

Class 14:

Object-Oriented Programming

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Subtyping and Arrays



Does $B \subseteq A$ imply $B[] \subseteq A[]$?

$\text{BlackBear} \subseteq \text{Bear}$

$\text{GrizzlyBear} \subseteq \text{BlackBear} \subseteq \text{Bear}$
 $\text{Bear} \subseteq \text{bb} = \dots$
 $b[0] = \text{gb};$ $\text{bb} = \dots;$
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Array Store

```
static public void setFirst (Object [] els) throws NoSuchElementException {
    if (els == null || els.length == 0) {
        throw new NoSuchElementException ();
    } else {
        els[0] = new Object ();
    }
}

static public void main (String args[]) {
    try {
        Object o = getFirst (args);
        System.err.println ("The first parameter is: " + o);
        setFirst (args);
    } catch (NoSuchElementException e) {
        System.err.println ("There are no parameters!");
    }
}
```

> javac TestArrays.java
> java TestArrays test
The first parameter is: test
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayStoreException
at TestArrays.setFirst(TestArrays.java:16)
at TestArrays.main(TestArrays.java:25)

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Array Subtyping

```
static public Object getFirst (Object [] els) throws NoSuchElementException {
    if (els == null || els.length == 0) {
        throw new NoSuchElementException ();
    } else {
        return els[0];
    }
}

static public void main (String args[]) {
    try {
        Object o = getFirst (args);
        System.err.println ("The first parameter is: " + o);
    } catch (NoSuchElementException e) {
        System.err.println ("There are no parameters!");
    }
}
```

Java's Array Subtyping Rule

Static type checking: $B \leq A \Rightarrow B[] \leq A[]$

Need a **run-time check** for every array store to an array where the actual element type is not known

What would be a better rule?

$B \leq A \nRightarrow B[] \leq A[]$

Generic Subtyping

Does $B \subseteq A$ imply $T \subseteq T<A>$?

$List<String> \subseteq List<Object>$

Generic Subtyping: Novariant

```
List<String> as;  
List<Object> ao;
```

```
ao = as; Type mismatch: cannot convert from List<String> to List<Object>  
as = ao; Type mismatch: cannot convert from List<Object> to List<String>
```

Wildcard Types!

```
List<? extends Object> ag;
```

```
ag = ao;  
ag = as;
```

```
String s = ag.get(0);
```

```
Type mismatch: cannot convert from capture#3-of ? extends Object to String
```

$List<String> as;$
⋮
 $String s = as.get(0);$

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Buzzword Description

“A **simple**, **object-oriented**, distributed, interpreted, **robust**, **secure**, architecture neutral, portable, high-performance, **multithreaded**, and dynamic language.” [Sun95]

As the course proceeds, we will discuss how well it satisfies these “buzzwords”. You should especially be able to answer how well it satisfies each of the **blue** ones in your final interview.