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Lecture 10

Chapter Ten: Inheritance

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Chapter Ten: Inheritance

Chapter Goals

- To learn about inheritance
- To understand how to inherit and override superclass methods
- To be able to invoke superclass constructors
- To learn about protected and package access control
- To understand the common superclass Object and to override its toString and equals methods
- To use inheritance for customizing user interfaces

An Introduction to Inheritance

- Inheritance: extend classes by adding methods and fields
- Example: Savings account = bank account with interest
 class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount
 {
 new methods
 new instance fields
 }
- SavingsAccount automatically inherits all methods and instance fields of BankAccount

```
SavingsAccount collegeFund = new SavingsAccount(10);
// Savings account with 10% interest
collegeFund.deposit(500);
// OK to use BankAccount method with SavingsAccount
    object
```

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An Introduction to Inheritance (cont.)

- Extended class = superclass (BankAccount), extending class = subclass (Savings)
- Inheriting from class ≠ implementing interface: subclass inherits behavior and state
- One advantage of inheritance is code reuse

An Inheritance Diagram

Every class extends the Object class either directly or indirectly



An Introduction to Inheritance

• In subclass, specify added instance fields, added methods, and changed or overridden methods public class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount public SavingsAccount(double rate) interestRate = rate; public void addInterest() ł double interest = getBalance() * interestRate / 100; deposit(interest); }

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```
private double interestRate;
}
```

- Encapsulation: addInterest calls getBalance rather than updating the balance field of the superclass (field is private)
- Note that addInterest calls getBalance without specifying an implicit parameter (the calls apply to the same object)

Layout of a Subclass Object

SavingsAccount object inherits the balance instance field from BankAccount, and gains one additional instance field: interestRate:



Figure 2 Layout of a Subclass Object

Syntax 10.1 Inheritance

```
class SubclassName extends SuperclassName
{
    methods
    instance fields
}
Example:
public class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount
```

```
{
   public SavingsAccount(double rate)
   {
     interestRate = rate;
   }
}
```

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Continued

```
public void addInterest()
{
    double interest = getBalance() * interestRate / 100;
    deposit(interest);
}
private double interestRate;
```

Purpose:

}

To define a new class that inherits from an existing class, and define the methods and instance fields that are added in the new class.

Which instance fields does an object of class SavingsAccount have?

Answer: Two instance fields: balance **and** interestRate.

Name four methods that you can apply to SavingsAccount objects.

Answer: deposit, withdraw, getBalance, and addInterest.

If the class Manager extends the class Employee, which class is the superclass and which is the subclass?

Answer: Manager is the subclass; Employee is the superclass.

Inheritance Hierarchies

• Sets of classes can form complex inheritance hierarchies



Figure 3 A Part of the Hierarchy of Ancient Reptiles

Inheritance Hierarchies Example: Swing Hierarchy

- Superclass JComponent has methods getWidth, getHeight
- AbstractButton class
 has methods to set/get
 button text and icon



Figure 4 A Part of the Hierarchy of Swing User Interface Components

A Simpler Example: Hierarchy of Bank Accounts

- Consider a bank that offers its customers the following account types:
 - 1. Checking account: no interest; small number of free transactions per month, additional transactions are charged a small fee
 - 2. Savings account: earns interest that compounds monthly
- Inheritance hierarchy:

- BankAccount
- All bank accounts support the getBalance method
- All bank accounts support the deposit and withdraw methods, but the implementations differgsAccount
- Checking account needs a method deductFees; savings account needs a method addInterest

What is the purpose of the JTextComponent class in Figure 4?

Answer: To express the common behavior of text fields and text components.

Which instance field will we need to add to the CheckingAccount class?

Answer: We need a counter that counts the number of withdrawals and deposits.

Inheriting Methods

- Override method:
 - Supply a different implementation of a method that exists in the superclass
 - Must have same signature (same name and same parameter types)
 - If method is applied to an object of the *subclass* type, the overriding method is executed
- Inherit method:
 - Don't supply a new implementation of a method that exists in superclass
 - Superclass method can be applied to the subclass objects
- Add method:
 - Supply a new method that doesn't exist in the superclass
 - New method can be applied only to subclass objects

Inheriting Instance Fields

- Can't override fields
- Inherit field: All fields from the superclass are automatically inherited
- Add field: Supply a new field that doesn't exist in the superclass
- What if you define a new field with the same name as a superclass field?
 - Each object would have two instance fields of the same name
 - Fields can hold different values
 - Legal but extremely undesirable

Implementing the CheckingAccount Class

• Overrides deposit and withdraw to increment the transaction count:

```
public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount
{
  public void deposit(double amount) { . . . }
  public void withdraw(double amount) { . . . }
  public void deductFees() { . . . }
  // new method private int transactionCount; // new
      instance field }
```

- Each CheckingAccount object has two instance fields:
 - balance (inherited from BankAccount)
 - transactionCount (new to CheckingAccount)

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Implementing the CheckingAccount Class (cont.)

- You can apply four methods to CheckingAccount objects:
 - getBalance() (inherited from BankAccount)
 - deposit (double amount) (overrides BankAccount method)
 - withdraw(double amount) (overrides BankAccount method)
 - deductFees() (new to CheckingAccount)

Inherited Fields are Private

- Consider deposit method of CheckingAccount
 public void deposit(double amount)
 {
 transactionCount++;
 // now add amount to balance
 . . .
 }
- Can't just add amount to balance
- balance is a *private* field of the superclass
- A subclass has no access to private fields of its superclass
- Subclass must use public interface

Invoking a Superclass Method

• Can't just call

deposit (amount)

in deposit **method of** CheckingAccount

- That is the same as this.deposit(amount)
- Calls the same method (infinite recursion)
- Instead, invoke superclass method super.deposit(amount)
- Now calls deposit method of BankAccount class

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Invoking a Superclass Method (cont.)

```
• Complete method:
   public void deposit(double amount)
   {
     transactionCount++;
     // Now add amount to balance
     super.deposit(amount);
   }
```

Animation 10.1 –



This animation demonstrates the process of inheritance.

10-01 Inheritance

Syntax 10.2 Calling a Superclass Method

super.methodName(parameters)

Example:

```
public void deposit(double amount)
{
    transactionCount++;
    super.deposit(amount);
}
```

Purpose:

To call a method of the superclass instead of the method of the current class.

Implementing Remaining Methods

```
public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount
ł
   public void withdraw (double amount)
      transactionCount++;
      // Now subtract amount from balance
      super.withdraw(amount);
   public void deductFees()
      if (transactionCount > FREE TRANSACTIONS)
         double fees = TRANSACTION FEE
            * (transactionCount - FREE TRANSACTIONS);
         super.withdraw(fees);
                                                 Continued
      }
```

Implementing Remaining Methods (cont.)

}

```
transactionCount = 0;
}
...
private static final
int FREE_TRANSACTIONS = 3;
private static final double TRANSACTION_FEE = 2.0;
```

Why does the withdraw method of the CheckingAccount class call super.withdraw?

Answer: It needs to reduce the balance, and it cannot access the balance field directly.

Why does the deductFees method set the transaction count to zero?

Answer: So that the count can reflect the number of transactions for the following month.

Common Error: Shadowing Instance Fields

- A subclass has no access to the private instance fields of the superclass
- Beginner's error: "solve" this problem by adding another instance field with same name:

```
public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount
{
    public void deposit(double amount)
    {
        transactionCount++;
        balance = balance + amount;
    }
    . . .
    private double balance; // Don't
}
```

Continued

Common Error: Shadowing Instance Fields (cont.)

Now the deposit method compiles, but it doesn't update the correct balance!



Figure 6 Shadowing Instance Fields

Subclass Construction

- super followed by a parenthesis indicates a call to the superclass constructor public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount public CheckingAccount (double initialBalance) // Construct superclass super(initialBalance); // Initialize transaction count transactionCount = 0;
- Must be the *first* statement in subclass constructor

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Subclass Construction (cont.)

- If subclass constructor doesn't call superclass constructor, default superclass constructor is used
 - Default constructor: constructor with no parameters
 - If all constructors of the superclass require parameters, then the compiler reports an error
Syntax 10.3 Calling a Superclass Constructor

