CISC 3115 TY3
C09a: Inheritance

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Outline

- Inheritance
  - Superclass/supertype, subclass/subtype
- Inheritance and constructors in Java
- Inheritance and instance methods in Java
- The Object class in Java

Class and Type

- A class defines a type, and often models a set of entities

- Example: to build a system for managing business at Brooklyn College, we consider

  - People, a set of individuals (objects), modeled as a class that captures the essence of the set of objects
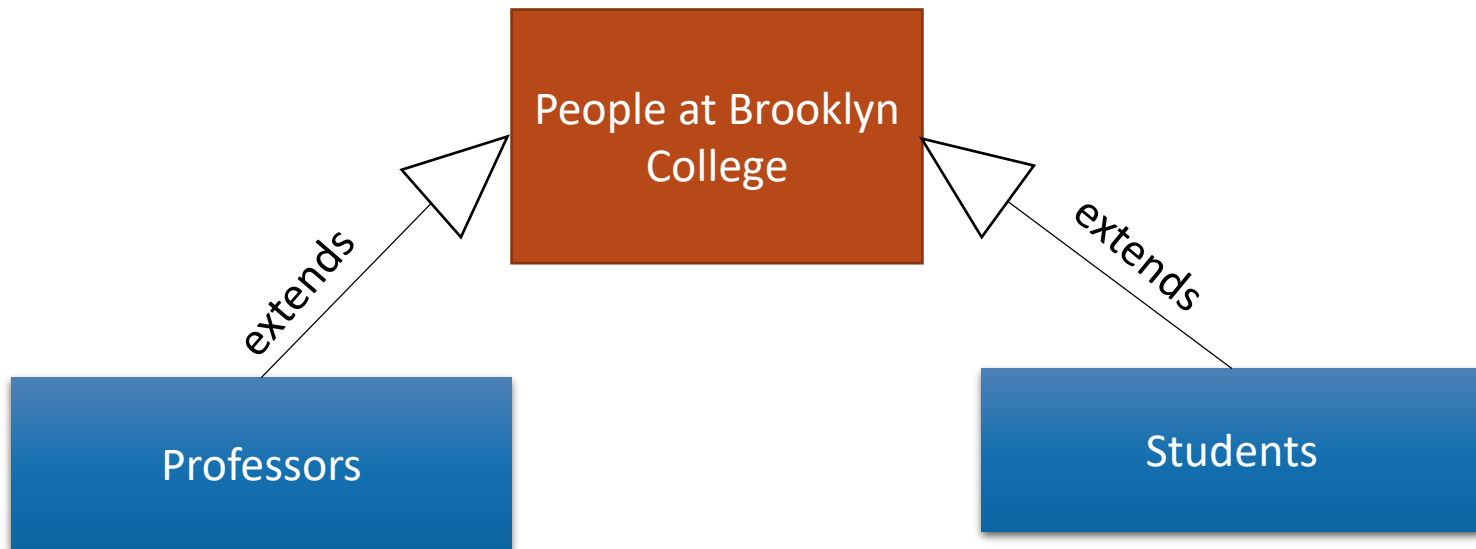
People at Brooklyn College

