

# Exceptions

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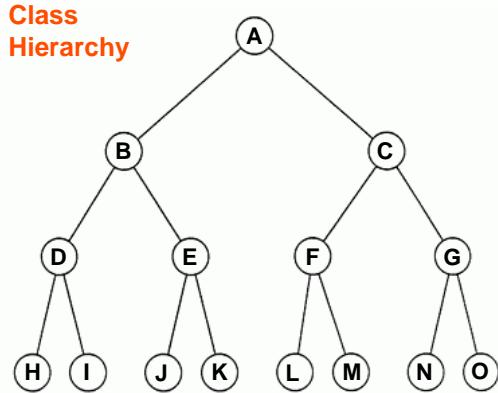
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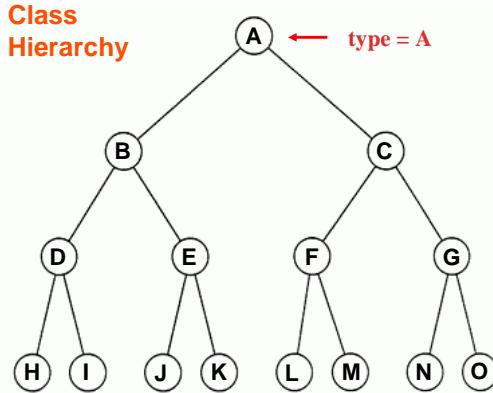
## Quick Review of Polymorphism & Polymorphic Variables

