

CSSE 220 Day 20

Inheritance recap
Object: the superest class of all
Inheritance and text in GUIs

Check out *Inheritance2* from SVN

Questions?

Inheritance Review

»» A quick recap of last session

Inheritance

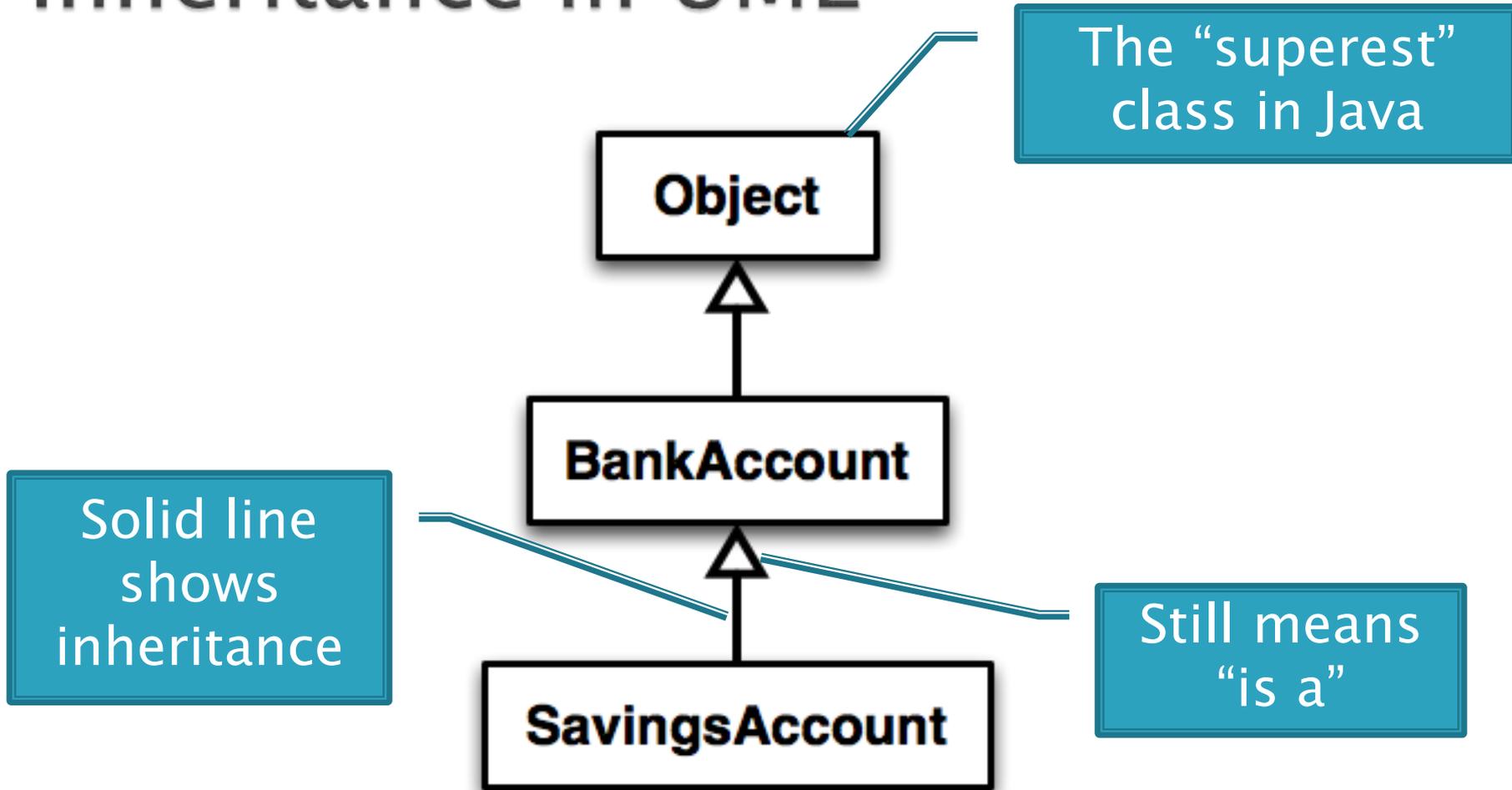
- ▶ Sometimes a new class is a **special case** of the concept represented by another
- ▶ Can “borrow” from an existing class, changing just what we need
- ▶ The new class **inherits** from the existing one:
 - all methods
 - all instance fields



Notation and Terminology

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



With Methods, Subclasses can:

- ▶ **Inherit** methods **unchanged**
 - ▶ **Override** methods
 - Declare a new method **with same signature** to use **instead of superclass method**
 - ▶ **Add** entirely new methods not in superclass
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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

Access Modifiers

- ▶ **public**—any code can see it
 - ▶ **private**—only the class itself can see it
 - ▶ **default** (i.e., no modifier)—only code in the same **package** can see it
 - ▶ **protected**—like default, but subclasses also have access
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1, Object

»» The superest class in Java

Object

- ▶ **Every** class in Java inherits from **Object**
 - Directly and **explicitly**:
 - **public class String extends Object {...}**
 - Directly and **implicitly**:
 - **class BankAccount {...}**
 - **Indirectly**:
 - **class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {...}**

Object Provides Several Methods

▶ **String toString()**



Often overridden

▶ **boolean equals(Object otherObject)**

▶ **Class getClass()**



Sometimes useful

▶ **Object clone()**



Often dangerous!

▶ ...

Overriding toString()

- ▶ Return a concise, human-readable summary of the object state
- ▶ Very useful because it's called automatically:
 - During string concatenation
 - For printing
 - In the debugger
- ▶ **getClass().getName()** comes in handy here...

Overriding equals(Object o)

- ▶ Should return true when comparing two objects of same type with same “meaning”
- ▶ How?
 - Must check types—use **instanceof**
 - Must compare state—use **cast**
- ▶ Example...

Polymorphism

»» Review and Practice

Polymorphism and Subclasses

- ▶ A subclass instance is a superclass instance
 - Polymorphism still works!
 - `BankAccount ba = new SavingsAccount();`
`ba.deposit(100);`
- ▶ But not the other way around!
 - `SavingsAccount sa = new BankAccount();`
`sa.addInterest();`
- ▶ Why not?



BOOM!

Another Example

- ▶ Can use:

- ```
public void transfer(double amt, BankAccount o) {
 withdraw(amount);
 o.deposit(amount);
}
```

in BankAccount

- ▶ To transfer between different accounts:

- ```
SavingsAccount sa = ...;
```
- ```
CheckingAccount ca = ...;
```
- ```
sa.transfer(100, ca);
```

Summary

- ▶ If B extends or implements A, we can write

`A x = new B();`

Declared type tells which methods x can access.
Compile-time error if try to use method not in A.

The actual type tells which class' version of the method to use.

- ▶ Can cast to recover methods from B:

`((B)x).foo()`

Now we can access all of B's methods too.

If x isn't an instance of B, it gives a run-time error (class cast exception)

BallWorlds

- »» Meet your partner, then we'll code Pulsar together

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BallWorlds Worktime



Pulsar

Complete team pref. survey
before Wednesday 8 a.m.

Continue with Mover, etc.

Because this is a challenging assignment, we'll let you turn BallWorlds in before Friday at 5 p.m. for full credit. If you miss that deadline, you may turn it in by Sunday at 5 p.m. for 80% credit.