## Software Engineering for Engineers

## **Object Design**

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## Miscellaneous

- No exercise session today
- Last week lecture was canceled. Need to revise lecture schedule.
- Next Week, May 20
  - Lecture on Design Patterns
    - Preconditions: Object Design, UML Class Diagram
    - Postconditions: Adapter Pattern, Observer Pattern



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### **New Schedule**

Week 1 April 22, 2009	UML Class Diagrams
Week 2 April, 29 2009	Testing
Week 3 May 6, 2009	cancelled
Week 4 May 13, 2009	Object Design I: Reuse
Week 5 May 20, 2009	Object Design II: Interface Specification (Contracts) & Design Patterns I
Week 6 May 27, 2009	Design Patterns II
Week 7 June 6, 2009	Requirements Elicitation and Analysis

## New Schedule (cont'd)

Week 8 June, 10 2009	System Design 1
Week 9 June 17, 2009	System Design 2
Week 10 June 24, 2009	Testing 2
Week 11 July 1, 2009	Guest Speaker
Week 12 July 8, 2009	Methodologies
Week 13 July 15, 2009	XP and Scrum
Week 14 July 22, 2009	Putting everything together



## **Outline of Today**

- Definition: Object Design
- System Design vs Object Design
- Object Design Activities
- Reuse examples
  - Whitebox and Blackbox Reuse
- Object design leads also to new classes
- Implementation vs Specification Inheritance
- Inheritance vs Delegation
- Class Libraries and Frameworks
- Exercises: Documenting the Object Design
  - JavaDoc, Doxygen

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## **Object Design**

- Purpose of object design:
  - Prepare for the implementation of the analysis model based on system design decisions
  - Transform analysis and system design models
- Investigate alternative ways to implement the analysis model
  - Use design goals: minimize execution time, memory and other measures of cost.
- Object Design serves as the basis of implementation

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## Terminology: Naming of Design Activities

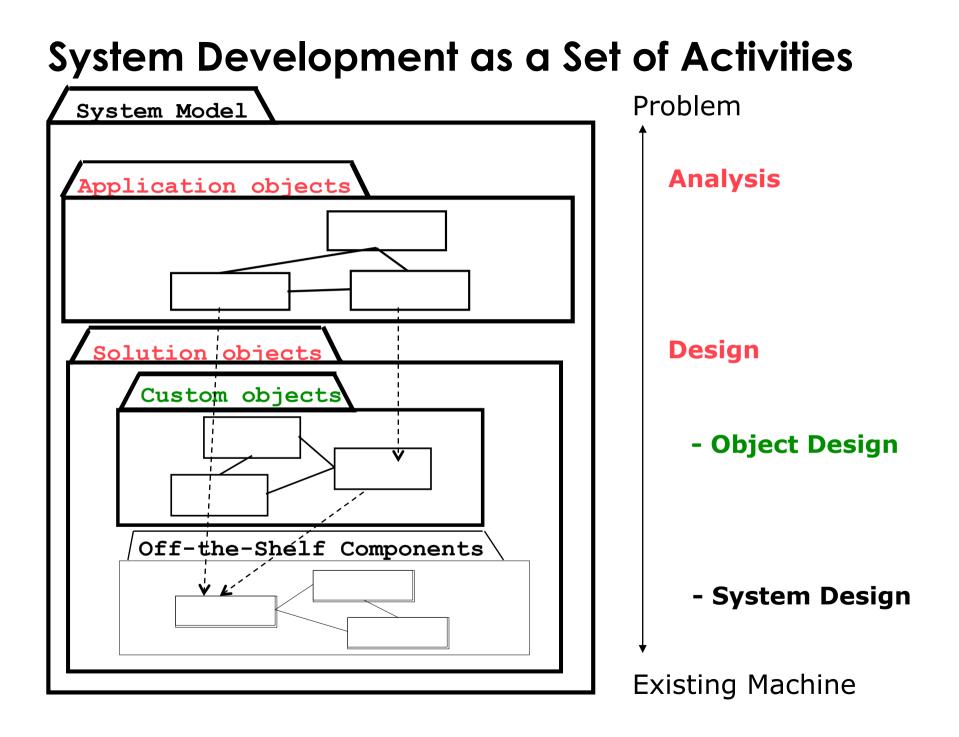
#### Methodology: Object-oriented software engineering (OOSE)

- System Design
  - Subsystem Decomposition, Concurrency, HW-SW mapping, Access Control
- Object Design
  - Data structures and algorithms chosen
- Implementation
  - Implementation language is chosen

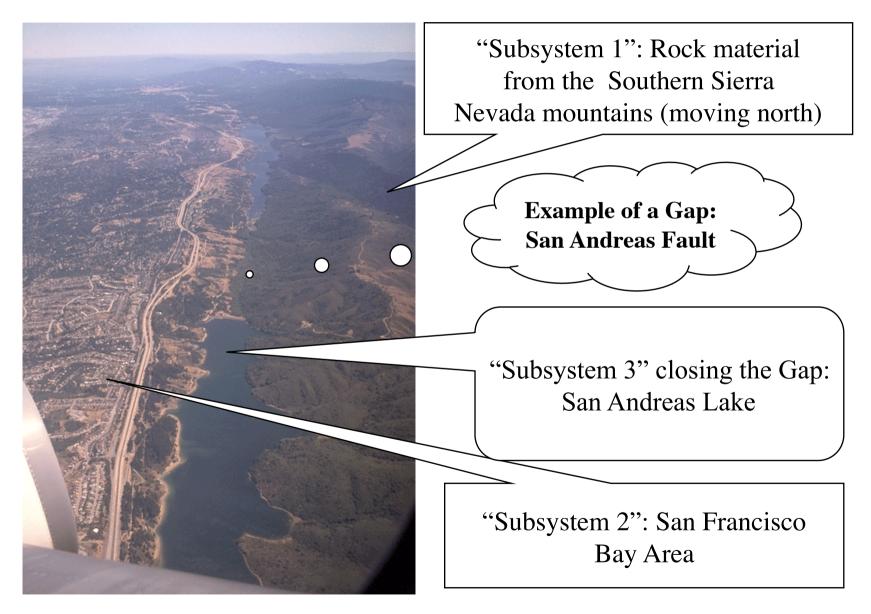
#### Methodology: Structured analysis/structured design (SA/SD)

- Preliminary Design
  - Decomposition into subsystems, etc
  - Data structures are chosen
- Detailed Design
  - Algorithms are chosen
  - Data structures are refined
  - Implementation language is chosen.

