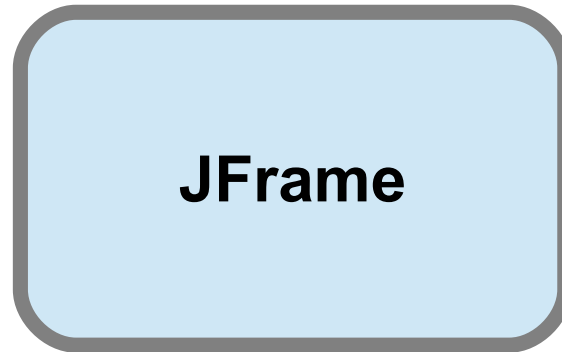
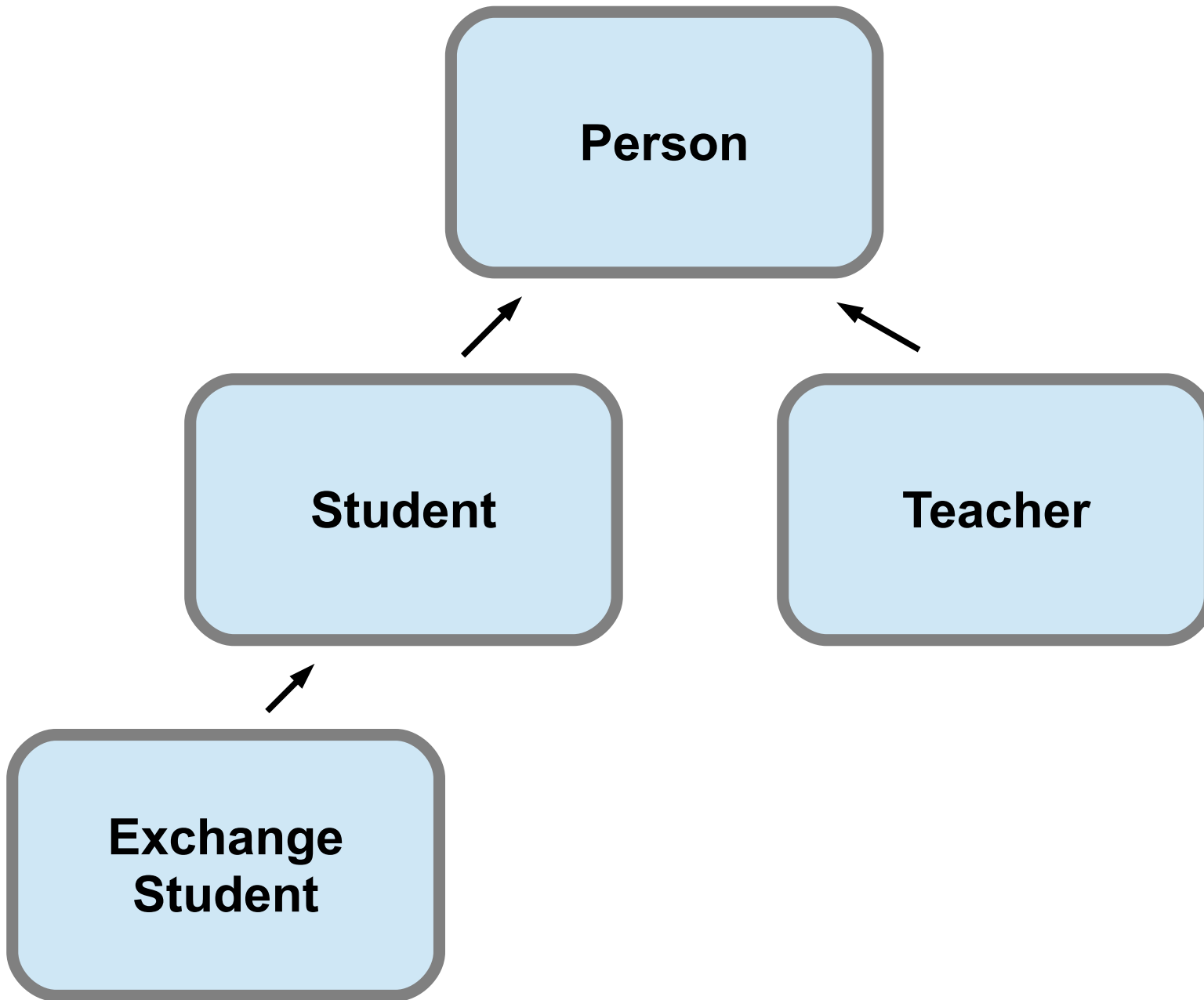
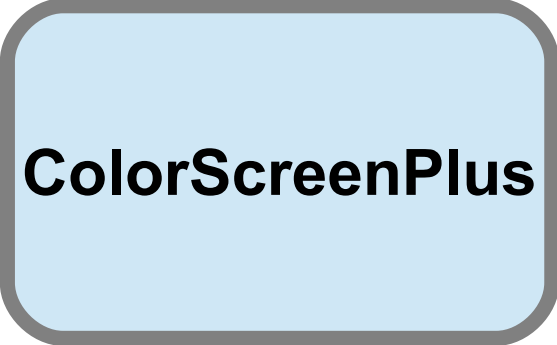
