

# COMP 401: INTERFACES

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# LOOPING

```
public class Factorials {  
    public static long loopingFactorial(int n) {  
        long product = 1;  
        while (n > 0) {  
            product *= n;  
            n -= 1;  
        }  
        return product;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



# RECURSION

Base condition

```
public class Factorials {  
    public static long recursingFactorial(int n) {  
        if (n <= 1)  
            return 1;  
        return n*recursingFactorial(n-1);  
    }  
}
```

Recursive step

Functional  
programming



# LOOPING SPREADSHEET

```
public class ALoopingFactorialSpreadsheet {  
    int number;  
    long factorial;  
    public int getNumber() {  
        return number;  
    }  
    public void setNumber(int newVal) {  
        number = newVal ;  
        factorial = Factorials.LoopinFactorial(number);  
    }  
    public long getFactorial() {  
        return factorial;  
    }  
}
```

```
ALoopinFactorialSpreadsheet factorial1 =  
    new ALoopinFactorialSpreadsheet ();  
ALoopinFactorialSpreadsheet factorial2 =  
    new ALoopinFactorialSpreadsheet ();  
factorial1.setNumber(2);  
factorial2.setNumber(7);
```



# RECURSING SPREADSHEET

```
public class ARecurringFactorialSpreadsheet {  
    int number;  
    long factorial;  
    public int getNumber() {  
        return number;  
    }  
    public void setNumber(int newVal) {  
        number = newVal ;  
        factorial = Factorials.recurringFactorial(number);  
    }  
    public long getFactorial() {  
        return factorial;  
    }  
}
```

Uses looping rather than recursive factorial

User does not know or care

The public methods (visible components) of the two classes remain the same

```
ARecurringFactorialSpreadsheet factorial1 =  
    new ARecurringFactorialSpreadsheet ();  
ARecurringFactorialSpreadsheet factorial2 =  
    new ARecurringFactorialSpreadsheet ();  
factorial1.setNumber(2);  
factorial2.setNumber(7);
```

Method calling code remains the same



# INTERFACES: CAPTURING COMMON VISIBLE COMPONENTS

```
public interface FactorialSpreadsheet {  
    public int getNumber();  
    public void setNumber(int newVal) ;  
    public long getFactorial();  
}
```

Like a class, an interface must be in its own file, with a .java suffix



# LOOPING INTERFACE IMPLEMENTATION

```
public class ALoopingFactorialSpreadsheet implements FactorialSpreadsheet {  
    int number;  
    long factorial;  
    public int getNumber() {  
        return number;  
    }  
    public void setNumber(int newVal) {  
        number = newVal ;  
        factorial = Factorials.LoopingFactorial(number);  
    }  
    public long getFactorial() {  
        return factorial;  
    }  
}
```

Interface  
as type

```
FactorialSpreadsheet factorial1 =  
    new ALoopingFactorialSpreadsheet ();  
FactorialSpreadsheet factorial2 =  
    new ALoopingFactorialSpreadsheet ();  
factorial1.setNumber(2);  
factorial2.setNumber(2);
```

Creating a Class  
instance



# ANOTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF SAME INTERFACE

```
public class ARecurringFactorialSpreadsheet implements FactorialSpreadsheet {
    int number;
    long factorial;
    public int getNumber() {
        return number;
    }
    public void setNumber(int newVal) {
        number = newVal ;
        factorial = Factorials.recurringFactorial(number);
    }
    public long getFactorial() {
        return factorial;
    }
}
```

