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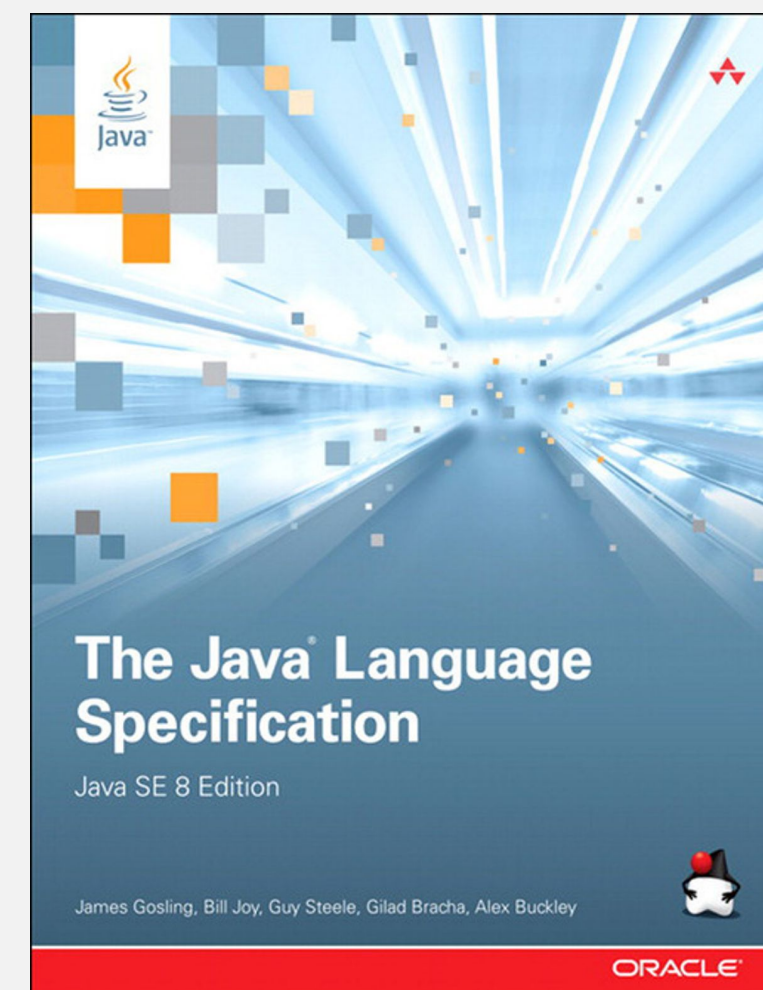
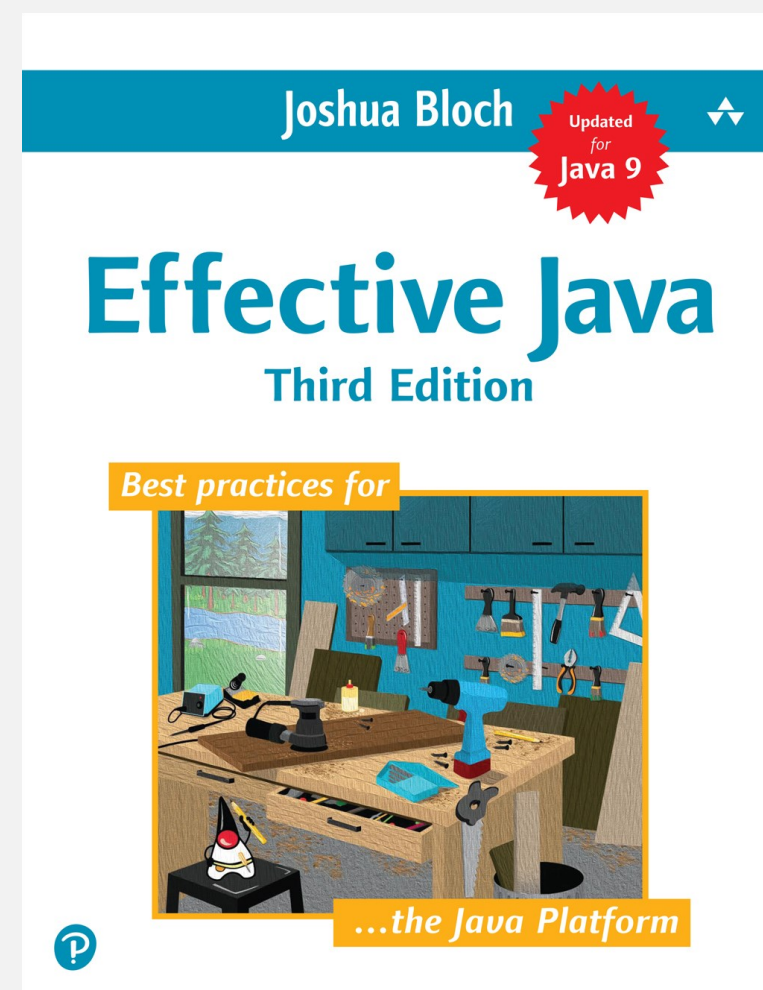
- ▶ *inheritance*
- ▶ *interfaces*
- ▶ *iterators*

Subtitle. Java features that we (occasionally) use in this course, but don't cover (much) in COS 126.

