

Excursus Interfaces

Interface

```
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public interface IGraphicsCard {
4
5     void display(String text);
6
7 }
```

Class implementing the interface (and thereby implementing the methods (here: display):

```
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public class Nvidi implements IGraphicsCard {
4
5     public void display(String text) {
6         System.out.println("Nvidia is displaying the text " + text);
7     }
8
9 }
10
```

Interfaces are a precondition for component oriented programming (weakly coupled components).

Interfaces represent "contracts", that other classes might sign by using the "implements" keyword.

```
Student.java StudentLocal.java HumanBeing.java
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public class Motherboard {
4     private IGraphicsCard gc;
5
6     public Motherboard(IGraphicsCard gc) {
7         this.gc = gc;
8     }
9
10    public void renderText (String text) {
11        gc.display(text);
12    }
13
14 }
15 }
```

```
NVidia.java
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public class NVidia implements IGraphicsCard {
4
5     public void display(String text) {
6         System.out.println("NVidia is displaying the text " + text);
7     }
8
9 }
10
```

```
Motherboard.java StartPc.java AMD.java IGraphicsCard.java
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public interface IGraphicsCard {
4
5     void display(String text);
6
7 }
```

Using the interface we were able to declare the class motherboard completely independently from a specific implementation of IGraphicsCard such as NVidia or AMD.

This type of programming is called "dependency injection" (the dependency on a specific class e.g. AMD is "injected" via the constructor)

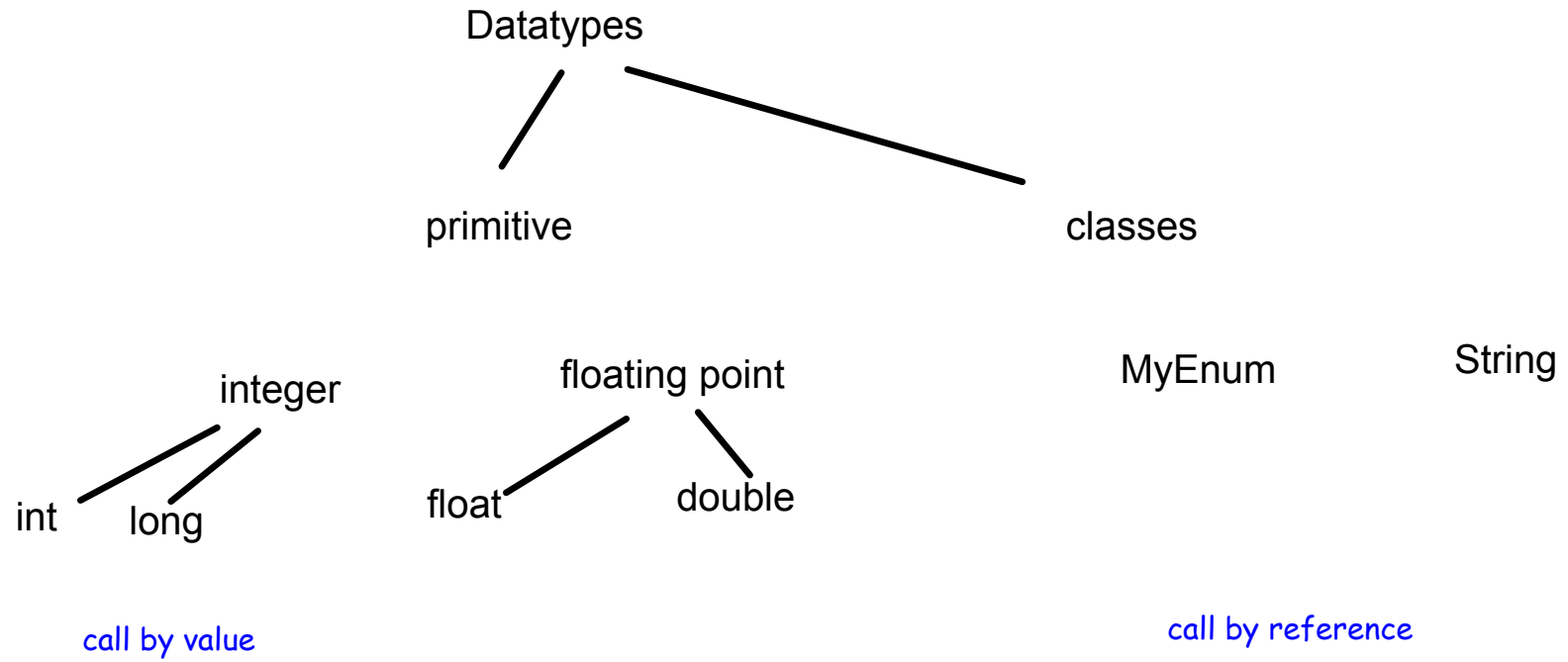
```
Motherboard.java StartPc.java AMD.java IGraphicsCard.java
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public class StartPc {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         IGraphicsCard graphicCard = new NVidia();
6
7         Motherboard mb = new Motherboard(graphicCard);
8         mb.renderText("This is a test");
9     }
10 }
11
```

