

# Object-Oriented Design 2

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## Overview

- **Object-oriented design**
  - **Objects, methods** ⇒ **Last lecture**
  - **Classes, inheritance** ⇒ **This lecture**
- **Applying object-oriented design**

# Elements of Object-Oriented Design

- **Objects**
  - Entities in program
- **Methods**
  - Functions associated with objects
- **Classes**
  - Groups of objects with similar properties
- **Inheritance**
  - Relationship between classes

## Classes

- **Definition**
  - Group of objects with same state & behavior
  - Abstract description of a group of objects
- **Similar to data types**
  - Type is a set of data values & their operations
    - Example ⇒ integer, real, boolean, string
  - Can view classes as types for objects

# Classes

## ■ Properties

- Classes provides classification for objects
- Every object belongs to some class
- Objects  $\Rightarrow$  instances (instantiations) of a class

## Example Class

### ■ Given a class **Car**

### ■ Objects can include

- MyHonda, YourHonda,  
HerMiniCooper,  
HisSUV

Car

### ■ All **Car** objects

- Share same properties  
& behavior
- May have different  
values for properties



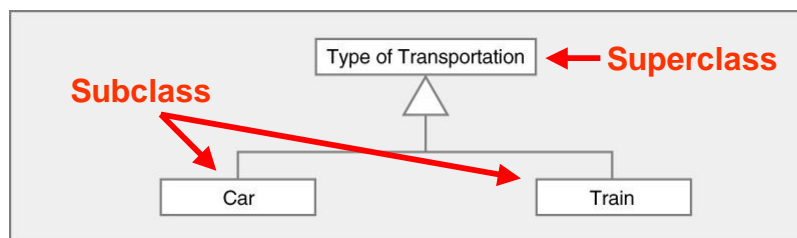
# Inheritance

## ■ Definition

- Relationship between classes when state and behavior of one class is a subset of another class

## ■ Terminology

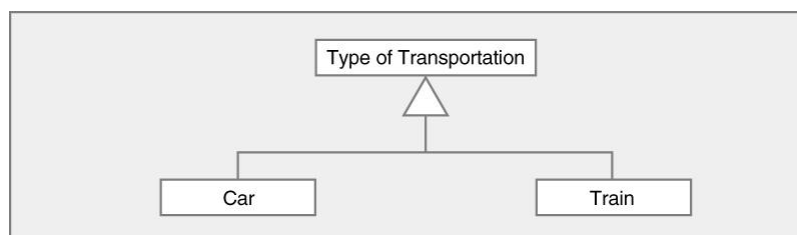
- Superclass / parent ⇒ More general class
- Subclass ⇒ More specialized class



# Inheritance

## ■ Properties

- Subclass **inherits** state & behavior of superclass
- "Is-a" relationship exists between inherited classes
  - Example – train **is a** type of transportation

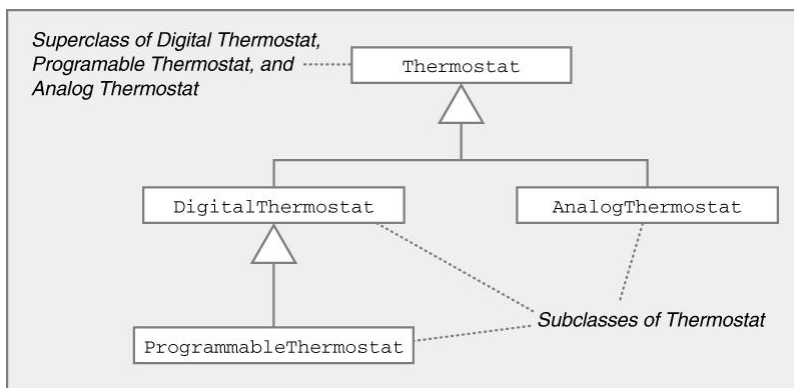


# Inheritance

- Inheritance forms a hierarchy
  - Helps organize classes
- Inheritance is **transitive**
  - Class inherits state & behavior from all ancestors
- Inheritance promotes code reuse
  - Reuse state & behavior for class

## Inheritance Hierarchy Example

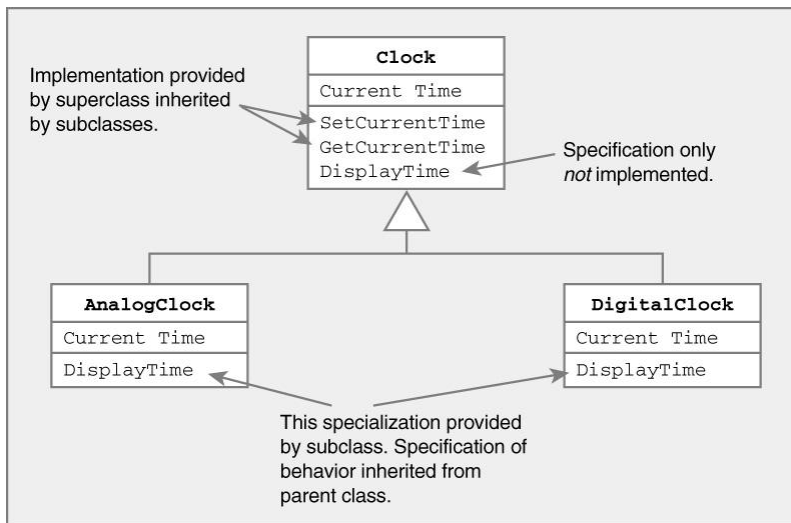
- **Classes**
  - Thermostat
  - Digital thermostat
  - Analog thermostat
  - Programmable thermostat