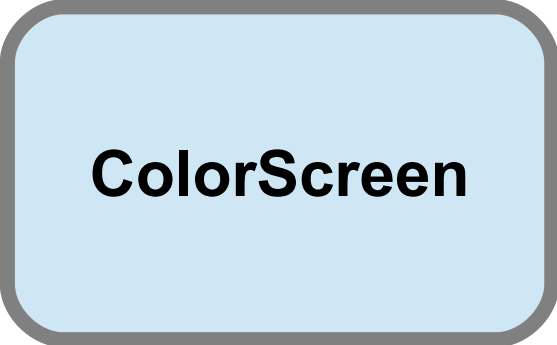
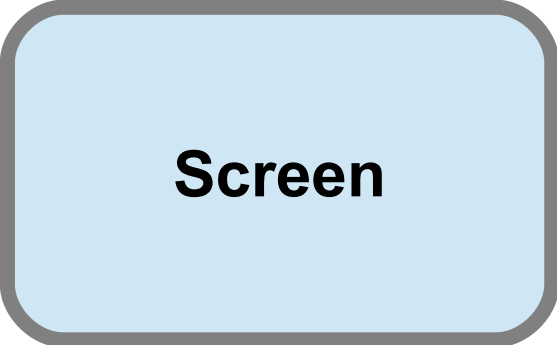


