

Inheritance and Private

- **Private members:**
 - Child class **inherits all the private data** of Base class
 - However, **private members** of the base class **cannot** be accessed directly
- **Why is this?** After you have gone to all the work of setting up privacy, it wouldn't be fair to allow someone to simply **extend** your class and now have access to all the **private** information

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It is compiler error to give more restrictive access to a derived class function which overrides a base class function.

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Access level

Modifier	Class	Package	Subclass	World
public	Y	Y	Y	Y
protected	Y	Y	Y	N
no modifier	Y	Y	N	N
private	Y	N	N	N

Object

- Object is the superclass of all java classes
- The class **Object** has no instance variables, but defines a number of methods. These include:
 - toString(): returns a String representation of this object*
 - equals(Object o): test for equality with another object o*
- Every class you define should, overrides these two methods with something that makes sense for your class (hashCode method is also included in the group)

Early and Late Binding

- **Motivation:** Consider the following example:

```
Base b = new Child();  
b.toString();
```

- **Q:** Should this call **Base's** toString or **Child's** toString?

- **A:** There are good arguments for either choice:

Early (static) binding: The variable b is **declared** to be of type **Base**.
Therefore, we should call the Base's toString

Late (dynamic) binding: The object to which b refers was **created** as a
"new **Child**". Therefore, we should call the Child's toString

Pros and cons: Early binding is more efficient, since the decision can be
made at compile time. Late binding provides more flexibility

- **Java uses late binding** (by default): so Faculty toString is called
(**Note:** C++ uses early binding by default.)

Polymorphism

- Java's **late binding** makes it possible for a single reference variable to refer to objects of many different types. Such a variable is said to be **polymorphic** (meaning having many forms)

- **Example**: Create an array of various university people and print

```
Shape[ ] list = new Shape[3];  
list[0] = new Rect(10,20);  
list[1] = new Circle (10);  
list[2] = new Triangle(3,4,5)  
for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++ )  
    System.out.println( list[i].getArea( ) );
```

Output:

- **What type is list[i]**? It can be a reference to any object that is derived from **Shape**. The appropriate **getArea** will be called

getClass and instanceof

- Objects in Java can access their type information **dynamically**
- **getClass()**: Returns a representation of the class of any object

```
Person bob = new Person( ... );
```

```
Person ted = new Student( ... );
```

```
if ( bob.getClass( ) == ted.getClass( ) ) // false (ted  
    is really a Student)
```

- **instanceof**: You can determine whether one object is an instance of (e.g., derived from) some class using **instanceof**. Note that it is an **operator** (!) in Java, not a method call

Up-casting and Down-casting

- We have already seen that we can assign a derived class reference anywhere that a base class is expected
 - Upcasting:** Casting a reference **to a base class** (casting up the inheritance tree). This is done **automatically** and is **always safe**
 - Downcasting:** Casting a reference **to a derived class**. This may **not be legal** (depending on the actual object type). You can **force** it by performing an explicit cast
- Illegal downcasting results in a **ClassCastException** run-time error

Safe Downcasting

- Can we check for the **legality** of a cast before trying it?
- **A:** Yes, using **instanceof**.

```
For (s : Shape) {  
    if (s instanceof Circle) {  
        Circle c = s;  
        int r = c.getRadius();  
    }  
}
```

Only Circle has getRadius method

Disabling Overriding with “final”

- Sometimes you do not want to allow method overriding
 - Correctness:** Your method only makes sense when applied to the base class. Redefining it for a derived class might break things
 - Efficiency:** Late binding is less efficient than early binding. You know that no subclass will redefine your method. You can force early binding by disabling overriding
- We can disable overriding by declaring a method to be **“final”**

Disabling Overriding with “final”

- **final**: Has two meanings, depending on context:

- Define **symbolic constants**:

```
public static final int MAX_BUFFER_SIZE = 1000;
```

- Indicate that a method **cannot be overridden by derived classes**

```
public class Parent {  
    ...  
    public final void someMethod( ) { ... }  
}
```

Subclasses cannot
override this method

```
public class Child extends Parent {  
    ...  
    public void someMethod( ) { ... }  
}
```

Illegal! someMethod is
final in base class.

Quiz 8

```
class Base {
    final public void show() {
        println("Base");
    }
}
class Derived extends Base {
    public void show() {
        println("Derived");
    }
}
class Main {
    public static void(String[] args){
        Base b = new Derived();
        b.show();
    }
}
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    }
}
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...
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Final methods cannot be overridden. Compiler Error: overridden method is final

Quiz 9

```
class Base {
    public static void show() {
        println("Base");
    }
}
class Derived extends Base {
    public static void show() {
        println("Derived");
    }
}
...
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...
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Quiz 9

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    public static void show() {
        println("Base");
    }
}
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}
...
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when a function is static,
runtime polymorphism
doesn't happen.

Abstract Class

- ▶ Abstract classes cannot be instantiated, but they can be subclassed.
- ▶ It may or may not include abstract methods.

```
public abstract class Shape {  
    private String id;  
    public Shape (String id) {this.id = id};  
    public abstract double getArea();  
    public String getId() {return id;}  
}
```

This abstract method must be defined in a concrete subclass.

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```
public class Circle extends Shape {
    private double radius;
    public Circle (double r) {
        super("Circle"); radius = r;
    }
    double getArea() {return Math.PI * radius * radius;}
    public double getRadius() {return radius;}
    public void setRadius(double r) {radius = r}
}
```

Must implement