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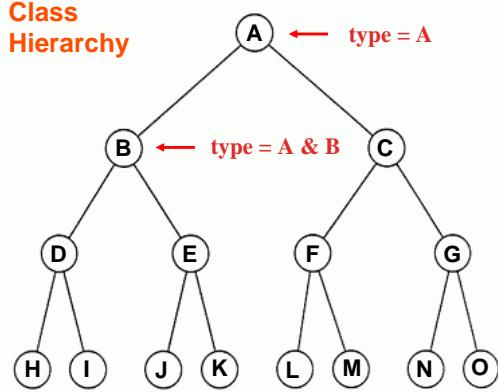
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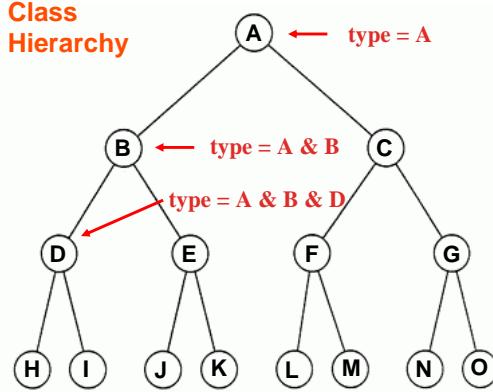
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