

CSCI 132:

Basic Data Structures & Algorithms

Inheritance

Announcements

- Lab 3 Posted
- Comment ~75% of methods in Program 1
- Program 1
 - Start small!
 - Break it down into pieces
 - Think about what could be grouped together
 - Maybe add those items to the same class!



Inheritance

- **Inheritance** is a mechanism in Java that allows for a class to acquire instance fields and methods from another class
- In Java, we use the **extends** keyword to indicate that a class is inheriting from another

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Inherited!

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Not inherited! (but
getter methods are)

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Now this instance fields will be inherited 😎

Food.java

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We can make instance fields **protected**, which means they are still private to other classes, but now they can be inherited


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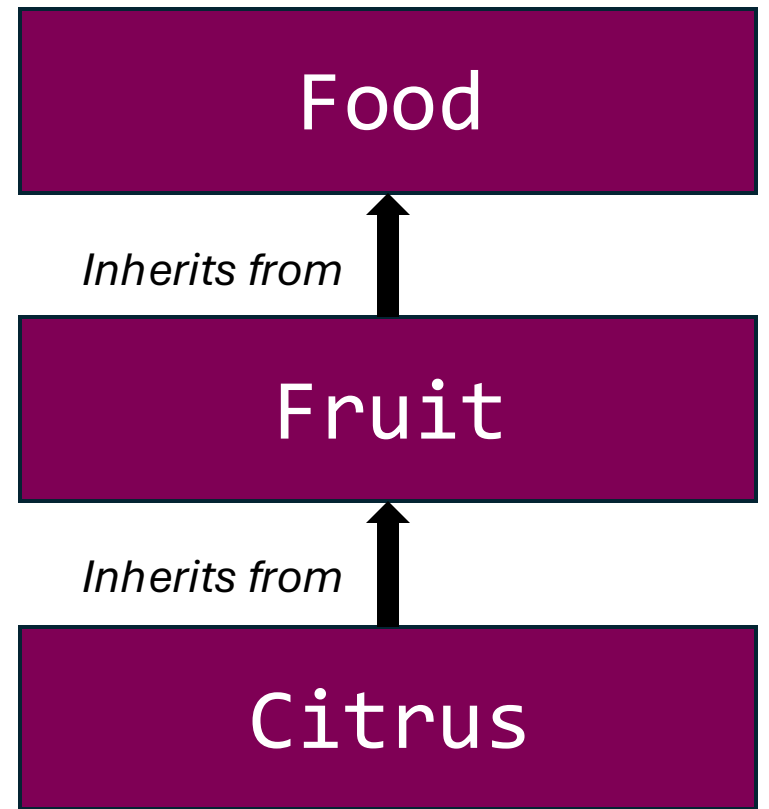
Food.java

The **super** keyword is used to reference the parent class. Just using `super()` will call the parent constructor

```
public abstract class Food {  
  
}
```

```
public class Fruit extends Food {  
  
}
```

```
public class Citrus extends Fruit {  
  
}
```



In Java, we can only inherit from one class (but that one class we inherit from can also inherit from another class)

In this example, *Citrus* indirectly has access to the *Food* class instance fields/methods because the *Fruit* class inherits from *Food*

Food

String **name**;
double calories;
double price;

getName()
getCalores()
getPrice()

Vegetable

String **growthSeason**;
boolean isLeafy;

getGrowthSeason()
getIsLeafy()

Beverage

int caffeine;
char size;

getCaffine()
getSize()