```
FactorialSpreadsheet factorial1 =
    new ALoopingFactorialSpreadsheet ();
FactorialSpreadsheet factorial2 =
    new ARecursiveFactorialSpreadsheet ();
factorial1.setNumber(2);
Factorial2.setNumber(7);
factorial1 = factorial2;
```

can be assigned an instance of  
any class that implements the  
interface

Makes it easier to switch  
implementations



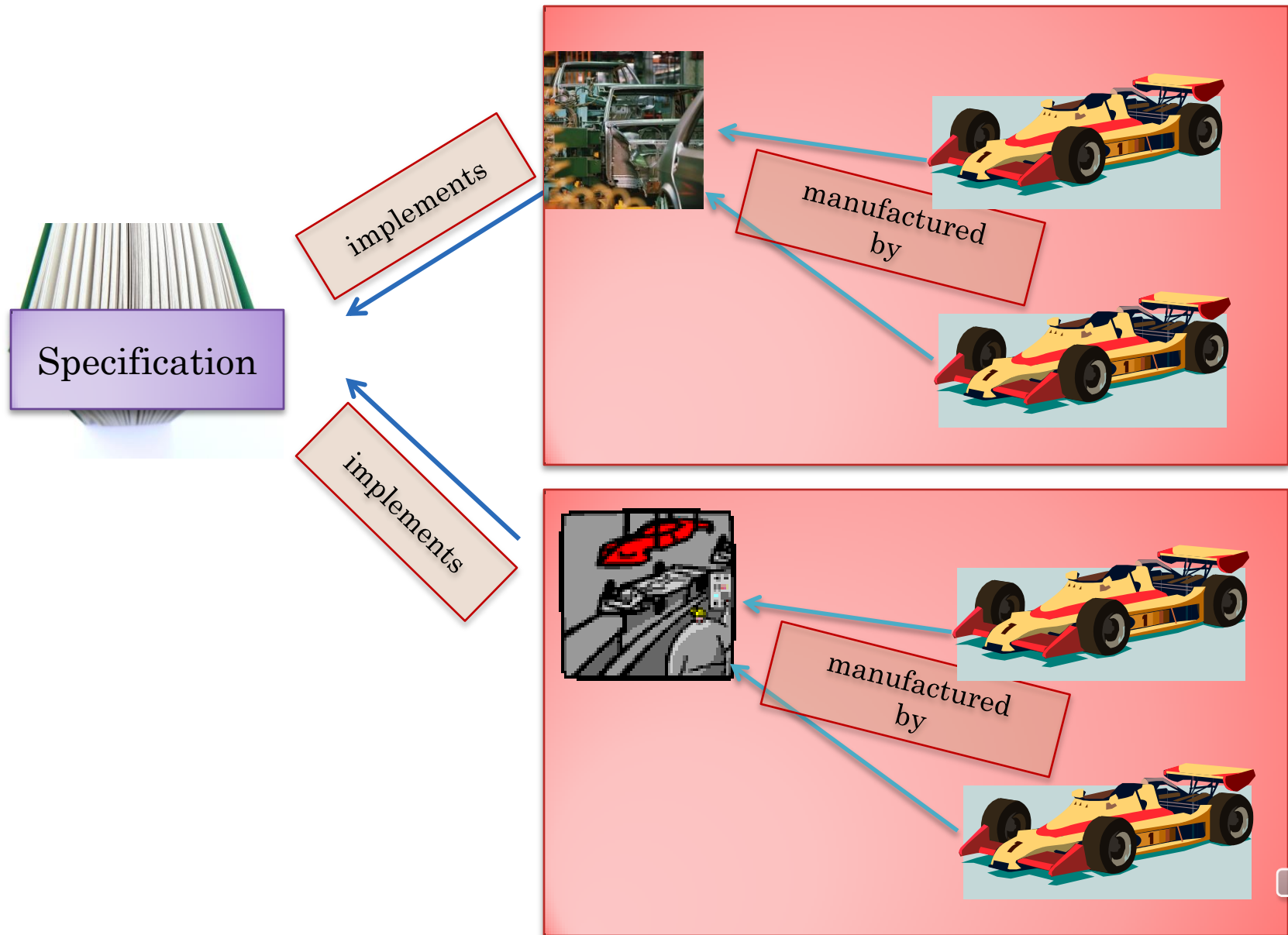


# INTERFACE IMPLEMENTATION

```
public class ABMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet {
    double height;
    double weight;
    public ABMISpreadsheet(double theInitialHeight, double theInitialWeight) {
        setHeight(theInitialHeight);
        setWeight(theInitialWeight);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
    }
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return weight/(height*height);
    }
}
```



# REAL-WORLD ANALOGY FOR INTERFACES



# BMISPREADSHEET INTERFACE

