

Imperative Programming 2: Inheritance 2

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Plan

- Yesterday: Basic principles for inheritance (Chap 10).
 - Code reuse by inheriting methods and fields.
 - Subtyping.
 - Overriding and parameterisation.
- Today: Example (Chap 10).
 - We will develop a two-dimensional layout library.

Learning outcome

- To gain an experience of using inheritance for organising classes.
- Can use two programming idioms:
 - Parameterise and instantiate a class via inheritance and overriding.
 - Factory method used for information hiding.

Programming challenge

- Implement a library for two-dimensional layouts.

```
class Element {  
    ...  
    def toString ...  
    def above ...  
    def beside ...  
}  
  
object Element {  
    ...  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element = ...  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element = ...  
    def elem(s: String): Element = ...  
}
```

Programming challenge

- Implement a library for two-dimensional layouts.

```
val col1 = elem(Array("71", "--", "10"))
val layout = col1
println(layout)

class Element {
    ...
    def toString ...
    def above ...
    def beside ...
}

object Element {
    ...
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element = ...
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element = ...
    def elem(s: String): Element = ...
}
```

71
--
10

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    def toString ...  
    def above ...  
    def beside ...  
}  
  
object Element {  
    ...  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element = ...  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element = ...  
    def elem(s: String): Element = ...  
}
```

```
val col1 = elem(Array("71", "--", "10"))  
val col2 = elem(" x ") beside elem("9")  
val layout = col1 beside col2  
println(layout)
```

71
-- x 9
10

In Scala, “obj m x” means the same as “obj.m(x)”.

Programming challenge

- Implement a library for two-dimensional layouts.

```
class Element {  
  ...  
  def toString ...  
  def above ...  
  def beside ...  
}
```

```
object Element {
```

```
  ...  
  def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element = ...  
  def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element = ...  
  def elem(s: String): Element = ...  
}
```

```
val col1 = elem(Array("71", "--", "10"))  
val col2 = elem(" x ") beside elem("9")  
val row2 = elem('-', 8, 1) above elem("1232")  
val layout = (col1 beside col2) above row2  
println(layout)
```

```
71  
-- x 9  
10  
-----
```

1232

In Scala, “obj m x” means the same as “obj.m(x)”.

Programming challenge

- Implement a library for two-dimensional layouts.

```
class Element {  
    ...  
    def toString ...  
    def above ...  
    def beside ...  
}  
  
object Element {  
    ...  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element = ...  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element = ...  
    def elem(s: String): Element = ...  
}
```

High-level plan

- Three ways for creating an object of type Element.
- We will implement them using three subclasses of Element.

```
class Element {  
    ...  
    def toString ...  
    def above ...  
    def beside ...  
}  
  
