

Recap

- ▶ Object-Oriented Programming
 - ▶ Dealing with complexity by structuring your code
 - ▶ Classes and objects
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 - ▶ Unit of code to define some type of object
 - ▶ Contains fields (= variables, data) and methods (= behaviour)
- ▶ Objects
 - ▶ Concrete individuals of a certain class

```
1 public class Horse {
2     // the fields/variables of a class to store data about an instance
3     String color;
4     String name;
5     int currentSpeed;
6
7     // constructor to define what happens when a new object is created
8     public Horse(String name) {
9         this.name = name; // "this" to distinguish field and local variable
10    }
11
12    // methods of the class to define their behaviour
13    public Horse mate(Horse partner) {
14        // two horses meet and make a new horse
15    }
16
17    public static void main(String[] args) {
18        // create an instance of type horse
19        Horse h1 = new Horse("Joe");
20        // create a second instance of type horse
21        Horse h2 = new Horse("Jane");
22    }
23 }
```

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The class AsciiImage

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Projekt- und Aufgabenbeschreibung

Das von Prof. Dr. Julia Nantke (Universität Hamburg) und Prof. Dr. Nils Reiter (Universität zu Köln) kooperativ geführte Projekt untersucht Figurenbeschreibungen in deutschsprachigen Romanen. Teil des Projektes ist das Segmentieren von Textstellen, die Figurenbeschreibungen enthalten, um die Beschreibungen in den erzeugten Segmenten in einem späteren Schritt miteinander vergleichen zu können.

Hauptbestandteil Ihrer Aufgabe wird sein, die ausgewählten Texte nach bestehenden Annotationsrichtlinien zu segmentieren. Gegebenenfalls können weitere kleinere Annotationsarbeiten innerhalb des Projektes, wie etwa das Testen der Annotation von Segmentvergleichen, anfallen.

Die Arbeitszeit beträgt 40 Stunden / Monat und wird gemäß der [Vergütungsliste für SHKs der Universität zu Köln](#) vergütet.

Anforderungen

- Bereitschaft, sich in das Thema, die Annotationsrichtlinien und das Annotationstool einzuarbeiten
- Bereitschaft, die im Projekt ausgewählten Romane zu lesen
- Bereitschaft, regelmäßig an Treffen vor Ort und online teilzunehmen
- Vorerfahrungen mit Annotationsarbeit (z.B. aus einem Kurs) ist ein Plus

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Ihre Bewerbung richten Sie bitte bis zum **31. Januar 2024** als PDF-Dokument (max. 1 Seite) an janis.pagel@uni-koeln.de

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- Ihren CV
- Eine Begründung Ihres Interesses am Projekt

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Session 9: Methods and Inheritance

Softwaretechnologie: Java 1

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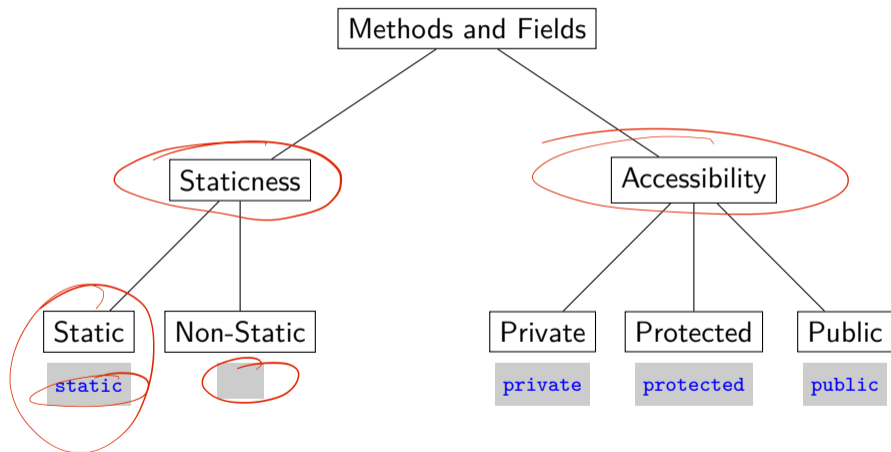
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Section 1

