

Object Oriented Programming

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The OOP Course

- So far you have studied some **procedural programming** in Java and **functional programming** in ML
- Here we take your procedural Java and build on it to get object-oriented Java
- You have ticks in Java
 - This course ***complements*** the practicals
 - Some material appears only here
 - Some material appears only in the practicals
 - Some material appears in both: deliberately*!

* Some material may be repeated unintentionally. If so I will claim it was deliberate.

Outline

1. Types, Objects and Classes
2. Pointers, References and Memory
3. Creating Classes
4. Inheritance
5. Polymorphism
6. Lifecycle of an Object
7. Error Handling
8. Copying Objects
9. Java Collections
10. Object Comparison
11. Design Patterns
12. Design Pattern (cont.)

Books and Resources I

- OOP Concepts
 - Look for books for those learning to first program in an OOP language (Java, C++, Python)
 - *Java: How to Program* by Deitel & Deitel (also C++)
 - *Thinking in Java* by Eckels
 - *Java in a Nutshell* (O' Reilly) if you already know another OOP language
 - Java specification book: <http://java.sun.com/docs/books/jls/>
 - Lots of good resources on the web
- Design Patterns
 - *Design Patterns* by Gamma et al.
 - Lots of good resources on the web

Books and Resources II

- Also check the course web page
 - Updated notes (with annotations where possible)
 - Code from the lectures
 - Sample tripos questions

<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/teaching/current/OOProg/>



Lecture 1: Types, Objects and Classes

Types of Languages

- **Declarative** - specify what to do, not how to do it. i.e.
 - E.g. HTML describes what should appear on a web page, and not how it should be drawn to the screen
 - E.g. SQL statements such as "select * from table" tell a program to get information from a database, but not how to do so
- **Imperative** – specify both what and how
 - E.g. "double x" might be a declarative instruction that you want the variable x doubled somehow. Imperatively we could have "x=x*2" or "x=x+x"

ML as a Functional Language

- **Functional** languages are a subset of declarative languages
 - ML is a functional language
 - It may appear that you tell it how to do everything, but you should think of it as providing an explicit example of what should happen
 - The compiler may **optimise** i.e. replace your implementation with something entirely different but 100% equivalent.

Function Side Effects

- Functions in imperative languages can use or alter larger system state → *procedures*

Maths: $m(x,y) = xy$

ML: `fun m(x,y) = x*y;`

Java: `int m(int x, int y) = x*y;`

```
int y = 7;
int m(int x) {
    y=y+1;
    return x*y;
}
```

void Procedures

- A **void** procedure returns nothing:

```
int count=0;
```

```
void addToCount() {  
    count=count+1;  
}
```

Control Flow: Looping

for(*initialisation; termination; increment*)

```
for (int i=0; i<8; i++) ...
```

```
int j=0; for(; j<8; j++) ...
```

```
for(int k=7;k>=0; k-- ) ...
```

while(*boolean_expression*)

```
int i=0; while (i<8) { i++; ... }
```

```
int j=7; while (j>=0) { j--; ... }
```

Control Flow: Looping Examples

```
int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
```

```
for (int i=0; i<arr.length;i++) {  
    System.out.println(arr[i]);  
}
```

```
int i=0;  
while (i<arr.length) {  
    System.out.println(arr[i]);  
    i=i+1;  
}
```

Control Flow: Branching I

- Branching statements interrupt the current control flow
- **return**
 - Used to return from a function at any point

```
boolean linearSearch(int[] xs, int v) {  
    for (int i=0;i<xs.length; i++) {  
        if (xs[i]==v) return true;  
    }  
    return false;  
}
```

Control Flow: Branching II

- Branching statements interrupt the current control flow
- **break**
 - Used to jump out of a loop

```
boolean linearSearch(int[] xs, int v) {
    boolean found=false;
    for (int i=0;i<xs.length; i++) {
        if (xs[i]==v) {
            found=true;
            break;    // stop looping
        }
    }
    return found;
}
```

Control Flow: Branching III

- Branching statements interrupt the current control flow
- **continue**
 - Used to skip the current iteration in a loop

```
void printPositives(int[] xs) {  
    for (int i=0;i<xs.length; i++) {  
        if (xs[i]<0) continue;  
        System.out.println(xs[i]);  
    }  
}
```

Immutable to Mutable Data

ML

```
- val x=5;  
> val x = 5 : int  
- x=7;  
> val it = false : bool  
- val x=9;  
> val x = 9 : int
```

Scope

Java

```
int x=5;  
x=7;  
  
int x=9;
```


Types and Variables

- Most imperative languages don't have type inference

```
int x = 512;  
int y = 200;  
int z = x+y;
```

- The high-level language has a series of *primitive* (built-in) types that we use to signify what's in the memory
 - The compiler then knows what to do with them
 - E.g. An “int” is a primitive type in C, C++, Java and many languages. It's usually a 32-bit signed integer
- A variable is a name used in the code to refer to a specific instance of a type
 - x,y,z are variables above
 - They are all of type int

E.g. Primitive Types in Java

- “Primitive” types are the built in ones.
 - They are building blocks for more complicated types that we will be looking at soon.
- boolean - 1 bit (true, false)
- char - 16 bits
- byte - 8 bits as a signed integer (-128 to 127)
- short - 16 bits as a signed integer
- int - 32 bits as a signed integer
- long - 64 bits as a signed integer
- float - 32 bits as a floating point number
- double - 64 bits as a floating point number

Overloading Functions

- Same function name
- Different arguments
- Possibly different return type

```
int myfun(int a, int b) {...}  
float myfun(float a, float b) {...}  
double myfun(double a, double b) {...}
```

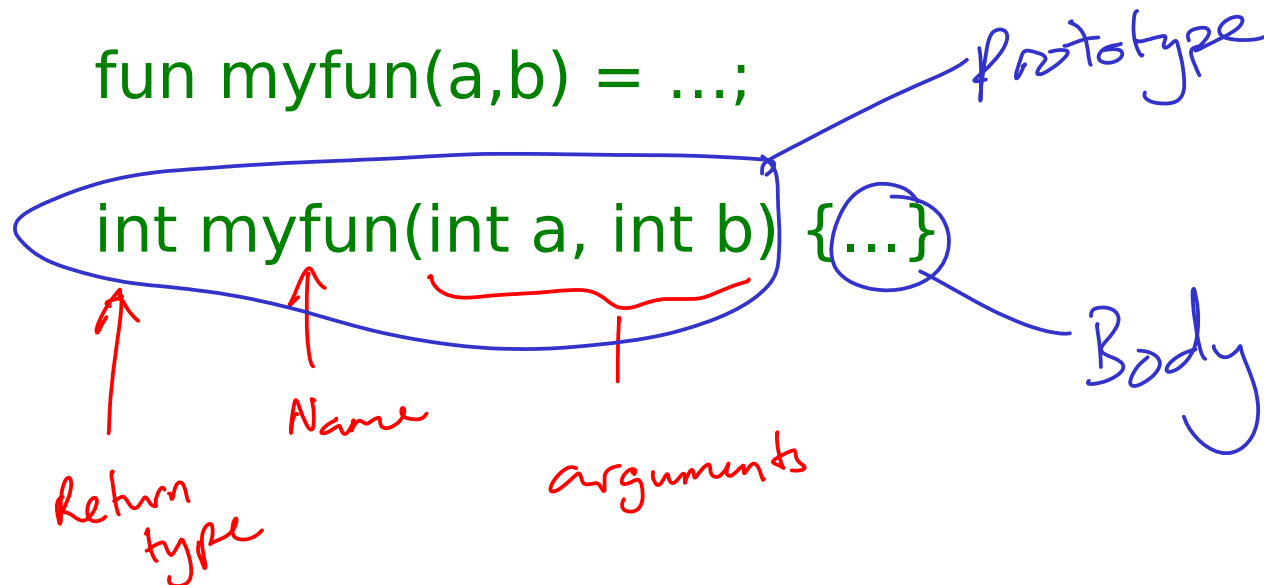
- But not just a different return type

```
int myfun(int a, int b) {...}  
float myfun(int a, int b) {...}
```



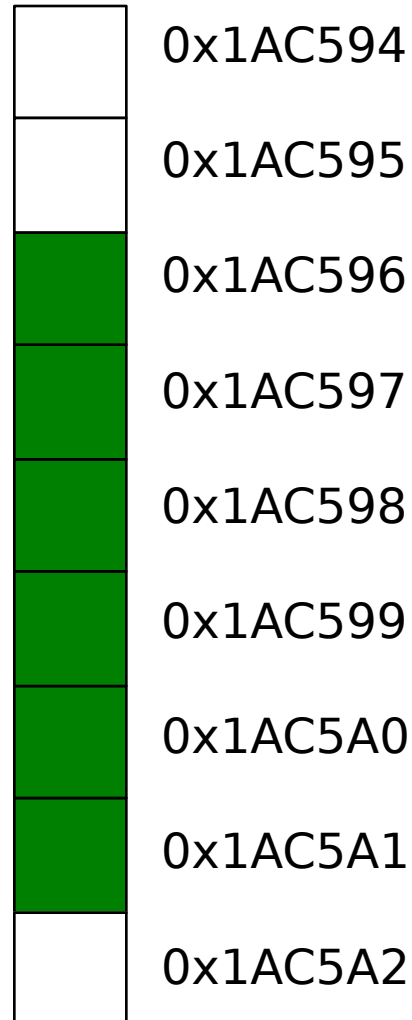
Function Prototypes

- Functions are made up of a **prototype** and a **body**
 - Prototype specifies the function name, arguments and possibly return type
 - Body is the actual function code



Arrays

```
byte[] arraydemo = new byte[6];  
byte  arraydemo2[] = new byte[6];
```



Custom Types

```
datatype 'a seq = Nil  
                | Cons of 'a * (unit -> 'a seq);
```

```
public class Vector3D {  
    float x;  
    float y;  
    float z;  
}
```

State and Behaviour

```
datatype 'a seq = Nil
                | Cons of 'a * (unit -> 'a seq);
```

```
fun hd (Cons(x,_)) = x;
```

```
public class Vector3D {
    float x;
    float y;
    float z;

    void add(float vx, float vy, float vz) {
        x=x+vx;
        y=y+vy;
        z=z+vz;
    }
}
```

Classes, Instances and Objects

- Classes can be seen as templates for representing various **concepts**
- We create **instances** of classes in a similar way. e.g.

```
MyCoolClass m = new MyCoolClass();  
MyCoolClass n = new MyCoolClass();
```

makes two instances of class MyCoolClass.

- An instance of a class is called an **object**

Loose Terminology (again!)

State

Fields

Instance Variables

Properties

Variables

Members

Behaviour

Functions

Methods

Procedures

Parameterised Classes

- ML's polymorphism allowed us to specify functions that could be applied to multiple types

```
> fun self(x)=x;  
val self = fn : 'a -> 'a
```

- In Java, we can achieve something similar through *Generics*; C++ through *templates*

- Classes are defined with placeholders (see later lectures)

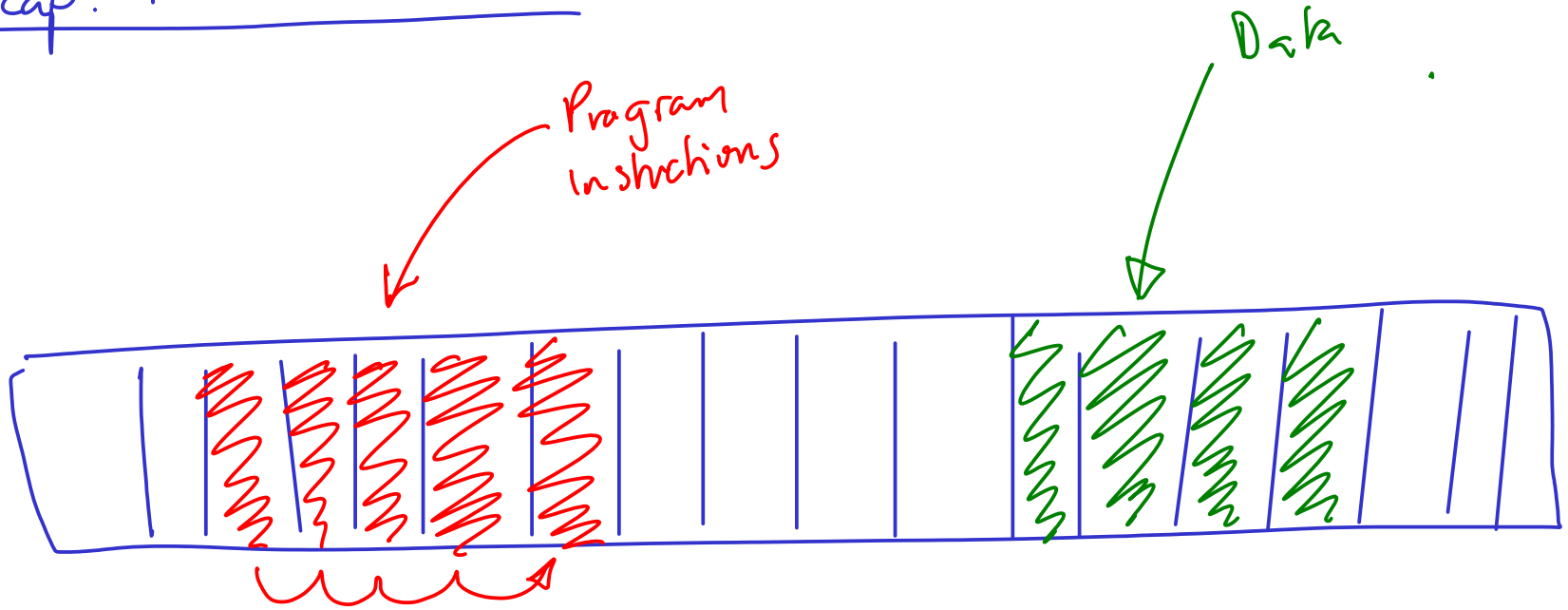
- We fill them in when we create objects using them

```
LinkedList<Integer> = new LinkedList<Integer>()
```

```
LinkedList<Double> = new LinkedList<Double>()
```

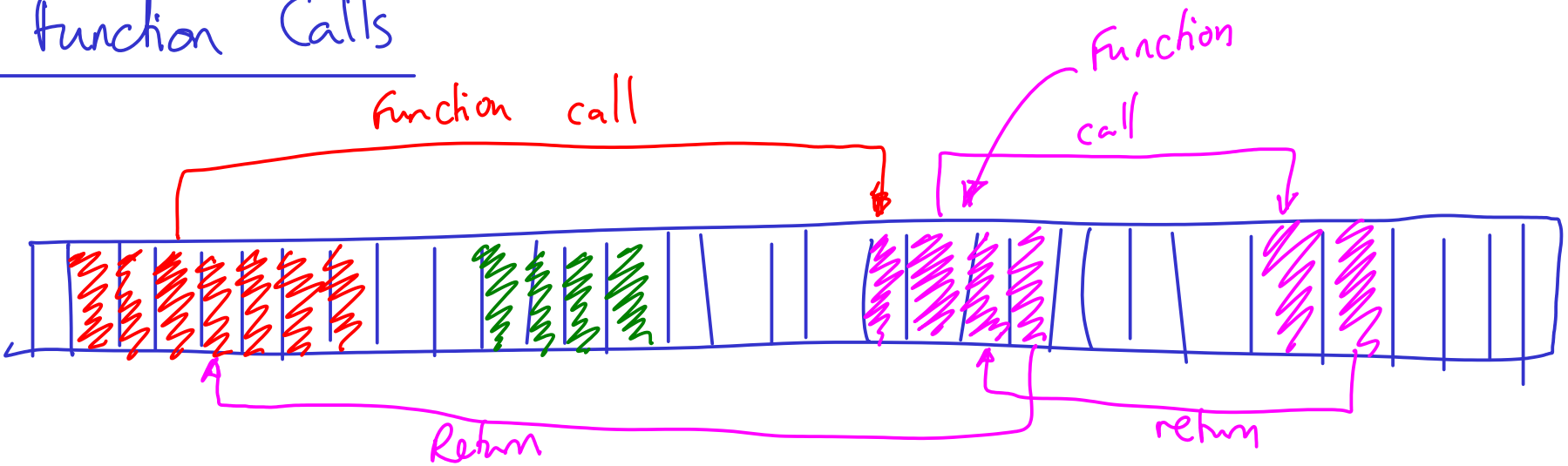
Lecture 2: Pointers, References and Memory

Recap: Fetch Execute



One instruction to next

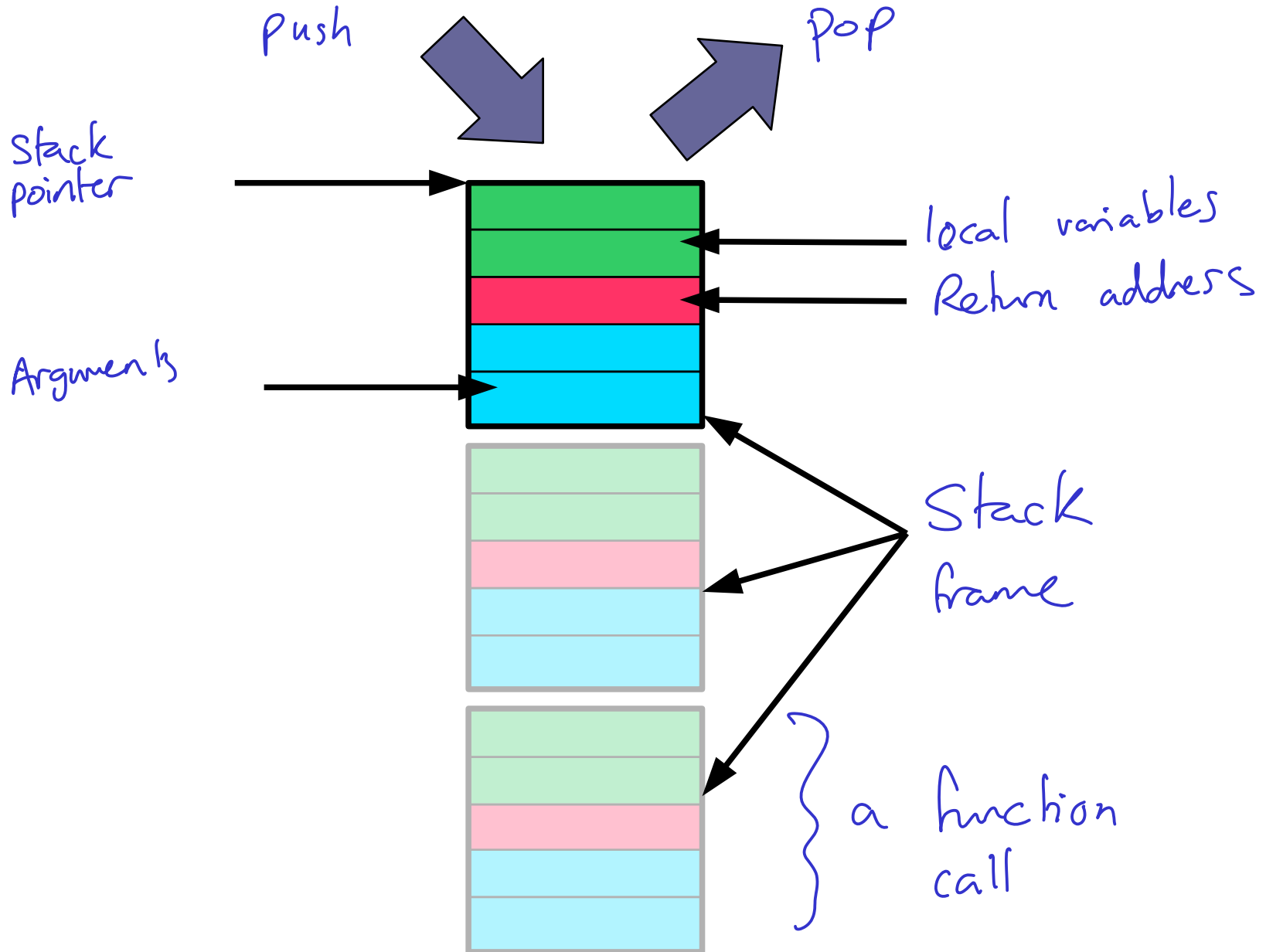
Function Calls



When we call a function

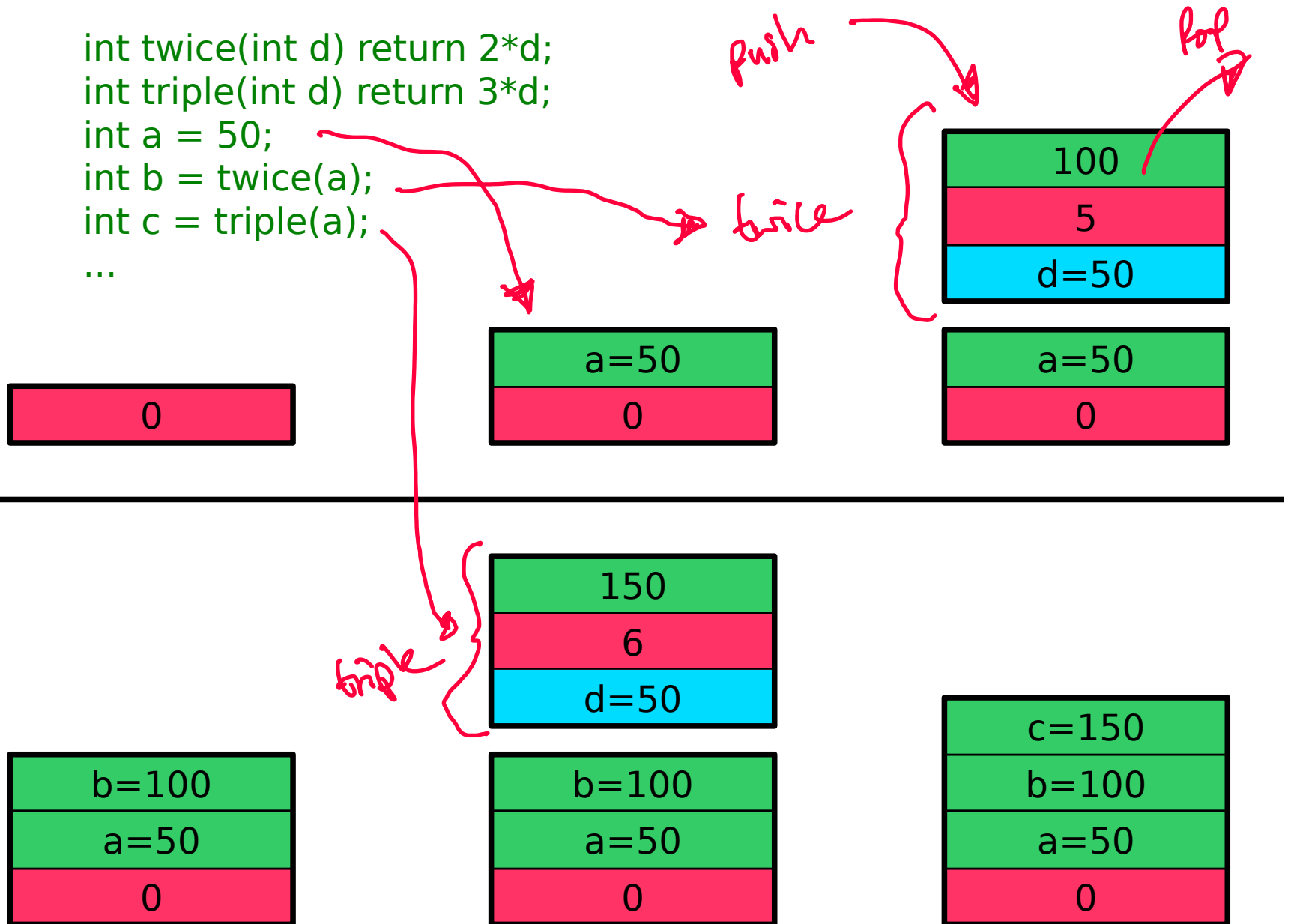
1. Arguments
2. Return address
3. Space local variable

The Call Stack



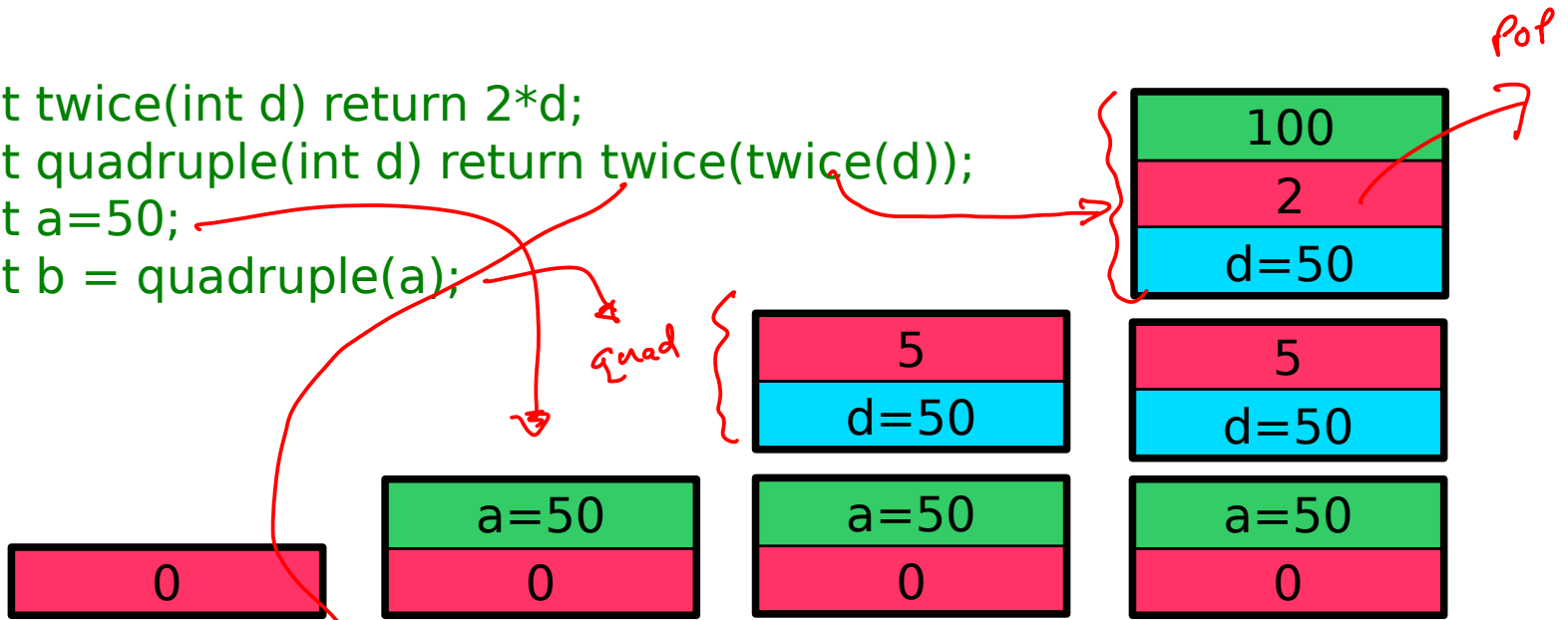
The Call Stack: Example

```
1 int twice(int d) return 2*d;  
2 int triple(int d) return 3*d;  
3 int a = 50;  
4 int b = twice(a);  
5 int c = triple(a);  
6 ...
```

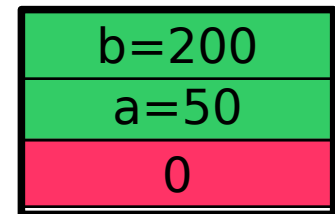
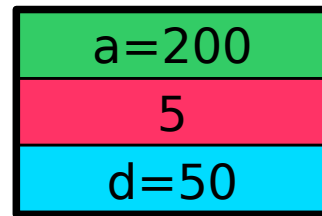
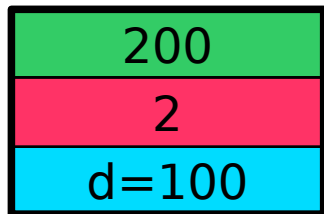


Nested Functions

```
1 int twice(int d) return 2*d;  
2 int quadruple(int d) return twice(twice(d));  
3 int a=50;  
4 int b = quadruple(a);  
5 ...
```