# Inheritance and Polymorphism

JFrame extends a class too...



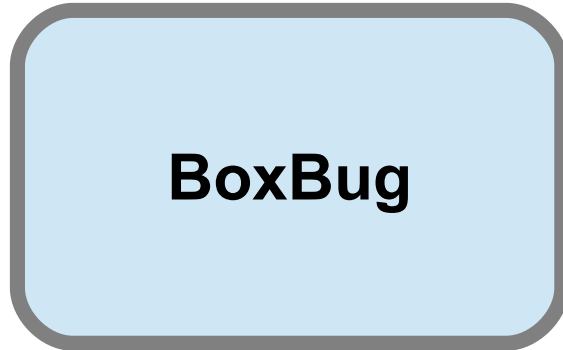
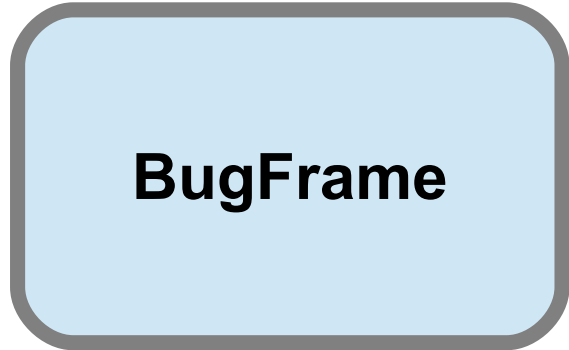
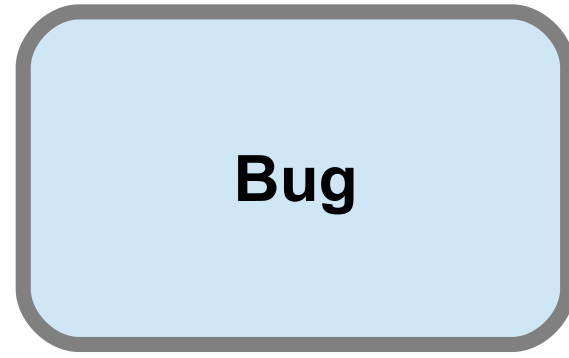
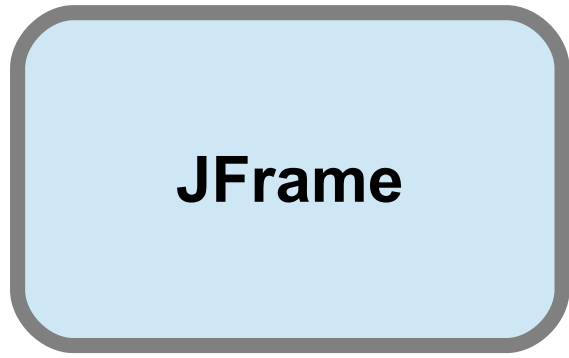




