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Compiling and running

```
1 # compile
2 $ javac HelloWorld.java
3 # compiler outputs HelloWorld.class
4 # run (no extension)
5 $ java HelloWorld
```

Java features

1. compiled and interpreted
2. platform independent
3. object oriented

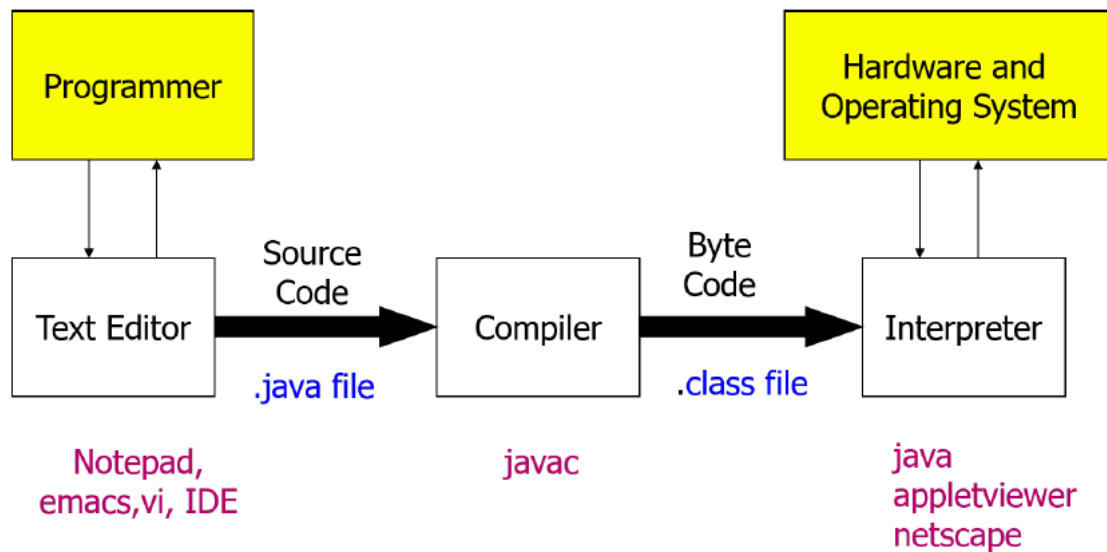


Figure 1: java_compiled_and_interpreted

- Java is compiled to bytecode, then interpreted to machine code
- that bytecode is portable: you can take it to any machine
- porting Java to a new system involves writing a JVM implementation for that system
- most modern implementations of the JVM use **just-in-time** compilation

Java Identifiers

- *rules:*
 - must not start with a digit
 - all characters must be in {letters, digits, underscore}
 - can theoretically be of any length
 - are case-sensitive
- *convention:*
 - camelCase for variables, methods, objects
 - class names use capitalised CamelCase
 - constants use UPPER_CASE with underscore

Classes

- **class**: fundamental unit of abstraction in OOP. Represents an entity, whether physical or abstract that is part of the problem.
 - defines a new data type containing attributes and methods that provides a template to generalise things with common properties
- **object**: specific, concrete example of a class
- **instance**: object that exists in your code
- **this**: reference to object itself
- **super**: reference to object's parent class
- **final**: indicates an **attribute, method, or class** can only be assigned, declared, or defined once

Wrapper classes

- **primitive**: unit of information containing only data, with no attributes or methods
- **wrapper**: class providing extra functionality to primitive data types, allowing them to behave like objects
- **un/boxing**: process of converting a primitive to/from equivalent wrapper class

Object Oriented Features

- **data abstraction**: technique of creating new data types well suited to an application by defining new classes, comprised of:
 - **attributes**: data an object can contain
 - **methods**: actions an object can perform
- **encapsulation**: ability to group attributes and methods that manipulate those attributes as a single entity, by defining a class
 - *not* provided by procedural programming paradigm
 - **packages**: grouping of classes and interfaces into bundles that can be handled together, allowing reuse of code, control of namespace, and access control
 - * another example of encapsulation
- **information hiding**: ability to hide details of a class from the outside world
 - allows you to modify implementation without affecting interface

- **access control**: prevent outside class from manipulating properties of another class in undesired ways
- **delegation**: association relationship; “has a”. Class delegates responsibilities to another class
 - e.g. Point inside a Circle class representing the centre
- **inheritance**: form of abstraction that allows you to generalise similar attributes and methods of classes. Allows code reuse
- **polymorphism**: ability to process objects differently depending on their data type or class

Static Members

- **static member**: method/attribute not specific to an object of the class
- **static variable**: variable shared among all objects of the class, i.e. a single instance is shared among classes. Accessed using class name.
- **static method**: method that does not depend on (access or modify) any instance variables of the class. Invoked using the class name
 - can only call other static methods
 - can only access static data
 - cannot refer to **this**, **super** as they are related to objects

Mutability

- **mutable**: a class is mutable if it contains public mutator methods that can change instance variables
- **immutable**: a class with no methods that can change instance variables (except constructors)

Standard Methods

- **equals**: allows object comparison (implemented as dictated by the needs of the class)
- **toString**: produces a string representation of an object
- **copy**: creates a separate copy of the object provided as input; should be a deep copy

Visibility Modifiers

- **access control**
 - safely seals data in capsule of class

- prevents programmers from relying on details of class implementation
- helps protect against accidental/wrong usage
- keeps code elegant, clean, making maintenance easier
- provides access to an object through a clean interface
- **public:** available/visible *everywhere* (within/outside the class)
 - anyone can use it
- **private:** only visible *within* a class
 - methods/attributes
 - not visible within subclasses
 - not inherited
- **protected:** only visible within class, subclasses, and all classes in the same package
 - methods/attributes
 - visible to subclasses in other packages
- **default:** visibility modifier omitted;
 - can be accessed within other classes in the same package, but not from outside the package

Modifier	Class	Package	Subclass	Outside
public	Y	Y	Y	Y
protected	Y	Y	Y	N
default	Y	Y	N	N
private	Y	N	N	N

Motivation for Inheritance and Polymorphism

- without inheritance/polymorphism
 - repeated code: hard to implement/debug/maintain
 - doesn't represent similarity/relationship between entities
 - difficult to extend

Inheritance

- **superclass**: parent/base class in inheritance relationship, providing general information to child classes
- **subclass**: derived/child class in inheritance relationship, inheriting common attributes and methods from parent class. More specific form of superclass
 - subclasses contain all public/protected instance variables/methods in base class
- **extends**: indicates one class inherits from another

```
1 public class Subclass extends Superclass { ... }
```

- represents an *is a* relationship (**association**)

Access control

- child classes cannot call **private** methods, and cannot access **private** attributes of parent classes
- child classes can call **protected** methods, and can access **protected** attributes of parent classes
- **privacy leak**: child classes modifying **protected** attributes of parent class can produce privacy leaks, as these modifications won't be subject to any validation checks, potentially producing invalid state
 - preferable for parent class to access attributes through **public/protected** methods of parent class
- **protected** methods: use when methods will only be used by subclasses
- child class cannot further restrict visibility of an overridden method:
 - **public** in parent: **public** in child
 - **protected** in parent: **protected** or **public**
 - **private** method cannot be overridden
- **shadowing**: variables declared with the same name in overlapping scopes, e.g. in subclass and superclass. Variable accessed depends on reference type rather than the object.
 - avoid doing it. Define common variables in the superclass.
- **getClass**: returns object of type `Class` representing details of calling object's class
- **instanceof**: operator that returns **true** if an object A is an instance of the same class as object B, or a class that inherits from B:


```
1 new Rook() instanceof Piece; // true
2 new Piece() instanceof Rook; // false
```

- **upcast**: object of a child class is assigned to variable of ancestor class
- **downcast**: object of an ancestor class is assigned to a variable of a child class
 - only works if underlying object is actually of that class
 - use with care! Lots of downcasting is a smell
- **abstract method**: defines superclass method common to all subclasses with no implementation. Each subclass then implements the method via overriding.
 - `<visibility> abstract <returnType> <methodName>(<args>);`
 - classes with abstract methods must be abstract
- **abstract class**: defines an incomplete class
 - General concepts that are not fully realised but provides useful grouping, with specific details implemented in subclasses
 - represent an incomplete concept than some real entity used in solving a problem
 - cannot be instantiated
 - `<visibility> abstract class <ClassName> { ... }`
 - abstract classes may have abstract methods
- **concrete class**: class that is not abstract, that is fully defined, in terms of actions it can take. Can be instantiated.

