

# More on Inheritance

```
// Create a super class.
```

```
class A {  
    A() {  
        System.out.println("Constructing A.");  
    }  
}
```

```
// Create a subclass by extending class A.
```

```
class B extends A {  
    B() {  
        System.out.println("Constructing B.");  
    }  
}
```

```
// Create another subclass by extending B.
```

```
class C extends B {  
    C() {  
        System.out.println("Constructing C.");  
    }  
}
```

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    int a;  
    X(int i) { a = i; }  
}
```

Incorrect reference

```
class Y {  
    int a;  
    Y(int i) { a = i; }  
}
```

```
class IncompatibleRef {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        X x = new X(10);  
        X x2;  
        Y y = new Y(5);  
  
        x2 = x;    // OK, both of same type  
        x2 = y;    // Error, not of same type  
    }  
}
```



// A superclass reference can refer to a subclass object.

```
class X {  
    int a;  
  
    X(int i) { a = i; }           // class X constructor  
}  
  
class Y extends X {  
    int b;  
  
    Y(int i, int j) {           // class Y constructor  
        super(j);              // super class call  
        b = i;  
    }  
}
```

(see main on next slide)

```
class SupSubRef {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        X x = new X(10);
        X x2;
        Y y = new Y(5, 6);

        x2 = x;    // OK, both of same type
        System.out.println("x2.a: " + x2.a);

        x2 = y;    // still Ok because Y is derived from X
        System.out.println("x2.a: " + x2.a);

        // X references know only about X members
        x2.a = 19;    // OK
        // x2.b = 27;    // Error, X doesn't have a b member ←
    }
}
```

It is the type of the reference variable,  
not the type of the object it refers to,  
that determines what members can be accessed.



```
class TwoDShape {
    private double width;
    private double height;

    // A default constructor.
    TwoDShape() {
        width = height = 0.0;
    }

    // Parameterized constructor.
    TwoDShape(double w, double h) {
        width = w;
        height = h;
    }

    // Construct object with equal width and height.
    TwoDShape(double x) {
        width = height = x;
    }
}
```

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```
// Accessor methods for width and height.  
double getWidth() { return width; }  
double getHeight() { return height; }  
void setWidth(double w) { width = w; }  
void setHeight(double h) { height = h; }  
  
void showDim() {  
    System.out.println("Width and height are " +  
        width + " and " + height);  
}  
}
```

(next slide shows a sub class)

```
// A subclass of TwoDShape for triangles.
class Triangle extends TwoDShape {
    private String style;

    Triangle() {                // a default constructor
        super();
        style = "none";
    }

                                // Constructor for Triangle.
    Triangle(String s, double w, double h) {
        super(w, h); // call superclass constructor
        style = s;
    }

                                // One argument constructor.
    Triangle(double x) {
        super(x); // call superclass constructor
        style = "filled";
    }
}
```

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```
                // Construct an object from an object.
Triangle(Triangle ob) {
    super(ob); // pass object to TwoDShape constructor
    style = ob.style;
}

double area() {
    return getWidth() * getHeight() / 2;
}

void showStyle() {
    System.out.println("Triangle is " + style);
}
}
```

```
class Shapes7 {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Triangle t1 = new Triangle("outlined", 8.0, 12.0);

                                // make a copy of t1
        Triangle t2 = new Triangle(t1);

        System.out.println("Info for t1: ");
        t1.showStyle();
        t1.showDim();
        System.out.println("Area is " + t1.area());

        System.out.println();

        System.out.println("Info for t2: ");
        t2.showStyle();
        t2.showDim();
        System.out.println("Area is " + t2.area());
    }
}
```