**Screen**

**ColorScreen**

**ColorScreenPlus**



**JFrame**

**Bug**

**BugFrame**

**BoxBug**

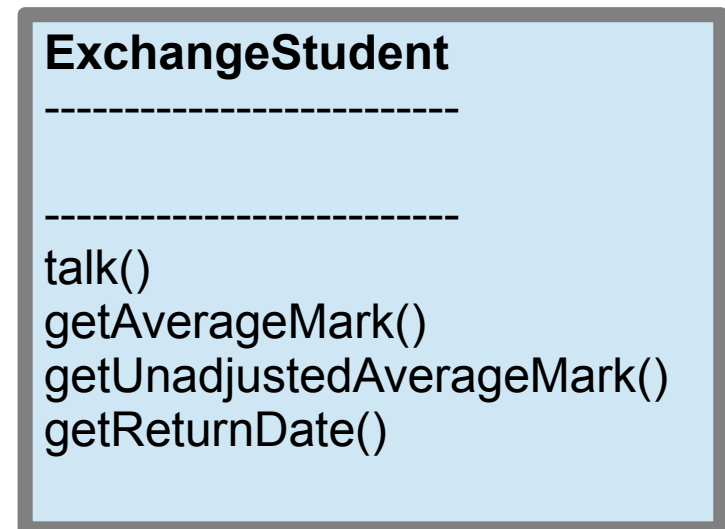
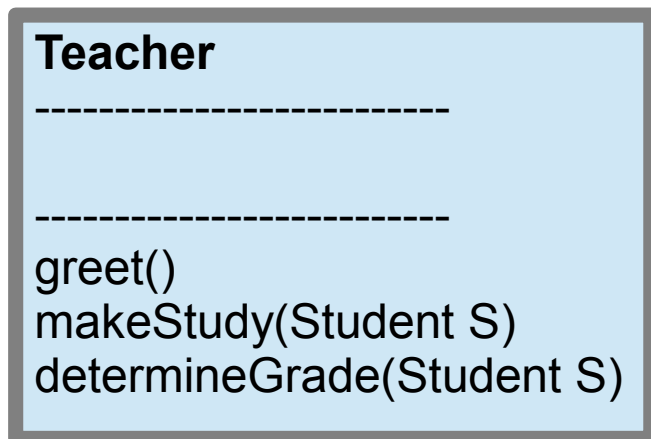
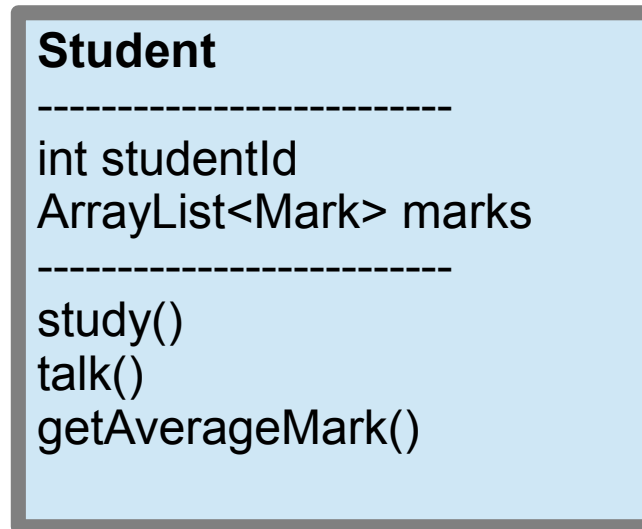
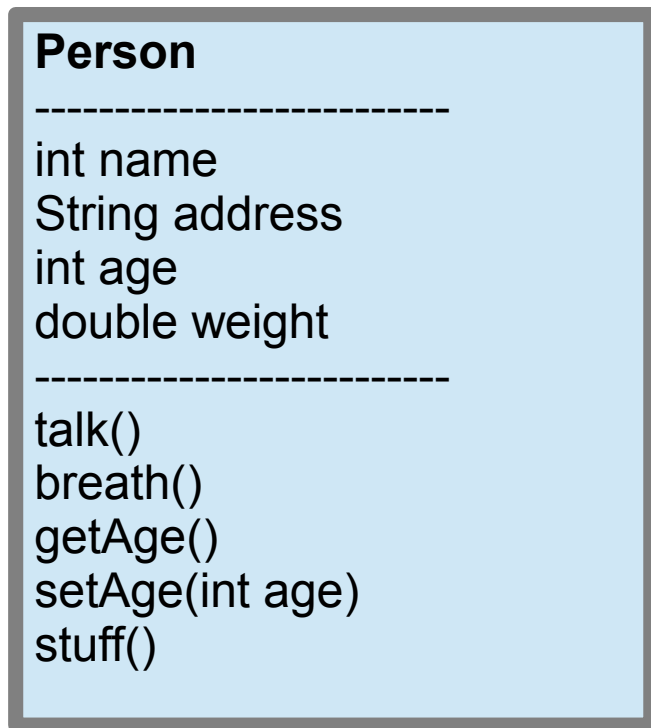
Overridden methods in  
the constructor of  
**SUPER CLASSES!**

