

COMP 110/L Lecture 19

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Outline

- Inheritance
 - `extends`
 - `super`
- Method overriding
- Automatically-generated constructors

Inheritance

Recap



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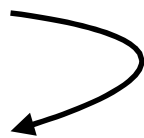
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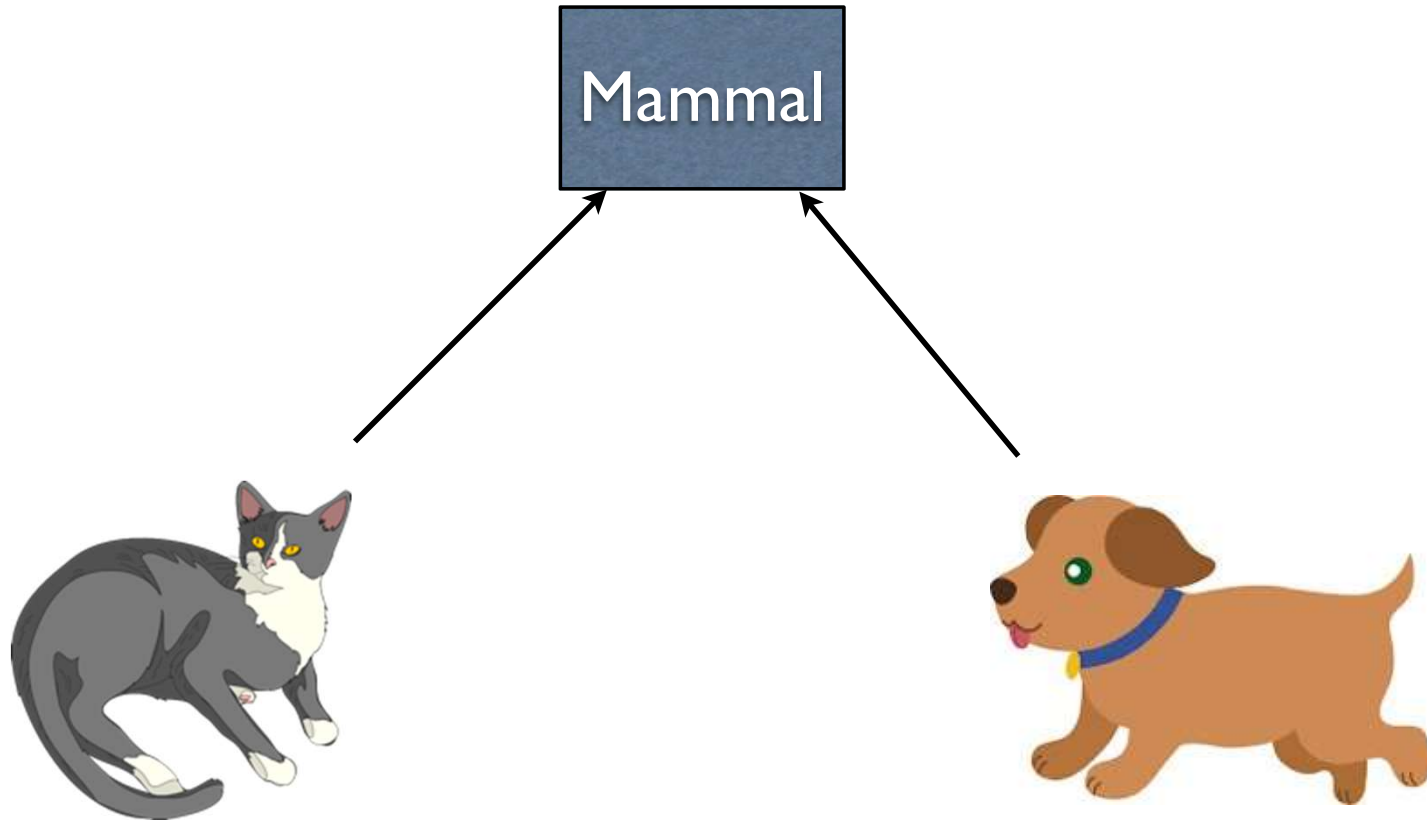