```
public interface BMISpreadsheet {  
    double getWeight();  
    void setWeight(double newWeight);  
    double getHeight();  
    void setHeight(double newHeight);  
    double getBMI();  
}
```



# MATCHING HEADERS

Contract

```
public class AnotherBMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet {  
    double height, weight, bmi;  
    public double getHeight() {  
        return height;  
    }  
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {  
        height = newHeight;  
        bmi = weight/(height*height);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Parameter  
names never  
matter to Java

```
BMISpreadsheet.java  
  
public interface BMISpreadsheet {  
  
    public double getWeight();  
    public void setWeight(double newVal);  
  
    public double getHeight();  
    public void setHeight(double newVal);  
  
    public double getBMI();  
  
}
```



# ALTERNATIVE IMPLEMENTATION?

```
public class ABMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet {
    double height;
    double weight;
    public ABMISpreadsheet(double theInitialHeight, double theInitialWeight) {
        setHeight(theInitialHeight);
        setWeight(theInitialWeight);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
    }
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return weight/(height*height);
    }
}
```



# ANOTHER BMI SPREADSHEET

```
public class AnotherBMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet{
    double height, weight, bmi;
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
        bmi = weight/(height*height);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
        bmi = weight/(height*height);
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return bmi;
    }
}
```

Independent value setters  
compute and store the new  
dependent properties returned by  
the property getters

Instead of dependent property  
getters computing the values



# BMISPREADSHEET INTERFACE (REVIEW)

```
public interface BMISpreadsheet {  
    double getWeight();  
    void setWeight(double newWeight);  
    double getHeight();  
    void setHeight(double newHeight);  
    double getBMI();  
}
```



# BMI SPREADSHEET (REVIEW)

```
public class ABMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet {
    double height;
    double weight;
    public ABMISpreadsheet(double theInitialHeight, double theInitialWeight) {
        setHeight(theInitialHeight);
        setWeight(theInitialWeight);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
    }
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return weight/(height*height);
    }
}
```





# ANOTHER BMI SPREADSHEET (REVIEW)

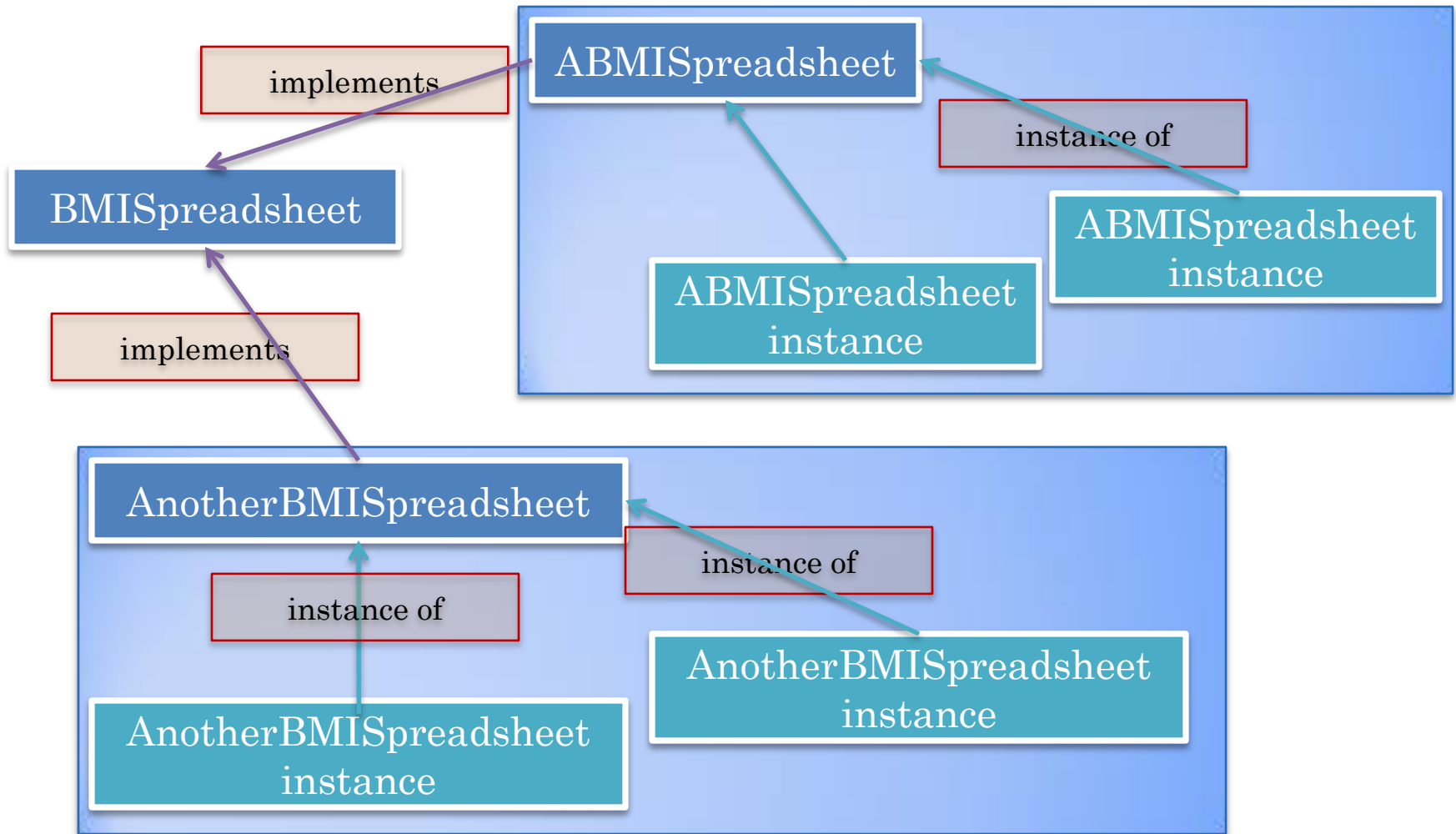
```
public class AnotherBMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet{
    double height, weight, bmi;
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
        bmi = weight/(height*height);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
        bmi = weight/(height*height);
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return bmi;
    }
}
```

