

LEC 12

CSE 123

Polymorphism; Abstract Classes

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BEFORE WE START

Talk to your neighbors:

Coffee or tea? Or something else?

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Announcements

- Programming Assignment 2 is out, due Wednesday August 12.
- Resubmission Cycle 4 due tonight at 11:59 PM
- The extra resubmission from section participation will be open to all assignments besides C3.
- Extra Final Exam review session Monday August 17th, 12:00 – 1:00 PM (room TBD)

Lecture Outline: Polymorphism

- Polymorphism 
- Compiler vs. Runtime Errors
- Abstract Classes
- Academic Honesty Policy

Declared Type and Actual Type

```
DeclaredType varName = new ActualType(...);
```

ActualType must be a subclass of (or same as) DeclaredType

Example 1

```
Animal rufus = new Dog("Rufus");
```

Declared Type: Animal

Actual Type: Dog

Can call methods that makes sense for EVERY Animal
If Dog overrides a method, uses the Dog version

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Lecture Outline: Compile vs. Runtime Errors

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Compiler vs. Runtime Errors

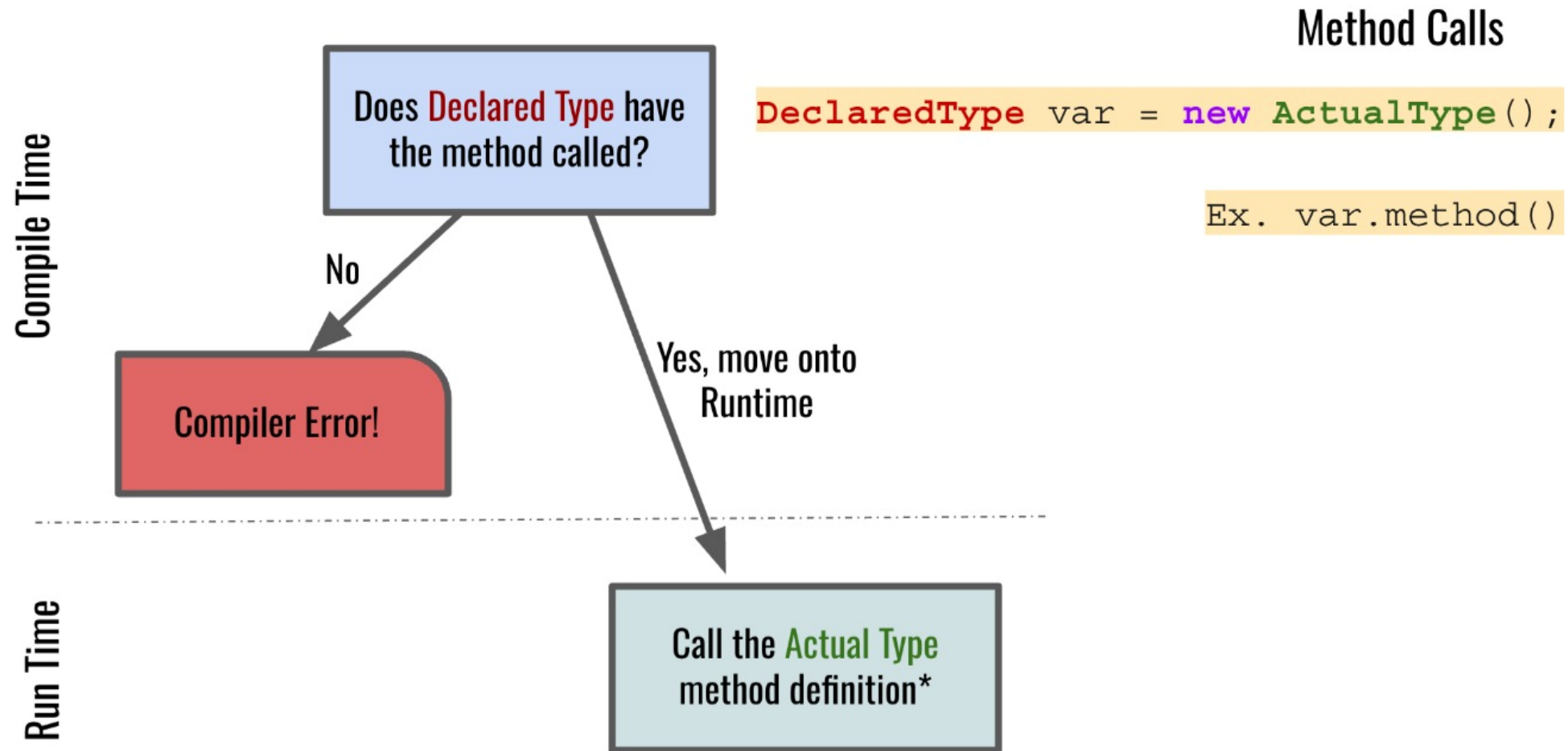
- **DeclaredType** x = new **ActualType**()
 - At compile time, Java only knows DeclaredType
 - Compiler error: trying to call a method that isn't present

```
Animal a = new Dog();  
a.bark(); // No bark() -> CE
```
 - Can cast to change the **DeclaredType** of an object

```
Dog d = (Dog) a;  
d.bark(); // No more CE
```
 - Runtime error: attempting cast to type that is not a superclass of actual type

