

# Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concurrency

## Part 1: Designing classes

Design for reuse: delegation and inheritance

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# Administrivia

- Homework 1 graded soon
- Reading due today: Effective Java, Items 17 and 50
  - Optional reading due Thursday
  - Required reading due next Tuesday
- Homework 2 due Thursday 11:59 p.m.

Take out a piece of paper...

## In 3 minutes:

1. What is your Andrew ID?
2. What is the main point of one of today's reading assignments (e.g., Effective Java 17)?
3. What is the main point of the other of today's reading assignments (e.g., Effective Java 50)?

1. What is your Andrew ID?

+2 any answer

## 2. and 3. What are the main points of the reading?

- +2 Minimize mutability
- +2 Make defensive copies

Write "Graded by" and your Andrew ID on the bottom.

Write their score (x/6) near the top of their paper.

# Design goals for your Homework 1 solution?

Functional correctness Adherence of implementation to the specifications

Robustness Ability to handle anomalous events

Flexibility Ability to accommodate changes in specifications

Reusability Ability to be reused in another application

Efficiency Satisfaction of speed and storage requirements

Scalability Ability to serve as the basis of a larger version of the application

Security Level of consideration of application security

**Source: Braude, Bernstein,  
Software Engineering. Wiley 2011**

# One Homework 1 solution...

```
class Document {
    private final String url;
    public Document(String url) {
        this.url = url;
    }

    public double similarityTo(Document d) {
        ... ourText = download(url);
        ... theirText = download(d.url);
        ... ourFreq = computeFrequencies(ourText);
        ... theirFreq = computeFrequencies(theirText);
        return cosine(ourFreq, theirFreq);
    }
    ...
}
```



# Compare to another Homework 1 solution...

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    }  
}
```

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    return cosine(ourFreq, theirFreq);  
}  
...  
}
```

```
class Document {  
    private final ... frequencies;  
    public Document(String url) {  
        ... ourText = download(url);  
        frequencies = computeFrequencies(ourText);  
    }  
  
    public double similarityTo(Document d) {  
        return cosine(frequencies,  
            d.frequencies);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

# Using the Document class

```
For each url:  
    Construct a new Document  
  
For each pair of Documents d1, d2:  
    Compute d1.similarityTo(d2)  
    ...
```

- What is the running time of this, for  $n$  urls?

# Latency Numbers Every Programmer Should Know

*Jeff Dean, Senior Fellow, Google*

PRIMITIVE	LATENCY:	ns	us	ms
L1 cache reference		0.5		
Branch mispredict		5		
L2 cache reference		7		
Mutex lock/unlock		25		
Main memory reference		100		
Compress 1K bytes with Zippy		3,000	3	
Send 1K bytes over 1 Gbps network		10,000	10	
Read 4K randomly from SSD*		150,000	150	
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory		250,000	250	
Round trip within same datacenter		500,000	500	
Read 1 MB sequentially from SSD*	1,000,000		1,000	1
Disk seek	10,000,000		10,000	10
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000		20,000	20
Send packet CA->Netherlands->CA	150,000,000		150,000	150

# The point

- Constants matter
- Design goals sometimes clearly suggest one alternative

# Key concepts from last Thursday

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- Specifying program behavior: contracts
- Testing:
  - Continuous integration, practical advice
  - Coverage metrics, statement coverage
- The `java.lang.Object` contracts

# Selecting test cases

- Write tests based on the specification, for:
  - Representative cases
  - Invalid cases
  - Boundary conditions
- Write stress tests
  - Automatically generate huge numbers of test cases
- Think like an attacker
- Other tests: performance, security, system interactions, ...

## Methods common to all objects

- How do collections know how to test objects for equality?
- How do they know how to hash and print them?
- The relevant methods are all present on `Object`
  - **`equals`** - returns `true` if the two objects are “equal”
  - **`hashCode`** - returns an `int` that must be equal for equal objects, and is likely to differ on unequal objects
  - **`toString`** - returns a printable string representation



# Overriding toString

## Overriding toString is easy and beneficial

```
final class PhoneNumber {
    private final short areaCode;
    private final short prefix;
    private final short lineNumber;
    ...
    @Override public String toString() {
        return String.format("(%03d) %03d-%04d",
            areaCode, prefix, lineNumber);
    }
}
```

```
PhoneNumber jenny = ...;
System.out.println(jenny);
Prints: (707) 867-5309
```

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  - Liskov Substitution Principle
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  - Java-specific details for inheritance

# Enums *(review)*

- Java has object-oriented enums
- In simple form, they look just like C enums:

```
public enum Planet { MERCURY, VENUS, EARTH, MARS,  
                    JUPITER, SATURN, URANUS, NEPTUNE }
```

- But they have many advantages [EJ Item 34]!
  - Compile-time type safety
  - Multiple enum types can share value names
  - Can add or reorder without breaking constants
  - **High-quality Object methods**
  - Screaming fast collections (EnumSet, EnumMap)
  - Can easily iterate over all constants of an enum

# You can add data to enums

```
public enum Planet {
    MERCURY(3.302e+23, 2.439e6), VENUS (4.869e+24, 6.052e6),
    EARTH(5.975e+24, 6.378e6), MARS(6.419e+23, 3.393e6);

    private final double mass;    // In kg.
    private final double radius; // In m.

    private static final double G = 6.67300E-11;

    Planet(double mass, double radius) {
        this.mass = mass;
        this.radius = radius;
    }

    public double mass()    { return mass; }
    public double radius() { return radius; }
    public double surfaceGravity() {
        return G * mass / (radius * radius);
    }
}
```

# You can add behavior too

```
public enum Planet {  
    ... // As on previous slide  
  
    public double surfaceWeight(double mass) {  
        return mass * surfaceGravity; // F = ma  
    }  
}
```

# Watch it go!

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    double earthWeight = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
    double mass = earthWeight / EARTH.surfaceGravity();

    for (Planet p : Planet.values()) {
        System.out.printf("Your weight on %s is %f%n",
            p, p.surfaceWeight(mass));
    }
}
```

```
$ java Planet 180
```

```
Your weight on MERCURY is 68.023205
```

```
Your weight on VENUS is 162.909181
```

```
Your weight on EARTH is 180.000000
```

```
Your weight on MARS is 68.328719
```

# You can even add constant-specific behavior

- Each constant can have its own override of a method
  - Don't do this unless you have to
  - If adding data is sufficient, do that instead

```
public interface Filter {  
    Image transform(Image original);  
}
```

```
public enum InstagramFilter implements Filter {  
    EARLYBIRD {public Image transform(Image original) { ... }},  
    MAYFAIR   {public Image transform(Image original) { ... }},  
    AMARO     {public Image transform(Image original) { ... }},  
    RISE      {public Image transform(Image original) { ... }};  
}
```

See Effective Java Items 34 – 38 and 42 for more information

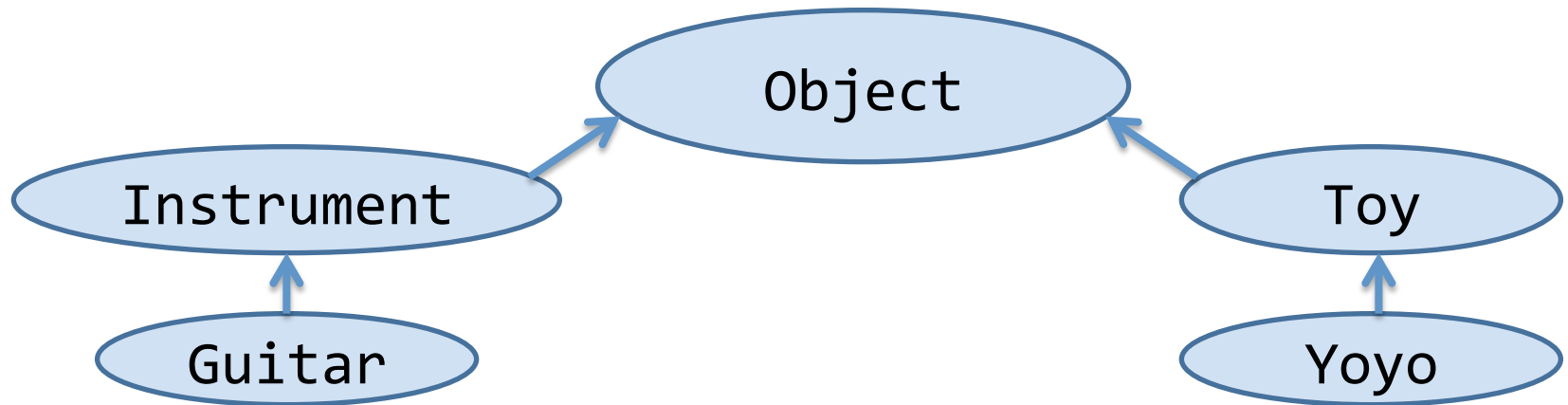
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# Recall: The class hierarchy

- The root is Object (all non-primitives are Objects)
- All classes except Object have one parent class
  - Specified with an extends clause:  
`class Guitar extends Instrument { ... }`
  - If extends clause is omitted, defaults to Object
- A class is an instance of all its superclasses



# Behavioral subtyping

Let  $q(x)$  be a property provable about objects  $x$  of type  $T$ . Then  $q(y)$  should be provable for objects  $y$  of type  $S$  where  $S$  is a subtype of  $T$ .

