

Introduction to Java and Agent-Based Economic Platforms (CF-904)

2. Object-Oriented Programming for JAS

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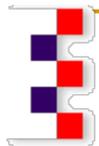
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Classes in Java

- A **class** is the model from which individual objects are created. In object-oriented terms, an object is an *instance* of the *class of objects*.
- Example:

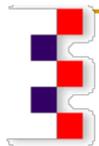
```
class Bicycle {  
  
    int cadence = 0;  
    int speed = 0;  
    int gear = 1;  
  
    void changeCadence(int newValue) {  
        cadence = newValue;  
    }  
  
    void changeGear(int newValue) {  
        gear = newValue;  
    }  
}
```

```
    void speedUp(int increment) {  
        speed = speed + increment;  
    }  
  
    void applyBrakes(int decrement) {  
        speed = speed - decrement;  
    }  
  
    void printStates() {  
        System.out.println("cadence:"+cadence+"  
speed:"+speed+" gear:"+gear);  
    }  
}
```

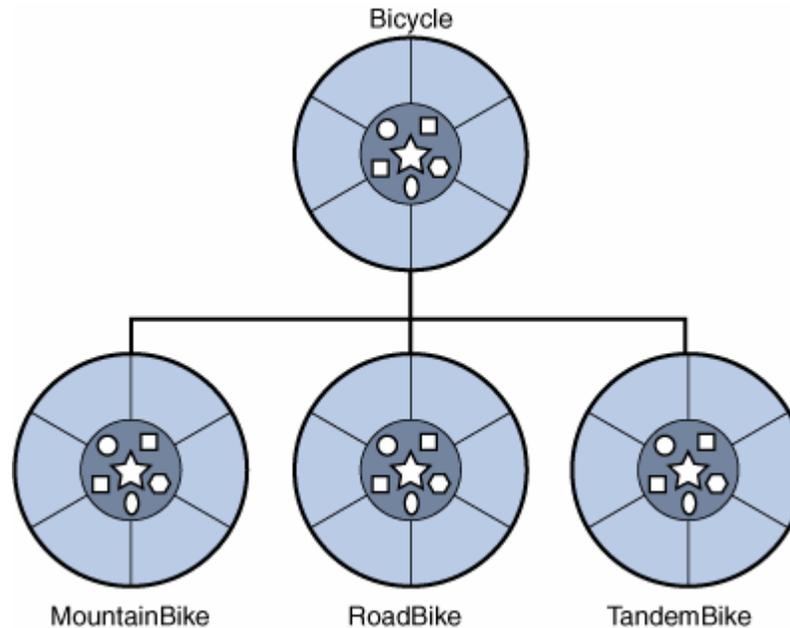


Inheritance in Java (1)

- Different kinds of objects often have a certain amount in common with each other.
- Object-oriented programming allows classes to inherit commonly used state and behavior from other classes.
- In the Java programming language, each class is allowed to have one direct superclass, and each superclass has the potential for an unlimited number of subclasses



Inheritance in Java (2)



```
class MountainBike extends Bicycle
```

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{
```

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    // new fields and methods defining a mountain bike would go here
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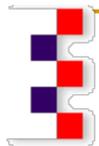
```
}
```

Interfaces in Java

- An **interface** is a group of related methods with empty bodies. Methods form the object's *interface* with the outside world.

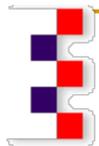
```
interface Bicycle {  
    void changeCadence(int newValue);  
    void changeGear(int newValue);  
    void speedUp(int increment);  
    void applyBrakes(int decrement);  
}
```

```
class ACMEBicycle implements Bicycle {  
  
    // remainder of this class implemented as before  
}
```



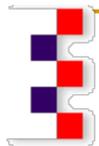
Simple OOP program (1)