- **Inheritance.**
 - Generics.
 - **Interfaces.**
- ← common theme: promote code reuse

Q. How to take your Java to the next level?

A.



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Motivation

Q1. How did the Java architects design `System.out.println(x)` so that it works with all reference types?



Q2. How would an Android developer create a custom Java GUI text component, without re-implementing these 400+ required methods?



A. Inheritance.

```
action() • add() • addAncestorListener() • addCaretListener() •  
addComponentListener() • addContainerListener() • addFocusListener() •  
addHierarchyBoundsListener() • addHierarchyListener() • addImpl() •  
addInputMethodListener() • addKeyListener() • addKeymap() • addMouseListener() •  
addMouseMotionListener() • addMouseWheelListener() • addNotify() •  
addPropertyChangeListener() • addVetoableChangeListener() •  
applyComponentOrientation() • areFocusTraversalKeysSet() • bounds() • checkImage() •  
coalesceEvents() • computeVisibleRect() • contains() • copy() • countComponents() •  
createImage() • createToolTip() • createVolatileImage() • cut() • deliverEvent() •  
disable() • disableEvents() • dispatchEvent() • doLayout() • enable() •  
enableEvents() • enableInputMethods() • findComponentAt() • fireCaretUpdate() •  
firePropertyChange() • fireVetoableChange() • getActionForKeyStroke() •  
getActionMap() • getAlignmentX() • getAlignmentY() • getAncestorListeners() •  
getAutoscrolls() • getBackground() • getBaseline() • getBaselineResizeBehavior() •
```

Inheritance overview

Implementation inheritance (subclassing).

- Define a new class (**subclass**) from another class (**base class** or **superclass**).
- The subclass **inherits** from the base class:
 - instance variables (state)
 - instance methods (behavior)
- The subclass can **override** instance methods in the base class (replacing with own versions).

Main benefits.

- Facilitates code reuse.
- Enables the design of extensible libraries.

Inheritance example

```
public class Disc {
    protected int x, y, r;

    public Disc(int x, int y, int r) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
        this.r = r;
    }

    public double area() {
        return Math.PI * r * r;
    }

    public boolean intersects(Disc that) {
        int dx = this.x - that.x;
        int dy = this.y - that.y;
        int dr = this.r + that.r;
        return dx*dx + dy*dy <= dr*dr;
    }

    public void draw() {
        StdDraw.filledCircle(x, y, r);
    }
}
```

base class

Diagram annotations:
- A red oval highlights the `protected` access modifier in the `Disc` class.
- A red arrow points from the `protected` oval to the `protected Color color;` line in the `ColoredDisc` class.
- A red arrow points from the `Disc` constructor to the `super(x, y, r);` line in the `ColoredDisc` constructor.
- A red arrow points from the `Disc` `intersects` method to the `draw` method in the `ColoredDisc` class.
- The text "inherited by subclass" is placed near the arrows.

```
import java.awt.Color;

public class ColoredDisc extends Disc {

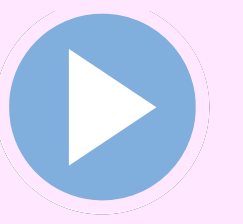
    protected Color color; ← defines new state

    public ColoredDisc(int x, int y, int r, Color color) {
        super(x, y, r); ← calls constructor in base class
        this.color = color;
    }

    public Color getColor() { ← defines new behavior
        return color;
    }

    public void draw() { ← overrides method in base class
        StdDraw.setPenColor(color);
        StdDraw.filledCircle(x, y, r);
    }
}
```

subclass



```
~/Desktop/advanced-java> jshell -a lgs4
/open Shape2D.java
/open Disc.java
/open ColoredDisc.java
StdDraw.setScale(0, 800);

Disc disc1 = new Disc(400, 400, 200);
disc1.area();
disc1.draw();

ColoredDisc disc2 = new ColoredDisc(225, 575, 100, StdDraw.BLUE);
ColoredDisc disc3 = new ColoredDisc(575, 575, 100, StdDraw.RED);
disc2.getColor();
disc2.draw();
disc3.draw();
disc2.area();


disc1.intersects(disc2);
disc2.intersects(disc3);

Disc disc = disc2;    // downcast
disc.area();
```



Which color will be stored in the variable `color`?

```
Disc disc = new ColoredDisc(200, 300, 100, StdDraw.BLUE);  
Color color = disc.getColor();
```

- A. Blue.
- B. Black.
- C. Compile-time error.
- D. Run-time error.
- E. 

Polymorphism

Subtype polymorphism. A subclass is a **subtype** of its superclass:

objects of the subtype can be used anywhere objects of the superclass are allowed.

↑
RHS of assignment statement,
method argument, return value, expression, ...