# Polymorphism

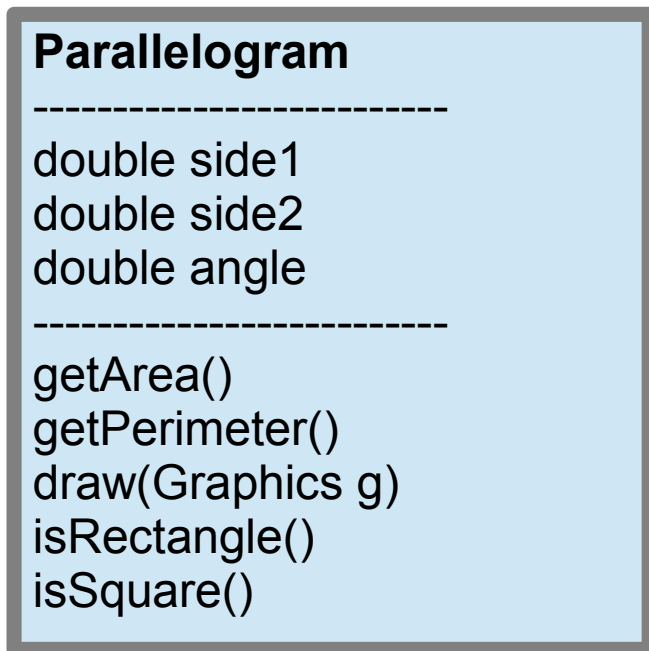
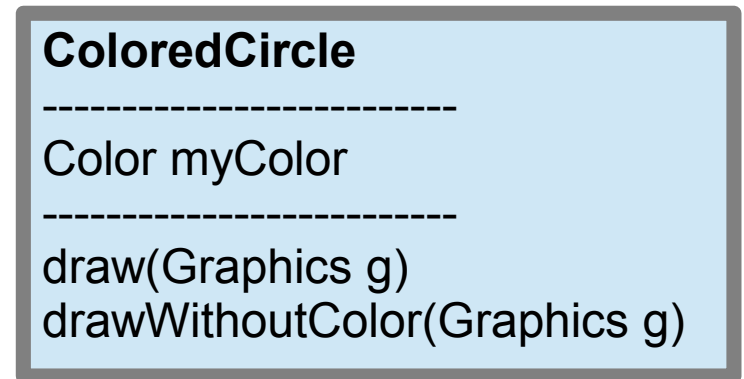
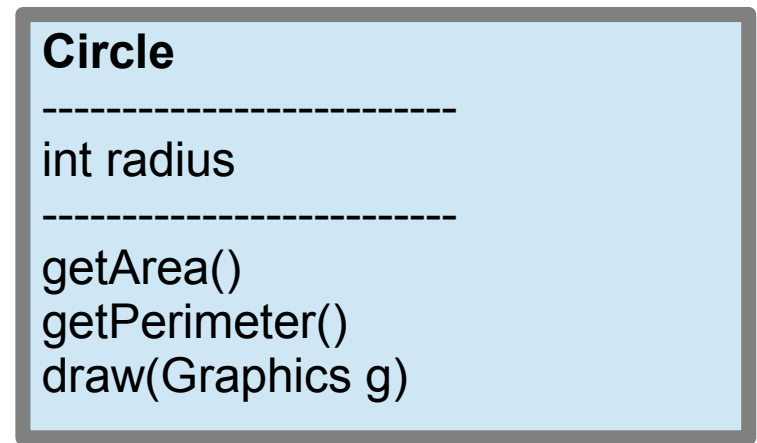
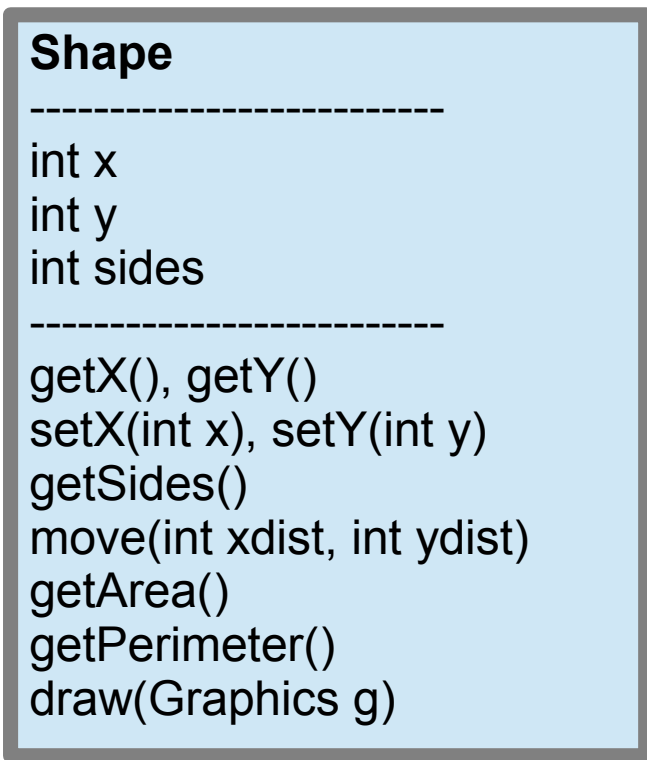
Polymorphism is the ability of an object to take on many forms.

The most common use of polymorphism in OOP occurs when a parent class reference is used to refer to a child class object.

Any Java object that can pass more than one IS-A test is considered to be polymorphic.