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compute and store the new  
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# INTERFACE



# JAVA INSTANCEOF BOOLEAN OPERATOR

**(new ABMISpreadsheet(1.77, 75)) instanceof ABMISpreadsheet**

**true**

**(new ABMISpreadsheet(1.77, 75)) instanceof BMISpreadsheet**

**true**

**(new ABMISpreadsheet(1.77, 75)) instanceof AnotherBMISpreadsheet**

**false**

true and false are values of Java type boolean

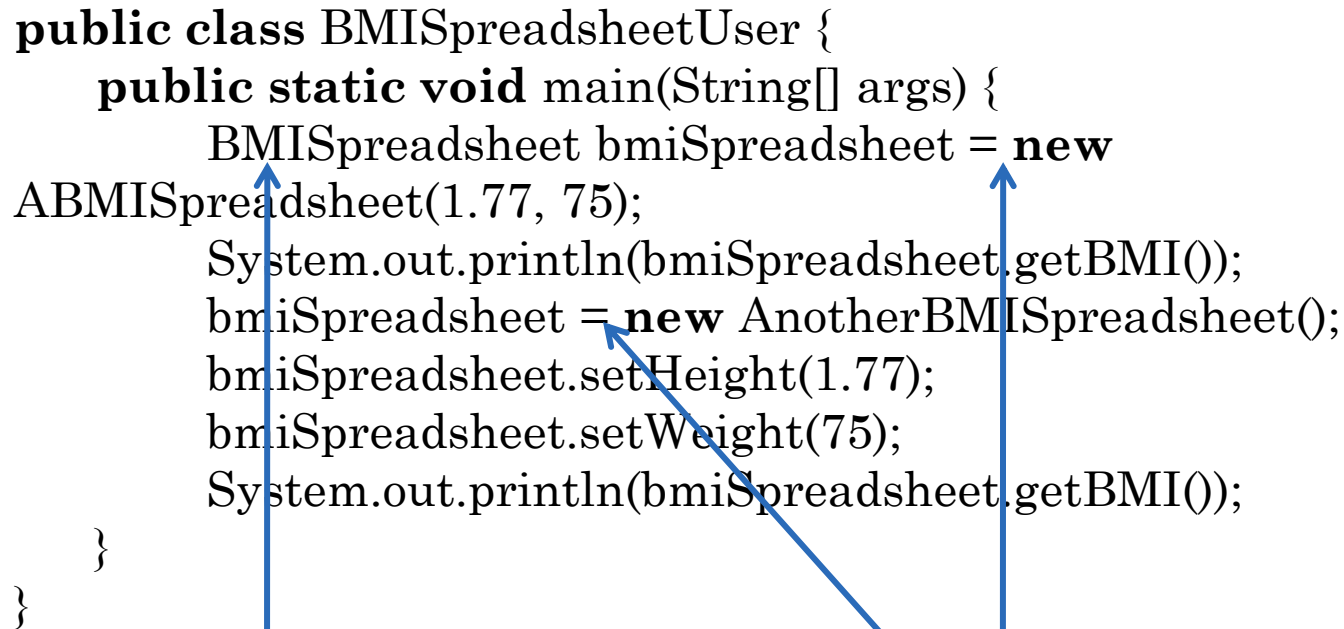
InstanceOf is Java keyword

If class or interface of object o is T then o instanceof T returns true



# USING INTERFACES TO TYPE

```
public class BMISpreadsheetUser {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        BMISpreadsheet bmiSpreadsheet = new  
ABMISpreadsheet(1.77, 75);  
        System.out.println(bmiSpreadsheet.getBMI());  
        bmiSpreadsheet = new AnotherBMISpreadsheet();  
        bmiSpreadsheet.setHeight(1.77);  
        bmiSpreadsheet.setWeight(75);  
        System.out.println(bmiSpreadsheet.getBMI());  
    }  
}
```



Interface as type

Same variable assigned instances of  
two different classes



# TYPE CHECKING

```
public class BMISpreadsheetUser {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        BMISpreadsheet bmiSpreadsheet = new  
ABMISpreadsheet(1.77, 75);  
        System.out.println(bmiSpreadsheet.obtainBMI());  
        bmiSpreadsheet = new AnotherBMISpreadsheet();  
        bmiSpreadsheet.setHeight(1.77);  
        bmiSpreadsheet.setWeight(75);  
        System.out.println(bmiSpreadsheet.getBMI());  
    }  
}
```



Not defined in interface (or class)



# INTERFACE METHODS CONSIDERED IN TYPE CHECKING

```
public class BMISpreadsheetUser {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        BMISpreadsheet bmiSpreadsheet = new  
ABMISpreadsheet(1.77, 75);  
        System.out.println(bmiSpreadsheet.getBMI());  
        bmiSpreadsheet = new AnotherBMISpreadsheet();  
        bmiSpreadsheet.setHeight(1.77);  
        bmiSpreadsheet.setWeight(75);  
        System.out.println(bmiSpreadsheet.getWeight());  
    }  
}
```

Not defined in interface so illegal, even though defined in class

```
public interface BMISpreadsheet {  
    double getWeight();  
    void setWeight(double newVal);  
    double getHeight();  
    public void setHeight(double newVal);  
    public double getBMI();  
}
```

# CLASS-BASED TYPING AND OVERLOADED METHODS

```
public void print (ABMISpreadsheet aBMISpreadsheet) {  
    System.out.println ("Height:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getHeight());  
    System.out.println ("Weight:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getWeight());  
    System.out.println("BMI:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getBMI());  
}
```

```
print (new AnotherBMISpreadsheet());  
print (new ABMISpreadsheet());
```



```
public void print (AnotherBMISpreadsheet aBMISpreadsheet) {  
    System.out.println ("Height:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getHeight());  
    System.out.println ("Weight:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getWeight());  
    System.out.println("BMI:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getBMI());  
}
```

```
print (new AnotherBMISpreadsheet());  
print (new ABMISpreadsheet());
```