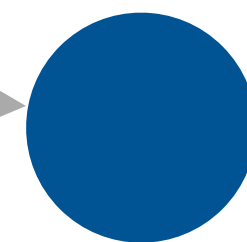
Ex. A reference variable can refer to any object of its declared type or any of its subtypes.

```
Disc disc = new ColoredDisc(x, y, r, color);
```

variable of
type Disc



pointing to an



object of type
ColoredDisc

```
double area = disc.area();
```

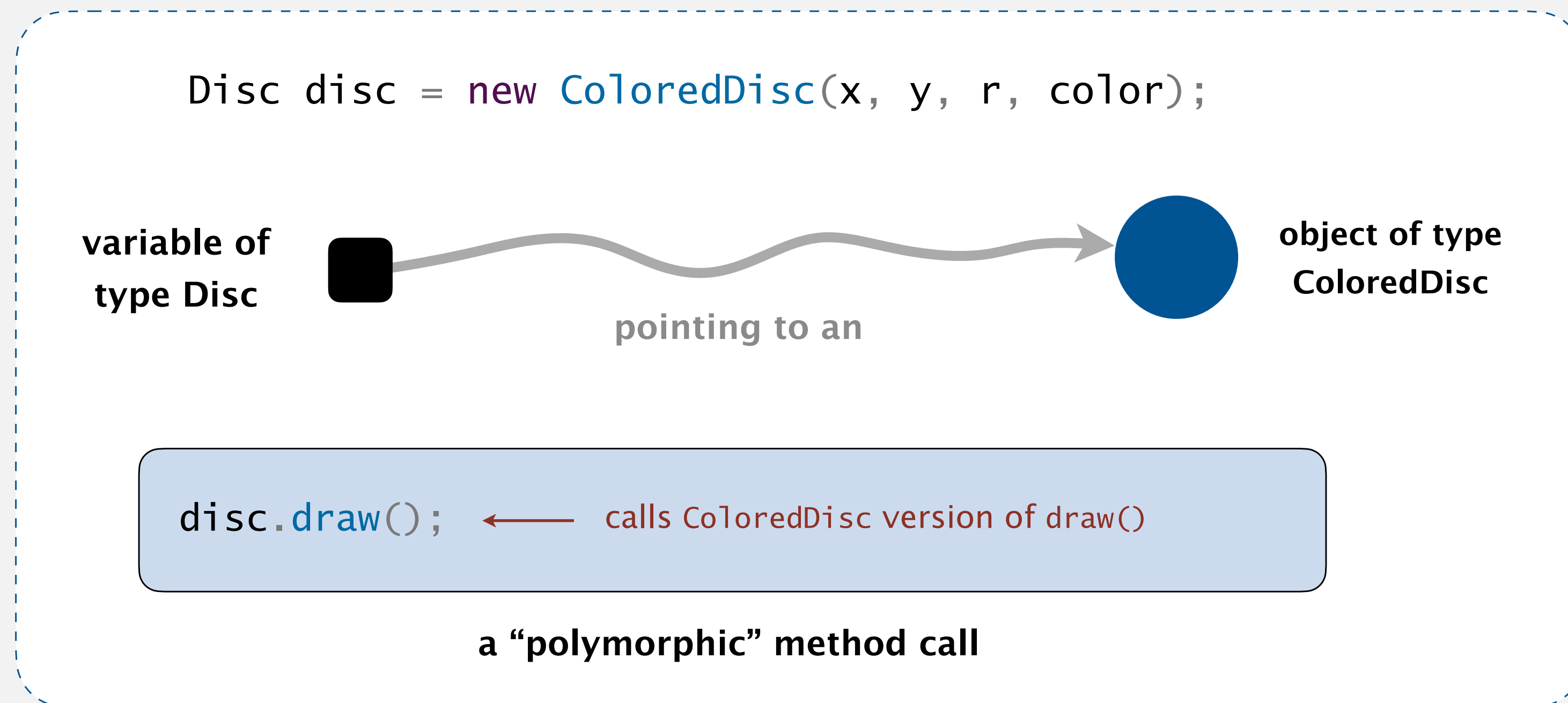
```
boolean disc.intersects(disc);
```

```
Color color = disc.getColor();
```

← can call only Disc methods
(compile-time error)

