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Abstract Classes and Interfaces

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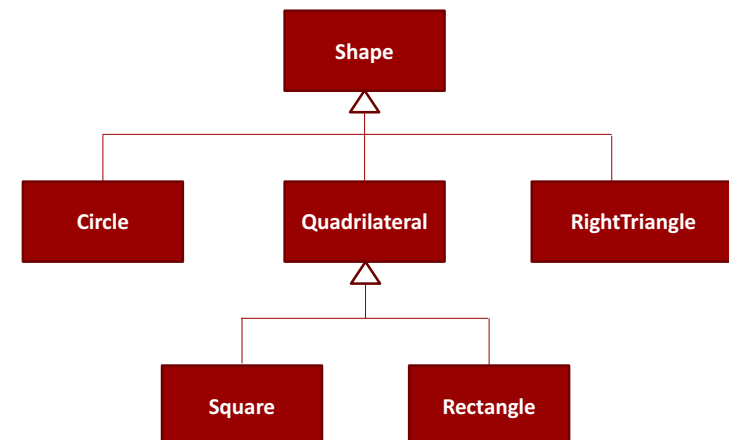
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Abstract Classes

- An *abstract class* is a class that is declared **abstract**
- An *abstract class* may or may not include abstract methods.
- Abstract classes cannot be instantiated, but they can be subclassed.

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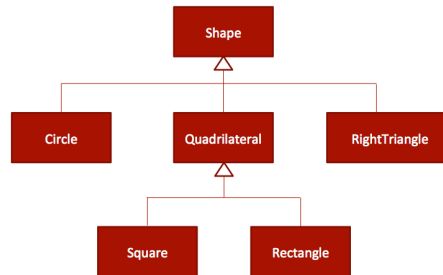
Abstract Classes: Revisiting the Shapes



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Abstract Classes

- Shapes all have certain states (for example: position, orientation, line color, fill color) and behaviors (for example: moveTo, rotate, resize, draw) in common.
- Some of these states and behaviors are the same for all shapes (for example: position, fill color, and moveTo).
- Others require different implementations (for example, resize or draw).
- All Shapes must be able to draw or resize themselves; they just differ in how they do it.



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Abstract Classes

```
public class Shape {
    private String name;

    public Shape(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    public void draw() {
        // what is the shape?
        // Code...?! Nothing!
    }
}
```



```
public abstract class Shape {
    private String name;

    public Shape(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    public abstract void draw();
}
```

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Abstract Methods

- An *abstract method* is a method that is declared without an implementation
 - without braces, and followed by a semicolon, like this:

```
public abstract void draw();
```
- When an abstract class is subclassed, the subclass usually provides implementations for all of the abstract methods in its parent class.
 - However, if it does not, then the subclass must also be declared abstract.

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Abstract Classes

```
public class RightTriangle extends Shape {
    private int a;

    public RightTriangle(String name, int a) {
        super(name);
        this.a = a;
    }

    public int getA() {
        return a;
    }

    // override abstract method
    public void draw() {
        for (int line = 1; line <= a; line++) {
            for (int i = 0; i < line; i++) {
                System.out.print("*");
            }
            System.out.println();
        }
    }
}
```

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Abstract Classes

```
public abstract class Quadrilateral
    extends Shape {

    public Quadrilateral(String name) {
        super(name);
    }

    // still nothing to draw!
    public abstract void draw();
}
```

```
public class Square extends Quadrilateral {
    private int a;

    public Square(String name, int a) {
        super(name);
        this.a = a;
    }

    public int getA() {
        return a;
    }

    // override abstract method
    public void draw() {
        for (int line = 0; line < a; line++) {
            for (int col = 0; col < a; col++) {
                System.out.print("*");
            }
            System.out.println();
        }
    }
}
```

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Abstract Classes

```
public class Program {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // compilation error! "Cannot instantiate the type Shape"
        Shape shape = new Shape("Shape");

        // compilation error! "Cannot instantiate the type Quadrilateral"
        Quadrilateral quadrilateral = new Quadrilateral("Quadrilateral");

        Square s = new Square("Square", 4);
        s.draw();

        Rectangle r = new Rectangle("Rectangle", 3, 7);
        r.draw();

        RightTriangle t = new RightTriangle("RightTriangle", 5);
        t.draw();
    }
}
```