object Element {  
    ...  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element = ...  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element = ...  
    def elem(s: String): Element = ...  
}
```

Class hierarchy

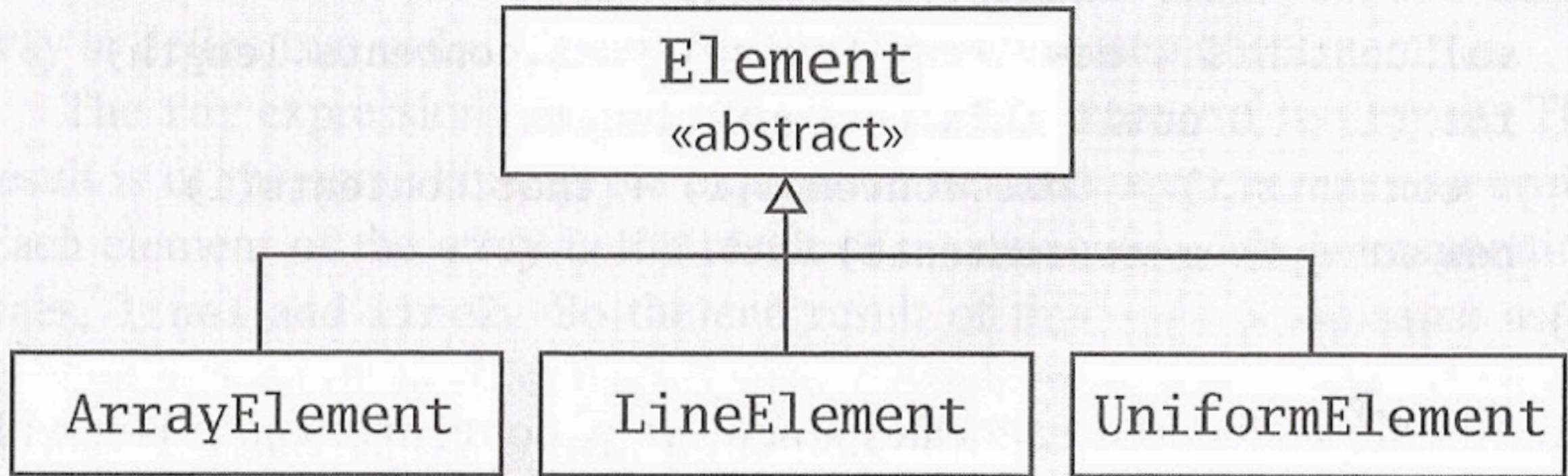


Figure 10.4 · Class hierarchy with revised LineElement.

Class hierarchy

Implements `toString`, `above` and `beside`, which are parameterised by a method contents.

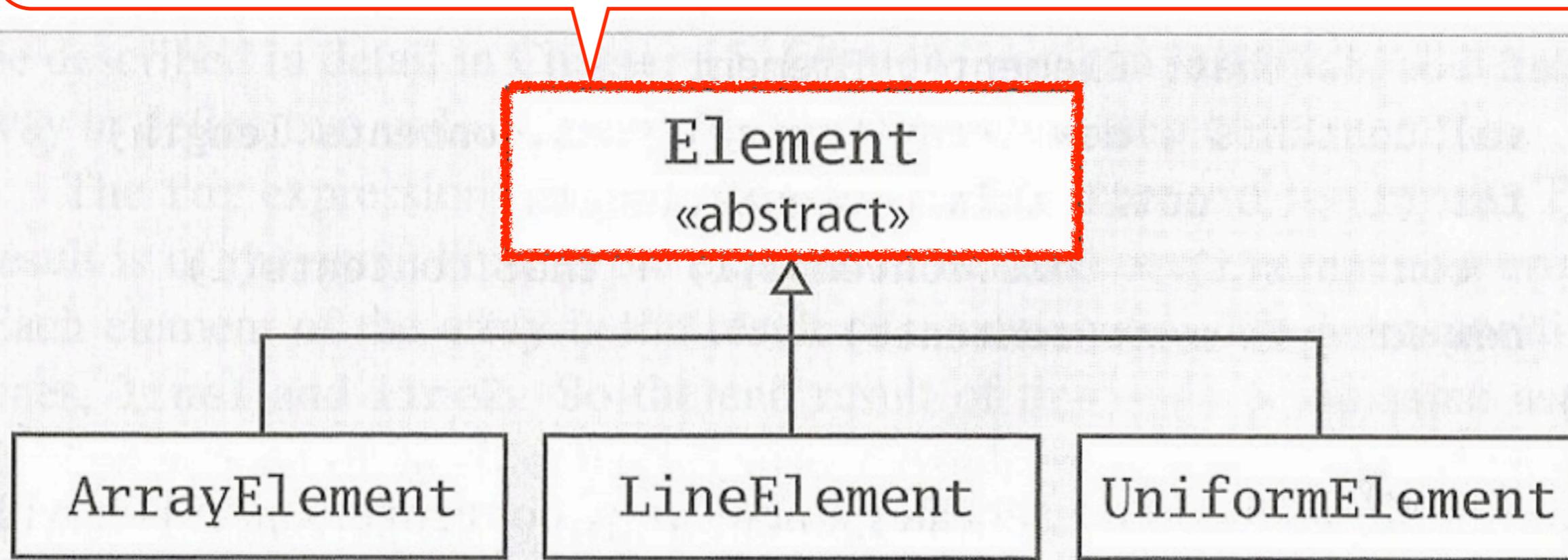
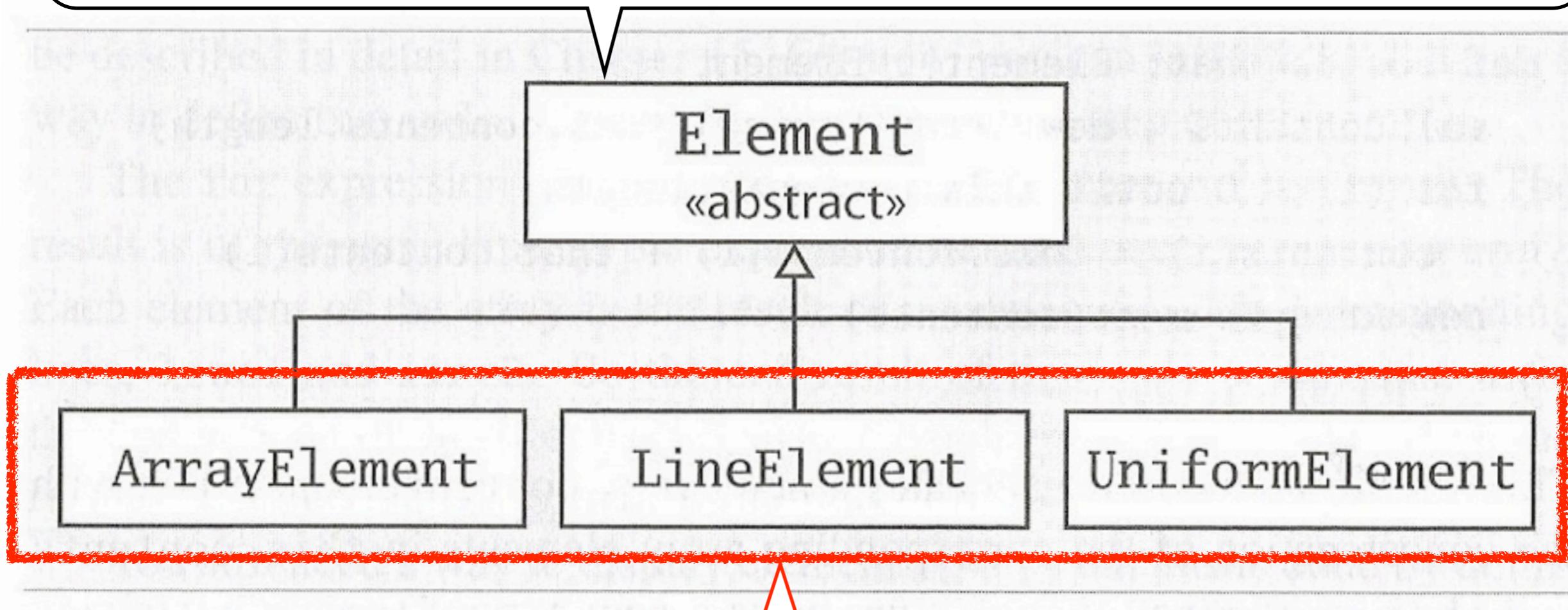


Figure 10.4 · Class hierarchy with revised `LineElement`.

Class hierarchy

Implements `toString`, `above` and `beside`, which are parameterised by a method contents.



Override contents. They are used to implement three `elem` methods.

Class Element

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}
```