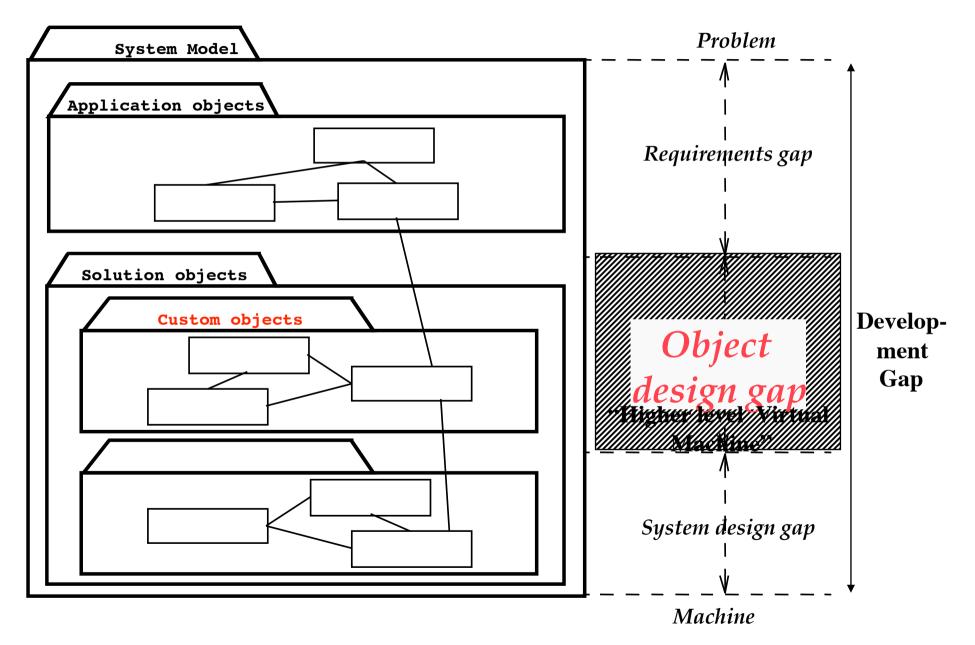




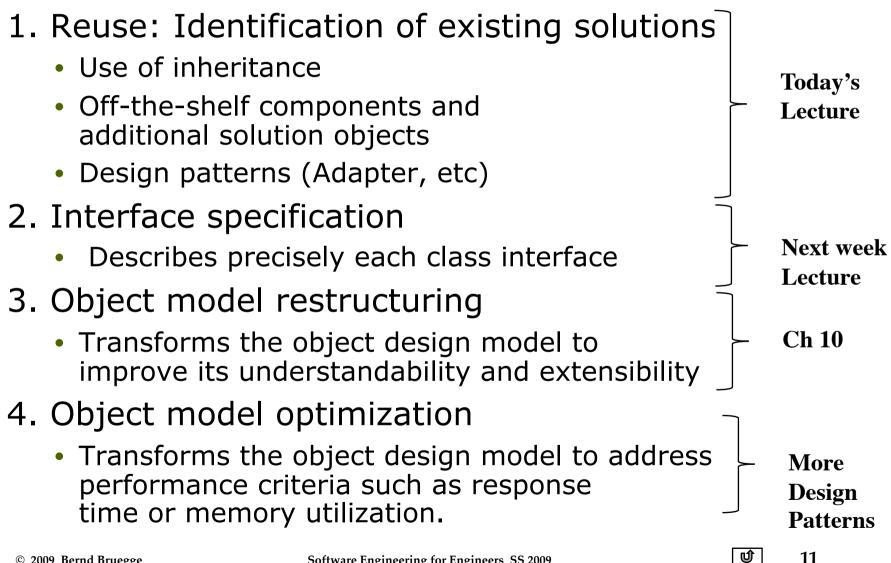
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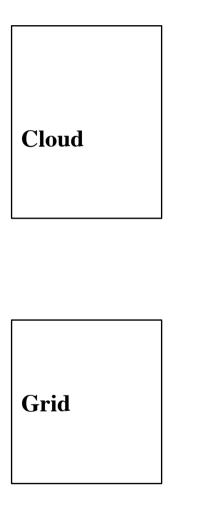


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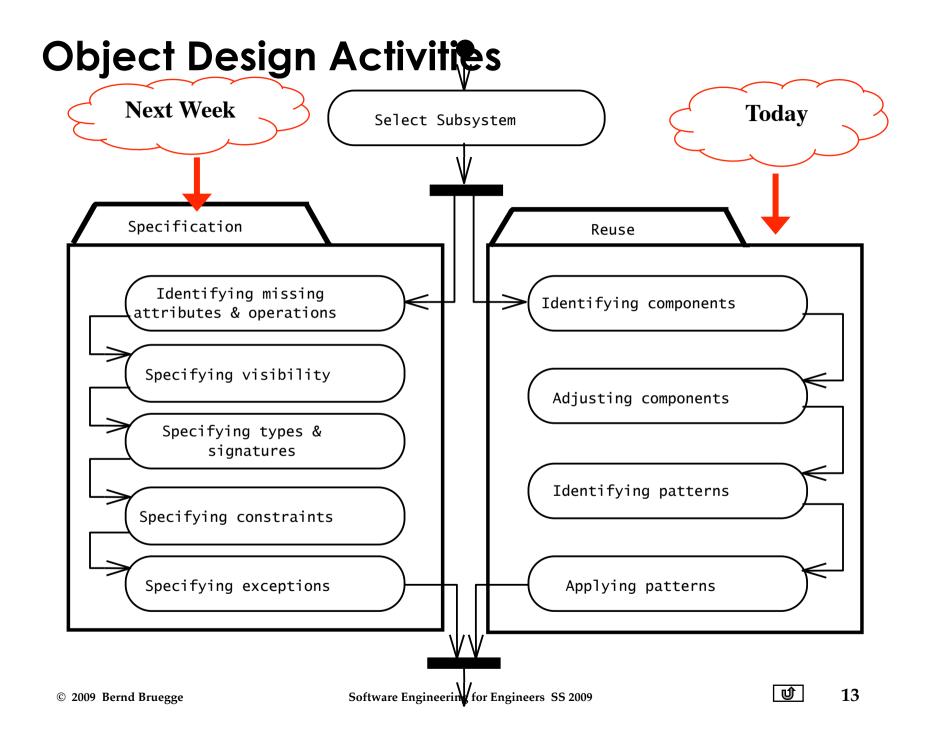
## **Object Design consists of 4 Activities**