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Abstract Classes

- Are part of the inheritance hierarchy

Circle extends Shape

Square extends Quadrilateral

- Can have constructor(s), but no objects of these classes can be created

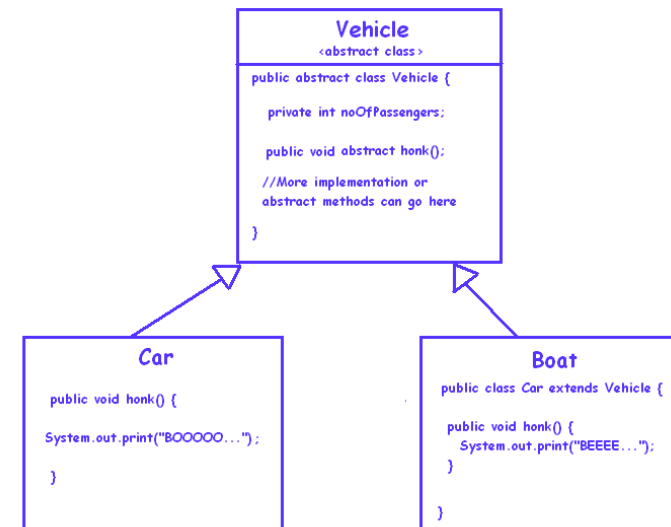
```
Shape shape = new Shape("Shape");
```

```
// compilation error! "Cannot instantiate the type Shape"
```

- Classes that can be used to instantiate objects are called **concrete classes**.

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Example-1



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Example-2

- Imagine there are several instruments, either **stringed** or **wind**.
- Design a class hierarchy for only two types of instruments, guitars and flutes.
- You have to design your model in a way that **new instruments can be added** in the hierarchy later on.
- Imagine there is only one feature for each instrument at the moment, which is the **play** feature.



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Example-2

```
public abstract class Instrument {  
    protected String name;  
    abstract public void play();  
}
```

Abstract class

```
abstract class StringedInstrument extends Instrument {  
    protected int numberOfStrings;  
}
```

Still abstract

```
public class Guitar extends StringedInstrument {  
    public void play(){  
        System.out.println("Guitar is rocking!");  
    }  
}
```

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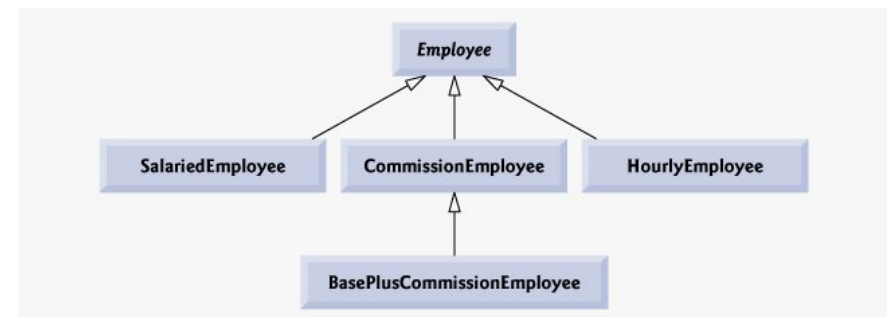
Example-2

```
abstract class WindInstrument extends Instrument {  
    //features  
}
```

```
public class Flute extends WindInstrument {  
    public void play(){  
        System.out.println("Flute is rocking!");  
    }  
}
```

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Example Project: Payroll System



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Overview of the classes

	earnings	toString
Employee	abstract	firstName lastName social security number: SSN
Salaried- Employee	weeklySalary	salaried employee: firstName lastName social security number: SSN weekly salary: weekllysalary
Hourly- Employee	If hours <= 40 wage * hours If hours > 40 40 * wage + (hours - 40) * wage * 1.5	hourly employee: firstName lastName social security number: SSN hourly wage: wage; hours worked: hours
Commission- Employee	commissionRate * grossSales	commission employee: firstName lastName social security number: SSN gross sales: grossSales; commission rate: commissionRate
BasePlus- Commission- Employee	(commissionRate * grossSales) + baseSalary	base salaried commission employee: firstName lastName social security number: SSN gross sales: grossSales; commission rate: commissionRate; base salary: baseSalary