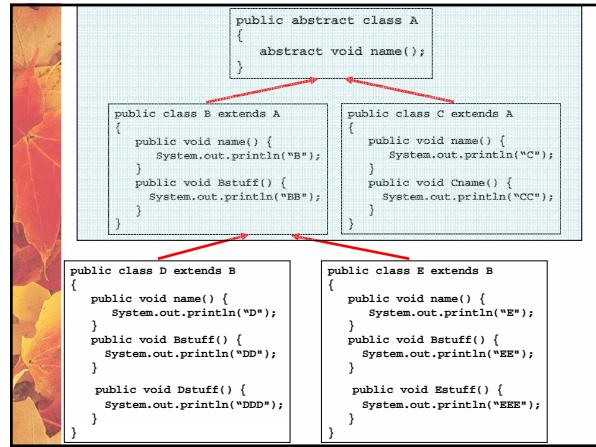
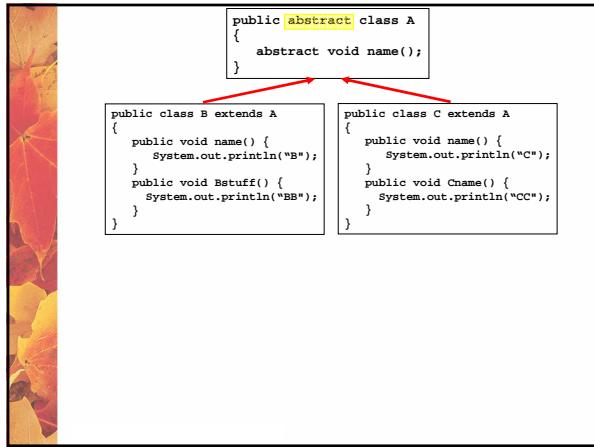
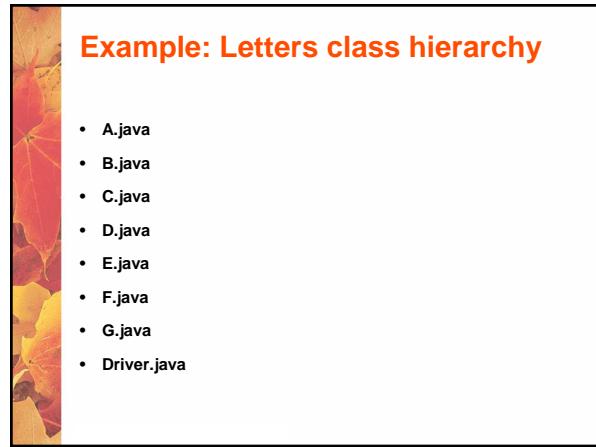
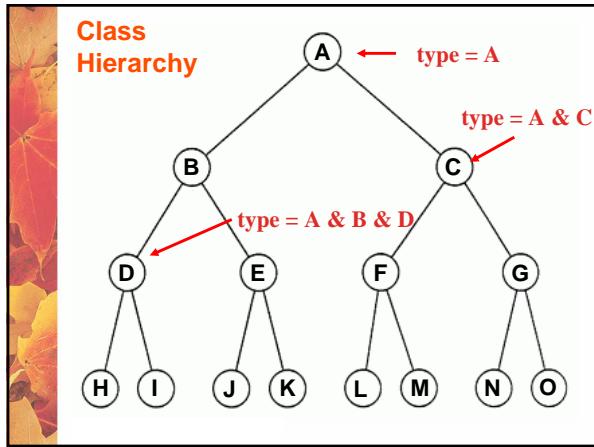
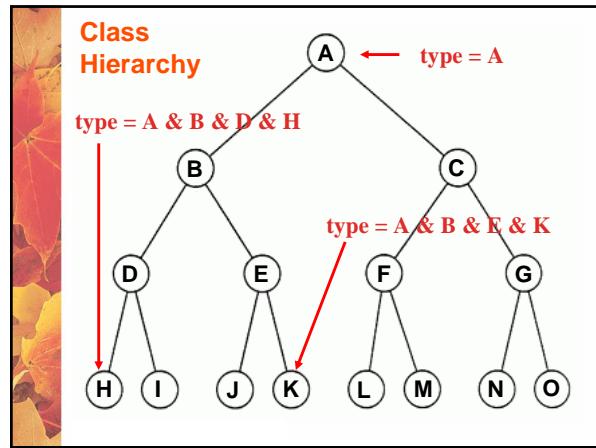
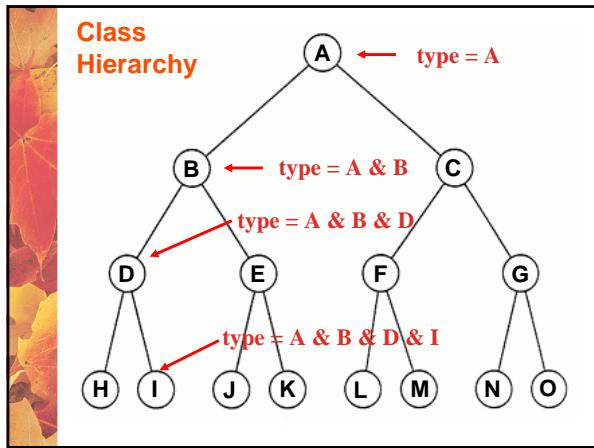