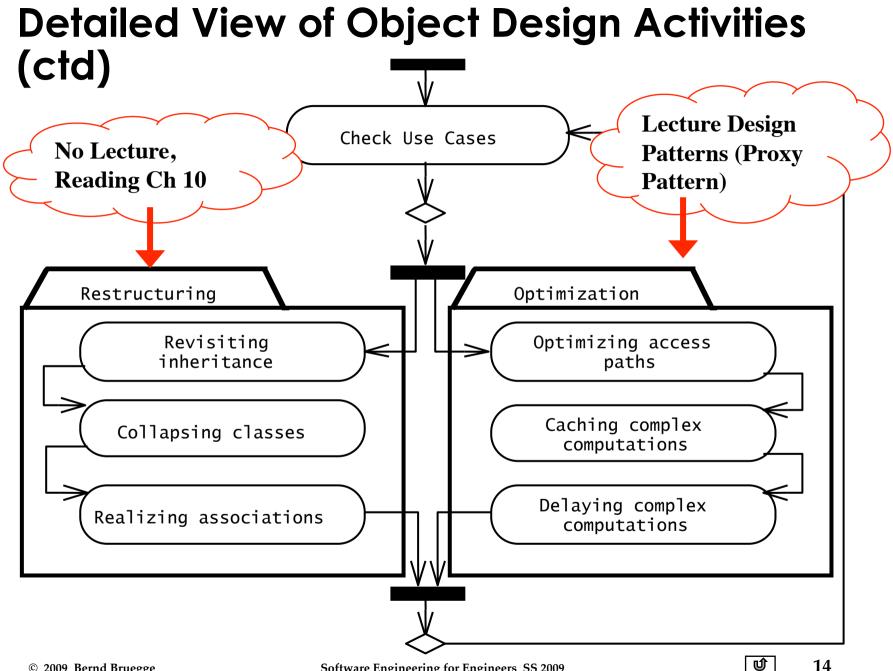




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## One Way to do Object Design

- 1. Identify the missing components in the design gap
- 2. Make a build or buy decision to obtain the missing component
- => Component-Based Software Engineering: The design gap is filled with available components ("0 % coding").
- Special Case: COTS-Development
  - COTS: <u>Commercial-off-the-Shelf</u>
  - The design gap is completely filled with commercialoff-the-shelf-components.
  - => Design with standard components.

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## Design with Standard Components is like solving a Traditional Jigsaw Puzzle





Remaining puzzle piece ("component")



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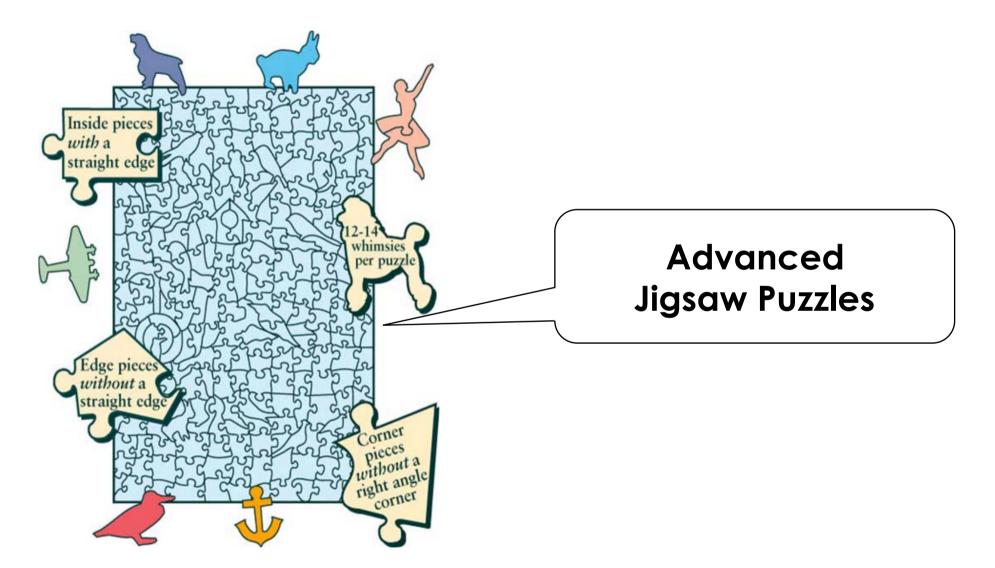
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#### **Design Activities:**

