

# CSSE 220 Day 20

Inheritance recap

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

Check out *Inheritance2* from SVN

# Questions?

Exam 2 is on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 (7 – 9 PM)

Section 1: Olin 231

Section 2: Olin 233

# 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 Monday, April 30, 2012, 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, highest preference first.
  - 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.

# Inheritance Review

»» A quick recap of last session

# Inheritance

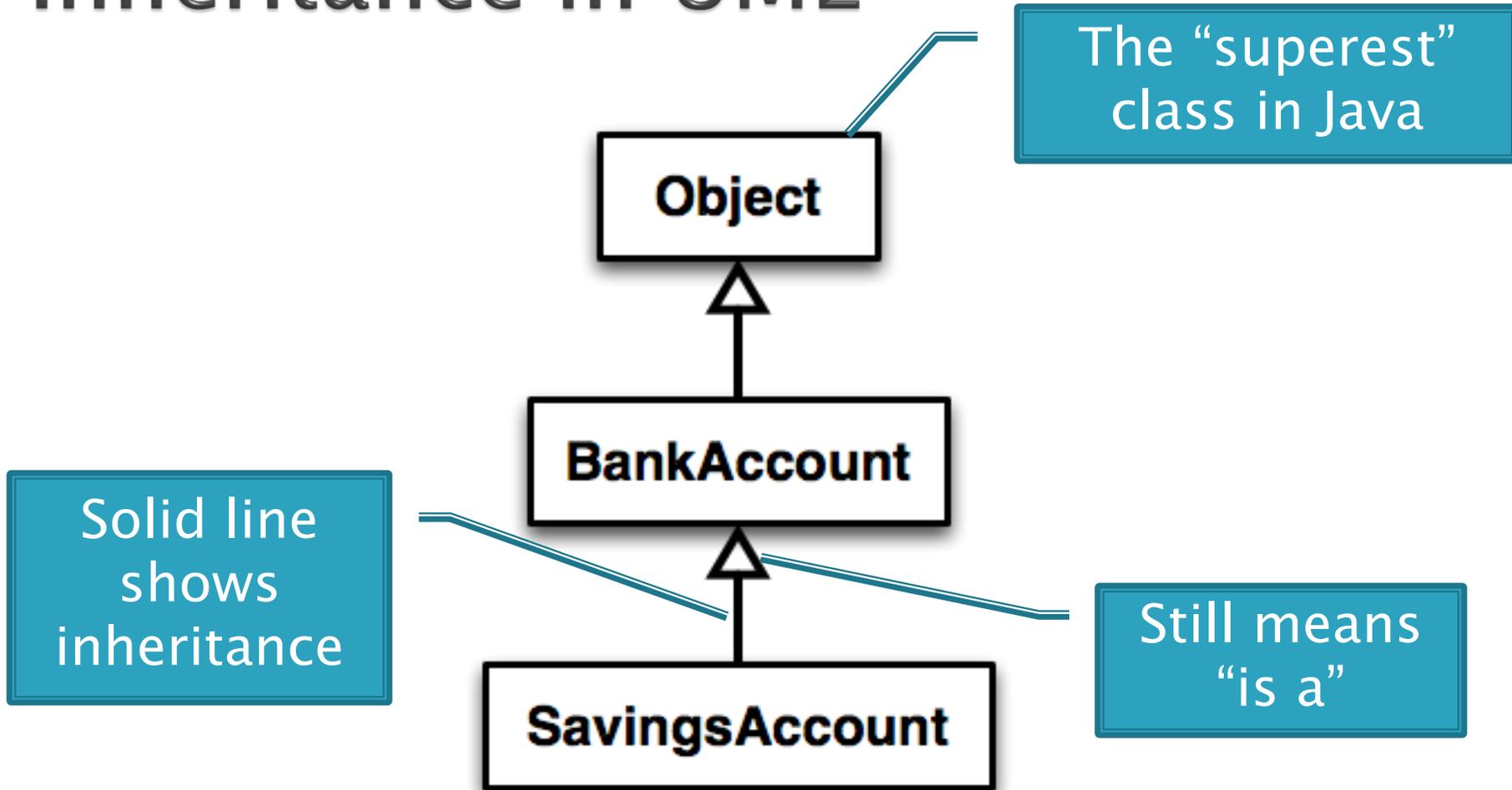
- ▶ Sometimes a new class is a **special case** of the concept represented by another
- ▶ Can “borrow” from an existing class, changing just what we need
- ▶ The new class **inherits** from the existing one:
  - all methods
  - all instance fields



# Notation and Terminology

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

# Inheritance in UML



The “superest” class in Java

Solid line shows inheritance

Still means “is a”

# 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:

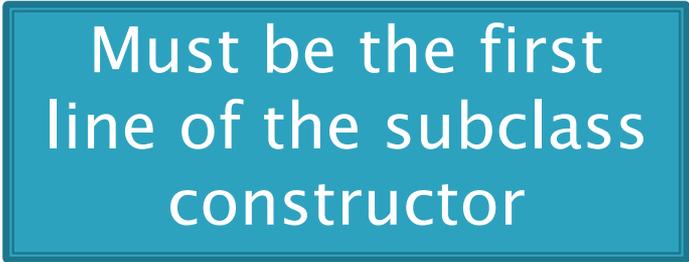
- ▶ **ALWAYS inherit** all fields **unchanged**
- ▶ **Can add** entirely new fields not in superclass



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

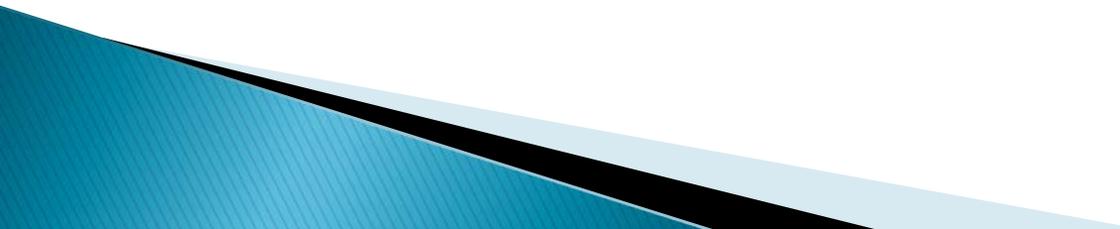
# Super Calls

- ▶ 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){  
    this.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
- Carefully read the requirements and provided code
- Ask questions (instructor and TAs).

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# BallWorlds Worktime

»» Pulsar, Mover, etc.

You can turn BallWorlds in on Monday before noon for full credit. If you miss that deadline, you may turn it in by Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. for 90% credit.