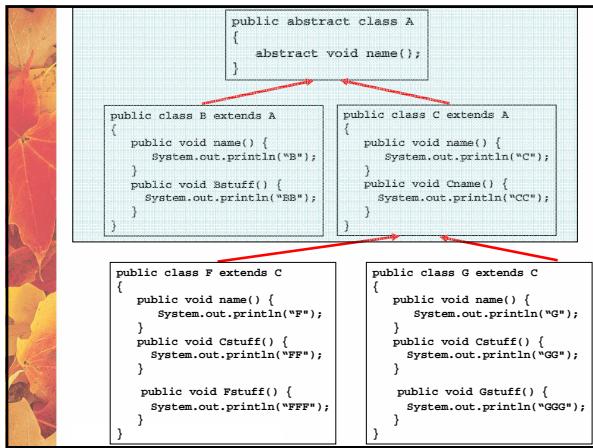
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```

public class Driver1 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        A[] letter= new A[6];

        letter[0]= new B();
        letter[1]= new D();
        letter[2]= new E();
        letter[3]= new C();
        letter[4]= new F();
        letter[5]= new G();

        for(int i=0; i<6; i++) {
            letter[i].name ();
        }
    }
}

Result:
B
D
E
C
F
G

```

```

public class Driver2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        A[] letter= new A[6];

        letter[0]= new B();
        letter[1]= new D();
        letter[2]= new E();
        letter[3]= new C();
        letter[4]= new F();
        letter[5]= new G();

        for(int i=0; i<3; i++) {
            ((B)letter[i]).Bstuff();
        }

        for(int i=3; i<6; i++) {
            ((C)letter[i]).Cstuff();
        }
    }
}

Result:
BB
DD
EE
CC
FF
GG

```

```

public class Driver3 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        A[] b_letter= new B[3];
        b_letter[0]= new B();
        b_letter[1]= new D();
        b_letter[2]= new E();

        C[] c_letter= new C[3];
        c_letter[0]= new C();
        c_letter[1]= new F();
        c_letter[2]= new G();

        for(int i=0; i<3; i++) {
            b_letter[i].Bstuff();
        }

        for(int i=0; i<3; i++) {
            c_letter[i].Cstuff();
        }
    }
}

Result:
BB
DD
EE
CC
FF
GG

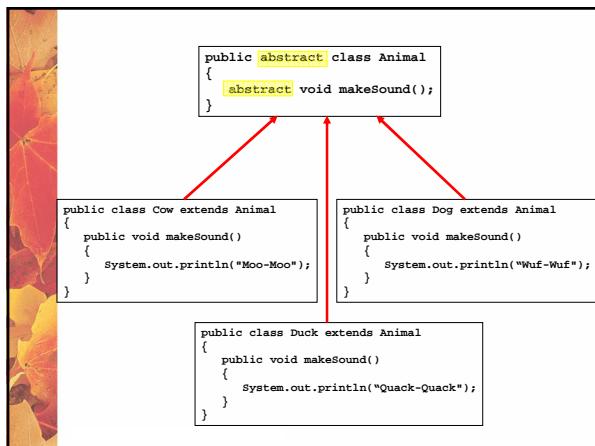
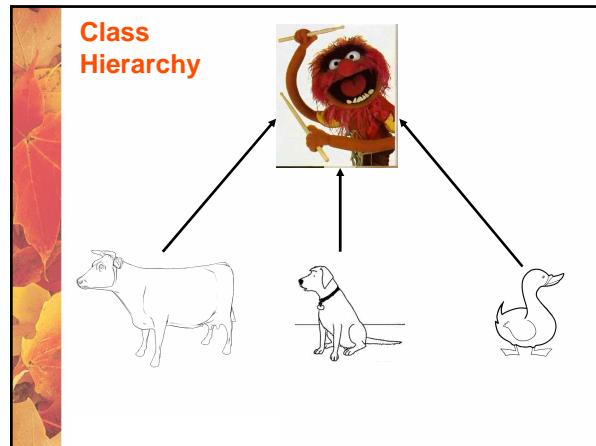
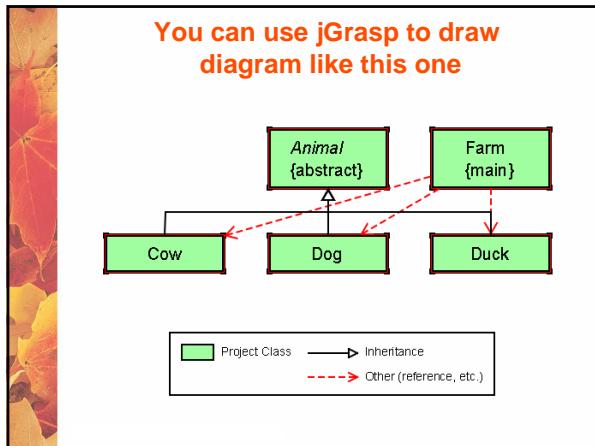
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## Quick Review of Last Lecture