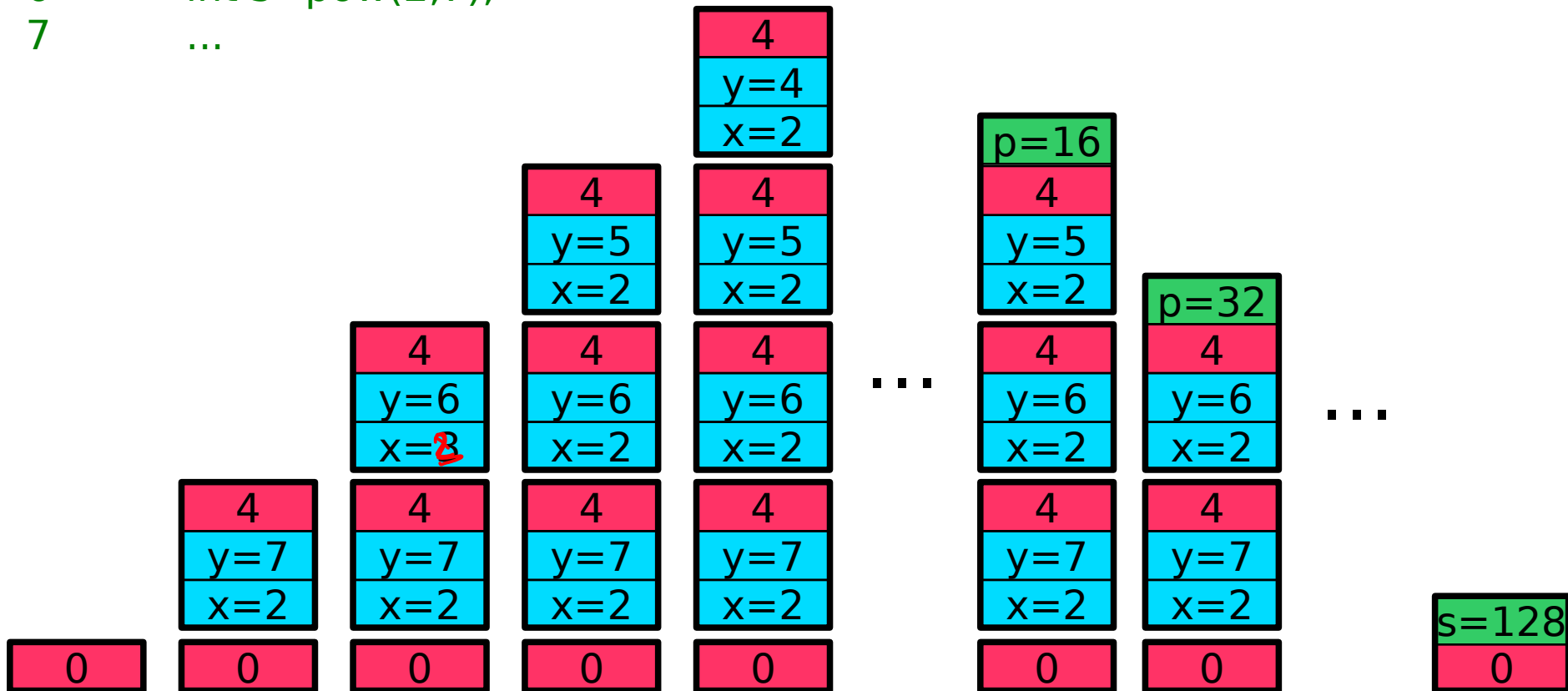


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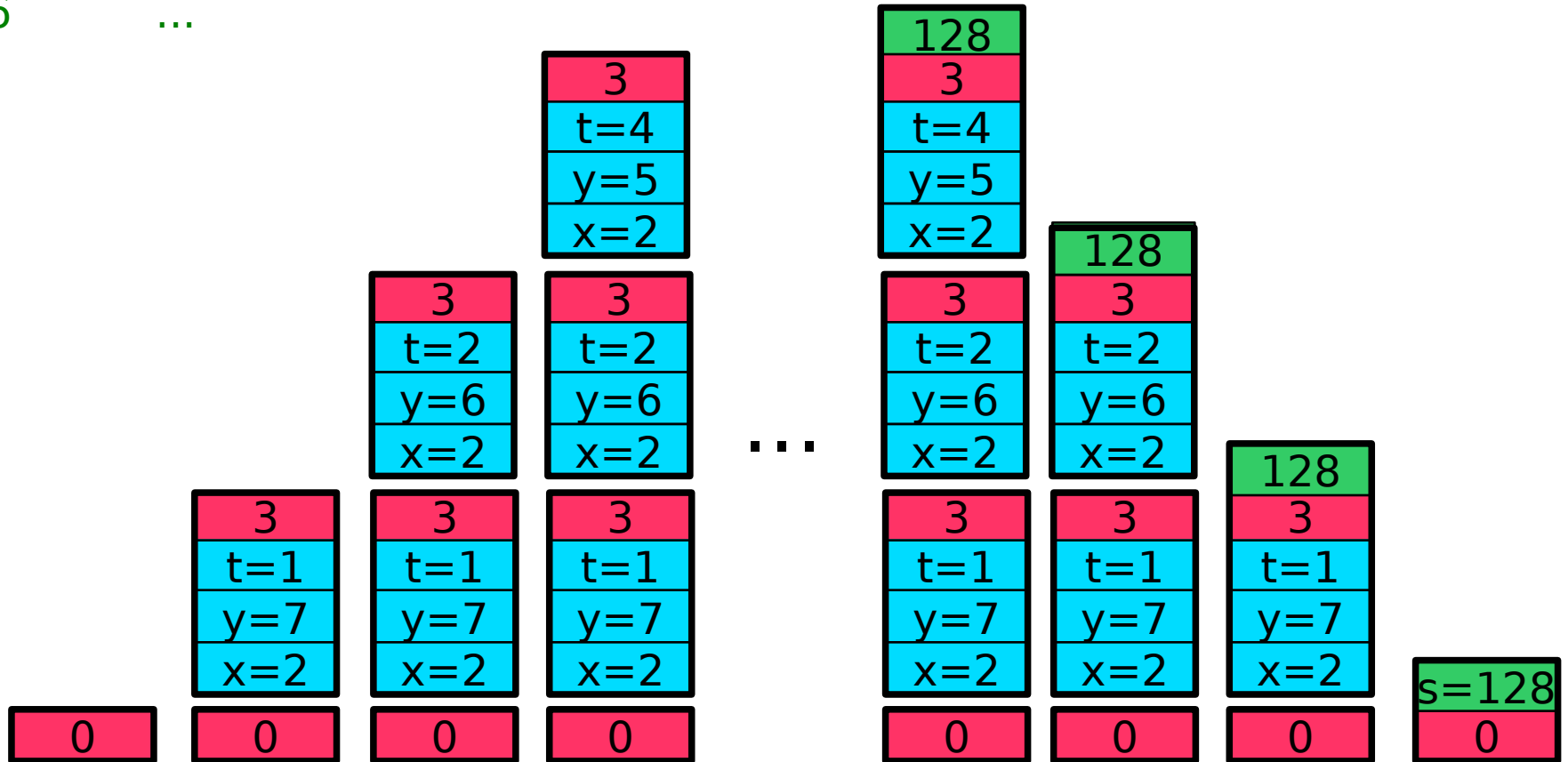
Recursive Functions

```
1 int pow (int x, int y) {  
2     if (y==0) return 1;  
3     int p = pow(x,y-1);  
4     return x*p;  
5 }  
6 int s=pow(2,7);  
7 ...
```



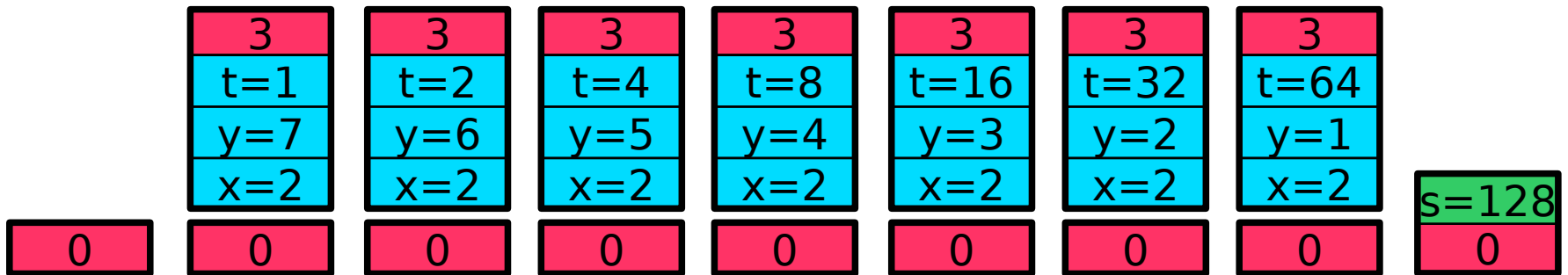
Tail-Recursive Functions I

```
1 int pow (int x, int y, int t) {  
2     if (y==0) return t;  
3     return pow(x,y-1, t*x);  
4 }  
5 int s = pow(2,7,1);  
6 ...
```



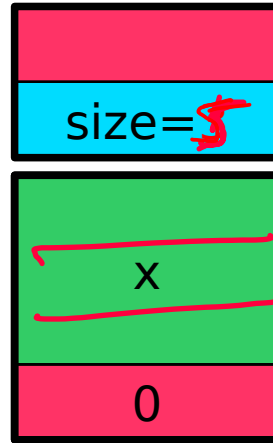
Tail-Recursive Functions II

```
1  int pow (int x, int y, int t) {  
2      if (y==0) return t;  
3      return pow(x,y-1, t*x);  
4  }  
5  int s = pow(2,7,1);  
6  ...
```

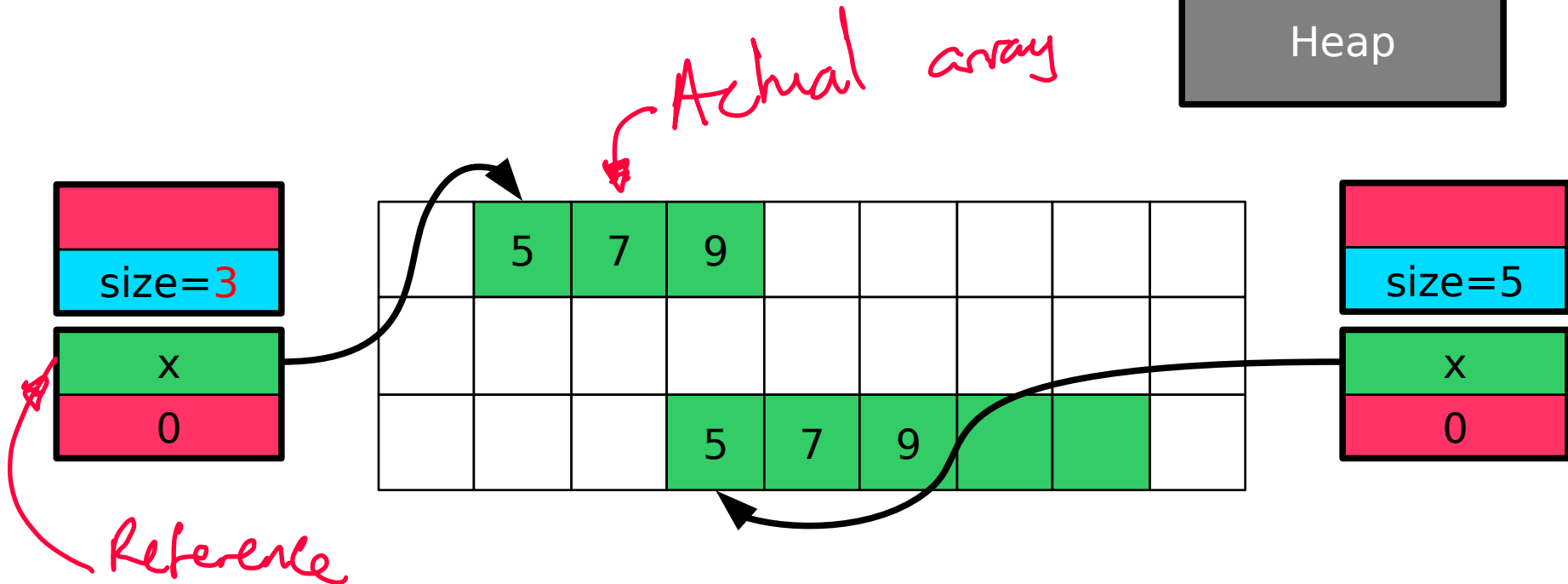
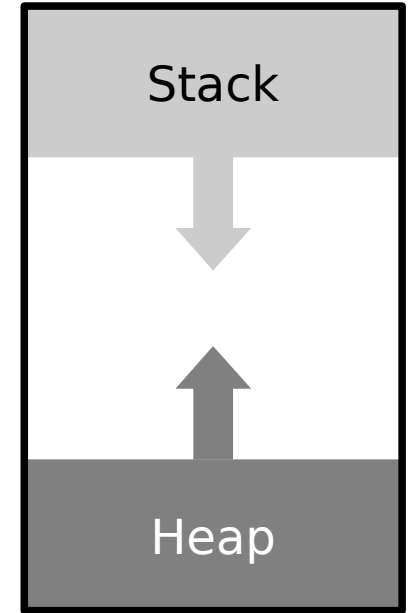


The Heap

```
int[] x = new int[3];
public void resize(int size) {
    int tmp[] = x;
    x = new int[size];
    for (int i=0; i<3; i++)
        x[i] = tmp[i];
}
resize(5);
```



No space



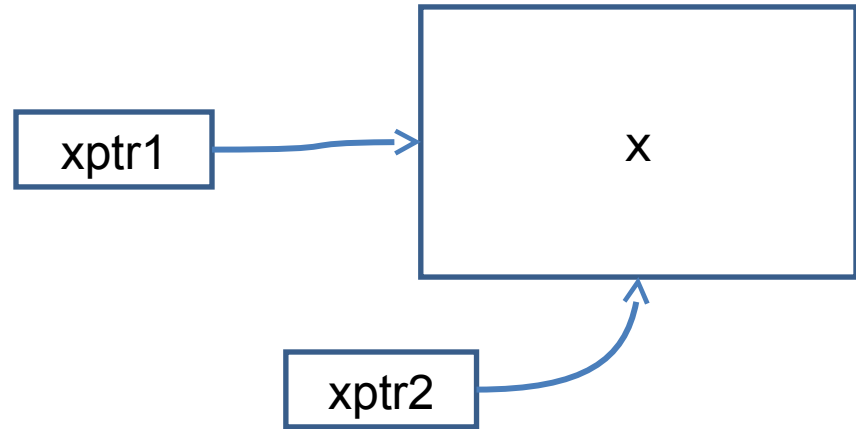
Memory and Pointers

- In reality the compiler stores a mapping from variable name to a specific memory address, along with the type so it knows how to interpret the memory (e.g. *“x is an int so it spans 4 bytes starting at memory address 43526”*).
- Lower level languages often let us work with memory addresses directly. Variables that store memory addresses are called **pointers** or sometimes **references**
- Manipulating memory directly allows us to write fast, efficient code, but also exposes us to bigger risks
 - Get it wrong and the program 'crashes' .

Pointers: Box and Arrow Model

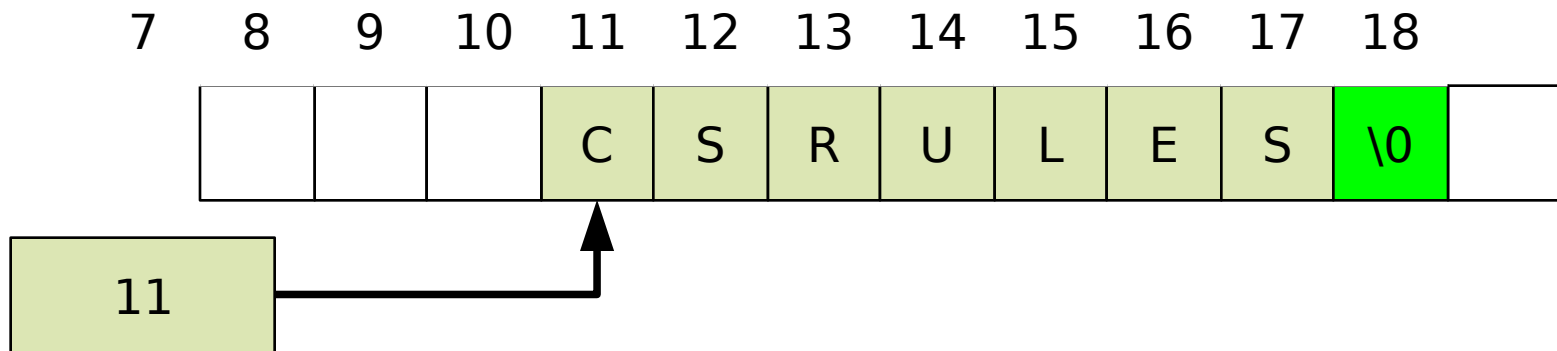
- A pointer is just the memory address of the first memory slot used by the variable
- The pointer **type** tells the compiler how many slots the whole object uses

```
int x = 72;  
int *xptr1 = &x;  
int *xptr2 = xptr1;
```



Example: Representing Strings I

- A single character is fine, but a text string is of variable length – how can we cope with that?
- We simply store the start of the string in memory and require it to finish with a special character (the NULL or terminating character, aka '\0')
- So now we need to be able to store memory addresses → use **pointers**



- We think of there being an **array** of characters (single letters) in memory, with the string pointer pointing to the first element of that array

Example: Representing Strings II

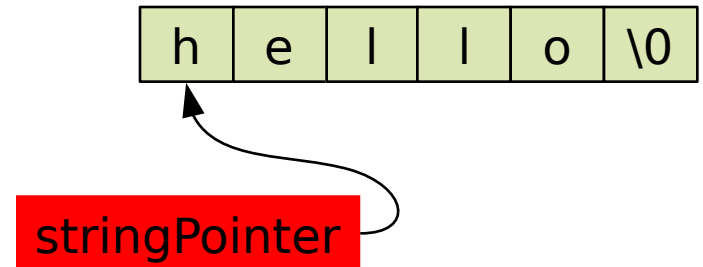
```
char letterArray[] = {'h','e','l','l','o','\0'};
```

```
char *stringPointer = &(letterArray[0]);
```

```
printf(“%s\n”,stringPointer);
```

```
letterArray[3]='\0';
```

```
printf(“%s\n”,stringPointer);
```



References

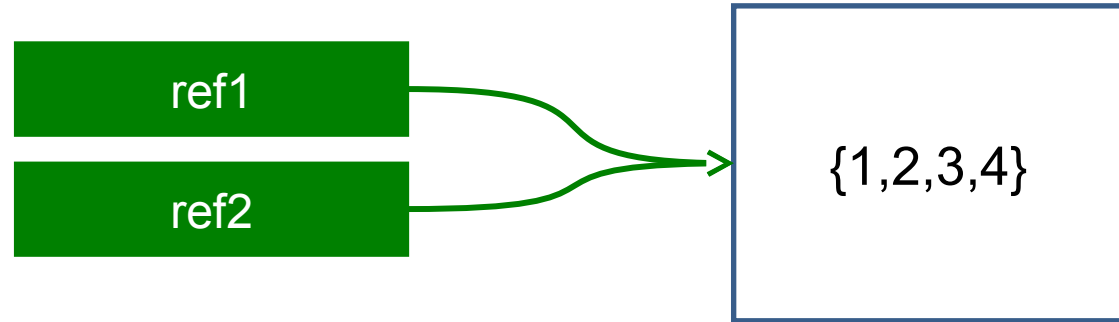
- Pointers are useful but dangerous
- **References** can be thought of as restricted pointers
 - Still just a memory address
 - But the compiler limits what we can do to it
- **C, C++: pointers *and* references**
- **Java: references only**
- **ML: references only**

References vs Pointers

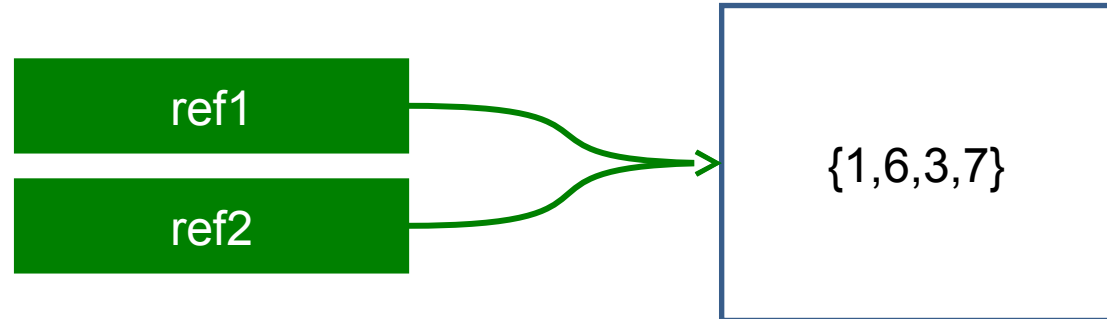
	Pointers	References
Represents a memory address	Yes	Yes
Can be arbitrarily assigned	Yes	No
Can be assigned to established object	Yes	Yes
Can be tested for validity	No	Yes

References Example (Java)

```
int[] ref1 = null;  
ref1 = new int[]{1,2,3,4};  
int[] ref2 = ref1;
```



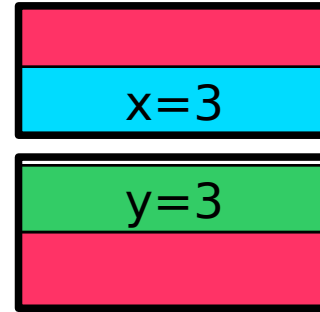
```
ref1[3]=7;  
ref2[1]=6;
```



Argument Passing

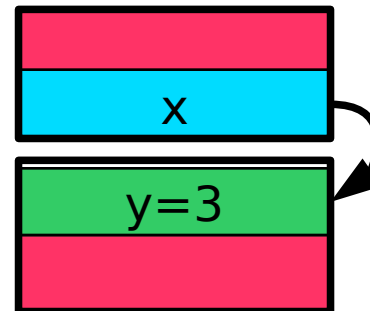
- **Pass-by-value.** Copy the object into a new value in the stack

```
void test(int x) {...}  
int y=3;  
test(y);
```



- **Pass-by-reference.** Create a reference to the object and pass that.

```
void test(int &x) {...}  
int y=3;  
test(y);
```

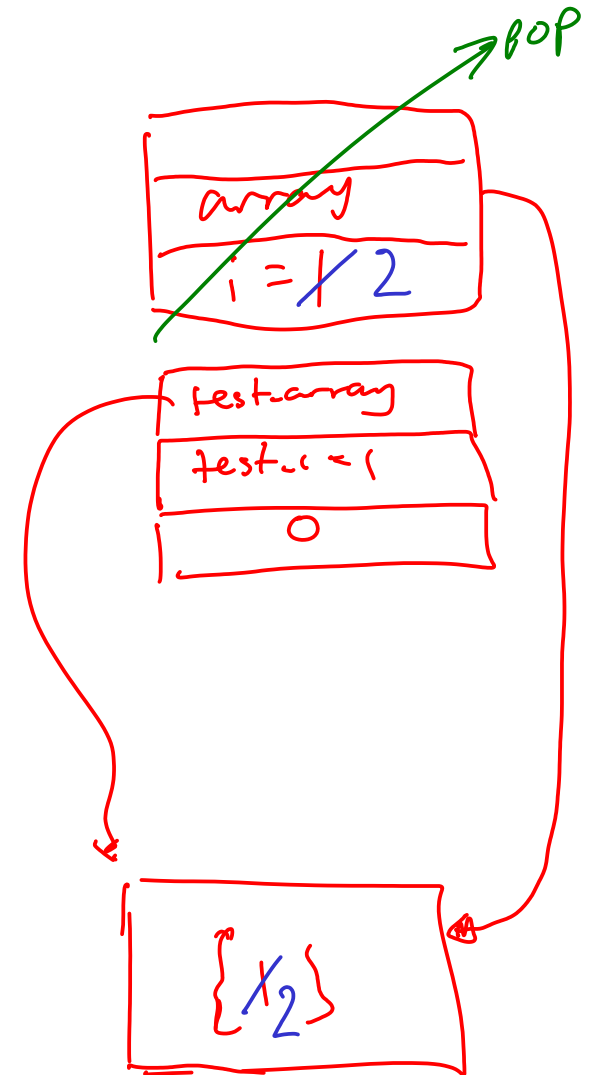


Passing Procedure Arguments In Java

```
class Reference {
```

```
    public static void update(int i, int[] array) {  
        i++;  
        array[0]++;  
    }
```

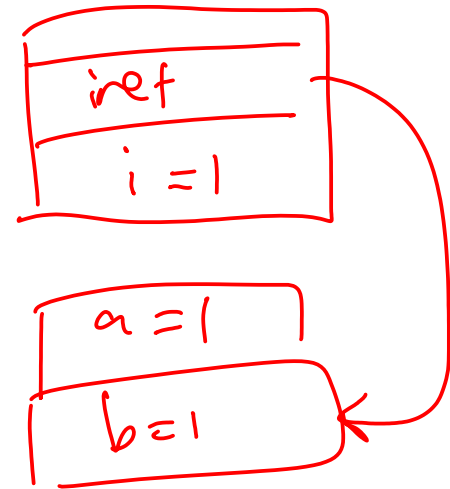
```
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int test_i = 1; 1  
        int[] test_array = {1}; 1  
        update(test_i, test_array);  
        System.out.println(test_i);  
        System.out.println(test_array[0]);  
    }  
}
```



Passing Procedure Arguments In C++

```
void update(int i, int &iref){  
    i++;  
    iref++;  
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {  
    int a=1;  
    int b=1;  
    update(a,b);  
    printf("%d %d\n",a,b);  
}
```



Lecture 3: Creating Classes

What Not to Do

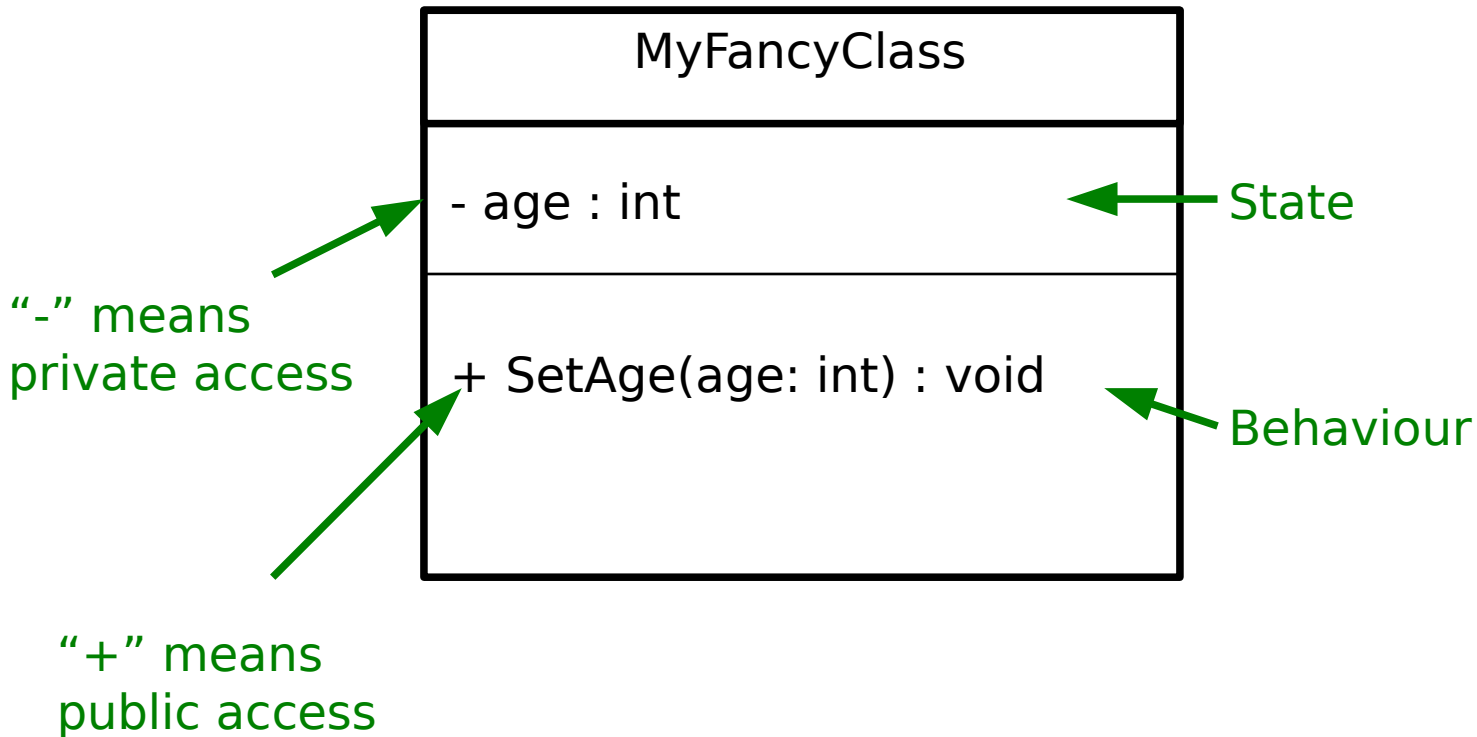
- Your ML has doubtless been one big file where you threw together all the functions and value declarations
- Lots of C programs look like this :-(
 - *We could emulate this in OOP by having one class and throwing everything into it*
- We can do (much) better

Identifying Classes

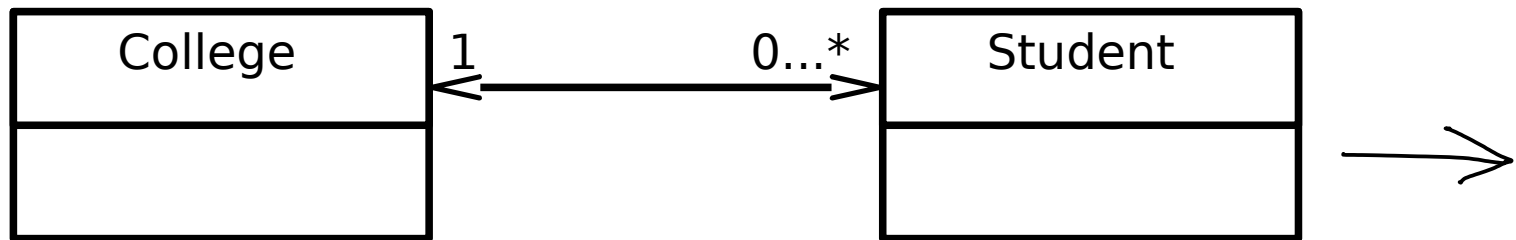
- We want our class to be a **grouping of conceptually-related state and behaviour**
- One popular way to group is using grammar
 - **Noun → Object**
 - **Verb → Method**

