

Abstract Methods and Classes

Method can be **abstract**: No body given; must be supplied

Use is in specifying a pure interface to a family of types:

```
Drawable object. */
abstract class Drawable {
    abstract class" = "can't say new Drawable"
    and THIS by a factor of XSIZE in the X direction,
    and YSIZE in the Y direction. */
    abstract void scale(double xsize, double ysize);

    Draw THIS on the standard output. */
    abstract void draw();
}
```

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

It's a **Drawable** because it's abstract.

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

Concrete Subclasses

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

Concrete subclasses are **Drawables** that are **concrete**, in that all methods have implementations and one can use `new` on them:

Using Concrete Classes

Use the new **Rectangles** and **Ovals**.

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

Lecture #9: Interfaces and Abstract Classes

Recreation

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

These are individual efforts in this class (no partnerships). Discuss projects or pieces of them before doing the work. Complete each project yourself. That is, feel free to discuss with each other, but be aware that we expect your work to be substantially different from that of all your classmates (in your semester). You will find a more detailed account of the lecture in the "Course Info" tab on the course website.

Methods on Drawables

```
Drawable object. */
abstract class Drawable {
    * Expand THIS by a factor of SIZE */
    public abstract void scale(double xsize, double ysize);
    * 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(ArrayList<Drawable> thingsToDraw) {
    for (Drawable thing : thingsToDraw)
        thing.draw();
}
```

How can this work? No implementation! How can this work?

Concrete Subclass Examples

```
Rectangle extends Drawable {
    Rectangle(double w, double h) { this.w = w; this.h = h; }
    scale(double xsize, double ysize) {
        w *= xsize; h *= ysize;
    }
    draw() { draw a w x h rectangle }
    toString() { return w + "x" + h; }
}
```

Oval or Rectangle is a Drawable.

```
Oval extends Drawable {
    Oval(double xrad, double yrad) {
        xrad = xrad; this.yrad = yrad;
    }
    scale(double xsize, double ysize) {
        xsize *= xsize; ysize *= ysize;
    }
    draw() { draw an oval with axes xrad and yrad }
    toString() { return xrad + "x" + yrad; }
}
```

Interfaces

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

In programming, often use the term to mean a *description* of this interaction, specifically, a description of the functions or methods by which two things interact.

The term is often used to refer to a slight variant of an abstract class (Java 1.7) that contains only abstract methods (and static constants):

```
public interface Drawable {
    double xsize, double ysize; // Automatically public.
};
```

Concrete classes are automatically abstract: can't say `new Drawable();` or `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) { ... }
}

void copy(Readable r, Writable w) {
    w.put(r.get());
}
```

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

Map in Java

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

IntUnaryFunction {
    int apply(int x);
}
```

The implementation of this function is a bit clumsy. First, define class for the function; then create an instance:

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

Abs a = new Abs();
IntList list = ...;
IntList mapped = a.map(list);
```

Aside: Documentation

A style checker would insist on comments for all the methods, constructors, and fields of the concrete subtypes.

One should have comments for `draw` and `scale` in the class `Drawable`. The basic idea of object-oriented programming is that the subclasses inherit the idea of object-oriented programming is that the subclasses inherit from the supertype both in syntax and behavior (all subclasses scale their figure), so comments are generally not overridden. Still, the reader would like to know which method *does* override something.

`Override` annotation. We can write:

```
@Override
void scale(double xsize, double ysize) {
    xsize *= 2; ysize *= 2;
}
```

```
@Override
void draw() { draw a circle with radius rad }
```

The compiler will check that these method headers are proper overrides of the parent's methods, and our style checker won't complain about the lack of comments.

Implementing Interfaces

Concrete classes treat Java interfaces as the public *specifications* of data structures and implement them as their *implementations*:

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

Concrete classes are ordinary classes and *implement* interfaces, hence the word *implement*.

Concrete classes implement an interface as for abstract classes:

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

This works for `Rectangles` and any other implementation of `Drawable`.

Review: Higher-Order Functions

You had *higher-order functions* like this:

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

IntList tail(IntList list):
    return list.tail;

IntList map(IntUnaryFunction proc, IntList list):
    return IntList(proc.apply(list.head), map(proc, list.tail));
```

One can also write

```
IntList makeList(int n, int x):
    return new IntList(x, makeList(n-1, x));

IntList makeList(int n, int x, IntList list):
    return new IntList(x, makeList(n-1, x, list));

IntList makeList(int n, IntList list):
    return new IntList(list.head, makeList(n-1, list.tail));
```

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

Lambda in Java 8

Lambda expressions are even more succinct:

```
int x) -> Math.abs(x), some list);  
better, when the function already exists:  
int x) : abs, some list);
```

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

examples in `galaxy.GUI`:

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

... and parameter of `ucb.gui2.TopLevel.addMenuButton` is a `function`.

... Java library type `java.util.function.Consumer`, which has a `consume` method, like `IntUnaryFunction`,

Adding Supertypes, Default Implementations

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

... 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

... want to add a new one-parameter `scale` method to all concrete classes of the interface `Drawable`. Normally, that would require an implementation of that method to all concrete

... instead make `Drawable` an abstract class again, but in the process that can have its own problems.

Lambda Expressions

... we can create classes like `Abs` on the fly with *anonymous*

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

... or like declaring

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

... or using

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

Writing Headers vs. Method Bodies

... implementing 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 and match" implementations from a number of sources.

Default Methods in Interfaces

... introduced default methods:

```
interface Drawable {  
void draw(double xsize, double ysize);  
};  
  
// by SIZE in the X and Y dimensions. */  
void scale(double size) {  
scale(size, size);  
}
```

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