Abstract vs Concrete classes

Object class

- every class in Java implicitly inherits from the `Object` class
- all classes are of type `Object`
- all classes have a `toString` method: by default prints out `<class name>@<hash code>`
- all classes have an `equals` method: by default it compares references

Interfaces

- **interface**: declares set of constants and methods that define the behaviour of an object
 - represents a **can do** relationship

- usually named `<...>able`, relating to an action
- e.g. classes implementing `<Drivable>` interface implement `drive` method
- methods never have any code
- all methods are implicitly **abstract**
- all attributes are implicitly **static final**
- all methods/attributes are implicitly **public**

```
1 public interface Printable {
2     int MAXIMUM_PIXEL_DENSITY = 1000;
3     void print();
4 }
```

- **implements**: declare that a class implements all functionality defined by an interface
 - concrete classes must implement all methods, otherwise they must be abstract

```
1 public class Image implements Printable {
2     public void print() { ... }
3 }
4
5 public class Spreadsheet implements Printable {
6     public void print() { ... }
7 }
```

- default method: you can define default behaviour of interface that can be subsequently overridden

```
1 public interface Printable {
2     default void print() {
3         System.out.println(this.toString());
4     }
5 }
```

- interfaces can be extended like classes, forming the same **is a** relationship

```
1 public interface Digitisable extends Printable {
2     public void digitise();
3 }
```

- classes can inherit only one class, but can implement multiple interfaces: allows you to build powerful abstractions, making it much easier to create solutions

```
1 public class Spreadsheet extends Document implements Printable,
2     Colourable, Filterable,
3     Comparable<Spreadsheet> {
4     public void print() { ... }
5 }
```

```
4     ...
5 }
```

Sorting

- Classes implementing `Comparable<ClassName>` interface
 - can be compared with objects of same class
 - must implement `public int compareTo(<ClassName> object)`
 - allows them to be sorted without needing to implement sorting algorithms yourself
- `compareTo`: compares object A to object B
 - B may be a subclass of A as long as they both implement `Comparable`
 - returns < 0 if this A < argument B
 - returns 0 if this A = argument B
 - returns > 0 if this A > argument B

Inheritance vs Interfaces

- inheritance: generalises shared properties between similar classes, **is a**
- interfaces: generalise shared behaviour between potentially dissimilar classes, **can do**
- subtype polymorphism applies to interfaces and inheritance:

```
1 // inheritance
2 Robot robot = new WingedRobot(...);
3 // interfaces
4 Comparable<Robot> comparable = new Robot(...);
```

- All `Animals` including `Dogs` and `Cats` can make noise: inheritance, as `Dog` and `Cat` are clearly related and will share common properties
- All `Animals` and `Vehicles` can make noise: interface, as no similarity between `Animal` and `Vehicle`
- All classes can be compared with themselves: `Comparable` interface
- Some `GameObjects` can move, some can talk, some can be opened, some can attack: interfaces `Movable`, `Talkable`, `Attackable` implemented by particular classes inheriting from `GameObject`

Polymorphism

- **polymorphism:** ability to use objects/methods in many different ways (many forms)
- **method overloading:** ability to define method with the same name but different signatures. Superclass methods can be overloaded in subclasses
 - ad hoc polymorphism
- **method overriding:** declaring a method that exists in a superclass again in a subclass with identical signature. Methods can only be overridden by subclasses
 - subtype polymorphism
 - extend/modify functionality of parent
 - makes subclass behaviour available when using superclass references
 - defines interface in superclass with particular behaviour implemented in subclass
 - uses `@Override` annotation optionally
 - cannot change return type
 - **private** methods cannot be overridden
 - **final** methods cannot be overridden
- **substitution:** use subclasses in place of superclasses
 - subtype polymorphism
- **generics:** parametrised methods/classes
 - parametric polymorphism

Generics

- facilitate code re-use by enabling generic logic to be written to apply to any class type
- **generic class:** class defined with an arbitrary type for a field, parameter or return type
 - type parameter can have any reference type plugged in (any class type)
- limitations:
 - cannot instantiate parametrised objects
 - cannot create arrays of parametrised objects
- benefits:
 - flexibility to reuse code for any type
 - allow objects to keep their type (rather than be upcast to `Object`)

- allows compiler to detect errors during development rather than producing run-time errors

```
1 T item = new T(); // <- cannot do this!  
2 T[] elements = new T[]; // <- cannot do this!
```

```
1 public class Sample<T> {  
2     private T data;  
3  
4     public void setData(T data) {  
5         this.data = data;  
6     }  
7  
8     public T getData() {  
9         return data;  
10    }  
11 }
```

Tuple

From *Thinking in Java*

```
1 public class TwoTuple<A, B> {  
2     public final A first;  
3     public final B second;  
4  
5     public TwoTypePair(A first, B second) {  
6         this.first = first;  
7         this.second = second;  
8     }  
9  
10    @Override  
11    public String toString() {  
12        return "(" + first + ", " + second + ")";  
13    }  
14 }
```

Usage:

```
1 public class TwoTupleDemo {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         TwoTuple<String, Integer> rating = new TwoTuple<String, Integer>  
4             >("The Car Guys", 8);  
5         System.out.println(rating);  
6     }  
7 }
```

Subtyping

- **generic subtyping:** generic classes/interfaces are not related merely because the type parameters are related
 - e.g. `List<Dog>` is not a subtype of `List<Animal>`
 - in general: `T1<X> <: T2<X>` if `T1 <: T2`
 - `<: : is subtype of`
 - e.g. `ArrayList<String>` is subtype of `List<String>` as `ArrayList` is subtype of `List`

```
1 ArrayList<String> arrayListStr = new ArrayList<String>();
2 List<String> listStr = arrayListStr;
```

- **generic wildcard:** allows you to read and insert to a generic collection

```
1 List<?> listUnknown = new ArrayList<A>(); // unknown wildcard
2 List<? extends A> listUnknown = new ArrayList<A>(); // extends wildcard
3 List<? super A> listUnknown = new ArrayList<A>(); // super wildcard
```

- **unknown wildcard:** list typed to unknown type; can only read the collection
 - read-only collection
- **extends wildcard:** `List<? extends A>` means list of objects of type A or subclass of A
 - we can read the list and cast elements to type A
 - read-only collection
- **super wildcard:** `List<? super A>` means list of objects of type A or superclass of A
 - safe to insert elements of type A or subclasses of A

```
1 public void insert(List<? super Animal> myList) {
2     myList.add(new Dog());
3     myList.add(new Bear());
4 }
5
6 List<Animal> animals = new ArrayList<Animal>();
7 insert(animals);
8 Object o = animals.get(0); // upcast to object. Works
9 Animal a = animals.get(0); // downcast to animal; error as list could
    be of type that is
10                                     // superclass of animal
11
12 List<Object> objects = new ArrayList<Object>();
13 insert(objects); // this is fine. Object is a superclass of Animal
```

Generic Methods

- **generic method:** method that accepts arguments or returns objects of arbitrary type
 - can be defined in any class
 - type parameter is local to the method

```
1 public <T> int genericMethod(T arg); // generic argument
2 public <T> T genericMethod(String name); // generic return value
3 public <T> T genericMethod(T arg); // generic arg + return val
4 public <T,S> T genericMethod(S arg); // generic arg + return val
```

