

Lecture #9: Interfaces and Abstract Classes

For projects are individual efforts in this class (no group projects). Feel free to discuss projects or pieces of them with each other. But you must complete and write up each project on your own. That is, feel free to discuss projects with each other, but you must be able to explain your work to the professor. Be aware that we expect your work to be substantially better than that of all your classmates (in this or any other class).

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Methods on Drawables

```
Drawable object. */
abstract class Drawable {
    Expand THIS by a factor of SIZE */
    public abstract void scale(double size);
    Draw THIS on the standard output. */
    public abstract void draw();
}
```

new Drawable(), BUT, we can write methods that operate on Drawables in Drawable or in other classes:

```
void draw(Drawable[] thingsToDraw) {
    for (Drawable thing : thingsToDraw)
        thing.draw();
}
```

no implementation! How can this work?

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Using Concrete Classes

Let's create new Rectangles and Circles.

Since these classes are subtypes of Drawable, we can put them in a list whose static type is Drawable,...

Therefore we can pass them to any method that expects Drawable

```
ArrayList<Drawable> things = {
    new Rectangle(3, 4), new Circle(2)
};

things.draw();
// Draw a 3x4 rectangle and a circle with radius 2.
```

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Recreation

Any polynomial with a leading coefficient of 1 and integral rational roots are integers.

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Abstract Methods and Classes

A method can be *abstract*: No body given; must be supplied by subclasses.

Abstract classes are in specifying a pure interface to a family of types:

```
Drawable object. */
abstract class Drawable {
    "can't say new Drawable"
    Expand THIS by a factor of SIZE */
    abstract void scale(double size);
    Draw THIS on the standard output. */
    abstract void draw();
}
```

Drawable is something that has at least the operations scale and draw.

Drawable is a Drawable because it's abstract.

In this case, it wouldn't make any sense to create one, because you can't have two methods without any implementation.

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Concrete Subclasses

Concrete subclasses can extend abstract ones to make them "less abstract" by overriding their abstract methods.

Concrete subclasses are instances of Drawables that are *concrete*, in that all methods are implemented and one can use new on them:

```
Rectangle extends Drawable {
    angle(double w, double h) { this.w = w; this.h = h; }
    scale(double size) { w *= size; h *= size; }
    draw() { draw a w x h rectangle }
}

Circle extends Drawable {
    angle(double rad) { this.rad = rad; }
    scale(double size) { rad *= size; }
    draw() { draw a circle with radius rad }
}

Circle rad;
```

Circle or Rectangle is a Drawable.

```
Circle extends Drawable {
    angle(double rad) { this.rad = rad; }
    scale(double size) { rad *= size; }
    draw() { draw a circle with radius rad }
}

Circle rad;
```

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Implementing Interfaces

eat Java interfaces as the public **specifications** of data
asses as their **implementations**:

```
Rectangle implements Drawable { ... }
```

interface as for abstract classes:

```
Drawable(Drawable[] thingsToDraw) {  
    Drawable thing : thingsToDraw  
    draw();  
}
```

works for **Rectangles** and any other implementation of

Review: Higher-Order Functions

you had *higher-order functions* like this:

```
IntList proc, IntList items):  
    IntList list  
    if None:  
        return None  
    return IntList(proc(items.head), map(proc, items.tail))  
  
And write  
IntList proc, IntList items):  
    IntList list  
    IntList list = makeList(-10, 2, -11, 17)  
    IntList list = makeList(10, 2, 11, 17)  
    IntList list = lambda x: x * x, makeList(1, 2, 3, 4)  
    IntList list = makeList(t(1, 4, 9, 16)
```

you can't have these directly, but can use abstract classes or
and subtyping to get the same effect (with more writing)

Lambda Expressions

you can create classes like Abs on the fly with *anonymous*

```
IntUnaryFunction() {  
    public int apply(int x) { return Math.abs(x); }  
    some list;  
}
```

you can't like declaring

```
Anonymous implements IntUnaryFunction {  
    int apply(int x) { return Math.abs(x); }  
}
```

you can't like

```
Anonymous(), some list);
```

Interfaces

In English usage, an *interface* is a "point where interaction
between two systems, processes, subjects, etc." (*Concise
Oxford Dictionary*).

In computer science, often use the term to mean a *description* of this
interaction, specifically, a description of the functions or
operations which two things interact.

The term to refer to a slight variant of an abstract class
(Java 1.7) contains only abstract methods (and static con-
stants):

```
interface Drawable {  
    double size(); // Automatically public.  
}
```

Methods are automatically abstract: can't say `new Drawable();`
`Rectangle(...)`.

Multiple Inheritance

A class can implement one class, but *implement* any number of interfaces.

Example:

```
interface Readable {  
    Object get();  
}  
  
interface Writable {  
    void put(Object x);  
}  
  
class Sink implements Writable {  
    public void put(Object x) { ... }  
}  
  
class Variable implements Readable, Writable {  
    public Object get() { ... }  
    public void put(Object x) { ... }  
}
```

The argument of `copy` can be a **Source** or a **Variable**. The
return is a **Sink** or a **Variable**.

Map in Java

```
IntList map(IntUnaryFunction proc,  
            IntList items) {  
    if (items == null)  
        return null;  
    else return new IntList(  
        proc.apply(items.head),  
        map(proc, items.tail)  
    );  
}
```

One of the problems of this function is that it's clumsy. First, define class for
the function; then create an instance:

```
class Map implements IntUnaryFunction {  
    IntList apply(int x) { return Math.abs(x); }  
}
```

```
Map(), some list);
```

ful (albeit Dangerous) Features of Java 8

above, before Java 8, interfaces contained just static and abstract methods.

Implement multiple interfaces, but extend only one class: *interface inheritance*, but *single body inheritance*.

is simple, and pretty easy for language implementors to

There are cases where it would be nice to be able to "mix" abstractions from a number of sources.

Introduced static methods into interfaces and also *default methods* which are essentially instance methods and are used when a class implementing the interface would otherwise

... but, as in other languages with full multiple inheritance (C++ and Python), it can lead to confusing programs.

... that the new default method feature should be used

Lambda in Java 8

Lambda expressions are even more succinct:

```
int x) -> Math.abs(x), some list);
```

better, when the function already exists:

```
h: :abs, some list);
```

... but you need an anonymous `IntUnaryFunction` and create

... examples in `game2048.GUI`:

```
Button("Game->New", this::newGame);
```

... second parameter of `ucb.gui2.TopLevel.addMenuButton` is a *function*.

... Java library type `java.util.function.Consumer`, which is a functional interface, like `IntUnaryFunction`,