Subtypes

- Some people at Brooklyn are different from the others in some way

- Professors and students are subtypes of Brooklyn College People

Professors

Students

People at Brooklyn College

Type Hierarchy

- Characteristics and behavior
  - What are Students and Professors in common?
  - What are Students and Professors different?
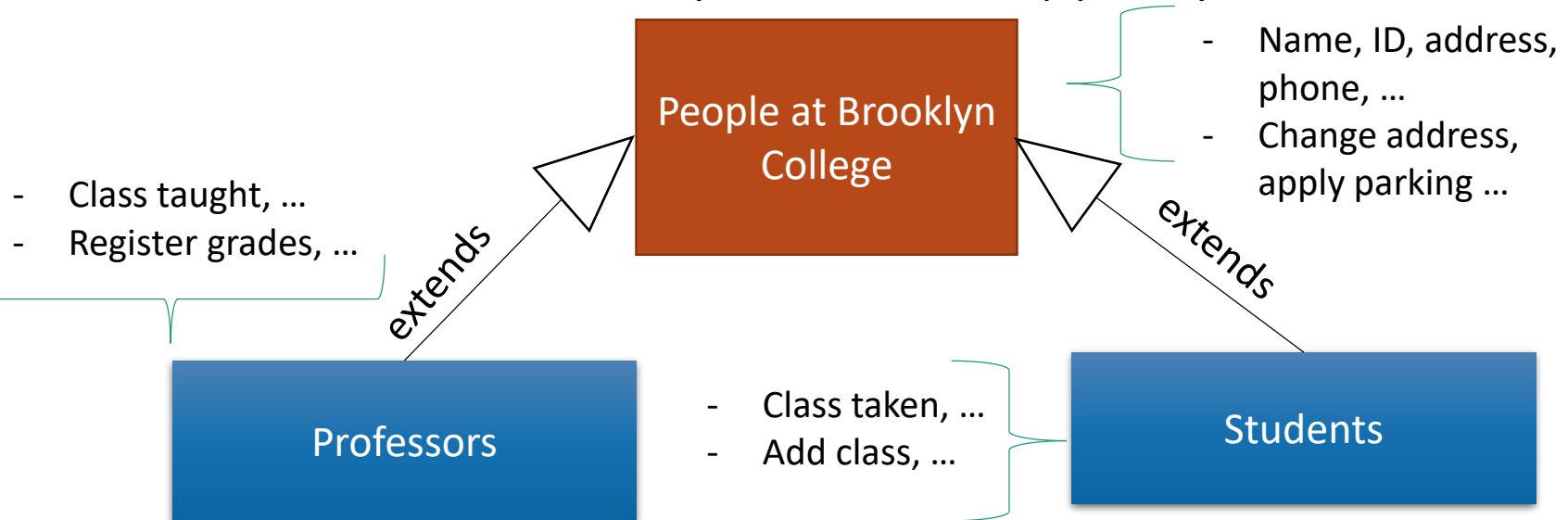
What's in Common?

- What characteristics (attributes) and behavior (actions) do People at Brooklyn College have in common?

  - Characteristics (attributes, fields, or states): name, ID, address, email, phone, …

  - Behavior (actions, functions, or methods): change address, apply parking, …

What's Special?

- What's distinct about students?
  - Characteristics (attributes, fields, or states): classes taken, tuition and fees, …
  - Behavior (actions, functions, or methods): add class, drop class, pay tuition, …
- What's distinct about professors?
  - Characteristics (attributes, fields, or states): course taught, rank, title, …
  - Behavior (actions, functions, or methods): register grade, apply promotion, …

Inheritance & Type Hierarchy

- A subtype (child) inherits characteristics (data fields & methods) and behavior (actions) of its super/base type (parent)

- Class taught, …
- Register grades, …

Professors

- Name, ID, address, phone, …
- Change address, apply parking …

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People at Brooklyn College

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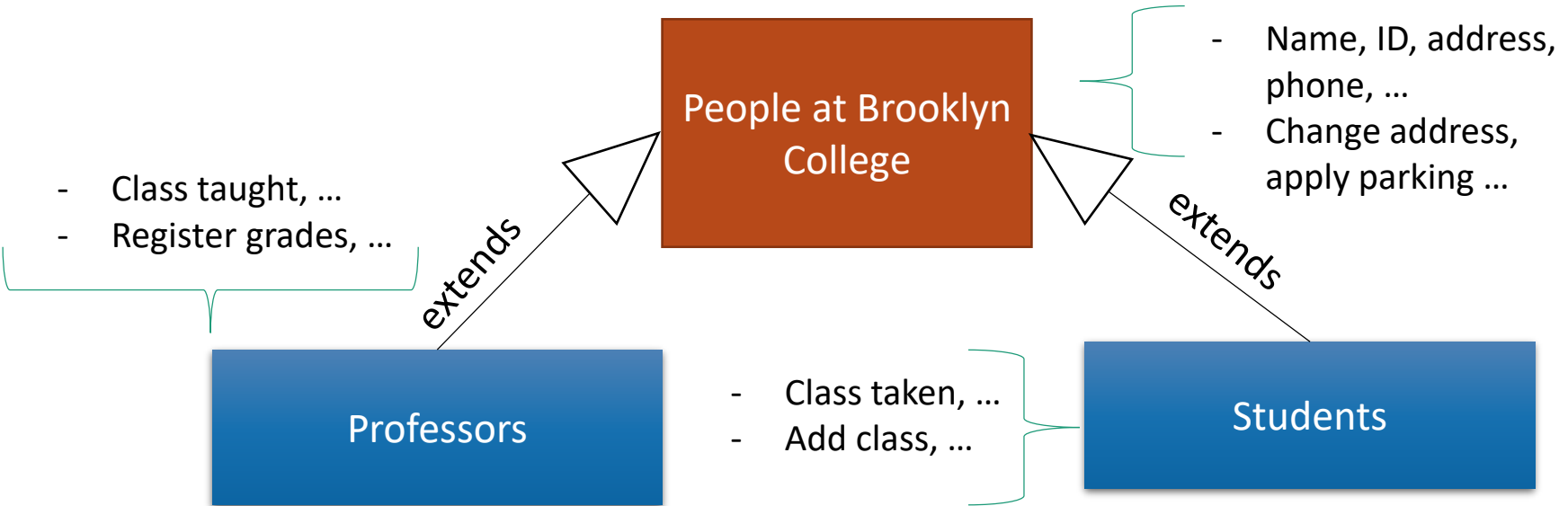
Students