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### Example: Animals class hierarchy

- Animal.java
- Cow.java
- Duck.java
- Dog.java
- Farm.java



```

public abstract class Animal
{
    abstract void makeSound();
}

public class Cow extends Animal
{
    public void makeSound()
    {
        System.out.println("Moo-Moo");
    }
}

public class Dog extends Animal
{
    public void makeSound()
    {
        System.out.println("Wuf-Wuf");
    }
}

public class Duck extends Animal
{
    public void makeSound()
    {
        System.out.println("Quack-Quack");
    }
}

public class Farm
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Cow c=new Cow();
        Dog d=new Dog();
        Duck k= new Duck();

        c.makeSound();
        d.makeSound();
        k.makeSound();
    }
}

Result:
Moo-Moo
Wuf-Wuf
Quack-Quack

```

```

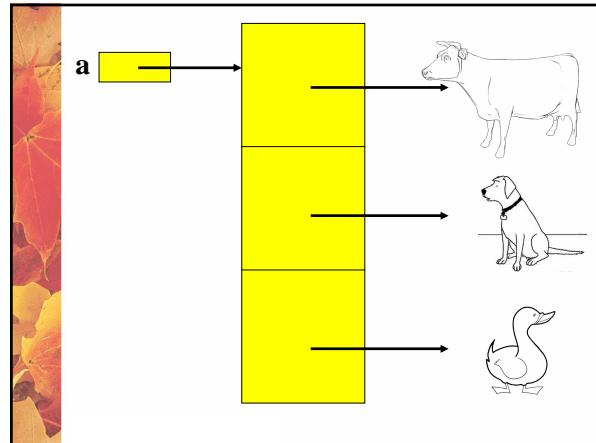
public class Farm2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

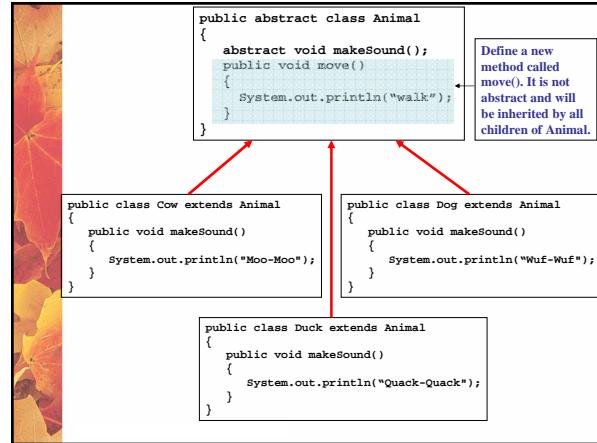
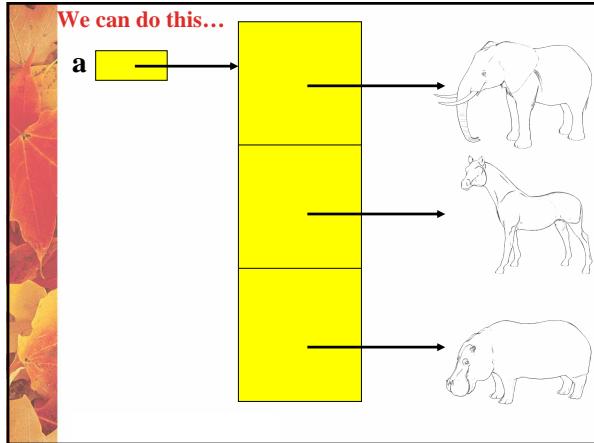
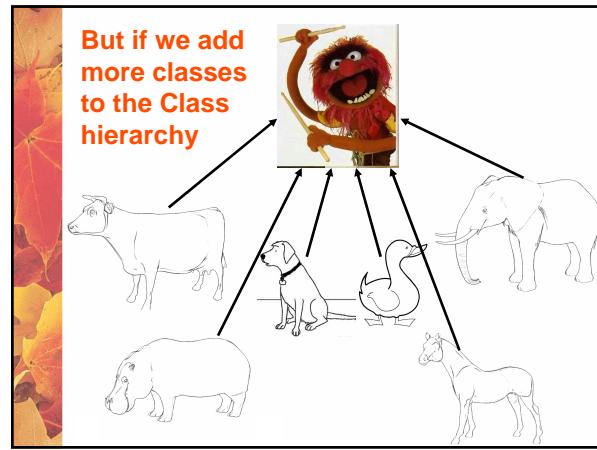
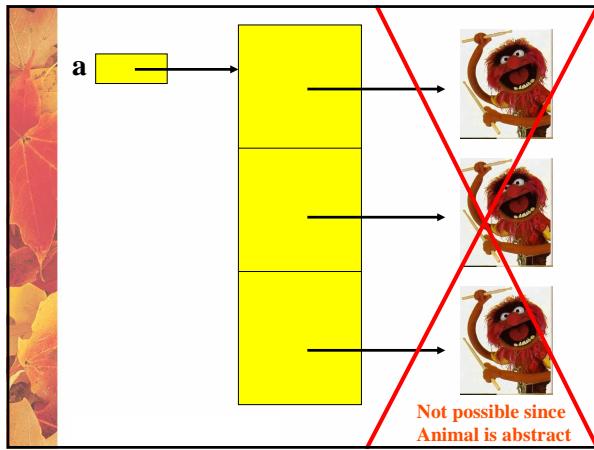
        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

        for(int i=0; i<a.length; i++)
            a[i].makeSound();
    }
}

Result:
Moo-Moo
Wuf-Wuf
Quack-Quack

```





```

public class Farm2b
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

        for(int i=0; i<a.length; i++)
            a[i].move();
    }
}

Result:
walk
walk
walk

```

```

public abstract class Animal
{
    abstract void makeSound();
    public void move()
    {
        System.out.println("walk");
    }
}

public class Cow extends Animal
{
    public void makeSound()
    {
        System.out.println("Moo-Moo");
    }
}

public class Dog extends Animal
{
    public void makeSound()
    {
        System.out.println("Wuf-Wuf");
    }
}

public class Duck extends Animal
{
    public void makeSound()
    {
        System.out.println("Quack-Quack");
    }

    public void move()
    {
        System.out.println("fly");
    }
}

```

Override the move method defined in the Animal class.

