

# Exceptions

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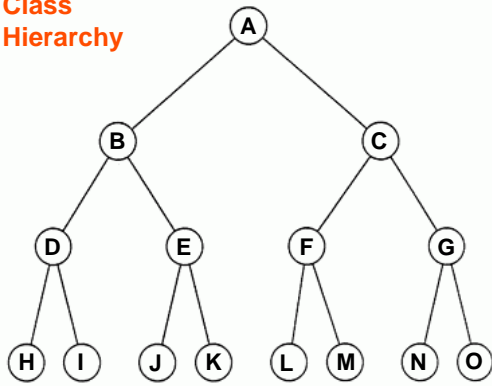
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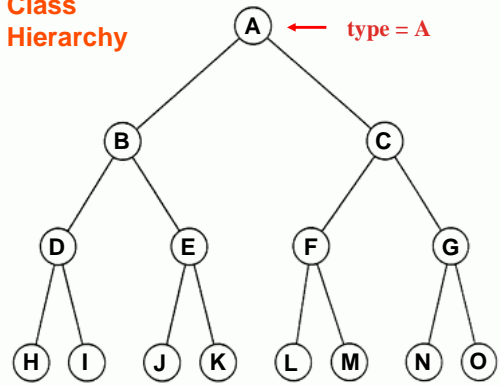
## Quick Review of Polymorphism & Polymorphic Variables

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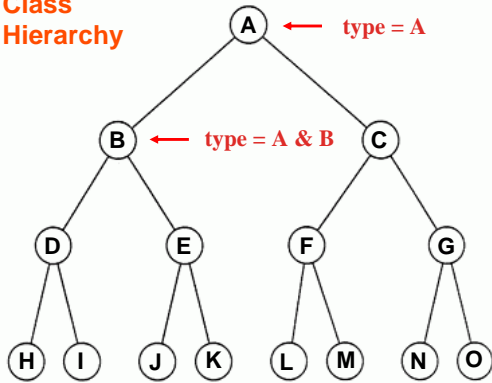
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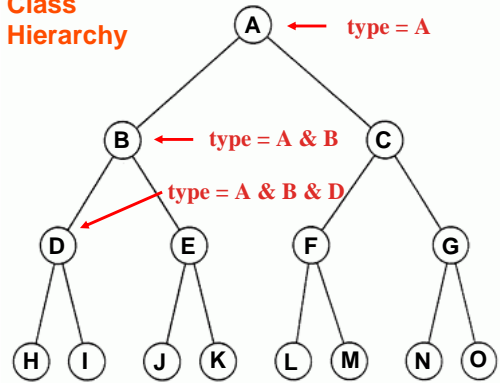
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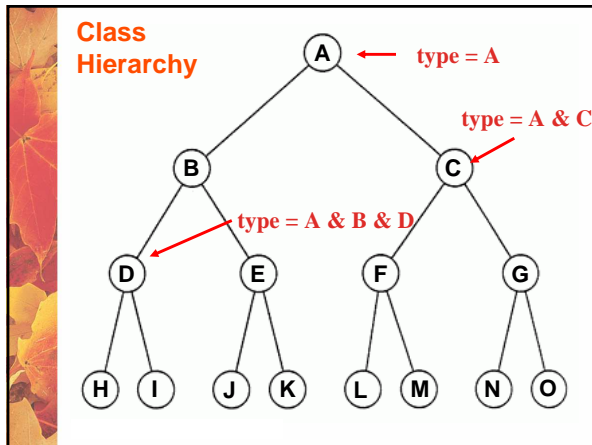
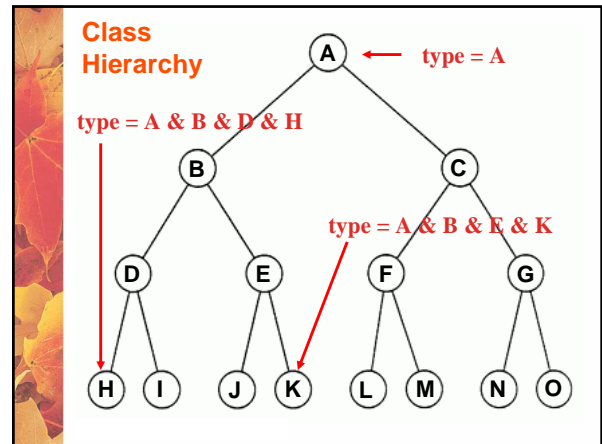
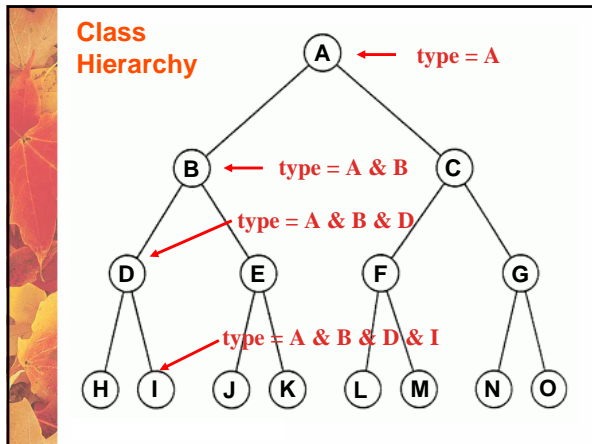