Barbara Liskov

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  - Overriding method must return same type or subtype
  - Overriding method must accept the same parameter types
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- Also applies to specified behavior. Subtypes must have:
  - Same or stronger invariants
  - Same or stronger postconditions for all methods
  - Same or weaker preconditions for all methods

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# LSP example: Car is a behavioral subtype of Vehicle

```
abstract class Vehicle {
    int speed, limit;

    //@ invariant speed < limit;

    //@ requires speed != 0;
    //@ ensures speed < \old(speed)
    abstract void brake();
}
```

```
class Car extends Vehicle {
    int fuel;
    boolean engineOn;
    //@ invariant speed < limit;
    //@ invariant fuel >= 0;

    //@ requires fuel > 0
        && !engineOn;
    //@ ensures engineOn;
    void start() { ... }

    void accelerate() { ... }

    //@ requires speed != 0;
    //@ ensures speed < \old(speed)
    void brake() { ... }
}
```

**Subclass fulfills the same invariants (and additional ones)**  
**Overridden method has the same pre and postconditions**

# LSP example: Hybrid is a behavioral subtype of Car

```
class Car extends Vehicle {
  int fuel;
  boolean engineOn;
  //@ invariant speed < limit;
  //@ invariant fuel >= 0;

  //@ requires fuel > 0
    && !engineOn;
  //@ ensures engineOn;
  void start() { ... }

  void accelerate() { ... }

  //@ requires speed != 0;
  //@ ensures speed < \old(speed)
  void brake() { ... }
}
```

```
class Hybrid extends Car {
  int charge;
  //@ invariant charge >= 0;
  //@ invariant ...
  //@ requires (charge > 0
                || fuel > 0)
    && !engineOn;
  //@ ensures engineOn;
  void start() { ... }

  void accelerate() { ... }

  //@ requires speed != 0;
  //@ ensures speed < \old(speed)
  //@ ensures charge > \old(charge)
  void brake() { ... }
}
```

**Subclass fulfills the same invariants (and additional ones)**

**Overridden method start has weaker precondition**

**Overridden method brake has stronger postcondition**

# Is this Square a behavioral subtype of Rectangle?

```
class Rectangle {  
    int h, w;  
  
    Rectangle(int h, int w) {  
        this.h=h; this.w=w;  
    }  
  
    //methods  
}
```

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class Square extends Rectangle {  
    Square(int w) {  
        super(w, w);  
    }  
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    //@ requires neww > 0;
    void setWidth(int neww) {
        w=neww;
    }
}
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    Square(int w) {
        super(w, w);
    }
}
```

```
class GraphicProgram {
    void scaleW(Rectangle r, int f) {
        r.setWidth(r.getWidth() * f);
    }
}
```

← **Invalidates stronger invariant (h==w) in subclass**

**(Yes! But the Square is not a square...)**

# This Square is *not* a behavioral subtype of Rectangle

```
class Rectangle {
    //@ invariant h>0 && w>0;
    int h, w;

    Rectangle(int h, int w) {
        this.h=h; this.w=w;
    }

    //@ requires factor > 0;
    void scale(int factor) {
        w=w*factor;
        h=h*factor;
    }

    //@ requires neww > 0;
    //@ ensures w==neww
        && h==old.h;
    void setWidth(int neww) {
        w=neww;
    }
}
```

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    Square(int w) {
        super(w, w);
    }

    //@ requires neww > 0;
    //@ ensures w==neww
        && h==neww;
    @Override
    void setWidth(int neww) {
        w=neww;
        h=neww;
    }
}
```

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# Recall our earlier sorting example:

Version A:

```
static void sort(int[] list, boolean ascending) {  
    ...  
    boolean mustSwap;  
    if (ascending) {  
        mustSwap = list[i] > list[j];  
    } else {  
        mustSwap = list[i] < list[j];  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Version B':

