

Solution Objects and Types

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Exercise (6 points)

1. What is the difference between subtyping and subclassing? Provide an example for your explanation. (1.5 pts)

Answer:

Subtyping: B is a subtype of A if anywhere one can use an A, a B could also be used. Subtyping has substitution. B is a subtype of A if an object of B can masquerade as an object of A in any context. For instance, Square is not a true subtype of Rectangle because: (1) Rectangles are expected to have a width and height that can be mutated independently, (2) Squares violate that expectation

Subclassing: Subclassing should not be confused with subtyping. as a whole, subtyping acknowledges an is-a relationship. In contrast, subclassing reuses exiting implementation, factors out repeated code, and establishes a syntactic relationship. In addition, inheritance does not ensure behavioral subtyping. Subclassing provides

2. Using the Java class-interface hierarchy given in [Figure 1](#), explain what is the relationship between classes and interfaces. (1.5 pts)

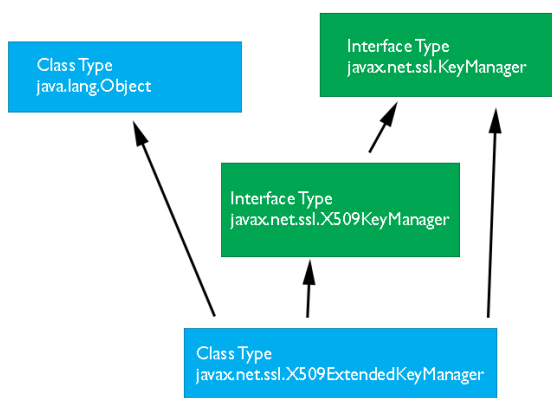


Figure 1: Java interface hierarchy

Answer:

javax.net.ssl.X509ExtendedKeyManager is a subtype of java.lang.Object.
javax.net.ssl.X509ExtendedKeyManager is a subtype of javax.net.ssl.X509KeyManager.
javax.net.ssl.X509ExtendedKeyManager is a subtype of javax.net.ssl.KeyManager.
javax.net.ssl.KeyManager is a supertype of javax.net.ssl.X509ExtendedKeyManager.
javax.net.ssl.KeyManager is a supertype of javax.net.ssl.X509KeyManager.
java.lang.Object is a supertype of all other class and interface types.

3. Which forms of polymorphism are used in the Java code in [Listing 1](#)? Explain each of the forms. (1.5 pts)

```
public class Bern<TT> { // Hint 2
    private TT var1;
    public void set(TT mh) { this.var1 = mh; }
    public TT get() { return var1; }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int a = 3;
        float b = 2F;
        b = a; // Hint 1
        System.out.println(b);
        Bern<Integer> mj = new Bern();
        mj.set(12);
        System.out.println(mj.get());
    }
}
```

Listing 1: Forms of polymorphism

Answer:

Hint 1: Coercion

Hint 2: Parametric Polymorphism

4. In the Java code [Listing 2](#), explain what concept (covariance or contravariance) exists and why. (1.5 pts)

Answer:

Covariance

In Java, Arrays are covariant. an array of type T[] can store array of subtype S[], which means accepting subtypes.

In the example, the supertype (Number) can accept the subtype (Integer).

```
Double[] mh = new Double[2];  
    mh[0] = 100.2;  
    mh[1] = 200.2;  
  
    Number[] nm = mh;  
  
    nm[0] = 1000.5;  
  
    System.out.println(nm[0]);
```

Listing 2: Forms of polymorphism