- Element declares the method contents, which returns an array for storing each row of a layout.
- But contents is not defined.
- Element is an abstract class, which is parameterised by the definition of contents.

Overriding parameterless method

- A parameterless method “`def f:C`” in a superclass can be overridden by a field “`val f:C`”.
- Subtle difference:

`val f: Array[Int] = Array(1,2,3)`

Create an array only once during object creation.

`def f: Array[Int] = Array(1,2,3)`

Create an array whenever `f` is accessed.

Overriding in subclasses

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(c: Array[String]) extends Element {  
    val contents = c  
}  
  
class LineElement(...) extends Element ...  
  
class UniformElement(...) extends Element ...
```

In Scala, “val f:D” can override “def f:D”.

Overriding in subclasses

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(...) extends Element ...  
  
class UniformElement(...) extends Element ...
```

“class C(val x: D) ...” means the same as

“class C(tempX: D) ... { val x: D = tempX ... }”

Exercise: Fill in the boxes

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents =   
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents =   
}
```

Exercise: Fill in the boxes

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents =    
}
```

Exercise: Fill in the boxes

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Exercise: Fill in the boxes

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

How are “val contents” and “def contents” different?

above and beside

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element =  
  
    def beside(that: Element): Element =  
  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Implementation of above

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]
```

Assume “this” and “that” have the same width.