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- Example: Letters class hierarchy**
- A.java
  - B.java
  - C.java
  - D.java
  - E.java
  - F.java
  - G.java
  - Driver.java

```

public abstract class A
{
    abstract void name();
}

public class B extends A
{
    public void name() {
        System.out.println("B");
    }
    public void Bstuff() {
        System.out.println("BB");
    }
}

public class C extends A
{
    public void name() {
        System.out.println("C");
    }
    public void Cname() {
        System.out.println("CC");
    }
}
  
```

```

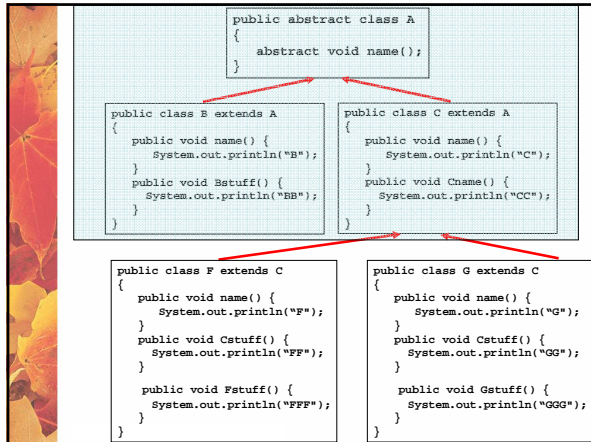
public abstract class A
{
    abstract void name();
}

public class B extends A
{
    public void name() {
        System.out.println("B");
    }
    public void Bstuff() {
        System.out.println("BB");
    }
}

public class C extends A
{
    public void name() {
        System.out.println("C");
    }
    public void Cname() {
        System.out.println("CC");
    }
}

public class D extends B
{
    public void name() {
        System.out.println("D");
    }
    public void Bstuff() {
        System.out.println("DD");
    }
    public void Dstuff() {
        System.out.println("DDD");
    }
}

public class E extends B
{
    public void name() {
        System.out.println("E");
    }
    public void Bstuff() {
        System.out.println("EE");
    }
    public void Estuff() {
        System.out.println("EEE");
    }
}
  
```



```

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)
    {
        B[] 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();
        }
    }
}

```

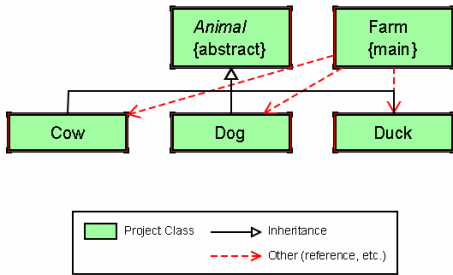
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**Quick Review of Last Lecture**

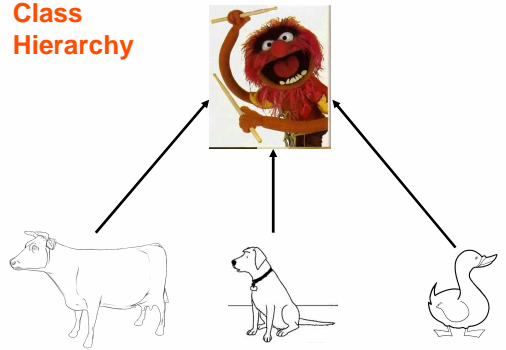
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- Example: Animals class hierarchy**
- Animal.java
  - Cow.java
  - Duck.java
  - Dog.java
  - Farm.java

