ECE 462
Object-Oriented Programming using C++ and Java

Lecture 5

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Review of Lab 2

- Every derived class of JComponent supports **paintComponent**. In general, this function should be overridden in the derived class (as we did in lab 2)

- getContentPane() $\Rightarrow$ return a container

- getContentPane().add(jDisplay, BorderLayout.SOUTH);

- The function requires a Component object as the first parameter. jDisplay is an object from a class that is derived from Component; hence, jDisplay is a valid parameter

$\Rightarrow$ if an object of class X is expected as a parameter of a function, an object from a class derived from X is also a valid parameter.

```
func1(Shape sobj) { ... }
Shape obj1 = new Shape();
Triangle obj2 = new Triangle();
func1(obj1);      // valid
func1(obj2);      // valid

func2(Triangle tobj) { ... }
Shape obj1 = new Shape();
Triangle obj2 = new Triangle();
func2(obj1);      // invalid
func2(obj2);      // valid
```

Shape

Triangle

Human

Student

- A Student object is also a Human object. If a Human object is expected, it is valid to provide a Student object.
- Not all Human objects are Student objects. If a Student object is expected, it is **invalid** to provide a Human object.

- Whenever a component object needs to be repainted, the **paintComponent(Graphics gfx)** function is called.
- If it overridden in a derived class (for example, ShapeDisplay), the one in the derived class is called.
- This is an example of polymorphism.
  - Functions of the same name, the same return type, and the same parameter list.
  - Functions are implemented in derived classes.
- In a window, there may be many objects of different classes: buttons, menus, textfields, panels ... These objects are added to the window (e.g. in a list).
- When the window needs to be redrawn (e.g. restore from minimized), the window "asks" (i.e. send a message) to each object and the object decides how to redraw itself.

```
class Container {
    public void add (A aobj);
}
B bobj = new B ...
C cobj = new C ...
D dobj = new D ...
E eobj = new E ...
F fobj = new F ...
cont.add(bobj);
cont.add(cobj);
cont.add(dobj);
cont.add(eobj);
cont.add(fobj);
for each object x in the container object cont {
    x.func(...);     // will call func of the respective class
}
```

class A {
    public void func(...)
}

Inheritance is a Contract

- A derived class has **all** the properties of the base class, including attributes and methods.

- A virtual function overrides the **implementation** of the method but the derived class still **provides** the method (respond to the message)

- If one class does not have **all** the properties of another class, the first should **not** be a derived class.

- If you are not sure, do **not** create a derived class.

Class SortedList

A sorted list is a class in which elements are sorted.

$$\textbf{4} \qquad \textbf{7} \qquad \textbf{11} \qquad \textbf{19} \qquad \textbf{23}$$

insert

15

```
class SortedList {
    Element findNext(Element x);
        // return the smallest element that is larger than x
    void insert(Element x);
        // insert x so that x is between the largest element that
        // is smaller than x and the smallest element that is larger x
    void remove(Element x); // remove x
}
```

Class List

A list is a class in which elements can be inserted at any location.

$$4 \quad 17 \quad 1 \qquad\qquad 39 \quad 13$$

insertNext(1, 15)

15

```
class List {
    Element findNext(Element x); // return the element after x
    void insertNext(Element x, Element y); // insert y after x
    void insertBefore(Element x, Element y); // insert y before x
    void insertHead(Element x); // insert x as the first element
    void insertTail(Element x); // insert x as the last element
}
```

Self Test

What is the relationship between SortedList and List?

A. SortedList: base class; List: derived class, "is a"
B. List: base class; SortedList: derived class, "is a"
C. no relationship
D. List should have ("has a") SortedList as an attribute
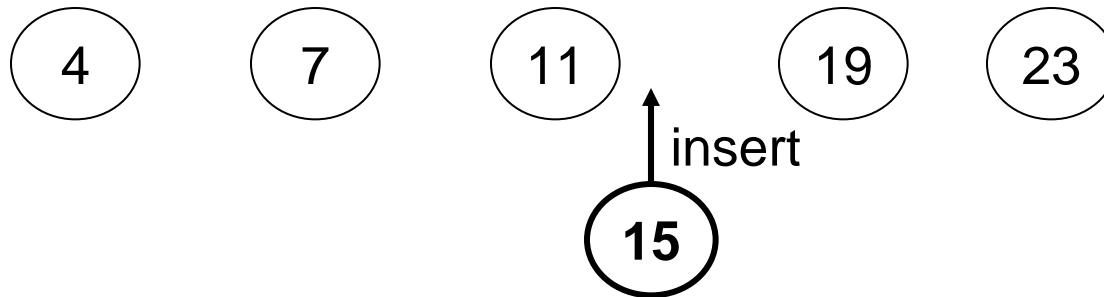E. SortedList should have ("has a") List as an attribute

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SortedList uses List?

```
class SortedList {
    List * mylist;
     void insert(Element x) {
        Element * aheadx = mylist -> findHead();
        while (x > aheadx) { aheadx = mylist -> findNext (aheadx); }
        mylist -> insertBefore(aheadx, x);
    }
}
```

(4)   (7)   (11)   (19)   (23)

↑ insert

(**15**)

Now, what is your answer?

"Has a" as Encapsulation

- Does SortedList have a List? i.e. SortedList uses List to maintain the order of elements by inserting at the right location? Maybe. **Maybe not**.

- SortedList does not have to use List. It may use

  - array

  - binary search tree

  - priority queue

  - list

  - …   // can be changed without breaking your code

- You **don't have to know** what is inside SortedList. You only need to know its interface ⇒ **encapsulation**

- Encapsulation and inheritance are the foundation of code reuse.

- Encapsulation: You can use classes without knowing how they are implemented. In fact, the implementation may change without breaking your code.

- Inheritance: You can use the attributes and methods already declared, defined, or implemented in the class hierarchy.

- Do not allow the visibility of attributes, methods, or to create new classes, if you have doubt. Encapsulation is more likely to keep your code working.

General Principle of Inheritance

- identify the objects' behavior
- extract common behavior and create the base class
- provide specialized behavior in the derived class
- base class: more general, fewer attributes
- ⇒ Since the interface of SortedList and the interface of List do not have "**superset**" relationship, they should **not** form a class hierarchy.
- Do not create too many classes. If you can express the properties of an object by **attributes**, do not create new classes. For example, Human, Male, Female, Boy, Girl, Man, Woman ... They can be expressed by two attributes "gender" and "age"

Abstract Class

- Sometimes, it makes no sense to create an object of a class (called "**instantiation**"). It makes sense to create objects of that class' derived classes. For example, no object for Shape.

- Why to create a class without instantiation?

  - to provide a common interface for derived classes, for example, getArea

  - to provide common attributes, for example, line style and thickness

Lab 3: Creating Multi-File C++ using Managed Project in **eclipse**