“A simulation of the Earth's orbit around the Sun”

UML: Representing a Class Graphically

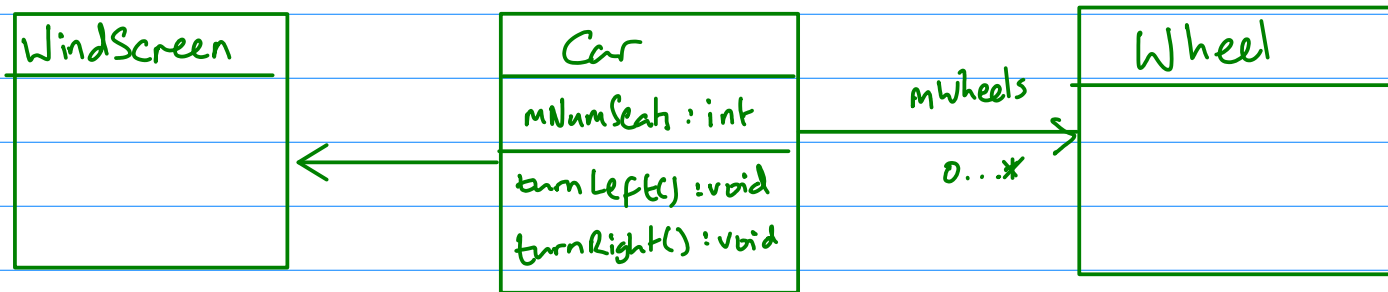


The has-a Association

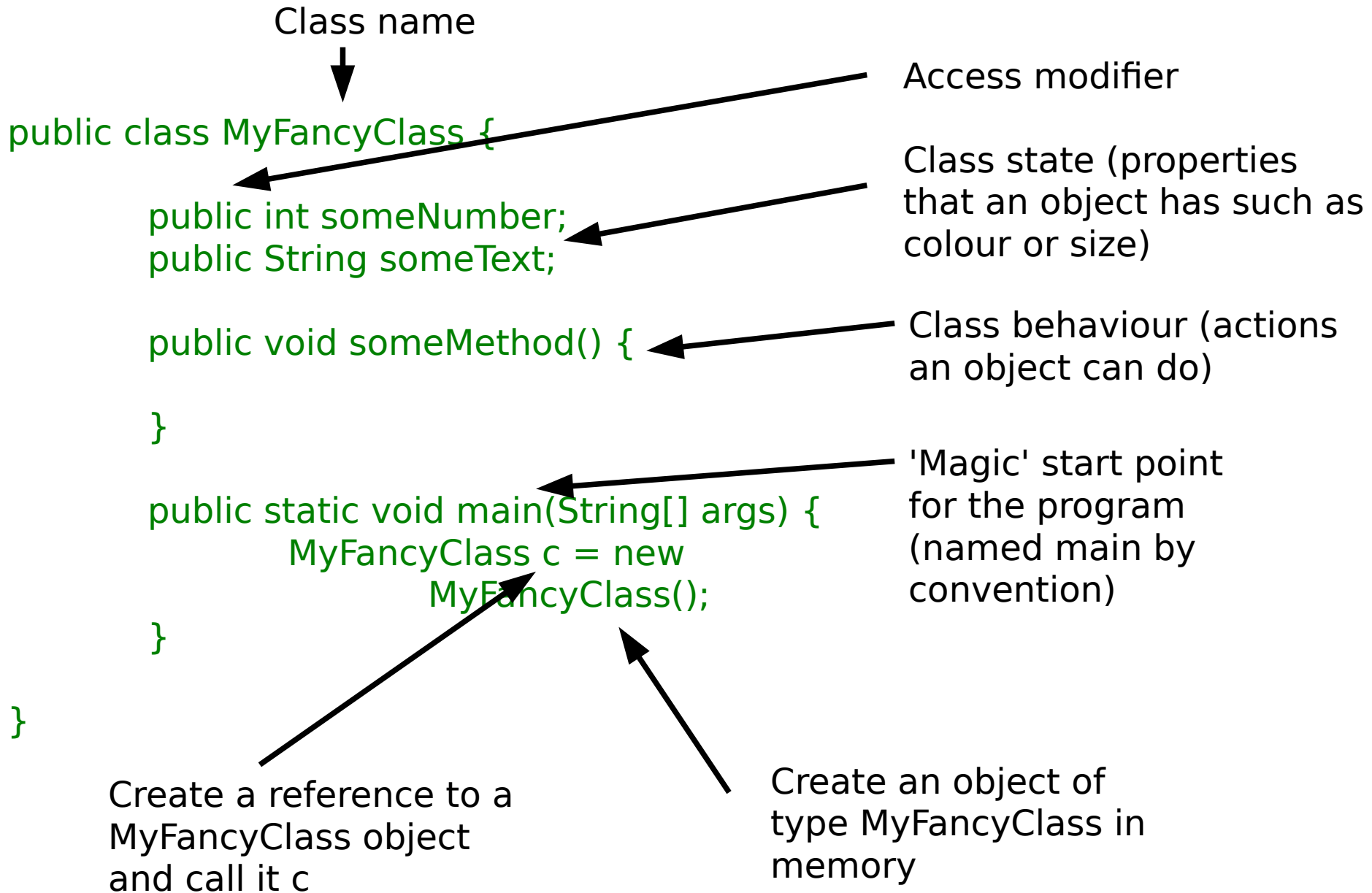


- Arrow going left to right says “a College has zero or more students”
- Arrow going right to left says “a Student has exactly 1 College”
- What it means in real terms is that the College class will contain a variable that somehow links to a set of Student objects, and a Student will have a variable that references a College object.
- Note that we are only linking *classes*: we don't start drawing arrows to primitive types.

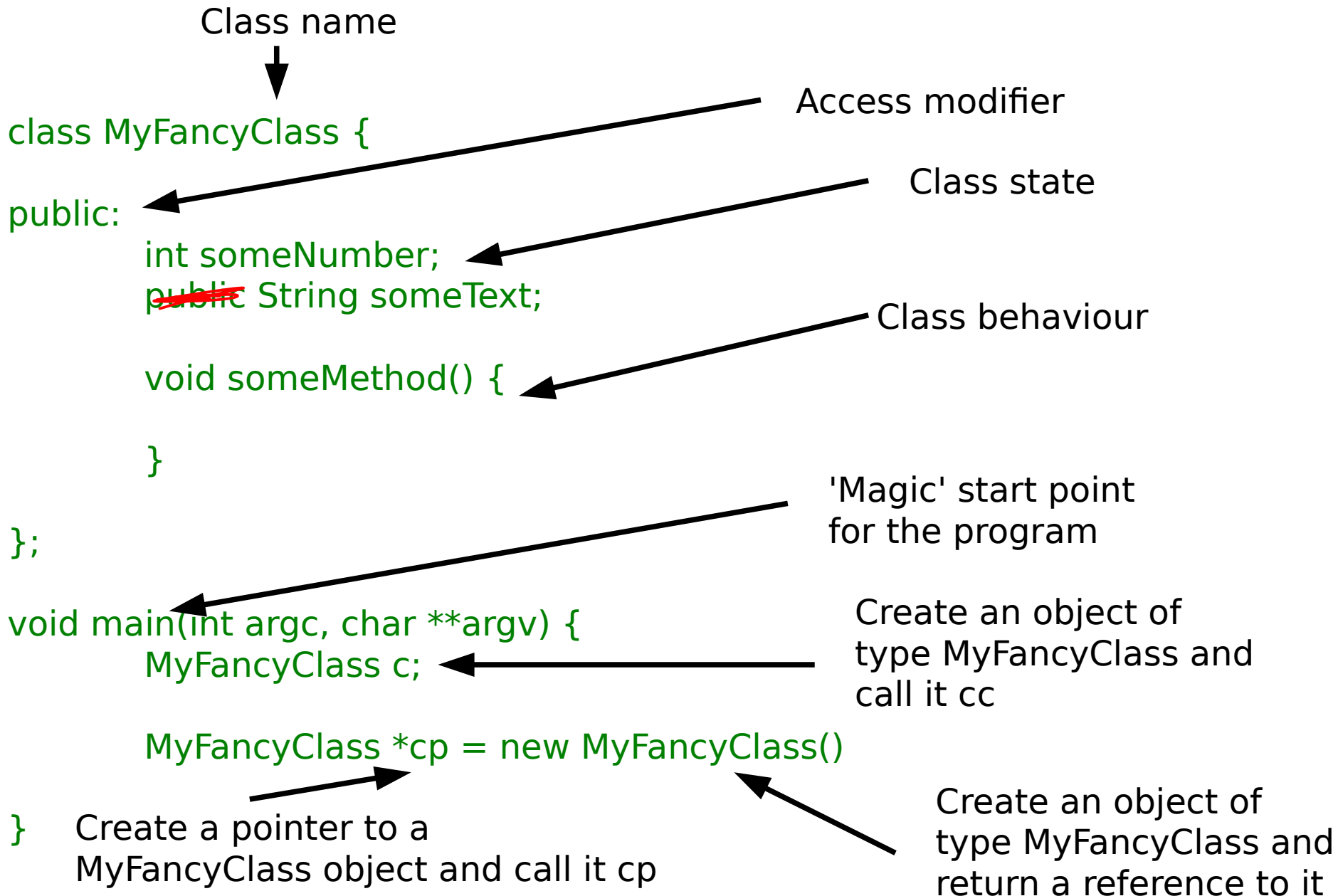
```
public class Car {  
    int mNumSeats = 5;  
    Wheel[] mWheels = new Wheel[4];  
    WindScreen mScreen = new WindScreen();  
    void turnLeft() { ... }  
    void turnRight() { ... }  
}
```



Anatomy of an OOP Program (Java)



Anatomy of an OOP Program (C++)



OOP Concepts

- OOP provides the programmer with a number of important concepts:
 - Modularity
 - Code Re-Use
 - Encapsulation
 - Inheritance
 - Polymorphism
- Let's look at these more closely...

Modularity and Code Re-Use

- You've long been taught to break down complex problems into more tractable sub-problems.
- Each class represents a sub-unit of code that (if written well) can be **developed, tested and updated independently** from the rest of the code.
- Indeed, two classes that achieve the same thing (but perhaps do it in different ways) can be swapped in the code
- Properly developed classes can be used in other programs without modification.

[Bouncing Ball]

Encapsulation I

```
class Student {  
    int age;  
};
```

```
void main() {  
    Student s = new Student();  
    s.age = 21;  
  
    Student s2 = new Student();  
    s2.age=-1;  
  
    Student s3 = new Student();  
    s3.age=10055;  
}
```

Encapsulation II

```
class Student {  
    private int age;  
  
    boolean SetAge(int a) {  
        if (a >= 0 && a < 130) {  
            age = a;  
            return true;  
        }  
        return false;  
    }  
  
    int GetAge() { return age; }  
}  
  
void main() {  
    Student s = new Student();  
    s.SetAge(21);  
}
```

Setter

getter

*} Sanity
check*

Encapsulation III

```
class Location {  
    private float x;  
    private float y;  
  
    float getX() {return x;}  
    float getY() {return y;}  
  
    void setX(float nx) {x=nx;}  
    void setY(float ny) {y=ny;}  
}
```

```
class Location {  
  
    private Vector2D v;  
  
    float getX() {return v.getX();}  
    float getY() {return v.getY();}  
  
    void setX(float nx) {v.setX(nx);}  
    void setY(float ny) {v.setY(ny);}  
}
```

Access Modifiers

	Everyone	Subclass	Same package (Java)	Same Class
private				X
package (Java)			X	X
protected		X	X	X
public	X	X	X	X

Complex Number

Complex

- mReal : double
- mImag : double
- + getReal() : double
- + getImag() : double
- + setReal(double) : void
- + setImag(double) : void
- + add (complex c) : void

Immutability

- Everything in ML was immutable (ignoring the reference stuff). Immutability has a number of advantages:
 - Easier to construct, test and use
 - Can be used in concurrent contexts
 - Allows lazy instantiation
- We can use our access modifiers to create immutable classes

Creating Parameterised Types

- These just require a placeholder type

```
class Vector3D<T> {  
    private T x;  
    private T y;  
  
    T getX() {return x;}  
    T getY() {return y;}  
  
    void setX(T nx) {x=nx;}  
    void setY(T ny) {y=ny;}  
}
```

Vector3D<Integer> v1 = new ...

Class-Level Data and Functionality I

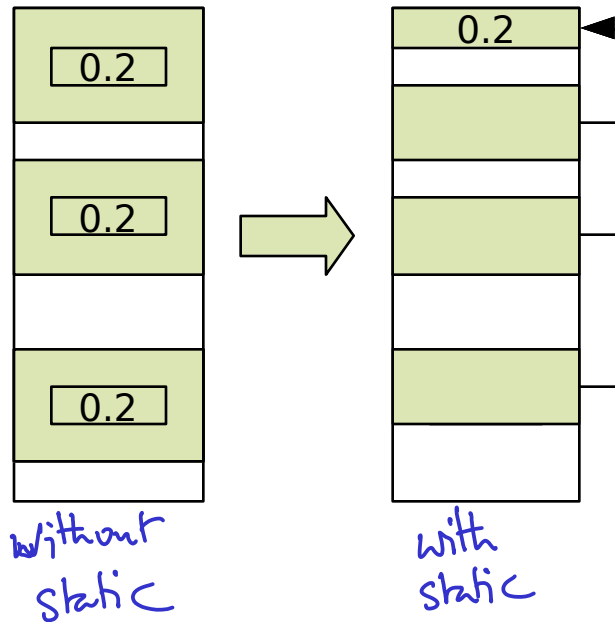
- A **static** field is created only once in the program's execution, despite being declared as part of a class

```
public class ShopItem {  
    private float mVATRate;  
    private static float sVATRate;  
    ....  
}
```

One of these created every time a new ShopItem is instantiated. Nothing keeps them all in sync.

Only one of these created ever. Every ShopItem object references it.

Class-Level Data and Functionality II



- Auto synchronised across instances
- Space efficient

- Also static methods:

```
public class Whatever {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Why use Static Methods?

- Easier to debug (only depends on static state)
- Self documenting
- Groups related methods in a Class without requiring an object
- The compiler can produce more efficient code since no specific object is involved

```
public class Math {  
    public float sqrt(float x) {...}  
    public double sin(float x) {...}  
    public double cos(float x) {...}  
}
```

vs

```
public class Math {  
    public static float sqrt(float x) {...}  
    public static float sin(float x) {...}  
    public static float cos(float x) {...}  
}
```

```
...  
Math mathobject = new Math();  
mathobject.sqrt(9.0);  
...
```

```
...  
Math.sqrt(9.0);  
...
```


Encapsulation

Sanity
check
inputs

state
private
protected
public

Separate
implementation
from interface

Allows Refactoring
(rewrite) without
changing interface
others are using

Lecture 4: Inheritance

Inheritance I

```
class Student {  
    public int age;  
    public String name;  
    public int grade;  
}
```

```
class Lecturer {  
    public int age;  
    public String name;  
    public int salary;  
}
```

- There is a lot of duplication here
- Conceptually there is a hierarchy that we're not really representing
- Both Lecturers and Students are people (no, really).
- We can view each as a kind of specialisation of a general person
 - They have all the properties of a person
 - But they also have some extra stuff specific to them

(I should not have used public variables here, but I did it to keep things simple)

Inheritance II

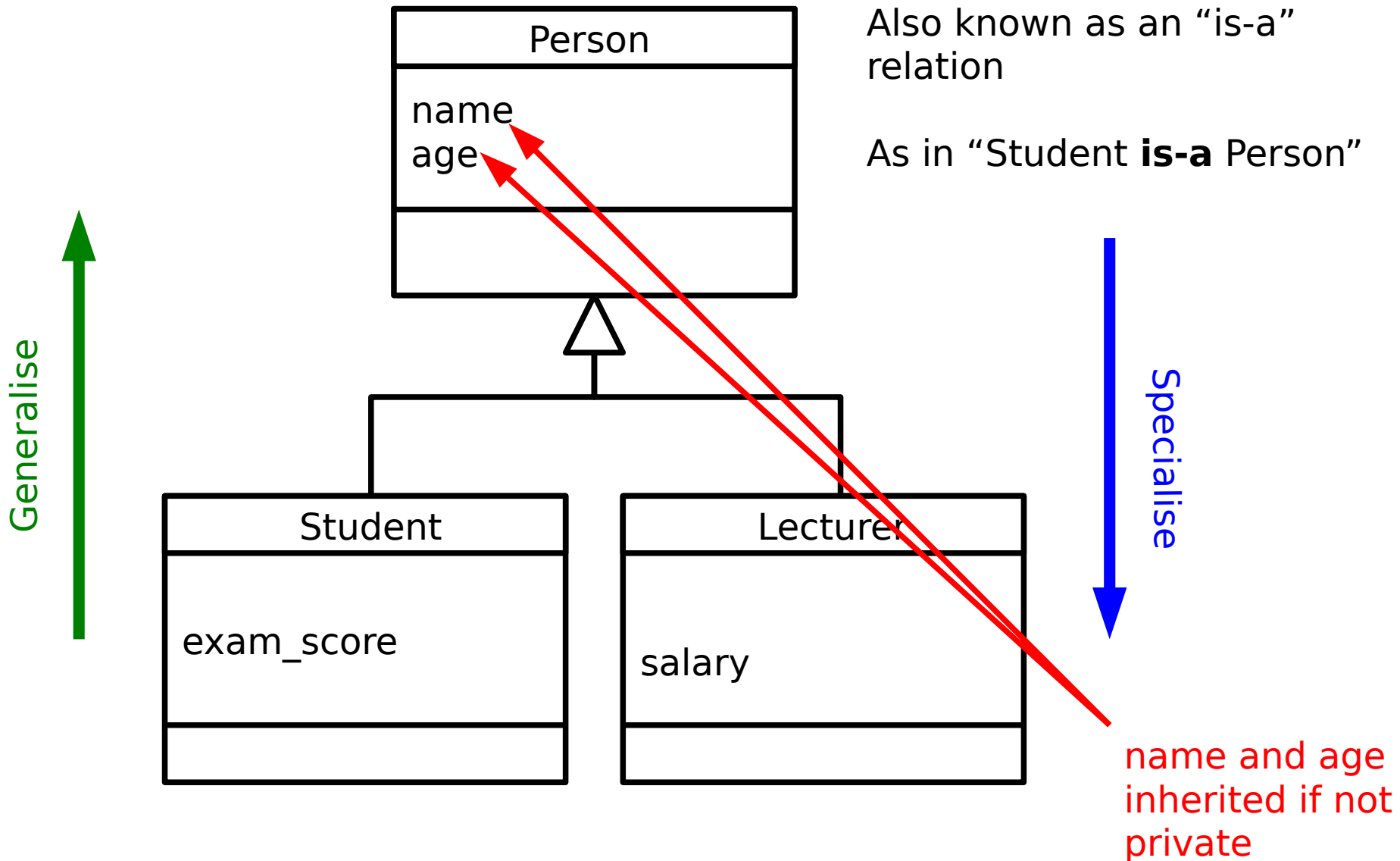
```
class Person {  
    public int age;  
    public String name;  
}
```

```
class Student extends Person {  
    public int grade;  
}
```

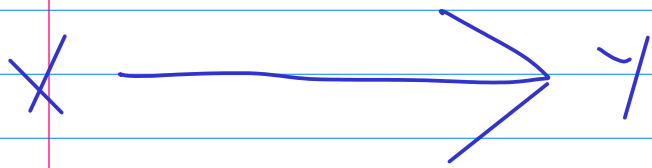
```
class Lecturer extends Person {  
    public int salary;  
}
```

- We create a *base class* (Person) and add a new notion: classes can *inherit* properties from it
 - Both state and functionality
- We say:
 - Person is the *superclass* of Lecturer and Student
 - Lecturer and Student *subclass* Person

Representing Inheritance Graphically



UML Arrows You Need To Know



Association
X "has-a" Y



Inheritance
Y "is-a" X

Java Oddity : Object

Every class extends this magical class called Object

Casting

- Many languages support *type casting* between numeric types

```
int i = 7;  
float f = (float) i; // f==7.0  
double d = 3.2;  
int i2 = (int) d; // i2==3
```

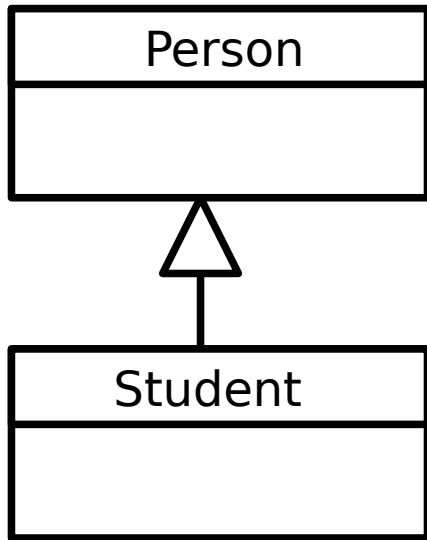
Casting

*up cast
increase
precision*

*down cast
Lose precision*

- With inheritance it is reasonable to type cast an object to any of the types above it in the inheritance tree...

Widening



- Student is-a Person
- Hence we can use a Student object anywhere we want a Person object
- Can perform *widening* conversions (up the tree)

```
Student s = new Student()
```

```
Person p = (Person) s;
```

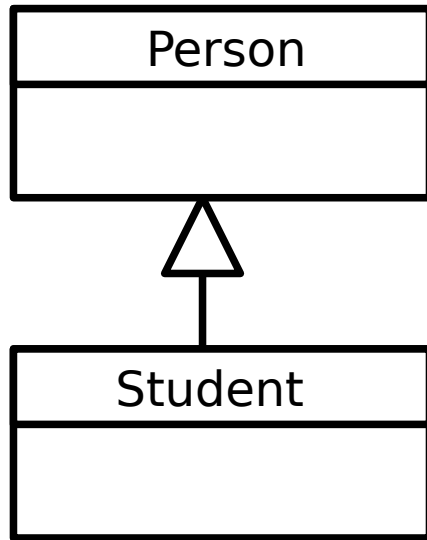
↑
"Casting"

```
public void print(Person p) {...}
```

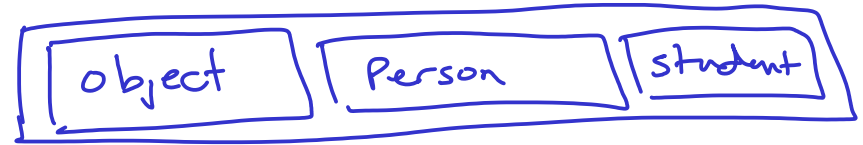
```
Student s = new Student();  
print(s);
```

↑
Implicit cast

Narrowing



- Narrowing conversions move down the tree (more specific)
- Need to take care...



```
Person p = new Person();
```

```
Student s = (Student) p;
```

FAILS. Not enough info
In the real object to represent
a Student

```
Student s = new Student();
```

```
Person p = (Person) s;
```

```
Students s2 = (Student) p;
```

OK because underlying object
really is a Student

How is this useful?

We can group by the parent concept.

Eg. We can maintain one list of 'Person's that can hold Students or Lechners.

```
LinkedList <Person> lp = new LinkedList <Person> ();
```

```
lp.add (new Student()); ✓  
lp.add (new Lechner()); ✓  
lp.add (new Pen()); ✗
```

Fields and Inheritance

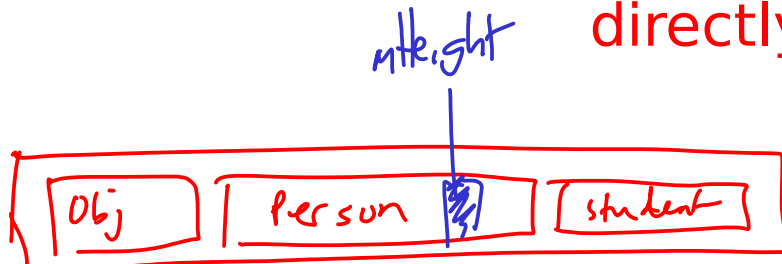
```
class Person {  
    public String mName;  
    protected int mAge;  
    private double mHeight;  
}
```

```
class Student extends Person {  
    public void do_something() {  
        mName="Bob";  
        mAge=70;  
        mHeight=1.70;  
    }  
}
```

Student inherits this as a public variable and so can access it

Student inherits this as a protected variable and so can access it

Student inherits this but as a **private** variable and so cannot access it directly



Reminder

public : Everyone has access

protected : Any subclass + anything in same package can access

private : Only the defining class can access

(package) : Java only Same package

Fields and Inheritance: Shadowing

```
class A { public int x; }
```

```
class B extends A {  
    public int x;  
}
```

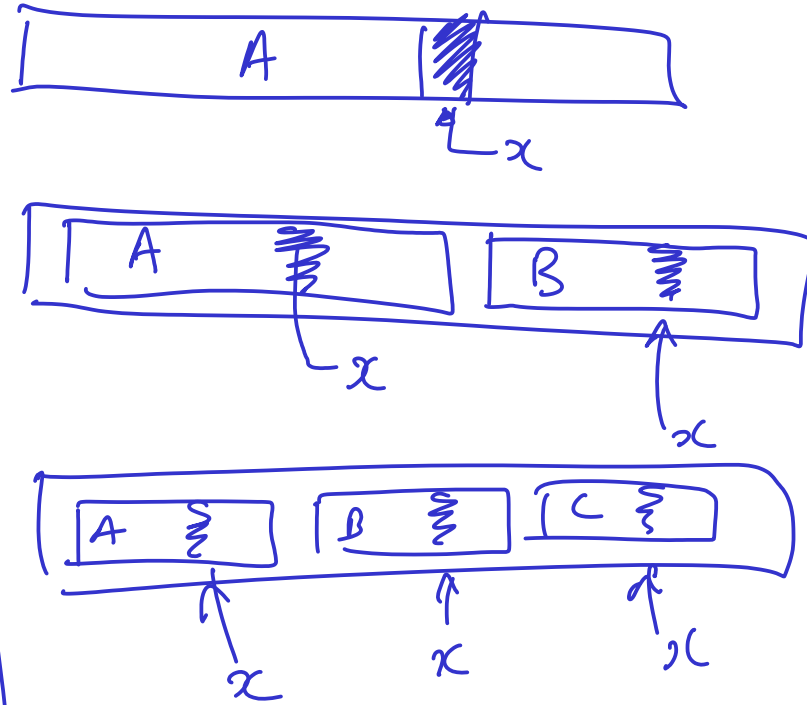
```
class C extends B {  
    public int x;
```

```
public void action() {  
    // Ways to set the x in C  
    x = 10;  
    this.x = 10;
```

```
    // Ways to set the x in B  
    super.x = 10;  
    ((B)this).x = 10;
```

```
    // Ways to set the x in A  
    ((A)this).x = 10;
```

```
    }  
}
```



Magic Words

this — a reference to "yourself"
i.e. the current object

super — a reference to the superclass
(parent class)

But


super.super.super X

NO,

Methods and Inheritance: Overriding


- We might want to require that every Person can dance. But the way a Lecturer dances is not likely to be the same as the way a Student dances...

```
class Person {  
    public void dance() {  
        jiggle_a_bit();  
    }  
}
```




Person defines a 'default' implementation of dance()

```
class Student extends Person {  
    public void dance() {  
        body_pop();  
    }  
}
```



Student overrides the default

```
class Lecturer extends Person {  
}
```



Lecturer just inherits the default implementation and jiggles

@Override Annotation

```
public class A {  
    public void abcd () { — }  
  
}
```

```
public class B extends A {  
    @Override  
    public void abd () { — } ← Not compile  
  
}
```

Abstract Methods

- Sometimes we want to force a class to implement a method but there isn't a convenient default behaviour
- An **abstract** method is used in a base class to do this
- It has no implementation whatsoever

```
class abstract Person {  
    public abstract void dance();  
}
```

```
class Student extends Person {  
    public void dance() {  
        body_pop();  
    }  
}
```

```
class Lecturer extends Person {  
    public void dance() {  
        jiggle_a_bit();  
    }  
}
```

Person p = new
Person();

↑ Not compile

Student s = new Student();

Person p = (Person)s;

Abstract Classes

- Note that I had to declare the class abstract too. This is because it has a method without an implementation so we can't directly instantiate a Person.

