



Block I – Unit 3

Using Inheritance



Concepts Covered

- Develop programs that will respond to **mouse-related events**.
- Use the **Vector** class for holding objects and primitive data types. (wrapper class)
- Write simple **exception handlers**.
- Develop programs using **inheritance**.
- Use **polymorphism** and polymorphic variables in your programs.



Study activity

- Create **PinBallGame1**, **PinBallGame2** and **PinBallGame3** projects and run them.

(Exercises 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 of the IDE Handbook)



The game

- Users fire a ball from a small square.
- Balls encounters a variety of targets and fall back to the ground.
- User scores points when balls hit targets.
- The scores depends on the type of targets hit by the balls.



The Class PinBallFire

- Is a fire button for the application
- It knows how to draw itself.
- It can test a point to see if it is in the region of the fire button and returns a ball.



The PinBall Class

- **Pinball** extends the class **CannonBall**, even though there is no cannon in the pinball game.
- Fired from a **PinBallFire** and responded to gravity just like cannon ball.



The PinBall Class

```
import java.awt.*;
```

```
public class PinBall extends CannonBall {  
    public PinBall (Point loc) {  
        super(loc, 8, -2 + Math.random(), -15);  
    }  
}
```

```
    public Rectangle box() {  
        int r = radius();  
        return new Rectangle(location().x-r, location().y-r, 2*r, 2*r);  
    }  
}
```

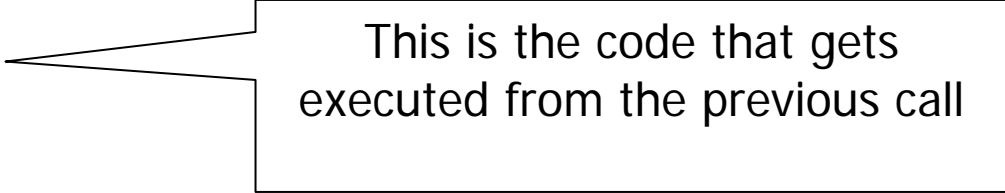
Method is inherited from the constructor in the parent class **CannonBall**



The CannonBall Class

```
import java.awt.*;
```

```
public class CannonBall extends Ball {  
    public CannonBall (Point loc, int r, double dx, double dy) {  
        //invoke Ball's constructor  
        super(loc, r);  
        setMotion(dx, dy);  
    }  
}
```



This is the code that gets executed from the previous call

```
public double GravityEffect = 0.3;
```

```
public void move () {  
    changeInY += GravityEffect; //short for changeInY = changeInY +  
    GravityEffect;  
    super.move(); //update the ball position  
}  
}
```



The CannonBall Class

- `super(loc, r);`
- `setMotion(dx, dy);`
- There are two parts:
 - `super` invokes the constructor of its parent class **Ball**.
 - `setMotion` will set the direction of the initial move of the ball.



The **Vector** Class

- Need a structure that holds an un-determined number of balls.
- Unlike arrays, **Vector** can dynamically grow as elements are inserted.
- It could only hold objects or wrapped primitive data type.



Accessing elements of **Vector**

- `balls = new Vector();`
- `balls.addElement (newBall);`
- `For (int i = 0; i < balls.size(); i++)`
- `PinBall aBall = (PinBall) balls.elementAt(i);`



Mouse Listeners

- The concept is that objects wait and listen.
- In our example, to create a listener, we define a class that implements the following interface.
- ```
public interface MouseListener {
 public interface MouseListener {
 public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e);
 public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e);
 public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e);
 public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e);
 }
}
```



# Mouse Listeners

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- Instead of implementing all methods.
- Java provides a class named **MouseAdapter**.
- The class **MouseAdapter** implements **MouseListener** with empty methods.
- Programmer can inherit from **MouseAdapter** and implements the needed methods.



# Mouse Listeners

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- That is what we do in our example.
- We define an *inner* class that defines **MouseListener** by extending **MouseAdapter**.

**Private class MouseKeeper extends MouseAdapter {**

- An instance of this class is created and passed as argument to the method **addMouseListener**.