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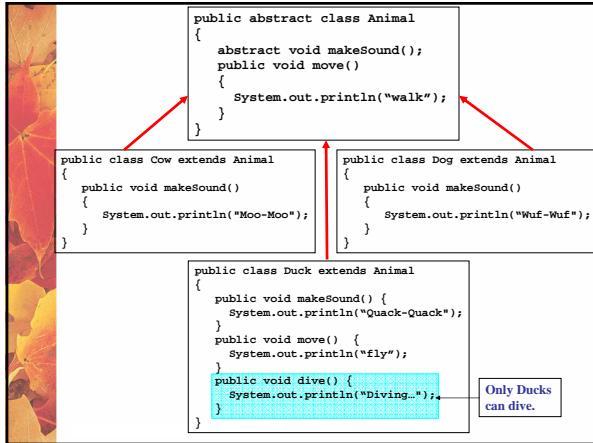
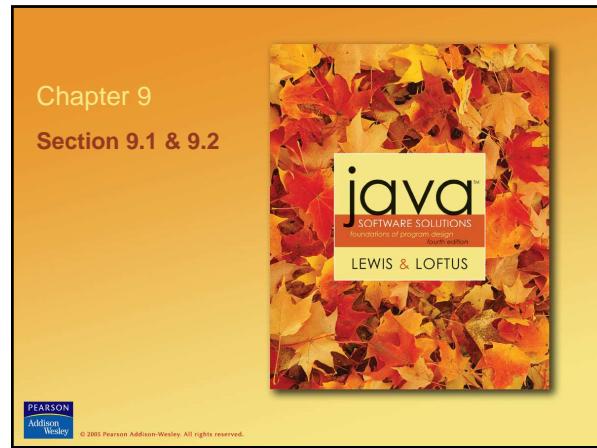
public class Farm2c
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

        for(int i=0; i< a.length; i++)
            a[i].move();
    }
}

Result:
Walk
Walk
Fly

```



```

public class Farm2d
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

        for(int i=0; i< a.length; i++)
            a[i].dive();
    }
}

Compile Error, since dive() is defined
only for Duck objects and not for all
objects derived from Animal.

```

```

public class Farm2d
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

        ((Duck)a[2]).dive();
    }
}

This works OK, but requires a cast
from a reference to Animal to
a reference to Duck.

```

```

public class Farm2d
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

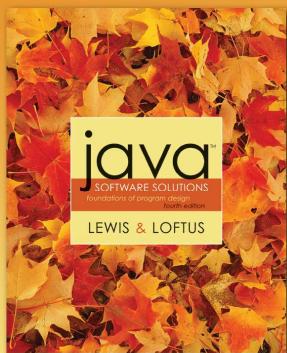
        ((Duck)a[2]).dive();
    }
}

Result:
Diving...

```

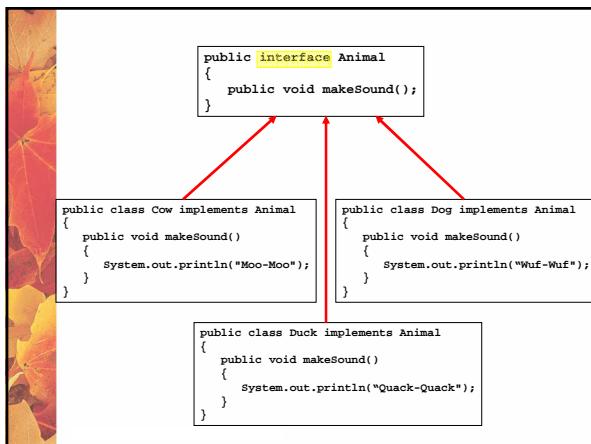
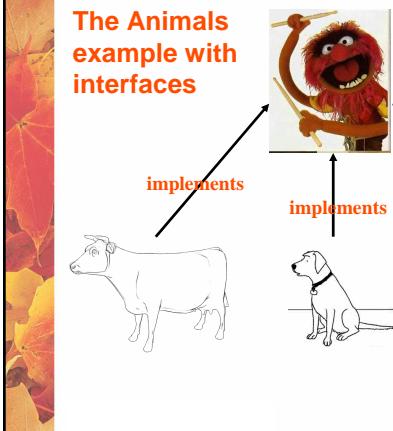
## Chapter 9

### Section 9.3



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The Animals example with interfaces  
In this case Animal is an interface.



**public class iFarm**

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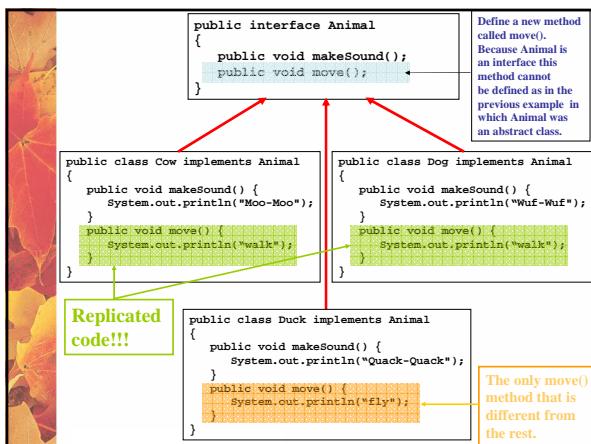
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal domestic;
        domestic = new Cow();
        domestic.makeSound();

        domestic = new Dog();
        domestic.makeSound();

        domestic = new Duck();
        domestic.makeSound();
    }
}