```
public abstract class Person {  
    public abstract void dance();  
}
```

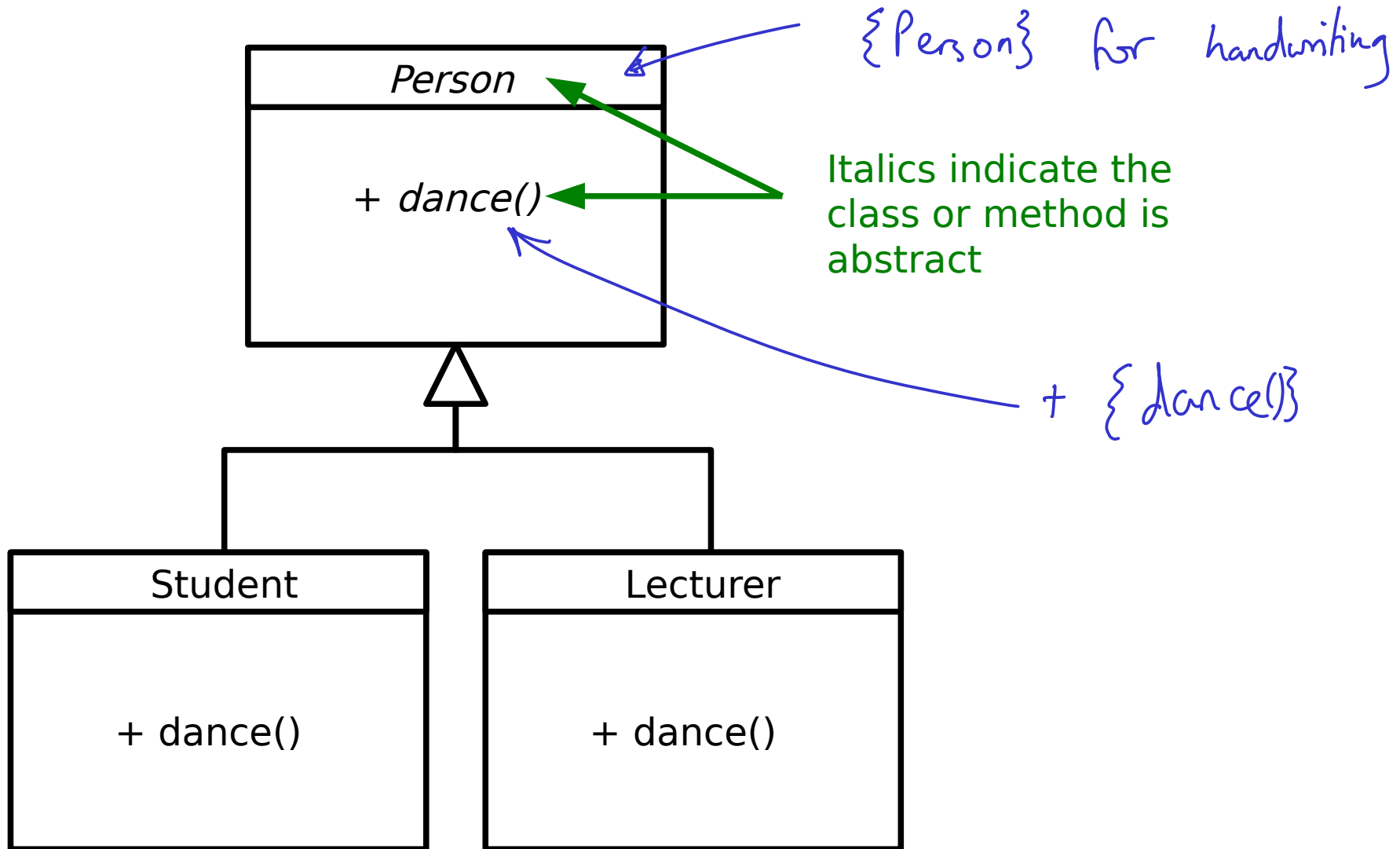
Java

```
class Person {  
    public:  
        virtual void dance()=0;  
}
```

C++

- All state and non-abstract methods are inherited as normal by children of our abstract class
- Interestingly, Java allows a class to be declared abstract even if it contains no abstract methods!

Representing Abstract Classes



Lecture 5: Polymorphism and Multiple Inheritance

Recap

Modularity/Re-use - Units of code (classes) - concept
Independently developed + tested
Can use on other projects

Encapsulation - Separate interface from implementation
Access modifier (private)
Data hiding

Inheritance - Inherit state + behaviour from established
tested class

- state gets shadowed
- methods get overridden
- Abstract classes + methods make sense

Polymorphic Methods

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = (Person)s;  
p.dance();
```

- Assuming Person has a default dance() method, what should happen here??

- General problem: when we refer to an object via a parent type and both types implement a particular method: which method should it run?

Polymorphic Concepts I

- **Static** polymorphism
 - Decide at compile-time
 - Since we don't know what the true type of the object will be, we just run the parent method
 - Type errors give compile errors

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = (Person)s;  
p.dance();
```

*Person dance()
because p is a
Person*

- Compiler says “p is of type Person”
- So p.dance() should do the default dance() action in Person

Why The Compiler Can't Know The True Type

```
Person p = null;
```

```
if (blah blah) {
```

```
    p = (Person) new Student();
```

```
}
```

```
else {
```

```
    p = (Person) new TaxPayer();
```

```
}
```

```
p.dance();
```

Static Polymorphism So Far in Paper 1

ML fun cons a as = a::as;
 ..
 cons 1 [1,2,3,4];

Java public class Stack<T> {
(Generics) } ..

Stack<Integer> s1 = new Stack<Integer>();

Polymorphic Concepts II

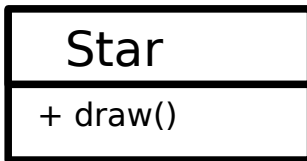
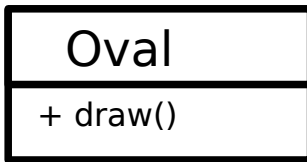
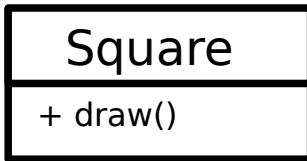
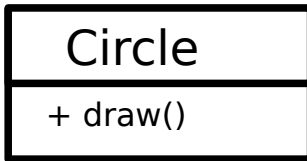
- **Dynamic** polymorphism
 - Run the method in the child
 - Must be done at run-time since that's when we know the child's type
 - Type errors cause run-time faults (crashes!)

```
Student s = new Student();  
Person p = (Person)s;  
p.dance();
```

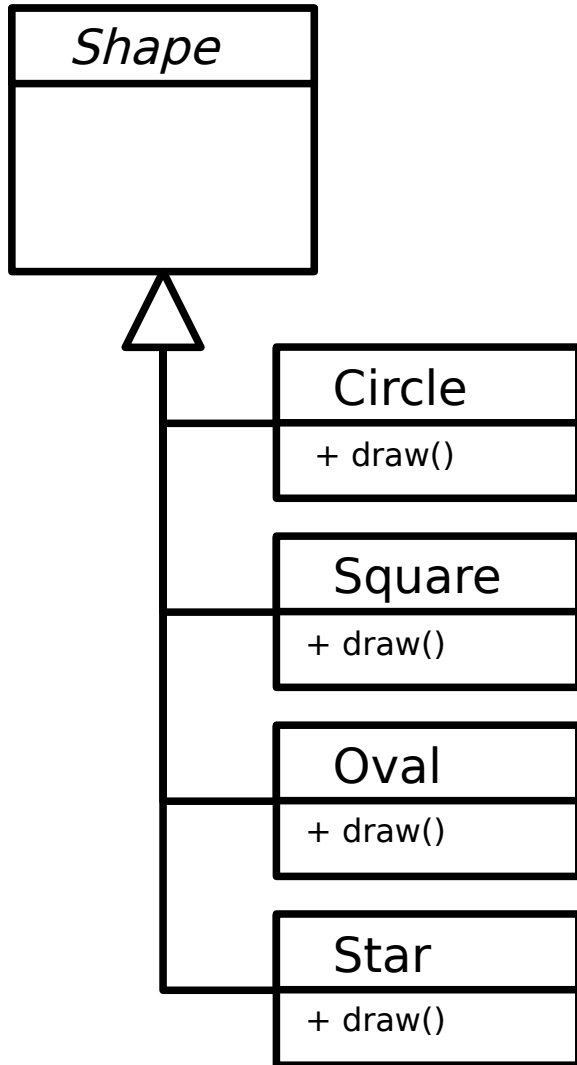
- Compiler looks in memory and finds that the object is really a Student
- So p.dance() runs the dance() action in Student

The Canonical Example I

- A drawing program that can draw circles, squares, ovals and stars
- It would presumably keep a list of all the drawing objects
- **Option 1**
 - Keep a list of Circle objects, a list of Square objects,...
 - Iterate over each list drawing each object in turn
 - What has to change if we want to add a new shape?



The Canonical Example II



- **Option 2**

- Keep a single list of Shape references
- Figure out what each object really is, narrow the reference and then

`draw()`

for every Shape s in myShapeList

if (s is really a Circle)

Circle c = (Circle)s;

c.draw();

else if (s is really a Square)

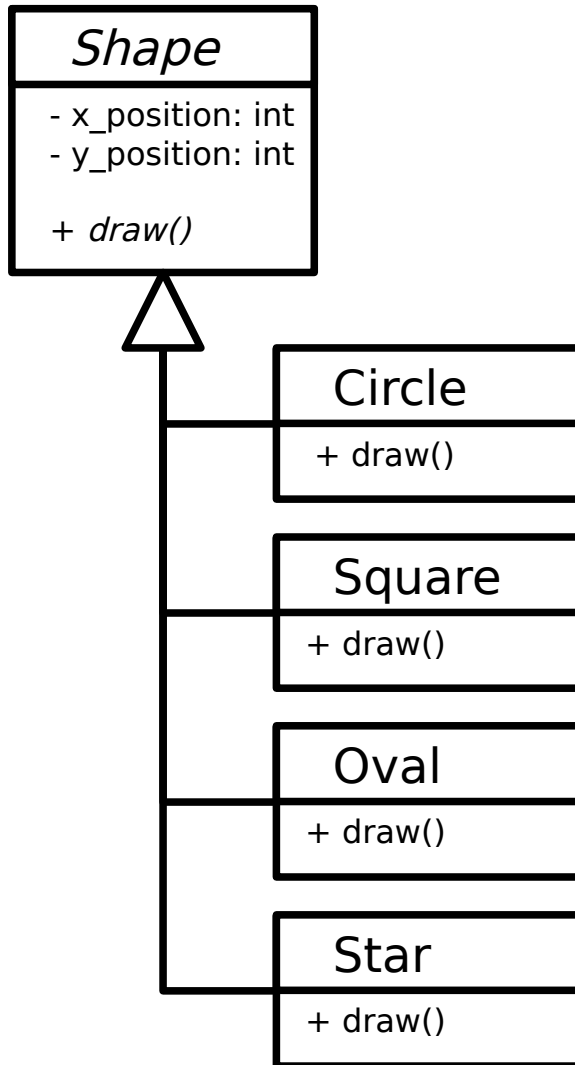
Square sq = (Square)s;

sq.draw();

else if...

- What if we want to add a new shape?

The Canonical Example III



▪ Option 3 (Polymorphic)

- Keep a single list of Shape references
- Let the compiler figure out what to do with each Shape reference

For every Shape *s* in myShapeList
`s.draw();`

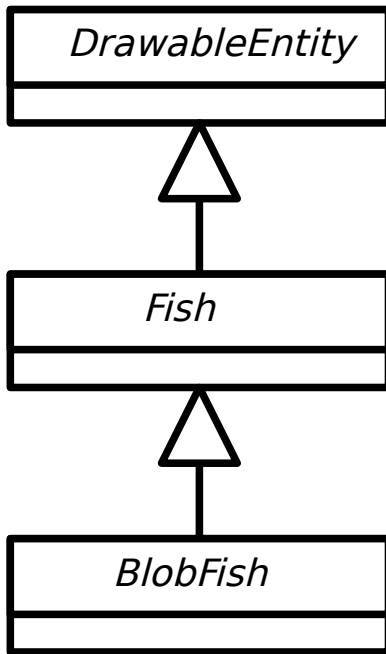
- What if we want to add a new shape?

Implementations

- Java
 - All methods are dynamic polymorphic.
- Python
 - All methods are dynamic polymorphic.
- C++
 - Only functions marked *virtual* are dynamic polymorphic
- Polymorphism in OOP is an extremely important concept that you need to make sure you understand...

Harder Problems

- Given a class `Fish` and a class `DrawableEntity`, how do we make a `BlobFish` class that is a drawable fish?

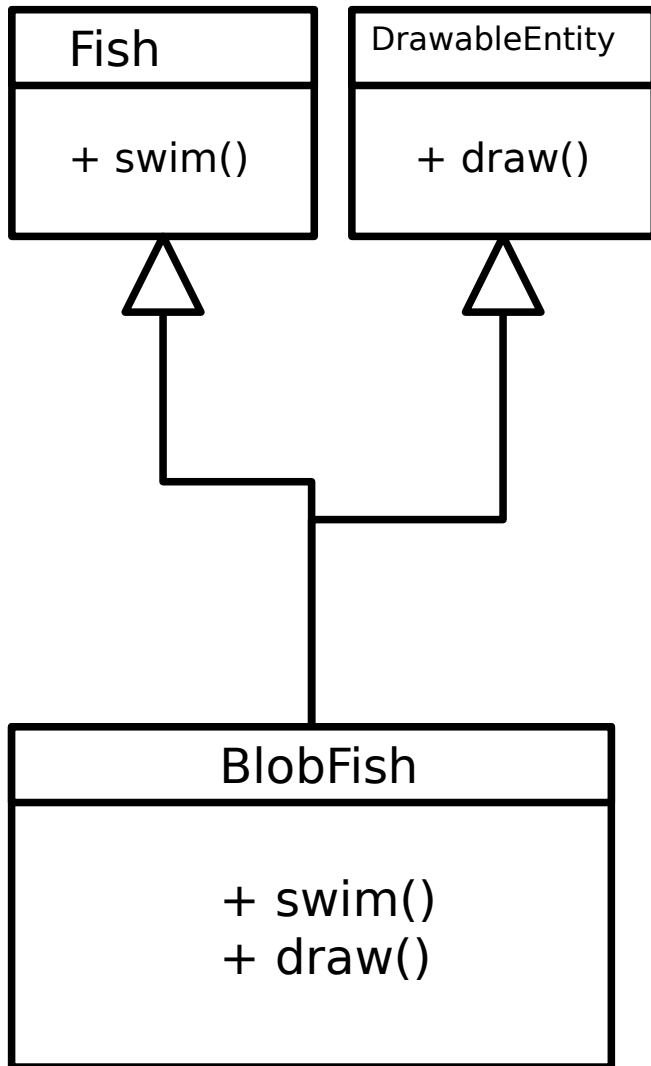


X Dependency
between two
independent
concepts



X Conceptually wrong

Multiple Inheritance



- If we multiple inherit, we capture the concept we want
- BlobFish inherits from both and is-a Fish and is-a DrawableEntity

- C++:

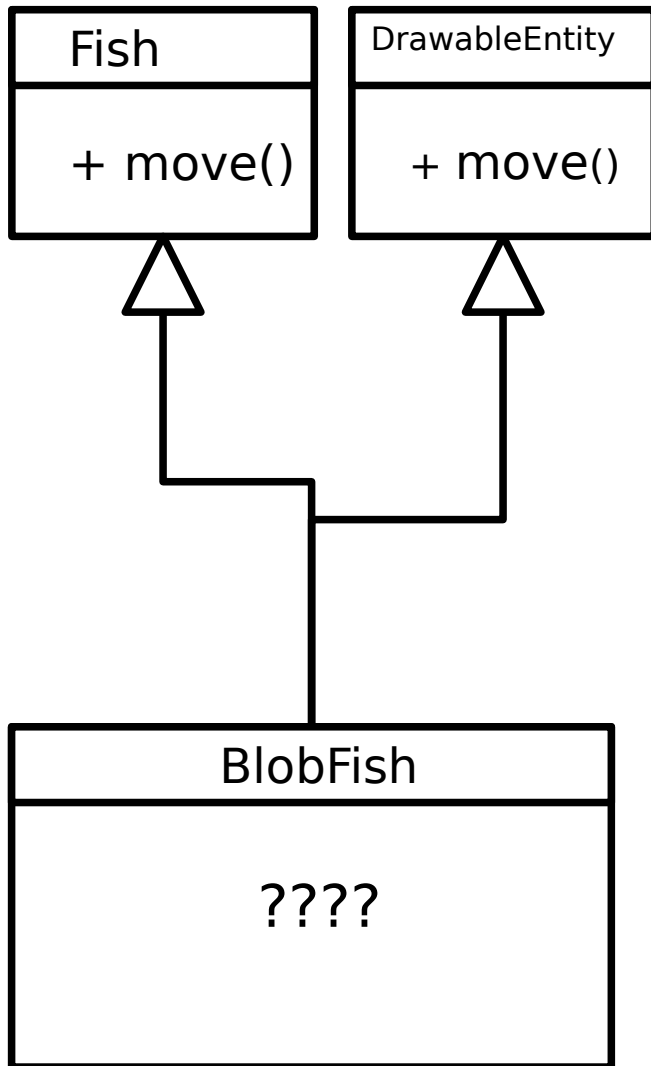
```
class Fish {...}
```

```
class DrawableEntity {...}
```

```
class BlobFish : public Fish,  
                public DrawableEntity {...}
```

- But...

Multiple Inheritance Problems

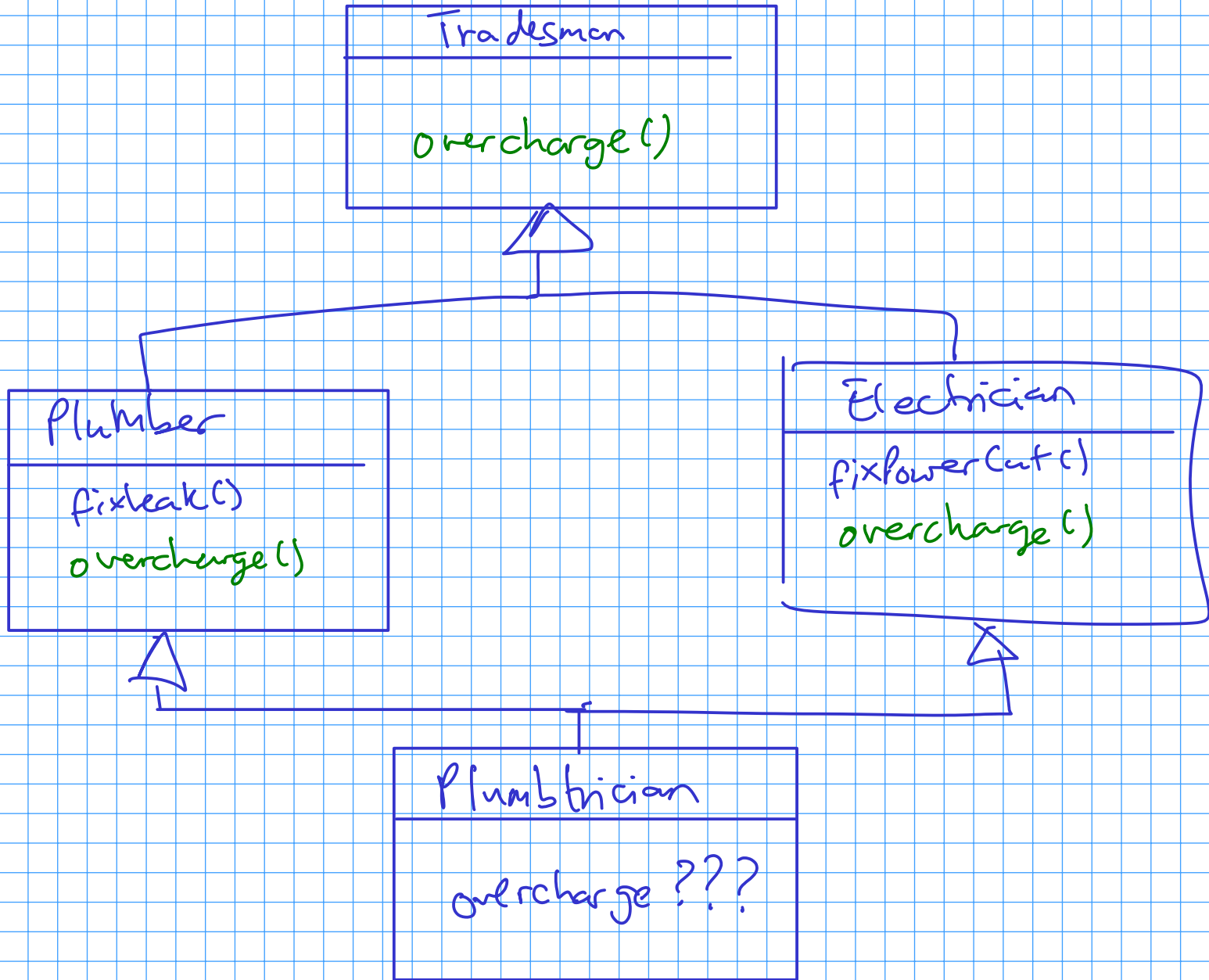


- What happens here? Which of the move() methods is inherited?
- Have to add some grammar to make it explicit
- C++:

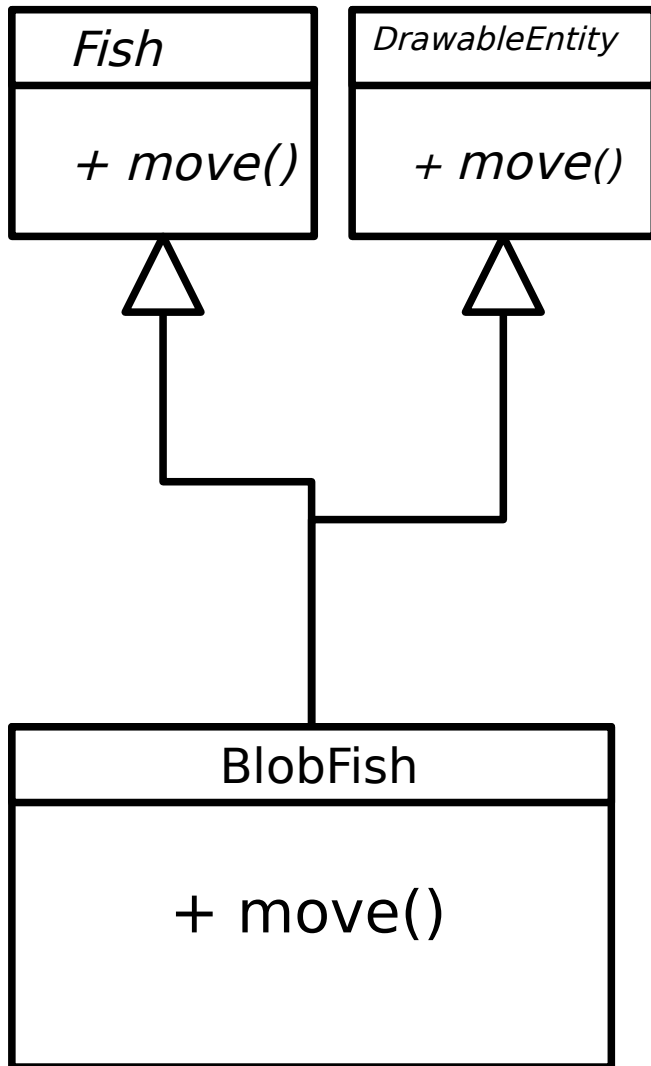
```
BlobFish *bf = new BlobFish();
bf->Fish::move();
bf->DrawableEntity::move();
```

- Yuk.

The Dreaded Diamond



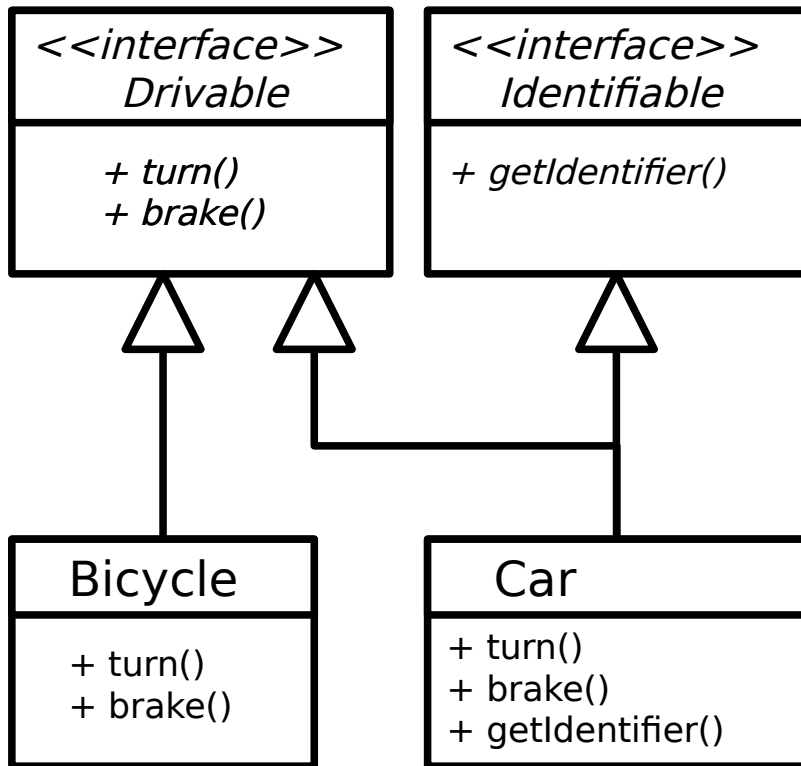
Fixing with Abstraction



- Actually, this problem goes away if one or more of the conflicting methods is abstract

Java's Take on it: Interfaces

- Classes can have at most **one** parent. Period.
- But special 'classes' that are totally abstract can do multiple inheritance – call these **interfaces**



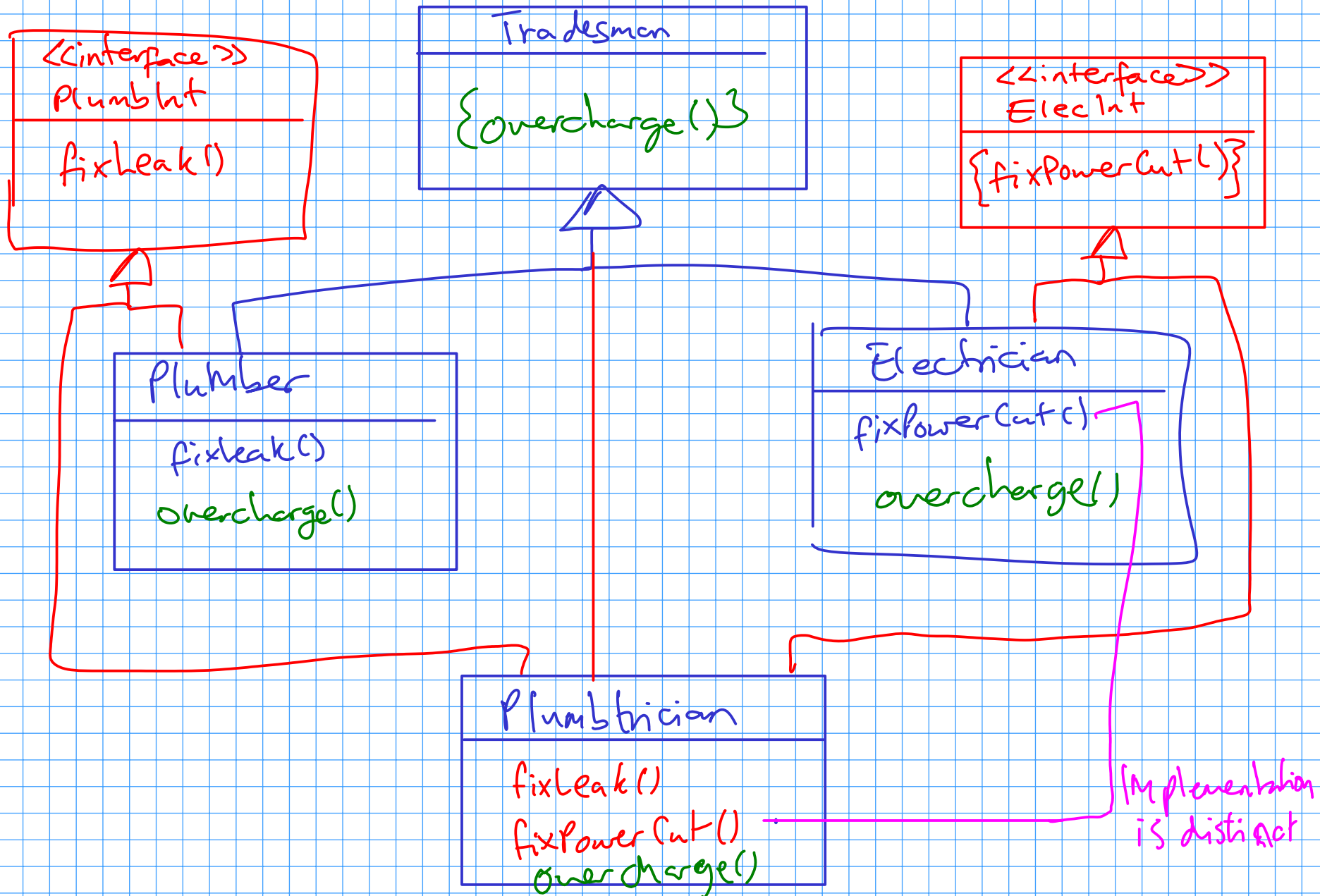
```
Interface Drivable {
    public void turn();
    public void brake();
}
```

```
Interface Identifiable {
    public void getIdentifier();
}
```

```
class Bicycle implements Drivable {
    public void turn() {...}
    public void brake() {...}
}
```

```
class Car implements Drivable, Identifiable {
    public void turn() {...}
    public void brake() {...}
    public void getIdentifier() {...}
}
```

Java's fix



Interfaces in Java

- only abstract methods
- Don't have to write "abstract"
- Only have static and final state
- Have multiple inheritance.

Lecture 6: Lifecycle of an Object

Final

Primitives

private final int mX = 7

↖ Constant
value set at
initialisation

Objects

private final LinkedList<Integer> mList = ...

↖ Reference cannot be
changed Object pointed
to can

Classes

public final class SomeClass

↖ Prevents inheritance

Methods

public final void blah()

↖ Cannot be
overridden

Constructors

```
MyObject m = new MyObject();  
                function
```

- You will have noticed that the RHS looks rather like a function call, and that's exactly what it is.
- It's a method that gets called when the object is constructed, and it goes by the name of a **constructor** (it's not rocket science). It maps to the datatype constructors you saw in ML.
- We use constructors to initialise the state of the class in a convenient way
 - A constructor has **the same name** as the class
 - A constructor has **no return type**

Constructor Examples

Java