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Employee.java (1)

```

1 // Fig. 10.4: Employee.java
2 // Employee abstract superclass.
3
4 public abstract class Employee
5 {
6     private String firstName;
7     private String lastName;
8     private String socialSecurityNumber;
9
10    // three-argument constructor
11    public Employee( String first, String last, String ssn )
12    {
13        firstName = first;
14        lastName = last;
15        socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
16    } // end three-argument Employee constructor
17
18    // set first name
19    public void setFirstName( String first )
20    {
21        firstName = first;
22    } // end method setFirstName
23
24    // return first name
25    public String getFirstName()
26    {
27        return firstName;
28    } // end method getFirstName
29
30    // set last name
31    public void setLastName( String last )
32    {
33        lastName = last;
34    } // end method setLastName
35

```

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Employee.java (2)

```

36 // return last name
37 public String getLastName()
38 {
39     return lastName;
40 } // end method getLastName
41
42 // set social security number
43 public void setSocialSecurityNumber( String ssn )
44 {
45     socialSecurityNumber = ssn; // should validate
46 } // end method setSocialSecurityNumber
47
48 // return social security number
49 public String getSocialSecurityNumber()
50 {
51     return socialSecurityNumber;
52 } // end method getSocialSecurityNumber
53
54 // return String representation of Employee object
55 public String toString()
56 {
57     return String.format( "%s %s\nsocial security number: %s",
58         getFirstName(), getLastName(), getSocialSecurityNumber() );
59 } // end method toString
60
61 // abstract method overridden by subclasses
62 public abstract double earnings(); // no implementation here
63 } // end abstract class Employee

```

Earnings will
be calculated
in subclasses

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SalariedEmployee.java

```

4 public class SalariedEmployee extends Employee
5 {
6     private double weeklySalary;
7
8     // four-argument constructor
9     public SalariedEmployee( String first, String last, String ssn,
10        double salary )
11     {
12         super( first, last, ssn ); // pass to Employee constructor
13         setWeeklySalary( salary ); // validate and store salary
14     } // end four-argument SalariedEmployee constructor
15
16     // set salary
17     public void setWeeklySalary( double salary )
18     {
19         weeklySalary = salary < 0.0 ? 0.0 : salary;
20     } // end method setWeeklySalary
21
22     // return salary
23     public double getWeeklySalary()
24     {
25         return weeklySalary;
26     } // end method getWeeklySalary
27
28     // calculate earnings; override abstract method earnings in Employee
29     public double earnings()
30     {
31         return getWeeklySalary();
32     } // end method earnings
33
34     // return String representation of SalariedEmployee object
35     public String toString()
36     {
37         return String.format( "salaried employee: %s\n%s: $%,.2f",
38             super.toString(), "weekly salary", getWeeklySalary() );
39     } // end method toString
40 } // end class SalariedEmployee

```

Overridden
methods

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HourlyEmployee.java (1)

```
4 public class HourlyEmployee extends Employee
5 {
6     private double wage; // wage per hour
7     private double hours; // hours worked for week
8
9     // five-argument constructor
10    public HourlyEmployee( String first, String last, String ssn,
11        double hourlyWage, double hoursWorked )
12    {
13        super( first, last, ssn );
14        setWage( hourlyWage ); // validate hourly wage
15        setHours( hoursWorked ); // validate hours worked
16    } // end five-argument HourlyEmployee constructor
17
18    // set wage
19    public void setWage( double hourlyWage )
20    {
21        wage = ( hourlyWage < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : hourlyWage;
22    } // end method setWage
23
24    // return wage
25    public double getWage()
26    {
27        return wage;
28    } // end method getWage
29
30    // set hours worked
31    public void setHours( double hoursWorked )
32    {
33        hours = ( ( hoursWorked >= 0.0 ) && ( hoursWorked <= 168.0 ) ) ?
34            hoursWorked : 0.0;
35    } // end method setHours
```

