object

```
BankAccount acc1 = new SavingsAccount(4.0);
BankAccount acc2 = new CheckingAccount();

acc1.deposit(100.0); // calls the method defined in BankAccount
acc2.deposit(100.0); // calls the method defined in CheckingAccount
```

- allows for general-purpose code that works on a class hierarchy

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```

import java.util.ArrayList;

public class AccountAdd {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SavingsAccount xmasFund = new SavingsAccount(2.67);
        xmasFund.deposit(250.0);

        SavingsAccount carMoney = new SavingsAccount(1.8);
        carMoney.deposit(100.0);

        CheckingAccount living = new CheckingAccount();
        living.deposit(400.0);
        living.withdraw(49.99);

        ArrayList<BankAccount> finances = new ArrayList<BankAccount>();
        finances.add(xmasFund);
        finances.add(carMoney);
        finances.add(living);

        addToAll(finances, 5.0);
        showAll(finances);
    }

    private static void addToAll(ArrayList<BankAccount> accounts, double amount) {
        for (int i = 0; i < accounts.size(); i++) {
            accounts.get(i).deposit(amount);
        }
    }

    private static void showAll(ArrayList<BankAccount> accounts) {
        for (int i = 0; i < accounts.size(); i++) {
            System.out.println(accounts.get(i).getAccountNumber() + ": $" +
                accounts.get(i).getBalance());
        }
    }
}

```

Example use

note: in addToAll, the appropriate deposit method is called on each BankAccount (depending on whether it is really a SavingsAccount or CheckingAccount)

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In-class exercise

define the BankAccount, SavingsAccount, and CheckingAccount classes

create objects of each class and verify their behaviors

are account numbers consecutive regardless of account type?

- should they be?

what happens if you attempt to withdraw more than the account holds?

- is it ever possible to have a negative balance?

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Another example: colored dice

```
public class Die {
    private int numSides;
    private int numRolls;

    public Die(int sides) {
        this.numSides = sides;
        this.numRolls = 0;
    }

    public int roll() {
        this.numRolls++;
        return (int)(Math.random()*this.numSides)+1;
    }

    public int getNumSides() {
        return this.numSides;
    }

    public int getNumRolls() {
        return this.numRolls;
    }
}
```

we already have a class that models a simple (non-colored) die

- can extend that class by adding a color field and an accessor method
- need to call the constructor for the Die class to initialize the numSides and numRolls fields

`super (ARGS) ;`

```
public enum DieColor {
    RED, WHITE
}

public class ColoredDie extends Die {
    private DieColor dieColor;

    public ColoredDie(int sides, DieColor c){
        super(sides);
        this.dieColor = c;
    }

    public DieColor getColor() {
        return this.dieColor;
    }
}
```

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ColoredDie example

consider a game in which you roll a collection of dice and sum their values

- there is one "bonus" red die that counts double

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;

public class RollGame {
    private ArrayList<ColoredDie> dice;
    private static final int NUM_DICE = 5;

    public RollGame() {
        this.dice = new ArrayList<ColoredDie>();

        this.dice.add(new ColoredDie(6, DieColor.RED));
        for (int i = 1; i < RollGame.NUM_DICE; i++) {
            this.dice.add(new ColoredDie(6, DieColor.WHITE));
        }
        Collections.shuffle(dice);
    }

    public int rollPoints() {
        int total = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < NUM_DICE; i++) {
            int roll = this.dice.get(i).roll();
            if (this.dice.get(i).getColor() == DieColor.RED) {
                total += 2*roll;
            }
            else {
                total += roll;
            }
        }
        return total;
    }
}
```

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instanceof

if you need to determine the specific type of an object

- use the instanceof operator
- can then downcast from the general to the more specific type
- note: the roll method is defined for all Die types, so can be called regardless
- however, before calling getColor you must downcast to ColoredDie

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;

public class RollGame {
    private ArrayList<Die> dice;
    private static final int NUM_DICE = 5;

    public RollGame() {
        this.dice = new ArrayList<Die>();

        this.dice.add(new ColoredDie(6, DieColor.RED));
        for (int i = 1; i < RollGame.NUM_DICE; i++) {
            this.dice.add(new Die(6));
        }
        Collections.shuffle(dice);
    }

    public int rollPoints() {
        int total = 0;
        for (Die d : this.dice) {
            int roll = this.dice.get(i).roll();
            total += roll;
            if (d instanceof ColoredDie) {
                ColoredDie cd = (ColoredDie)d;
                if (cd.getColor() == DieColor.RED) {
                    total += roll;
                }
            }
        }
        return total;
    }
}
```

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