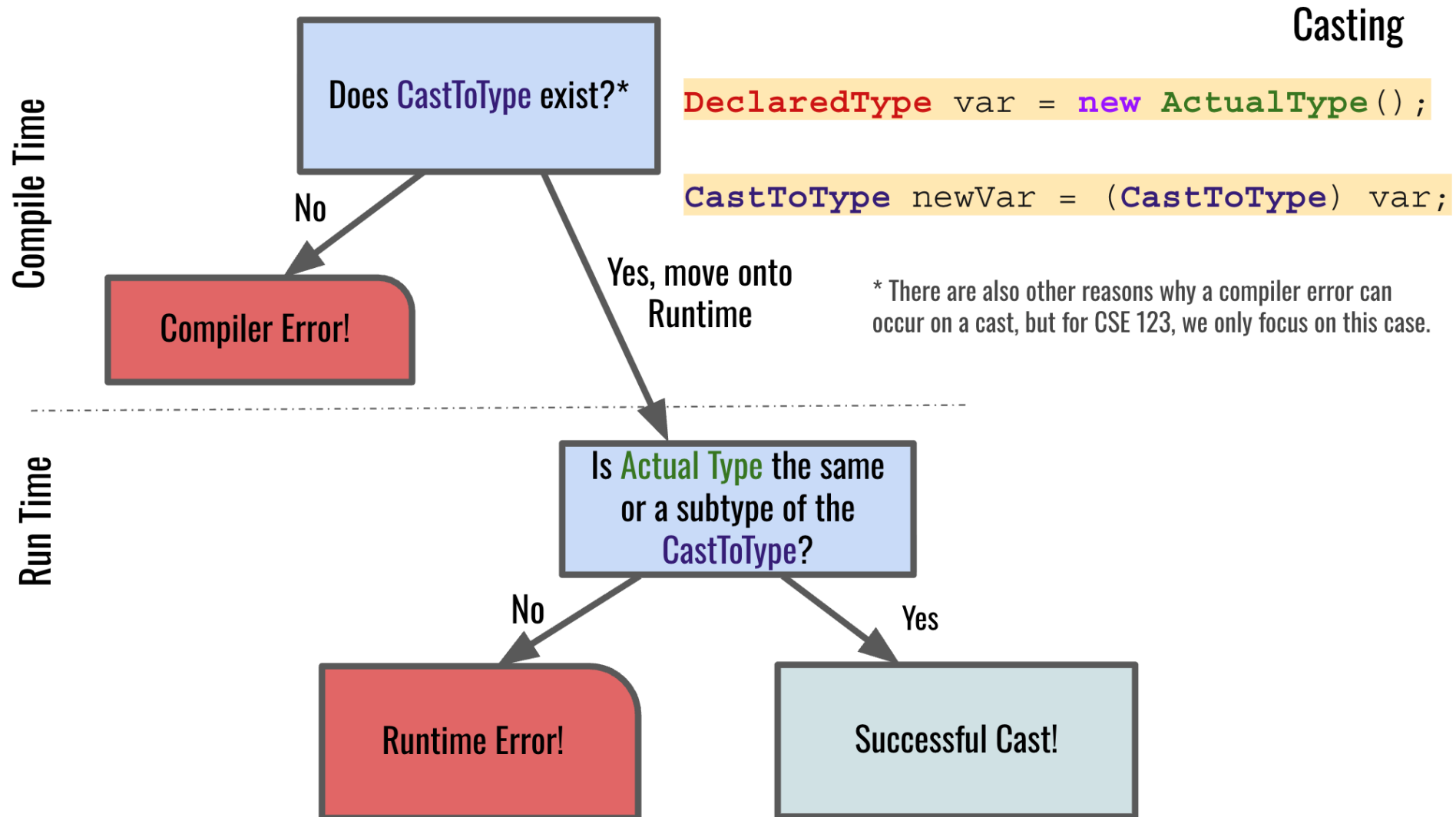
```
Animal a = new Fish();  
Dog d = (Dog) a; // Can't cast -> RE  
d.bark();
```
 - Order matters! Compilation before runtime

