#### Lecture 11 CSE11 – Fall 2013 Java Interfaces and File Differences

## Looking at differences in Files

- Very often, it is desirable to list the differences between two files
  - Code stopped working and you have and older working version, what did you do?
  - How "close" are two files to discover if code is being needlessly replicated
- Two tools
  - diff
  - vimdiff

#### diff

- How to learn about a unix command
  - google search
  - man online manual
- Diff has many options
  - diff <file1> <file2>
    - This is standard diff
  - diff -c <file1> <file2>
    - This is called a context diff because it prints lines of code that surround the identified difference

#### Look at code from Last Lecture

```
$ diff FallingLogo.java FallingLogoCallback.java
4c4
< public class FallingLogo extends ActiveObject {</pre>
> public class FallingLogoCallback extends ActiveObject {
16c16,19
     public FallingLogo(Image logo, Location initialLocation, Drawi
<
     private LogoControllerCallback myController;
>
     public FallingLogoCallback(LogoControllerCallback master,
                                                               Imag
   Location initialLocation, DrawingCanvas aCanvas) {
18a22
  myController = master;
26a31
  myController.atBottom(this);
```

#### Context

```
$ diff -c FallingLogo.java FallingLogoCallback.java
*** FallingLogo.java 2013-04-15 11:13:11.000000000 -0700
--- FallingLogoCallback.java 2013-04-15 11:24:54.000000000 -0700
*****
*** 1,7 ****
 import objectdraw.*;
 import java.awt.*;
! public class FallingLogo extends ActiveObject {
     // the delay between successive moves of the ball
     private static final int DELAY TIME = 33;
--- 1,7 ----
 import objectdraw.*;
 import java.awt.*;
! public class FallingLogoCallback extends ActiveObject {
     // the delay between successive moves of the ball
     private static final int DELAY TIME = 33;
*****
*** 13,21 ****
```

## If you do this long enough...

- You get used to the format of diffs
- Even with practice can get "muddled" when the diffs become complicated, (deletions, insertions, small changes)
- Discover a tool called "patch" that takes the original file + diff file and produce the new file
- There are more visual tools
  - Let's look at vimdiff

#### vimdiff

\$ vimdiff FallingLogo.java FallingLogoCallback.java



## Detailing the Differences

- Differences Between FallingLogo and FallingLogoCallback
- 2 lines changed:
  - class name changed
  - class constructor changed
- 4 lines added
  - Keep track of controller for callback
  - Perform the callback
- ==> These are very very close

# Differences Between The LogoControllerCallback[Timed]

```
$ diff LogoControllerCallback.java LogoControllerCallbackTimed.java
4c4
< public class LogoControllerCallback extends WindowController {</pre>
> public class LogoControllerCallbackTimed extends WindowController {
9c9
      private FallingLogoCallback droppedLogo; // the falling Logo
<
      private FallingLogoCallbackTimed droppedLogo; // the falling Logo
>
27c27
<
          droppedLogo = new FallingLogoCallback(this, logo, point, canva
>
          droppedLogo = new FallingLogoCallbackTimed(this, logo, point,
31c31
      public void atBottom(FallingLogoCallback logo)
<
      public void atBottom(FallingLogoCallbackTimed logo)
>
38c38
<
          new LogoControllerCallback().startController(400,600);
          new LogoControllerCallbackTimed().startController(400,600);
>
```

#### Five Differences

- Every difference is an object type
  - LogoControllerCallback -->
     LogoControllerCallbackTimed
  - FallingLogoCallback -->
     FallingLogoCallbackTimed
  - FallingLogoCallback droppedLogo; -->
     FallingLogoCallback droppedLogo;
  - signature of atBottom() changed
    - FallingLogoCallback logo -->
      FallingLogoCallbackTimed logo
  - main() method changed because of class name change

# Why do we need different versions of very similar programs?

- Java is strongly typed
  - A logo controller is defined to drop only a particular object type
  - a FallingLogo (w/callback) is defined to only callback to a particular kind of controller
- But... A logoController with callback is performing the same function as any other logoController (w/callback)
  - Isn't there a way to make a controller support ANY logo object that will properly callback (e.g. calls atBottom())?
  - Isn't there a way make a FallingLogo (w/callback) support ANY controller that has an atBottom() method

#### Java Interfaces

- Interfaces are <u>one</u> method to helping us write code that supports "more generic (or abstract)" Objects
- An Interface is a "contract" -- A class that declares that it implements an interface. It "promises" to implement specific methods with specific signatures
  - This in one way to get around the fact that java does not support multiple inheritance (later this quarter)

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## Using an Interface Reference

- An "interface" is a specification of a set methods that a class (or object) supports
- This means that a program can declare a variable to have the type of the interface
  - Drawable2DInterface sqOrOval;
    - sQorOval could refer to a Filled/Framed Rectangle, or a Filled/Framed Oval.
  - A variable of that is an interface type, cannot be constructed it is simply a reference
    - Only classes can be constructed