```
public class Person {  
    private String mName;  
  
    // Constructor  
    public Person(String name) {  
        mName=name;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(  
        String[] args) {  
        Person p =  
            new Person("Bob");  
    }  
}
```

C++

```
class Person {  
    private:  
        std::string mName;  
  
    public:  
        Person(std::string &name){  
            mName=name;  
        }  
};  
  
int main (int argc,  
        char ** argv) {  
  
    std::string s = "Bob";  
    Person p (s);  
}
```

Initialiser Blocks

```
public class Test {
```

```
    private int mx = 5;
```

```
    {
```

```
        mx = 10;
```

```
    }
```

} Initialiser block

```
    public Test () {
```

```
        mx = 20;
```

```
    }
```


Default Constructor

public Person() { }

```
public class Person {  
    private String mName;  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Person p = new Person();  
    }  
}
```

- If you specify no constructor at all, Java fills in an empty one for you
- Here it creates Person() for us
- The default constructor takes no arguments (since it wouldn't know what to do with them!)

Multiple Constructors

```
public class Student {  
    private String mName;  
    private int mScore;  
  
    public Student(String s) {  
        { mName=s; } this(s, 0);  
        { mScore=0; }  
    }  
  
    public Student(String s, int sc) {  
        mName=s;  
        mScore=sc;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Student s1 = new Student("Bob");  
        Student s2 = new Student("Bob", 55);  
    }  
}
```

this(s, 0);
↑ calls other constructor

*"overloading"
constructors*

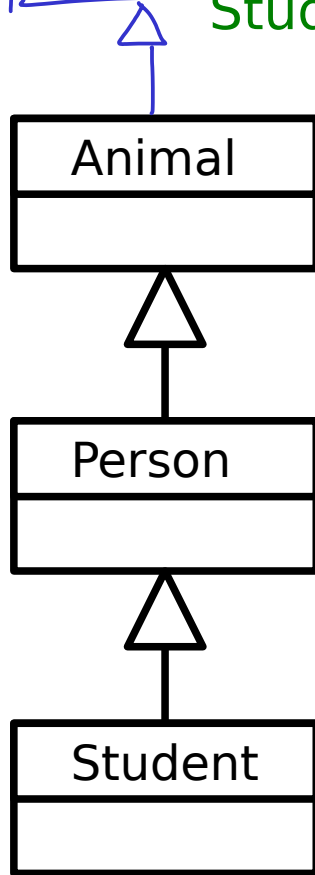
Must be the
first line

- You can specify as many constructors as you like.
- Each constructor must have a different signature (argument list)

Constructor Chaining

- When you construct an object of a type with parent classes, we call the constructors of all of the parents in sequence

Object



Student s = new Student();

Obj; | An. | Person | Student

0. Call Object()

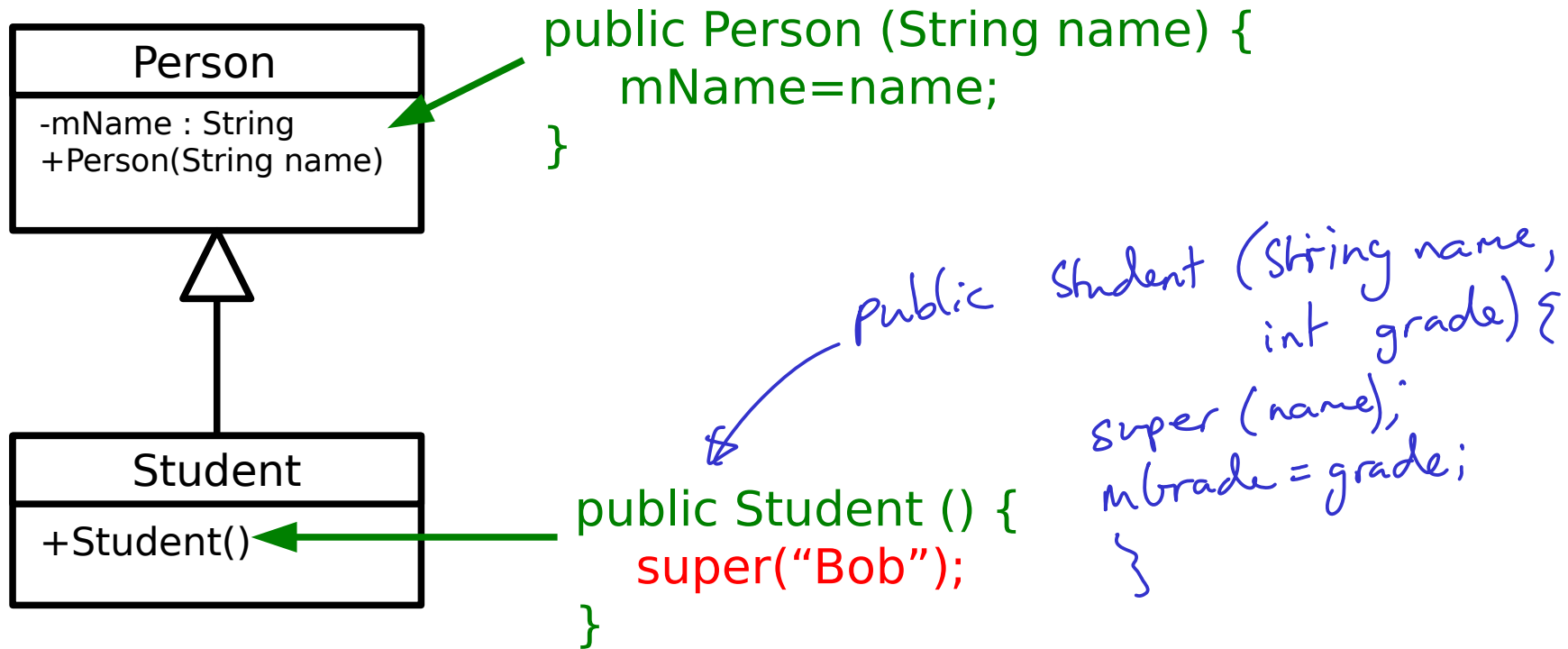
1. Call Animal()

2. Call Person()

3. Call Student()

Chaining without Default Constructors

- What if your classes have explicit constructors that take arguments? You need to explicitly chain
- Use **super** in Java:



Destructors

- Most OO languages have a notion of a destructor too
 - Gets run when the object is destroyed
 - Allows us to release any resources (open files, etc) or memory that we might have created especially for the object

C++

```
class FileReader {
public:

    // Constructor
    FileReader() {
        f = fopen("myfile", "r");
    }

    // Destructor
    ~FileReader() {
        fclose(f);
    }

private :
    FILE *file;
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char ** argv) {

    // Construct a FileReader Object
    FileReader *f = new FileReader();

    // Use object here
    ...

    // Destruct the object
    delete f;

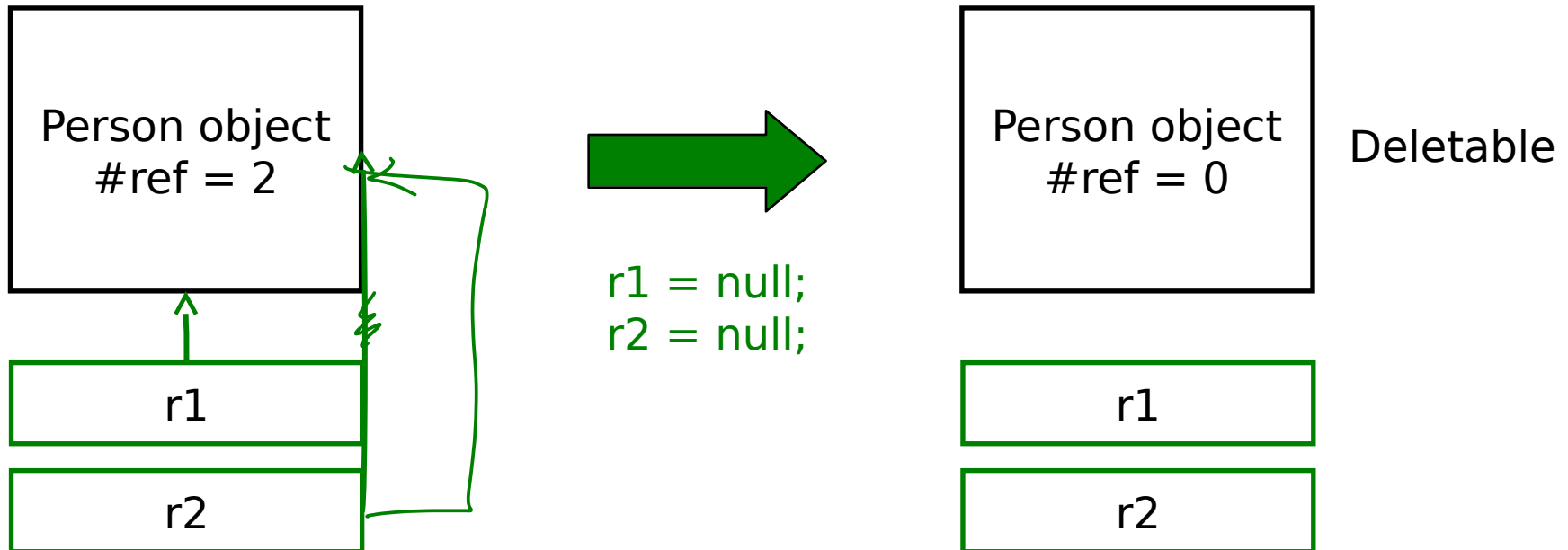
}
```

Cleaning Up

- A typical program creates lots of objects, not all of which need to stick around all the time
- **Approach 1:**
 - Allow the programmer to specify when objects should be deleted from memory
 - Lots of control, but what if they forget to delete an object?
 - A “memory leak”
- **Approach 2:**
 - Delete the objects automatically (**Garbage collection**)
 - But how do you know when an object will never be used again and can be deleted??

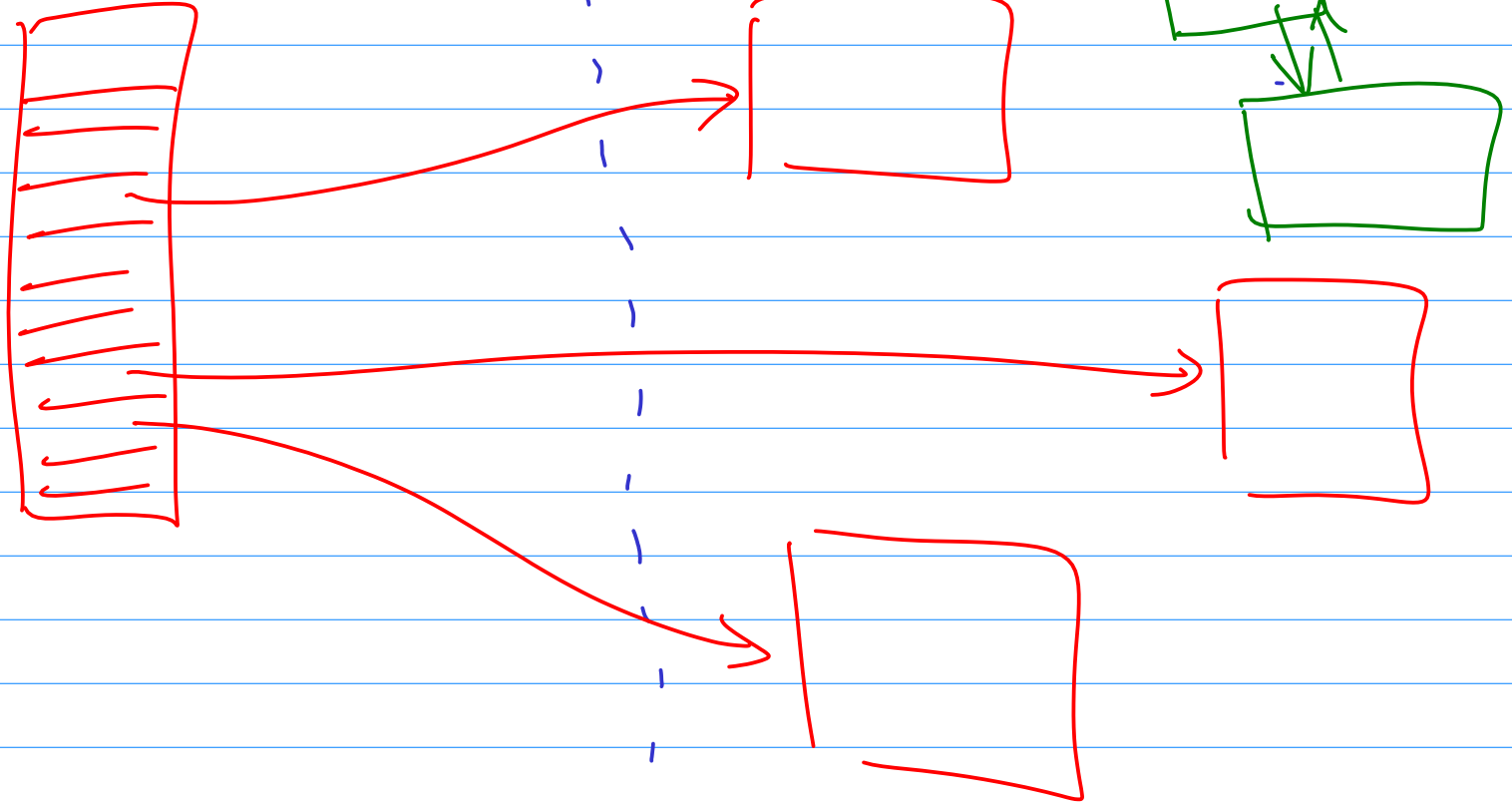
Cleaning Up (Java) I

- Java *reference counts*, i.e. it keeps track of how many references point to a given object. If there are none, the programmer can't access that object ever again so it can be deleted

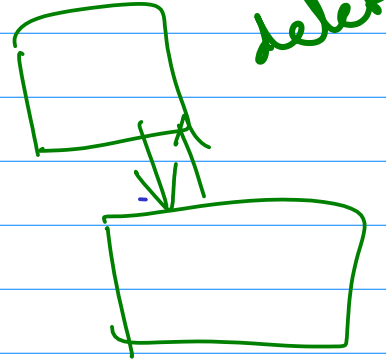


Stack

Heap



Ref count
always > 0
∴ not
deleted

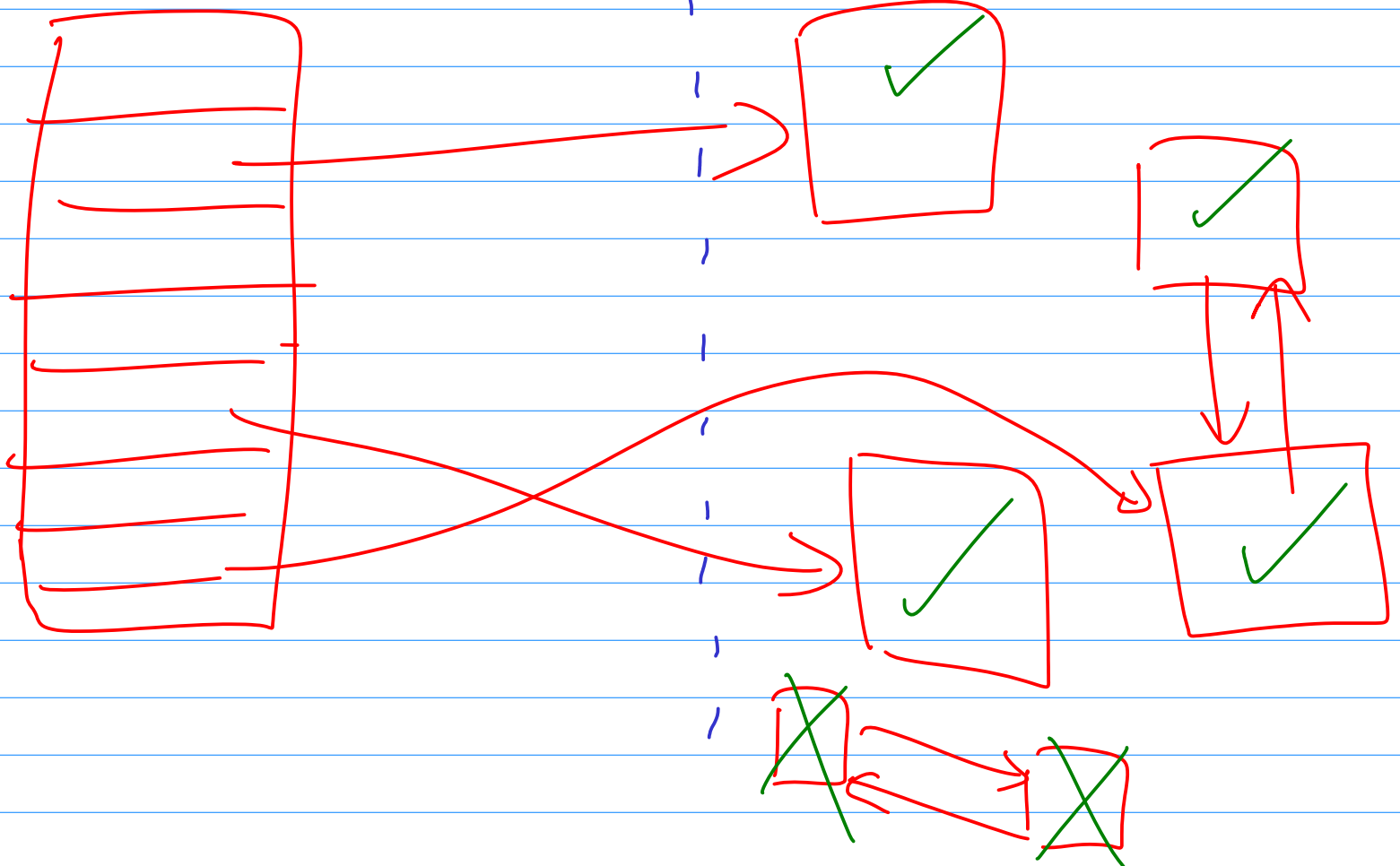


Tracing

Follow all references from the stack, marking every object we can get to. Anything unmarked at the end can be deleted.

Stack

Heap



Cleaning Up (Java) II

- Actual deletion occurs through a **garbage collector**
 - A separate process that periodically scans the objects in memory for any with a reference count of zero, which it then deletes.
 - Running the garbage collector is obviously not free. If your program creates a lot of short-term objects, you will soon notice the collector running
 - Gives noticeable pauses to your application while it runs.
 - But minimises memory leaks (it does not prevent them...)

Cleaning Up (Java) III

- One problem with GC is we have no idea *when* an object will actually be deleted. The GC may even decide to defer the deletion until a future run.
- This causes issues for destructors – it might be ages before a resource is closed and available again!
- Therefore **Java doesn't have destructors**
- It does have **finalizers** that gets run when the GC deletes an object
 - BUT there's no guarantee an object will ever get garbage collected in Java...
 - **Garbage Collection != Destruction**

Lecture 7: Error Handling

Return Codes

- The traditional imperative way to handle errors is to return a value that indicates success/failure/error

```
public int divide(double a, double b) {  
    if (b==0.0) return -1; // error  
    double result = a/b;  
    return 0; // success  
}
```


...

```
if ( divide(x,y)<0) System.out.println("Failure!!");
```

- Problems:
 - Could ignore the return value
 - Have to keep checking what the return values are meant to signify, etc.
 - The actual result often can't be returned in the same way

```
public double divide (double a, double b) {  
    if (b == 0) return Double.MAX_VALUE;  
    else ...  
}
```

Mutable
class



```
: public int divide (double a, double b, Result r) {  
    r.set (a/b);  
}
```

Deferred Error Handling

- A similar idea (with the same issues) is to set some state in the system that needs to be checked for errors.
- C++ does this for streams:

```
ifstream file( "test.txt" );  
if (!file.good() )  
{  
    cout << "An error occurred opening the file" << endl;  
}
```

All suffer from

The programmer has to check!

Code

Error

Code

Error

Exceptions

- An exception is an object that can be *thrown* or *raised* by a method when an error occurs and *caught* or *handled* by the calling code
- Example usage:

```
try {  
    double z = divide(x,y);  
}  
catch(DivideByZeroException d) {  
    // Handle error here  
}
```

Flow Control During Exceptions

- When an exception is thrown, any code left to run in the try block is skipped

```
double z=0.0;
boolean failed=false;
try {
    z = divide(5,0);
    z = 1.0;
}
catch(DivideByZeroException d) {
    failed=true;
}
z=3.0;
System.out.println(z+" "+failed);
```

Never run

Throwing Exceptions

- An exception is an object that has Exception as an ancestor
- So you need to create it (with new) before throwing

```
double divide(double x, double y) throws DivideByZeroException {  
    if (y==0.0) throw new DivideByZeroException();  
    else return x/y;  
}
```

Constructor

Multiple Handlers

- A try block can result in a range of different exceptions. We test them in sequence

```
try {  
    FileReader fr = new FileReader("somefile");  
    Int r = fr.read();  
}  
catch(FileNoteFound fnf) {  
    // handle file not found with FileReader  
}  
catch(IOException d) {  
    // handle read() failed  
}
```

- With resources we often want to ensure that they are closed whatever happens

```
try {  
    fr.read();  
    fr.close();  
}  
catch(IOException ioe) {  
    // read() failed but we must still close the FileReader  
    fr.close();  
}
```

- The finally block is added and will *always* run (after any handler)

```
try {  
    fr.read();  
}  
catch(IOException ioe) {  
    // read() failed  
}  
finally {  
    fr.close();  
}
```

Creating Exceptions

- Just extend Exception (or RuntimeException if you need it to be unchecked). Good form to add a detail message in the constructor but not required.

```
public class DivideByZero extends Exception {}
```

```
public class ComputationFailed extends Exception {  
    public ComputationFailed(String msg) {  
        super(msg);  
    }  
}
```

- You can also add more data to the exception class to provide more info on what happened (e.g. store the numerator and denominator of a failed division)

Exception Hierarchies

- You can use inheritance hierarchies

```
public class MathException extends Exception {...}
public class InfiniteResult extends MathException {...}
public class DivByZero extends MathException {...}
```

- And catch parent classes

```
try {
    ...
}
catch(InfiniteResult ir) {
    // handle an infinite result
}
catch(MathException me) {
    // handle any MathException or DivByZero
}
```


Checked vs Unchecked Exceptions

- **Checked**: must be handled or passed up.
 - Used for recoverable errors
 - Java requires you to declare checked exceptions that your method throws
 - Java requires you to catch the exception when you call the function

input errors

`double somefunc() throws SomeException {}`

- **Unchecked**: not expected to be handled. Used for programming errors
 - Extends RuntimeException
 - Good example is NullPointerException

*Logic
(program)
wrong*

Evil I: Exceptions for Flow Control

- At some level, throwing an exception is like a GOTO
- Tempting to exploit this

```
try {  
    for (int i=0; ; i++) {  
        System.out.println(myarray[i]);  
    }  
}  
catch (ArrayOutOfBoundsException ae) {  
    // This is expected
```

- This is not good. Exceptions are for exceptional circumstances only
 - Harder to read
 - May prevent optimisations

Evil II: Blank Handlers

- Checked exceptions must be handled
- Constantly having to use try...catch blocks to do this can be annoying and the temptation is to just gaffer-tape it for now

```
try {  
    FileReader fr = new FileReader(filename);  
}  
catch (FileNotFoundException fnf) {  
}
```

- ...but we never remember to fix it and we could easily be missing serious errors that manifest as bugs later on that are extremely hard to track down

Evil III: Circumventing Exception Handling

```
try{  
    // whatever  
}  
catch(Exception e) {}
```

- Just don't.

Eril IV : Non-Specific throws Statements

public void useML() throws Annoying Recursion Exception,
Impenetrable Message Exception,
UnGoogle Able Exception {

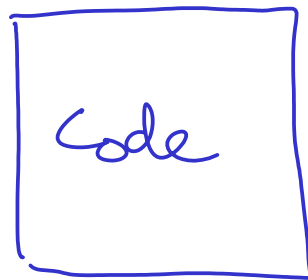


Becomes

public void useML() throws Exception {

Advantages of Exceptions

- Advantages:
 - Class name can be descriptive (no need to look up error codes)
 - Doesn't interrupt the natural flow of the code by requiring constant tests
 - The exception object itself can contain state that gives lots of detail on the error that caused the exception
 - Can't be ignored, only **handled**



Code

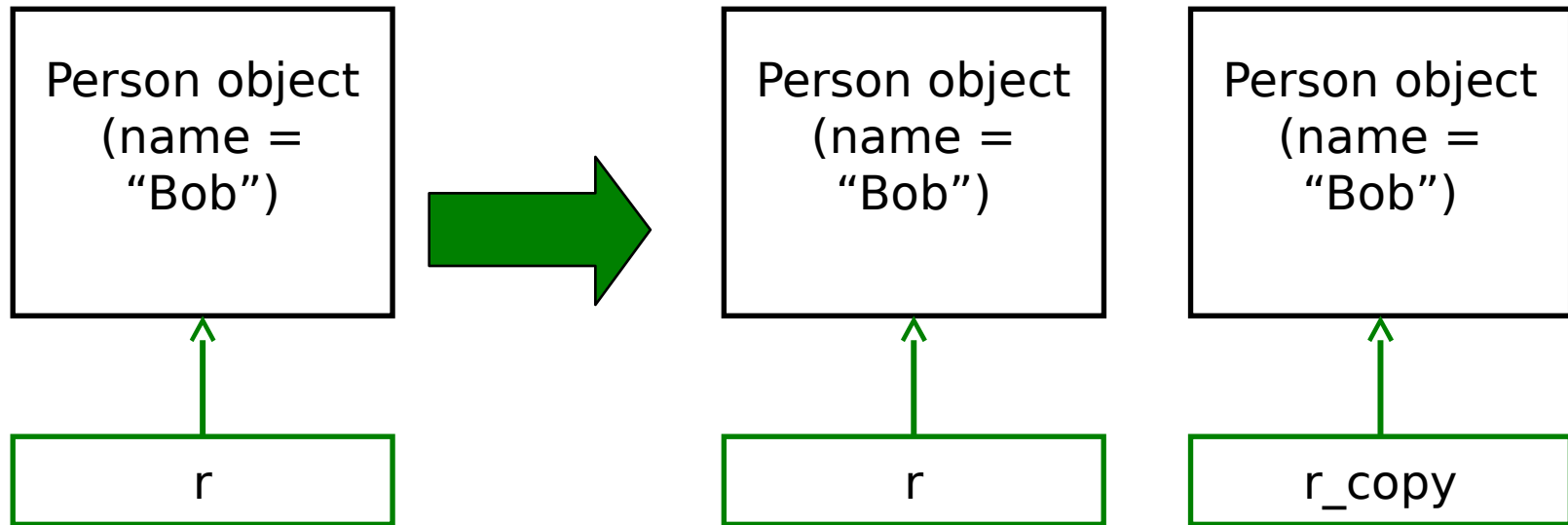


Error

Lecture 8: Copying Objects

Cloning I

- Sometimes we really do want to copy an object



- Java calls this **cloning**
- We need special support for it

```
person p = new Person();  
Person copy = p;
```


Java's clone recipe

1. Implement Cloneable interface
2. Override public Object clone()
3. The first line of clone() must must be super.clone()
4. Copy local state

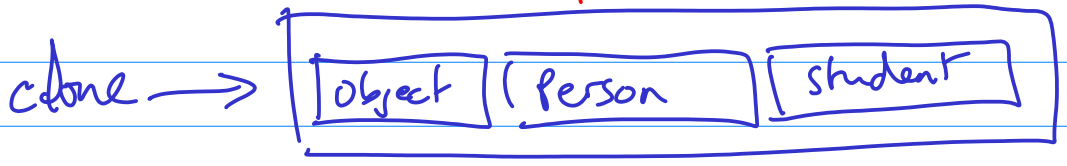
What Object's clone does