Collections

- **Collections:** framework that permits storing, accessing, manipulating lists
 - *ordered* collection
- most useful:
 - **ArrayList:** improved arrays
 - **HashSet:** ensure unique elements
 - **PriorityQueue:** order elements non-trivially
 - **TreeSet:** fast lookup/search for unique elements

Common Operations

- length: **int** `size()`
- presence: **boolean** `contains(Object element)`
 - requires implementation of `equals(Object element)`
- add: **boolean** `add(E element)`
- remove: **boolean** `remove(Object element)`
- iterating: `Iterator<E> iterator()`
 - **for** `(T t : Collection<t>)`
- retrieval: `Object get(int index)`

Hierarchy

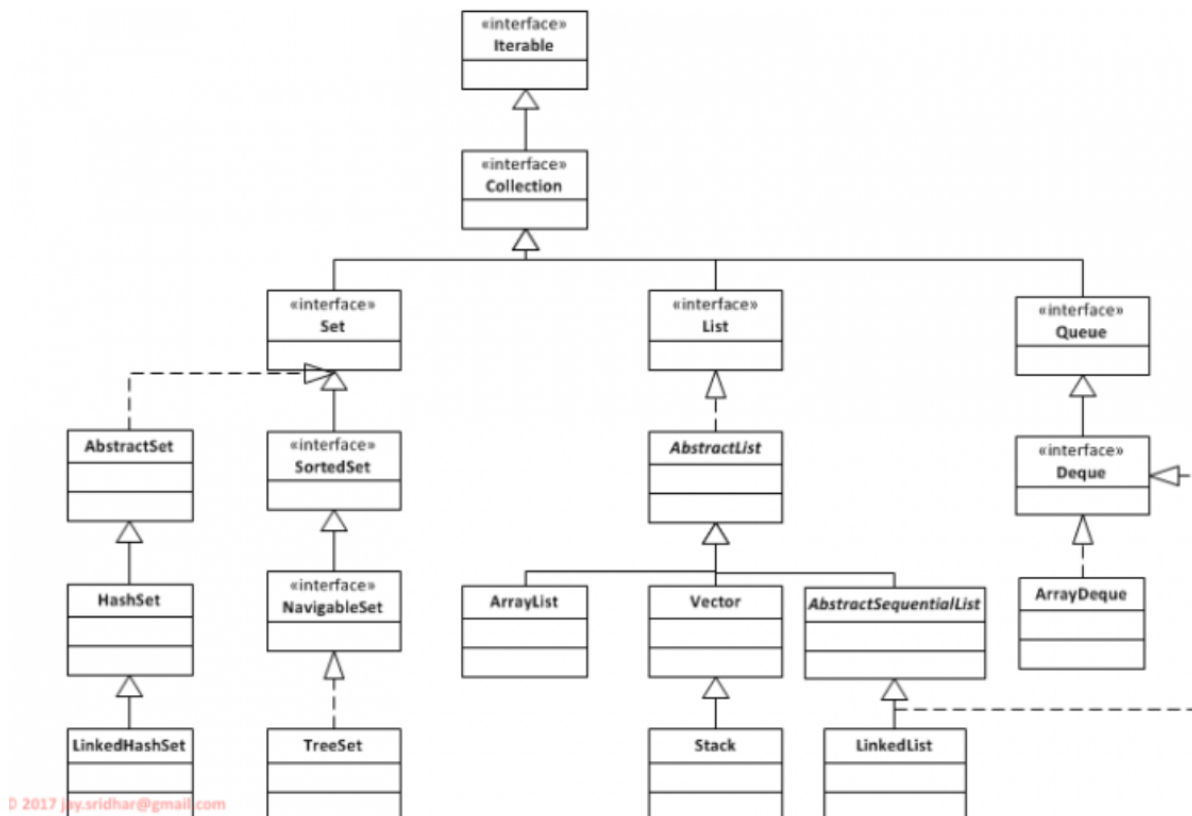


Figure 2: java_collections

ArrayList

- class with an array as an instance variable
- iterable (**for**-each loops)
- handles resizing automatically
- allows you to insert, remove, get, modify, ...
- has `toString` available
- easily sorted if stored element class implements `Comparable<T>` interface
 - sorting invoked by `Collections.sort(list)`;
- can be used for storing different types of objects that inherit from the same base class: allows seamless execution of common behaviour; you can simply apply the common method to every item without having to worry about what type of class it is
- cannot be directly indexed

- limitations:
 - doesn't shrink automatically: can use excessive memory; `trimToSize()`
 - cannot store primitives

Comparator

- implement different sorting approaches by implementing `Comparator<T>` interface
 - requires implementation of `compare(T obj1, T obj2)`;, behaving similar to `compareTo`
 - can invoke as `Collections.sort(list, new Comparator<T>() { ... })`;, where the `Comparator` is implemented as an ___anonymous inner class'

Maps

- **Maps**: framework that permits storing, accessing, manipulating *key-value pairs*

Common operations

- Length: `int size()`
- Presence: `boolean containsKey(Object key)`
 - `boolean containsValue(Object value)`
- Add/replace: `boolean put(K key, V value)`
- Remove: `boolean remove(Object key)`
- Iterating: `Set<K> keySet()`
- Iterating: `Set<Map.Entry<K,V>> entrySet()`
- Retrieval `V get(Object key)`

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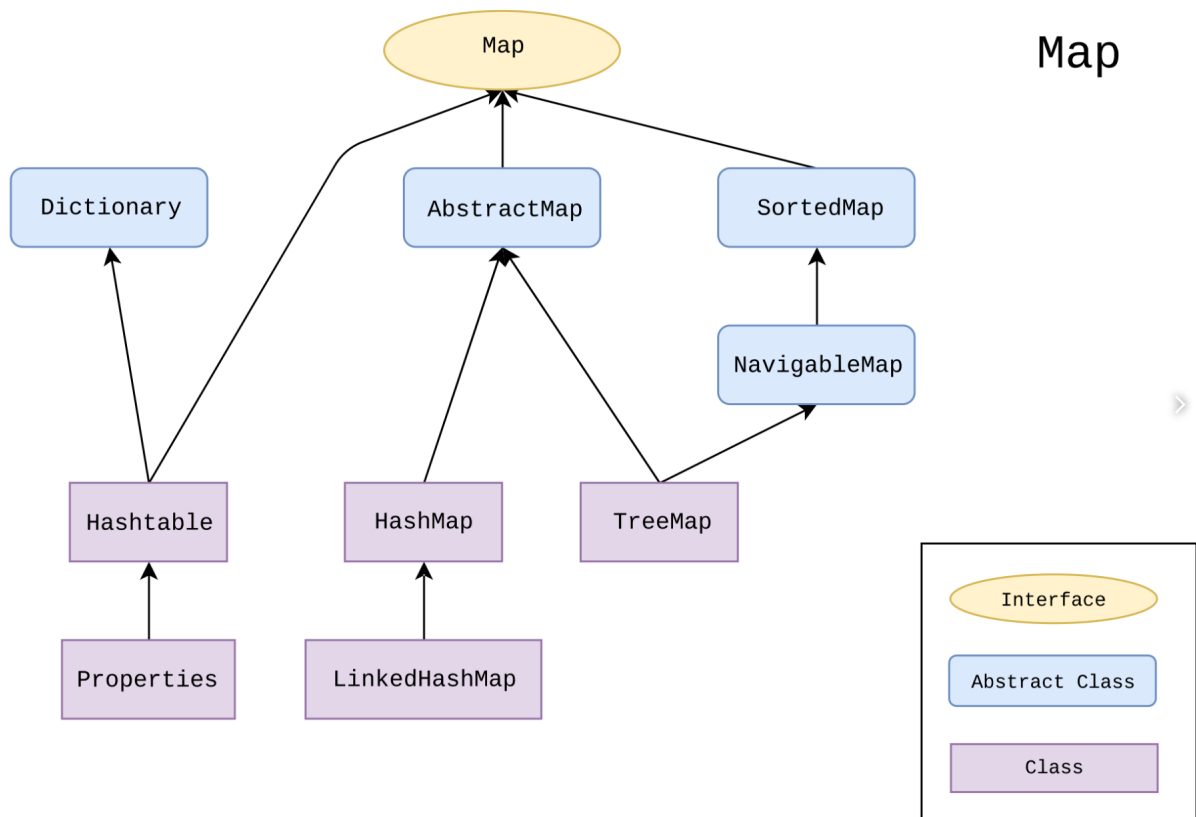