**addMouseListener (new MouseKeeper());**



# Running the Application

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- The run method repeatedly calls **moveBalls** to move the balls, repaints the window and sleep shortly for window to be redrawn.

```
public void run() {
 while (true) {
 moveBalls();
 repaint();
 try {
 Thread.sleep(10);
 } catch (InterruptedException e) {System.exit(0);}
 }
}
```



# Running the Application

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- The moveBalls routine cycles over the list of balls, moving each one.

- ```
private void moveBalls() {
```
- ```
 for (int i = 0; i < balls.size(); i++) {
```
- ```
        PinBall theBall = (PinBall) balls.elementAt(i);
```
- ```
 if (theBall.location().y < FrameHeight){
```
- ```
            theBall.move();
```
- ```
 for (int j = 0; j < targets.size(); j++) {
```
- ```
                PinBallTarget target =
```
- ```
 (PinBallTarget) targets.elementAt(j);
```
- ```
                if (target.intersects(theBall)) target.hitBy(theBall);
```
- ```
 }
```
- ```
        }
```
- ```
 }
```
- ```
}
```



Adding targets

- As in real pinball game, we need to add targets for the ball to encounter.
- Some targets add scores, some move balls and some swallow the balls.
- We need a **PinBallTarget** interface.



The PinBallTarget interface

- `import java.awt.*;`
- `public interface PinBallTarget`
- `{`
- `public boolean intersects(PinBall aBall);`
- `public void moveTo(int x, int y);`
- `public void paint(Graphics g);`
- `public void hitBy(PinBall aBall);`
- `}`
- The above defines a common behavior for Peg and Wall.



The Spring Class

- A **Spring** mimics the behaviour of a typical real-life pinball target which, when hit, gives the ball a slight 'push', that is, a small increase in velocity.



The Spring Class

- The **Spring** class implements **PinBallTarget**.
- It implements all methods.
- Describe all methods in the class.

Polymorphism / Polymorphic Variable

```
for (int j = 0; j < targets.size(); j++) {  
    PinBallTarget target =  
        (PinBallTarget) targets.elementAt(j); //Line 1  
    if (target.intersects(theBall)) target.hitBy(theBall); //Line 2  
}
```

- The variable **target** is used to hold objects of type **PinBallTarget** .
- Line 1, extracts an individual **target** from the vector **targets** and calls it **target** which is of type **PinBallTarget** but actually holds targets of type **Hole**, **ScorePad**, **Peg** and so on.

Polymorphism / Polymorphic Variable

```
for (int j = 0; j < targets.size(); j++) {  
    PinBallTarget target =  
        (PinBallTarget) targets.elementAt(j);           //Line 1  
    if (target.intersects(theBall)) target.hitBy(theBall); //Line 2  
}
```

- Thus, since `target` can refer to objects of different types (though they must all be subtypes of `PinBallTarget`), `target` is said to be a **polymorphic variable**.
- In line 2, the fact that `target` is a **polymorphic variable** means that the methods `intersects` and `hitBy` actually used, are those that apply to whatever type of object `target` currently refers to.



An Aspect of Polymorphism.

- **Spring** and **Wall** both implements **PinBallTarget**.
- A variable declared as **PinBallTarget** could be holding either a **Spring** or a **Wall**.
- This is one aspect of polymorphism.



The Hole Class

```
public class Hole extends Ball implements PinBallTarget  
{ .....
```

- Inheritance is used when we have structural relationship
- Interface is used when we have behavioral relationship.



Inheritance and Interfaces

- The difference between implementing an interface and extending a class is subtle.

- Consider the definition of **Hole**:

```
public class Hole extends Ball implements PinBallTarget {
```

- The fact that **Hole** extends **Ball** means that, except where overridden, any method of **Ball** is available to objects of class **Hole**.
- However, the fact that **Hole** implements **PinBallTarget** means that **Hole.java** needs to implement the methods **hitBy** and **intersects** that are part of the **PinBallTarget** interface. If it does not, the class **Hole** would not compile. (**moveTo** and **paint** are already inherited from **Ball**)



The ScorePad Class

- public class ScorePad extends Hole
- {.....

- Inherits the **intersects** behavior from **Hole** and **moveTo** from **Ball**

- But overrides the **paint** and **hitBy** methods that would otherwise be inherited by **Hole**



The Peg Class

- The **Peg** class is similar to **ScorePad**, therefore it extends **ScorePad** and overrides **paint** and **hitBy**.



The **try** statement

- Any code that can generate an exception should be placed in a **try** block.
- A **try** block can be followed by zero, one or more **catch** clauses. Each **catch** clause specifies the type of exception it can catch and an exception handler.