Fruit

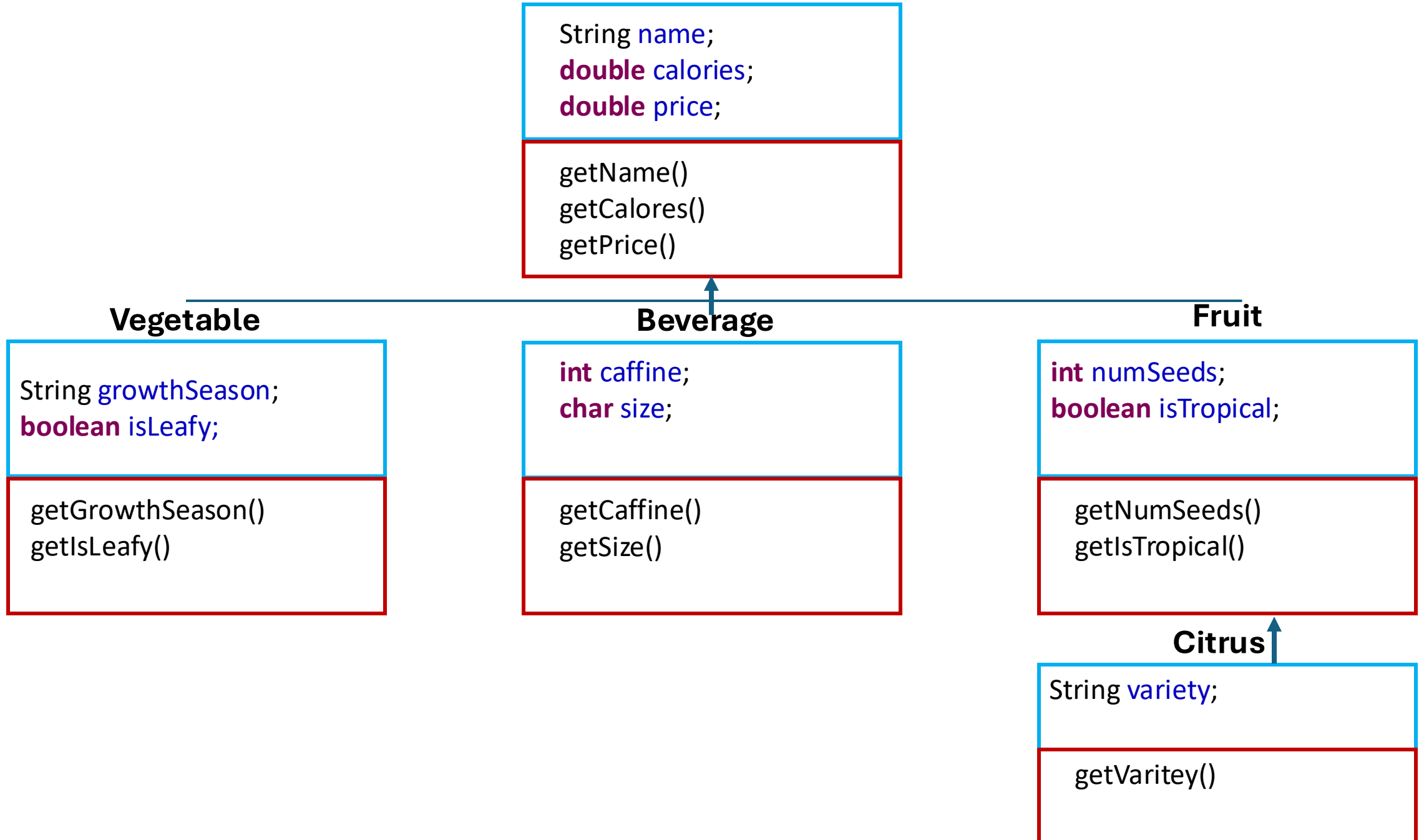
int numSeeds;
boolean isTropical;

getNumSeeds()
getIsTropical()

Citrus

String **variety**;

getVaritey()



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Citrus

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getVaritey()

A Citrus object has access to the following instance fields and methods:

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| • name | • getName |
| • calories | • getCalories |
| • price | • getPrice |
| • numSeeds | • getNumSeeds |
| • isTropical | • getIsTropical |
| • variety | • getVariety |

Method Precedence

```
public String getName() {  
    System.out.println("Method #1 (Food)");  
}
```