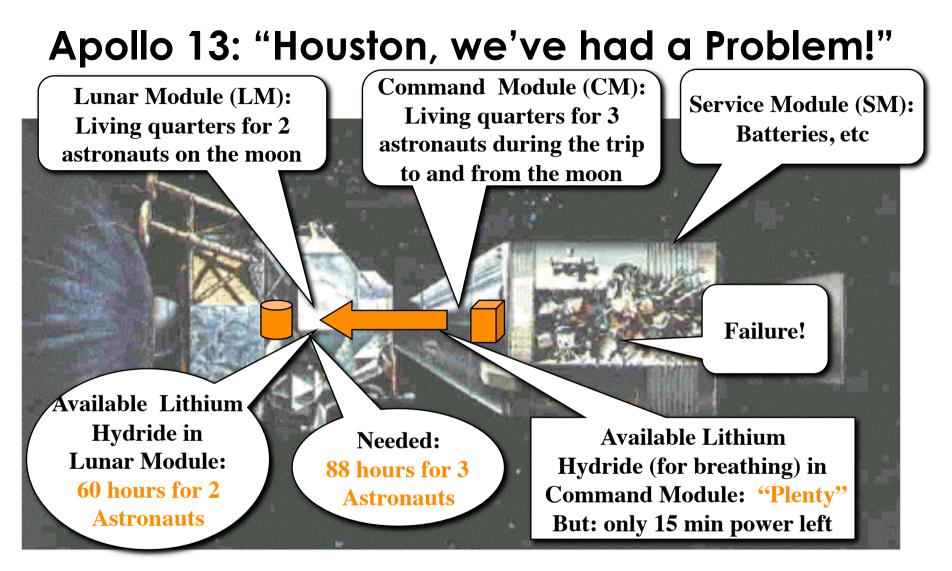
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- 2. Make a build or buy decision to get the missing component.

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## What do we do if we have non-Standard Components?



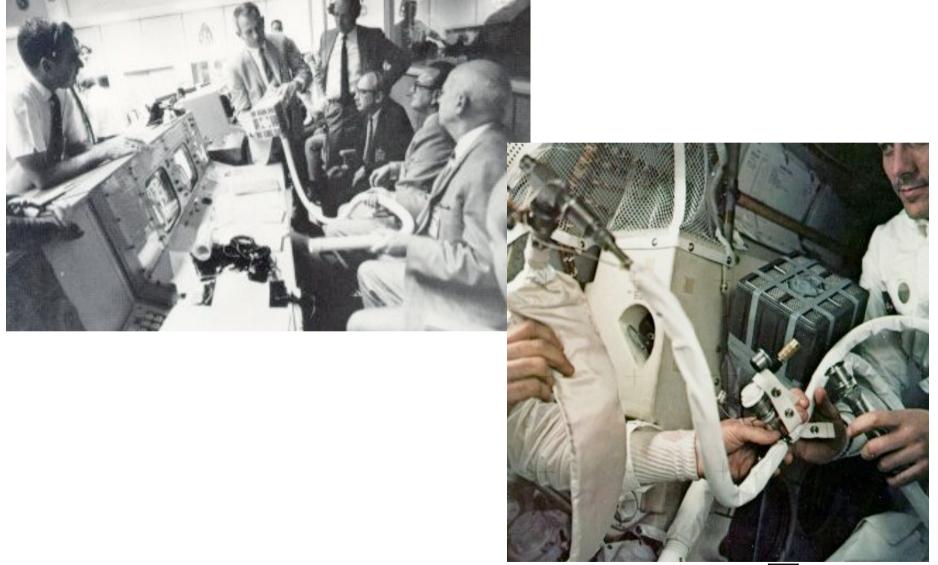




The LM was designed for 60 hours for 2 astronauts staying 2 days on the moon Redesign challenge: Can the LM be used for 12 man-days (2 1/2 days until reentry into Earth)? Proposal: Reuse Lithium Hydride Canisters from CM in LM

**Problem:** Incompatible openings in Lithium Hydride Canisters

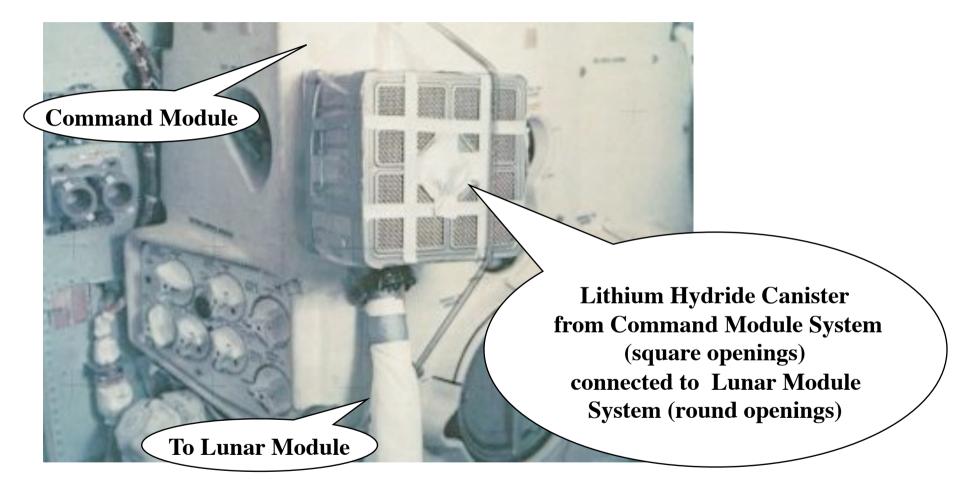
# Apollo 13: "Fitting a square peg in a round hole"



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#### A Typical Object Design Challenge: Connecting Incompatible Components