The **try** statement

- The optional **finally** block is executed when an exception that is not explicitly handled by one of the given **catch** clauses occurs.

```
try {  
    sequence-of-statements;  
} catch (SomeException ex1) {  
    sequence-of-exception-handling-statements;  
} catch (AnotherException ex2) {  
    sequence-of-exception-handling-statements;  
}  
  
.  
  
.  
finally {  
    sequence-of-statements;  
}
```



The variable **world** is static

- The implementation of the method **hitBy** in **ScorePad** consists of the single message:

```
public void hitBy(PinBall aBall)
{
    PinBallGame.world.addScore(value);
}
```

- The method **addScore** is a member of the class **PinBallGame**



The variable `world` is static

- Since `world` is a `public static` variable defined in the class `PinBallGame`, it can be referred to in other classes by the construction: `PinBallgame.world`
- Any `static` variable (declared `public`) can be referred to in other classes by prefixing it with its class name.
- You have met a similar construction in
- `System.out.println` (where `out` is a `static` variable of the class `System`).



Members of **ScorePad** class

- The fact that the **ScorePad** class has members named **intersects** and **moveTo** is not immediately obvious from its class definition.
- These members are inherited from **Hole** and **Ball** respectively.

Message sends without an explicit receiver object

```
import java.awt.*;
public class Peg extends ScorePad
{
    .....
    public void hitBy (PinBall aBall)
    {
        super.hitBy(aBall);
        aBall.reflectVert();
        aBall.reflectHorz();
        while (intersects(aBall))
            aBall.move();
        state = 2;
    }
}
```

The message is sent to the current **Peg** object (**this.intersects(aBall)**)

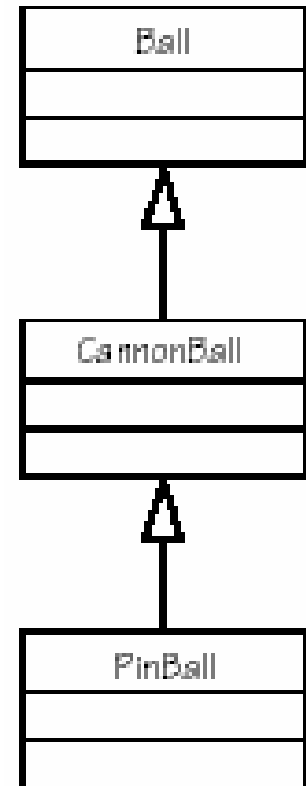


Understanding Inheritance

- Inheritance, we mean the property that instances of a child class can access both data and behavior associated with the parent class.
- Unless specified otherwise, all classes are derived from a single root class, named Object.

Understanding Inheritance

- **Inheritance and Balls**
- Consider the inheritance hierarchy
- All methods of **Ball** are available to objects of **CannonBall**.





Understanding Inheritance

- Describe sending the messages **paint** and **move** to object of **CannonBall**

```
public class Ball{
    public Ball (Point lc, int r) {loc = lc; rad = r;}
    public void setColor (Color newColor) {color = newColor;}
    public void setMotion (double dx, double dy) {
        changelnX = dx; changelnY = dy;
    }
    public void moveTo (int x, int y) {loc.move(x,y);}
    public void move () {loc.translate((int)changelnX, (int)changelnY);}
    public void paint (Graphics g) { // method to display ball
        g.setColor (color);
        g.fillOval (loc.x-rad, loc.y-rad, 2*rad, 2*rad);
    }
}
```

```
public class CannonBall extends Ball {
    public CannonBall (Point loc, int r, double dx, double dy) {
        super (loc, r); // invokes Ball's constructor
        setMotion (dx, dy);
    }
    public double GravityEffect = 0.3;
    public void move () {
        changelnY += GravityEffect; // this statement is short for
        // changelnY = changelnY + GravityEffect;
        super.move (); // update the ball position
    }
}
```



Understanding Inheritance

- Consider **PinBall** class: A new method, **box**, is defined to help detect whether a ball has encountered a target.
- If **box** was sent to object of **CannonBall**, an error will be reported.

