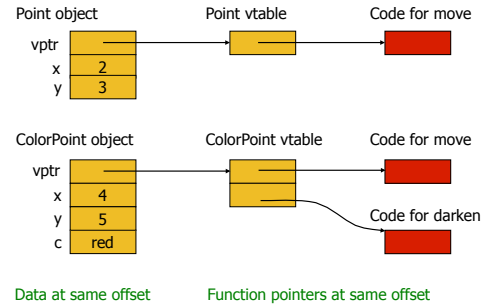


C++ Part 2

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C++ Run-Time Representation



Smalltalk vs. C++ Dynamic Dispatch

• C++:

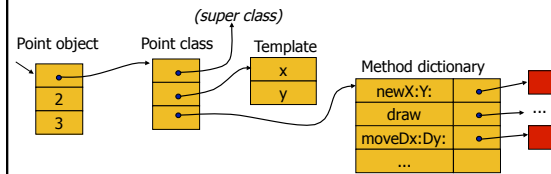
- `Point *pt = ...;`
`pt -> move(3,10);`
- `pt` must be a `Point` or a subclass of `Point`
- All subclasses of `Point` use same vtable order for `Point` methods.
- Compiler can hard-code in vtable offset:

`(pt->vtable[0])(pt, 3, 10)`

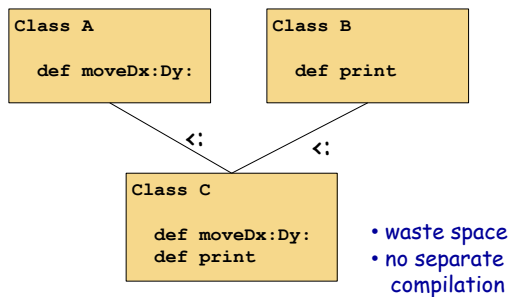
Smalltalk vs. C++ Dynamic Dispatch

• Smalltalk:

- `pt moveDx: 3 Dy: 10`
- `pt` could be any object with `moveDx:Dy:` in protocol
- No info about layout. Must search dictionary.



Could we put methods at same offset?



Smalltalk vs. C++ Dynamic Dispatch

• Static type info about object layout

- more efficient lookup
- but less expressive
 - unrelated classes cannot be subtypes

• Steve says to think about:

- How Java interface declarations fit into this picture?
- How do Scala traits?

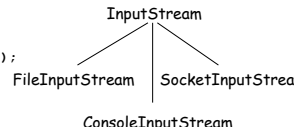
Non-Virtual Methods

```
class Point {
    int getX();
    virtual void move(int dx, int dy);
};
```

- Use declared type of object to find method
- replace lookup with direct jump to code
- as fast as normal function call
- Why useful?

Stream Class Hierarchy

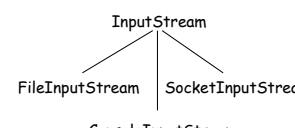
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class InputStream {
protected:
    virtual int read();
public:
    virtual String readLine();
    virtual int readInt();
    virtual long readLong();
};
```



```
String InputStream::readLine() {
    String result = "";
    while (true) {
        int ch = read();
        if (ch == '\n') break;
        result += ch;
    }
    return result;
}
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```
class FileInputStream : public InputStream {
protected:
    virtual int read() { ... }
};

class SocketInputStream : public InputStream {
protected:
    virtual int read() { ... }
};
```

- two primary uses for non-virtual methods:
 - guaranteed behavior
 - efficiency

Overloading vs. Virtual Methods

```
class Point {
    void printClass() { cout << "Point"; }
    virtual void printClassVirtual() { cout << "Point"; }
};

class ColorPoint : public Point {
    void printClass() { cout << "ColorPoint"; }
    virtual void printClassVirtual() { cout << "ColorPoint"; }
};

Point *p = new Point();
p->printClassVirtual();    Point
p->printClass();           Point

ColorPoint *cp = new ColorPoint();
cp->printClassVirtual();   ColorPoint
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```

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p->printClassVirtual();    ColorPoint
p->printClass();          Point
```

Overloading Based on Arguments

