

Introduction to Computer Science II

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Inheritance

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10-0: **Classes**

- Want to create a bunch of classes for a real estate program
 - Apartment Building:
 - Square Footage
 - Number of floors
 - Number of units

10-1: **Classes**

- Want to create a bunch of classes for a real estate program
 - Private House
 - Square Footage
 - Number of floors
 - Number of bedrooms

10-2: **Classes**

- Want to create a bunch of classes for a real estate program
 - Office Building
 - Square Footage
 - Number of floors
 - Number of Elevators

10-3: **Classes**

- Several data members (and methods) that are shared across all building types:
 - Square footage
 - floors
- We could duplicate these variables in all of our classes (so that the House class and Office class and Apartment class would all contain a definition of an instance variable for Square Footage, for example)
 - What are potential problems with this approach?

10-4: **Classes**

It would be nice if we didn't need have so much repetition:

- Class that describes a building
 - Contains Square footage, number of floors, etc
 - (Features common to all buildings)
- Class that describes an apartment building
 - Automatically has everything in a generic building
 - Extra instance variables / methods that are particular to apartments

10-5: Inheritance

- Add “extends <classname>” to class definition
 - `class Apartment extends Building { ... }`
- Defines an “is-a” relationship
 - Apartment is a building
- Defines a superclass/subclass relationship
 - Building is the superclass
 - Apartment is the subclass

10-6: Inheritance

- Add “extends <classname>” to class definition
 - `class Apartment extends Building { ... }`
- Subclass inherits all of the methods / data from the superclass.
 - Examples from code

10-7: Adding Constructors

- Superclasses and subclasses can have constructors
- Subclass can call the constructor of the superclass with the “super” keyword
 - We’ll find more uses for the super keyword later
- If you call the constructor of a subclass from a superclass, you need to do it first
- Show examples
 - How would you do the same thing without using “super”?

10-8: Super & Constructors

- If you do not call the constructor of the superclass explicitly, then the default (no parameter) version of the constructor is called automatically at the beginning of the constructor
- Each class takes care of itself
 - Don't need to worry (too much) about the inner workings of a superclass when writing a subclass
 - Just concentrate on the new stuff

(examples)

10-9: Access control

- public: Anyone use it
- protected: Only subclasses can use it
- private: No one but the original class can use it.

Examples

10-10: Overriding Methods

```
class SuperClass {  
    void print() {  
        System.out.println("Message from SuperClass");  
    }  
}
```

```
class SubClass extends SuperClass {  
    void print() {  
        System.out.println("Message from SubClass");  
    }  
}
```

```
SuperClass sup = new SuperClass();  
SubClass sub = new SubClass();
```

```
sup.print();  
sub.print();
```

10-11: Using Super

```
class SuperClass {  
    void print() {  
        System.out.println("Message from SuperClass");  
    }  
}
```

```
class SubClass extends SuperClass {  
    void print() {  
        System.out.println("Message from SubClass");  
        super.print();  
    }  
}
```

10-12: Get your Fingers Dirty

- Define a Class Vehicle, which has the protected integer instance variable numWheels. Also, add public accessor (get/set) methods for numWheels, and a constructor that takes as an input parameter the number of wheels.
- Define a Class Bicycle, subclass of Vehicle, which has the protected integer instance variable gears. Add public accessor (get/set) methods for gears, and a constructor that takes as an input parameter the number of gears. The constructor should set the number of wheels to 2 (by calling super)
- Define a Class Car, subclass of Vehicle, which has the protected double instance variable horsepower. Add public accessor (get/set) methods for horsepower, and a constructor which takes as an input parameter the horsepower, and set the number of wheels to 4 (by calling super)
- Define a Class Truck, subclass of Car, which has the protected double instance variable payloadVolume. Add public accessor for payloadVolume, and a constructor that takes 2 parameters, horsepower and payload volume.

Create a main program that instantiates one of each class, and then uses set methods to make the truck a 3 wheeled, 0.5 horsepower truck with a payload volume of 0.1.