# INTERFACE-BASED TYPING AND POLYMORPHIC METHODS

```
public void print (BMISpreadsheet aBMISpreadsheet) {  
    System.out.println ("Height:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getHeight());  
    System.out.println ("Weight:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getWeight());  
    System.out.println("BMI:" + aBMISpreadsheet.getBMI());  
}
```

```
print (new AnotherBMISpreadsheet());  
print (new ABMISpreadsheet());
```

Polymorphic method: A method having at least one parameter that can be assigned objects of different classes





# YET ANOTHER SPREADSHEET CLASS

```
public class ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator implements ??? {  
    double height, weight, bmi;  
    public double getHeight() {  
        return height;  
    }  
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {  
        height = newHeight;  
        bmi = calculateBMI(height, weight);  
    }  
    public double getWeight() {  
        return weight;  
    }  
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {  
        weight = newWeight;  
        bmi = calculateBMI(height, weight);  
    }  
    public double getBMI() {  
        return bmi;  
    }  
    public double calculateBMI(double height, double weight) {  
        return weight/(height*height);  
    }  
}
```



# IMPLEMENTING MULTIPLE INTERFACES

```
public class ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator implements BMISpreadsheet, BMICalculator{
    double height, weight, bmi;
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
        bmi = calculateBMI(height, weight);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
        bmi = calculateBMI(height, weight);
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return bmi;
    }
    public double calculateBMI(double height, double weight) {
        return weight/(height*height);
    }
}
```



# BMICALCULATOR INTERFACE

```
public interface BMICalculator {  
    public double calculateBMI(double height, double weight);  
}
```



# ABMICALCULATOR WITH INTERFACE

```
public class ABMICALCULATOR implements BMICALCULATOR {  
    public double calculateBMI(double height, double weight) {  
        return weight/(height*height);  
    }  
}
```



# JAVA INSTANCEOF BOOLEAN OPERATOR

`new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator() instanceof ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator`

**true**

`new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator() instanceof BMISpreadsheet`

**true**

`new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator() instanceof BMICalculator`

**false**

`new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator() instanceof ABMICalculator`

**false**

`new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator() instanceof ABMISpreadsheet`

**false**

If class or interface of object o is T then o instanceof T returns true



# TYPING

```
public static void main (String[] args) {  
    BMICalculator bmiCalculator = new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator();  
    BMISpreadsheet bmiSpreadsheet = new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator();  
    double bmi = bmiCalculator.calculateBMI(1.77, 75);  
    bmi = bmiSpreadsheet.getBMI();  
    //     bmi = bmiCalculator.getBMI();  
    //     bmi = bmiSpreadsheet.calculateBMI(1.77, 75);  
  
}
```

```
public static void main (String[] args) {  
    BMICalculator[] bmiCalculators = {new ABMISpreadsheetAndCalculator(),  
                                       new ABMICALculatorWithInterface()};  
  
}
```



# CAR ANALOGY

- A car is characterized by
  - Its make
  - License plate
  - Registration
- Licensing authority groups car by the registration or license plate



# CANNOT INSTANTIATE SPECIFICATION

- Cannot order a car from a specification
  - Must order from factory
  - A car defined by Corvette specification ordered from factory implementing the specification
- Cannot instantiate interface
  - Must instantiate class
  - BMISpreadsheet instance created by instantiating class implementing interface





# INTERFACE AS A SYNTACTIC SPECIFICATION

```
public class ABMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet{  
    double height;  
    public double getHeight() {  
        return height;  
    }  
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {  
        height = newHeight;  
    }  
    double weight;  
    public double getWeight() {  
        return weight;  
    }  
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {  
        weight = newWeight;  
    }  
    public double getBMI() {  
        return weight/(height*height);  
    }  
}
```



# INTERFACE AS A SYNTACTIC SPECIFICATION

```
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    double height;  
    public double getHeight() {  
        return height;  
    }  
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {  
        height = newHeight;  
    }  
    double weight;  
    public double getWeight() {  
        return weight;  
    }  
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {  
        weight = newWeight;  
    }  
    public double getBMI() {  
        return 13450;  
    }  
}
```