```
Student s = new Student();
```



```
Student clone = (Student) s.clone();
```

Bit-for-bit
copy of
the object

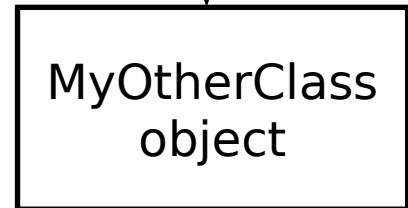
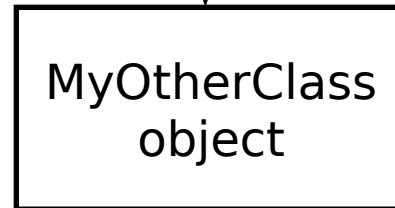
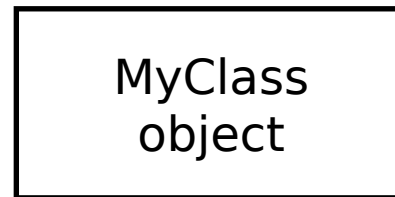
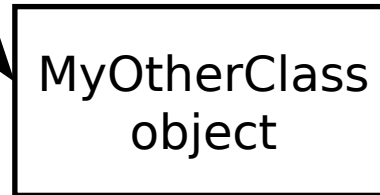
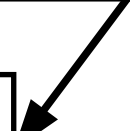
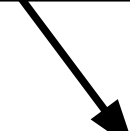
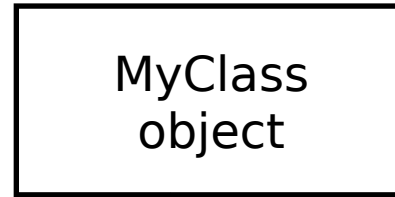
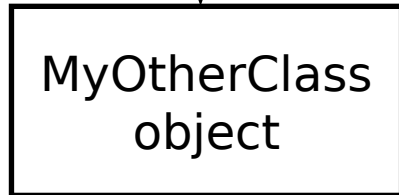
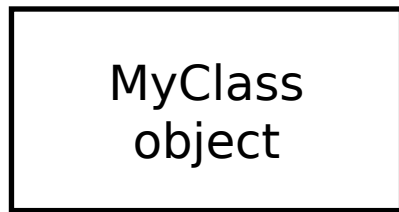


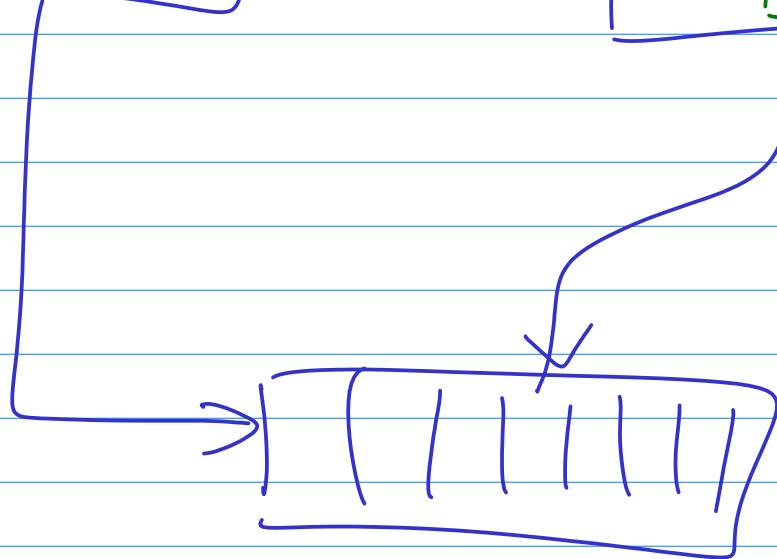
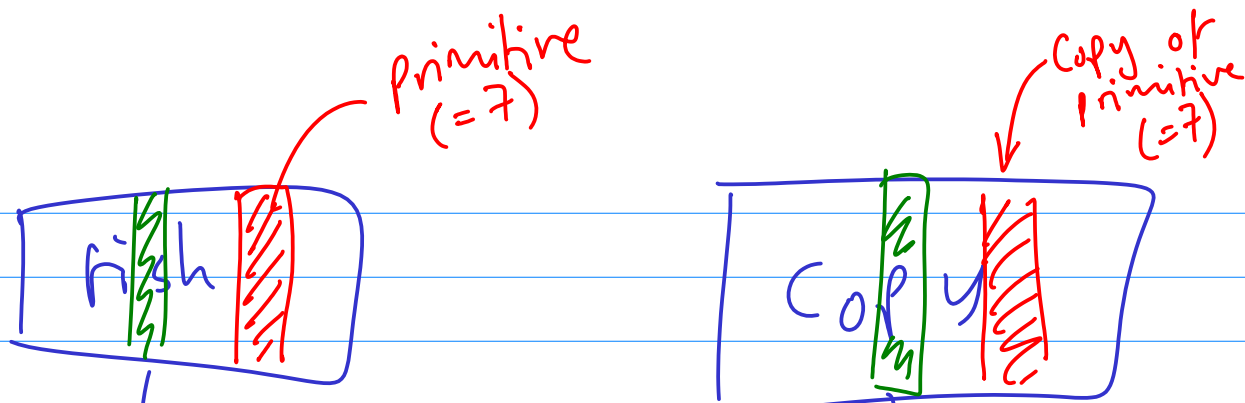
Cloning II

- Every class in Java ultimately inherits from the **Object** class
 - This class contains a clone() method so we just call this to clone an object, right?
 - This can go horribly wrong if our object contains reference types (objects, arrays, etc)

Shallow and Deep Copies

```
public class MyClass {  
    private MyOtherClass moc;  
}
```





Super.clone()
Shallow

Java Cloning

- So do you want shallow or deep?
 - The default implementation of clone() performs a **shallow copy**
 - But Java developers were worried that this might not be appropriate: they decided they wanted to know for sure that we'd thought about whether this was appropriate
- Java has a **Cloneable** interface
 - If you call clone on anything that doesn't extend this interface, it fails

Clone Example I

```
public class Velocity {  
    public float vx;  
    public float vy;  
    public Velocity(float x, float y) {  
        vx=x;  
        vy=y;  
    }  
};
```

```
public class Vehicle {  
    private int age;  
    private Velocity vel;  
    public Vehicle(int a, float vx, float vy) {  
        age=a;  
        vel = new Velocity(vx,vy);  
    }  
};
```

Clone Example II

```
public class Vehicle implements Cloneable {  
    private int age;  
    private Velocity vel;  
    public Vehicle(int a, float vx, float vy) {  
        age=a;  
        vel = new Velocity(vx,vy);  
    }  
  
    public Object clone() {  
        return super.clone();  
    }  
};
```

shallow
⇒ age copied
⇒ vel is not

Clone Example III

```
public class Velocity implement Cloneable {  
    ....  
    public Object clone() {  
        return super.clone();  
    }  
};
```

```
public class Vehicle implements Cloneable {  
    private int age;  
    private Velocity v;  
    public Student(int a, float vx, float vy) {  
        age=a;  
        vel = new Velocity(vx,vy);  
    }  
};
```

```
public Object clone() {  
    Vehicle cloned = (Vehicle) super.clone();  
    cloned.vel = (Velocity)vel.clone();  
    return cloned;  
}  
};
```

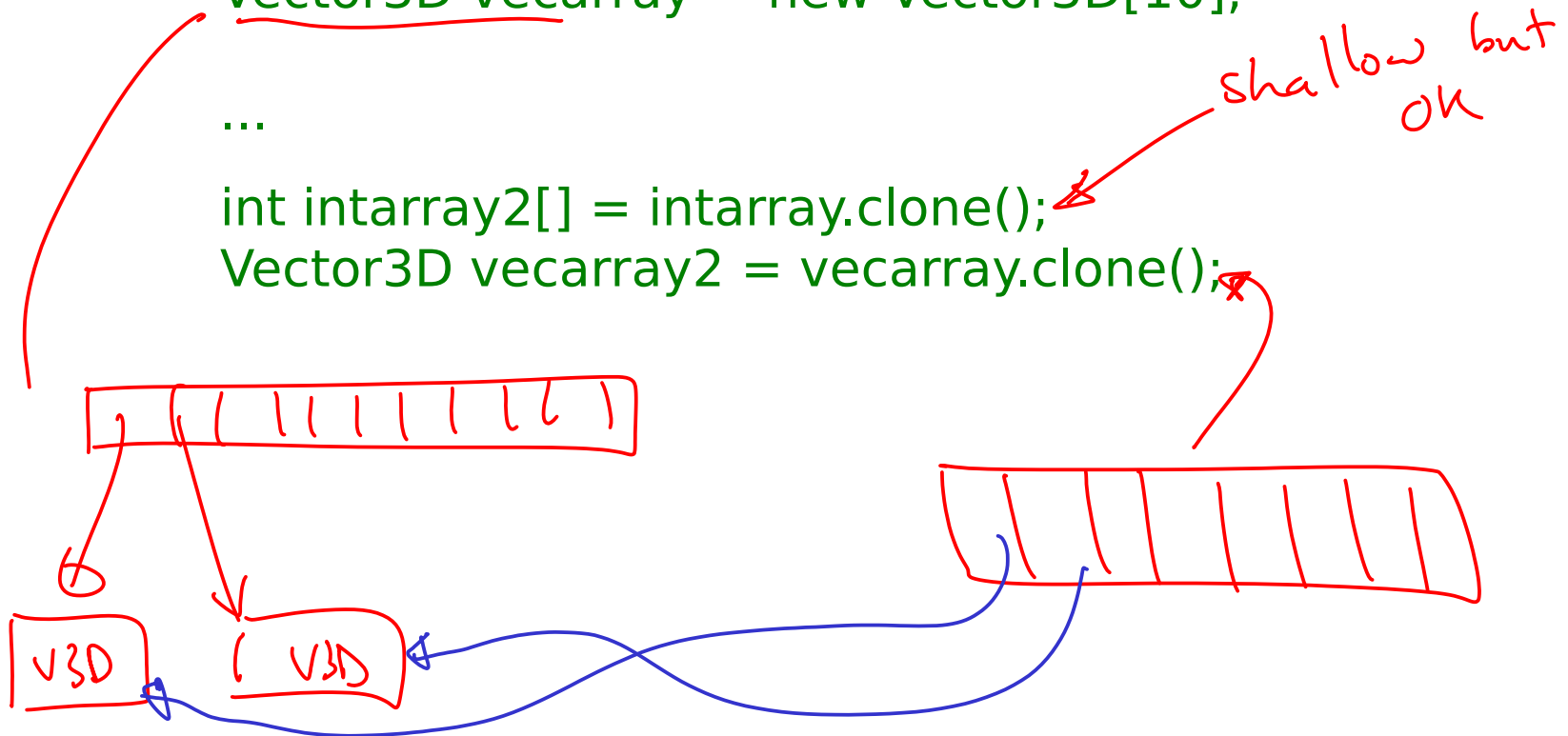
Cloning Arrays

- Arrays have built-in cloning but the contents are only cloned *shallowly*

```
int intarray[] = new int[100];  
Vector3D vecarray = new Vector3D[10];
```

...

```
int intarray2[] = intarray.clone();  
Vector3D vecarray2 = vecarray.clone();
```



Covariant Return Types

- The need to cast the clone return is annoying

```
public Object clone() {  
    Vehicle cloned = (Vehicle) super.clone();  
    cloned.vel = (Velocity)vel.clone();  
    return cloned;  
}
```

- Recent versions of Java allow you to override a method in a subclass and change its return type to a subclass of the original's class

```
class A {}
```

```
class B extends A {}
```

```
class C {  
    A mymethod() {}  
}
```

```
class D extends C {  
    B mymethod() {}  
}
```



Marker Interfaces

- If you look at what's in the `Cloneable` interface, you'll find it's empty!! What's going on?
- Well, the `clone()` method is already inherited from `Object` so it doesn't need to specify it
- This is an example of a **Marker Interface**
 - A marker interface is an empty interface that is used to label classes
 - This approach is found occasionally in the Java libraries

Object's `clone()`

```
if (this instanceof Cloneable) { copy }  
else throw new CloneNotSupportedException()
```

Copy Constructors I

- Another way to create copies of objects is to define a **copy constructor** that takes in an object of the same type and manually copies the data

```
public class Vehicle {  
    private int age;  
    private Velocity vel;  
    public Vehicle(int a, float vx, float vy) {  
        age=a;  
        vel = new Velocity(vx,vy);  
    }  
    public Vehicle(Vehicle v) {  
        age=v.age;  
        vel = v.vel.clone();  
    }  
}
```

} Copy constructor

Copy Constructor Recipe

1. Create a constructor that takes the same type as an argument

2. Call super(argument)

3. Copy deep state

Copy Constructors II

- Now we can create copies by:

```
Vehicle v = new Vehicle(5, 0.f, 5.f);
```

```
Vehicle vcopy = new Vehicle(v);
```

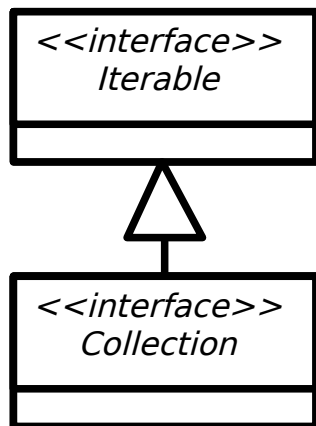
- This is quite a neat approach, but has some drawbacks which are explored on the Examples Sheet

Lecture 8: Java Collections

Java Class Library

- Java the platform contains around 4,000 classes/interfaces
 - Data Structures
 - Networking, Files
 - Graphical User Interfaces
 - Security and Encryption
 - Image Processing
 - Multimedia authoring/playback
 - And more...
- All neatly(ish) arranged into packages (see API docs)

Java's Collections Framework

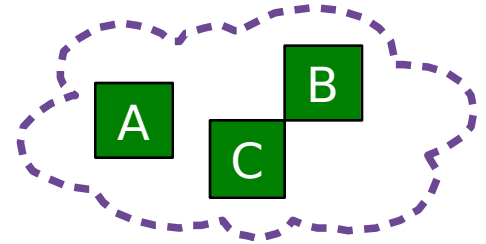


- Important chunk of the class library
- A collection is some sort of grouping of things (objects)
- Usually when we have some grouping we want to go through it (“***iterate*** over it”)
- The Collections framework has two main interfaces: **`Iterable`** and **`Collection`**. They define a set of operations that all classes in the Collections framework support
- `add(Object o)`, `clear()`, `isEmpty()`, etc.

Sets

<<interface>> Set

- A collection of elements with no duplicates that represents the mathematical notion of a set
- TreeSet: objects stored in order
- HashSet: objects in unpredictable order but fast to operate on (see Algorithms course)



```
TreeSet<Integer> ts = new TreeSet<Integer>();  
ts.add(15);  
ts.add(12);  
ts.contains(7); // false  
ts.contains(12); // true  
ts.first(); // 12 (sorted)
```

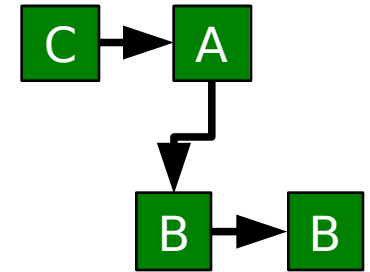
Aside on Interfaces

1. Interfaces allow us to clearly distinguish what something must do with how it does it
2. Interfaces allow us to have multiple inheritance without worrying about method implementations that conflict

Lists

<<interface>> List

- An ordered collection of elements that may contain duplicates
- LinkedList: linked list of elements
- ArrayList: array of elements (efficient access)
- Vector: Legacy, as ArrayList but threadsafe

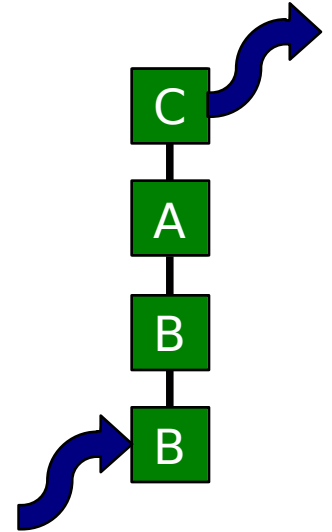


```
LinkedList<Double> ll = new LinkedList<Double>();  
ll.add(1.0);  
ll.add(0.5);  
ll.add(3.7);  
ll.add(0.5);  
ll.get(1); // get element 2 (==3.7)
```

Queues

<<interface>> Queue

- An ordered collection of elements that may contain duplicates and supports removal of elements from the head of the queue
- offer() to add to the back and poll() to take from the front
- LinkedList: supports the necessary functionality
- PriorityQueue: adds a notion of priority to the queue so more important stuff bubbles to the top



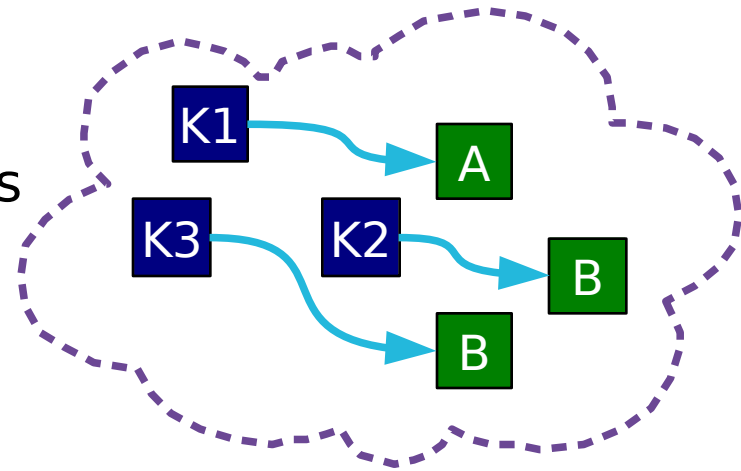
```
LinkedList<Double> ll = new LinkedList<Double>();  
ll.offer(1.0);  
ll.offer(0.5);  
ll.poll(); // 1.0  
ll.poll(); // 0.5
```

Maps

Dictionary (ML)
Table (algorithms)

<<interface>> Map

- Like dictionaries in ML
- Maps **key** objects to **value** objects
- Keys must be unique
- Values can be duplicated and (sometimes) null.
- TreeMap: keys kept in order
- HashMap: Keys not in order, efficient (see Algorithms)



```
TreeMap<String, Integer> tm = new TreeMap<String,Integer>();  
tm.put("A",1);  
tm.put("B",2);  
tm.get("A"); // returns 1  
tm.get("C"); // returns null  
tm.contains("G"); // false
```

Iteration

- for loop

```
LinkedList<Integer> list = new LinkedList<Integer>();  
...  
for (int i=0; i<list.size(); i++) {  
    Integer next = list.get(i);  
}
```

- foreach loop (Java 5.0+)

```
LinkedList list = new LinkedList();  
...  
for (Integer i : list) {  
    ...  
}
```

} *Syntactic sugar*

Iterators

- What if our loop changes the structure?

```
for (int i=0; i<list.size(); i++) {  
    if (i==3) list.remove(i);  
}
```

- Java introduced the Iterator class

```
Iterator<Integer> it = list.iterator();  
  
while(it.hasNext()) {Integer i = it.next();}  
  
for (; it.hasNext(); ) {Integer i = it.next();}
```

- Safe to modify structure

```
while(it.hasNext()) {  
    it.remove();  
}
```

The Origins of Generics

```
// Make a TreeSet object
TreeSet ts = new TreeSet();

// Add integers to it
ts.add(new Integer(3));

// Loop through
iterator it = ts.iterator();
while(it.hasNext()) {
    Object o = it.next();
    Integer i = (Integer)o;
}
```

- The original Collections framework just dealt with collections of Objects
 - Everything in Java “is-a” Object so that way our collections framework will apply to any class
- But this leads to:
 - Constant casting of the result (ugly)
 - The need to know what the return type is
 - Accidental mixing of types in the collection


The Origins of Generics II

```
// Make a TreeSet object
TreeSet ts = new TreeSet();

// Add integers to it
ts.add(new Integer(3));
ts.add(new Person("Bob"));

// Loop through
iterator it = ts.iterator();
while(it.hasNext()) {
    Object o = it.next();
    Integer i = (Integer)o;
}
```

Going to fail for the
second element!
(But it will compile:
the error will be at
runtime)



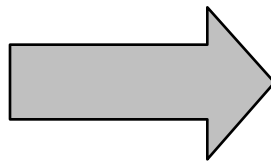
The Generics Solution

- Java implements *type erasure*
 - Compiler checks through your code to make sure you only used a single type with a given Generics object
 - Then it deletes all knowledge of the parameter, converting it to the old code invisibly

```
LinkedList<Integer> ll =  
    new LinkedList<Integer>();
```

...

```
for (Integer i : ll) {  
    do_something(i);  
}
```



```
LinkedList ll =  
    new LinkedList();
```

...

```
for (Object i : ll) {  
    do_something( (Integer)i );  
}
```

[Bytecode Demo]

So: You Can't use primitives for Generics!

LinkedList<Integer> → LinkedList<Object>
(LinkedList)

But primitives are not Objects

Autoboxing

LinkedList<Integer> li = - - - - -

li.add(new Integer(6))

li.add(6);

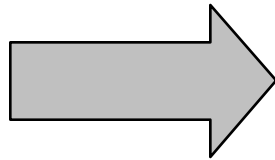
Auto creation of
primitive-related classes

Integer
Double, etc

The C++ Templates Solution

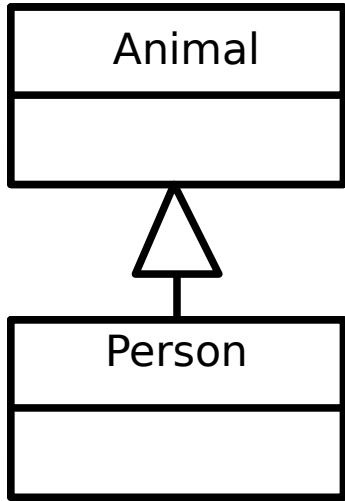
- Compiler first generates the class definitions from the template

```
class MyClass<T> {  
    T membervar;  
};
```



```
class MyClass_float {  
    float membervar;  
};  
class MyClass_int {  
    int membervar;  
};  
class MyClass_double {  
    double membervar;  
};  
...
```

Generics and SubTyping



```
// Object casting
Person p = new Person();
Animal o = (Animal) p;
```



```
// List casting
List<Person> plist = new LinkedList<Person>();
List<Animal> alist = (List<Animal>)plist;
```

So a list of **Persons** is a list of **Animals**, yes?

A red arrow originates from the question and points to the code below.

```
alist.add(new Hippo());
```


[Naughty Example]

Lecture 10: Comparing Objects

Comparing Primitives

>	Greater Than
>=	Greater than or equal to
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to

- Clearly compare the value of a primitive
- But what does `(ref1==ref2)` do??
 - Test whether they point to the same object?
 - Test whether the objects they point to have the same state?

Reference Equality

- $r1 == r2$, $r1 != r2$
- These test *reference equality*
- i.e. do the two references point to the same chunk of memory?

```
Person p1 = new Person("Bob");  
Person p2 = new Person("Bob");
```

$(p1 == p2);$ ← False (references differ)

$(p1 != p2);$ ← True (references differ)

$(p1 == p1);$ ← True

Value Equality

- Use the `equals()` method in `Object`
- Default implementation just uses reference equality (`==`) so we have to override the method

```
public EqualsTest {
    public int x = 8;

    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object o) {
        EqualsTest e = (EqualsTest)o;
        return (this.x==e.x);
    }

    public static void main(String args[]) {
        EqualsTest t1 = new EqualsTest();
        EqualsTest t2 = new EqualsTest();
        System.out.println(t1==t2);
        System.out.println(t1.equals(t2));
    }
}
```

The String Confusion

(non-exam)

Strings are interned



Saved to one place
in memory

Aside: Use The Override Annotation

- It's so easy to mistakenly write:

```
public EqualsTest {
    public int x = 8;

    public boolean equals(EqualsTest e) {
        return (this.x==e.x);
    }

    public static void main(String args[]) {
        EqualsTest t1 = new EqualsTest();
        EqualsTest t2 = new EqualsTest();
        Object o1 = (Object) t1;
        Object o2 = (Object) t2;
        System.out.println(t1.equals(t2));
        System.out.println(o1.equals(o2));
    }
}
```

Aside: Use The Override Annotation II

- Annotation would have picked up the mistake:

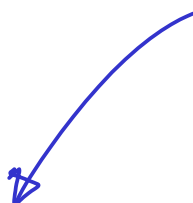
```
public EqualsTest {  
    public int x = 8;
```

```
    @Override
```

```
    public boolean equals(EqualsTest e) {  
        return (this.x==e.x);  
    }
```

```
public static void main(String args[]) {  
    EqualsTest t1 = new EqualsTest();  
    EqualsTest t2 = new EqualsTest();  
    Object o1 = (Object) t1;  
    Object o2 = (Object) t2;  
    System.out.println(t1.equals(t2));  
    System.out.println(o1.equals(o2));  
}  
}
```

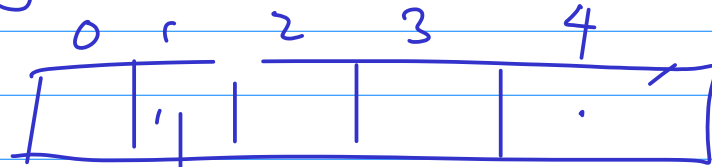
*Should be
Object*



Java Quirk: hashCode()

- Object also gives classes hashCode()
- Code assumes that if equals(a,b) returns true, then a.hashCode() is the same as b.hashCode()
- So you should override hashCode() at the same time as equals()

Understanding hashes



$k = 5$



Comparable<T> Interface I

```
int compareTo(T obj);
```

- Part of the Collections Framework
- Doesn't just tell us true or false, but smaller, same, or larger: useful for sorting.
- Returns an integer, r:
 - $r < 0$ This object is less than obj
 - $r == 0$ This object is equal to obj
 - $r > 0$ This object is greater than obj

Comparable<T> Interface II

```
public class Point implements Comparable<Point> {
    private final int mX;
    private final int mY;
    public Point (int, int y) { mX=x; mY=y; }

    // sort by y, then x
    public int compareTo(Point p) {
        if ( mY>p.mY) return 1;
        else if (mY<p.mY) return -1;
        else {
            if (mX>p.mX) return 1;
            else if (mX<p.mX) return -1;
            else return 0.
        }
    }
}
```

```
// This will be sorted automatically by y, then x
Set<Point> list = new TreeSet<Point>();
```

Comparator<T> Interface I

```
int compare(T obj1, T obj2)
```

- Also part of the Collections framework and allows us to specify a specific ordering for a particular job
- E.g. a Person might have natural ordering that sorts by surname. A Comparator could be written to sort by age instead...

Comparator<T> Interface II

```
public class Person implements Comparable<Person> {  
    private String mSurname;  
    private int mAge;  
    public int compareTo(Person p) {  
        return mSurname.compareTo(p.mSurname);  
    }  
}
```

```
public class AgeComparator implements Comparator<Person> {  
    public int compare(Person p1, Person p2) {  
        return (p1.mAge-p2.mAge);  
    }  
}
```

...

```
ArrayList<Person> plist = ...;
```

...