```
override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
def above(that: Element): Element =  
    new ArrayElement(this.contents ++ that.contents)  
def beside(that: Element): Element =
```

```
}
```

```
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element
```

```
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}
```

```
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Exercise: Implement beside

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]
```

We assume “this” and “that” have the same height.

```
override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
def above(that: Element): Element =  
    new ArrayElement(this.contents ++ that.contents)  
def beside(that: Element): Element =
```

```
}
```

```
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element
```

```
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}
```

```
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Exercise: Implement beside

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]
```

We assume “this” and “that” have the same height.

```
override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
def above(that: Element): Element =  
    new ArrayElement(this.contents ++ that.contents)  
def beside(that: Element): Element =  
    new ArrayElement(  
        for ((line1, line2) <- this.contents zip that.contents  
        ) yield line1 + line2)  
}
```

```
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element
```

```
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}
```

```
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Full implementation

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
    def above(that: Element): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(this.contents ++ that.contents)  
    def beside(that: Element): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(  
            for ((line1, line2) <- this.contents zip that.contents  
            ) yield line1 + line2)  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Full implementation

```
abstract class Element {  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new Element {  
            val contents = contents  
        }  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new Element {  
            val contents = Array.fill(height)(chr.toString * width)  
        }  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new Element {  
            val contents = Array(line)  
        }  
}  
  
object Element {  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new Element {  
            val contents = contents  
        }  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new Element {  
            val contents = Array.fill(height)(chr.toString * width)  
        }  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new Element {  
            val contents = Array(line)  
        }  
}
```

Full implementation

```
abstract class Element {  
    def elem(contents: String): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(contents)  
  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new UniformElement(chr, width, height)  
  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new LineElement(line)  
}  
}  
  
object Element {  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(contents)  
  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new UniformElement(chr, width, height)  
  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new LineElement(line)  
}  
}  
  
class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String]) extends Element  
  
class LineElement(s: String) extends Element {  
    val contents = Array(s)  
}  
  
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Full implementation

```
object Element {  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(contents)  
  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new UniformElement(chr, width, height)  
  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new LineElement(line)  
}  
)  
yield line1 + line2)
```

Here we are using subtyping relationships, such as
ArrayElement <: Element,
which are induced by inheritance.

```
class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int) extends Element {  
    def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString * w)  
}
```

Factory method

```
object Element {  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(contents)  
  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new UniformElement(chr, width, height)  
  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new LineElement(line)  
}
```

- A method whose main aim is to create an object.
- Decides the kind of an object to create, such as its type.
- This decision depends on method arguments, and is normally hidden from callers.

Unfinished business I

- `ArrayElement`, `LineElement`, `UniformElement` are conceived to implement the `elem` methods.
- How can we hide these implementation details from the callers of the `elem` methods?
- Any suggestion?

Hiding implementation details

```
object Element {  
  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(contents)  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new UniformElement(chr, width, height)  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new LineElement(line)  
}
```

Hiding implementation details

I. Make subclasses private to the singleton object.

```
object Element {  
    private class ArrayElement(val contents: Array[String])  
        extends Element  
    private class LineElement(s: String)  
        extends Element { val contents = Array(s) }  
    private class UniformElement(ch: Char, w: Int, h: Int)  
        extends Element { def contents = Array.fill(h)(ch.toString*w) }  
  
    def elem(contents: Array[String]): Element =  
        new ArrayElement(contents)  
    def elem(chr: Char, width: Int, height: Int): Element =  
        new UniformElement(chr, width, height)  
    def elem(line: String): Element =  
        new LineElement(line)  
}
```

Hiding implementation details

1. Make subclasses private to the singleton object.
2. Ensure that objects of these subclasses are created only by the factory methods.