Polymorphism

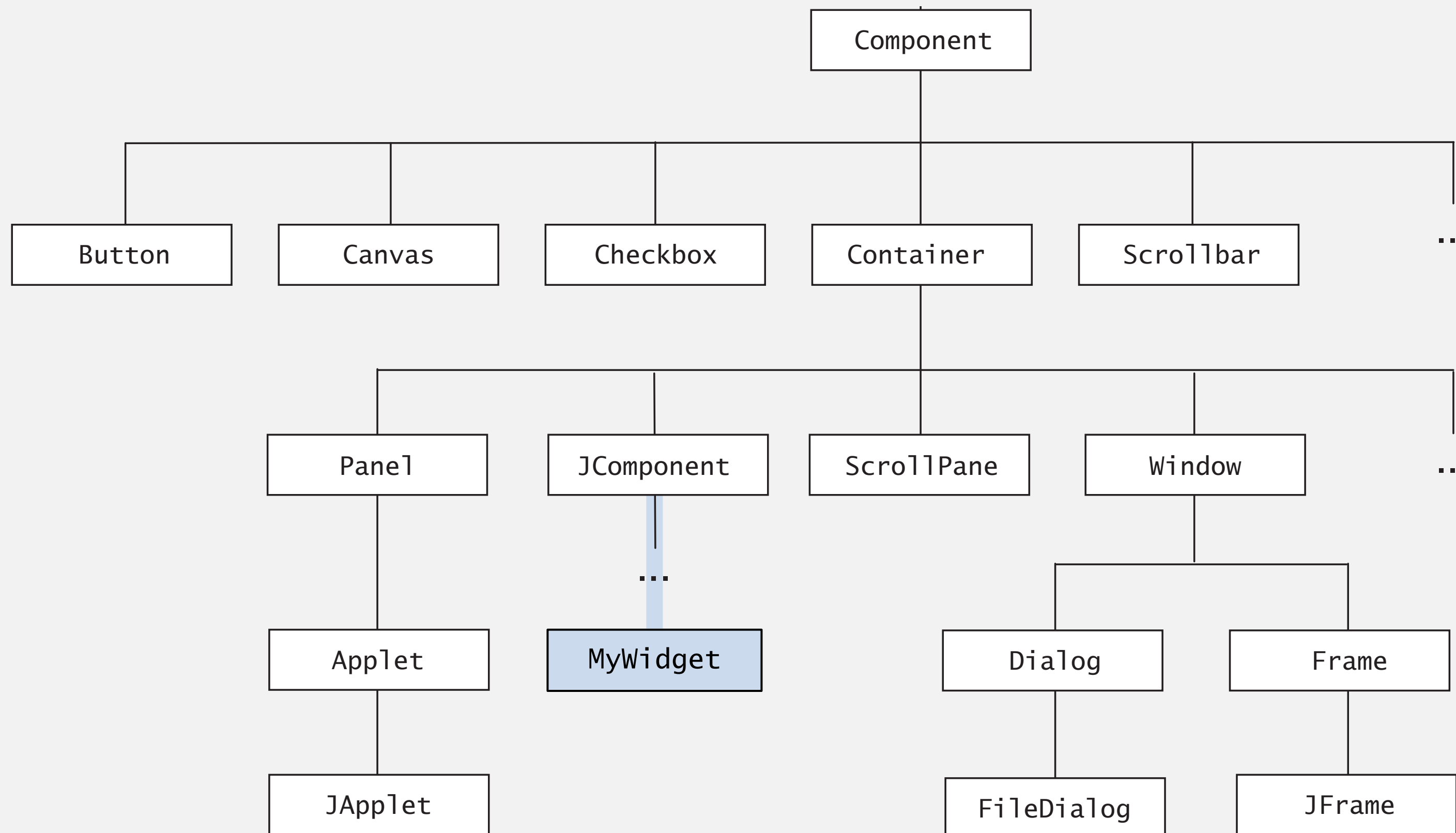
Dynamic dispatch. Java determines which version of an **overridden method** to call using the type of the referenced object at runtime (not necessarily the type of the variable).