```
class OutputStream {
    void println(int v);
    void println(double d);
    void println(String s);
    void println(Object o);
    ...
}

OutputStream *out = ...;
out->println(3);
out->println("moo");

Object *obj = "cow";    // String <: Object
out->println(obj);
```

Overriding vs. Overloading (Painful to think about --- Tom, feel free to skip)

```
class Point {
    virtual boolean equals(Point *p)    // 1
    { ... }
};

class ColorPoint : public Point {
    virtual boolean equals(Point *p)    // 2
    { ... }

    virtual boolean equals(ColorPoint *cp) // 3
    { ... }
};
```

```
Point *p1 = new Point();
Point *p2 = new ColorPoint();
ColorPoint *cp = new ColorPoint();
```

```
p1->equals(p1);
p1->equals(p2);
p1->equals(cp);
```

```
p2->equals(p1);
p2->equals(p2);
p2->equals(cp);
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Different Notions of Subtyping

- Smalltalk protocol conformance
 - $A \triangleleft B$ if protocol of $B \subseteq$ protocol of A
- Java
 - $A \triangleleft B$ if A extends B
 - $A \triangleleft I$ if A implements I
- C++
 - $A \triangleleft B$ if B is *public* base class of A
 - `class A : public B { ... }` $\Rightarrow A \triangleleft B$
 - `class A : private B { ... }` $\Rightarrow A \not\triangleleft B$

Private vs Public Base Classes

<pre>class DEBuffer { public: void addFirst(int v); void addLast(int v); int removeFirst(); int removeLast(); protected: int elems[]; int size; }</pre>	<pre>class Stack : private DEBuffer { public: void push(int v) { addLast(v); } int pop() { return removeLast(); } void invert() { ... } } class Queue : private DEBuffer { public: void enqueue(int v) { ... } int dequeue() { ... } }</pre>
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+ reuse code
+ don't expose full interface

Why Not Just Use Delegation?

<pre>class DEBuffer { public: void addFirst(int v); void addLast(int v); int removeFirst(); int removeLast(); protected: int elems[]; int size; }</pre> + access to internal rep enables more efficient code	<pre>class Stack { private: DEBuffer *delegate; public: void push(int v) { delegate->addLast(v); } int pop() { return delegate->removeLast(); } void invert() { ... } }</pre>
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Abstract Base Classes

<pre>class Expr { private: Type t; virtual int eval() = 0; virtual int leaves() { return 0; } } class Plus : public Expr { private: Expr *left; Expr *right; public: virtual int eval() { return left->eval() + right->eval(); } }</pre>	+ introduce type for general concept + defines layout for all subclasses + can provide partial impl.
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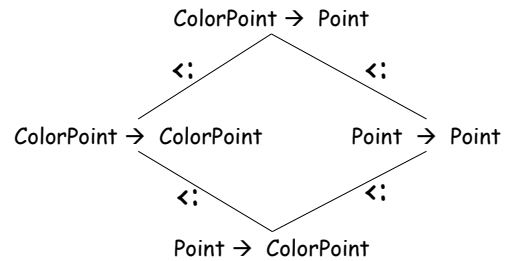
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y = f1(x);
...
...
y = f2(x);
...
```

- Okay when $C \leq A$ and $B \leq D$

Subtyping Principle for Function Types



Is This Okay?

```
class Point {
    virtual Point *copy() { ... }
}

class ColorPoint : public Point {
    virtual ColorPoint *copy() { ... }
}
```

```
Point *pt;
...
Point *copy = pt->copy();
```

yes

Is This Okay?

```
class Point {
    virtual boolean equals(Point *pt) { ... }
}

class ColorPoint : public Point {
    virtual boolean equals(ColorPoint *cpt) {...}
}
```

Assume this overrides def from superclass

```
Point *pt;
ColorPoint *cpt;
Point *pt2 = cpt;
...
if (pt2 -> equals(pt)) { ... }
```

no

Stack Allocated Objects

```
void m() {
    Point *ref = new Point(1,1);
    Point pt(2,3);
    ColorPoint cpt(4,5,red);

    ref->move(5,5);
    pt.move(10,10);
    cpt.getColor();

    delete ref;
}
```