Figure 3: java_map

Use of HashMap

```

1 import java.util.HashMap;
2
3 public static void main(String[] args) {
4     HashMap<String,Book> library = new HashMap<>();
5     Book b1 = new Book("JRR Tolkien", "The Lord of the Rings", 1178);
6     Book b2 = new Book("George RR Martin", "A Game of Thrones", 694);
7     library.put(b1.author, b1);
8     library.put(b2.author, b2);
9
10    for (String author: library.keySet()) {
11        Book b = library.get(author);
12        System.out.println(b);
13    }
14 }
  
```

Sorting with Maps

Here's an example of sorting a `HashMap` by value, in reverse order, and printing the result:

```
1 public class Program {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
4         map.put("orange", 1);
5         map.put("potato", 2);
6         map.put("banana", 5);
7         map.put("pineapple", 4);
8         map.put("apple", 3);
9         map.put("blueberry", 6);
10
11        map.entrySet()
12            .stream()
13            .sorted(Collections.reverseOrder(Map.Entry.
14                comparingByValue()))
15            .forEach(System.out::println);
16    }
17 }
```

Output:

```
1 blueberry=6
2 banana=5
3 pineapple=4
4 apple=3
5 potato=2
6 orange=1
```

Here's another example of taking a `HashMap`, sorting by value, then converting to a `List`:

```
1 Map<Integer, String> map = new HashMap<>();
2 map.put(624642, "Zelda");
3 map.put(4556, "Legend");
4 map.put(24624, "Of");
5 List<Map.Entry<Integer, String>> sortedEntries = map.entrySet().stream
6     ()
7     .sorted((e1, e2) -> e1.getValue().compareTo(e2.getValue()))
8     .collect(Collectors.toList());
9 System.out.println(sortedEntries);
```

This outputs:

```
1 [4556=Legend, 24624=Of, 624642=Zelda]
```

Exceptions

Errors

- **syntax**: what you write isn't legal code; identified by compiler
- **semantic**: code runs to completion but produces incorrect output; identified by testing
- **runtime**: causes program to end prematurely; identified through execution
 - divide by zero
 - accessing out of bounds element of array
 - file errors

Protecting against runtime errors

- **defensive programming**: explicitly guard against invalid conditions
 - not always applicable: some failures don't have backup path
 - need to account for all possible error conditions
 - difficult to read
 - poor abstraction
- **exception handling**: catch error states and recover or gracefully exit;
 - actively protect program in case of exception
- **exception**: error state created by runtime error
 - object created by Java to represent the error encountered
 - should be reserved for unusual/unexpected cases that cannot be easily handled

try-catch statement

```
1 public void method(...) {
2     try {
3         // code to execute that may cause an exception
4     } catch (<ExceptionClass> varName) {
5         // code to execute to recover from exception/end gracefully
6     } finally {
7         // block of code that executes whether an exception occurred or
           not
8     }
9 }
```

- **try**: attempt to execute code

- **catch**: deal with particular exception, whether recover or failure
- **finally**: perform clean up assuming the code didn't exit

try-with

```
1 public void processFile(String filename) {
2     try (BufferedReader reader = ...) {
3         ...
4     } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
5         e.printStackTrace();
6     } catch (IOException e) {
7         e.printStackTrace();
8     }
9 }
```

- resource is automatically closed with **try-with** notation, as opposed to using
- separate **finally** block

Chaining

- can chain **catch** blocks to handle different exceptions separately

```
1 public void processFile(String filename) {
2     try {
3         ...
4     } catch (FileNotFoundException e) { // most specific exception
5         e.printStackTrace();
6     } catch (IOException e) { // least specific exception
7         e.printStackTrace();
8     }
9 }
```

Generating exceptions

- **throw**: respond to error state by creating an exception object

```
1 if (t == null) {
2     throw new NullPointerException("t is null!");
3 }
```

- **throws**: indicate a method has potential to create an exception, and doesn't handle it

```
1 class SimpleException extends Exception {} // define a new exception
    extending Exception
2
3 public class InheritingExceptions {
4     public void f() throws SimpleException {
5         System.out.println("Throw SimpleException from f()");
6         throw new SimpleException();
7     }
8
9     public static void main(String[] args) {
10        InheritingExceptions sed = new InheritingExceptions();
11        try {
12            sed.f();
13        } catch (SimpleException e) {
14            System.out.println("Caught SimpleException!");
15        }
16    }
17 }
```

Types of Exceptions

- **unchecked:** inherit from `Error`. Can be safely ignored by programmer
 - most Java exceptions are unchecked because you aren't forced to protect against them
- **checked:** inherit from `Exception`. Must be explicitly handled by the programmer
 - produces compile-time error if checked exception is ignored
 - handle by:
 - * enclosing code that can generate exceptions in **try-catch** block
 - * declaring that a method may create an exception using **throws** clause

Design Patterns

- **design pattern:** description of a solution to a recurring problem in software design

Classes of Patterns

- **creational:** solutions to object creation; e.g. Singleton, Factory method
- **structural:** solutions dealing with structure of classes and relationships
- **behavioural:** solutions dealing with interaction among classes e.g. Strategy, template, observer