You can use jGrasp to draw diagram like this one



Class Hierarchy



```

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

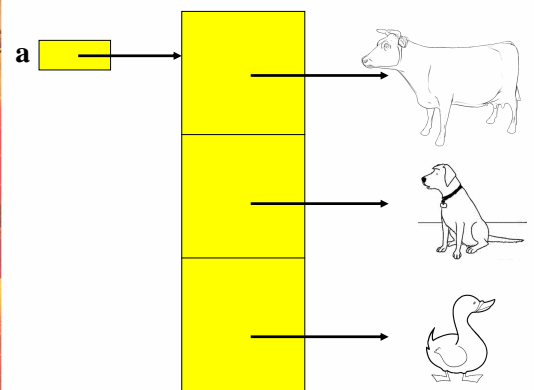
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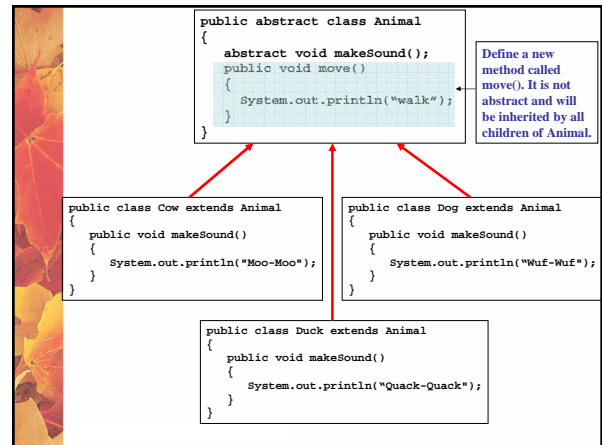
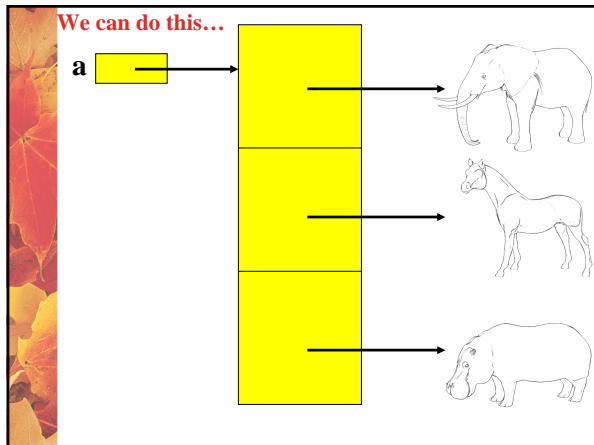
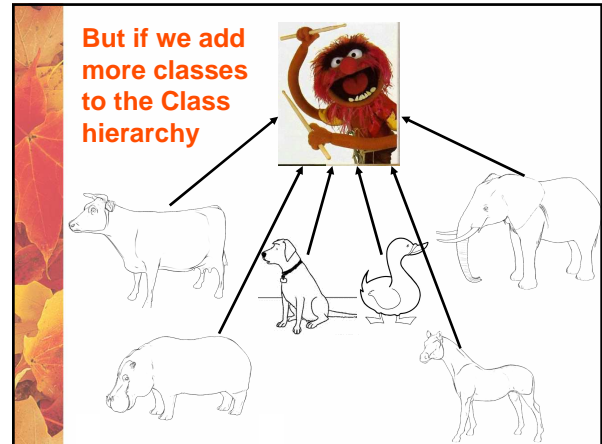
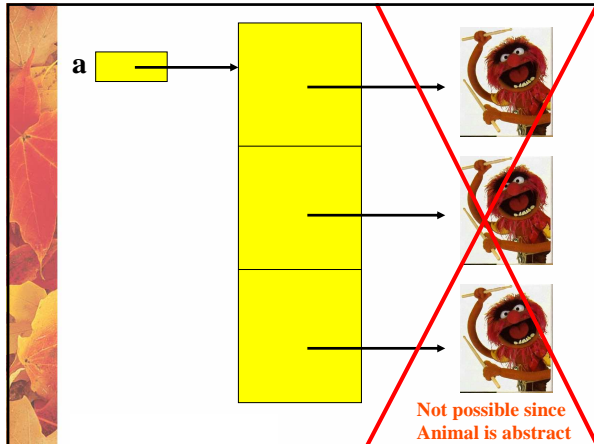
public class Farm2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

        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