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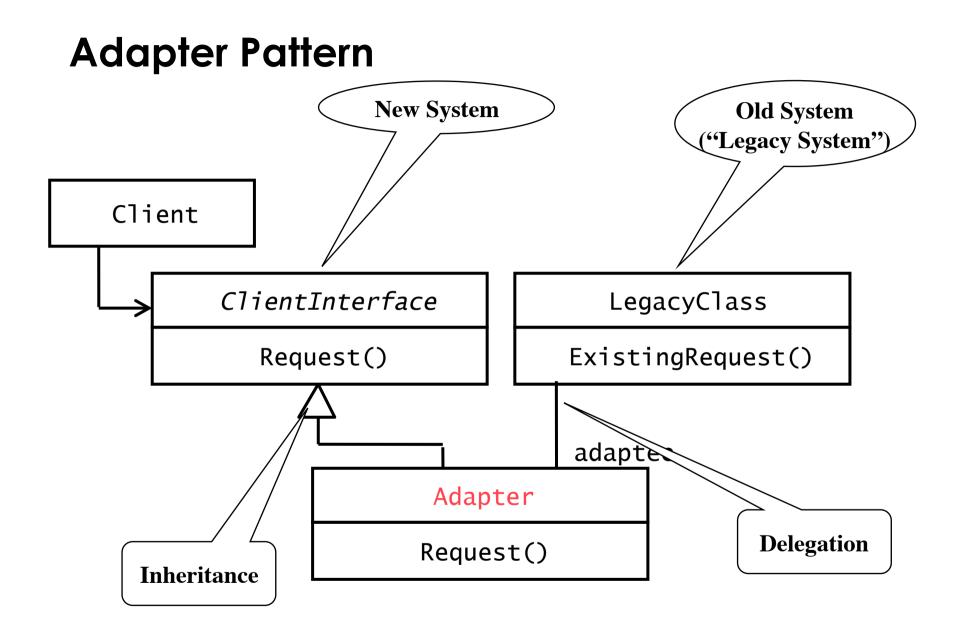
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## Adapter Pattern

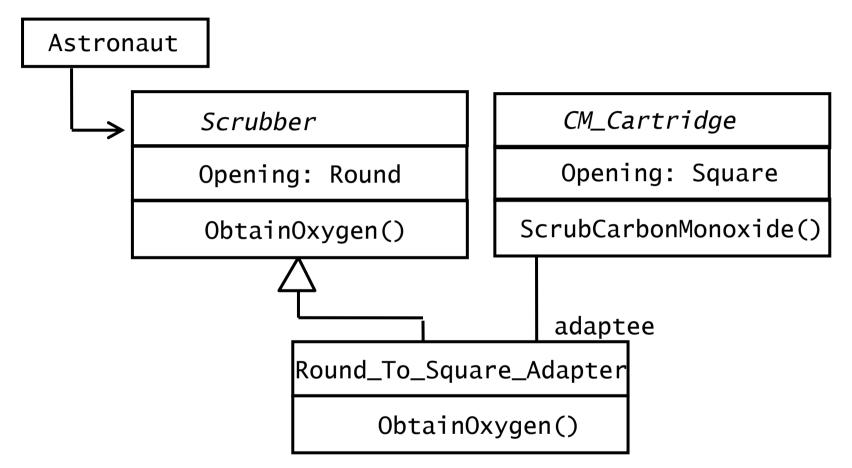
- Adapter Pattern: Converts the interface of a component into another interface expected by the calling component
- Used to provide a new interface to existing legacy components (Interface engineering, reengineering)
- Also known as a wrapper
- Two adapter patterns:
  - Class adapter:
    - Uses multiple inheritance to adapt one interface to another
  - Object adapter:
    - Uses single inheritance and delegation
    - Introduced in this lecture.





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## Adapter for Scrubber in Lunar Module



 Using a carbon monoxide scrubber (round opening) in the lunar module with square cartridges from the command module (square opening)

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## Modeling of the Real World

- Modeling of the real world leads to a system that reflects today's realities but not necessarily tomorrow's.
- There is a need for *reusable* and flexible designs
- Design knowledge such as the adapter pattern complements application domain knowledge and solution domain knowledge.

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## **Typical of Object Design Activities**

- Identifying possibilities of reuse
  - Identification of existing components
- Full definition of associations
- Full definition of classes
  - System Design => Service, Object Design => API
- Specifying contracts for each component
  - OCL (Object Constraint Language)
- Choosing algorithms and data structures
- Detection of solution-domain classes
- Optimization
- Increase of inheritance
- Decision on control
- Packaging

## **Reuse of Code**

- I have a list, but my customer would like to have a stack
  - The list offers the operations Insert(), Find(), Delete()
  - The stack needs the operations Push(), Pop() and Top()
  - Can I reuse the existing list?
- I am an employee in a company that builds cars with expensive car stereo systems. Can I reuse the existing car software in a home stero system?

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## **Reuse of interfaces**

- I am an off-shore programmer in Hawaii. I have a contract to implement an electronic parts catalog for DaimlerChrysler
  - How can I and my contractor be sure that I implement it correctly?
- I would like to develop a window system for Linux that behaves the same way as in Windows
  - How can I make sure that I follow the conventions for Windows XP windows and not those of MacOS X?
- I have to develop a new service for cars, that automatically call a help center when the car is used the wrong way.
  - Can I reuse the help desk software that I developed for a company in the telecommuniction industry?

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## Reuse of existing classes

- I have an implementation for a list of elements vom Typ int
- How can I reuse this list without major effort to build a list of customers, or a spare parts catalog or a flight reservation schedule?
- Can I reuse a class "Addressbook", which I have developed in another project, as a subsystem in my commercially obtained proprietary e-mail program?
  - Can I reuse this class also in the billing software of my dealer management system?

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## Reuse

- Problem: Close the object design gap to develop new functionality
- Design goal:
  - Reuse knowledge from previous experience
  - Reuse functionality already available
- Composition (also called Black Box Reuse)
  - New functionality is obtained by aggregation
  - The new object with more functionality is an aggregation of existing objects
- Inheritance (also called White-box Reuse)
  - New functionality is obtained by inheritance
- In both cases: Identification of new classes

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# Identification of new Classes during Object Design

**Requirements Analysis Object Design** (Language of Application (Language of Solution Domain) Domain) Incident Incident Report Report **Text box** Scrollbar Menu

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## Other Reasons for new Classes

- The implementation of algorithms may necessitate objects to hold values
- New low-level operations may be needed during the decomposition of high-level operations
- Example: EraseArea() in a drawing program
  - Conceptually very simple
  - Implementation is complicated:
    - Area represented by pixels
    - We need a Repair() operation to clean up objects partially covered by the erased area
    - We need a Redraw() operation to draw objects uncovered by the erasure
    - We need a Draw() operation to erase pixels in background color not covered by other objects.

## White Box and Black Box Reuse

- White box reuse
  - Access to the development products (models, system design, object design, source code) must be available
- Black box reuse
  - Access to models and designs is not available, or models do not exist
    - Worst case: Only executables (binary code) are available
    - Better case: A specification of the system interface is available.