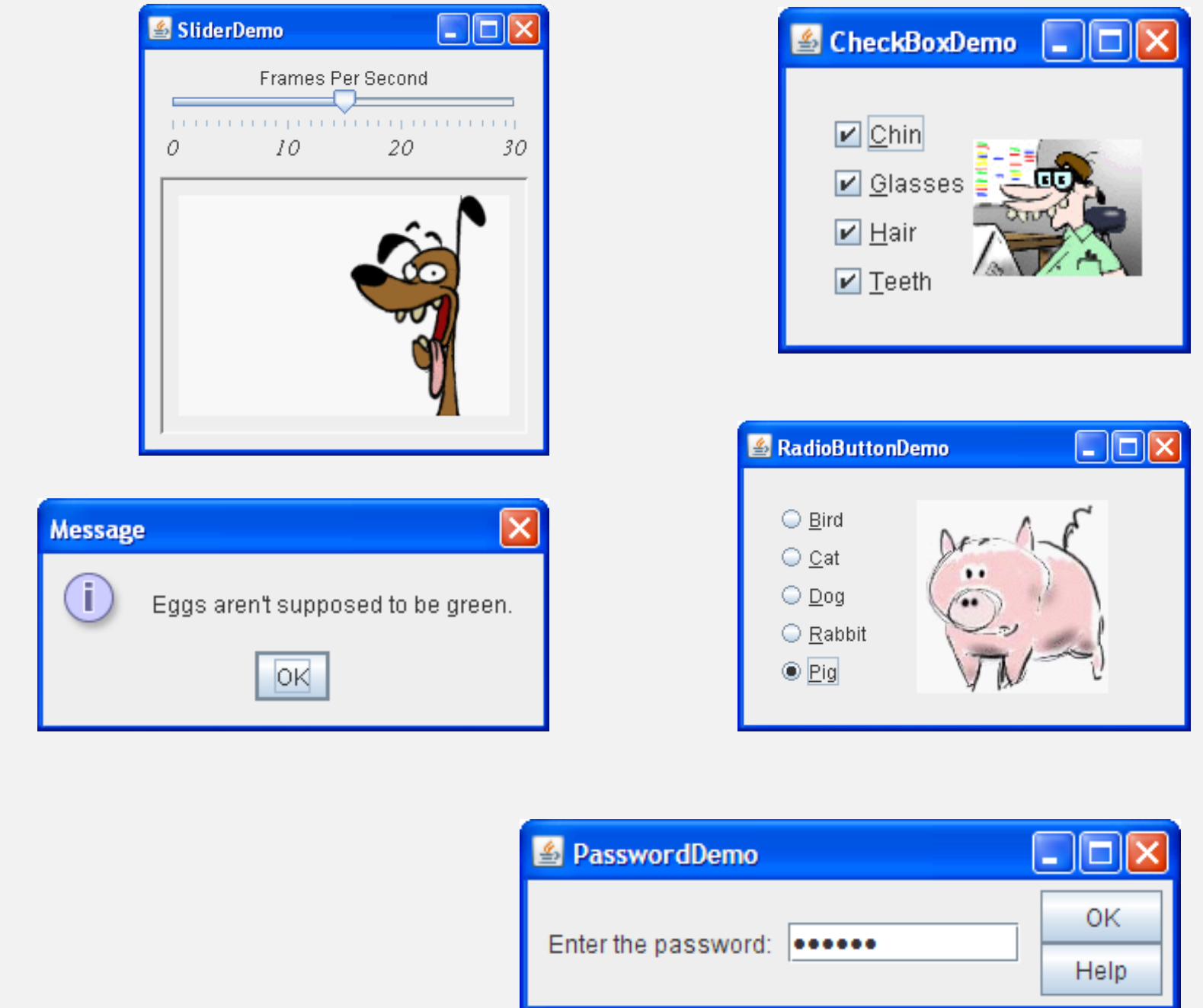
Subclass hierarchy for Java GUI components

Typical use case. Design an extensible library.

Ex. Android developer design a new GUI widget for their app.



Java GUI class hierarchy



Is-A relationship

Informal rule. Inheritance should represent an **Is-A** relationship.

subclass	base class
ColoredDisc	Disc
ArithmeticException	RuntimeException
JPasswordField	JTextField
Jeans	Clothing
SamsungGalaxyS10	SmartPhone



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Turing Award 2008

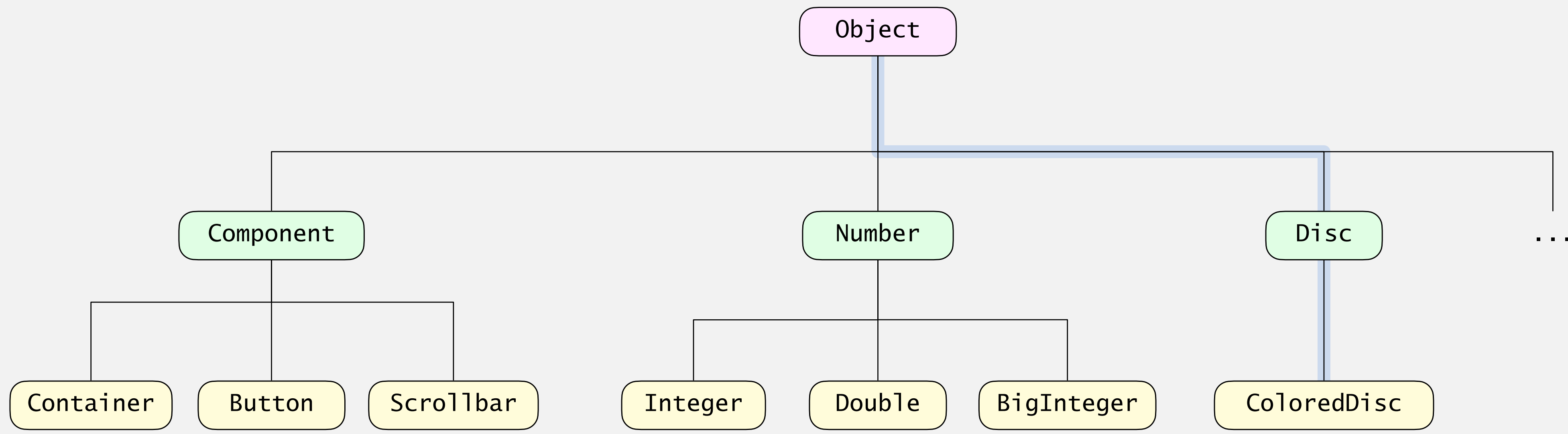
Liskov substitution principle. Subclass objects must always be substitutable for base class objects, without altering desirable properties of program.

