

CSSE 220 Day 17

Inheritance

Check out *Inheritance* from SVN

Questions?

Nested classes

- ▶ You can define a class inside another class
 - This is called a *nested class*
 - It has access to the outer class' fields and methods
 - Useful if the inside class is a “helper class” of interest only to the outside class
- ▶ You can define a class and construct an instance of it inside a method
 - This is called a *local inner class*
 - Useful if the class is small and the object refers to variables in the outside class
- ▶ You can even make the inside class anonymous.
 - This is called an *anonymous inner class*
 - Let's do an example

This nomenclature is not universal. See http://blogs.sun.com/darcy/entry/nested_inner_member_and_top for more than you could possibly want to know about this subject

Homework part 1

- ▶ LinearLightsOut
- ▶ Individual assignment
- ▶ Show you internalized what you learned from SwingDemo
- ▶ Anonymous listeners could help (but not required)
- ▶ A good practice exam question
- ▶ Due Tuesday
 - I recommend you complete through stage 5 tonight so you can ask questions tomorrow.

Inheritance

- ▶ Sometimes a new class is a **special case** of the concept represented by another
- ▶ Can “borrow” from an existing class, changing just what we need
- ▶ The new class **inherits** from the existing one:
 - all methods
 - all instance fields



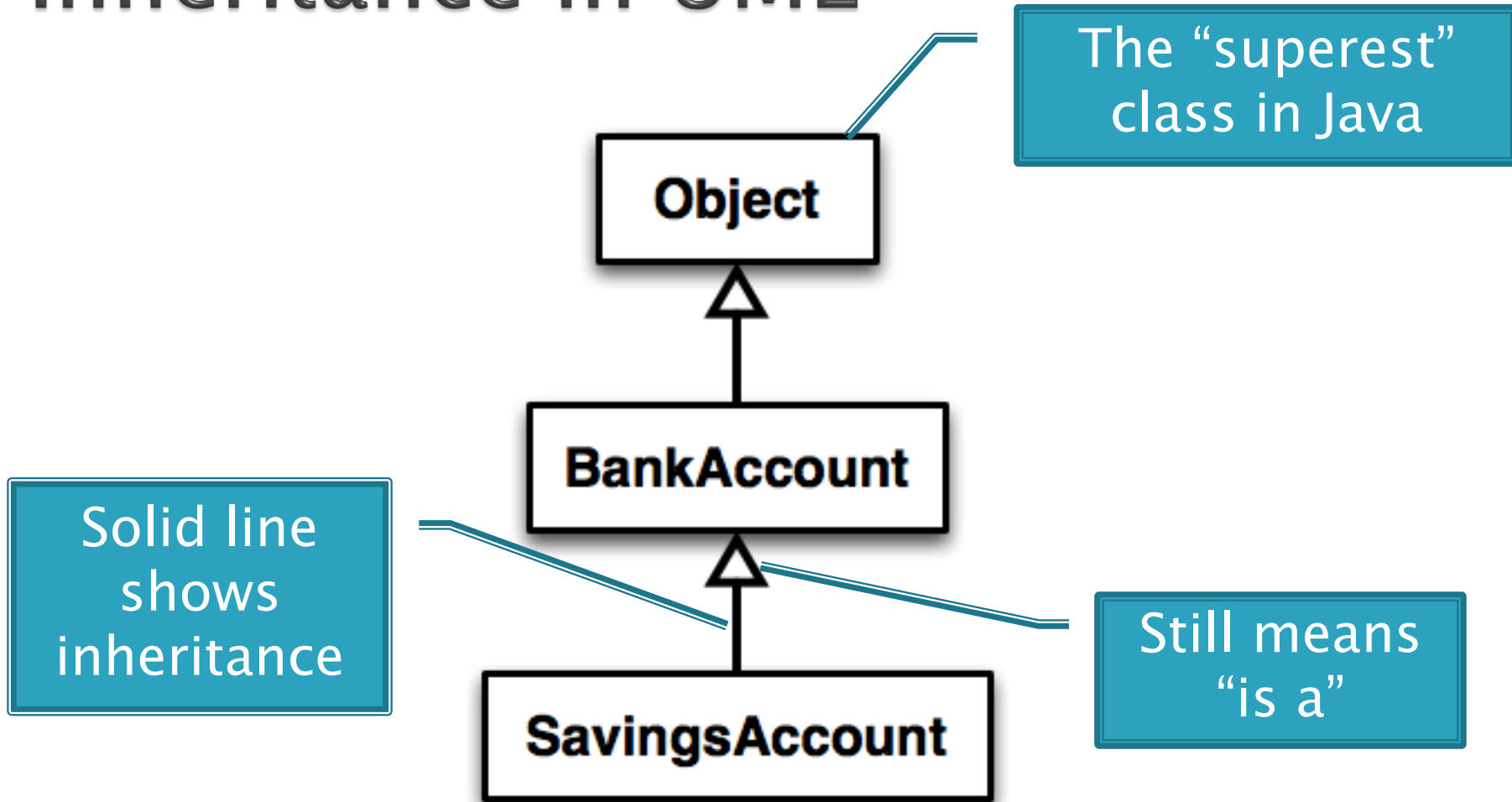
Examples

- ▶ **class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount**
 - adds interest earning, keeps other traits
- ▶ **class Employee extends Person**
 - adds pay info. and methods, keeps other traits
- ▶ **class Manager extends Employee**
 - adds info. about employees managed, changes pay mechanism, keeps other traits

Notation and Terminology

- ▶ `class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {
 // added fields
 // added methods
}`
- ▶ Say “SavingsAccount **is a** BankAccount”
- ▶ **Superclass**: BankAccount
- ▶ **Subclass**: SavingsAccount