```

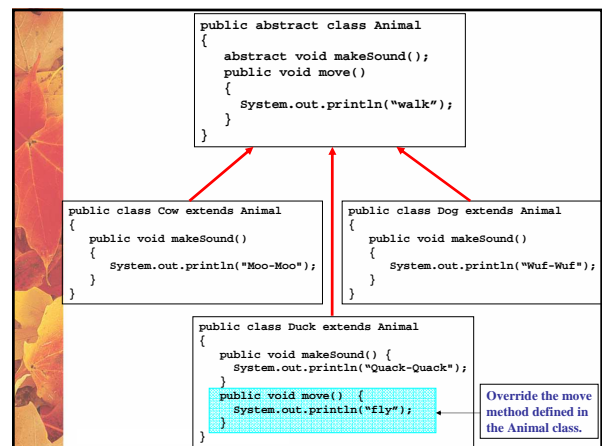
public class Farm2b
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal[] a = new Animal[3];

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

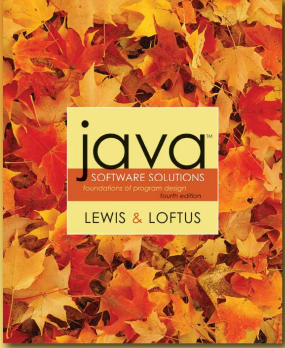
        a[0] = new Cow();
        a[1] = new Dog();
        a[2] = new Duck();

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

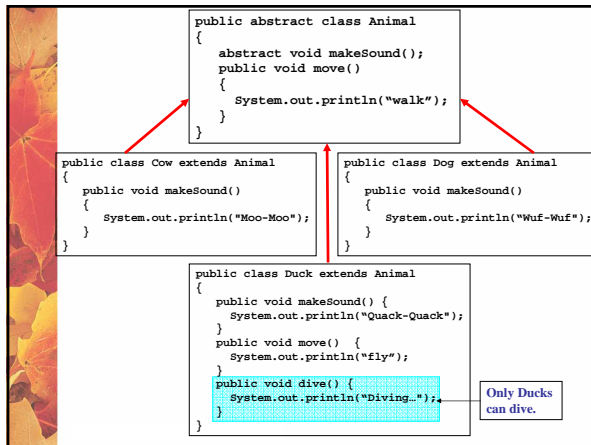
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**Result:**  
Walk  
Walk  
Fly

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Section 9.1 & 9.2



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```

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();

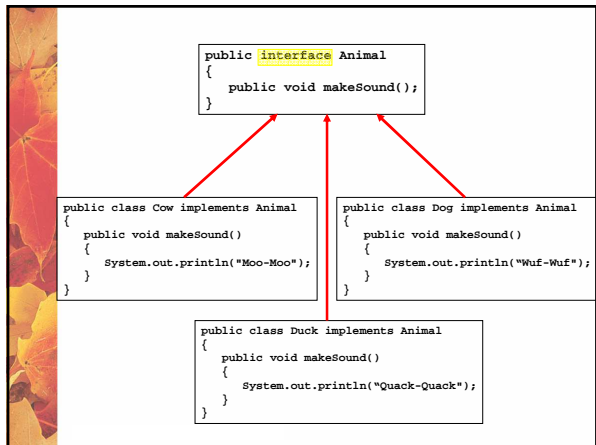
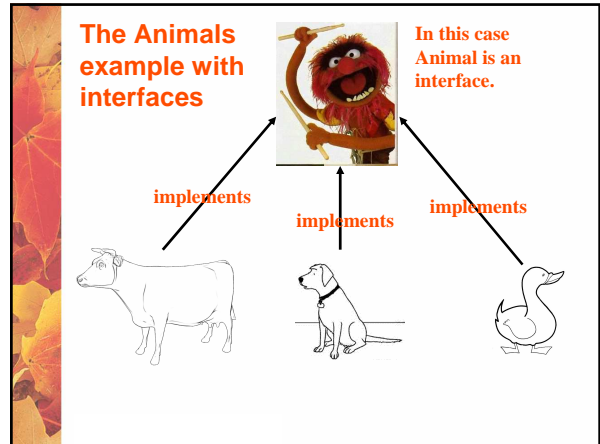
        ((Duck)a[2]).dive();
    }
}

```

**Result:**  
Diving...

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Section 9.3

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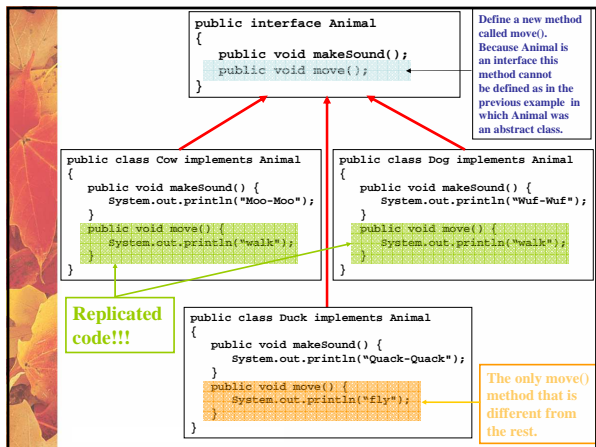
```