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## **Types of Whitebox Reuse**

- 1. Implementation inheritance
  - Reuse of Implementations
- 2. Specification Inheritance
  - Reuse of Interfaces

- Programming concepts to achieve reuse
  - > Inheritance
  - Delegation
  - Abstract classes and Method Overriding
  - Interfaces

## Why Inheritance?

- 1. Organization (during analysis):
  - Inheritance helps us with the construction of taxonomies to deal with the application domain
    - when talking the customer and application domain experts we usually find already existing taxonomies
- 2. Reuse (during object design):
  - Inheritance helps us to reuse models and code to deal with the solution domain
    - when talking to developers

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## The use of Inheritance

- Inheritance is used to achieve two different goals
  - Description of Taxonomies
  - Interface Specification
- Description of taxonomies
  - Used during *requirements analysis*
  - Activity: identify application domain objects that are hierarchically related
  - Goal: make the analysis model more understandable
- Interface specification
  - Used during *object design*
  - Activity: identify the signatures of all identified objects
  - Goal: increase reusability, enhance modifiability and extensibility



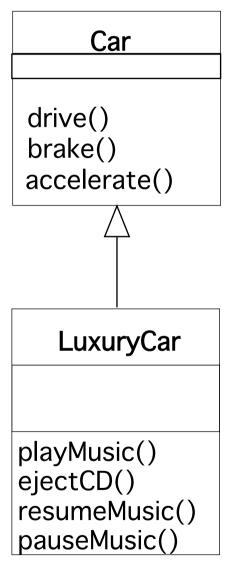
# Inheritance can be used during Modeling as well as during Implementation

- Starting Point is always the requirements analysis phase:
  - We start with use cases
  - We identify existing objects ("class identification")
  - We investigate the relationship between these objects; "Identification of associations":
    - general associations
    - aggregations
    - inheritance associations.

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# Example of Inheritance in a Taxonomy



#### Superclass:

```
public class Car {
   public void drive() {...}
   public void brake() {...}
   public void accelerate() {...}
}
```

#### Subclass:

public class LuxuryCar extends Car
{

```
public void playMusic() {...}
public void ejectCD() {...}
public void resumeMusic() {...}
public void pauseMusic() {...}
```

}

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## Inheritance comes in many Flavors

The term Inheritance is used in four different ways:

- Specialization
- Generalization
- Specification Inheritance
- Implementation Inheritance.



## **Discovering Inheritance**

- To "discover" inheritance associations, we can proceed in two ways, which we call specialization and generalization
- Generalization: the discovery of an inheritance relationship between two classes, where the sub class is discovered first.
- Specialization: the discovery of an inheritance relationship between two classes, where the super class is discovered first.

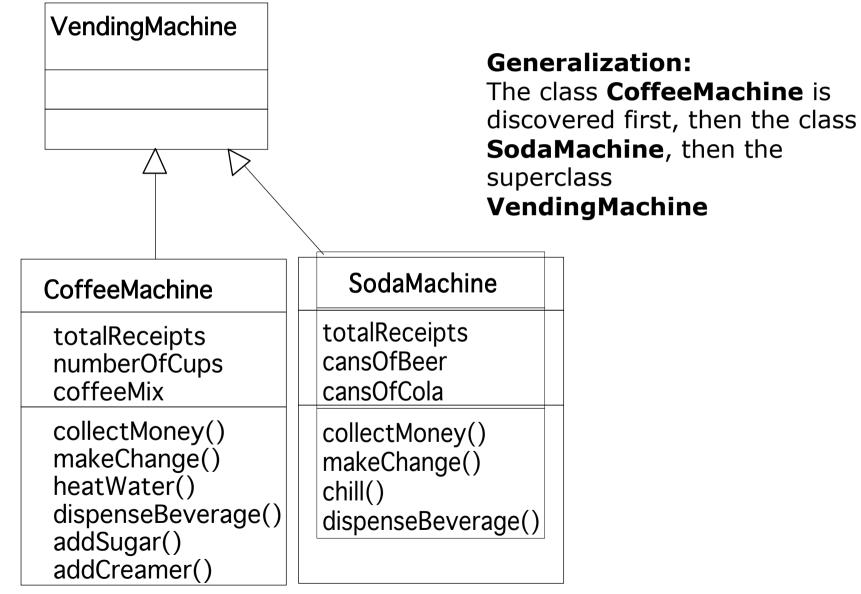
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## Generalization

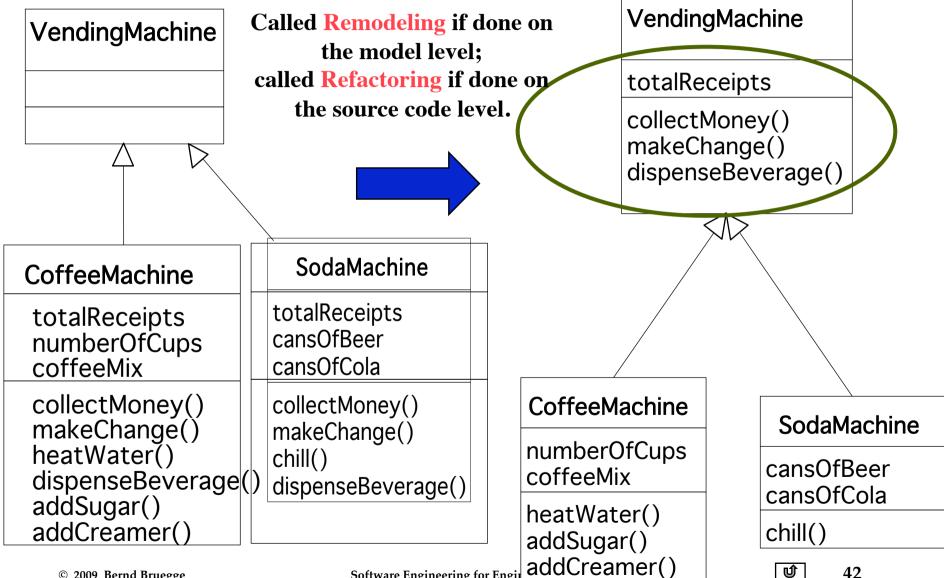
- First we find the subclass, then the super class
- This type of discovery occurs often in science