```
ClassName(parameters)
{
    super(parameters);
    ...
}
```

Example:

```
public CheckingAccount(double initialBalance)
{
    super(initialBalance);
    transactionCount = 0;
}
```

Purpose:

To invoke a constructor of the superclass. Note that this statement must be the first statement of the subclass constructor.

Why didn't the SavingsAccount constructor in Section 10.1 call its superclass constructor?

Answer: It was content to use the default constructor of the superclass, which sets the balance to zero.

When you invoke a superclass method with the super keyword, does the call have to be the first statement of the subclass method?

Answer: No – this is a requirement only for constructors. For example, the <code>SavingsAccount.deposit</code> method first increments the transaction count, then calls the superclass method.

Converting Between Subclass and Superclass Types

• Ok to convert subclass reference to superclass reference

SavingsAccount collegeFund = new SavingsAccount(10); BankAccount anAccount = collegeFund; Object anObject = collegeFund;

• The three object references stored in collegeFund, anAccount, and anObject all refer to the same object of type SavingsAccount

Continued

Converting Between Subclass and Superclass Types (cont.)



Figure 7 Variables of Different Types Refer to the Same Object

Converting Between Subclass and Superclass Types

- Superclass references don't know the full story: anAccount.deposit(1000); // OK anAccount.addInterest(); // No--not a method of the class to which anAccount belongs
- When you convert between a subclass object to its superclass type:
 - The value of the reference stays the same it is the memory location of the object
 - But, less information is known about the object

Continued

Converting Between Subclass and Superclass Types (cont.)

- Why would anyone want to know *less* about an object?
 - Reuse code that knows about the superclass but not the subclass:

```
public void transfer(double amount, BankAccount other)
{
    withdraw(amount);
    other.deposit(amount);
}
```

Can be used to transfer money from any type of BankAccount

Converting Between Subclass and Superclass Types

 Occasionally you need to convert from a superclass reference to a subclass reference

```
BankAccount anAccount = (BankAccount) anObject;
```

- This cast is dangerous: if you are wrong, an exception is thrown
- Solution: use the instanceof operator
- instanceof: tests whether an object belongs to a particular type
 if (anObject instanceof BankAccount)
 {
 BankAccount anAccount = (BankAccount) anObject;
 . . .
 }

Syntax 10.4 The instance of Operator

object instanceof TypeName

Example:

```
if (anObject instanceof BankAccount)
{
    BankAccount anAccount = (BankAccount) anObject;
    . . .
}
```

Purpose:

To return true if the *object* is an instance of *TypeName* (or one of its subtypes), and false otherwise.

Why did the second parameter of the transfer method have to be of type BankAccount and not, for example, SavingsAccount?

Answer: We want to use the method for all kinds of bank accounts. Had we used a parameter of type SavingsAccount, we couldn't have called the method with a CheckingAccount object.

Self Check 10.11

Why can't we change the second parameter of the transfer method to the type Object?

Answer: We cannot invoke the deposit method on a variable of type Object.

Polymorphism

 In Java, type of a variable doesn't completely determine type of object to which it refers

BankAccount aBankAccount = new SavingsAccount(1000); // aBankAccount holds a reference to a SavingsAccount

Method calls are determined by type of actual object, not type of object reference

BankAccount anAccount = new CheckingAccount(); anAccount.deposit(1000); // Calls "deposit" from CheckingAccount

Compiler needs to check that only legal methods are invoked
 Object anObject = new BankAccount();
 anObject.deposit(1000); // Wrong!

Polymorphism

- Polymorphism: ability to refer to objects of multiple types with varying behavior
- Polymorphism at work:

```
public void transfer(double amount, BankAccount other)
{
    withdraw(amount); // Shortcut for
    this.withdraw(amount)
    other.deposit(amount);
}
```

• Depending on types of amount and other, different versions of withdraw and deposit are called

ch10/accounts/AccountTester.java

```
01: /**
02:
       This program tests the BankAccount class and
       its subclasses.
03:
04: */
05: public class AccountTester
06: {
07:
       public static void main(String[] args)
08:
       {
09:
          SavingsAccount momsSavings
10:
                = new SavingsAccount(0.5);
11:
12:
          CheckingAccount harrysChecking
                = new CheckingAccount (100);
13:
14:
15:
          momsSavings.deposit(10000);
16:
17:
          momsSavings.transfer(2000, harrysChecking);
18:
          harrysChecking.withdraw(1500);
19:
          harrysChecking.withdraw(80);
20:
```

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ch10/accounts/AccountTester.java (cont.)

