

# CSSE 220 Day 20

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

Check out *Inheritance2* from SVN

Questions?

## Project Team Preference Survey

- ▶ On ANGEL, under Lessons → Assignments
- ▶ Preferences help me to choose teams; I also consider your performance so far in the course
- ▶ Complete the survey by Wednesday noon
- ▶ Most teams will have 3 students
- ▶ Are you willing to be on a team of 2
- ▶ List up to 5 students you'd like to work with
  - You may not get your first choices, so it's a good idea to list more than two
  - Best to choose partners whose commitment level and current Java coding/debugging ability is similar to yours
- ▶ List up to 2 students you'd prefer NOT to work with
  - I'll do my best to honor this, but I must find a team for everyone. (What if you don't complete the survey?)

## Inheritance Review

»» A quick recap of last session

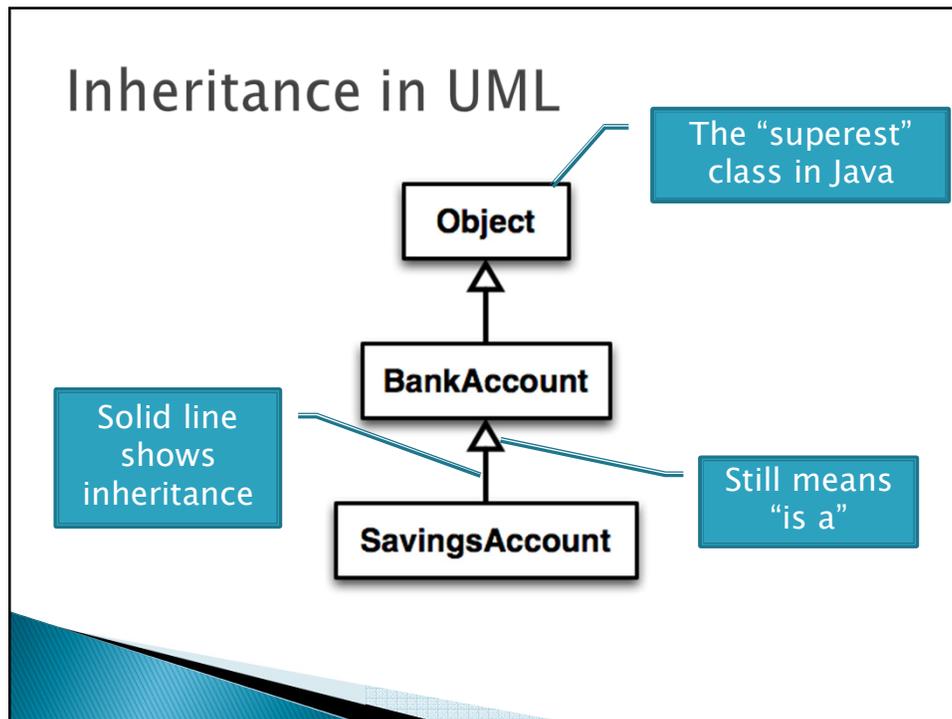
## Inheritance

- ▶ 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



## 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

## 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

## I, 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 {...}**

Q1

# Object Provides Several Methods

- ▶ **String toString()**  Often overridden
- ▶ **boolean equals(Object otherObject)**
- ▶ **Class getClass()**  Sometimes useful
- ▶ **Object clone()**  Often dangerous!
- ▶ ...

Q2

## 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...

Q3

## 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...

Q4

# 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(amt);`  
    `o.deposit(amt);`  
    `}`  
    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

Q5-7, hand in when done, then start reading BallWorlds spec

## BallWorlds

- »» • Meet your partner
- Carefully read the requirements and provided code
- Ask questions (instructor and TAs).
- Do the design exercise
- In a few minutes, we'll code Pulsar together

### BallWorlds Teams – Anderson

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Check out *BallWorlds* from SVN

# BallWorlds Worktime

» Pulsar  
» Continue with Mover, etc.

Because this is a challenging assignment, we'll let you turn BallWorlds in before Friday at noon for full credit. If you miss that deadline, you may turn it in by Saturday at 11:59 p.m. for 90% credit.