# Generalization Example: Modeling a Coffee Machine



### **Restructuring of Attributes and Operations** is often a Consequence of Generalization



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## **Specialization**

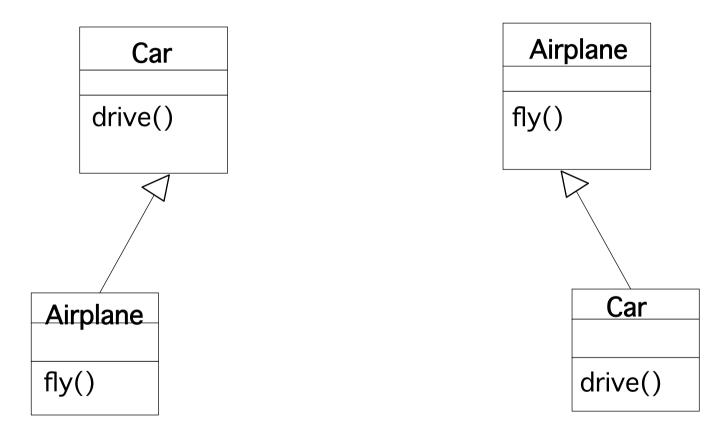
- Specialization occurs, when we find a subclass that is very similar to an existing class.
  - Example: A theory postulates certain particles and events which we have to find.
- Specialization can also occur unintentionally:



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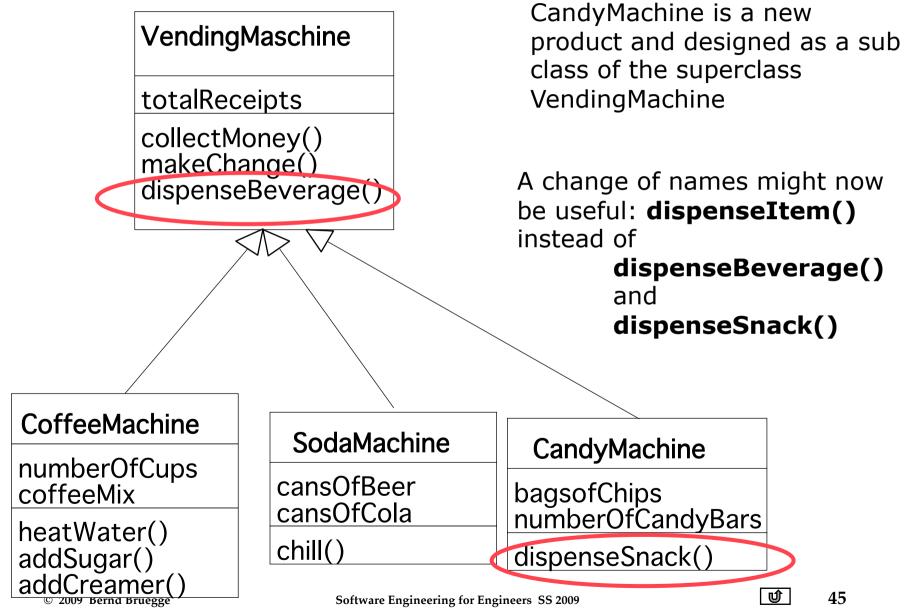