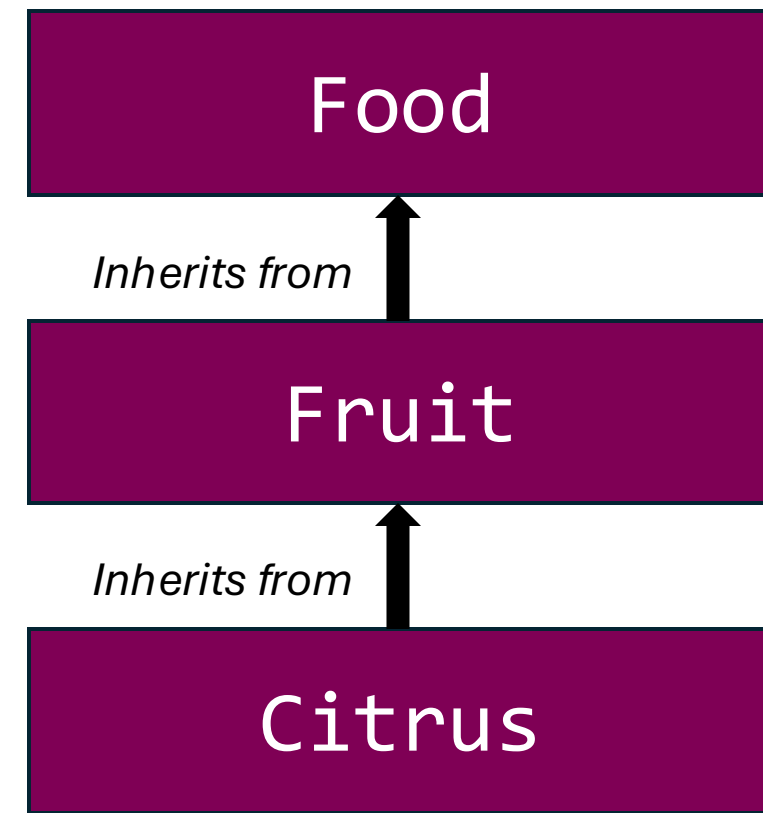
Food.java

```
public String getName() {  
    System.out.println("Method #2 (Fruit)");  
}
```

Fruit.java

```
public String getName() {  
    System.out.println("Method #3 (Citrus)");  
}
```

Cirtus.java



What if we define the exact same method in three different classes?

```
Citrus orange = new Citrus("Orange", 95, 1, 5, false, "Navel");  
orange.getName();
```

What will get printed out?

Output:
Method #3 (Citrus)

★ Java will first look at the child class, and then move up the the parent classes

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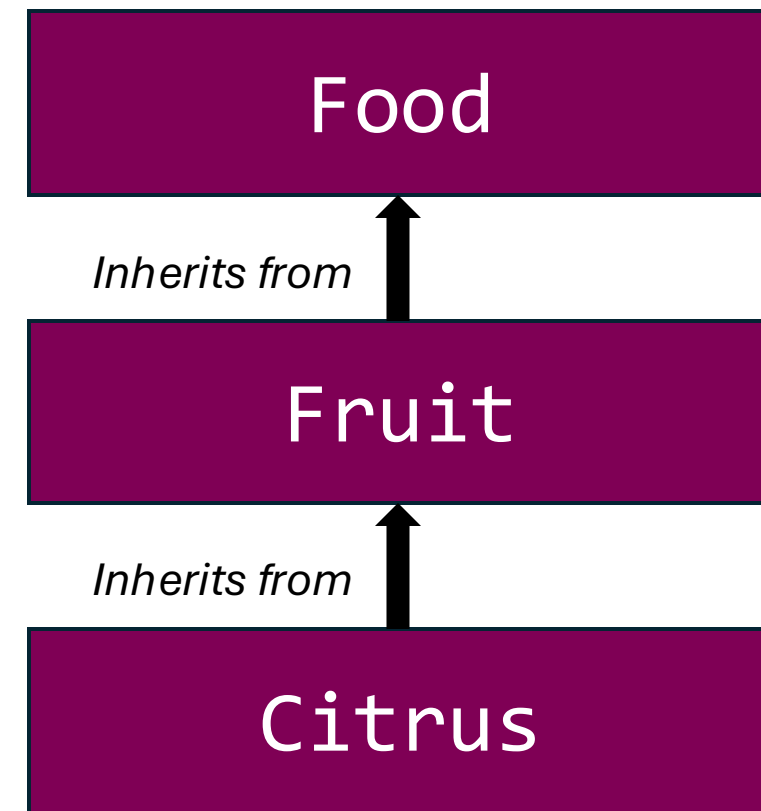
Food.java

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Fruit.java

(method deleted)

Cirtus.java



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