Terms of Choice

- Terms
    - Super type, Super class
    - Base type, Base class
    - Parent type, parent class
    - Child type, child class
    - Subtype, subclass
    - …
- In Java, we sometimes consider "type" and "class" are slightly different
    - In Java, a pure abstract class is called an "interface" (to be discussed in the future)

Example: Realizing the Type Hierarchy

- Classes: Person, Student, Professor

- Class taught, …
- Register grades, …

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Super Type (Super Class): Person

public class Person {

       private String name;

       private String id;

       private String address;

       public Person(String name, String id, String address) {

              this.name = name; this.id = id; …

       }

       public void changeAddress(String address) { … }

… }

Subtype (Subclass): Student

public class Student <u>extends</u> Person {

       public final static int MAX_NUM_COURSES = 10;

       private String[] classesTaken;

       public Student(String name, String id, String address) {

              <u>......</u> // initializing inherited data fields

              classesTaken = new String[MAX_NUM_COURSES];

       }

       public void haveTakenClass(String className) { … }

       public void showClassesTaken() { … }

…}

Subtype (Subclass): Professor

```java
public class Professor extends Person {

        public final static int SABATTICAL_LEAVE_INTERVAL = 7;

        private int yearStarted;

        public Professor(String name, String id, String address, int yearStarted) {

                .....  // initializing inherited data fields

                this.yearStarted = yearStarted;

        }

        public void applySabbatical(int applicationYear) { …

        }

…}
```

Questions

- Concepts
  - Type, subtype, class, subclass
  - Inheritance

UML Diagram and Type Hierarchy

- UML diagram for showing class hierarchy

- Example: GeometricObject, Circle, Rectangle

GeometricObject	
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+printCircle(): void