# Which Taxonomy models the scenario in the previous Slide?

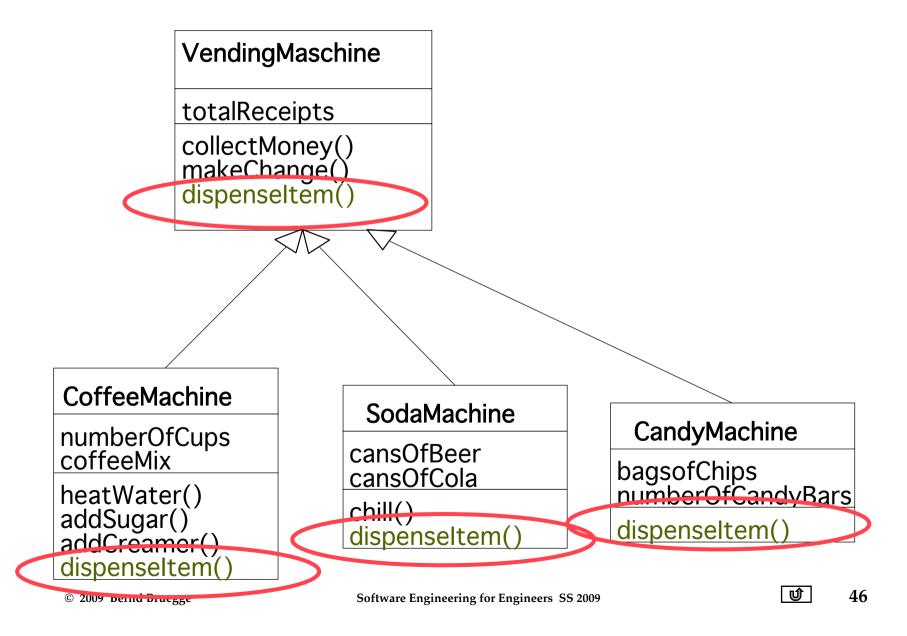


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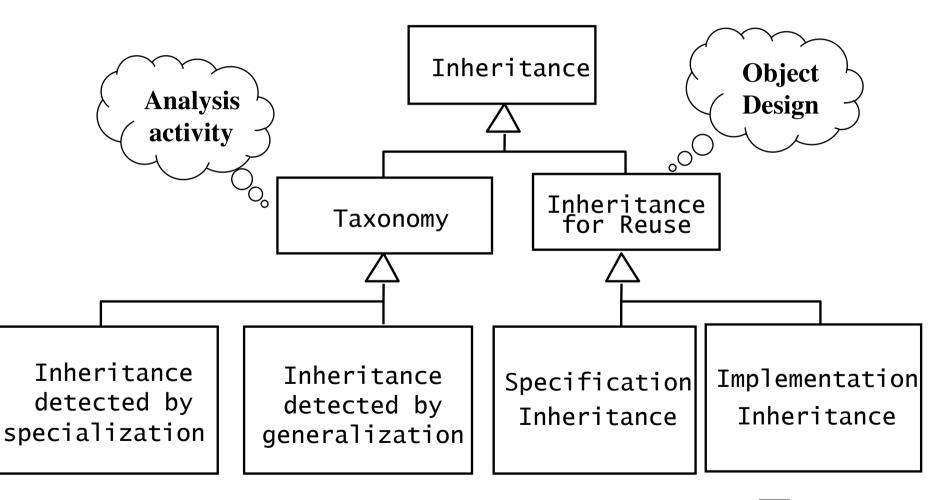
# **Another Example of a Specialization**



# Example of a Specialization (2)



#### Meta-Model for Inheritance



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### Implementation Inheritance and Specification Inheritance

- Implementation inheritance
  - Also called class inheritance
  - Goal:
    - Extend an applications' functionality by reusing functionality from the super class
    - Inherit from an existing class with some or all operations already implemented
- Specification Inheritance
  - Also called subtyping
  - Goal:
    - Inherit from a specification
    - The specification is an abstract class with all operations specified, but not yet implemented.

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#### Implementation Inheritance v. Specification Inheritance

- Implementation Inheritance: The combination of inheritance and implementation
  - The Interface of the superclass is completely inherited
  - Implementations of methods in the superclass ("Reference implementations") are inherited by any subclass
- Specification Inheritance: The combination of inheritance and specification
  - The Interface of the superclass is completely inherited
  - Implementations of the superclass (if there are any) are not inherited.

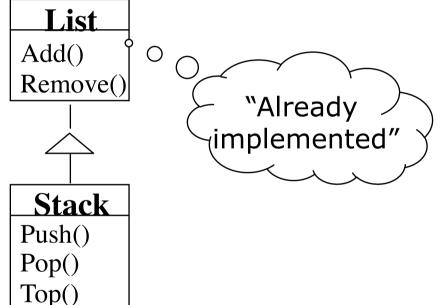
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#### Example for Implementation Inheritance

 A very similar class is already implemented that does almost the same as the desired class implementation

Example:

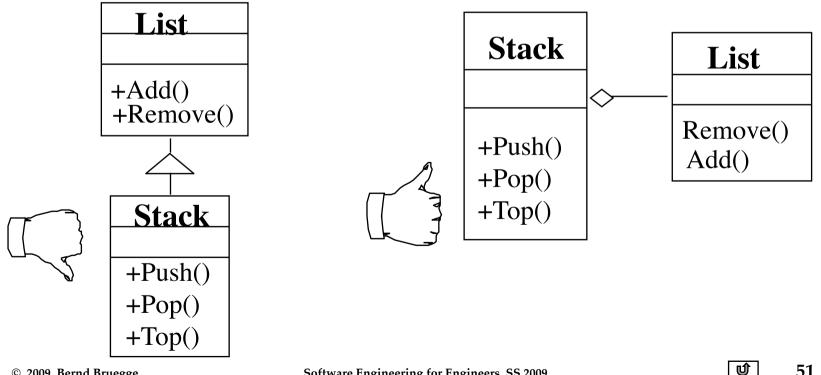
- I have a **List** class, I need a **Stack** class
- How about subclassing the Stack class from the List class and implementing Push(), Pop(), Top() with Add() and Remove()?



- \* Problem with implementation inheritance:
  - The inherited operations might exhibit unwanted behavior.
  - Example: What happens if the Stack user calls Remove() instead of Pop()?

#### Better Code Reuse: Delegation 5 13 2009

- Implementation-Inheritance: Using the implementation of super class operations
- Delegation: Catching an operation and sending it to another object that implements the operation



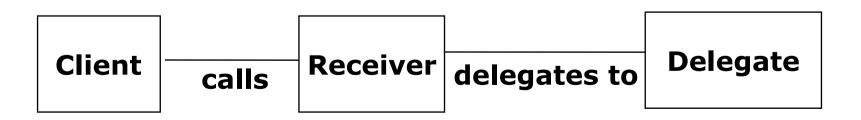
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#### Delegation

- Delegation is a way of making composition as powerful for reuse as inheritance
- In delegation two objects are involved in handling a request from a Client

•The Receiver object delegates operations to the Delegate object

•The Receiver object makes sure, that the Client does not misuse the Delegate object.





# Comparison: Delegation v. Inheritance

- Code-Reuse can be done by delegation as well as inheritance
- Delegation
  - Flexibility: Any object can be replaced at run time by another one
  - Inefficiency: Objects are encapsulated
- Inheritance
  - Straightforward to use
  - Supported by many programming languages
  - Easy to implement new functionality
  - Exposes a subclass to details of its super class
  - Change in the parent class requires recompilation of the subclass.



#### Finally: Pack up the design

- Goal: Pack up design into discrete physical units that can be edited, compiled, linked, reused
- Two design principles for packaging
  - Minimize coupling:
    - Example: Classes in client-supplier architectures are usually loosely coupled
    - Large number of parameters (> 4-5) in some methods mean high coupling
  - Maximize cohesion:
    - Classes closely connected by associations => same package

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# **Design Heuristics for Packaging**

- Each subsystem service is made available by one or more interface objects within the package
- Start with one interface object for each subsystem service
  - Try to limit the number of interface operations (7+-2)
- If the service has too many operations, reconsider the number of interface objects
- If you have too many interface objects, reconsider the number of subsystems

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# Summary

- Object design closes the gap between the requirements and the system design/machine.
- Object design adds details to the requirements analysis and prepares for implementation decisions
- Object design activities include:
  - Identification of Reuse
  - Identification of interface and implementation inheritance
  - Identification of opportunities for delegation

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