```

**Result:**  
Moo-Moo  
Wuf-Wuf  
Quack-Quack



**public class iFarm2**

```

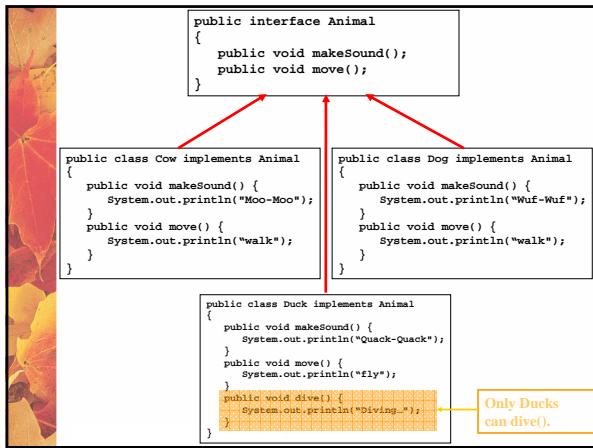
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal domestic;
        domestic = new Cow();
        domestic.move();

        domestic = new Dog();
        domestic.move();

        domestic = new Duck();
        domestic.move();
    }
}

```

**Result:**  
walk  
walk  
fly



```

public class iFarm3
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal domestic;
        domestic = new Cow();
        //domestic.dive(); // error

        domestic = new Dog();
        //domestic.dive(); // error

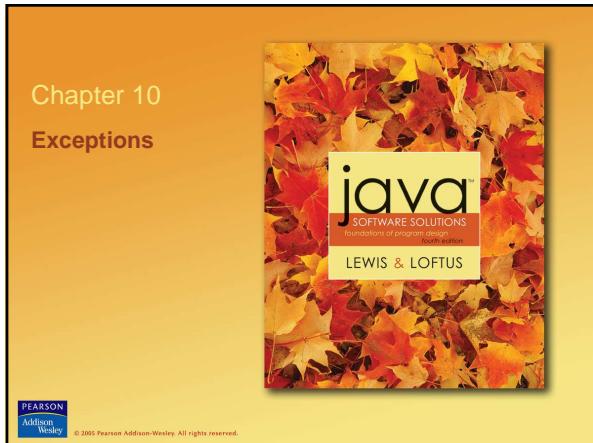
        domestic = new Duck();
        // domestic.dive(); // error

        ((Duck)domestic).dive(); // OK, but uses a cast
    }
}

```

**Result:**  
Ducks can dive.

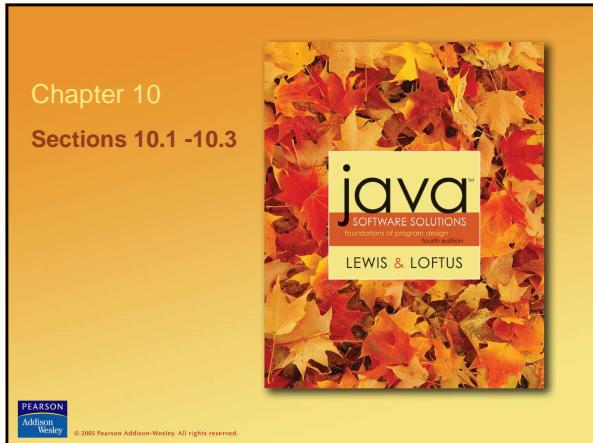
A screenshot of a Java IDE showing the code for `iFarm3`. The code creates an `Animal` object and tries to call `dive()` on it. It fails for `Cow` and `Dog` due to a compilation error, but succeeds for `Duck` after a cast. The output window shows the message "Ducks can dive."