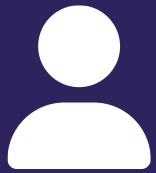
Compiler vs. Runtime Errors: Method Calls



* Start at the Actual Type at run time. If it doesn't exist in Actual Type, trace up the inheritance tree to find the nearest inherited method definition

Compiler vs. Runtime Errors: Casting





Practice : Think

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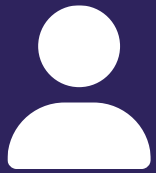
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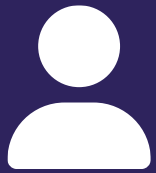
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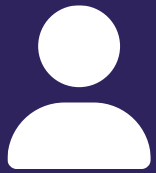
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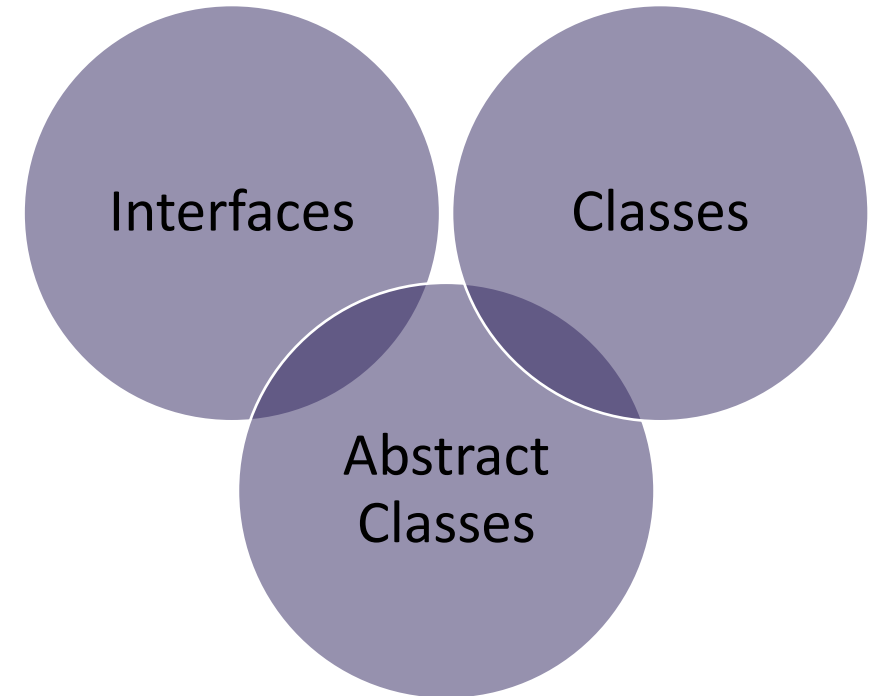
Lecture Outline: Abstract Classes

- Polymorphism
- Compiler vs. Runtime Errors
- **Abstract Classes** ◀
- Academic Honesty Policy

Abstract Classes

- Mixture of Interfaces and Classes

- Interface similarities:
 - Can contain (abstract) method declarations
 - Can't be instantiated
- Class similarities:
 - Can contain method implementations
 - Can have fields
 - Can have constructors