## **Example Method**

```
void printHeight(Drawable2DInterface someGraphic)
{
   System.out.println("Height is " + someGraphic.getHeight();
   Object general = someGraphic;
   System.out.println("The real class is: " +
      general.getClass().getCanonicalName());
}
// someGraphic must be a constructed object that implements the
// Drawable2DInterface
// --any-- object that implements that interface will do. Even
// those that aren't defined by objectdraw or inherited from
// objectdraw
```

#### Two interfaces

### FallingObject.java:

```
public interface FallingObject {
   public void run();
}
```

### ControllerCallback.java:

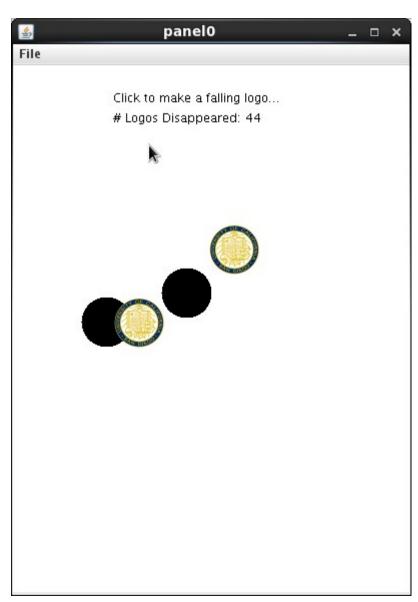
```
public interface ControllerCallback {
   public void atBottom(FallingObject drop);
}
```

Interfaces only have public methods and constants

#### How to think about this

- A controller can drop any class that <u>implements</u> the FallingObject interface
- Any falling object can call back to any class that implements the ControllerCallback interface

# LogoControllerCallback (Revised with Interfaces)



Drop Logos or Ovals

## LogoController Implements

- public class LogoControllerCallback extends WindowController implements ControllerCallback {
- Now the Object to be dropped is Generic
- private FallingObject droppedObject; // the falling object logo or oval

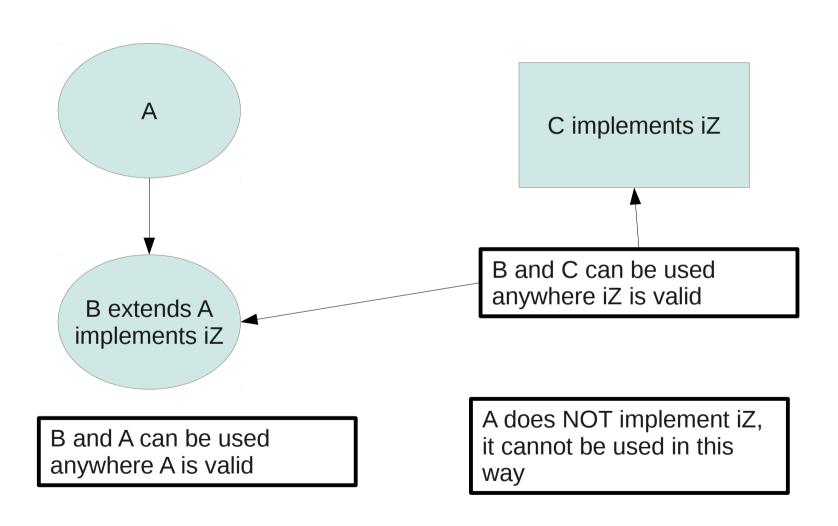
## Two Falling Objects

- FallingLogoCallback
  - public class FallingLogoCallback extends
     ActiveObject implements FallingObject {
- FallingOvalCallback
  - public class FallingOvalCallback extends
     ActiveObject implements FallingObject {
- Can be used with any controller implements
   ControllerCallback
  - private ControllerCallback myController;

## Some things to keep in mind

- An interface exposes certainly functionality of an object.
  - Objects can have more methods than defined by the interface
  - The must implement all the methods defined in the interface
  - All method declarations must be public
- interfaces are a kind of "inheritance"
  - We've seen inheritance with extends
  - Programs using extends WindowController
    - Can be used any place WindowController is valid

### Extends vs. Implements



## Implement multiple interfaces?

- YES! a class can implement multiple interfaces
  - Allows it to be used in a number of different ways
- implements Interface1, Interface2, ..., InterfaceN
- Implements is an interface "contract", objects should do roughly the same thing for each defined method.

#### Extend and Interface?

- YES!
- Suppose interface J extends interface K
- Any class that implements K must interface all of the methods defined in J, too.
- K can only add new methods to J
  - New methods OR
  - existing method names with new signatures.

## Some Objectdraw Interfaces

- DrawableInterface
  - Drawable2DInterface extends DrawableInterface
    - Resizable2DInterface extends Drawable2DInterface

- VisibleImage implements Resizable2DInterface
  - ==> DrawableInterface , Drawable2DInterface

Same is true for FilledRects, FilledOvals ...

#### Define Constants in an Interface?

- YES!
- If a class implements and interface and the interface defines a constant (public static final ...)
  - the class includes the constants