```
interface Order {  
    boolean lessThan(int i, int j);  
}  
final Order ASCENDING = (i, j) -> i < j;  
final Order DESCENDING = (i, j) -> i > j;  
  
static void sort(int[] list, Order cmp) {  
    ...  
    boolean mustSwap =  
        cmp.lessThan(list[i], list[j]);  
    ...  
}
```



# Delegation

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  - e.g. here, the Sorter is delegating functionality to some Order
- Judicious delegation enables code reuse

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        cmp.lessThan(list[i], list[j]);
    ...
}
```

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- Judicious delegation enables code reuse
  - `Sorter` can be reused with arbitrary sort orders
  - Orders can be reused with arbitrary client code that needs to compare integers

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    boolean lessThan(int i, int j);
}
final Order ASCENDING = (i, j) -> i < j;
final Order DESCENDING = (i, j) -> i > j;

static void sort(int[] list, Order cmp) {
    ...
    boolean mustSwap =
        cmp.lessThan(list[i], list[j]);
    ...
}
```

# Using delegation to extend functionality

- Consider the `java.util.List` (excerpted):

```
public interface List<E> {  
    public boolean add(E e);  
    public E      remove(int index);  
    public void   clear();  
    ...  
}
```

- Suppose we want a list that logs its operations to the console...

# Using delegation to extend functionality

The `LoggingList` is composed of a `List`, and delegates (the non-logging) functionality to that `List`

- One solution:

```
public class LoggingList<E> implements List<E> {
    private final List<E> list;
    public LoggingList<E>(List<E> list) { this.list = list; }
    public boolean add(E e) {
        System.out.println("Adding " + e);
        return list.add(e);
    }
    public E remove(int index) {
        System.out.println("Removing at " + index);
        return list.remove(index);
    }
    ...
}
```

# Delegation and design

- Small interfaces with clear contracts
- Classes to encapsulate algorithms, behaviors
  - E.g., the Order

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# Consider: types of bank accounts

```
public interface CheckingAccount {  
    public long getBalance();  
    public void deposit(long amount);  
    public boolean withdraw(long amount);  
    public boolean transfer(long amount, Account??? target);  
    public long getFee();  
}
```

```
public interface SavingsAccount {  
    public long getBalance();  
    public void deposit(long amount);  
    public boolean withdraw(long amount);  
    public boolean transfer(long amount, Account??? target);  
    public double getInterestRate();  
}
```

# Interface inheritance for an account type hierarchy

```
public interface Account {
    public long getBalance();
    public void deposit(long amount);
    public boolean withdraw(long amount);
    public boolean transfer(long amount, Account target);
    public void monthlyAdjustment();
}

public interface CheckingAccount extends Account {
    public long getFee();
}

public interface SavingsAccount extends Account {
    public double getInterestRate();
}

public interface InterestCheckingAccount
    extends CheckingAccount, SavingsAccount {
}
```



# The power of object-oriented interfaces

- Subtype polymorphism
  - Different kinds of objects can be treated uniformly by client code
  - Each object behaves according to its type
    - e.g., if you add new kind of account, client code does not change:

```
If today is the last day of the month:  
  For each acct in allAccounts:  
    acct.monthlyAdjustment();
```

# Implementation inheritance for code reuse

```
public abstract class AbstractAccount
    implements Account {
    protected long balance = 0;
    public long getBalance() {
        return balance;
    }
    abstract public void monthlyAdjustment();
    // other methods...
}
```

```
public class CheckingAccountImpl
    extends AbstractAccount
    implements CheckingAccount {
    public void monthlyAdjustment() {
        balance -= getFee();
    }
    public long getFee() { ... }
}
```

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    implements Account {
    protected long balance = 0;
    public long getBalance() {
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    // other methods...
}
```