public class iFarm
{
    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



```

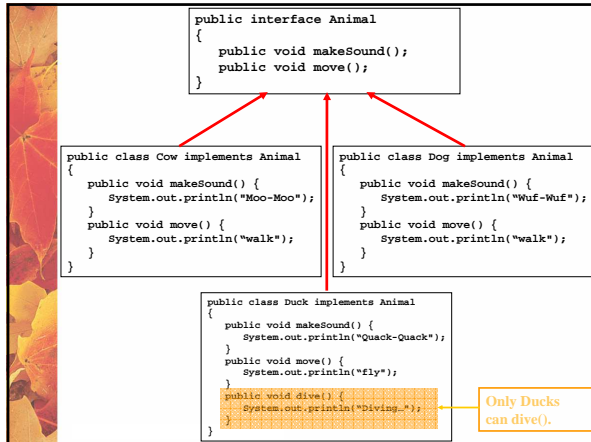
public class iFarm2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Animal domestic;
        domestic = new Cow();
        domestic.move();

        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

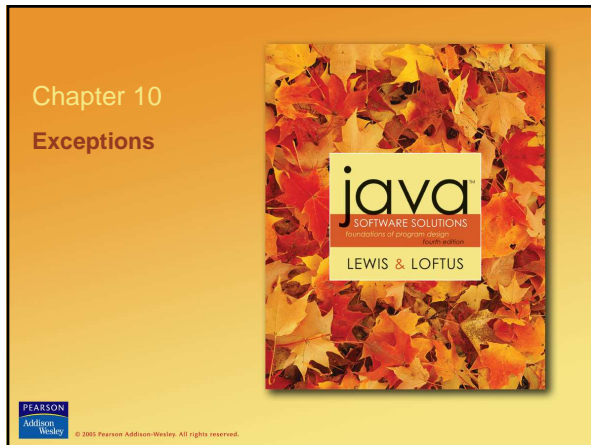
        domestic = new Dog();
        //domestic.dive(); // error

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

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

```

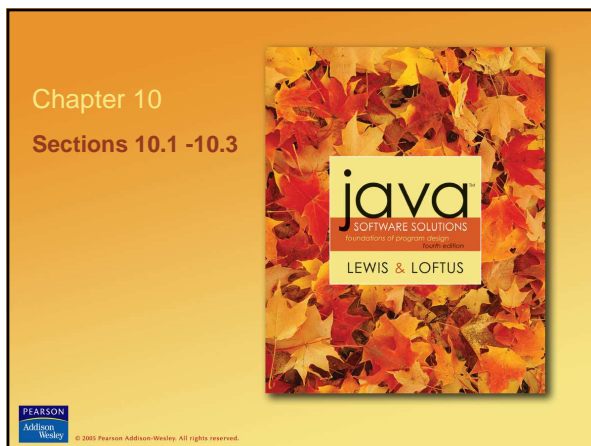
**Result:**  
Ducks can dive.



## 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`

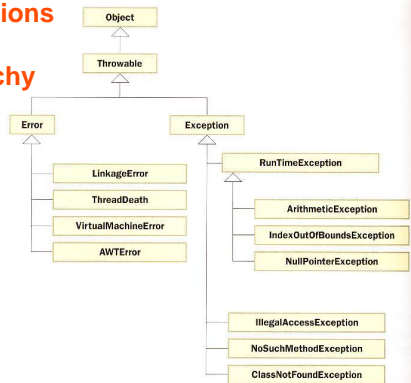
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## The Exception Class Hierarchy

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

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