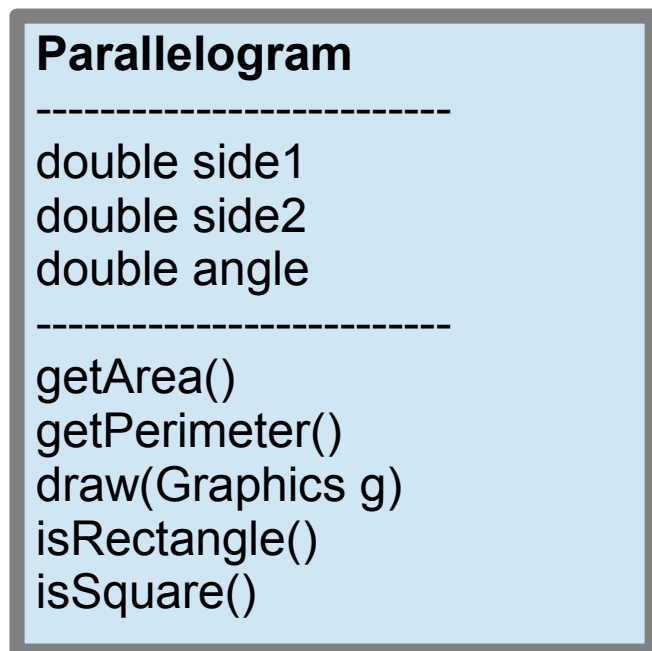
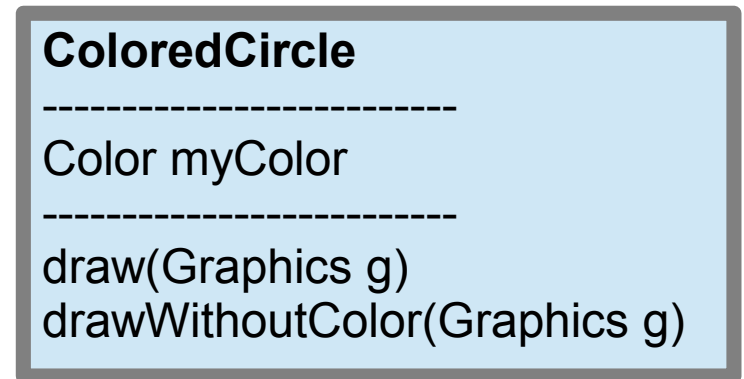
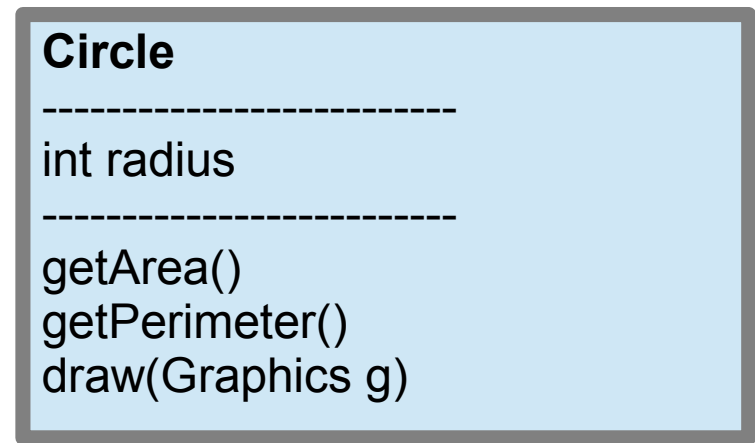
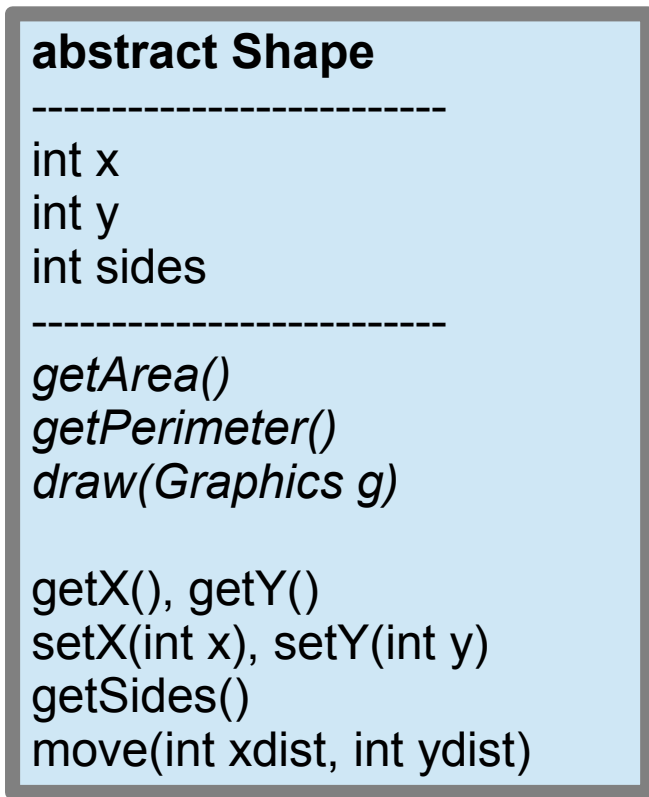