```
21:
          momsSavings.transfer(1000, harrysChecking);
22:
          harrysChecking.withdraw(400);
23:
24:
          // Simulate end of month
25:
          momsSavings.addInterest();
26:
          harrysChecking.deductFees();
27:
28:
          System.out.println("Mom's savings balance: "
29:
                + momsSavings.getBalance());
30:
          System.out.println("Expected: 7035");
31:
32:
          System.out.println("Harry's checking balance: "
33:
                + harrysChecking.getBalance());
34:
          System.out.println("Expected: 1116");
35:
       }
36: }
```

ch10/accounts/CheckingAccount.java

```
01: /**
    A checking account that charges transaction fees.
02:
03: */
04: public class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount
05: {
06:
      / * *
07:
          Constructs a checking account with a given balance.
08:
          @param initialBalance the initial balance
09:
       * /
10:
       public CheckingAccount(double initialBalance)
11:
       {
12:
          // Construct superclass
13:
          super(initialBalance);
14:
15:
          // Initialize transaction count
16:
          transactionCount = 0;
17:
       }
18:
19:
       public void deposit(double amount)
20:
       {
21:
          transactionCount++;
```

Continued

ch10/accounts/CheckingAccount.java (cont.)

```
22:
           // Now add amount to balance
23:
           super.deposit(amount);
24:
       }
25:
26:
       public void withdraw(double amount)
27:
       {
28:
          transactionCount++;
29:
           // Now subtract amount from balance
30:
           super.withdraw(amount);
31:
       }
32:
       / * *
33:
34:
           Deducts the accumulated fees and resets the
35:
           transaction count.
36:
       * /
37:
       public void deductFees()
38:
       {
39:
           if (transactionCount > FREE TRANSACTIONS)
40:
           {
41:
              double fees = TRANSACTION FEE *
42:
                     (transactionCount - FREE TRANSACTIONS);
43:
              super.withdraw(fees);
                                                               Continued
44:
           }
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```

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ch10/accounts/CheckingAccount.java (cont.)

```
45: transactionCount = 0;
46: }
47:
48: private int transactionCount;
49:
50: private static final int FREE_TRANSACTIONS = 3;
51: private static final double TRANSACTION_FEE = 2.0;
52: }
```

ch10/accounts/BankAccount.java

```
01: /**
       A bank account has a balance that can be changed by
02:
03:
       deposits and withdrawals.
04: */
05: public class BankAccount
06: {
07:
    /**
08:
          Constructs a bank account with a zero balance.
09:
       * /
10:
       public BankAccount()
11:
       {
12:
          balance = 0;
13:
       }
14:
15:
       / * *
16:
          Constructs a bank account with a given balance.
17:
          (param initial Balance the initial balance
       * /
18:
       public BankAccount(double initialBalance)
19:
20:
       {
21:
          balance = initialBalance;
                                                              Continued
22:
       }
23:
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```

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ch10/accounts/BankAccount.java (cont.)

```
/ * *
24:
25:
           Deposits money into the bank account.
26:
           Qparam amount the amount to deposit
       * /
27:
28:
       public void deposit(double amount)
29:
       {
30:
          balance = balance + amount;
31:
       }
32:
       / * *
33:
34:
          Withdraws money from the bank account.
35:
           Qparam amount the amount to withdraw
       * /
36:
37:
       public void withdraw(double amount)
38:
       {
39:
          balance = balance - amount;
40:
       }
41:
42:
       / * *
43:
          Gets the current balance of the bank account.
44:
          @return the current balance
                                                               Continued
45:
       * /
```

ch10/accounts/BankAccount.java (cont.)

