Polymorphism

- **polymorphism**: Ability for the same code to be used with different types of objects and behave differently with each.
  - `System.out.println` can print any type of object.
    - Each one displays in its own way on the console.
  - `CritterMain` can interact with any type of critter.
    - Each one moves, fights, etc. in its own way.

Coding with polymorphism

- A variable of type `T` can refer to an object of any subclass of `T`.

```java
Employee ed = new Lawyer();
```

- You can call any methods from the `Employee` class on `ed`.

- When a method is called on `ed`, it behaves as a `Lawyer`.

```java
System.out.println(ed.getSalary()); // 50000.0
System.out.println(ed.getVacationForm()); // pink
```

Polymorphism and parameters

- You can pass any subtype of a parameter's type.

```java
public class EmployeeMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Lawyer lisa = new Lawyer();
        Secretary steve = new Secretary();
        printInfo(lisa);
        printInfo(steve);
    }

    public static void printInfo(Employee empl) {
        System.out.println("salary: " + empl.getSalary());
        System.out.println("v.days: " + empl.getVacationDays());
        System.out.println("v.form: " + empl.getVacationForm());
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

**OUTPUT:**

```
salary: 50000.0
v.days: 15
v.form: pink
```

```java
v.days: 10
v.form: yellow
```
Polymorphism and arrays

- Arrays of superclass types can store any subtype as elements.

```java
public class EmployeeMain2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Employee[] e = { new Lawyer(), new Secretary(),
                        new Marketer(), new LegalSecretary() };
        for (int i = 0; i < e.length; i++) {
            System.out.println("salary: " + e[i].getSalary());
            System.out.println("v.days: " + e[i].getVacationDays());
            System.out.println();
        }
    }
}
```

Output:

```
salary: 50000.0
v.days: 15
salary: 50000.0
v.days: 10
salary: 60000.0
v.days: 10
salary: 55000.0
v.days: 10
```

A polymorphism problem

- Suppose that the following four classes have been declared:

```java
public class Foo {
    public void method1() {
        System.out.println("foo 1");
    }
    public void method2() {
        System.out.println("foo 2");
    }
    public String toString() {
        return "foo";
    }
}
public class Bar extends Foo {
    public void method2() {
        System.out.println("bar 2");
    }
}
```

A polymorphism problem

- What would be the output of the following client code?

```java
Foo[] foos = {new Baz(), new Bar(), new Mumble(), new Foo()};
for (int i = 0; i < foos.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(foos[i].toString());
    foos[i].method1();
    foos[i].method2();
    System.out.println();
}
```

Diagramming the classes

- Add classes from top (superclass) to bottom (subclass).
- Include all inherited methods.
Finding output with tables

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>method</th>
<th>Foo</th>
<th>Bar</th>
<th>Baz</th>
<th>Mumble</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>method1</td>
<td>foo 1</td>
<td>foo 1</td>
<td>baz 1</td>
<td>baz 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>method2</td>
<td>foo 2</td>
<td>bar 2</td>
<td>foo 2</td>
<td>mumble 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>toString</td>
<td>foo</td>
<td>foo</td>
<td>baz</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Polymorphism answer

```java
Foo[] foos = {new Baz(), new Bar(), new Mumble(), new Foo()};
for (int i = 0; i < foos.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(foos[i]);
    foos[i].method1();
    foos[i].method2();
    System.out.println();
}
```

- **Output:**
  - baz
  - baz 1
  - foo 2
  - foo
  - foo 1
  - bar 2
  - baz
  - baz 1
  - mumble 2
  - foo
  - foo 1
  - foo 2

Another problem

- The order of the classes is jumbled up.
- The methods sometimes call other methods (tricky!).

```java
public class Lamb extends Ham {
    public void b() {
        System.out.print("Lamb b ");
    }
}

public class Ham {
    public void a() {
        System.out.print("Ham a ");
        b();
    }
    public void b() {
        System.out.print("Ham b ");
    }
    public String toString() {
        return "Ham";
    }
}
```

Another problem 2

```java
public class Spam extends Yam {
    public void b() {
        System.out.print("Spam b ");
    }
}

public class Yam extends Lamb {
    public void a() {
        System.out.print("Yam a ");
        super.a();
    }
    public String toString() {
        return "Yam";
    }
}
```

- What would be the output of the following client code?

```java
Ham[] food = {new Lamb(), new Ham(), new Spam(), new Yam()};
for (int i = 0; i < food.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(food[i]);
    food[i].a();
    System.out.println(); // to end the line of output
    food[i].b();
    System.out.println(); // to end the line of output
    System.out.println();
}```
Polymorphism at work

- Lamb inherits Ham’s a. a calls b. But Lamb overrides b...

```java
public class Ham {
    public void a() {
        System.out.print("Ham a");
        b();
    }
    public void b() {
        System.out.print("Ham b");
    }
    public String toString() {
        return "Ham";
    }
}

public class Lamb extends Ham {
    public void b() {
        System.out.print("Lamb b");
    }
}
```

- Lamb’s output from a:
  Ham a Lamb b

The table

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<th>Lamb</th>
<th>Yam</th>
<th>Spam</th>
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<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>Ham a</td>
<td>Ham a</td>
<td>Yam a</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td>Ham a</td>
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| b      | Ham b | Lamb b | Lamb b | Spam b |

| toString | Ham | Ham | Yam | Yam |

The answer

```
Ham[] food = {new Lamb(), new Ham(), new Spam(), new Yam()};
for (int i = 0; i < food.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(food[i].toString());
    food[i].a();
    food[i].b();
    System.out.println();
}
```

- Output:
  Ham
  Ham a Lamb b
  Lamb b
  Ham
  Ham a Ham b
  Ham b
  Yam
  Yam a Ham a Spam b
  Spam b
  Yam
  Yam a Ham a Lamb b
  Lamb b
Overriding Object's equals Method

- The Object class contains this method:
  ```java
  public boolean equals(Object obj)
  ```
- many classes override this method
- many students mistakenly overload the method
- many headaches when placing objects in data structures

Overriding Object's equals Method

- overriding equals correctly follows a pattern
- So, it isn't that hard, if you follow the pattern
- Override equals for a Standard Playing Card
- Override equals for a Snake Critter
  - Demo array of Critter objects