Singleton Pattern

- creational pattern

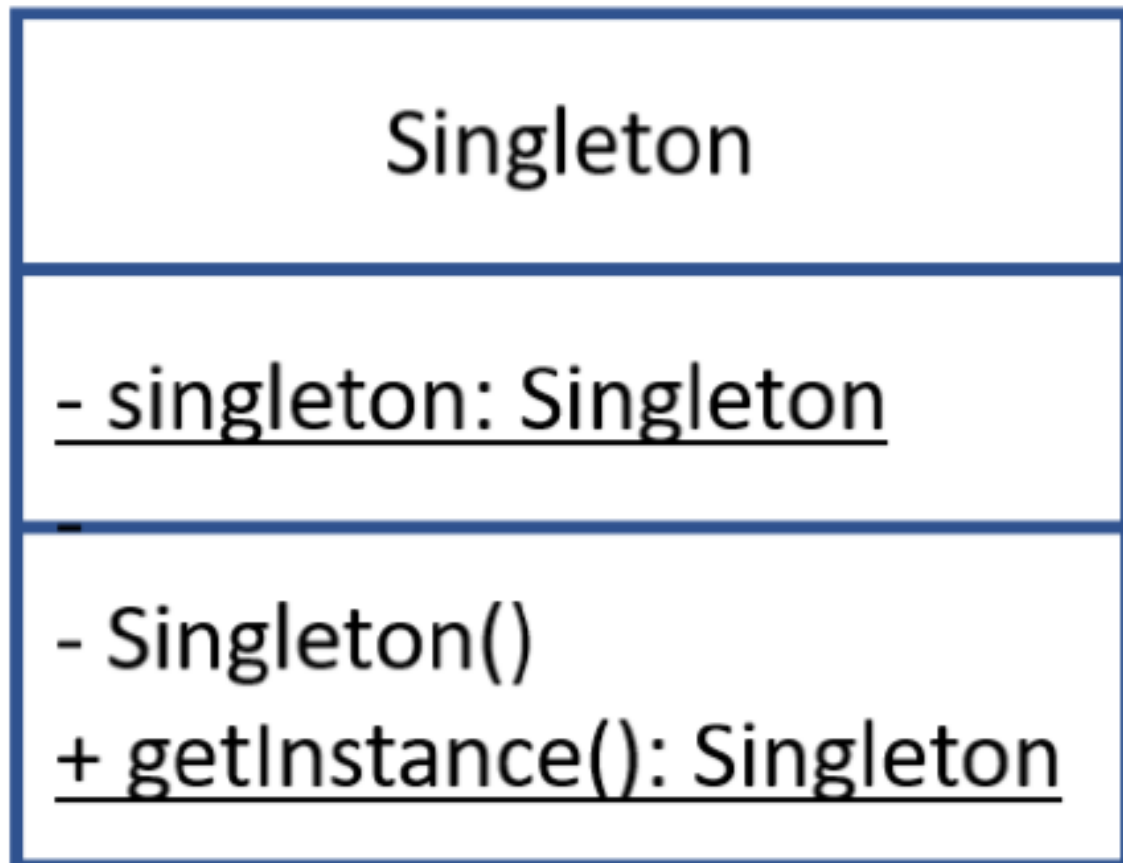


Figure 4: singleton

- **Intent:** Ensure that a class has only one instance, and provide a global point of access
- **Motivation:** Need to enforce single instance of a class with easy access
- **Applicability:** when a single instance of a class is required
- **Consequences:** Use with caution. Inappropriate use can produce bad design
 - difficult to unit test
 - can mask bad design (e.g. components know too much about each other)
 - solves two problems at the same time: uniqueness of instance and access to instance
- **Known uses:** `CacheManager`, `PrintSpooler`, `Runtimej`

```
1 class Singleton {
2     private static Singleton _instance = null;
3     private Singleton() { // <- private constructor prevents
4         instantiation except by class itself
5         ...
6     }
7     public static Singleton getInstance() {
8         if (_instance == null) {
9             _instance = new Singleton();
10        }
11        return _instance;
12    }
13 }
14
15 // Collaboration
16 class TestSingleton {
17     public void method1() {
18         X = Singleton.getInstance();
19     }
20
21     public void method2() {
22         Y = Singleton.getInstance();
23     }
24 }
```

Template Method

- behavioural pattern
- uses **inheritance** to separate generic algorithm from detailed design

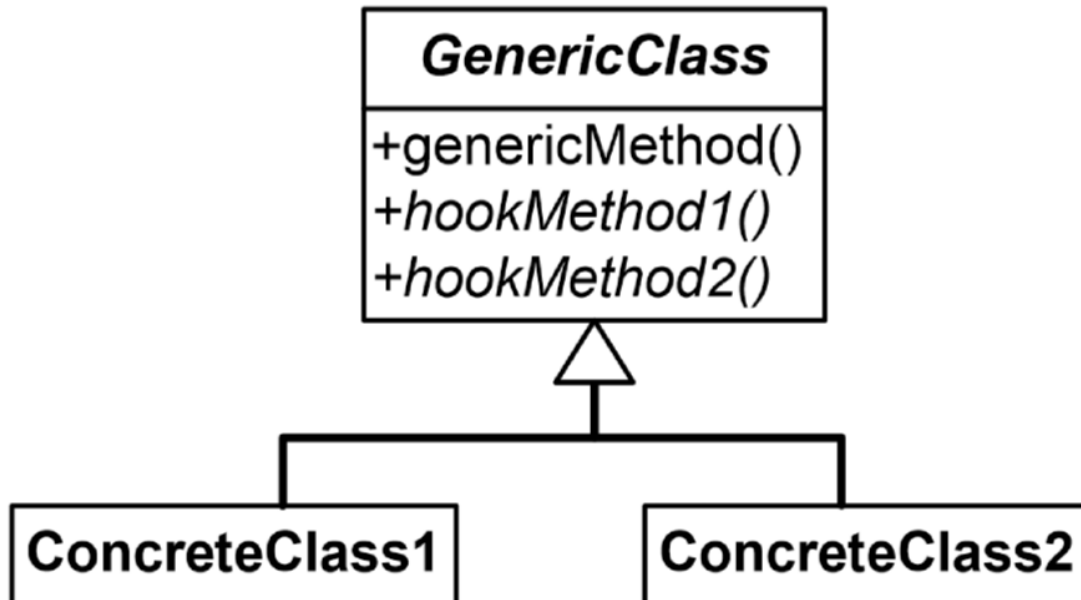


Figure 5: template_method

- **Intent:** family of encapsulated algorithms that can be interchanged
- **Motivation:** build generic components that are easy to extend and reuse
- **Applicability:** implement invariant parts of algorithm once, and leave to subclass to implement varying behaviour
- **Consequences:** all algorithms must use the same interface
- e.g. [BubbleSorter](#)

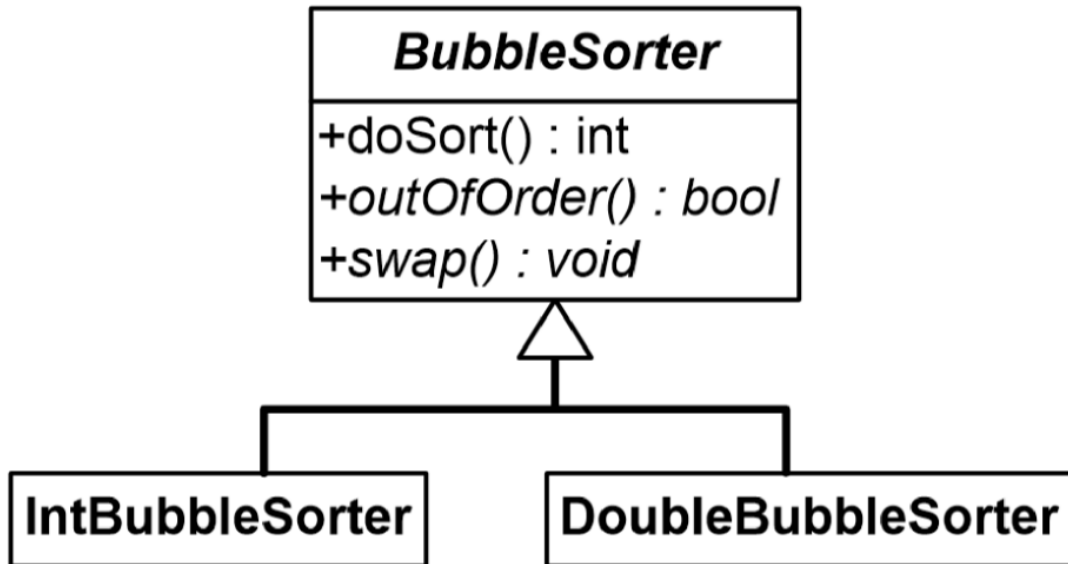


Figure 6: bubble_sort

Strategy pattern

- behavioural pattern
- uses **delegation** to separate generic algorithm from detailed design

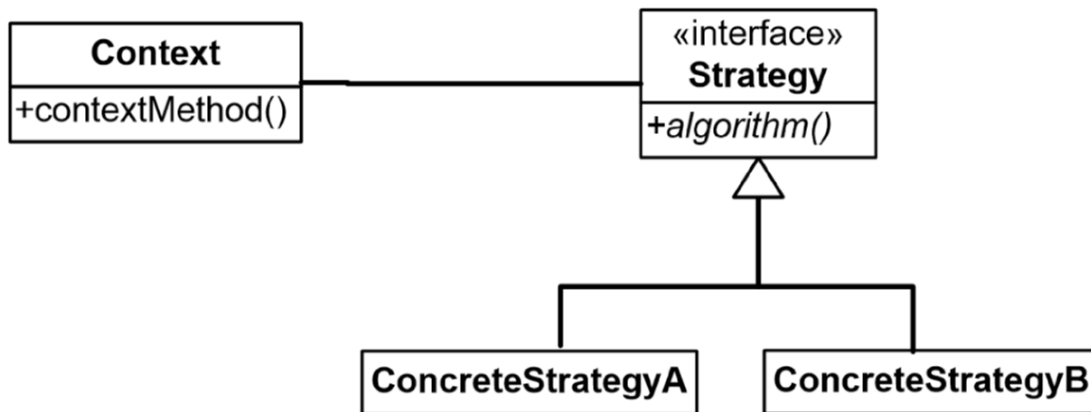


Figure 7: strategy_uml

- **Intent:** define family of algorithms that can be interchanged
- **Motivation:** want to switch variants of algorithm at runtime
- **Applicability:**
 - many similar classes that only differ in behaviour execution
 - isolate business logic from implementation details of algorithms
- **Consequences:**
 - able to swap algorithms
 - replace inheritance with composition
 - introduce new strategies without changing context
 - may overcomplicate design if small number of algorithms
 - clients need to know how to select algorithms
- e.g. Google maps: transport strategy of bike, bus, taxi with different time and cost