```
Collections.sort(plist); // sorts by surname
```

```
Collections.sort(plist, new AgeComparator()); // sorts by age
```

Operator Overloading

- Some languages have a neat feature that allows you to overload the comparison operators. e.g. in C++

```
class Person {  
    public:  
        Int mAge  
        bool operator==(Person &p) {  
            return (p.mAge==mAge);  
        };  
}
```

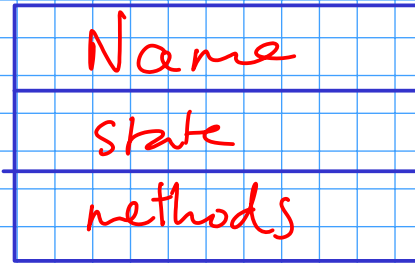
```
Person a, b;  
b == a; // Test value equality
```

Lecture 11/12
Design Patterns

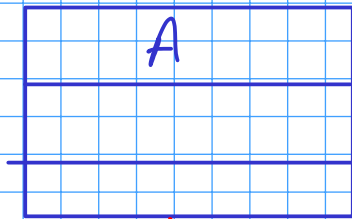
Design Patterns

- A **Design Pattern** is a general reusable solution to a commonly occurring problem in software design
- Coined by Erich Gamma in his 1991 Ph.D. thesis
- Originally 23 patterns, now many more. Useful to look at because they illustrate some of the power of OOP (and also some of the pitfalls)
- We will only consider a subset

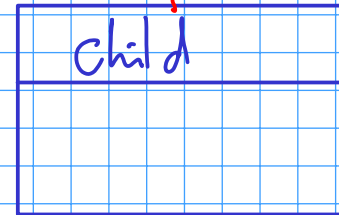
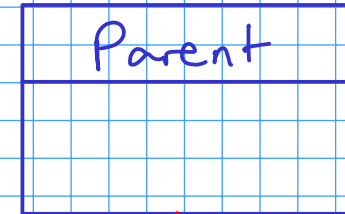
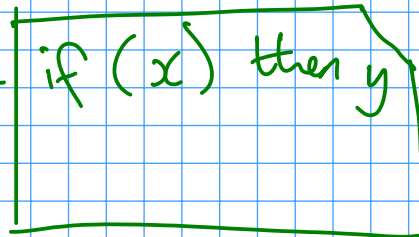
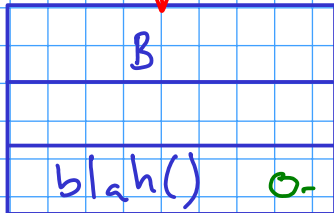
UML Refresher



- private
+ public
protected



has-a



The Open-Closed Principle

Classes should be open for extension but closed for modification

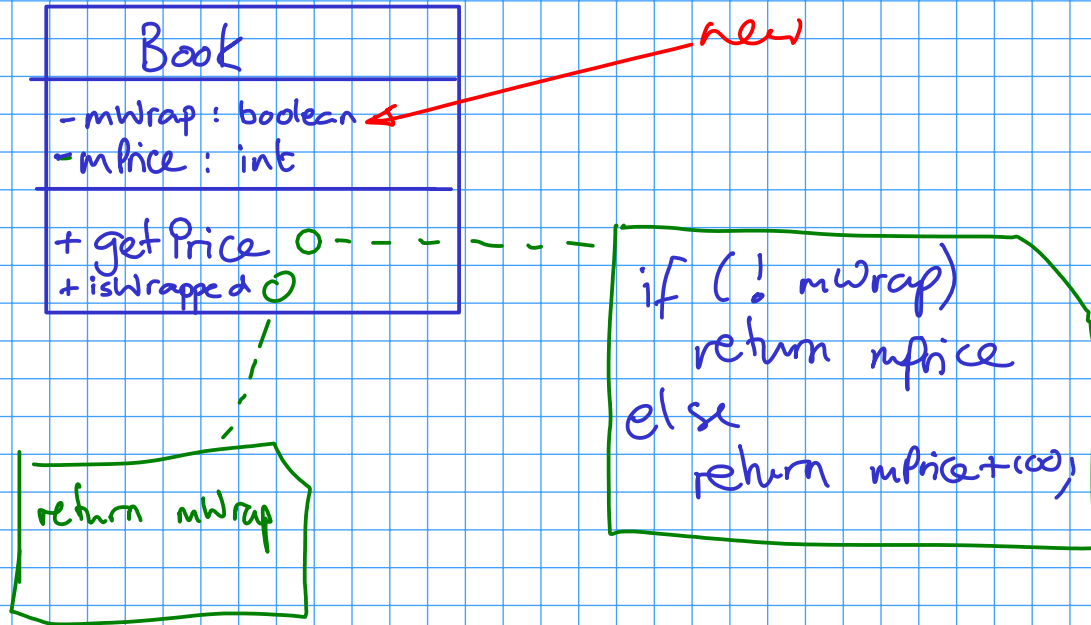
- i.e. we would like to be able to modify the behaviour without touching its source code
- This rule-of-thumb leads to more reliable large software and will help us to evaluate the various design patterns

Decorator

Abstract problem: How can we add state or methods at runtime?

Example problem: How can we efficiently support gift-wrapped books in an online bookstore?

Solution 1: Add variables to the established Book class that describe whether or not the product is to be gift wrapped.

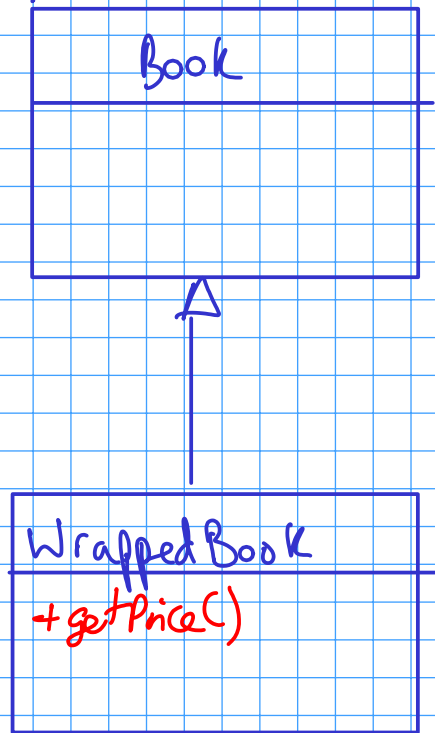


X violates open-closed

X Wasteful in space

X Hard to extend

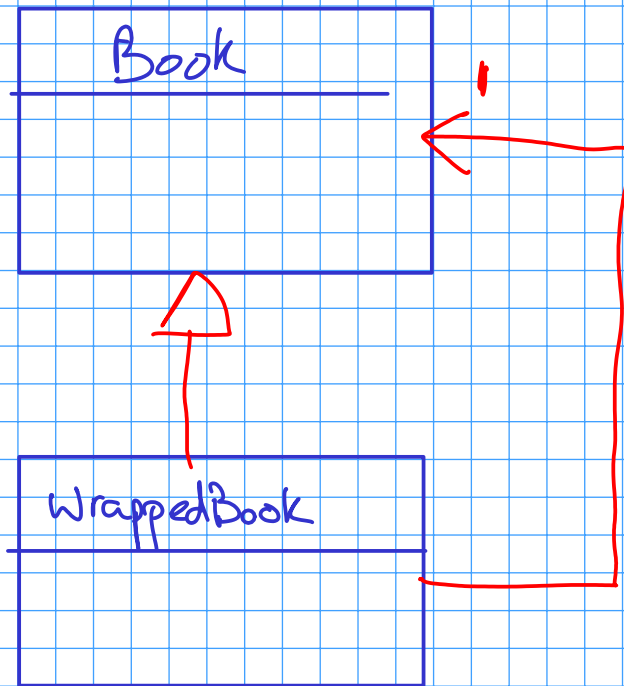
Solution 2: Extend Book to create WrappedBook.



Book b = new Book() ←
WrappedBook wb = ??



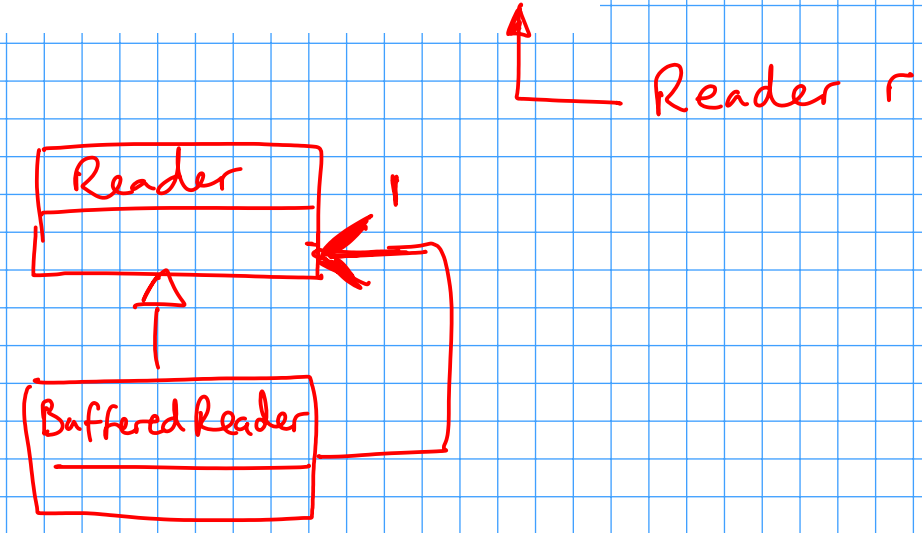
Solution 3: (Decorator) Extend `Book` to create `WrappedBook` and also add a member reference *to* a `Book` object. Just pass through any method calls to the internal reference, intercepting any that are to do with shipping or price to account for the extra wrapping behaviour.



Buffered reader

```
BufferedReader buff = new BufferedReader(r);
```

```
java.io  
Class BufferedReader  
  
java.lang.Object  
java.io.Reader  
java.io.BufferedReader
```



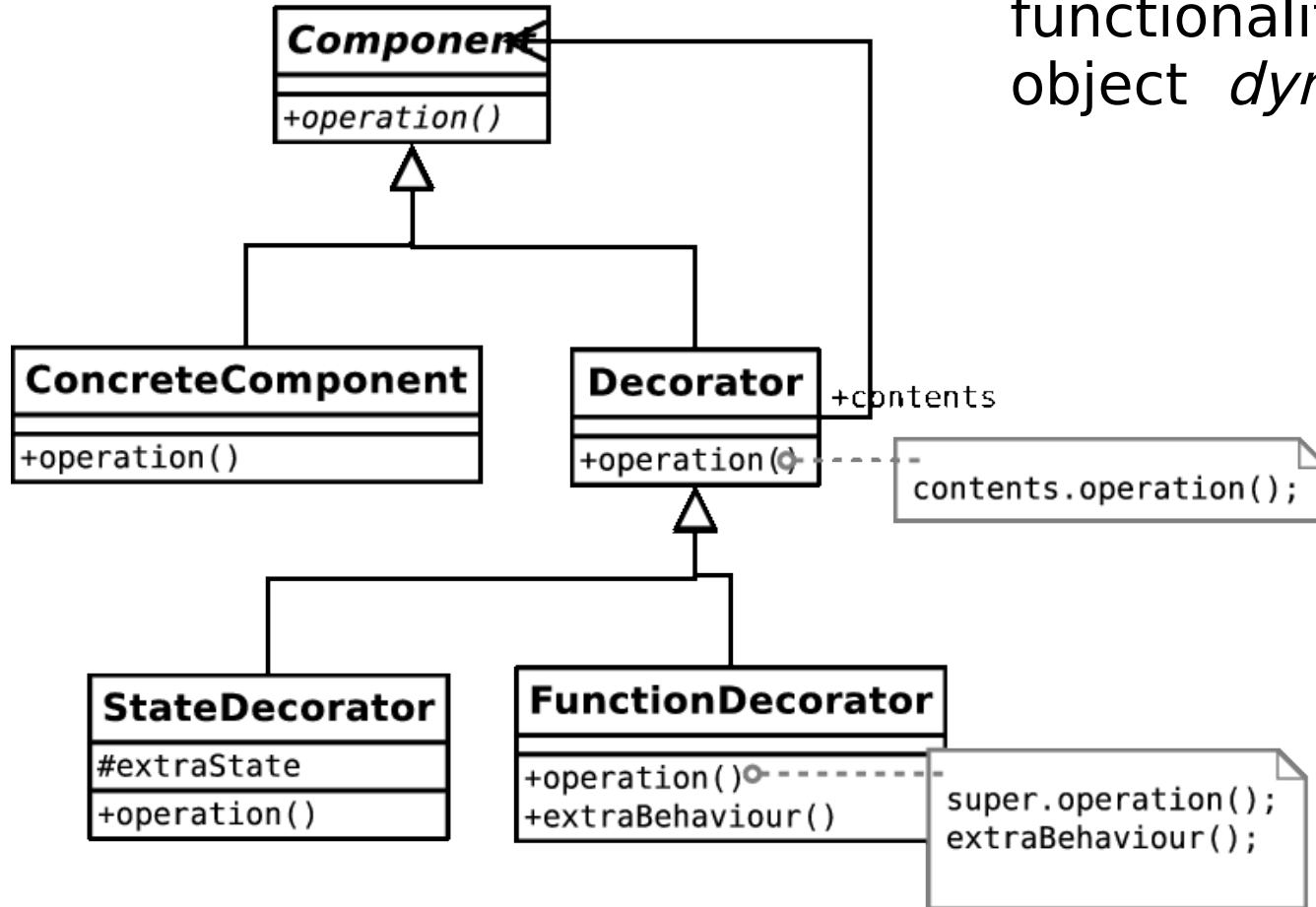
```
BufferedReader buff = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("blah"));
```

Read more bytes
than asked for
⇒ efficiency
⇒ readLine()

Reads from a file
byte by byte

Decorator in General

- The decorator pattern adds state and/or functionality to an object *dynamically*



Singleton

Abstract problem: How can we ensure only one instance of an object is created by developers using our code?

Example problem: You have a class that encapsulates accessing a database over a network. When instantiated, the object will create a connection and send the query. Unfortunately you are only allowed one connection at a time.

Singleton Recipe

1. Make constructor private


2. Make a single static instance

3. Make a public static get(instance())

java.util.Runtime

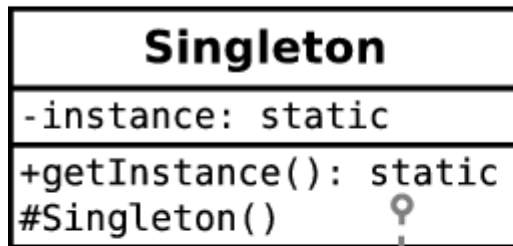
Runtime.getRuntime()

freeMemory()



Singleton in General

- The singleton pattern ensures a class has only one instance and provides global access to it



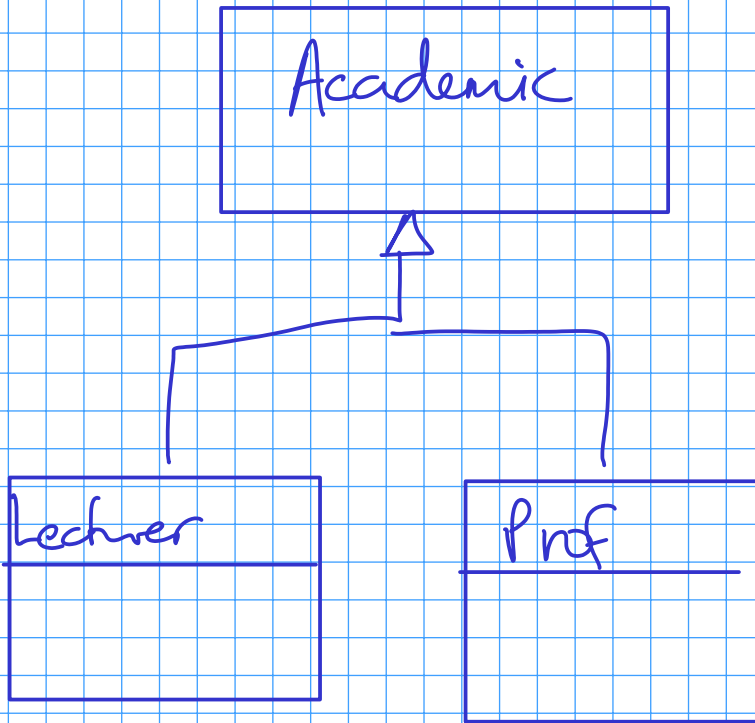
```
if (instance==null) instance=new Singleton();  
return instance;
```

State

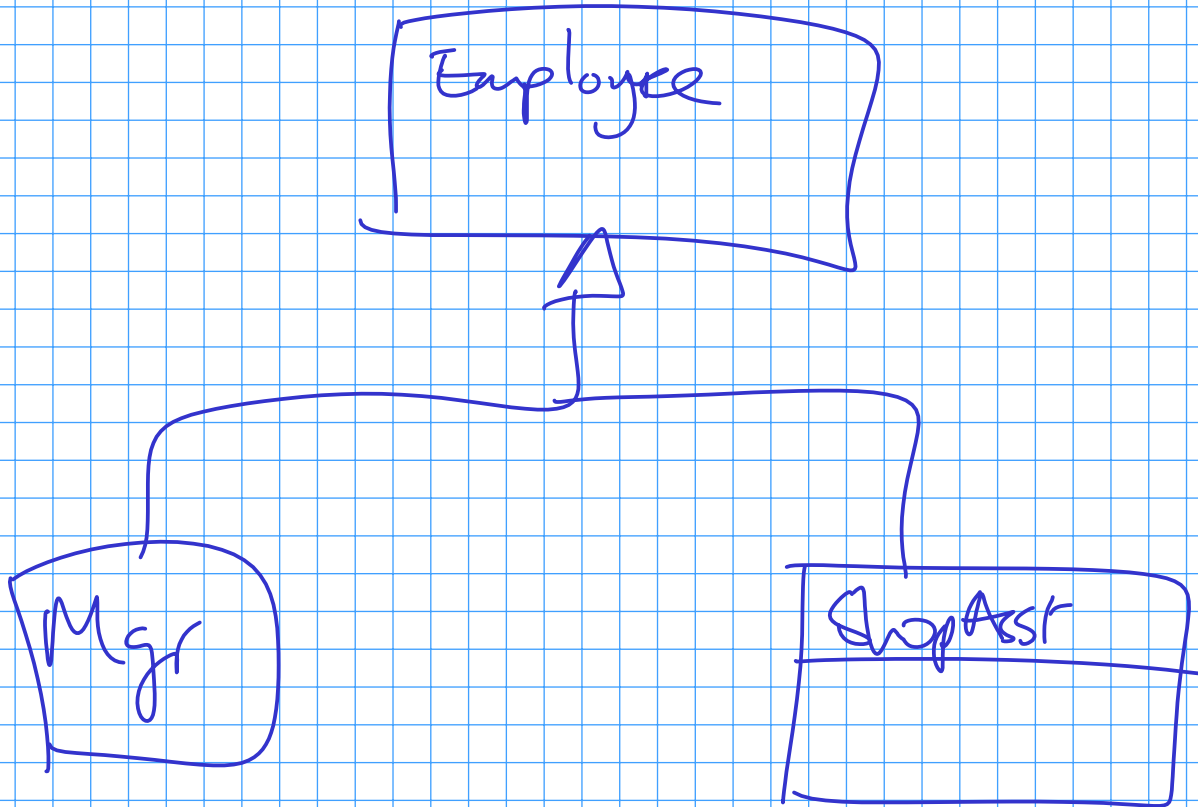
Abstract problem: How can we let an object alter its behaviour when its internal state changes?

Example problem: Representing academics as they progress through the rank *sf*

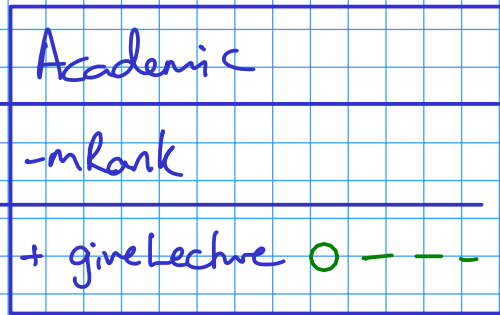
Solution 1: Have an abstract Academic class which acts as a base class for Lecturer, Professor, etc.



```
Lecturer l = new Lecturer();  
// promote  
Prof lp = ???
```



Solution 2: Make Academic a concrete class with a member variable that indicates rank. To get rank-specific behaviour, check this variable within the relevant methods.

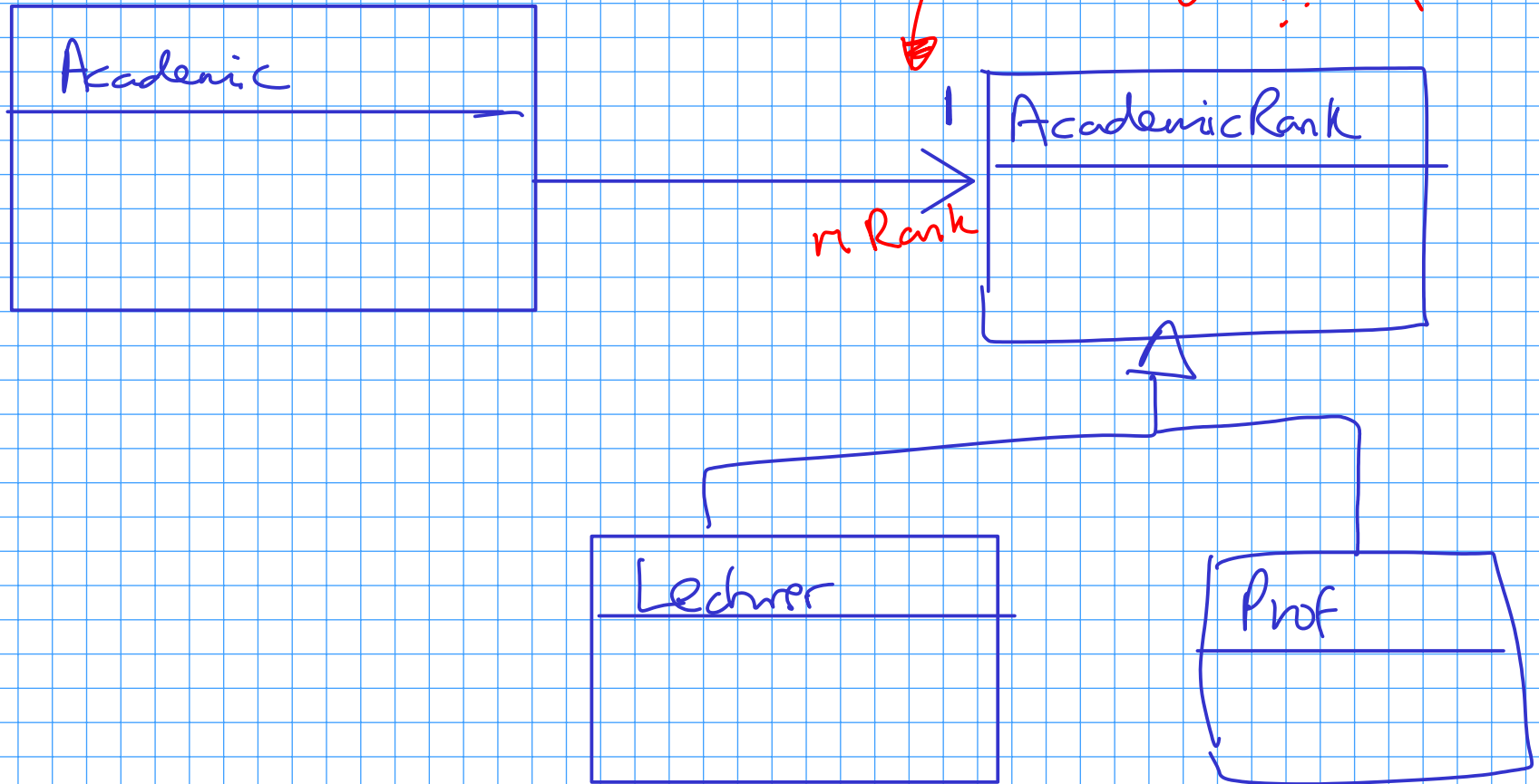


```
if (mRank == LECTURER)
    beNervous();
else
    beDull();
```

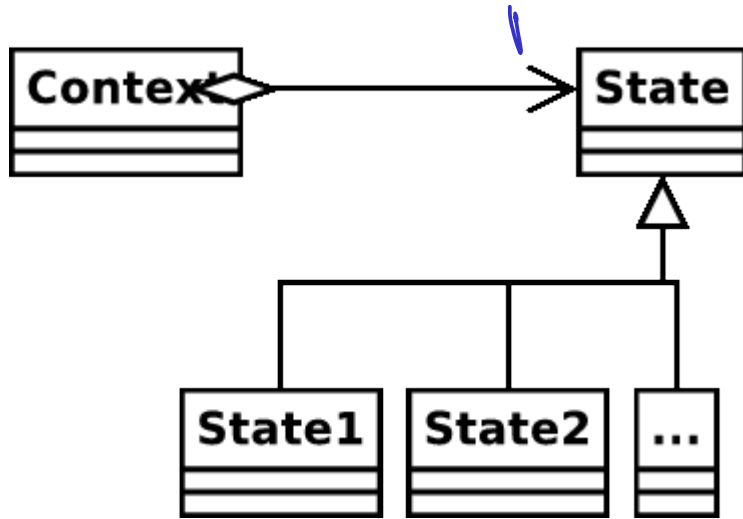
✓ Solves problem
X Ugly

X violated
open-closed

Solution 3: (State) Make Academic a concrete class that has-a AcademicRank as a member. Use AcademicRank as a base for Lecturer, Professor, etc., implementing the rank-specific behaviour in each..



State in General



- The state pattern allows an object to cleanly alter its behaviour when internal state changes

Strategy

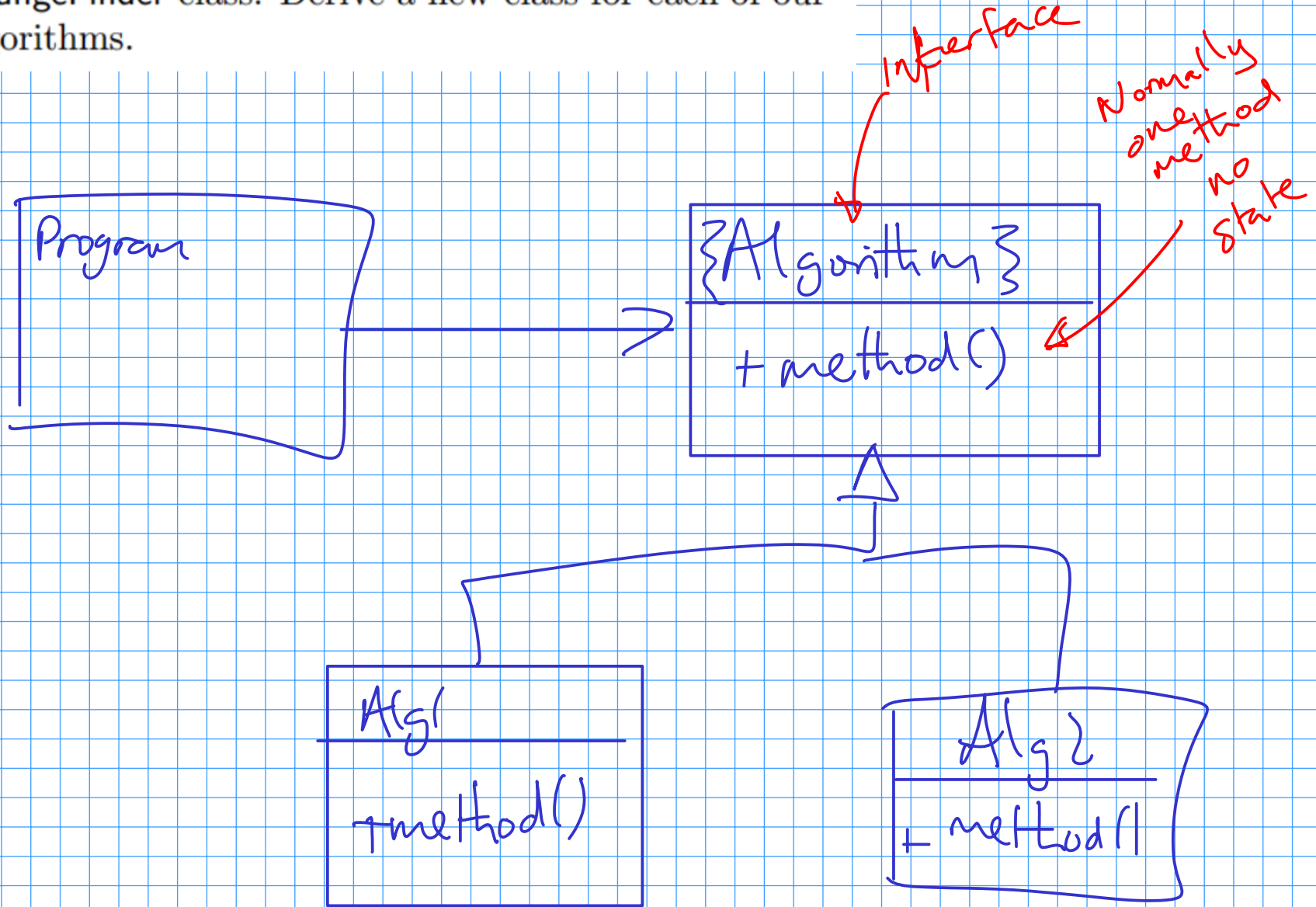
Abstract problem: How can we select an algorithm implementation at runtime?

Example problem: We have many possible change-making implementations. How do we cleanly change between them?

Solution 1: Use a lot of if...else statements in the getChange(...) method.