Java's Object superclass

Object data type. Every class has Object as a (direct or indirect) superclass.

```
public class Disc extends Object {  
    ...  
}
```

↑
added implicitly
(if no extends clause)



Java class hierarchy

Java's Object superclass

Object data type. Every class has Object as a (direct or indirect) superclass.

```
public class Object
```

```
    String toString() string representation
```

```
    boolean equals(Object x) is this object equal to x ?
```

```
    int hashCode() hash code of this object
```

```
    Class getClass() runtime class of this object
```

```
    ... copying, garbage collection, concurrency
```

Inherited methods. Often not what you want \Rightarrow **override** them.

- Equals: reference equality (same as ==).
- Hash code: memory address of object.
- String representation: name of class, followed by @, followed by memory address.

The toString() method

Best practice. Override the toString() method.

```
public class Disc {  
    protected int x, y, r;  
  
    ...  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return String.format("(%d, %d, %d)", x, y, r);  
    }  
}
```

works like printf() but returns string
(instead of printing it)

without overriding toString() method

```
~/Desktop/inheritance> jshell-als4  
/open Disc.java  
Disc disc = new Disc(100, 100, 20);  
StdOut.println("disc = " + disc.toString());  
disc = Disc@239963d8
```

after overriding toString() method

```
disc = (100, 100, 20)
```

String concatenation operator. Java implicitly calls object's toString() method.

```
StdOut.println("disc = " + disc);
```

string concatenation operator

Inheritance summary

Subclassing. Powerful OOP mechanism for **code reuse**.

Limitations.

- Violates encapsulation.
- Stuck with inherited instance variables and methods forever.
- Subclasses may break with seemingly innocuous change to superclass.

Best practices.

- Use with extreme care.
- Favor composition (or interfaces) over subclassing.

This course.

- Yes: override inherited methods: `toString()`, `hashCode()`, and `equals()`.
- No: define subclass hierarchies.

Inheritance Is Evil. Stop Using It.

"Use inheritance to extend the behavior of your classes". This concept is one of the most widespread, yet wrong and dangerous in OOP. Do yourself a favor and stop using it right now.



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Motivation

- Q1. How to design a single method that can sort arrays of strings, integers, or dates?
- Q2. How to iterate over a collection without knowing the underlying representation?
- Q3. How to intercept and process mouse clicks in a Java app?

A. Java interfaces.

```
String[] a = { "Apple", "Orange", "Banana" };  
Arrays.sort(a);
```

```
Integer[] b = { 3, 1, 2 };  
Arrays.sort(b);
```

sort arrays

```
Stack<String> = new Stack<>();  
stack.push("First");  
stack.push("Whitman");  
stack.push("Mathey");
```

```
for (String s : stack)  
    StdOut.println(s);
```

iterate over a collection

Java interfaces overview

Interface. A set of methods that define some **behavior** (partial API) for a class.

```
public interface Shape2D {  
    void draw();  
    boolean contains(int x0, int y0);  
}
```

the contract: methods with these signatures
(and prescribed behaviors)

class abides by
the contract

class can define
additional methods

```
public class Disc implements Shape2D {  
    protected int x, y, r;  
  
    public Disc(double x, double y, double r) {  
        this.x = x;  
        this.y = y;  
        this.r = r;  
    }  
  
    public void draw() {  
        StdDraw.filledCircle(x, y, r);  
    }  
  
    public boolean contains(int x0, int y0) {  
        int dx = x - x0;  
        int dy = y - y0;  
        return dx*dx + dy*dy <= r*r;  
    }  
  
    public boolean intersects(Disc that) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

class promises to
honor the contract

Java interfaces overview

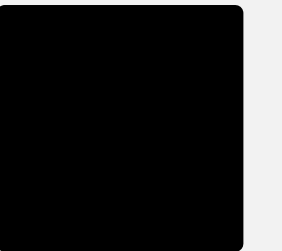
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}
```

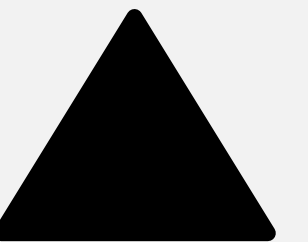
↑
the contract: methods with these signatures
(and prescribed behaviors)

Many classes can implement the same interface.

```
public class Square implements Shape2D {  
    ...  
}
```



```
public class Triangle implements Shape2D {  
    ...  
}
```

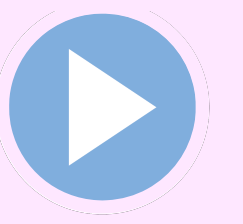


```
public class Star implements Shape2D {  
    ...  
}
```



```
public class Heart implements Shape2D {  
    ...  
}
```





```
~/Desktop/inheritance> jshell-args4
/open Shape2D.java
/open Disc.java
/open Square.java
/open Heart.java

Shape2D disc = new Disc(400, 700, 100);
Shape2D square = new Square(400, 400, 200);
Shape2D heart = new Heart(400, 400, 100); ← implicit type conversion
                                         (upcasting)

Shape2D s = "Hello, World"; // compile-time error (incompatible types)

disc.draw();
disc.contains(400, 300);
disc.area(); // compile-time error (not a Shape2D method)

Shape2D[] shapes = { disc, square, heart };
for (int i = 0; i < shapes.length; i++)
    shapes[i].draw();
```

Java interface properties

Interfaces are reference types. Can declare variables or uses as argument/return types.