Syntactic  
Contract

Bombay  
Market Index

# BOTTOM UP: BMISPREADSHEET

```
public class ABMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet {
    double height;
    double weight;
    public ABMISpreadsheet(double theInitialHeight, double theInitialWeight) {
        setHeight(theInitialHeight);
        setWeight(theInitialWeight);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
    }
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return weight/(height*height);
    }
}
```



# BOTTOM UP; ANOTHER

```
public class AnotherBMISpreadsheet implements BMISpreadsheet{
    double height, weight, bmi;
    public double getHeight() {
        return height;
    }
    public void setHeight(double newHeight) {
        height = newHeight;
        bmi = weight/(height*height);
    }
    public double getWeight() {
        return weight;
    }
    public void setWeight(double newWeight) {
        weight = newWeight;
        bmi = weight/(height*height);
    }
    public double getBMI() {
        return bmi;
    }
}
```

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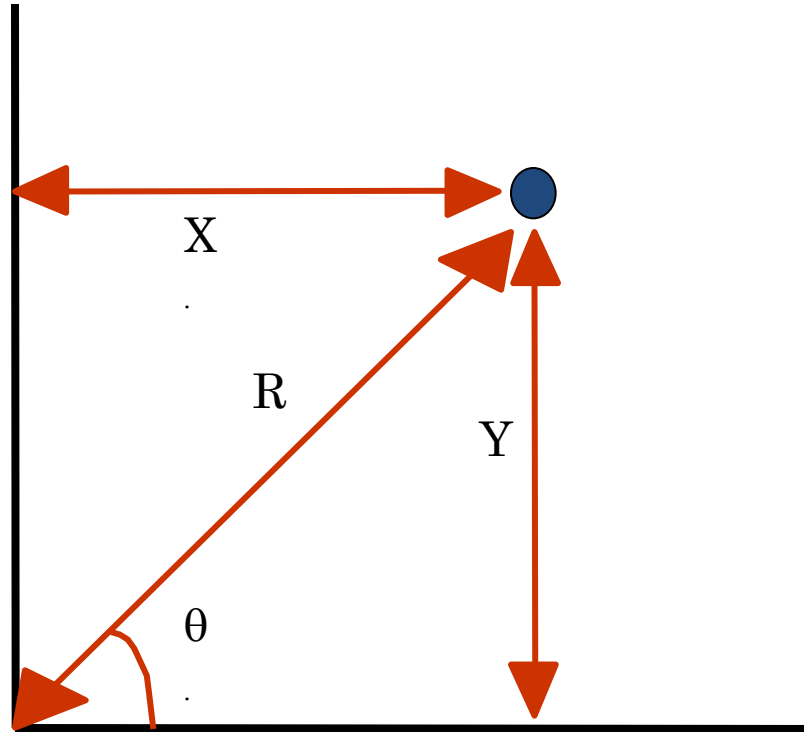


# BOTTOM UP: BMISPREADSHEET INTERFACE

```
public interface BMISpreadsheet {  
    double getWeight();  
    void setWeight(double newWeight);  
    double getHeight();  
    void setHeight(double newHeight);  
    double getBMI();  
}
```



# TOP DOWN: MATHEMATICAL POINT



# POINT INTERFACE

```
public interface Point {  
    public int getX();  
    public int getY();  
    public double getAngle();  
    public double getRadius();  
}
```

Read-only properties  
defining immutable  
object



# CLASS: ACARTESIANPOINT

```
public class ACartesianPoint implements Point {  
    int x, y;  
    public ACartesianPoint(int theX, int theY) {  
        x = theX;  
        y = theY;  
    }  
    public ACartesianPoint(double theRadius, double theAngle) {  
        x = (int) (theRadius*Math.cos(theAngle));  
        y = (int) (theRadius*Math.sin(theAngle));  
    }  
    public int getX() { return x; }  
    public int getY() { return y; }  
    public double getAngle() { return Math.atan2(y, x); }  
    public double getRadius() { return Math.sqrt(x*x + y*y); }  
}
```