Inheritance in UML



Interfaces vs. Inheritance

▶ `class ClickHandler implements MouseListener`

- ClickHandler **promises** to implement all the methods of MouseListener

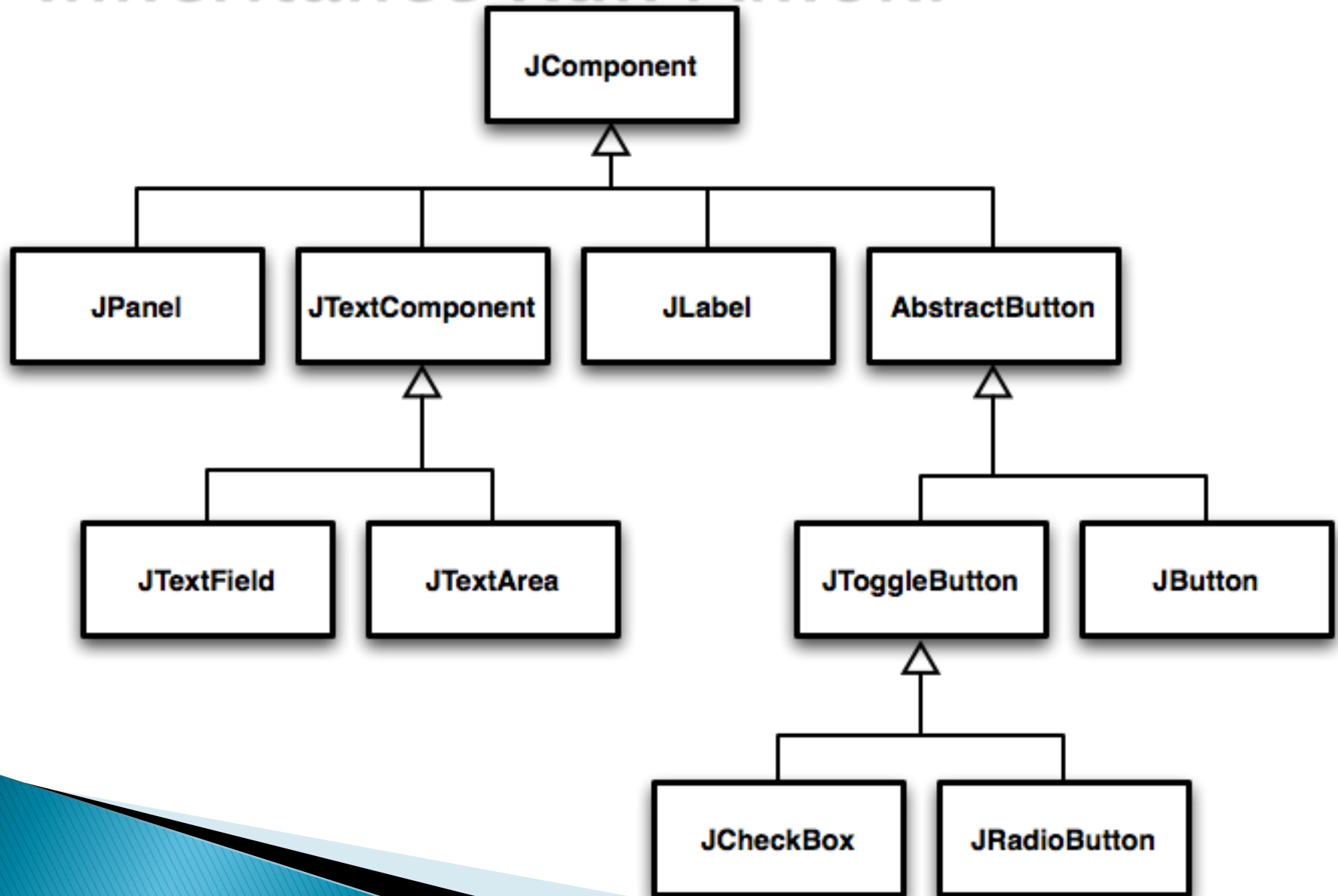
For client code reuse

▶ `class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount`

- CheckingAccount **inherits** (or overrides) all the methods of BankAccount

For implementation code reuse

Inheritance Run Amok?

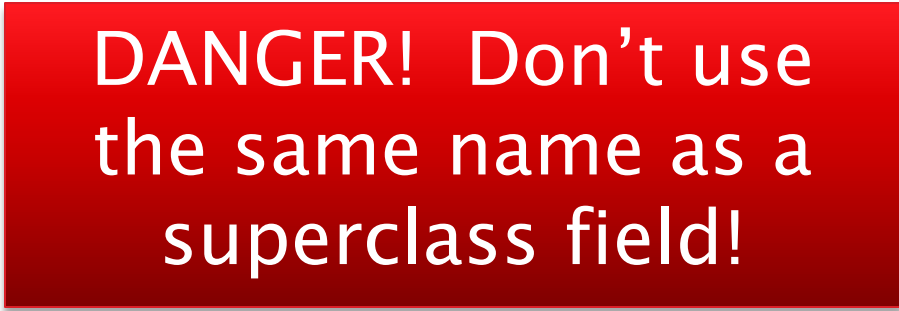


With Methods, Subclasses can:

- ▶ **Inherit** methods **unchanged**