```
46:
       public double getBalance()
47:
       {
48:
          return balance;
49:
       }
50:
51:
       / * *
52:
          Transfers money from the bank account to another account
53:
          Qparam amount the amount to transfer
54:
          Qparam other the other account
       * /
55:
56:
       public void transfer(double amount, BankAccount other)
57:
       {
58:
          withdraw(amount);
59:
          other.deposit(amount);
60:
       }
61:
62:
       private double balance;
63: }
```

ch10/accounts/SavingsAccount.java

```
01: /**
02:
       An account that earns interest at a fixed rate.
03: */
04: public class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount
05: {
    /**
06:
07:
          Constructs a bank account with a given interest rate.
08:
          @param rate the interest rate
09:
       * /
10:
       public SavingsAccount(double rate)
11:
       {
12:
          interestRate = rate;
13:
       }
14:
15:
       / * *
16:
          Adds the earned interest to the account balance.
17:
       * /
```

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ch10/accounts/SavingsAccount.java (cont.)

```
18: public void addInterest()
19: {
20:    double interest = getBalance() * interestRate / 100;
21:    deposit(interest);
22:  }
23:
24:    private double interestRate;
25: }
```

Output:

Mom's savings balance: 7035.0 Expected: 7035 Harry's checking balance: 1116.0 Expected: 1116

Self Check 10.12

If a is a variable of type BankAccount that holds a non-null reference, what do you know about the object to which a refers?

Answer: The object is an instance of BankAccount or one of its subclasses.

If a refers to a checking account, what is the effect of calling a.transfer(1000, a)?

Answer: The balance of a is unchanged, and the transaction count is incremented twice.

Access Control

- Java has four levels of controlling access to fields, methods, and classes:
 - public **access**

o Can be accessed by methods of all classes

• private **access**

o Can be accessed only by the methods of their own class

- protected **ACCESS** • See Advanced Topic 10.3
- package access

o The default, when no access modifier is given o Can be accessed by all classes in the same package o Good default for classes, but extremely unfortunate for fields

Recommended Access Levels

- Instance and static fields: Always private. Exceptions:
 - public static final constants are useful and safe
 - Some objects, such as System.out, need to be accessible to all programs (public)
 - Occasionally, classes in a package must collaborate very closely (give some fields package access); inner classes are usually better
- Methods: public or private
- Classes and interfaces: public or package
 - Better alternative to package access: inner classes
 - In general, inner classes should not be public (some exceptions exist, e.g., Ellipse2D.Double)
- Beware of accidental package access (forgetting public or private)

Self Check 10.14

What is a common reason for defining package-visible instance fields?

Answer: Accidentally forgetting the private modifier.

Self Check 10.15

If a class with a public constructor has package access, who can construct objects of it?

Answer: Any methods of classes in the same package.

Object: The Cosmic Superclass

• All classes defined without an explicit extends clause automatically extend Object



Figure 8 The Object Class Is the Superclass of Every Java Class

Object: The Cosmic Superclass

- All classes defined without an explicit extends clause automatically extend Object
- Most useful methods:
 - String toString()
 - boolean equals(Object otherObject)
 - Object clone()
- Good idea to override these methods in your classes

Overriding the toString Method

- Returns a string representation of the object
- Useful for debugging:

```
Rectangle box = new Rectangle(5, 10, 20, 30);
String s = box.toString();
// Sets s to java.awt.Rectangle[x=5,y=10,width=20,
height=30]"
```

- toString is called whenever you concatenate a string with an
 object:
 "box=" + box;
 - // Result: "box=java.awt.Rectangle[x=5,y=10,width=20, height=30]"

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Overriding the toString **Method** (cont.)

• Object.toString prints class name and the hash code of the object

BankAccount momsSavings = new BankAccount(5000); String s = momsSavings.toString(); // Sets s to something like "BankAccount@d24606bf"

Overriding the toString Method

• To provide a nicer representation of an object, override toString:

```
public String toString()
{
    return "BankAccount[balance=" + balance + "]";
}
```

• This works better:

BankAccount momsSavings = new BankAccount(5000); String s = momsSavings.toString(); // Sets s to "BankAccount[balance=5000]"

Overriding the equals Method

• Equals tests for equal contents



Figure 9 Two References to Equal Objects

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Overriding the equals **Method** (cont.)



Figure 10 Two References to the Same Object
Overriding the equals Method

- Define the equals method to test whether two objects have equal state
- When redefining equals method, you cannot change object signature; use a *cast* instead:

```
public class Coin
{
    ...
    public boolean equals(Object otherObject)
    {
        Coin other = (Coin) otherObject;
        return name.equals(other.name) && value ==
            other.value;
    }
    ...
}
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```

Overriding the equals **Method** (cont.)

