Inheritance

• Defines a IS-A relationship between classes.
• **Base** classes and **derived** classes.
• Derived class inherits all fields and methods of base class.
• Derived class objects are type compatible with base class.
• **protected** fields and methods: visible to derived classes and to classes in same package.
• inheritance is transitive.
• **polymorphism** allows for redefining fields and methods.
• **dynamic binding** allows for run-time determination of overloads and/or overrides.
• **super()** is a way to refer to constructor of base class.
  It can also be called using appropriate parameters.
  It can only be the first line of a constructor.
• **super** with appropriate parameters is also used to invoke the corresponding method of the base class.
class Person // Fig 4.1, page 91
{
    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();}

    public final String getName()
    { return name; }

class Student extends Person // Fig 4.8, page 102
{
    public Student( String n, int ag, String ad, String p, double g )
    {
        super( n, ag, ad, p );
        gpa = g;
    }

    public String toString()
    {
        return super.toString() + " " + getGPA();
    }

    public double getGPA()
    {
        return gpa;
    }

    private String name;
    private int age;
    private String address;
    private String phone;
}
class PersonDemo // Fig 4.9, pg 103
{
    public static void printAll( Person[ ] arr )
    {
        for( int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++ )
        {
            if( arr[ i ] != null )
            {
                System.out.print( "[" + i + "] " + arr[ i ] );
                System.out.println( );
            }
        }
    }
}

public static void main( String [ ] args )
{
    Person [ ] p = new Person[ 4 ];
    p[0] = new Person( "joe", 25, "New York", "212-555-1212" );
    p[1] = new Student( "becky", 27, "Chicago", "312-555-1212", 4.0 );
    p[3] = new Employee( "bob", 29, "Boston", "617-555-1212", 100000.0 );

    if( p[3] instanceof Employee )
        ((Employee) p[3]).raise( .04 );

    printAll( p );
}
Abstract Methods & Classes

• **abstract** methods are not implemented (not even a default one).
• This is better than putting in a dummy procedure as a **placeholder**.
• Derived classes must eventually implement them;
  if they don’t then they must be abstract classes themselves.
• **Overriding** is resolved at runtime.
• Abstract class is one that contains an abstract method;
  need to be explicitly declared as such.
• Abstract classes may have non-abstract methods & static fields.
• Abstract classes cannot be created (no constructor),
  except using **super()**.
class ShapeDemo // Fig 4.11 & 4.12, pg 104-5
{
    public static double totalArea( Shape [ ] arr )
    {
        double total = 0;
        for( int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++ )
        {
            if( arr[ i ] != null )
                total += arr[ i ].area( );
        }
        return total;
    }

    public static void printAll( Shape [ ] arr )
    {
        for( int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++ )
            System.out.println( arr[ i ]);
    }

    public static void main( String [ ] args )
    {
        Shape [ ] a = { new Circle( 2.0 ), new Rectangle( 1.0, 3.0 ),
                        null, new Square( 2.0 ) }; 
        System.out.println( "Total area = " + totalArea( a ) );
        System.out.println( "Total semiperimeter = " +
                            totalSemiperimeter( a ) );
        printAll( a );
    }
}
Multiple Inheritance using **interface**

- An **interface** is an “ultimate” abstract class;
- no implementations are allowed.
- A class may extend only one other base class, but may implement multiple interfaces (thus avoiding conflicting multiple inheritances).
- All methods specified in the interface must be implemented.
- If not, it must be declared “abstract”.
- All interfaces & their implementations are “public”.
- Interfaces can extend other interfaces.
public abstract class Shape implements Comparable
{
    public abstract double area( );
    public abstract double perimeter( );

    public int compareTo( Object rhs )
    {
        Shape other = (Shape) rhs;
        double diff = area( ) - other.area( );
        if( diff == 0 )
            return 0;
        else if( diff < 0 )
            return -1;
        else
            return 1;
    }

    public double semiperimeter( )
    {
        return perimeter( ) / 2;
    }
}
Generic Implementations

• If the implementation is identical except for the basic type, then Object type is used to get generic implementations.
• This is the equivalent of “template” in C++; every reference type is compatible with the Object type.
• When specific methods of the object are needed, then we need to “downcast” to the correct type.
• If a class does not extend another class, it extends the class Object. It is class (not abstract) with several methods including toString().

• If a method required is not available in Object, then generic implementations can be achieved using interface.
// MemoryCell class // Fig 4.21 & 4.22, pg 119
// 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;
}

public class TestMemoryCell
{
    public static void main( String[ ] args )
    {
        MemoryCell m = new MemoryCell( );

        m.write( "57" );
        String val = (String) m.read( );
        System.out.println( "Contents are: " + val );
    }
}
class FindMaxDemo // Fig 4.26, pg 123
{

    /**<
    * Return max item in a.
    * Precondition: a.length > 0
    */
    
    public static Comparable findMax( Comparable [ ] a )
    {
        int maxIndex = 0;

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

        return a[ maxIndex ];
    }

    /**<
    * Test findMax on Shape and String objects.
    * Shape implements “Comparable”
    */
    
    public static void main( String [ ] args )
    {
        Shape [ ] sh1 = { new Circle( 2.0 ),
            new Square( 3.0 ),
            new Rectangle( 3.0, 4.0 ) };