## Exceptions

- An **exception** is an object that describes an unusual or erroneous situation.

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## Exceptions

- Exceptions are *thrown* by a program, and may be *caught* and *handled* by another part of the program
- A program can be separated into a normal execution flow and an exception execution flow
- An **error** is also represented as an object in Java, but usually represents a unrecoverable situation and should not be caught

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## Exception Handling

- Java has a predefined set of exceptions and errors that can occur during execution
- A program can deal with an exception in one of three ways:
  - ignore it
  - handle it where it occurs
  - handle it in another place in the program
- The manner in which an exception is processed is an important design consideration

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## Exception Handling

- If an exception is ignored by the program, the program will terminate abnormally and produce an appropriate message
- The message includes a *call stack trace* that:
  - indicates the line on which the exception occurred
  - shows the method call trail that lead to the attempted execution of the offending line
- See [Zero.java](#) (page 533)

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## Examples:

[Zero.java](#)

[Zero\\_Caught.java](#)

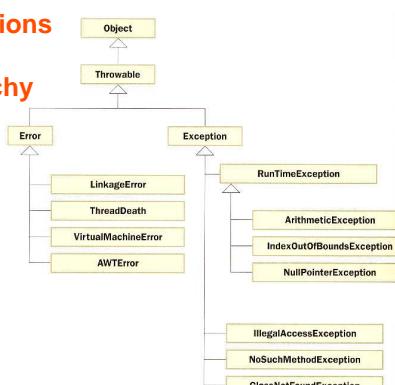
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## The Exception Class Hierarchy

- Classes that define exceptions are related by inheritance, forming an exception class hierarchy
- All error and exception classes are descendants of the `Throwable` class
- A programmer can define an exception by extending the `Exception` class or one of its descendants
- The parent class used depends on how the new exception will be used

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## Exceptions Class Hierarchy



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## Exception Hierarchy

- `java.lang.Object`
- `java.lang.Throwable`
- `java.lang.Exception`
- `java.lang.RuntimeException`
- `java.lang.ArithmeticException`

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## The try Statement

- To handle an exception in a program, the line that throws the exception is executed within a *try block*
- A try block is followed by one or more *catch clauses*
- Each catch clause has an associated exception type and is called an *exception handler*
- When an exception occurs, processing continues at the first catch clause that matches the exception type

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## The finally Clause

- A try statement can have an optional clause following the catch clauses, designated by the reserved word `finally`
- The statements in the finally clause always are executed
- If no exception is generated, the statements in the finally clause are executed after the statements in the try block complete
- If an exception is generated, the statements in the finally clause are executed after the statements in the appropriate catch clause complete

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### Examples:

`OutOfBounds.java`

`OutOfBounds_Caught.java`

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## Exception Hierarchy

- `java.lang.Object`
- `java.lang.Throwable`
- `java.lang.Exception`
- `java.lang.RuntimeException`
- `java.lang.IndexOutOfBoundsException`
- `java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`

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### Examples:

`NullReference.java`

`NullReference_Caught.java`

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## Exception Hierarchy

- `java.lang.Object`
- `java.lang.Throwable`
- `java.lang.Exception`
- `java.lang.RuntimeException`
- `java.lang.NullPointerException`

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### Examples:

`ClassCast.java`

`ClassCast_Caught.java`

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### Exception Hierarchy

- `java.lang.Object`
- `java.lang.Throwable`
- `java.lang.Exception`
- `java.lang.RuntimeException`
- `java.lang.ClassCastException`

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### On-line Java Documentation

- <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/index.html>

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