an abstract class is missing the implementation of one or more methods

protected elements are visible in subclasses

an abstract method is left to be implemented in a subclass

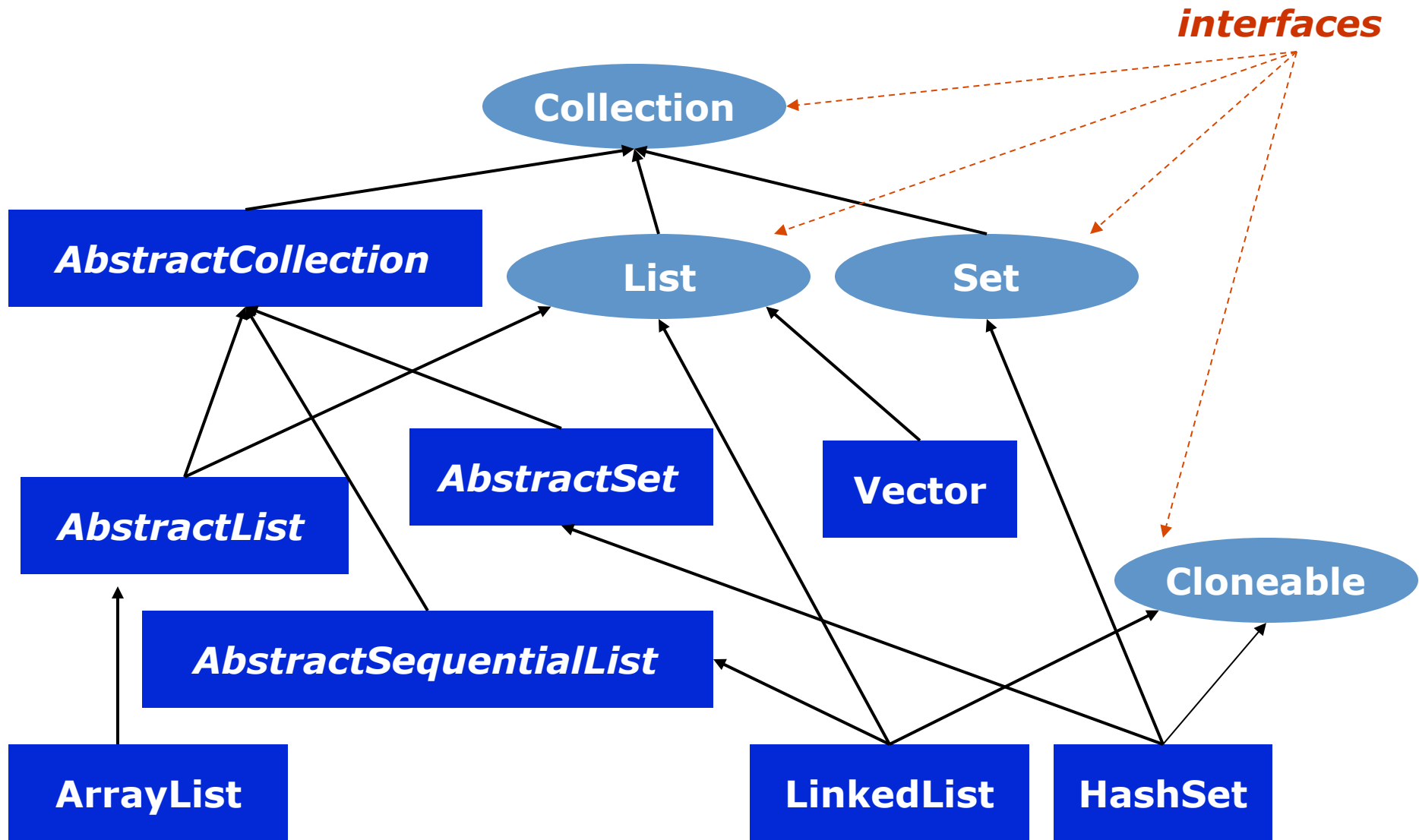
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}
```

no need to define getBalance() – the code is inherited from AbstractAccount

# Inheritance: a glimpse at the hierarchy

- Examples from Java
  - `java.lang.Object`
  - Collections library

# Java Collections API (excerpt)



# The abstract `java.util.AbstractList<E>`

```
abstract E    get(int i);
abstract int  size();
boolean      set(int i, E e);           // pseudo-abstract
boolean      add(E e);                 // pseudo-abstract
boolean      remove(E e);              // pseudo-abstract
boolean      addAll(Collection<? extends E> c);
boolean      removeAll(Collection<?> c);
boolean      retainAll(Collection<?> c);
boolean      contains(E e);
boolean      containsAll(Collection<?> c);
void         clear();
boolean      isEmpty();
Iterator<E>  iterator();
Object[]     toArray()
<T> T[]     toArray(T[] a);
...

```

# Using `java.util.AbstractList<E>`