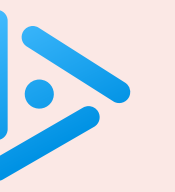
Subtype polymorphism. A class that implements an interface is a **subtype** of that interface: objects of the subtype can be used anywhere objects of the interface are allowed.

↖
RHS of assignment statements, method arguments, return types, ...

Key differences with inheritance.

- Uses keyword **implements** instead of **extends**.
- No instance variables or instance methods inherited.
- **Multiple inheritance**: a class can implement many interfaces (but extend only one class).

```
public class MovableDisc extends Disc implements Shape2D, Movable {  
    ...  
}
```



Which of the following statement(s) leads to a compile-time error?

- A. `Shape2D shape = new Shape2D();`
- B. `Shape2D[] shapes = new Shape2D[10];`
- C. Both A and B.
- D. Neither A nor B.

Java interfaces in the wild

Interfaces are essential for industrial-strength programming in Java.

purpose	built-in interfaces
sorting	<code>java.lang.Comparable</code> <code>java.util.Comparator</code>
iteration	<code>java.lang.Iterable</code> <code>java.util.Iterator</code>
collections	<code>java.util.List</code> <code>java.util.Map</code> <code>java.util.Set</code>
GUI events	<code>java.awt.event.MouseListener</code> <code>java.awt.event.KeyListener</code> <code>java.awt.event.MenuListener</code>
lambda expressions	<code>java.util.function.Consumer</code> <code>java.util.function.Supplier</code> <code>java.util.function.BinaryOperator</code>
concurrency	<code>java.lang.Runnable</code> <code>java.lang.Callable</code>

← this course

Java interfaces summary

Java interface. A set of methods that define some behavior (partial API) for a class.

Design benefits.

- Enables **callbacks**, which promotes code reuse.
- Facilitates **lambda expressions**.

This course.

- Yes: use interfaces built into Java (for sorting and iteration).
- No: define our own interfaces; lambda expressions.

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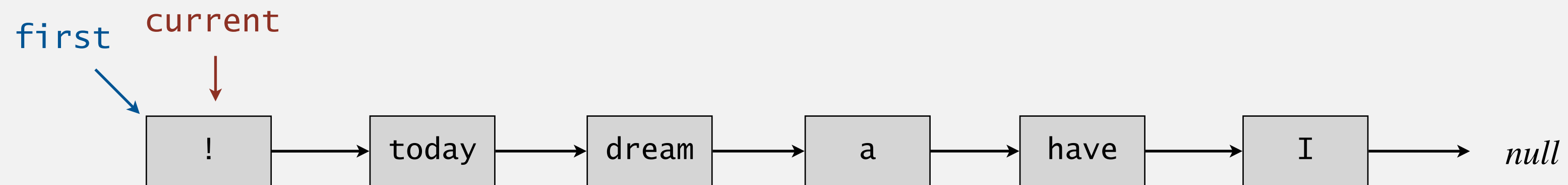
Iteration

Design challenge. Allow client to **iterate** over items in a collection (e.g., a stack), without exposing its internal representation.

stack (resizing-array representation)



stack (linked-list representation)



Java solution. Use a **foreach** loop.

Foreach loop

Java provides elegant syntax for iterating over items in a collection.

“foreach” loop (shorthand)

```
Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();  
...  
  
for (String s : stack) {  
    ...  
}
```

equivalent code (longhand)

```
Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();  
...  
  
Iterator<String> iterator = stack.iterator();  
while (iterator.hasNext()) {  
    String s = iterator.next();  
    ...  
}
```

To make user-defined collection support foreach loop:

- Data type must have a method named `iterator()`.
- The `iterator()` method returns an `Iterator` object that has two core methods:
 - the `hasNext()` method returns `false` when there are no more items
 - the `next()` method returns the next item in the collection

Iterator and Iterable interfaces

Java defines two interfaces that facilitate foreach loops.

- **Iterable interface:** `iterator()` method that returns an `Iterator`. ← “I am a collection that can be traversed with a foreach loop”
- **Iterator interface:** `next()` and `hasNext()` methods. ← “I represent the state of one traversal”
(supports multiple iterators over the same collection)
- Each interface is generic.

java.lang.Iterable interface

```
public interface Iterable<Item>
{
    Iterator<Item> iterator();
}
```

java.util.Iterator interface

```
public interface Iterator<Item>
{
    boolean hasNext();
    Item next();
}
```

Type safety. Foreach loop won't compile unless collection is `Iterable` (or an array).