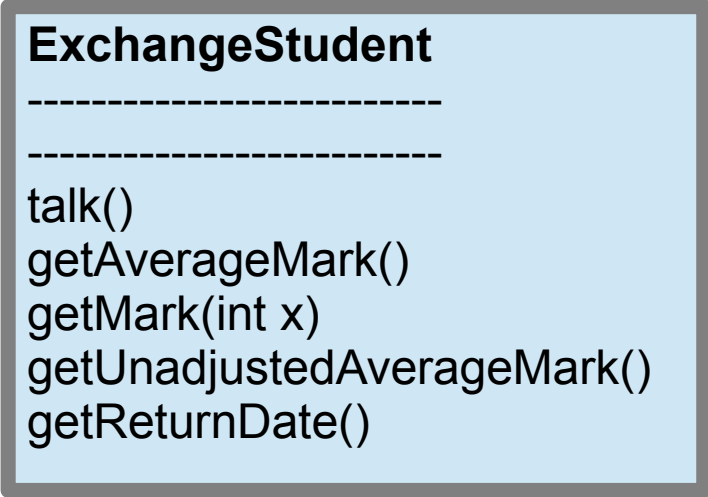
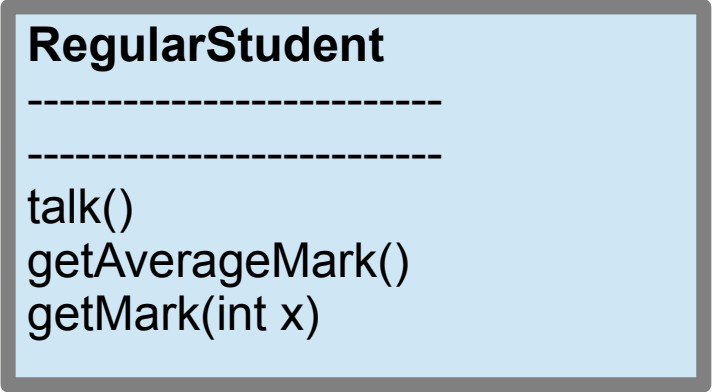
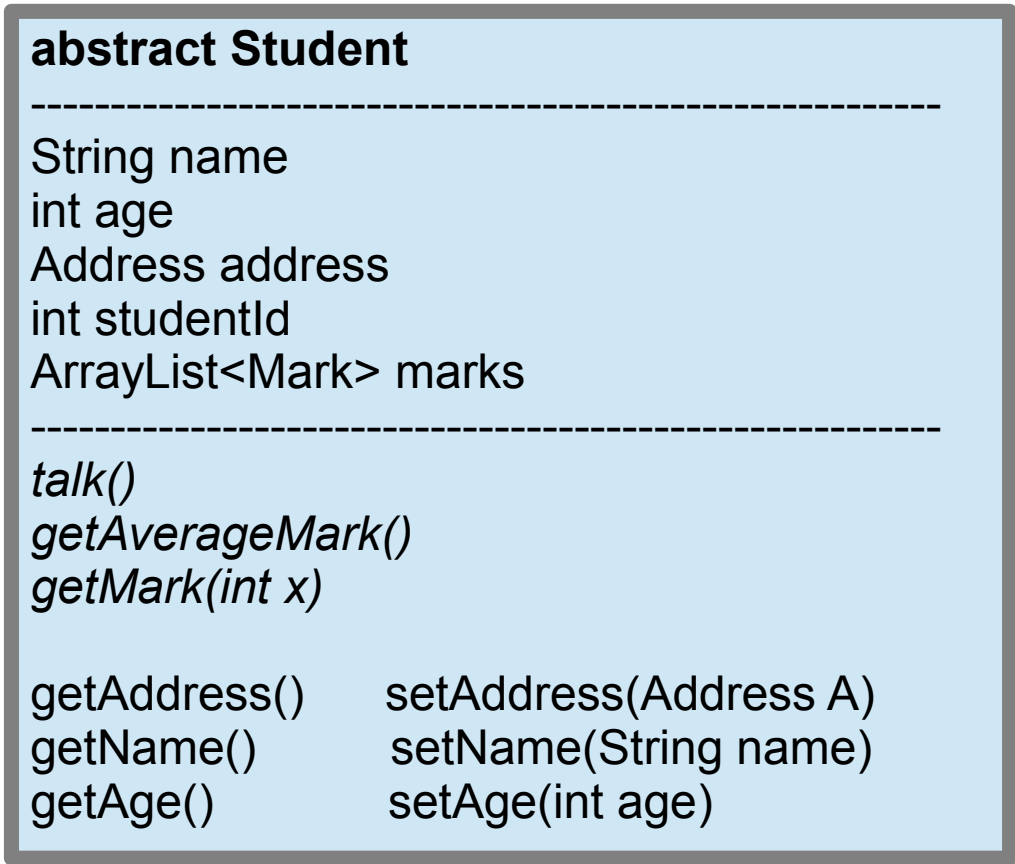
# Abstract Classes