## Forms of Inheritance

- **Specification**
  - Defines behavior implemented only in subclass
  - Guarantees subclasses implement same behavior
- **Specialization**
  - Subclass is customized
  - Still satisfies all requirements for parent class

## Specialization Example

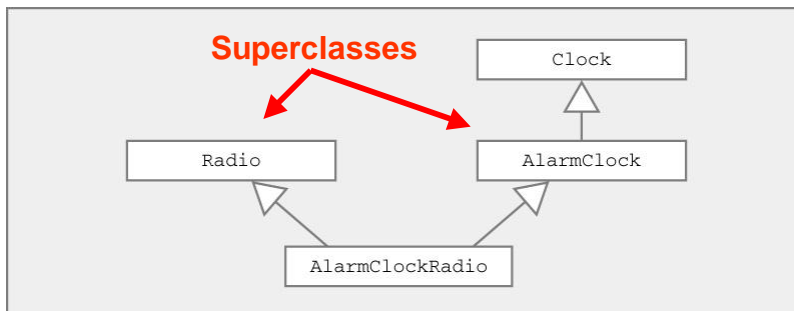


## Forms of Inheritance

- **Extension**
  - Adds new functionality to subclass
- **Limitation**
  - Restricts behavior of subclass
- **Combination**
  - Inherits features from multiple superclasses
  - Also called **multiple inheritance**
  - Not possible in Java

## Multiple Inheritance Example

- **Combination**
  - AlarmClockRadio has two parent classes
  - State & behavior from both Radio & AlarmClock



## Applying Object-Oriented Design

1. Look at objects participating in system
  - Find **nouns** in problem statement (requirements & specifications)
  - Noun may represent class needed in design
2. Look at interactions between objects
  - Find **verbs** in problem statement
  - Verb may represent message between objects
3. Design classes accordingly
  - Determine relationship between classes
  - Find state & methods needed for each class

### 1) Finding Classes

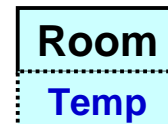
- **Thermostat** uses **dial setting** to control a **heater** to maintain constant **temperature** in **room**
- **Nouns**
  - Thermostat
  - Dial setting
  - Heater
  - Temperature
  - Room

## Finding Classes

- Analyze each noun
  - Does noun represent class needed in design?
  - Noun may be outside system
  - Noun may describe state in class

## Analyzing Nouns

- Thermostat
  - Central class in model
- Dial setting
  - State in class (Thermostat)
- Heater
  - Class in model
- Room
  - Class in model
- Temperature
  - State in class (Room)



## Finding Classes

- Decision not always clear
  - Possible to make everything its own class
    - Approach taken in Smalltalk
    - Overly complex
      - $2+3 = 5$  vs. `NUM2.add(NUM3) = NUM5`
  - Impact of design
    - More classes  $\Rightarrow$  more abstraction, flexibility
    - Fewer classes  $\Rightarrow$  less complexity, overhead
  - Choice (somewhat) depends on personal preference
- Avoid making functions into classes
  - Examples – class ListSorter, NameFinder

## 2) Finding Messages

- Thermostat **uses** dial setting to **control** a heater to **maintain** constant temperature in room
- Verbs
  - Uses
  - Control
  - Maintain

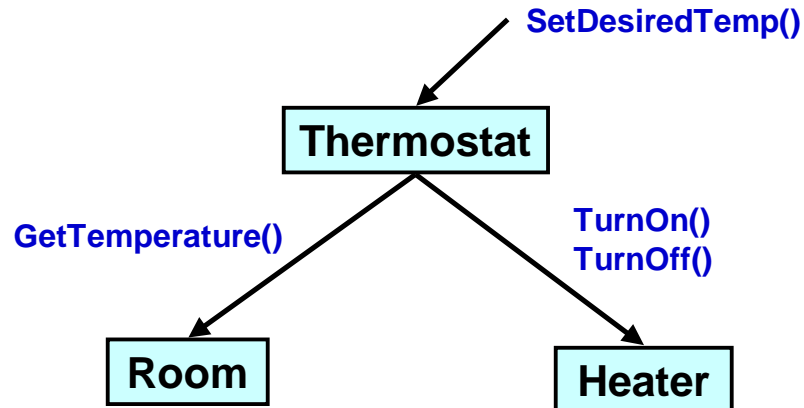
## Finding Messages

- **Analyze each verb**
  - Does verb represent interaction between objects?
- **For each interaction**
  - Assign methods to classes to perform interaction

## Analyzing Verbs

- **Uses**
  - “Thermostat **uses** dial setting...”
  - ⇒ Thermostat.SetDesiredTemp()
- **Control**
  - “to **control** a heater...”
  - ⇒ Heater.TurnOn()
  - ⇒ Heater.TurnOff()
- **Maintain**
  - “to **maintain** constant temperature in room”
  - ⇒ Room.GetTemperature()

## Example Messages



## Resulting Classes

- **Thermostat**
  - State – DialSetting
  - Methods – SetDesiredTemp()
- **Heater**
  - State – HeaterOn
  - Methods – TurnOn(), TurnOff()
- **Room**
  - State – Temp
  - Methods – GetTemperature()