Stack iterator: array implementation

```
import java.util.Iterator;

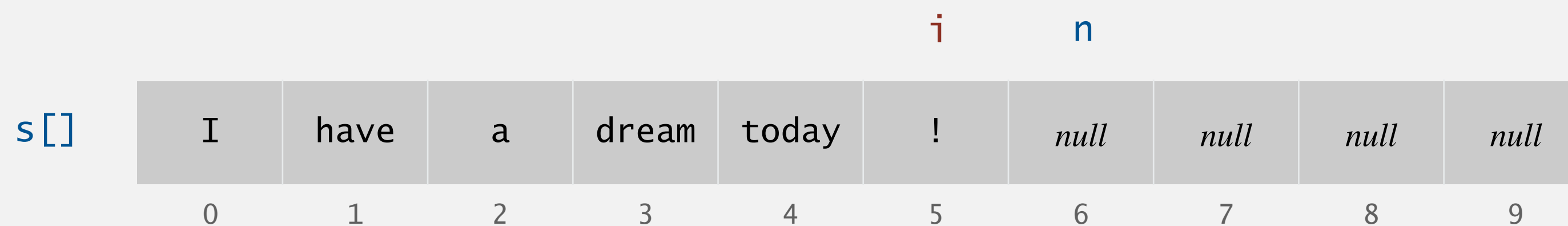
public class ResizingArrayStack<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    ...

    public Iterator<Item> iterator() { return new ReverseArrayIterator(); }

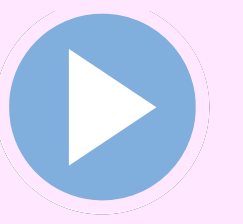
    private class ReverseArrayIterator implements Iterator<Item>
    {
        private int i = n-1; // index of next item to return

        public boolean hasNext() { return i >= 0; }
        public Item next()      { return s[i--]; }
    }
}
```

Note: next() must throw a NoSuchElementException if called when no more items in iteration



Stack iterator: linked-list implementation (in IntelliJ)



```
import java.util.Iterator;

public class LinkedStack<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    ...

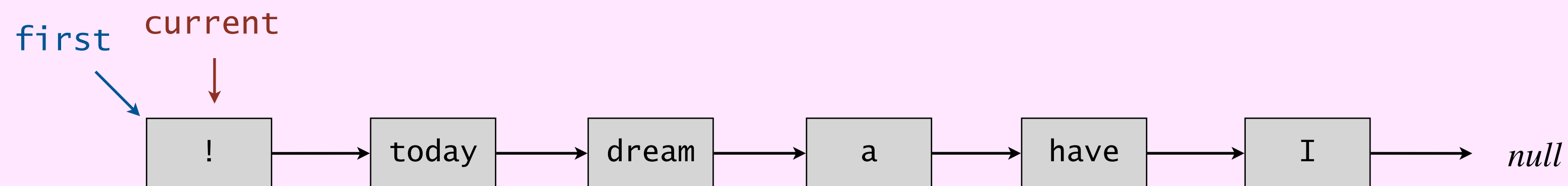
    public Iterator<Item> iterator() { return new LinkedIterator(); }

    private class LinkedIterator implements Iterator<Item>
    {
        private Node current = first;

        public boolean hasNext() { return current != null; }

        public Item next()
        {
            Item item = current.item;
            current = current.next;
            return item;
        }
    }
}
```

Note: next() must throw a NoSuchElementException when called with no more items in iteration





Suppose that you add A, B, and C to a **stack** (linked list or resizing array), in that order.

What does the following code fragment do?

```
for (String s : stack)
    for (String t : stack)
        StdOut.println(s + "-" + t);
```

- A. Prints A-A A-B A-C B-A B-B B-C C-A C-B C-C
- B. Prints C-C B-B A-A
- C. Prints C-C C-B C-A
- D. Prints C-C C-B C-A B-C B-B B-A A-C A-B A-A
- E. Depends upon implementation.



Suppose that you add A, B, and C to a **stack** (linked list or resizing array), in that order.

What does the following code fragment do?

```
for (String s : stack)
{
    StdOut.println(s);
    StdOut.println(stack.pop());
    stack.push(s);
}
```

- A. Prints A A B B C C
- B. Prints C C B B A A
- C. Prints C C B C A B
- D. Prints C C C C C C C C ...
- E. Depends on implementation.

ITERATION: CONCURRENT MODIFICATION



Q. What should happen if a client modifies a collection **while** iterating over it?

A. A **fail-fast iterator** throws a `java.util.ConcurrentModificationException`.

concurrent modification

```
for (String s : stack)
    stack.push(s);
```

Q. How to detect concurrent modification?

A.

Java iterators summary

Iterator and Iterable. Two Java interfaces that allow a client to **iterate** over items in a collection without exposing its internal representation.

```
Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();  
...  
for (String s : stack) {  
    ...  
}
```

This course.

- Yes: use iterators in client code.
- Yes: implement iterators (Assignment 2 only).

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