        String [ ] st1 = { "Joe", "Bob", "Bill", "Zeke" };

        System.out.println( findMax( sh1 ) );
        System.out.println( findMax( st1 ) );
    }
}
Functors

- A functor is an object with no data and a single method.
- Functors can be passed as parameters.
- Since these classes are very “small”, they are usually implemented as a Nested Class wherever they are needed.
- Nested classes are defined inside other classes and it is essential that it be declared as “static”. If it is not declared as “static”, then it is an “inner” class (not nested).
- Nested classes act as members of the “outer” class, and can be declared as private, public, protected, or package visible.
- A nested class can access private fields and members of the “outer” class.
- Functors can be implemented as a Local Class or as an Anonymous Class.
public class CompareTest
{
    public static Object findMax( Object[] a,
        Comparator cmp )
    {
        int maxIndex = 0;
        for( int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
            if( cmp.compare( a[ i ], a[ maxIndex ] ) > 0 )
                maxIndex = i;
        return a[ maxIndex ];
    }
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        Object[] rects = new Object[ 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 );

        System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " +
            findMax( rects, new OrderRectByWidth( ) ) );
        System.out.println( "MAX AREA: " +
            findMax( rects, new OrderRectByArea( ) ) );
    }
}

import java.util.Comparator;
class OrderRectByArea implements Comparator
{
    public int compare( Object obj1, Object obj2 )
    {
        SimpleRectangle r1 = (SimpleRectangle) obj1;
        SimpleRectangle r2 = (SimpleRectangle) obj2;

        return( r1.getWidth()*r1.getLength() -
            r2.getWidth()*r2.getLength() );
    }
}
import java.util.Comparator;
// Fig 4.32 pg 130
class CompareTestInner1
{
    public static Object findMax( Object [ ] a,
                                   Comparator cmp )
    {
        int maxIndex = 0;
        for( int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
            if( cmp.compare( a[ i ], a[ maxIndex ] ) > 0 )
                maxIndex = i;

        return a[ maxIndex ];
    }

    private static class OrderRectByArea
        implements Comparator
    {
        public int compare( Object obj1, Object obj2 )
        {
            SimpleRectangle r1 = (SimpleRectangle) obj1;
            SimpleRectangle r2 = (SimpleRectangle) obj2;

            return( r1.getWidth()*r1.getLength() -
                    r2.getWidth()*r2.getLength() );
        }
    }

    public static void main( String [ ] args )
    {
        Object [ ] rects = new Object[ 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 );

        System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " +
                            findMax( rects, new OrderRectByWidth( ) ) );
        System.out.println( "MAX AREA: " +
                            findMax( rects, new OrderRectByArea( ) ) );
    }
}
import java.util.Comparator;
// Fig 4.33 pg 131
class CompareTestInner2
{
    public static Object findMax( Object[] a, Comparator cmp )
    {
        int maxIndex = 0;
        for( int i = 1; i < a.length; i++ )
            if( cmp.compare( a[i], a[maxIndex] ) > 0 )
                maxIndex = i;
        return a[maxIndex];
    }
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        Object[] rects = new Object[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);
        class OrderRectByArea implements Comparator
            { public int compare( Object obj1, Object obj2 )
                {
                    SimpleRectangle r1 = (SimpleRectangle) obj1;
                    SimpleRectangle r2 = (SimpleRectangle) obj2;
                    return( r1.getWidth()*r1.getLength() -
                            r2.getWidth()*r2.getLength() );
                }
            }
        System.out.println( "MAX AREA: " +
                            findMax( rects, new OrderRectByArea() ) );
    }
}
class CompareTestInner3 // Fig 4.34, pg 132
{
    public static void main( String [ ] args )
    {
        Object [ ] rects = new Object[ 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 );
        System.out.println( "MAX WIDTH: " + findMax( rects, new Comparator( )
        {
            public int compare( Object obj1, Object obj2 )
            {
                SimpleRectangle r1 = (SimpleRectangle) obj1;
                SimpleRectangle r2 = (SimpleRectangle) obj2;
                return( r1.getWidth() - r2.getWidth() );
            }
        });
        System.out.println( "MAX AREA: " + findMax( rects, new Comparator( )
        {
            public int compare( Object obj1, Object obj2 )
            {
                SimpleRectangle r1 = (SimpleRectangle) obj1;
                SimpleRectangle r2 = (SimpleRectangle) obj2;
                return( r1.getWidth()*r1.getLength() - r2.getWidth()*r2.getLength() );
            }
        });
    }
}
Overriding vs. Overloading

- In a derived class, if a method declaration does not match the exact signature, then it is not an “override”, but an “overload”.
- If a method is declared as `final`, it cannot be overridden.
- If a class is declared as `final`, it cannot be extended.
/**
 * A class for simulating an integer memory cell
 * @author Mark A. Weiss
 */

public class IntCell // Fig 3.4, pg 66
{
    /**
     * Get the stored value.
     * @return the stored value.
     */
    public int read() {
        return storedValue;
    }

    /**
     * Store a value
     * @param x the number to store.
     */
    public void write( int x ) {
        storedValue = x;
    }

    private int storedValue;
}