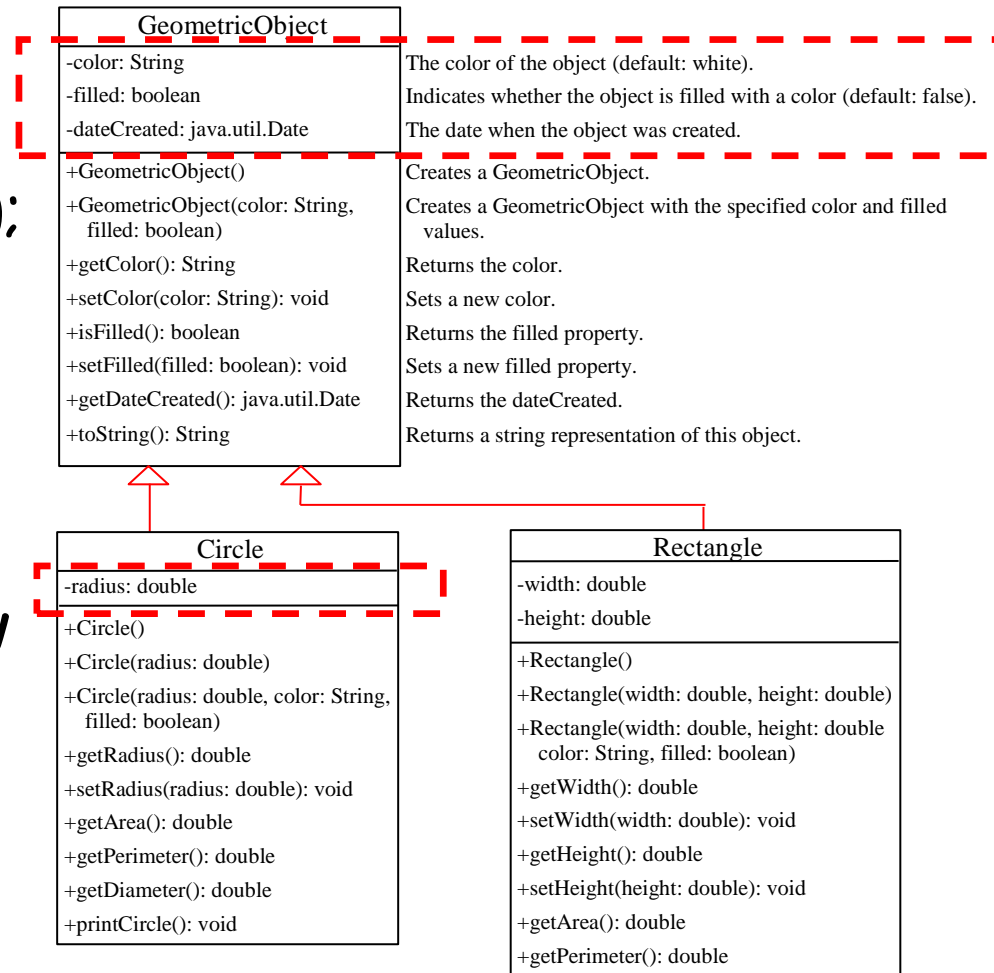| Rectangle |
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| +setWidth(width: double): void |
| +getHeight(): double |
| +setHeight(height: double): void |
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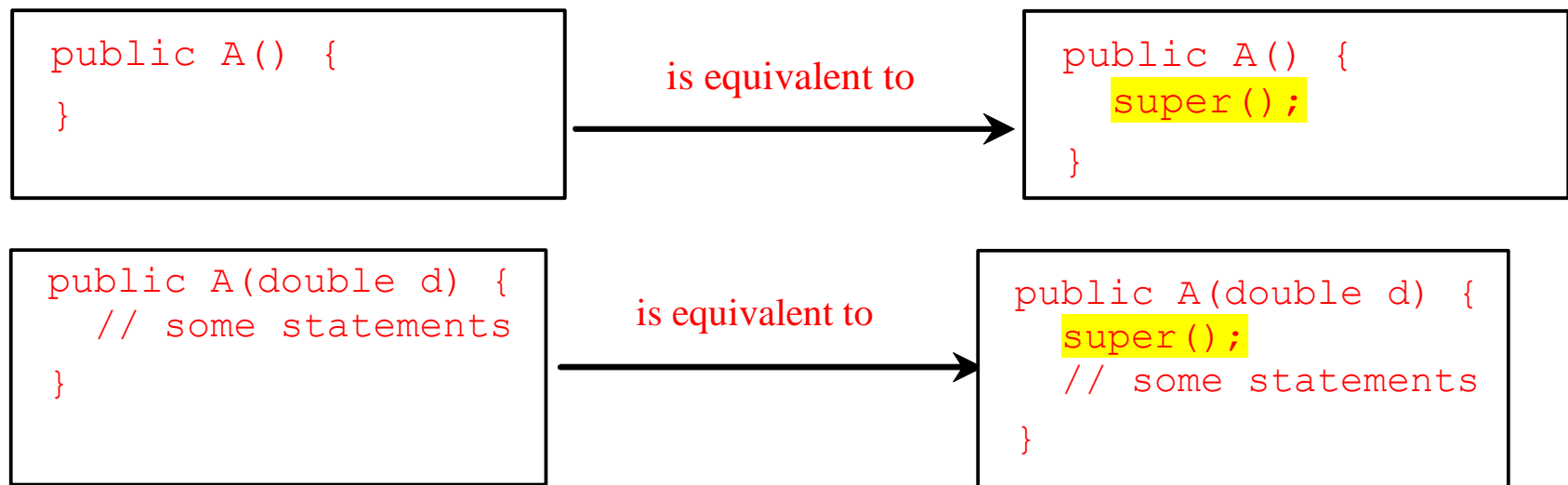- In other words, how are the data fields initialized?

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Constructors in Super- and Sub-Classes

- Are superclass's Constructor Inherited?

  - No. They are not inherited, but one is always invoked

  - They are invoked <u>explicitly</u> or <u>implicitly</u>.

  - <u>Explicitly</u> using the super keyword

  - <u>Implicitly</u> *the superclass's no-arg constructor is automatically invoked if the keyword <u>super</u> is not explicitly used.*

Implicit Invocation of Superclass's Constructor

- A superclass's constructor is always invoked even if it isn't invoked explicitly using super.