Methods

Introduction



Staticness

Non-static

- ▶ Methods can only be used with an object of the class in which they are defined
 - ▶ E.g., in order to call method `mate(Horse)`, one needs an object of type Horse
- ▶ Default behaviour (unmarked methods are non-static)
- ▶ Also applies to fields

Static

- ▶ Methods can be used without an object
 - ▶ E.g., marking a species as endangered is something for the class, not for instances of it
- ▶ Java keyword `static`


```
1 public class Horse {
2     // the fields/variables of a class to store data about an instance
3     String name;
4
5     // boolean field to store whether the species is extinct in the wild
6     static boolean extinctInTheWild;
7
8     public Horse mate(Horse partner) {
9         // two horses meet and make a new horse
10    }
11
12    public static boolean isExtinctInTheWild() {
13        return extinctInTheWild;
14    }
15
16    public static void main(String[] args) {
17        Horse h1 = new Horse();
18        Horse h2 = new Horse();
19        Horse h3 = h1.mate(h2);
20
21        if (Horse.isExtinctInTheWild()) {
22            // do something
23        }
24    }
25 }
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Why?

- ▶ Modularization is important for dealing with complexity
- ▶ A complex program consists of many small parts that are not as complex
- ▶ Small parts are only maintainable if they have restricted interfaces
- ▶ Access restrictions can enforce that

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Horse with static and private fields/methods

Section 2

Inheritance

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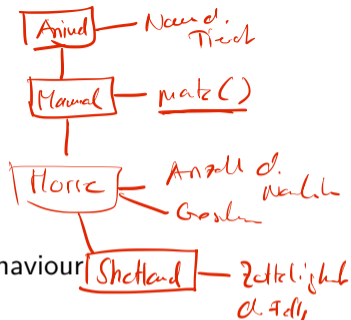
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- ▶ Inheritance allows us to model this
- ▶ Many domains have hierarchical structures
 - ▶ E.g., animal species, companies, kitchen equipment



```

Shetland p = new Shetland();
p.matz(...);
  
```

Class Inheritance

- ▶ A class inherits from another class
- ▶ New keyword: `extends`, used in the class declaration:

```
public class Horse extends Animal { ... }
```

- ▶ Horse: sub class
- ▶ Animal: super class

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- ▶ Objects of the sub class can be assigned to variables of the super class
 - ▶

```
Animal someAnimal = new Horse();
```
 - ▶

```
Animal[] zooAnimals = new Animal[2] { new Horse(), new Donkey() };
```
- ▶ Casting from sub class to super class (“upwards”) always works
 - ▶

```
Animal someAnimal = (Animal) myHorse;
```

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Animal and Hippo

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- ▶ Methods in sub class override methods in super class
- ▶ Calling super method explicitly
 - ▶ Outside of sub class by casting:
`((Animal)h).step(5);`
 - ▶ Inside of sub class with `super` :
`super.step(5);`
 - ▶ Think of super as `((Animal) this)` (in this case)



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- ▶ But we can assign a object of a sub class to a variable of a super class
 - ▶ E.g., `Animal a = new Horse();` *//if Horse extends Animal*

`java.lang.Object`

- ▶ All classes inherit automatically from `java.lang.Object`
 - ▶ I.e., every object is in an instance of `java.lang.Object` (though maybe indirectly)
- ▶ Class provides a few methods

Javadoc

- ▶ `Object clone()`
- ▶ `boolean equals(Object obj)`
- ▶ `int hashCode()`
- ▶ `String toString()`
- ▶ `void wait()`, `void wait(long timeout)`, `void wait(long timeout, int nanos)`
- ▶ `void notify()`, `void notifyAll()`
- ▶ `void finalize()`
- ▶ `Class<?> getClass()`

Testing Inheritance

- New operator: ~~isinstance~~

instanceof

```
1 Horse h = new Horse();
2
3 h instanceof Horse; // true
4 h instanceof Object; // true
5 h instanceof String; // false
6 h instanceof Animal; // true if Horse extends Animal
```

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 - ▶ In C++/Python: Yes!
 - ▶ C++: Programmer has to resolve ambiguity with additional syntax
 - ▶ Python: Depends on the order in which inheritance has been specified

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Exercise



Schöne Feiertage und Gute Erholung!