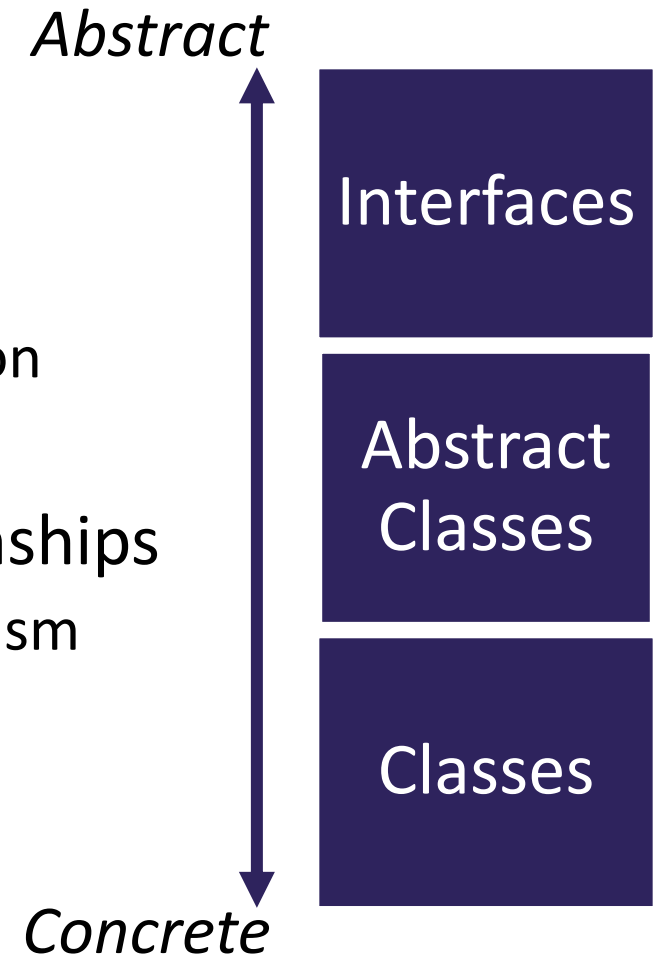
- Is there identical / nearly similar behavior between classes that shouldn't inherit from one another?

Shape Example: Tasks

- Add an abstract `getName` method to the `Shape`.
 - Add implementations of `getName` to `Square` and `Circle` that return "Square" and "Circle".
- Add a method `isEmpty` to `Shape` that tells you whether the shape is empty (has zero area) or not.
 - Hint: you will need to call `getArea`, but we've included a slight trap related to `getArea` in the starter code!
- Implementing `isEmpty` by calling `getArea` works fine as is, but suppose we wanted to implement it in `Circle` directly. How could we do this just by looking at the fields of the `Circle`? Implement it this way by overriding `isEmpty` in `Circle`.
- Override `toString` in `Shape` to return a similar message to what the `Client` prints in the starter code:
 - Hint: your `toString` can call abstract methods!
- Rewrite the `Client` class to use the new `toString` on shapes.

Advanced OOP Summary

- Allow us to define differing levels of abstraction
 - Interfaces = high-level specification
 - What behavior should this type of class have
 - Abstract classes = shared behavior + high-level specification
 - Classes = individual behavior implementation
- Inheritance allows us to share code via “is-a” relationships
 - Reduce redundancy / repeated code & enable polymorphism
 - Still might not be the “best” decision!
 - Interfaces extend other interfaces
 - (abstract) classes extend other (abstract) classes



- You're now capable of designing some pretty complex systems!

Design in the “real world”

- In this course, we’ll always give you expected behavior of the classes you write
 - Often not the case when programming for real
 - Clients don’t really know what they want (but programmers don’t either)
- My advice:
 - Clarify assumptions before making them (do I really want this functionality?)
 - **There’s no one right answer**
 - Weigh the options, make a decision, and provide explanation
 - Iterative development: make mistakes and learn from them
 - Be receptive to feedback and be willing to change your mind

Interface vs. Implementation

- Interface: what something *should* do
- Implementation: *how* something is done
- These are different!
- Big theme of CSE 123:

choose between different implementations of same interface

Lecture Outline: Academic Honesty Policy

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- **Academic Honesty Policy** ◀

Academic Honesty Policy

- When we assess your work in this class, we need to know that it's *yours*.
- Unless otherwise specified, **all graded work must be completed individually and without touching AI tools.**

Some specific rules to highlight:

- do not share your own solution code or view solution code from any source – including but not limited to other students, tutors, or the internet
- do not use AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Claude) to create or modify graded work

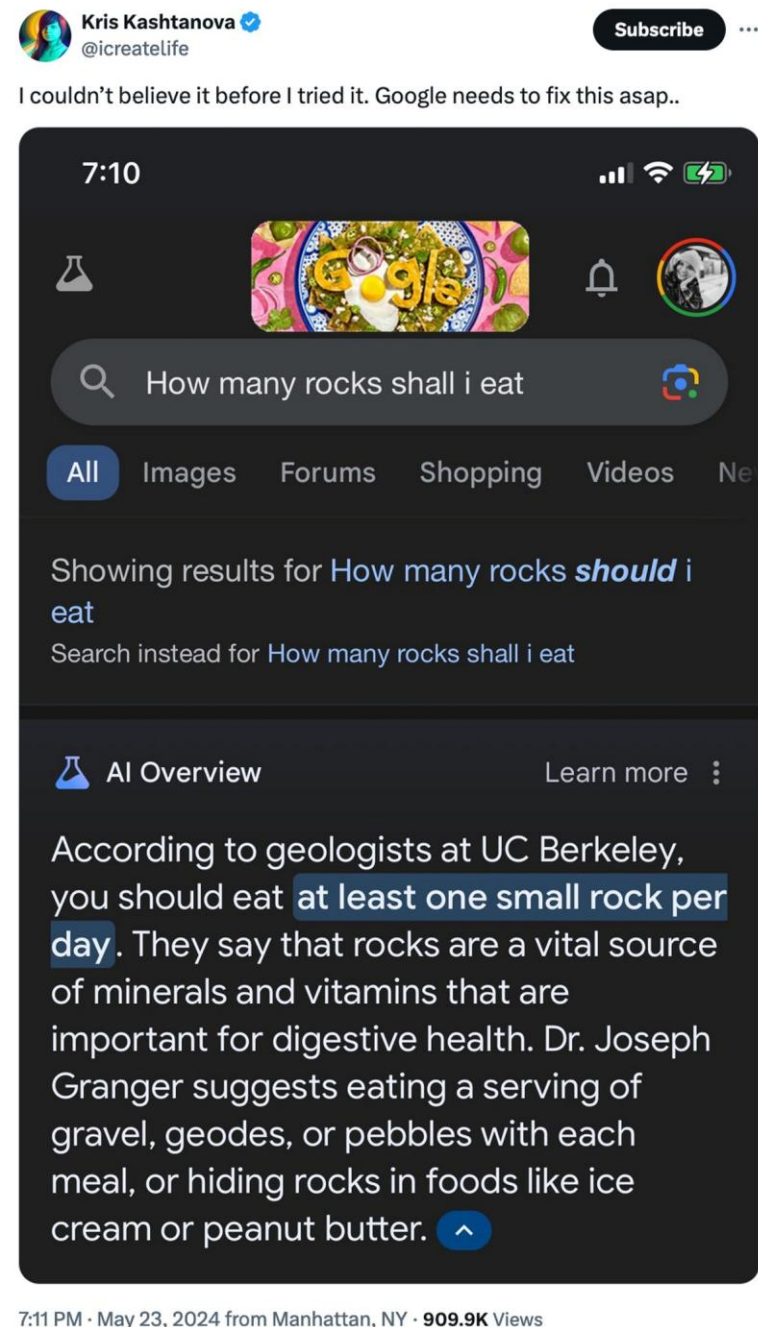
See the [syllabus](#) for more details (this is *very* important to understand).

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Computing applications enabled by **artificial intelligence (AI)** are increasingly common and more widely used for a variety of tasks.

It is becoming more difficult to teach an introductory computing course without acknowledging the **existence of AI tools**.

But as relatively new programmers, **you still need to learn and practice effectively using core programming ‘building blocks’**.



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ALLOWED

- Asking AI to **explain an error message**
- Asking AI to **explain the functionality of non-graded code** snippets
- Asking AI to **suggest additional information** or resources

PROHIBITED

- **Generating code, comments, reflections**
- Using AI to **'solve' an assignment**
- Using AI to **write, modify, or extend** reflections, code, comments, etc.