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Lecture #9a

# Access Control & Polymorphism

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# Controlling access to members of a class

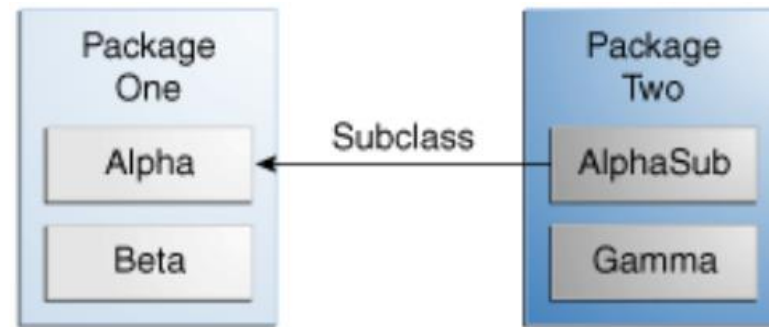
- Access level modifiers determine whether other classes can use a particular field or invoke a particular method
  - At the top level—`public`, or *package-private* (no explicit modifier, *default*).
  - At the member level—`public`, `private`, `protected`, or *package-private* (no explicit modifier, *default*).

**Access Levels**

<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Package</b>	<b>Subclass</b>	<b>World</b>
<code>public</code>	Y	Y	Y	Y
<code>protected</code>	Y	Y	Y	N
<i>no modifier</i>	Y	Y	N	N
<code>private</code>	Y	N	N	N

# Access level: Illustration

- Assume we put some properties/variables & methods/functions in class Alpha



**Visibility**

<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Alpha</b>	<b>Beta</b>	<b>Alphasub</b>	<b>Gamma</b>
public	Y	Y	Y	Y
protected	Y	Y	Y	N
<i>no modifier</i>	Y	Y	N	N
private	Y	N	N	N

# Access level: Tips

- If other programmers use your class, you want to ensure that **errors** from misuse cannot happen. **Access levels** can help you do this.
  - Use the **most restrictive access** level that makes sense for a particular member. Use `private` unless you have a good reason not to.
  - Avoid `public` fields *except* for **constants**. Public fields tend to link you to a *particular* implementation and *limit your flexibility* in changing your code.

# Polymorphism

- Polymorphism means "*many forms*", and it occurs when we have many classes that are related to each other by *inheritance*.
- **Inheritance** lets us inherit attributes and methods from another class.
- **Polymorphism** uses those methods to perform different tasks. This allows us to perform a single action in different ways.
- For example, think of a superclass called `Animal` that has a method called `sound()`. Subclasses of `Animals` could be `Cats`, `Cows`, `Dogs`, etc.
- They also have their own implementation of an animal sound (the cat meows, the cow moos, etc.)

# Animal: Superclass

```
Animal.java x
1 package animal;
2 public class Animal {
3     // Information hiding = encapsulation
4     // This class property set to be private -> cannot be accessed
5     // directly. Only can be accessed by getter(s) & setter(s)
6     private String name = "No name"; // Default name: No name
7     private int age = 0; // Default age: 0
8     private boolean vaccinated = false; // Default: false
9     private double price = 10.0; // Default: 10.0
10
11     // Overloading: a class has more than one method of
12     // the same name & their parameter(s) are different
13
14     // Constructor: special case of function, where its name
15     // is the same with the class' name
16     Animal() { // Overloading
17         System.out.println("Animal: Default constructor");
18     }
19     Animal(String name) { // Overloading
20         this.name = name;
21         System.out.println("Constructor with name");
22     }
23     Animal(boolean vaccinated) { // Overloading
24         this.vaccinated = vaccinated;
25         System.out.println("Constructor with vaccinated status");
26     }
27     Animal(String name, int age) { // Overloading
28         this.name = name;
29         this.age = age;
30         System.out.println("Constructor with name & age");
31
32     // Overriding: same method name & same parameter(s)
33     // By using overriding, Run Time Polymorphism can be achieved
34     public void sound() { // Polymorphism
35         System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");
36     }
37     public String getName() {
38         return name;
39     }
40     public void setName(String name) {
41         this.name = name;
42     }
43     public boolean isVaccinated() {
44         return vaccinated;
45     }
46     public void setVaccinated(boolean vaccinated) {
47         this.vaccinated = vaccinated;
48     }
49     public int getAge() {
50         return age;
51     }
52     public void setAge(int age) {
53         this.age = age;
54     }
55     public double getPrice() { // Overloading
56         return price;
57     }
58     public double getPrice(String name) { // Overloading
59         if (name.equals("No name")) {
60             return price + 100;
61         } else {
62             return price + 110;
63         }
64     }
}
```

# Animal: Superclass (continued)

```
65 public double getPrice(String name, int age) { // Overloading
66     if (name.equals("No name")) {
67         if (age > 1) {
68             return price + 200;
69         } else {
70             return price + 150;
71         }
72     } else {
73         if (age > 1) {
74             return price + 300;
75         } else {
76             return price + 200;
77         }
78     }
79 }
80 public double getPrice(boolean vaccinated) { // Overloading
81     if (vaccinated) {
82         return price + 400;
83     } else {
84         return price;
85     }
86 }
87 public void setPrice(double price) {
88     this.price = price;
89 }
90 @Override
91 public String toString() { // Used for printing an instance
92     return "[" + name + "]";
93 }
94 }
```