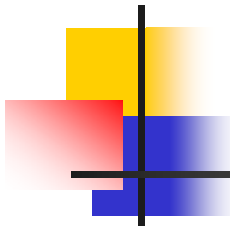
```
public class PinBall extends CannonBall {  
    public PinBall (Point loc) {  
        super (loc, 8, -2 + Math.random(), -15);  
    }  
    public Rectangle box () {  
        int r = radius ();  
        return new Rectangle (location ().x-r, location ().y-r, 2*r, 2*r);  
    }  
}
```

Different methods named intersects

```
public class Spring implements PinBallTarget
{
    private Rectangle pad;
    .....
```

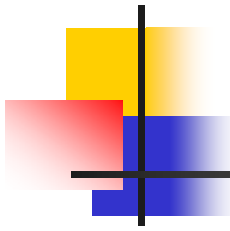
This is not the method
being invoked by
`pad.intersects`

```
public boolean intersects (PinBall aBall)
{
    return pad.intersects(aBall.box());
}
```



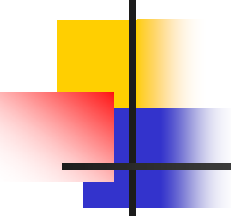
Subtype, Subclass and Substitutability.

- A type of B is considered to be a subtype of A if:
 - An instance of B can be assigned to a variable declared as type A
 - That value can be used by the variable with no observable change in behavior.



Subtype, Subclass and Substitutability.

- A subclass refers to constructing a new class using inheritance (extends).
- In a majority of situations (not all), a subclass is also a subtype.



Subtype, Subclass and Substitutability.

- The idea is that the type given in a declaration of a variable does not have to match the type associated with the value the variable is holding.

```
PinBallTarget target = (PinBallTarget) targets.elementAt(j);
```

Target holds a variety of different types of values. (Hole, Peg, Wall, ...).



Forms of Inheritance.

- Specialization
 - The child class is a subtype of the parent class. (**extends**)
- Specification
 - The parent defines behavior that is implemented in the child class. (**implements**)
- Construction
 - Child class makes use of the behavior of the parent class but is not a subtype of the parent class. (**extends** and **implements**. To inherit the methods from the interface that we do not want to implement)



Forms of Inheritance.

- Extension

- Child class adds new functionality to the parent class, but does not change any inherited behavior

- Limitation

- The child class restricts the use of some of the behavior inherited from the parent class. (modify unwanted methods to give an error).

- Combination

- Inheritance and interface. (**extends** and **implements** or **implements** more than one **interface**).



Modifiers and Inheritance.

- A reminder of a **public** feature (data field or method), a **protected** feature and a **private** feature.
- A **static field** is shared by all instances of a class.
- A **static method** can be invoked even when no instance has been created.
- **Static data fields** and **methods** are inherited the same way as nonstatic items, except that **static methods** cannot be overridden.



Modifiers and Inheritance.

- Both methods and classes can be declared to be **abstract**.
- An **abstract class** should not be instantiated.
- An **abstract method** must be overridden by a subclass.
- **final** is the opposite of **abstract**. When applied to a class, means the class cannot be subclassified.
- When applied to method, method cannot be overridden.



The benefit of Inheritance

- Software Reusability
- Increase Reliability
 - Code that execute frequently tends to have fewer bugs.
- Code Sharing
 - Two classes inherit from a single class.
- Consistency of Interface
 - Classes that inherit from the same class will in fact inherit the same behavior and therefore objects will have similar interfaces.



The benefit of Inheritance

- **Software Components**
 - Enables programmers to construct software using components.
- **Rapid Prototyping**
 - When software is constructed out of components, developers can concentrate on a new portion of the system.
- **Polymorphism and Frameworks**
 - Permits programmer to generate high-level reusable components that can be tailored to fit different applications by changing the low-level parts.
- **Information Hiding**
 - No need to understand the nature of the component that we reuse.



The cost of Inheritance

- **Execution Speed**
 - Inherited methods are often slower than specialized code.
- **Program size**
 - The use of software library imposes a size penalty.
- **Message-Passing Overhead**
 - Message passing is by nature a more costly operation
- **Program Complexity**



Lab Hours

- The extra sessions are now given in the form of practical activities in the Lab.
- Lab sessions are as follows:



Lab Hours

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 9:00					
9:00 - 10:00			M.K.		
10:00 - 11:00			M.K.		
11:00 - 12:00	A.H.				
12:00 - 1:00	A.H.			A.H.	
1:00 - 2:00				A.H.	
2:00 - 3:00		M.K.			
3:00 - 4:00		M.K.			
4:00 - 5:00	A.A.		A.A.		
5:00 - 6:00	A.A.		A.A.		
6:00 - 7:00					
7:00 - 8:00					
8:00 - 9:00					