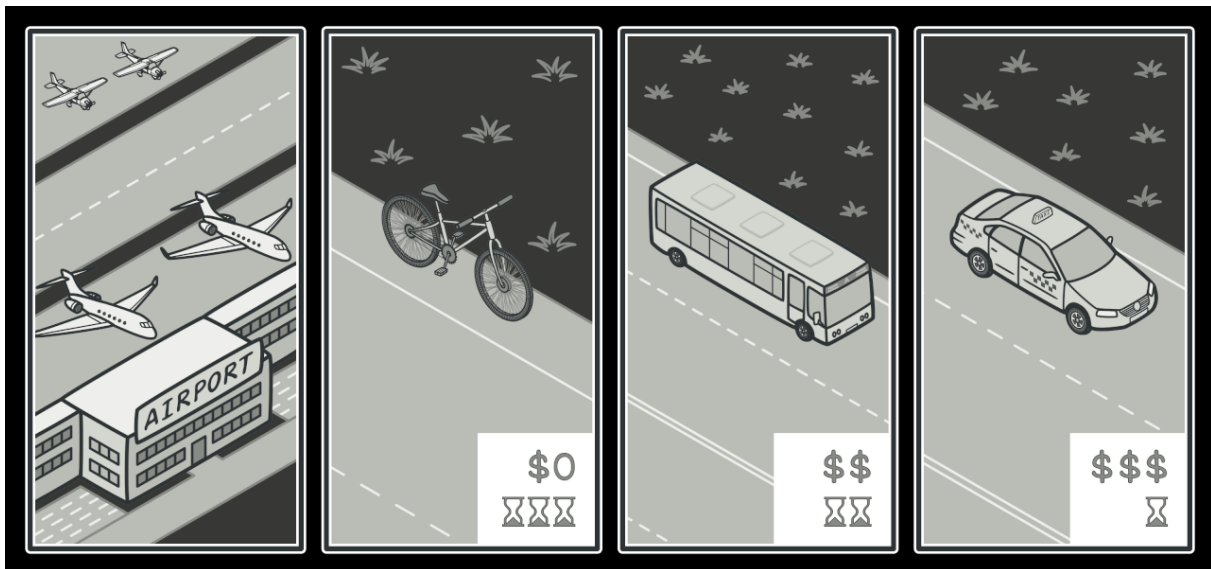


Figure 8: strategy_pattern

Strategies for getting to the airport

- e.g. `BubbleSorter` has a class implementing `SortHandle` that can be called to do specific sorting methods.

Factory method

- creational pattern
- without factory:
 - create objects in the class that needs them
 - code duplication
 - rigid, fragile classes
 - inaccessible information
 - poor abstraction
- with factory:
 - define separate operation to create an object
 - delegates object creation to subclasses
 - abstracts object creation by using factory method
 - encapsulates objects by allowing subclasses to determine what they need
 - you can introduce new products without breaking client code

- avoid tight coupling between creator and concrete products
- product creation is in one place, making it easy to maintain
- code may become more complicated: lots of new subclasses to implement the pattern
- **factory**: general technique for manufacturing objects
- **product**: abstract class that generalises the objects produced by the factory
- **creator**: class that generalises the objects that consume products
 - has an operation that invokes the factory method

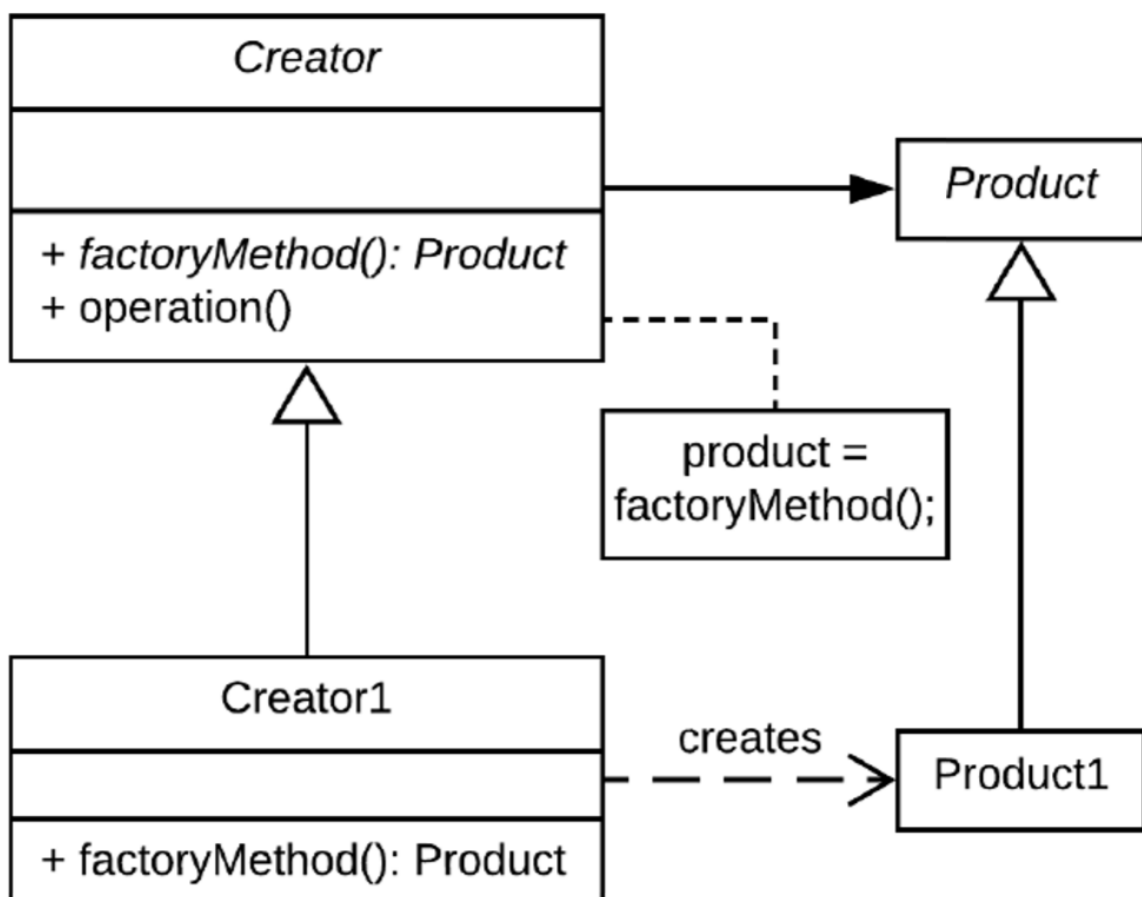


Figure 9: factory

- **Intent**: generalise object creation. Allows client to request type of object it needs, without worrying about details
- **Applicability**: sister classes depend on similar objects

- **Consequences:** object creation in superclass decoupled from specific object required
- e.g. cross-platform UI elements