# CLASS: APOLARPOINT

```
public class APolarPoint implements Point {
    double radius, angle;
    public APolarPoint(double theRadius, double theAngle) {
        radius = theRadius;
        angle = theAngle;
    }
    public APolarPoint(int theX, int theY) {
        radius = Math.sqrt(theX*theX + theY*theY);
        angle = Math.atan((double) theY/theX);
    }
    public int getX() { return (int) (radius*Math.cos(angle)); }
    public int getY() { return (int) (radius*Math.sin(angle)); }
    public double getAngle() { return angle; }
    public double getRadius() { return radius; }
}
```



# REPRESENTING GEOMETRIC OBJECTS

- Geometric example to show multiple useful implementations of an interface
- Most geometric objects have multiple representations

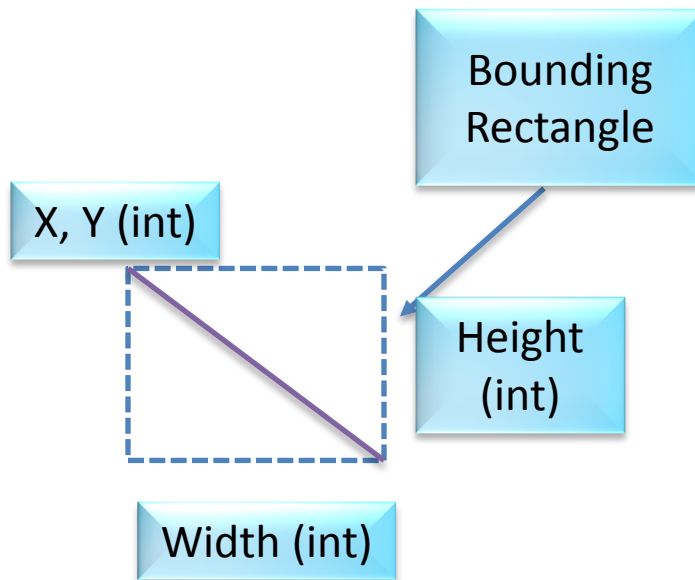


# WHAT IS A REPRESENTATION

- Logical representation
  - Defined by its interface
  - Specifies properties
- Physical representation
  - Defined by its instance variables
- ACartesianPoint and APolarPoint have the same logical representation but different physical representation



# LINE LOGICAL REPRESENTATION (PROPERTIES)



# XY-BASED LINE/OVAL/RECTANGLE INTERFACE

```
public interface Line {  
    public int getX();  
    public void setX(int newX);  
    public int getY();  
    public void setY(int newY);  
    public int getWidth();  
    public void setWidth(int newVal);  
    public int getHeight();  
    public void setHeight(int newHeight);  
}
```



# LINE IMPLEMENTATION

```
public class ALine implements Line {  
    int x, y, width, height;  
    public ALine (int initX, int initY, int initWidth, int initHeight) {  
        x = initX;  
        y = initY;  
        width = initWidth;  
        height = initHeight;  
    }  
    public int getX() {return x;}  
    public void setX(int newX) {x = newX;}  
    public int getY() { return y; }  
    public void setY(int newY) {y = newY;}  
    public int getWidth() {return width;}  
    public void setWidth(int newVal) {width = newVal;}  
    public int getHeight() {return height;}  
    public void setHeight(int newHeight) {height = newHeight;}  
}
```



# INTERFACES

- Define contracts between our users and implementers
- Optional – they may not be used
- Good style to use them
  - Each instance method must be in some interface (static methods cannot be in interfaces)
  - Each object variable must be type by an interface
- Can be derived bottom up or top down



# RELATING INTERFACE AND CLASS NAMES

## Class Name:

<Qualifier><Interface>

- ABMISpreadsheet
- ASpaceEfficientBMISpreadsheet
- SpaceEfficientBMISpreadsheet

<Interface><Qualifier> Impl

- BMISpreadsheetImpl
- BMISpreadsheetSpaceEfficientImpl

## Interface Name:

<ClassName>Interface

- ABMISpreadsheetInterface

Assumes only one implementation of interface will be created

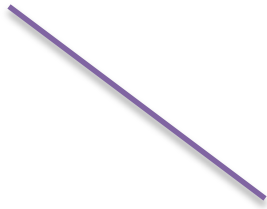




# EXTRA



# LINE



# JAVA COORDINATE SYSTEM