```
public class Bicycle {  
    // the Bicycle class has three fields  
    public int cadence;  
    public int gear;  
    public int speed;  
    // the Bicycle class has one constructor  
    public Bicycle(int startCadence, int startSpeed, int startGear) {  
        gear = startGear;  
        cadence = startCadence;  
        speed = startSpeed; }  
    // the Bicycle class has four methods  
    public void setCadence(int newValue) {  
        cadence = newValue; }  
    public void setGear(int newValue) {  
        gear = newValue; }  
    public void applyBrake(int decrement) {  
        speed -= decrement; }  
    public void speedUp(int increment) {  
        speed += increment; }  
}
```

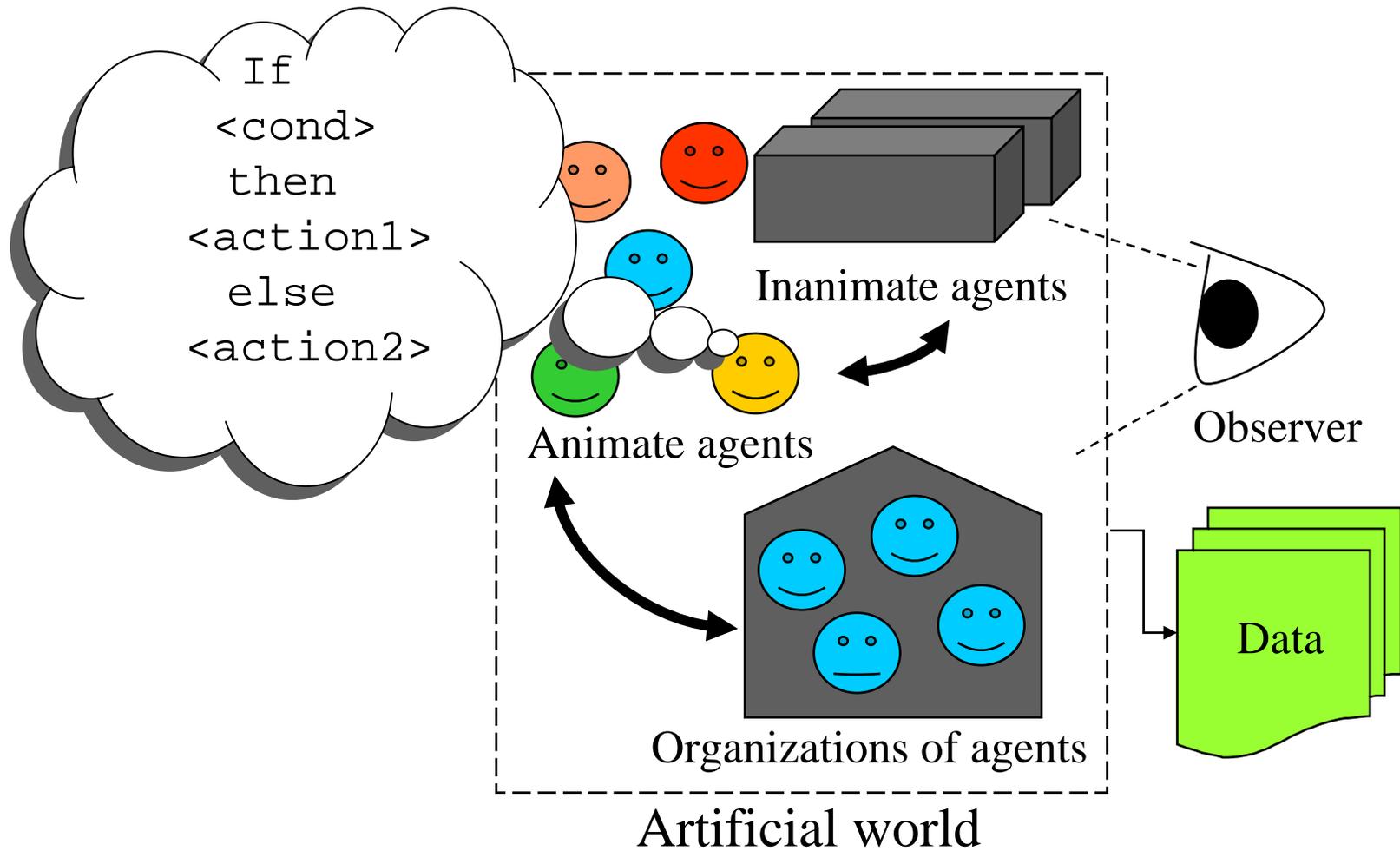


Simple OOP program (2)

```
public class MountainBike extends Bicycle {  
  
    // the MountainBike subclass has one field  
    public int seatHeight;  
  
    // the MountainBike subclass has one constructor  
    public MountainBike(int startHeight, int startCadence, int startSpeed,  
        int startGear) {  
        super(startCadence, startSpeed, startGear);  
        seatHeight = startHeight; }  
  
    // the MountainBike subclass has one method  
    public void setHeight(int newValue) {  
        seatHeight = newValue; }  
  
}
```



Objects in an Agent-Based Model (1)



Objects in an Agent-Based Model (2)