- ▶ **Override** methods
 - Declare a new method **with same signature** to use **instead of superclass method**
 - The new method can do completely different behavior from the overridden method, or it can do the overridden behavior plus some new behavior
- ▶ **Add** entirely new methods not in superclass

With Fields, Subclasses:

- ▶ **ALWAYS inherit** all fields **unchanged**
- ▶ **Can add** entirely new fields not in superclass

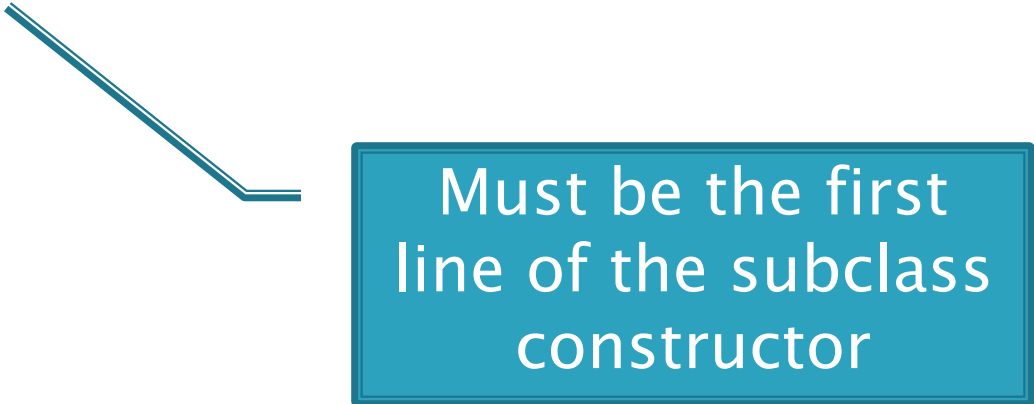


DANGER! Don't use the same name as a superclass field!