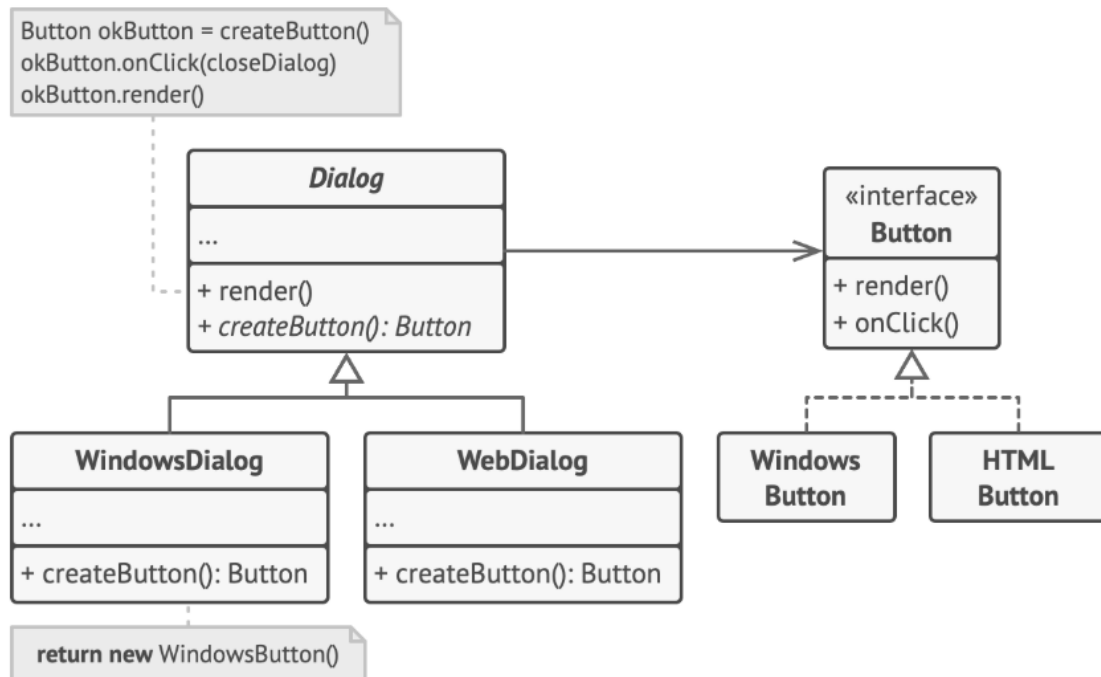
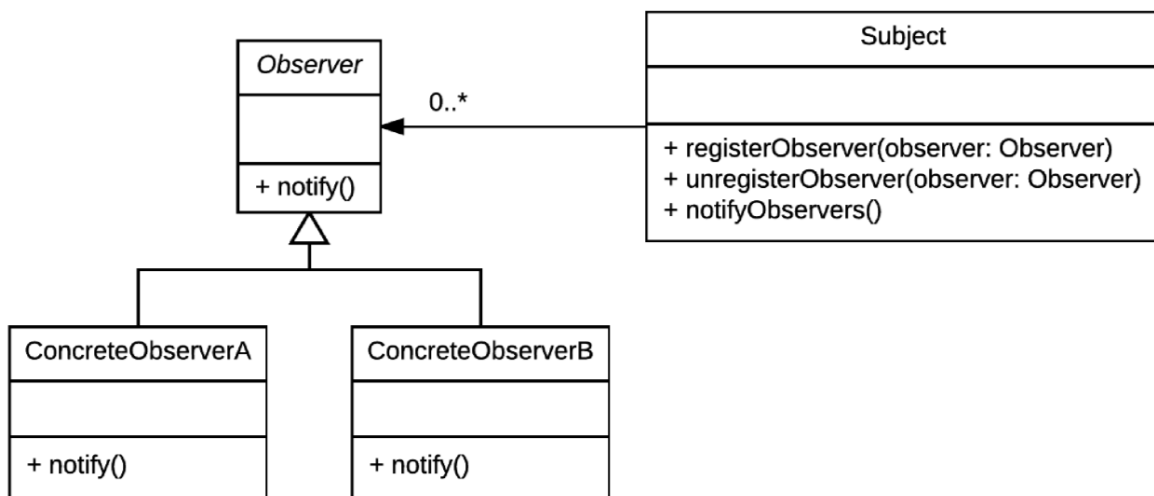


Figure 10: factory_eg

Observer pattern

- behavioural pattern
- many objects depend on the state of one subject:
- **subject:** important object, whose state determines actions of other classes
- **observer:** object that monitors the subject to respond to changes
- observer pattern decouples subject and observers using **publish-subscribe** communication
- useful for event-driven programs

**Figure 11:** observer

- **Intent:** provide subscription mechanism to notify multiple objects about events that happen to subject
- **Motivation:** prevent awkward information passing
- **Applicability:** changes to the state of one object requires changing many other objects, and the set of objects is not known in advance
- **Consequences:**
 - prevents awkward information passing
 - decouples subject and observer
 - clear responsibilities: subjects know nothing about observers except that they exist
 - establish runtime relations between observer and subject

Software Design

Javadocs

- special kind of comment that compiles to HTML
- intended for developers **using** your program
- documents how to use and interact with your classes and methods

Code Smells

- **rigidity**: hard to modify because changes in one class/method cascade to many others
- **fragility**: change one part breaks unrelated parts
- **immobility**: cannot decompose into reusable modules
- **viscosity**: hacks to preserve design
- **complexity**: premature optimisation; clever code currently unnecessary
- **repetition**: copy-paste
- **opacity**: convoluted logic; hard to follow design

GRASP

- **GRASP**: guidelines for assigning responsibility to classes in object-oriented design
 - how to break down a problem into modules with clear purpose
- General
- Responsibility
- Assignment
- Software
- Patterns/principles
- **cohesion**: classes designed to solve clear, focused problems, with methods/attributes related to and working towards this objective
 - aim for high cohesion
- **coupling**: degree of interaction between classes; dependency.
 - aiming for low coupling
- **open-closed principle**: classes should be open to extension, closed to modification
 - if we need to change/add functionality, use inheritance rather than modifying original
- **abstraction**: solve problems by creating abstract data types to represent problem components. In OOP use classes.
- **encapsulation**: details should be kept hidden/private. User's ability to access hidden details is restricted/controlled. Also known as information hiding.
- **polymorphism**: ability to use an object or method in many different ways

- **delegation**: keeping classes focused by passing work on to other classes
 - computations should be performed in the class with the greatest amount of relevant information

Testing

- **unit**: small, well-defined component of a software system with one/small number of responsibilities
- **unit test**: verify operation of a unit by testing single use case
- **unit testing**: identifying bugs by subjecting all units to a suite of tests
- **manual testing**: ad-hoc manual tests. Difficult to reach edge cases. Not scalable
- **automated testing**: testing via automated testing software. Faster, reliable, less reliant on humans
 - easy to set up
 - scalable
 - repeatable
 - not human intensive
 - powerful
 - finds bugs
- **software tester**: conducts tests on software to find and eliminate bugs
- **software quality assurance**: works to improve development process/lifecycle. Directs software testers to conduct tests

JUnit testing

- **assert**: true/false statement indicating success/failure of test case
- **TestCase**: class dedicated to testing single unit
- **TestRunner**: class that executes tests on a unit

```
1 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
2 import org.junit.Test;
3
4 public class BoardTest {
5     @Test
6     public void testBoard() {
7         Board board = new Board();
8         assertEquals(board.cellIsEmpty(0, 0), true);
9     }
10 }
```

```
11     @Test
12     public void testValidMove() {
13         Board board = new Board();
14         Move move = new Move(0, 0);
15         assertEquals(board.isValidMove(move), true);
16     }
17
18     @Test
19     public void testMakeMove() {
20         Board board = new Board();
21         Player player = new HumanPlayer("R");
22         Move move = new Move(0, 0);
23         board.makeMove(player, move);
24         assertEquals(board.getBoard()[move.row][move.col], "r");
25     }
26 }
```

```
1 import org.junit.runner.JUnitCore;
2 import org.junit.runner.Result;
3 import org.junit.runner.notification.Failure;
4
5 public class TestRunner {
6     public static void main(String[] args) {
7         Result result = JUnitCore.runClasses(BoardTest.class);
8         for (Failure failure : result.getFailures()) {
9             System.out.println(failure.toString());
10        }
11        System.out.println(result.wasSuccessful());
12    }
13 }
```