• You should also override the hashCode method so that equal objects have the same hash code

Self Check 10.16

Should the call x.equals(x) always return true?

Answer: It certainly should – unless, of course, x is null.

Self Check 10.17

Can you implement equals in terms of toString? Should you?

Answer: If toString returns a string that describes all instance fields, you can simply call toString on the implicit and explicit parameters, and compare the results. However, comparing the fields is more efficient than converting them into strings.

Overriding the clone Method

- Copying an object reference gives two references to same object BankAccount account2 = account;
- Sometimes, need to make a copy of the object





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Overriding the clone Method (cont.)

- Define clone method to make new object (see Advanced Topic 10.6)
- Use clone: BankAccount clonedAccount = (BankAccount)account.clone();
- Must cast return value because return type is Object

The Object.clone method

• Creates shallow copies



The Object.clone Method Makes a Shallow Copy

Continued

The Object.clone method (cont.)

- Does not systematically clone all subobjects
- Must be used with caution
- It is declared as protected; prevents from accidentally calling x.clone() if the class to which x belongs hasn't redefined clone to be public
- You should override the clone method with care (see Advanced Topic 10.6)

Scripting Languages

Terminal	×
	*
/home/apps/rhino1_5R5\$ java -jar js.jar	
Rhino 1.5 release 5 2004 03 25	
<pre>js> importPackage(Packages.javax.swing);</pre>	
<pre>js> frame = new JFrame();</pre>	
javax.swing.JFrame[frame0,0,0,0x0,invalid,hidden,layout=java.awt.BorderLayout	,ti
tle=,resizable,normal,defaultCloseOperation=HIDE_ON_CLOSE,rootPane=javax.swin;	g.J
RootPane[,0,0,0x0,invalid,layout=javax.swing.JRootPane\$RootLayout,alignmentX=	0.0
,alignmentY=0.0,border=,flags=16777673,maximumSize=,minimumSize=,preferredSize	e=]
,rootPaneCheckingEnabled=true]	
js> label = new JLabel("Hello, World!");	
javax.swing.JLabel[,0,0,0x0,invalid,alignmentX=0.0,alignmentY=0.0,border=,flag	gs=
8388608,maximumSize=,minimumSize=,preferredSize=,defaultIcon=,disabledIcon=,h	ori
zontalAlignment=LEADING,horizontalTextPosition=TRAILING,iconTextGap=4.labelFo:	r=,
text=Hello, World!,verticalAlignment=CENTER,verticalTextPosition=CENTER]	
<pre>js> frame.add(label);</pre>	
javax.swing.JLabel[,0,0,0x0,invalid,alignmentX=0.0,alignmentY=0.0,border=,flag	gs=
8388608, maximumSize=, minimumSize=, preferredSize= defaultIcon= disabledIcon=, he	ori
zontalAlignment=LEADING,horizontalTextPositi	r=,
text=Hello, World!,verticalAlignment=CENTER, ER]	
js> frame.setSize(200, 100); Hello, World!	
js> frame.setVisible(true);	
js>	
	*

Writing a Rhino Script

Using Inheritance to Customize Frames

- Use inheritance for complex frames to make programs easier to understand
- **Design a subclass of** JFrame
- Store the components as instance fields
- Initialize them in the constructor of your subclass
- If initialization code gets complex, simply add some helper methods

Lauren – I'm not sure what is supposed to go here.

Example: Investment Viewer Program

Of course, we still need a class with a main method:

Lauren – I'm not sure what is supposed to go here.

Example: Investment Viewer Program (cont.)