- Which constructor is invoked implicitly?

```
public A() {

}
```

is equivalent to

```
public A() {
   super();

}
```

```
public A(double d) {
   // some statements
}
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Explicit Invocation of Superclass's Methods

- super refers to the superclass

- Use it

  - To call a superclass constructor

    - Java requires that the statement that uses the keyword <u>super</u> appear first in the constructor.

  - To call a superclass method

Constructor Chaining

- Invocation of superclass's constructor (along the inheritance chain)

- Example

  - Consider classes: Person, Employee, Faculty
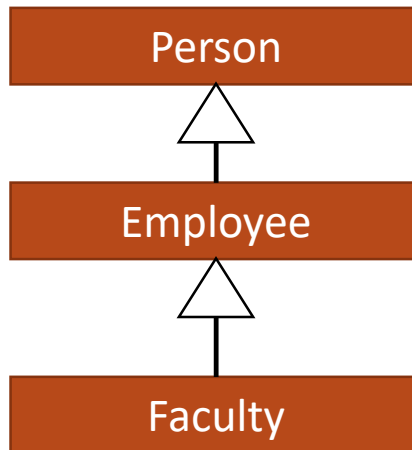
Constructor Chaining: Example

```
class Person {

 public Person() {

    System.out.println("(1) Person's no-arg constructor is invoked");

  }

}


 class Employee extends Person {

 public Employee() {

    this("(2) Invoke Employee's overloaded constructor");

    System.out.println("(3) Employee's no-arg constructor is invoked");

  }
```

```
class Employee(String s) {

    System.out.println(s);

  }

}



class Faculty extends Employee {

 public static void main(String[] args) {

    new Faculty();

  }

 public Faculty() {

    System.out.println("(4) Faculty's no-arg constructor is invoked");

  }

}
```

Discussion: No-Arg Constructor

- Is there an error in the code below, and why?

```
public class Apple extends Fruit {
}


public class Fruit {
  public Fruit(String name) {
    System.out.println("Fruit's constructor is invoked");
  }
}
```

Questions?

- Constructors in superclass
  - Explicit and implicit invocation
- Constructor chaining

Defining a Subclass

- A subclass inherits from a superclass.

- One can also:
  - Add new properties
  - Add new methods
  - Override the methods of the superclass

Overriding Methods in Superclass

- Modify the implementation of a method defined in the superclass

  ```
  public class Circle extends GeometricObject {

    // Other methods are omitted


    /** Override the toString method defined in
  GeometricObject */

    public String toString() {

      return super.toString() + "\nradius is " + radius;

    }

  }
  ```

Invoking Superclass's Instance Method

- Example
  - One could rewrite the printCircle() method in the Circle class as follows:

    public void printCircle() {

    System.out.println("The circle is created " +

    <u>super</u>.getDateCreated() + " and the radius is " + radius);

    }

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- Can you override a private method in the superclass?
  - No
- An instance method can be overridden only if it is accessible.
- A private method is not accessible outside its own class.
- A private method in the superclass can only be accessible in the superclass itself, is inaccessible in the subclass.
- Thus a private method cannot be overridden.

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- Can you have a method whose <u>signature</u> is identical to a <u>private</u> method in the superclass?

  - Yes

- However, this isn't method overriding. The two methods are unrelated, but happen to have the identical name.

Discussion: Static Method

- Like an instance method, a static method can be inherited.

- However, a static method cannot be overridden.

- If a static method defined in the superclass is redefined in a subclass, the method defined in the superclass is hidden.

Overriding vs. Overloading

- Overriding is to redefine the method with the identical signature in the superclass

```java
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    A a = new A();
    a.p(10);
    a.p(10.0);
  }
}

class B {
  public void p(double i) {
    System.out.println(i * 2);
  }
}

class A extends B {
  // This method overrides the method in B
  public void p(double i) {
    System.out.println(i);
  }
}
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  // This method overloads the method in B
  public void p(int i) {
    System.out.println(i);
  }
}
```

Two methods with identical name but different signature

Questions?

- Defining subclasses
- A few topics
  - Invoking superclass's methods (constructors and instance methods)
  - Overriding
  - Overriding and overloading

Codelab Exercise

- Codelab exercises marked as due by 10/04/2018

▶ ⊞ ☑ Constructors		14	2018/10/04
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In-Class Exercise C09a-1

- Listings 11.1 - 11.3 in the textbook define 3 classes: GeometricObject, Circle, and Rectangle. In this exercise you are to add two classes to the hierarchy, Triangle and EquilateralTriangle, and write a client class to use the Triangle and EquilateralTriangle classes.

  - Create a C09a-1 directory in the directory that hosts your weekly programming repository, work at the directory

  - The Triangle class is a subclass to GeometricObject, and the EquilateralTriangle isa subclass to Triangle. An EquilateralTriangle is a triangles whose sides are equal.

  - Your submission should include 6 files (6 classes): GeometricObject.java, Circle.java, Rectangle.java, Triangle.java, EquilateralTriangle, and TriangleClient.java

  - Use git to make a submission