can't instantiate an instance of an abstract class  
(used as a class to build off of, complete, or add on to)

good way to share fields, methods, and behavior that is  
common to all subclasses, no copy and pasting code

makes it clear that subclasses will have different  
implementations of some of the methods (the abstract ones)





# Interfaces

In the Java programming language, an interface is a reference type, similar to a class, that can contain only constants, method signatures, default methods, static methods, and nested types.

Method bodies exist only for default methods and static methods. Interfaces cannot be instantiated—they can only be implemented by classes or extended by other interfaces.

A class may implement multiple interfaces.

# Differences between Interface and Abstract Class

The key technical differences between an abstract class and an interface are:

Abstract classes can have constants, members, method stubs (methods without a body) and defined methods, whereas interfaces can only have constants and methods stubs.

Methods and members of an abstract class can be defined with any visibility, whereas all methods of an interface must be defined as public (they are defined public by default).

When inheriting an abstract class, a concrete child class must define the abstract methods, whereas an abstract class can extend another abstract class and abstract methods from the parent class don't have to be defined.

Similarly, an interface extending another interface is not responsible for implementing methods from the parent interface. This is because interfaces cannot define any implementation.

A child class can only extend a single class (abstract or concrete), whereas an interface can extend or a class can implement multiple other interfaces.

A child class can define abstract methods with the same or less restrictive visibility, whereas a class implementing an interface must define the methods with the exact same visibility (public).

**MainFrame**  
*implements*  
*MonthDayPickable*

receivedMonthDayEvent(String s)



interface  
**MonthDayPickable**

receivedMonthDayEvent(String s)

**MonthDayPicker** frame keeps track of its owner (whatever other instance created it). When the user clicks OK to select their date, the owner (that implements *MonthDayPickable*) is asked to run its *receivedMonthDayEvent* method. This is how the **MainFrame** knows that a date has been selected and is how the **MainFrame** receives the date String from the **MonthDayPicker**.

Clever? Yes. Impossible? No.

**MonthDayPicker**

MonthDayPickable owner

# Interface: Comparable

just implement the method

```
public int compareTo(Object O)
```

return a number larger than zero if the calling instance is 'larger' than the argument, zero if they are equal, and less than zero if the calling instance is 'smaller'. You decide which property or properties to use in your comparison!



# Benefits to Comparable?

Popular interface that programmers will know how to use

Allows instances or lists of instances of your class to be used in methods that have been designed to work with Comparable types, like the Collections class or any other code that uses Comparable types.