# Cat, Cow, Dog: Subclasses

```
Cat.java ×
1 package animal;
2 public class Cat extends Animal {
3     // Overriding: same method name & same parameter(s)
4     // By using overriding, Run Time Polymorphism can be achieved
5
6     @Override
7     public void sound() { // Polymorphism
8         System.out.println("Cat says: meow");
9     }
10
11     // An example of Cat's method/function
12     public void catMethod() {
13         System.out.println("Cat: catMethod");
14     }
15 }
```

```
Cow.java ×
1 package animal;
2 public class Cow extends Animal {
3     // Overriding: same method name & same parameter(s)
4     // By using overriding, Run Time Polymorphism can be achieved
5
6     @Override
7     public void sound() { // Polymorphism
8         System.out.println("Cow says: moo");
9     }
10 }
```

```
Dog.java ×
1 package animal;
2 public class Dog extends Animal {
3     // Overriding: same method name & same parameter(s)
4     // By using overriding, Run Time Polymorphism can be achieved
5
6     @Override
7     public void sound() { // Polymorphism
8         System.out.println("Dog says: woof");
9     }
10 }
```



# AnimalTest: Overloading & overriding

```
AnimalTest.java ✖
1 package animal;
2 public class AnimalTest {
3     public static void main(String[] args) {
4         Animal animal = new Animal(); // Create an Animal object
5         // Overloading
6         Animal animal2 = new Animal("Bibi"); // With a name
7         Animal animal3 = new Animal(true); // With a vaccinated status
8         Animal animal4 = new Animal("Chiki", 3); // With a name & age
9         System.out.println();
10
11         Animal cat = new Cat(); // Create a Cat object
12         Animal cow = new Cow(); // Create a Cow object
13         Animal dog = new Dog(); // Create a Dog object
14         System.out.println();
15
16         // Polymorphism
17         animal.sound();
18         cat.sound();
19         cow.sound();
20         dog.sound();
21         System.out.println();
22
23         // Overloading
24         System.out.println(animal);
25         System.out.println("Age: " + animal.getAge());
26         System.out.println("Price: " + animal.getPrice());
27         System.out.println("Vaccinated: " + animal.isVaccinated());
28         System.out.println();
```

```
29
30         System.out.println(animal2);
31         System.out.println("Age: " + animal2.getAge());
32         System.out.println("Price: " + animal2.getPrice(animal2.getName()));
33         System.out.println("Vaccinated: " + animal2.isVaccinated());
34         System.out.println();
35
36         System.out.println(animal3);
37         System.out.println("Age: " + animal3.getAge());
38         System.out.println("Price: " + animal3.getPrice(animal3.isVaccinated()));
39         System.out.println("Vaccinated: " + animal3.isVaccinated());
40         System.out.println();
41
42         System.out.println(animal4);
43         System.out.println("Age: " + animal4.getAge());
44         System.out.println("Price: " + animal4.getPrice(animal4.getName(),
45             animal4.getAge()));
46         System.out.println("Vaccinated: " + animal4.isVaccinated());
47         System.out.println();
48
49         System.out.print("Showing that a superclass can call ");
50         System.out.println("a subclass method");
51         System.out.println("-----");
52         System.out.println("a1 is defined by superclass: Animal, instantiated by superclass: Animal");
53         Animal a1 = new Animal();
54         System.out.println("b1 is defined by subclass: Cat, instantiated by subclass: Cat");
55         Cat b1 = new Cat();
56         System.out.println("b1 calls the Cat's method: catMethod()");
57         b1.catMethod();
58         // System.out.println("Try: a1 calls the subclass' method: catMethod() by casting to Cat");
59         // ((Cat) a1).catMethod(); // Exception will happen
60         System.out.println("c1 is defined by superclass: Animal, instantiated by subclass: Cat");
61         Animal c1 = new Cat();
62         // c1.catMethod(); // The subclass' method: catMethod() is undefined for the type Animal
63         // ((Cat) c1).catMethod(); // Need to cast, so that an instance of superclass can call
64         // the subclass' method
65     }
66 }
```

# AnimalTest: The result

```
Animal: Default constructor  
Constructor with name  
Constructor with vaccinated status  
Constructor with name & age
```

```
Animal: Default constructor  
Animal: Default constructor  
Animal: Default constructor
```

```
Animal makes a sound  
Cat says: meow  
Cow says: moo  
Dog says: woof
```

```
[No name]  
Age: 0  
Price: 10.0  
Vaccinated: false
```

```
[Bibi]  
Age: 0  
Price: 120.0  
Vaccinated: false
```

```
[No name]  
Age: 0  
Price: 410.0  
Vaccinated: true
```

```
[Chiki]  
Age: 3  
Price: 310.0  
Vaccinated: false
```

```
Showing that a superclass can call a subclass method
```

```
-----  
a1 is defined by superclass: Animal, instantiated by superclass: Animal  
Animal: Default constructor  
b1 is defined by subclass: Cat, instantiated by subclass: Cat  
Animal: Default constructor  
b1 calls the Cat's method: catMethod()  
Cat: catMethod  
c1 is defined by superclass: Animal, instantiated by subclass: Cat  
Animal: Default constructor  
Cat: catMethod
```