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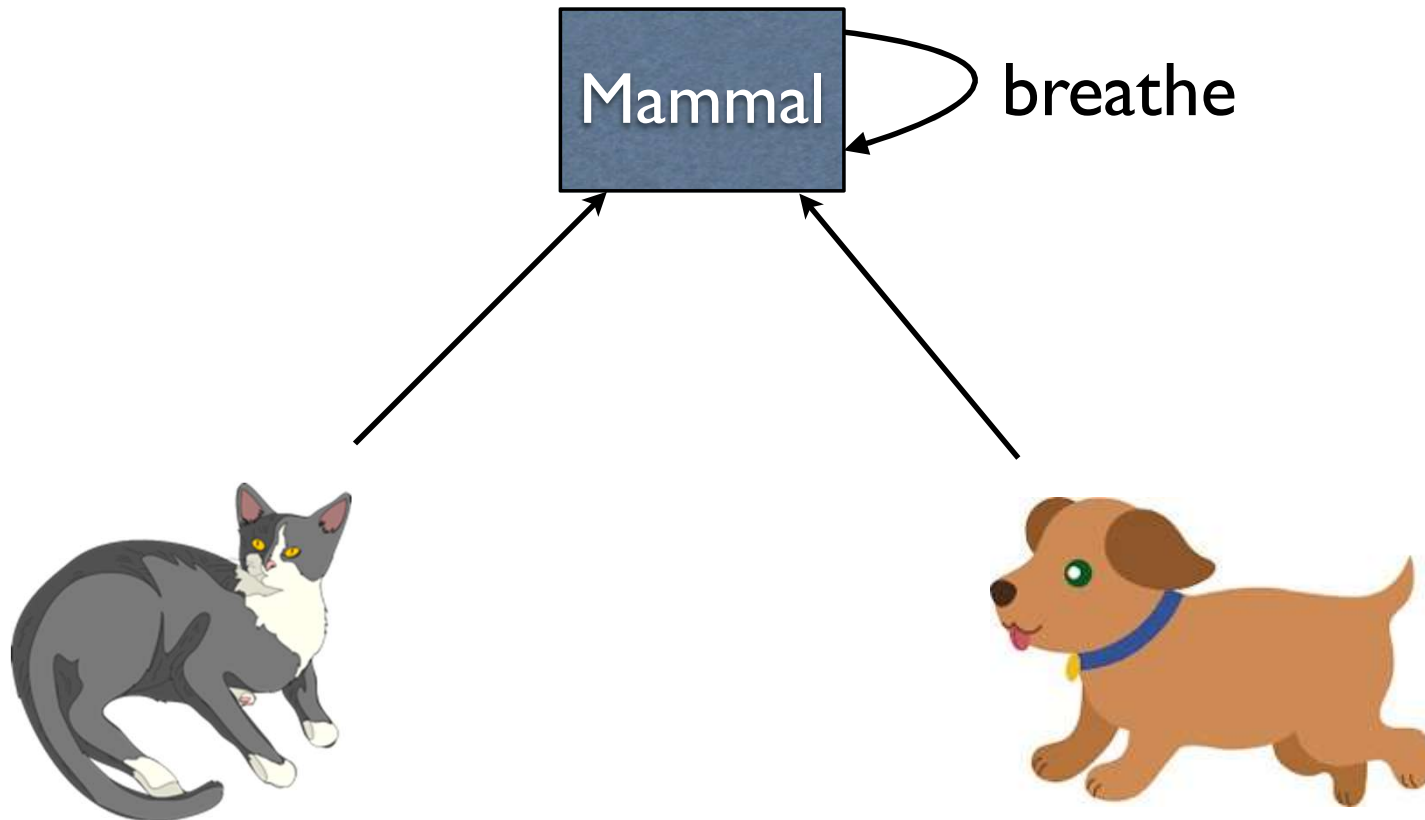


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public class Child extends BaseClass {  
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        super(s);  
    }  
}
```

Example

- `Mammal.java`
- `Cat.java`
- `Dog.java`
- `MammalMain.java`

Method Overriding

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Key point: even without `toString()` defined, a `String` was still produced.

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- `OverrideBase.java`
- `OverrideSub.java`
- `OverrideMain.java`

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Example:

`AutomaticConstructor.java`

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