Event Programming

- **sequential programming:** program is run top to bottom
 - useful for static programs with constant unchangeable logic
 - execution roughly the same every time
 - not dynamic
- **state:** properties that define an object
- **event:** created when state of an object/device/... is altered
- **callback:** method triggered by an event
- **event-driven programming:** use events and callbacks to control flow of program execution
 - e.g. exception handling, observer pattern
 - better encapsulate classes by hiding behaviour
 - avoid explicitly sending information about input, pass it as part of callback

- add/remove behaviour easily
- add/remove responses easily
- e.g. GUI, web development, embedded systems/hardware
- **event loop/polling**: infinite loop checking whether an event has occurred
 - lots of waiting
 - lots of wasted effort
 - always responds in same order
 - cannot escape one method to respond to something more urgent
- **interrupt**: signal generated by hardware/software indicating an event that requires immediate CPU attention
 - e.g. exception/error handling
 - e.g. repeat event on timed interval
 - e.g. device input: key press on keyboard
- **interrupt service routine**: event-handling code to respond to interrupt signals

Composition over inheritance

- **entity-component** approach is an example of **composition over inheritance**
- simplifies things by using composition instead of inheritance
- prevent you being restricted into an inflexible class hierarchy
- allows you to mix and match behaviour as needed e.g. `ZombieWerewolf` cannot inherit from both `Zombie` and `Werewolf` while it will exhibit behaviours from both
- creates much simpler and more flexible design
- minimises code duplication

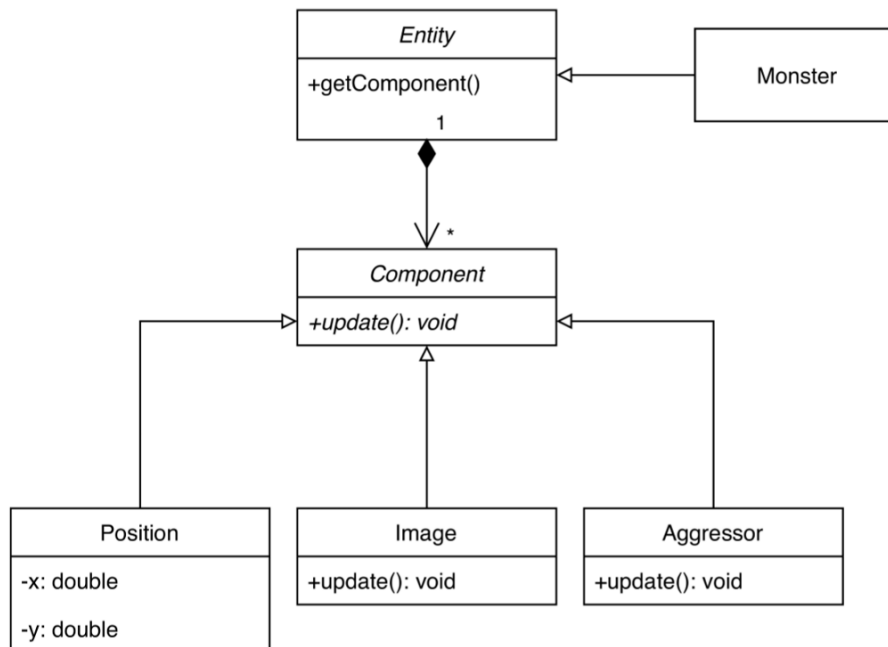


Figure 12: composition-vs-inheritance

Enumerated types

- **enum**: class consisting of a finite list of named constants
 - used any time you need to represent a fixed set of values
 - `ordinal()`: gives you the position of enum in the class (0-based)

```

1 public enum Suit {
2     SPADES(Colour.BLACK),
3     CLUBS(Colour.BLACK),
4     DIAMONDS(Colour.RED),
5     HEARTS(Colour.RED);
6
7     private Colour colour;
8     private Suit(Colour colour) {
9         this.colour = colour;
10    }
11 }
  
```

Variadic Parameters

- **variadic method:** method taking an unknown number of arguments
 - implicitly convert input arguments to an array

```
1 public String concatenate(String... strings) {
2     String string= "";
3     for (String s : strings) {
4         string += s;
5     }
6     return string;
7 }
```

Functional interface

- **functional interface:** interface containing only a single abstract method
 - aka Single Abstract Method interface
 - can contain only one new non-static method

Predicate

```
1 public interface Predicate<T>
```

- represents a predicate, accepting one argument and returning a boolean
- executes `boolean test(T t)` method on a single object
- can be combined with other predicates using logical operation methods

Unary operator

```
1 public interface UnaryOperator<T>
```

- represents unary (single argument) function accepting one argument and returning an object of the same type
- executes `T apply(T t)` method on a single object

Lambda expressions

- **lambda expression:** treats code as data that can be used as an object

- allows you to instantiate an interface without implementing it
- allows you to pass a function as an argument to a function
- instances of functional interfaces
- make code neater and easier to read
- can often be used in place of anonymous classes, but are not the same

```
1 Predicate<Integer> p = i -> i > 0; // very compact way to define function
```

Syntax:

```
1 (sourceVar1, sourceVar2, ...) -> <operation on source variables>
```

Method References

- **method reference**: an object that stores a method; can take the place of a lambda expression if lambda expression only calls a single method

```
1 UnaryOperator<String> operator = s -> s.toLowerCase();  
2 UnaryOperator<String> operator = String::toLowerCase;
```

Streams

- **stream**: series of elements given in sequence, automatically put through a pipeline of operations
 - **map**: apply a function element-wise
 - **filter**: select elements with a condition
 - **limit**: perform a maximum number of iterations
 - **collect**: gather elements for output
 - **reduce**: perform aggregation into a single value

e.g.

```
1 String output = people.stream()  
2     .filter(p -> p.getAge() >= 18)  
3     .filter(p -> p.getAge() <= 40)  
4     .map(Person::getName)  
5     .map(string::toUpperCase)  
6     .collect(Collectors.joining(", "));
```

Scanner

- only ever create one instance of `Scanner` in a program
- `next` returns next complete token (up to next delimiter)
- `nextLine` is the only method that eats newline characters
- `Scanner` does not automatically downcast (e.g. `float` to `int`)
- sometimes you need to follow `nextXXX` with `nextLine` if input is across multiple lines

```
1 import java.util.Scanner;
2
3 public class ScannerProgram {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in); // create Scanner
6         reading from System.in
7         System.out.println("Enter your input: ");
8         while (scanner.hasNextLine()) { // while there are more
9             lines to read
10            String s = scanner.nextLine(); // read the next line
11            System.out.println(s);
12        }
13    }
14 }
```

Reading files

```
1 import java.io.FileReader; // low level file for simple character
2 reading
3 import java.io.BufferedReader; // higher level file object that reads
4 Strings
5 import java.io.IOException; // handle exceptions
6
7 public class ReadFile {
8     public static void main(String[] args) {
9         try (BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("
10 test.txt"))) {
11             String text;
12             while ((text = br.readLine()) != null) {
13                 // do stuff with text
14             }
15         } catch (Exception e) {
16             e.printStackTrace();
17         }
18     }
19 }
```

- can also use `Scanner` to read a file, parsing as well as reading the text

- slower, smaller buffer, but works for small files

Packages

Defining a package

First statement in class as follows:

```
1 package <directory_name_1>.<directory_name_2>;
```

Using packages

```
1 import <packageName>.*; // import all classes in package
2 import <packageName>.<className>; // import particular class
```

- Parent directory of <packageName> must be in CLASSPATH environment variable

Default package

- all classes in current directory belong to unnamed **default** package, that is implicitly included