

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 void scale(double xsize, double ysize);
    // Scale THIS by a factor of XSIZE in the X direction,
    // and YSIZE in the Y direction. */
    abstract void draw();
    // Draw THIS on the standard output. */
}
```

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

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

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

Concrete Subclasses

Concrete classes can extend abstract ones to make them "less abstract" by providing their abstract methods.

Concrete subclasses are kinds of **Drawables** that are **concrete** (non-abstract), and have methods having implementations.

When methods are implemented, it makes sense to use **new** on all the method calls that make sense.

Using Concrete Classes

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

Concrete classes are subtypes of **Drawable**, we can put them in arrays whose static type is **Drawable**,...

Therefore we can pass them to any method that expects **Drawable**.

```
Drawable[] things = {
    new Rectangle(3, 4), new Oval(2, 2)
};
draw(things);
// Draw a 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.

Projects 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 first semester). You will find a more detailed account of the "Course Info" tab on the course website. Good luck to your friend!

Methods on Drawables

```
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    abstract void scale(double xsize, double ysize);
    // Scale THIS by a factor of XSIZE in the X direction,
    // and YSIZE in the Y direction. */
    abstract void draw();
    // Draw THIS on the standard output. */
}
```

new Drawable(), BUT, we can write methods that operate on **Drawable**.

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

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 }
    // w, 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 }
    // xrad, 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),

```
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

```
def map(one integer argument */ IntList map(IntUnaryFunction proc,
                                             IntList items) {
  IntUnaryFunction {
    x);
    if (items == null)
      return null;
    else return new IntList(
      proc.apply(items.head),
      map(proc, items.tail));
  }
}
```

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

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

map(new MapFunction(), some 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 style checker demands that all overriding methods have at least these comments. Hence, comments are often used to document overriding methods.

One would like to know that a given method *does* override the method in the superclass, hence, the `@Override` annotation:

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

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

The style checker will check that these method headers are proper overriding method headers, and our style checker won't complain about missing comments.

Implementing Interfaces

One treats Java interfaces as the public *specifications* of data structures and methods, and concrete classes as their *implementations*:

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

One can have ordinary classes and *implement* interfaces, hence the word *implement*.

One can also 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

One can have *higher-order functions* like this:

```
IntList map(IntUnaryFunction proc, IntList items):
  IntList list
  if (items == null) return None;
  else return new IntList(proc.apply(items.head),
                           map(proc, items.tail));
```

One can also write `map` as a higher-order function:

```
IntList makeList(int n, int start, int end) {
    IntList list = new IntList();
    for (int i = start; i < end; i++)
        list.add(i);
    return list;
}

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

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

Lambda in Java

Java, lambda expressions are even more succinct. If a class is a type is an interface with a single abstract method (*interface*), Java will figure out the necessary class parameter list and body:

```
int x) -> Math.abs(x), some list);  
you don't even need the parameter's type:
```

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

The body is just a call on a function that already exists:

```
int x) :abs, some list);
```

So now you need an anonymous `IntUnaryFunction` and create

examples of this sort of thing in `flood.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`.

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Default Methods, Supertypes, Default Implementations

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

Java 8 introduced default static methods into interfaces and also *default methods*. These are essentially instance methods and are used whenever a class implementing the interface would otherwise be required to implement the method.

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

Instead of making `Drawable` an abstract class again, but in the process that can have its own problems.

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Generic Example From the Java Library

```
util.function;
```

```
interface Consumer<T> {  
    void accept(T t);
```

```
    Consumer<T> andThen(Consumer<? super T> after) {  
        void accept(T t) -> { accept(x); after.accept(x); }
```

about the weird stuff in `< >` for now. We'll get to that later at *generic definitions*.

`andThen` method is another example of Java's version of higher-order functions.

```
String> print1 = (x) -> System.out.print(x);  
print1.accept("Hello"); // Prints "Hello"  
String> print2 = print1.andThen(y -> System.out.print(y));  
print2.accept("Hello"); // Prints "HelloHello"
```

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Lambda Expressions

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

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

or like declaring

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

or

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

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Multiple Inheritance vs. Method Bodies

Classes can implement multiple interfaces, but extend only one class: *multiple interface inheritance*, but *single body inheritance*.

This is simple, and pretty easy for language implementors to implement.

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

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Default Methods in Interfaces

Java 8 introduced default methods:

```
interface Drawable {  
    void draw(double xsize, double ysize);  
    void draw();
```

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

Classes that implement `Drawable` but does not have a definition for `draw()` with one argument, this method will supply a default implementation.

However, as in other languages with full multiple inheritance (like Python), it can lead to confusing programs. I suggest using default methods sparingly.

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