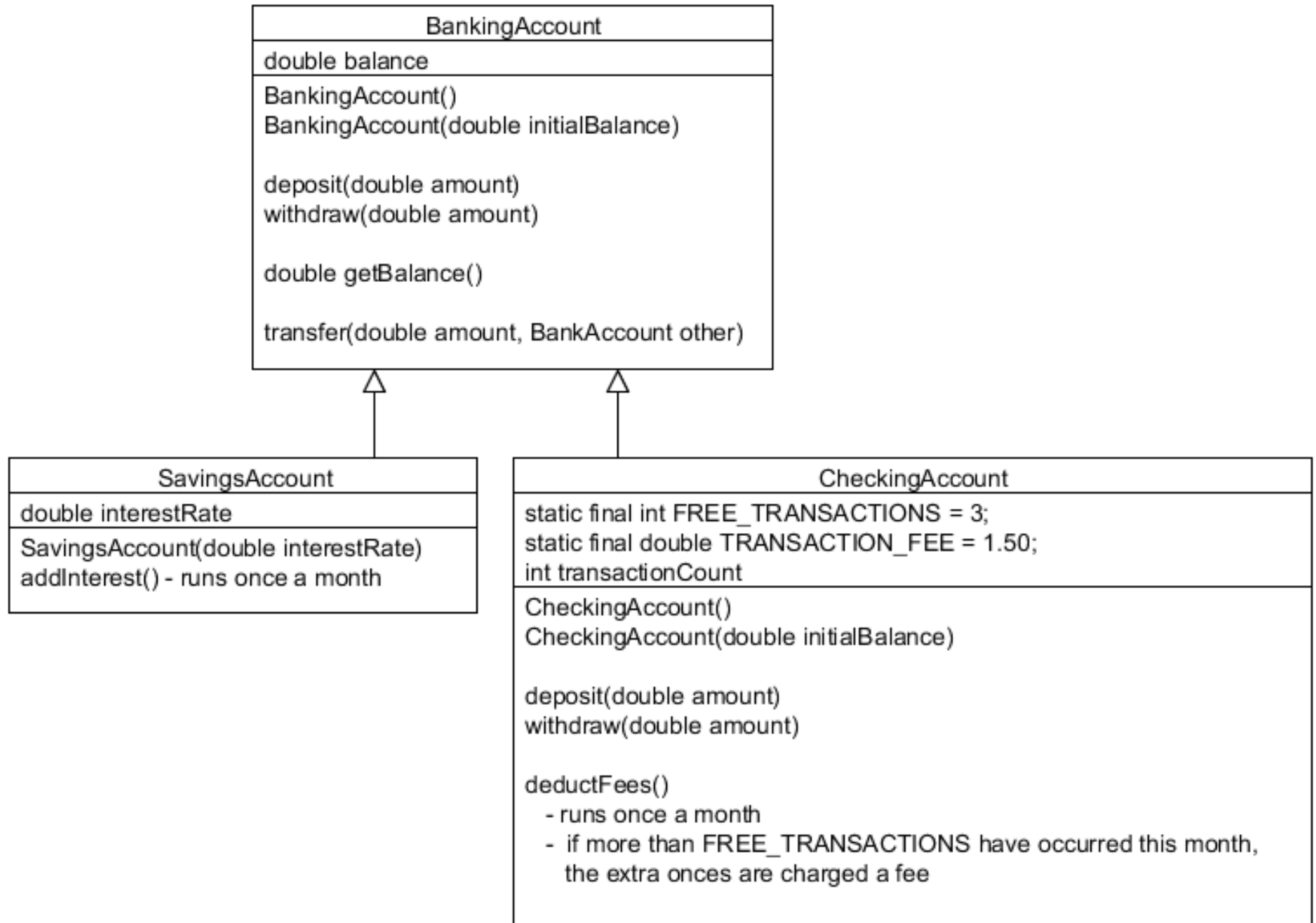
Super Calls

- ▶ Calling superclass **method**:
 - **`super.methodName(args);`**

- ▶ Calling superclass **constructor**:
 - **`super(args);`**



Must be the first
line of the subclass
constructor



Abstract Classes

- ▶ Hybrid of superclasses and interfaces
 - Like regular superclass:
 - Provide implementation of some methods
 - Like interfaces
 - Just provide signatures and docs of other methods
 - Can't be instantiated

- ▶ Example:

- ```
public abstract class BankAccount {
 /** documentation here */
 public abstract void deductFees();
 ...
}
```



Elided methods as before

# Access Modifiers

## ▶ Review

- **public**—any code can see it
- **private**—only the class itself can see it

## ▶ Others

- **default** (i.e., no modifier)—only code in the same **package** can see it
  - good choice for related classes
- **protected**—like default, but subclasses also have access
  - sometimes useful for helper methods

Bad for fields!

Fields should be private



# Break:

- ▶ Methods can call *super.methodName(...)*
  - To do the work of the parent class method, plus...
  - Additional work for the child class

```
public class Workaholic extends Worker {
 public void doWork() {
 super.doWork();
 drinkCoffee();
 super.doWork();
 }
}
```

# Work Time

## BallWorlds >>

- Pair programming with a new partner
- Project is in your repository
- Instructions are on course web site,  
under *Programs ~ BallWorlds ~ instructions.htm*
- Your instructor will demo BallWorlds and discuss its UML, especially the Ball interfaces

# BallWorlds Teams – Boutell

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Check out *BallWorlds* from SVN

Team number used in repository name:

<http://svn.csse.rose-hulman.edu/repos/csse220-201030-ballworlds-teamXX>