Lauren – I'm not sure what is supposed to go here.

How many Java source files are required by the investment viewer application when we use inheritance to define the frame class?

Answer: Three: InvestmentFrameViewer, InvestmentFrame, and BankAccount.

Self Check 10.19

Why does the InvestmentFrame constructor call setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT), whereas the main method of the investment viewer class in Chapter 9 called frame.setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT)?

Answer: The InvestmentFrame constructor adds the panel to *itself*.

Processing Text Input

• Use JTextField components to provide space for user input

```
final int FIELD_WIDTH = 10; // In characters
  final JTextField rateField = new
    JTextField(FIELD_WIDTH);
```

• Place a JLabel next to each text field

JLabel rateLabel = new JLabel("Interest Rate: ");

Continued

Processing Text Input

 Supply a button that the user can press to indicate that the input is ready for processing

\$			
Interest Rate:	5.0	Add Interest	balance: 1000.0

Figure 12 An Application with a Text Field

Continued

Processing Text Input (cont.)

• The button's actionPerformed method reads the user input from the text fields (use getText)

```
Class AddInterestListener implements ActionListener
{
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
    {
        double rate =
            Double.parseDouble(rateField.getText());
        ...
    }
}
```

ch10/textfield/InvestmentViewer3.java

```
01: import javax.swing.JFrame;
02:
03: /**
04:
       This program displays the growth of an investment.
05: */
06: public class InvestmentViewer3
07: {
08:
       public static void main(String[] args)
09:
       {
10:
          JFrame frame = new InvestmentFrame();
11:
          frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
12:
          frame.setVisible(true);
13:
      }
14: }
```

ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java

```
01: import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
02: import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
03: import javax.swing.JButton;
04: import javax.swing.JFrame;
05: import javax.swing.JLabel;
06: import javax.swing.JPanel;
07: import javax.swing.JTextField;
08:
09: /**
10:
    A frame that shows the growth of an investment with variable
interest.
11: */
12: public class InvestmentFrame extends JFrame
13: {
14:
      public InvestmentFrame()
15:
       {
16:
          account = new BankAccount(INITIAL BALANCE);
17:
18:
          // Use instance fields for components
19:
          resultLabel = new JLabel("balance: " + account.getBalance());
20:
                                                             Continued
```

ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
21:
          // Use helper methods
22:
          createTextField();
23:
        createButton();
24:
        createPanel();
25:
26:
          setSize(FRAME WIDTH, FRAME HEIGHT);
27:
       }
28:
29:
       private void createTextField()
30:
       {
31:
          rateLabel = new JLabel("Interest Rate: ");
32:
33:
          final int FIELD WIDTH = 10;
34:
          rateField = new JTextField(FIELD WIDTH);
35:
          rateField.setText("" + DEFAULT RATE);
36:
       }
37:
38:
       private void createButton()
39:
       {
40:
          button = new JButton("Add Interest");
41:
```

Continued

ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
42:
          class AddInterestListener implements ActionListener
43:
          {
44:
             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
45:
              {
46:
                double rate = Double.parseDouble(
47:
                       rateField.getText());
48:
                double interest = account.getBalance()
49:
                       * rate / 100;
50:
                 account.deposit(interest);
51:
                resultLabel.setText(
52:
                       "balance: " + account.getBalance());
53:
              }
54:
          }
55:
56:
          ActionListener listener = new AddInterestListener();
57:
          button.addActionListener(listener);
58:
       }
59:
60:
       private void createPanel()
```

ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
61:
       {
62:
          panel = new JPanel();
63:
          panel.add(rateLabel);
64:
          panel.add(rateField);
65:
          panel.add(button);
66:
          panel.add(resultLabel);
67:
          add(panel);
68:
       }
69:
70:
       private JLabel rateLabel;
71:
       private JTextField rateField;
72:
       private JButton button;
73:
       private JLabel resultLabel;
74:
       private JPanel panel;
75:
       private BankAccount account;
76:
       private static final int FRAME WIDTH = 450;
77:
       private static final int FRAME HEIGHT = 100;
78:
79:
80:
       private static final double DEFAULT RATE = 5;
81:
       private static final double INITIAL BALANCE = 1000;
82: }
```

What happens if you omit the first JLabel object?

Answer: Then the text field is not labeled, and the user will not know its purpose.

If a text field holds an integer, what expression do you use to read its contents?

Answer: Integer.parseInt(textField.getText())

Text Areas

- Use a JTextArea to show multiple lines of text
- You can specify the number of rows and columns: final int ROWS = 10; final int COLUMNS = 30; JTextArea textArea = new JTextArea(ROWS, COLUMNS);
- setText: to set the text of a text field or text area
- append: to add text to the end of a text area
- Use newline characters to separate lines: textArea.append(account.getBalance() + "\n");
- To use for display purposes only: textArea.setEditable(false); // program can call setText and append to change it

Text Areas

• To add scroll bars to a text area:

JTextArea textArea = new JTextArea(ROWS, COLUMNS); JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(textArea);



Figure 13 The Investment Application with a Text Area

ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java

```
01: import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
02: import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
03: import javax.swing.JButton;
04: import javax.swing.JFrame;
05: import javax.swing.JLabel;
06: import javax.swing.JPanel;
07: import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
08: import javax.swing.JTextArea;
09: import javax.swing.JTextField;
10:
11: /**
12:
    A frame that shows the growth of an investment with variable
interest.
13: */
14: public class InvestmentFrame extends JFrame
15: {
16:
      public InvestmentFrame()
17:
       {
18:
          account = new BankAccount (INITIAL BALANCE);
19:
          resultArea = new JTextArea (AREA ROWS, AREA COLUMNS);
20:
          resultArea.setEditable(false);
21:
                                                             Continued
```

ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
22:
          // Use helper methods
23:
          createTextField();
24:
       createButton();
25:
          createPanel();
26:
27:
          setSize(FRAME WIDTH, FRAME HEIGHT);
28:
       }
29:
30:
       private void createTextField()
31:
       {
32:
          rateLabel = new JLabel("Interest Rate: ");
33:
34:
          final int FIELD WIDTH = 10;
35:
          rateField = new JTextField(FIELD WIDTH);
36:
          rateField.setText("" + DEFAULT RATE);
37:
       }
38:
39:
       private void createButton()
40:
       {
41:
          button = new JButton("Add Interest");
42:
```

Continued

ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
43:
          class AddInterestListener implements ActionListener
44:
          {
             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
45:
46:
              {
47:
                 double rate = Double.parseDouble(
48:
                       rateField.getText());
49:
                 double interest = account.getBalance()
50:
                       * rate / 100;
51:
                 account.deposit(interest);
52:
                 resultArea.append(account.getBalance() + "\n");
53:
              }
54:
          }
55:
56:
          ActionListener listener = new AddInterestListener();
57:
          button.addActionListener(listener);
58:
       }
59:
60:
       private void createPanel()
61:
       {
62:
          panel = new JPanel();
63:
          panel.add(rateLabel);
64:
                                                                Continued
          panel.add(rateField);
65:
          panel.add(button);
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```

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ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
66:
          JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(resultArea);
67:
          panel.add(scrollPane);
68:
          add(panel);
69:
       }
70:
71:
       private JLabel rateLabel;
72:
       private JTextField rateField;
73:
       private JButton button;
74:
       private JTextArea resultArea;
75:
       private JPanel panel;
76:
       private BankAccount account;
77:
78:
       private static final int FRAME WIDTH = 400;
       private static final int FRAME HEIGHT = 250;
79:
80:
81:
       private static final int AREA ROWS = 10;
       private static final int AREA COLUMNS = 30;
82:
83:
84:
       private static final double DEFAULT RATE = 5;
       private static final double INITIAL BALANCE = 1000;
85:
86: }
```

What is the difference between a text field and a text area?

Answer: A text field holds a single line of text; a text area holds multiple lines.

Self Check 10.23

Why did the InvestmentFrame program call resultArea.setEditable(false)?

Answer: The text area is intended to display the program output. It does not collect user input.

Self Check 10.24

How would you modify the InvestmentFrame program if you didn't want to use scroll bars?

Answer: Don't construct a JScrollPane and add the resultArea object directly to the frame.