Inheritance - what is it?

- Sometimes a new class is a special case of the concept represented by another
 - A SavingsAccount is-a BankAccount
 - An Employee is-a Person
- Can extend existing class, changing just what we need
- The new class inherits from the existing one:
 - all methods
 - all fields
- Can add new fields/methods
- Or override existing methods

Object

BankAccount

SavingsAccount

CheckingAccount

```
public class BankAccount {
                                       Subclasses will inherit this field even
                                       though they cannot directly access it
    private double balance;

    Subclasses inherit all fields

    public BankAccount() {
                                        Calls the one-parameter constructor
         this(0.00);
    public BankAccount(double initialBalance) {
         this.balance = initialBalance;
    public void deposit(double amount) {
         this.balance += amount;
    public void withdraw(double amount) {
         this.balance -= amount;
                                                    protected means that
                                                    subclasses and classes
                                                    in the same package can
    protected final double getBalance() {
                                                    access it.
         return this.balance;
                                                    • public makes more sense here,
                                                    but I have made it protected just
         final means that subclasses are not
                                                    so that you can see an example
         permitted to override this method
```

• We want to count on it working just like this

```
public class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {
                                                 Fields:
    private double interestRate;
                                                 • Inherits balance field

    DON'T put your own

                                                     balance field here!
    public SavingsAccount(double rate) {

    Adds interestRate field

         this.interestRate = rate; <
                                       Implicit
                                                           that calls
                                                super();
                                       superclass' no-parameter constructor
    public SavingsAccount(double rate, double initBalance) {
         super(initBalance);
                                              Calls superclass' constructor

    Must be first statement in

         this.interestRate = rate;
                                              constructor
                                                        Adds this method
    public void addInterest() {
                                                        to those inherited
         double interest;
         interest = this.getBalance()
                          * this.interestRate / 100:
         this.deposit(interest);
                                                   Calls inherited getBalance
                                                   and deposit methods
```

```
public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount {
    private int transactionCount;
    public CheckingAccount(double initialBalance) {
         super(initialBalance);
         this.transactionCount = 0;
    @Override
                                          Overrides inherited withdraw
                                          method and also calls inherited
    public void withdraw() {
                                          withdraw method
        super.withdraw();
                                          • The class would have, but I have not shown,
        ++ this.transactionCount;
                                          a similar deposit method.
    public void runThisOnFirstDayOfMonth) {
         if (this.transactionCount > 100) {
            super.withdraw(10.00);
                                          This (rather silly) checking account
                                          charges a $10 fee if you do more
                                          than 100 transactions in a month
         this.transactionCount = 0;
                                          • Note call to superclass' withdraw
```