Some Mini Wrapup

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Who Is She?



Barbara Liskov



- Professor, MIT
- 2004 IEEE John von Neumann Medal (who is von Neumann?)
- 2008 ACM A. M. Turing Award (who is Turing and what is Turing Award?)

For contributions to practical and theoretical foundations of programming language and system design, especially related to data abstraction, fault tolerance, and distributed computing.

• The CLU language

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complex_number = cluster is add, subtract, multiply, ...
    rep = record [ real part: real, imag part: real ]
    add = proc ... end add;
    subtract = proc ... end subtract;
    multiply = proc ... end multiply;
end complex number:
    class complex number{
      double real part; double imag part;
       ... add (...) { ... }
      ... substract (...) { ... }
      ... multiply (...) { ... }
```

a pioneering OOP language

Barbara Liskov and OOP

• The Liskov substitution principle

Let q(x) be a property provable about objects x of type T. Then q(y) should be true for objects y of type S where S is a subtype of T.

Java: S extends T means (y of type S) is an (object of type T) [but more subtle than that]

Inheritance in a Nutshell

- motivation: use subtyping to save repeated efforts in code writing and (to accelerate future code writing)
- top-down view: from general classes to specialized ones
- bottom-up view: gather similar code pieces to a higher level
- axiom: LSP
- (important) details: what gets inherited? which part gets accessed (called)?

Polymorphism in a Nutshell

- motivation: use parent type as an entry point for accessing (possibly future) subtypes
- object have their own characteristics (behavior, action) based on their run-time type, not their compile-time type
- mechanism: method overriding
- (important) details: what gets called?