```
public class ReversedList<E> extends java.util.AbstractList<E>
    implements java.util.List<E> {
    private final List<E> list;

    public ReversedList(List<E> list) {
        this.list = list;
    }

    @Override
    public int size() {
        return list.size();
    }

    @Override
    public E get(int index) {
        return list.get(size() - index - 1);
    }
}
```

# Benefits of inheritance

- Reuse of code
- Modeling flexibility



# Inheritance and subtyping

- Inheritance is for polymorphism and code reuse
  - Write code once and only once
  - Superclass features implicitly available in subclass
- Subtyping is for polymorphism
  - Accessing objects the same way, but getting different behavior
  - Subtype is substitutable for supertype

```
class A extends B
```

```
class A implements B  
class A extends B
```

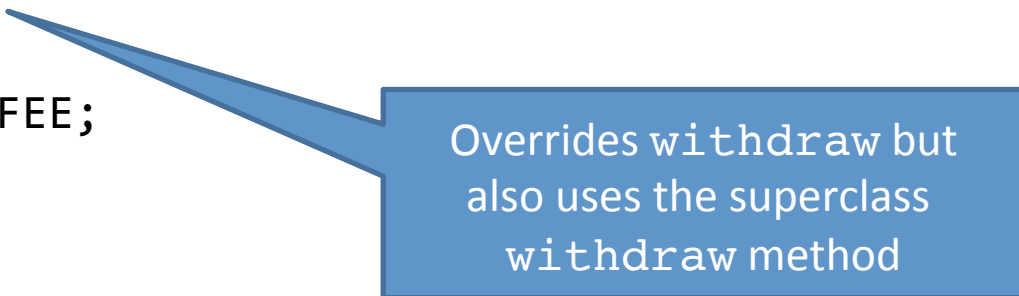
# Typical roles for interfaces and classes

- An interface defines expectations / commitments for clients
- A class fulfills the expectations of an interface
  - An abstract class is a convenient hybrid
  - A subclass specializes a class's implementation

# Java details: extended reuse with super

```
public abstract class AbstractAccount implements Account {
    protected long balance = 0;
    public boolean withdraw(long amount) {
        // withdraws money from account (code not shown)
    }
}
```

```
public class ExpensiveCheckingAccountImpl
    extends AbstractAccount implements CheckingAccount {
    public boolean withdraw(long amount) {
        balance -= HUGE_ATM_FEE;
        boolean success = super.withdraw(amount)
        if (!success)
            balance += HUGE_ATM_FEE;
        return success;
    }
}
```



Overrides `withdraw` but also uses the superclass `withdraw` method

# Java details: constructors with `this` and `super`

```
public class CheckingAccountImpl
    extends AbstractAccount implements CheckingAccount {
```

```
    private long fee;
```

```
    public CheckingAccountImpl(long initialBalance, long fee) {
        super(initialBalance);
        this.fee = fee;
    }
```

Invokes a constructor of the superclass. Must be the first statement of the constructor.

```
    public CheckingAccountImpl(long initialBalance) {
        this(initialBalance, 500);
    }
    /* other methods... */ }
```

Invokes another constructor in this same class

# Java details: `final`

- A final field: prevents reassignment to the field after initialization
- A final method: prevents overriding the method
- A final class: prevents extending the class
  - e.g., `public final class CheckingAccountImpl { ...`

## Note: type-casting in Java

- Sometimes you want a different type than you have
  - e.g.,

```
double pi = 3.14;  
int indianaPi = (int) pi;
```
- Useful if you know you have a more specific subtype:
  - e.g.,

```
Account acct = ...;  
CheckingAccount checkingAcct =  
    (CheckingAccount) acct;  
long fee = checkingAcct.getFee();
```

    - Will get a `ClassCastException` if types are incompatible
- Advice: avoid downcasting types
  - Never(?) downcast within superclass to a subclass

## Note: instanceof

- Operator that tests whether an object is of a given class

```
public void doSomething(Account acct) {  
    long adj = 0;  
    if (acct instanceof CheckingAccount) {  
        checkingAcct = (CheckingAccount) acct;  
        adj = checkingAcct.getFee();  
    } else if (acct instanceof SavingsAccount) {  
        savingsAcct = (SavingsAccount) acct;  
        adj = savingsAcct.getInterest();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

**Warning:  
This code  
is bad.**

- Advice: avoid instanceof if possible
  - Never(?) use instanceof in a superclass to check type against subclass

# Delegation vs. inheritance summary

- Inheritance can improve modeling flexibility
- Usually, favor composition/delegation over inheritance
  - Inheritance violates information hiding
  - Delegation supports information hiding
- Design and document for inheritance, or prohibit it
  - Document requirements for overriding any method