```
object Element {  
    private[Element] class ArrayElement(val contents: List[String]) extends Element {  
        def above(that: Element): Element = new ArrayElement(contents ++ that.contents)  
        def beside(that: Element): Element = new ArrayElement(  
            for ((line1, line2) <- this.contents zip that.contents)  
                yield line1 + line2  
        )  
    }  
}
```

Hiding implementation details

1. Make subclasses private to the singleton object.
2. Ensure that objects of these subclasses are created only by the factory methods.

```
object Element {  
    private[Element] class ElementImpl(...)  
    private[Element] def elem(...): Element = new ElementImpl(...)  
  
    abstract class Element {  
        def contents: Array[String]  
  
        override def toString = contents mkString "\n"  
        def above(that: Element): Element =  
            Element.elem(this.contents ++ that.contents)  
        def beside(that: Element): Element =  
            Element.elem(  
                for (  
                    (line1, line2) <- this.contents zip that.contents  
                ) yield line1 + line2  
            )  
    }  
}
```

Hiding implementation details

1. Make subclasses private to the singleton object.
2. Ensure that objects of these subclasses are created only by the factory methods.

```
import Element.elem

abstract class Element {
    def contents: Array[String]

    override def toString = contents mkString "\n"
    def above(that: Element): Element =
        elem(this.contents ++ that.contents)
    def beside(that: Element): Element =
        elem(
            for (
                (line1, line2) <- this.contents zip that.contents
            ) yield line1 + line2
        )
}
```

Unfinished Business 2

- We made same width and height assumptions in our implementation of above and beside.
- Consequently, we get a wrong output:

```
val col1 = elem(Array("71", "--", "10"))
val col2 = elem(" x ") beside elem("9")
val row2 = elem('-', 8, 1) above elem("1232")
val layout = (col1 beside col2) above row2
println(layout)
```

Actual
output

```
71 x 9
-----
1232
```

Intended
output

```
71
-- x 9
10
-----
1232
```

Fixed version of above

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
  
    override def toString = ...  
    def above(that: Element): Element = {  
  
        elem(this.contents ++ that.contents)  
    }  
  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}
```

Fixed version of above

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
    def width: Int = contents(0).length  
    def height: Int = contents.length  
    override def toString = ...  
    def above(that: Element): Element = {  
        val this1 = this widen that.width  
        val that1 = that widen this.width  
        elem(this1.contents ++ that1.contents)  
    }  
    def widen(w: Int): Element =  
  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}
```

Fixed version of above

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
    def width: Int = contents(0).length  
    def height: Int = contents.length  
    override def toString = ...  
    def above(that: Element): Element = {  
        val this1 = this widen that.width  
        val that1 = that widen this.width  
        elem(this1.contents ++ that1.contents)  
    }  
    def widen(w: Int): Element =  
  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}
```

Exercise: Complete the implementation of widen.

Fixed version of above

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
    def width: Int = contents(0).length  
    def height: Int = contents.length  
    override def toString = ...  
    def above(that: Element): Element = {  
        val this1 = this widen that.width  
        val that1 = that widen this.width  
        elem(this1.contents ++ that1.contents)  
    }  
    def widen(w: Int): Element =  
        if (w <= width) this  
        else {  
            val left = elem(' ', (w - width) / 2, height)  
            val right = elem(' ', w - width - left.width, height)  
            left beside this beside right  
        }  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
}
```

Exercise: Complete the implementation of widen.

Fixed version of beside

- Similar implementation to above.
- Look at the textbook.

Exercise: Fix beside

```
abstract class Element {  
    def contents: Array[String]  
    def width: Int = contents(0).length  
    def height: Int = contents.length  
    override def toString = ...  
    def above(that: Element): Element = {  
        val this1 = this widen that.width  
        val that1 = that widen this.width  
        elem(this1.contents ++ that1.contents)  
    }  
    def widen(w: Int): Element =  
        if (w <= width) this  
        else {  
            val left = elem(' ', (w - width) / 2, height)  
            val right = elem(' ', w - width - left.width, height)  
            left beside this beside right  
        }  
    def beside(that: Element): Element = ...  
    def heighten(h: Int): Element = ...  
}
```

Summary

- Inheritance and overriding can be used to implement parameterisation and instantiation.
- Use of factory methods and subtyping for hiding implementation details.
- Read Chap 10.
- Try Scala code in Listings 10.12 - 10.14.