```
getChange() {  
    if (useMethod1) {  
        method1();  
    }  
    else if (useMethod2) {  
        method2();  
    }  
}
```

Solution 2: (Strategy) Create an abstract ChangeFinder class. Derive a new class for each of our algorithms.



State vs Strategy

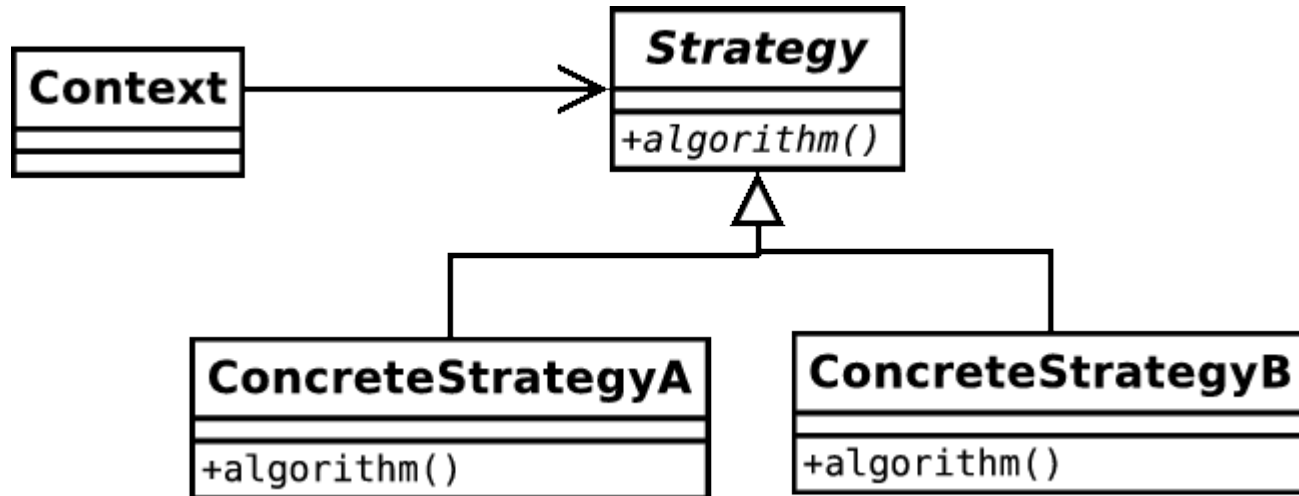
Differ in intent

State - Different behaviour according to some state/context } hidden state

Strategy - Same behaviour but different ways of doing it } Explicit

Strategy in General

- The strategy pattern allows us to cleanly interchange between algorithm implementations



Ticks

CST

Java Tick 4

Java Tick 5

ML Tick 5

NST

Java Tick 4

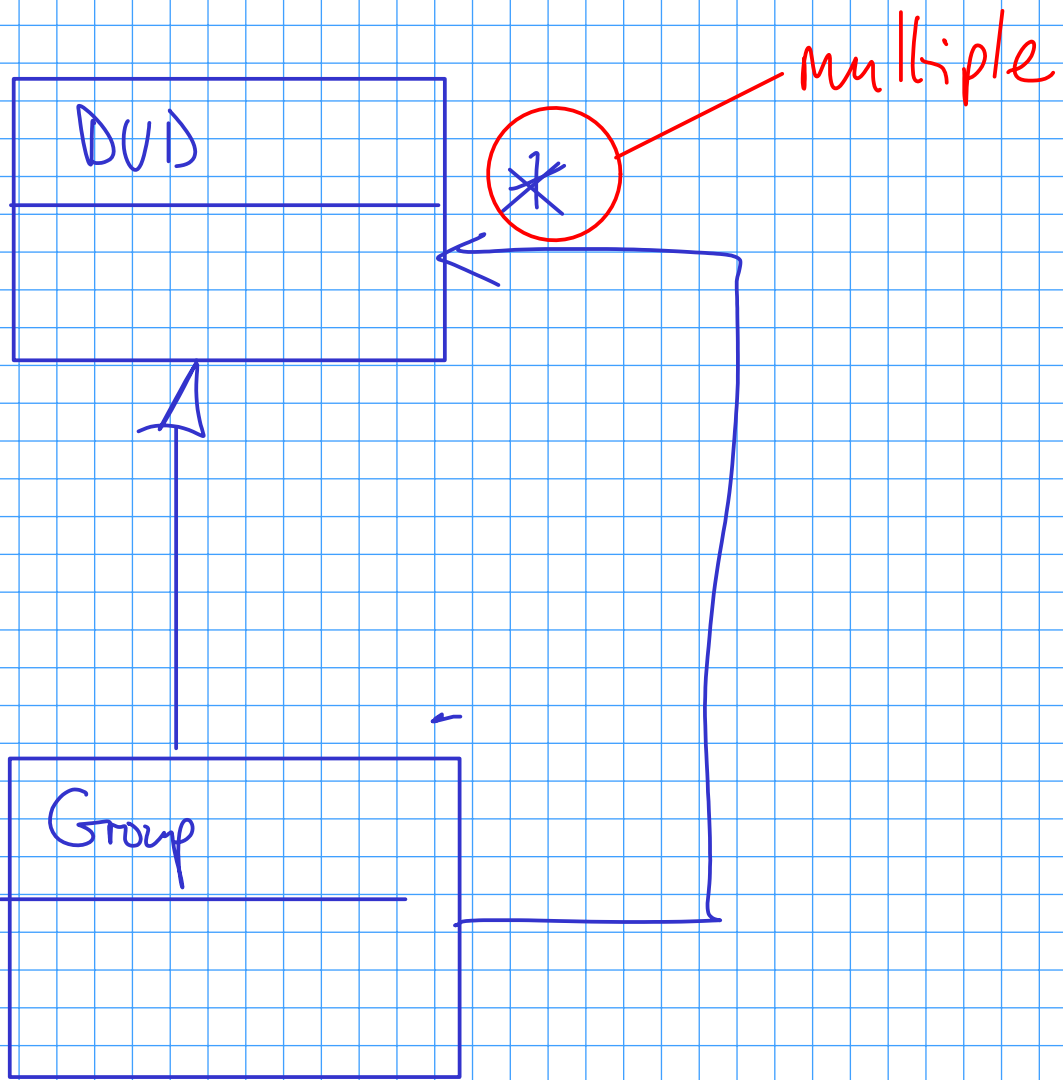
Java Tick 5

Due at start of next term

Composite

Abstract problem: How can we treat a group of objects as a single object?

Example problem: Representing a DVD box-set as well as the individual films without duplicating info and with a 10% discount



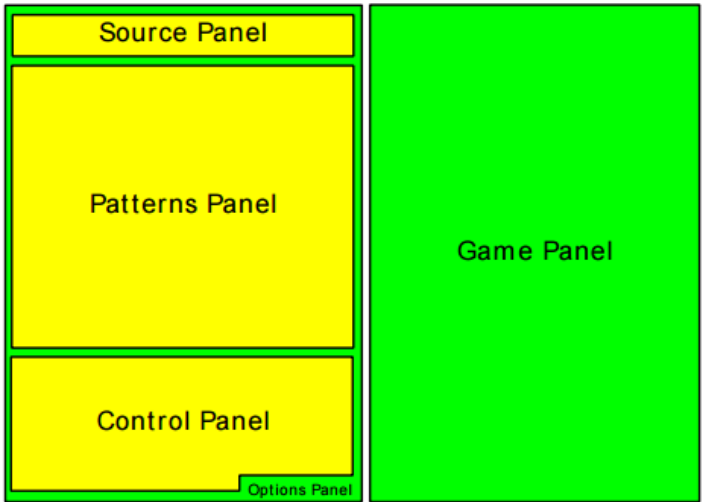
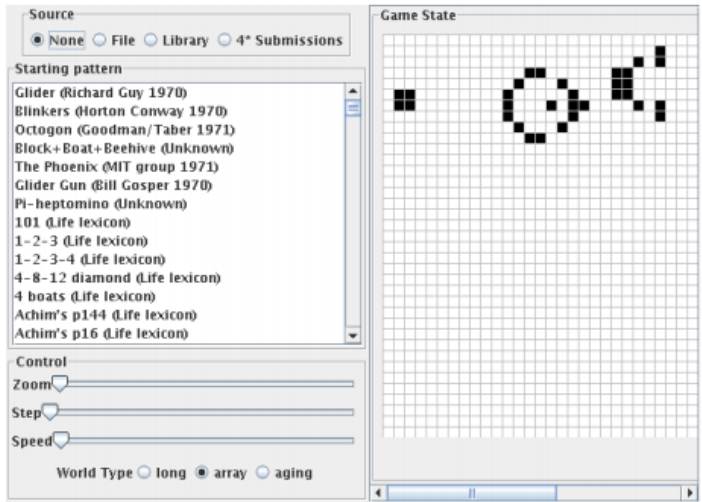
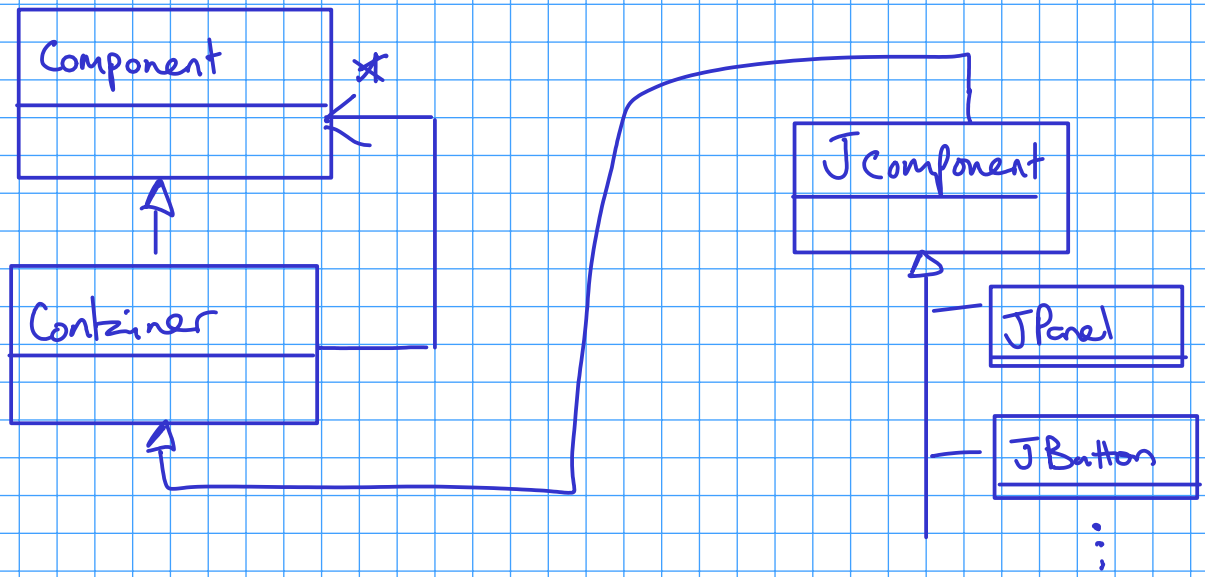
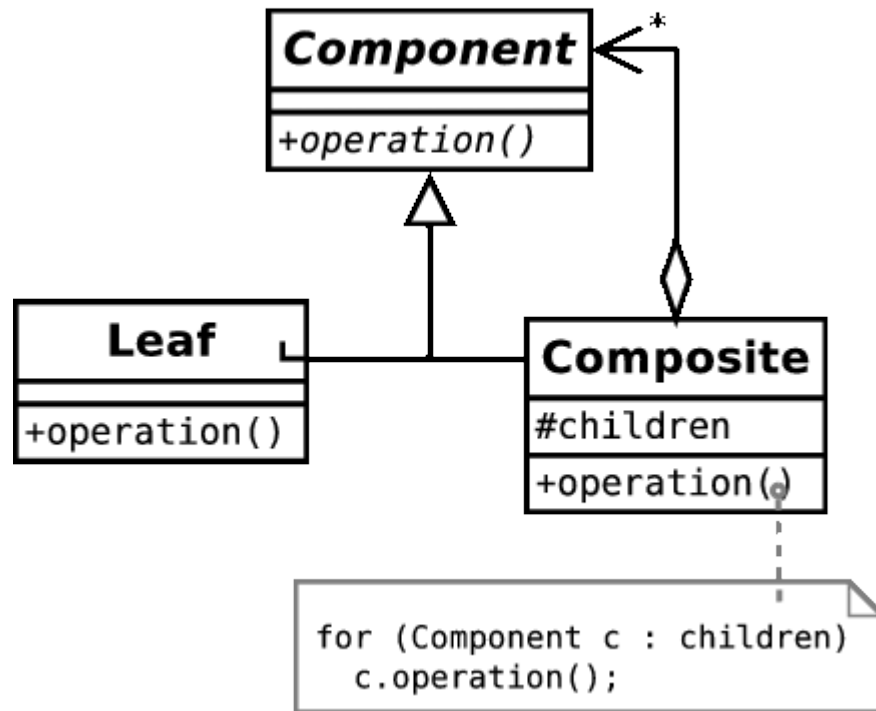


Figure 1. Layout of GUI for the Game of Life; the left shows the GUI, and the right shows the names of the main interface containers



Composite in General



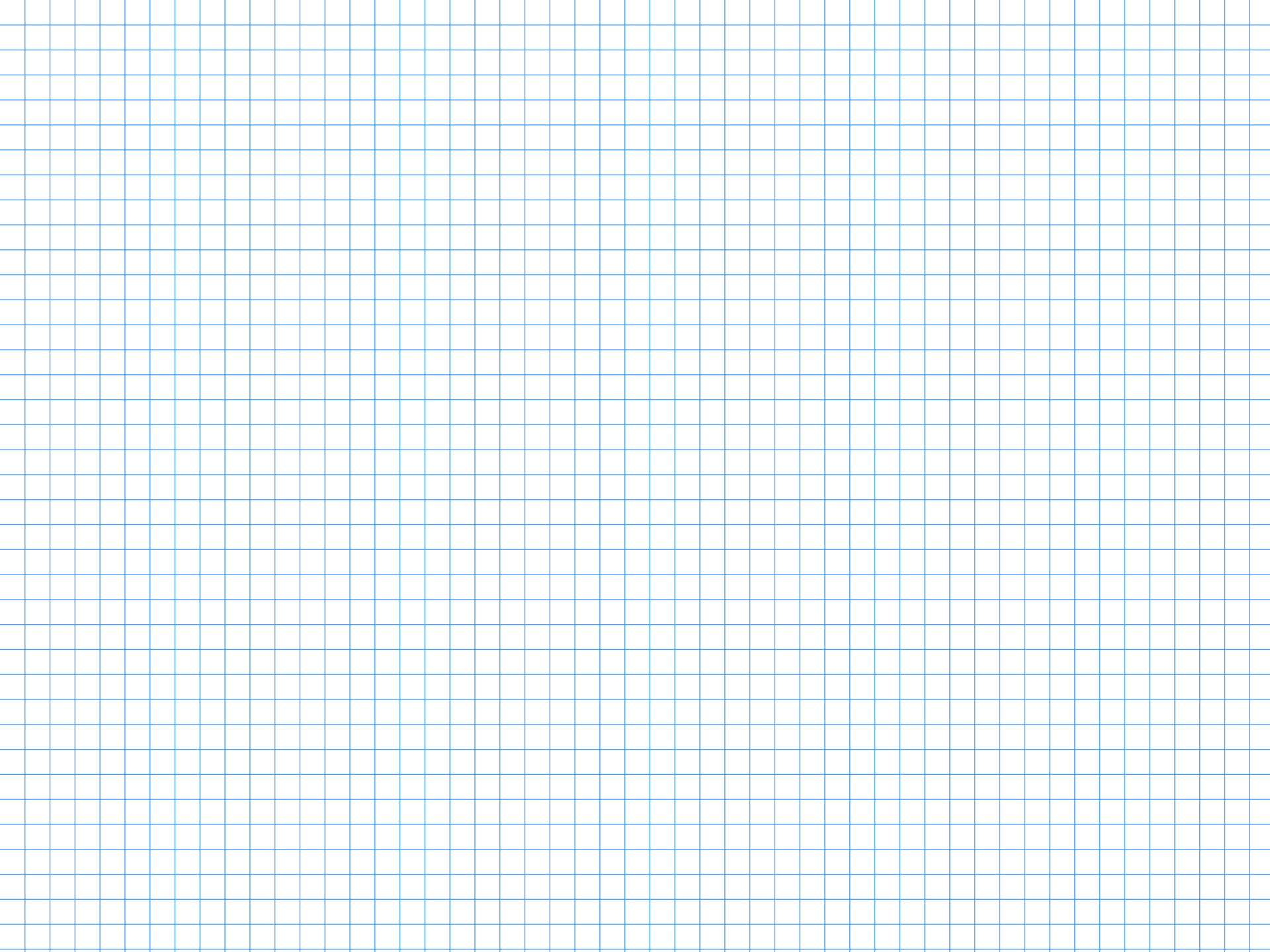
- The composite pattern lets us treat objects and groups of objects uniformly

Observer

Abstract problem: When an object changes state, how can any interested parties know?

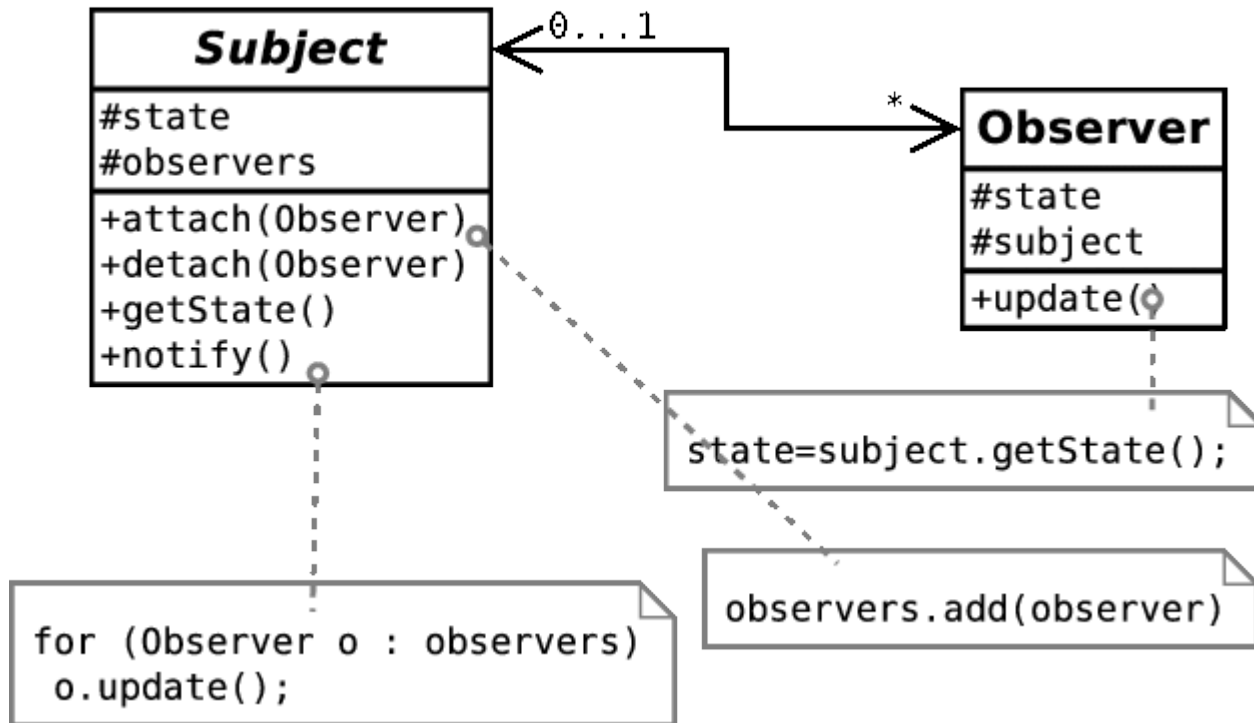
"publish-subscribe"
"pub-sub"

Example problem: How can we write phone apps that react to accelerometer events?

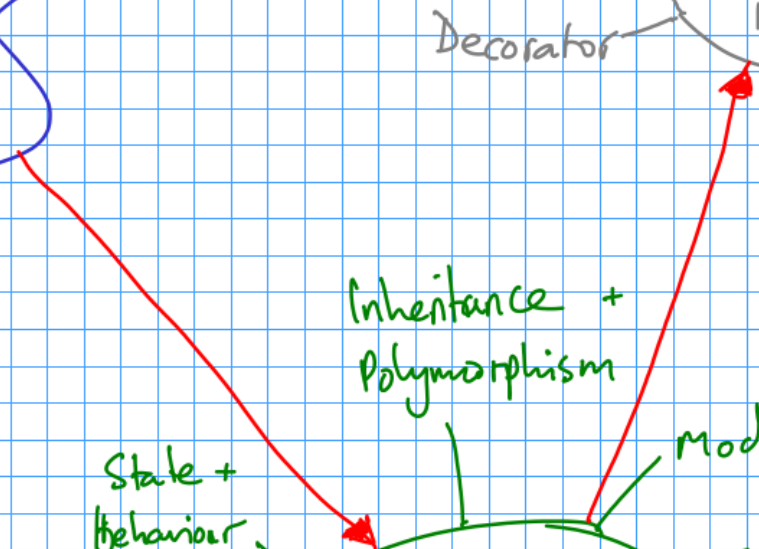
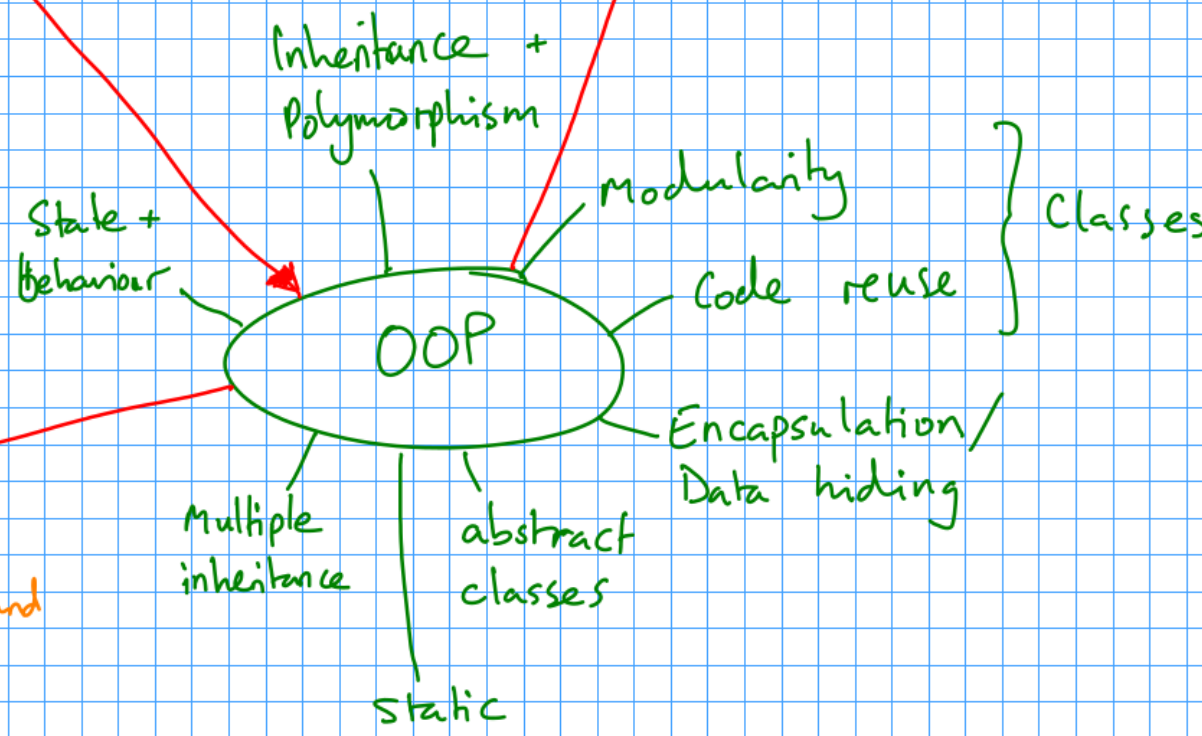
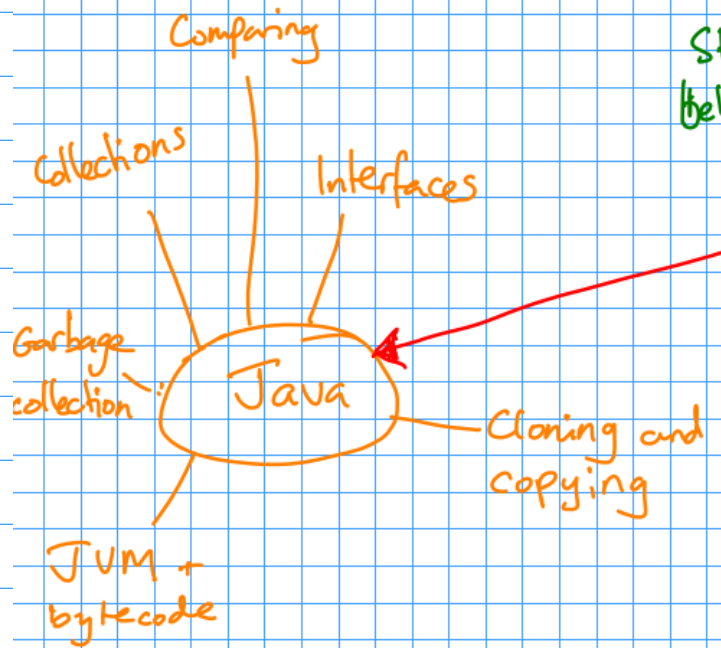
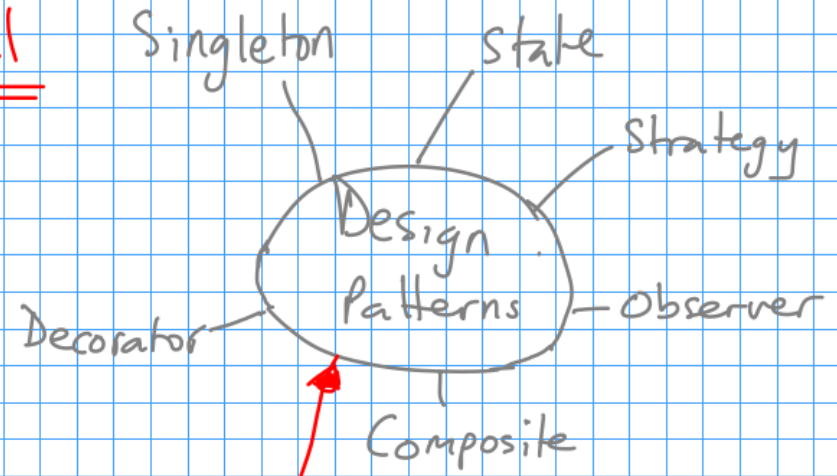
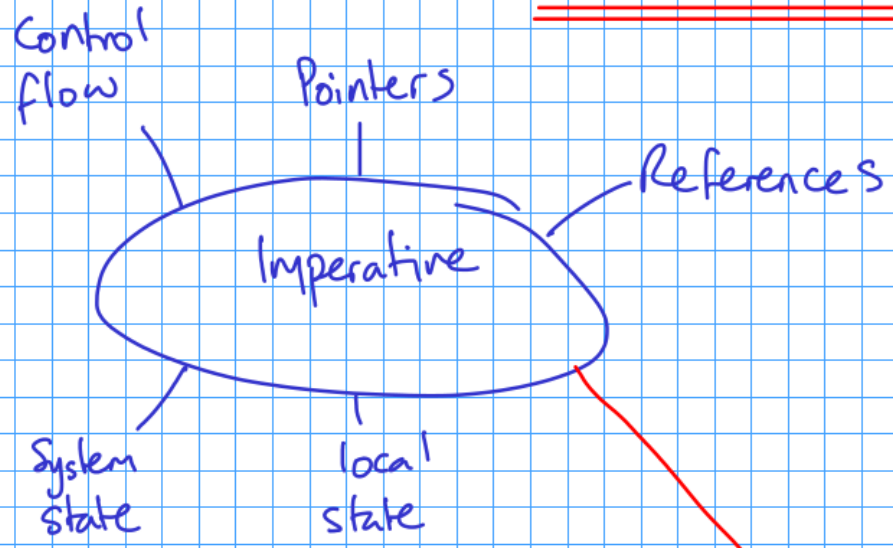


Observer in General

- The observer pattern allows an object to have multiple dependents and propagates updates to the dependents automatically.



In a Nutshell





MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

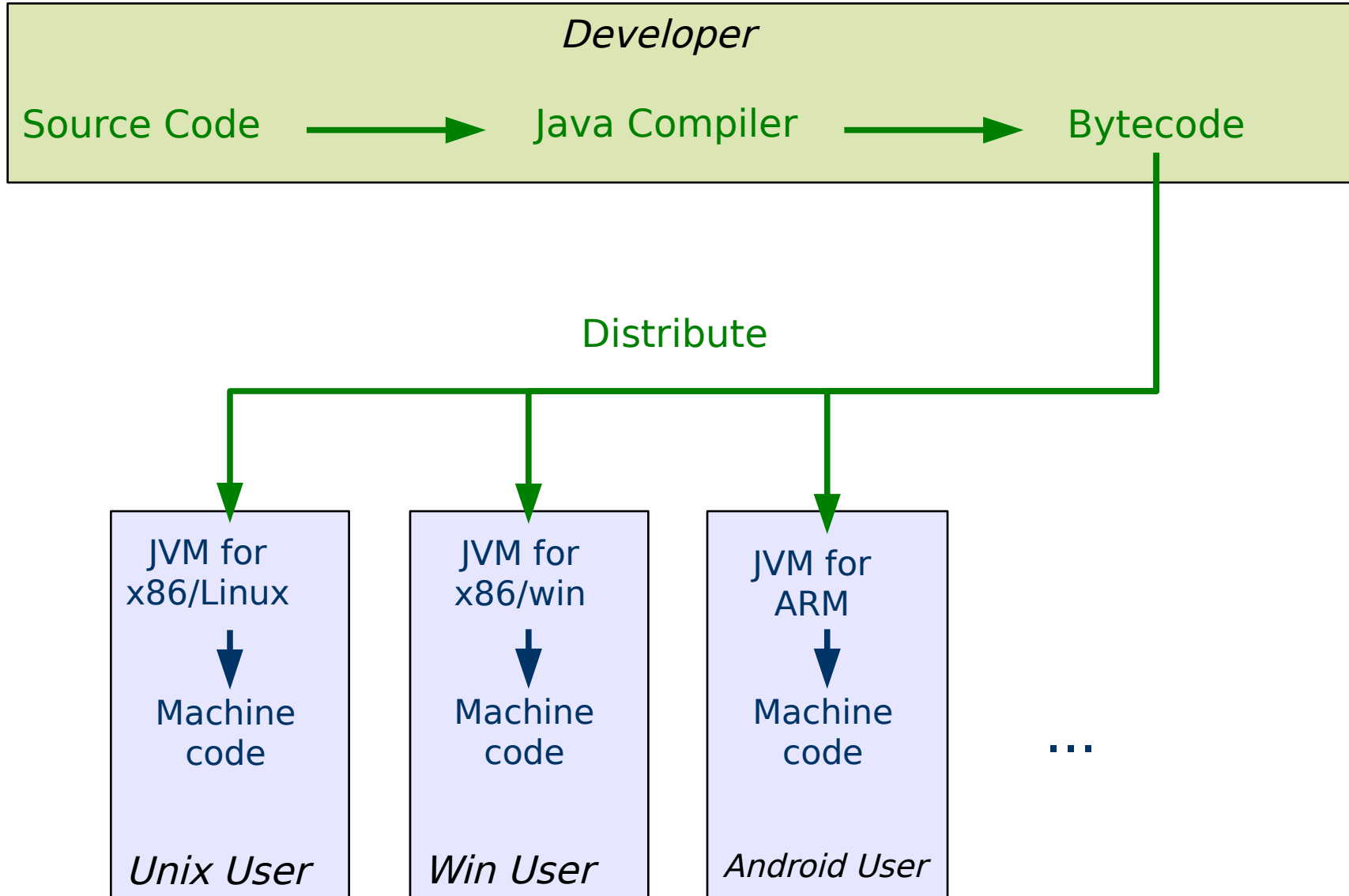
Interpreter to Virtual Machine

- *Java* was born in an era of internet connectivity. SUN wanted to distribute programs to internet machines
 - But many architectures were attached to the internet – how do you write one program for them all?
 - And how do you keep the size of the program small (for quick download)?
- Could use an interpreter (→ Javascript). But:
 - High level languages not very space-efficient
 - The source code would implicitly be there for anyone to see, which hinders commercial viability.
- Went for a clever hybrid interpreter/compiler

Java Bytecode I

- SUN envisaged a hypothetical **Java Virtual Machine (JVM)**. Java is compiled into machine code (**called bytecode**) for that (imaginary) machine. The bytecode is then distributed.
- To use the bytecode, the user must have a JVM that has been specially compiled for their architecture.
- **The JVM takes in bytecode and spits out the correct machine code for the local computer. i.e. is a bytecode interpreter**

Java Bytecode II



Java Bytecode III

- + Bytecode is compiled so not easy to reverse engineer
- + The JVM ships with tons of libraries which makes the bytecode you distribute small
- + The toughest part of the compile (from human-readable to computer readable) is done by the compiler, leaving the computer-readable bytecode to be translated by the JVM (→ easier job → faster job)
- Still a performance hit compared to fully compiled ("native") code