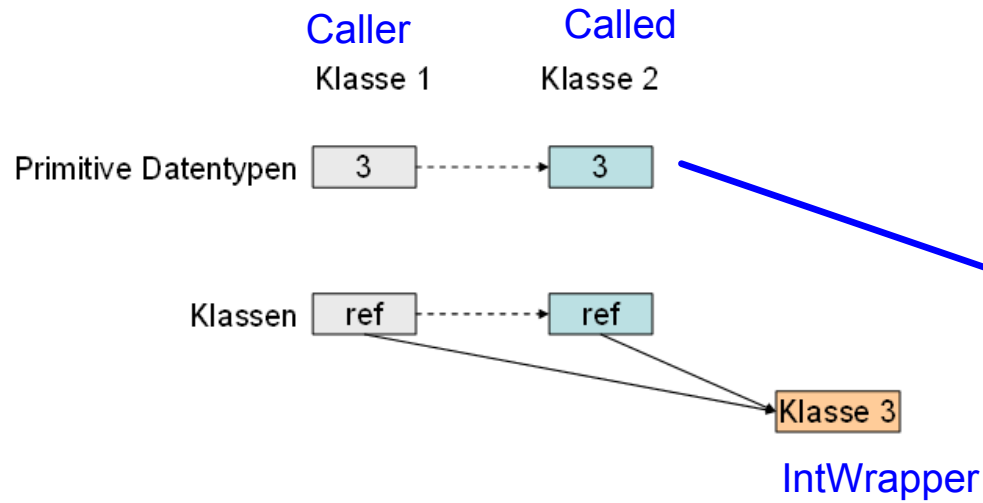
```
1 package schnittstelle;
2
3 public class StartPc {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         //IGraphicsCard graphicCard = new NVidia();
6
7         Motherboard mb = new Motherboard(new IGraphicsCard() {
8
9             public void display(String text) {
10                System.out.println("Anonymous inner class is displaying the text " + text);
11            }
12        });
13        mb.renderText("This is a test");
14    }
15 }
16 }
17 }
```

Declaration of anonymous inner class

The constructor of motherboards expects an instance of a class the implements IGraphicsCard.

We declare this class exactly at the point where it is needed. However, the class that implements the interfaces does not have a name. Therefore we call an "anonymous inner class".





```
Called.java
3 public class Called {
4     public void increment(int i) {
5         i = i + 1;
6     }
7
8     public void increment(IntWrapper i) {
9         int oldValue = i.getB();
10        int newValue = oldValue + 1;
11        i.setB(newValue);
12    }
13
14 }
15

Motherboard.java StartPc.java AMD.java IGraphicsCard.java NV
3 public class Caller {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         Called called = new Called();
6
7         int a = 2;
8         System.out.println("a is " + a);
9
10        called.increment(a);
11
12        System.out.println("a is " + a);
13
14        int b = 2;
15        IntWrapper wrappi = new IntWrapper(b);
16
17        called.increment(wrappi);
18
19        System.out.println("b is " + wrappi.getB());
20    }
}

IntWrapper.java
1 package byref;
2
3 public class IntWrapper {
4
5     private int b;
6
7     public IntWrapper(int b) {
8         this.b = b;
9     }
10 }
```

Implementation of equals

```

1 package gleich;
2
3 public class StringWrapper {
4     private String value;
5
6     public StringWrapper(String value) {
7         super();
8         this.value = value;
9     }
10
11    public String getValue() {
12        return value;
13    }
14
15    public void setValue(String value) {
16        this.value = value;
17    }
18
19    public boolean equals(Object o) {
20        //1. Null Check
21        if(o == null){
22            return false;
23        }
24
25        //2. Identity check
26        if(o == this) {
27            return true;
28        }
29
30        //3. Type check
31        if(!(o instanceof StringWrapper)){
32            return false;
33        }
34
35        StringWrapper compare = (StringWrapper)o;
36        if(compare.getValue().equals(this.getValue())) {
37            return true;
38        }
39        return false;
40    }
41 }

```

Object

typical three steps

1. null check
2. identity check
3. type check

Implementation depends on business logic

```

Motherboard.java StartPc.java AMD.java IGraphi
1 package gleich;
2
3 public class Car {
4     private String type; //Toyota Corolla
5     private String color;
6     private String serialNumber;
7     private String numberplate;
8     private int horsepower;
9     private float length;
10
11    public boolean equals(Object o) {
12
13        if(null == o) {
14            return false;
15        }
16
17        if (o == this) {
18            return true;
19        }
20
21        if(!(o instanceof Car)) {
22            return false;
23        }
24
25        Car otherCar = (Car)o;
26        //ferry boat logic
27        if(otherCar.length == this.length){
28            return true;
29        }
30
31        return false;
32    }
33 }

```