

# File I/O

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# Quiz3

- Given:

```
public class Ferrari extends Car {}  
Car sentra = new Car();  
Ferrari f430 = new Ferrari();
```

which of the following are **legal**, and why? [6]

- (a) `sentra = f430`
- (b) `f430 = (Ferrari) sentra`
- (c) `sentra = f430; f430 = (Ferrari) sentra`

- Contrast **abstract superclasses** with **interfaces** [4]

- Contrast **JFrames** with **JPanels** [4]

- **Pseudocode** a simple event-based Swing **program** as a subclass of either **JFrame** or **JPanel** [6]

# Quiz 3: answers #1-2

- `sentra = f430`
  - **Okay**: `f430` is also a `Car`
- `f430 = (Ferrari) sentra`
  - **Not okay**: `sentra` can never be a `Ferrari`
- `sentra = f430; f430 = (Ferrari) sentra`
  - **Okay**: `sentra` refers to a `Ferrari` (downcast)
- Contrast **abstract superclasses** with **interfaces**
  - **Superclass: identity**; inherit variables/methods
    - ◆ No **multiple** inheritance in Java
  - **Interface: capability**; multiple interfaces okay

# Quiz3: answers #3-4

- Contrast **JFrames** with **JPanels** [4]
  - **JFrame**: Swing window
  - **JPanel**: Swing container for widgets; has a layout manager
- **Pseudocode** a simple Swing program as a subclass of either **JFrame** or **JPanel** [6]
  - ◆ (see, e.g., Histogram.java)
  - ◆ public class MyProgram extends JPanel
  - ◆ main(), createAndShowGUI(), constructor, event handler

# java.io classes

- **Byte**-based streams:
  - `FileInputStream`, `FileOutputStream`
- **Character**-based streams:
  - `FileReader`, `FileWriter`
- **Object**-based streams:
  - `ObjectInputStream`, `ObjectOutputStream`
- **Standard** streams:
  - `System.in`, `System.out`, `System.err`
- Object holding **pathname** information:
  - `File`

# File methods

- Constructor:
  - ◆ `File oFile = new File( "output.txt" );`
- Check if **exists**, can **read/write**:
  - ◆ `if ( oFile.exists() && oFile.canRead() )`
- Check file **type**:
  - ◆ `If ( oFile.isFile() || oFile.isDirectory() )`
- Get **parent** directory:
  - ◆ `oFile.getParent()`
- Get just the **filename**:
  - ◆ `oFile.getName()`

# JFileChooser

- **Instantiate** and set selection **mask**:
  - ◆ `JFileChooser chooser = new JFileChooser();`
  - ◆ `chooser.setFileSelectionMode( JFileChooser.FILES_ONLY );`
- **Pop-up dialog**:
  - ◆ `int result = chooser.showSaveDialog( this );`
- Check if user pressed **Cancel**:
  - ◆ `if ( result == JFileChooser.CANCEL_OPTION );`
- Get the **filename** the user chose:
  - ◆ `File fileName = chooser.getSelectedFile();`

# Formatted text stream I/O

## ■ java.util.Formatter:

- **Outputs** formatted text to a file

- ◆ `Formatter output = new Formatter( "out.txt" );`
- ◆ `output.format( "%d %s\n", id, name );`

## ■ java.util.Scanner:

- **Reads** formatted text from a stream

- ◆ `Scanner input = new Scanner( new File( "in.txt" ) );`
- ◆ `new Scanner( System.in );`
- ◆ `id = input.nextInt();`
- ◆ `name = input.next();`

## ■ Remember to **close()**



# Exceptions in file I/O

- An instance of the class **SecurityException** is raised if file permissions fail:

```
try {  
    out = new Formatter( "out.txt" );  
} catch ( SecurityException e ) {  
    System.err.println( "No write permissions!" );  
}
```

- **FileNotFoundException**, **IllegalStateException**
- **Scanner** raises **NoSuchElementException** if the data is in the wrong format
- **EOFException**, **IOException**