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HourlyEmployee.java (2)

```
36
37 // return hours worked
38 public double getHours()
39 {
40     return hours;
41 } // end method getHours
42
43 // calculate earnings; override abstract method earnings in Employee
44 public double earnings()
45 {
46     if ( getHours() <= 40 ) // no overtime
47         return getWage() * getHours();
48     else
49         return 40 * getWage() + ( getHours() - 40 ) * getWage() * 1.5;
50 } // end method earnings
51
52 // return String representation of HourlyEmployee object
53 public String toString()
54 {
55     return String.format( "hourly employee: %s\n%s: $%,.2f; %s: $%,.2f",
56         super.toString(), "hourly wage", getWage(),
57         "hours worked", getHours() );
58 } // end method toString
59 } // end class HourlyEmployee
```

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CommissionEmployee.java (1)

```
4 public class CommissionEmployee extends Employee
5 {
6     private double grossSales; // gross weekly sales
7     private double commissionRate; // commission percentage
8
9     // five-argument constructor
10    public CommissionEmployee( String first, String last, String ssn,
11        double sales, double rate )
12    {
13        super( first, last, ssn );
14        setGrossSales( sales );
15        setCommissionRate( rate );
16    } // end five-argument CommissionEmployee constructor
17
18    // set commission rate
19    public void setCommissionRate( double rate )
20    {
21        commissionRate = ( rate > 0.0 && rate < 1.0 ) ? rate : 0.0;
22    } // end method setCommissionRate
23
24    // return commission rate
25    public double getCommissionRate()
26    {
27        return commissionRate;
28    } // end method getCommissionRate
29
30    // set gross sales amount
31    public void setGrossSales( double sales )
32    {
33        grossSales = ( sales < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : sales;
34    } // end method setGrossSales
```

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CommissionEmployee.java (2)

```
36 // return gross sales amount
37 public double getGrossSales()
38 {
39     return grossSales;
40 } // end method getGrossSales
41
42 // calculate earnings; override abstract method earnings in Employee
43 public double earnings()
44 {
45     return getCommissionRate() * getGrossSales();
46 } // end method earnings
47
48 // return String representation of CommissionEmployee object
49 public String toString()
50 {
51     return String.format( "%s: %s\n%s: $%,.2f; %s: $%,.2f",
52         "commission employee", super.toString(),
53         "gross sales", getGrossSales(),
54         "commission rate", getCommissionRate() );
55 } // end method toString
56 } // end class CommissionEmployee
```

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BasePlusCommissionEmployee.java

```

4 public class BasePlusCommissionEmployee extends CommissionEmployee
5 {
6     private double baseSalary; // base salary per week
7
8     // six-argument constructor
9     public BasePlusCommissionEmployee( String first, String last,
10        String ssn, double sales, double rate, double salary )
11     {
12         super( first, last, ssn, sales, rate );
13         setBaseSalary( salary ); // validate and store base salary
14     } // end six-argument BasePlusCommissionEmployee constructor
15
16     // set base salary
17     public void setBaseSalary( double salary )
18     {
19         baseSalary = ( salary < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : salary; // non-negative
20     } // end method setBaseSalary
21
22     // return base salary
23     public double getBaseSalary()
24     {
25         return baseSalary;
26     } // end method getBaseSalary
27
28     // calculate earnings; override method earnings in CommissionEmployee
29     public double earnings()
30     {
31         return getBaseSalary() + super.earnings();
32     } // end method earnings
33
34     // return String representation of BasePlusCommissionEmployee object
35     public String toString()
36     {
37         return String.format( "%s %s: %s: $%,.2f",
38             "base-salaried", super.toString(),
39             "base salary", getBaseSalary() );
40     } // end method toString
41 } // end class BasePlusCommissionEmployee

```

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PayrollSystemTest.java (1)

```

4 public class PayrollSystemTest
5 {
6     public static void main( String args[] )
7     {
8         // create subclass objects
9         SalariedEmployee salariedEmployee =
10            new SalariedEmployee( "John", "Smith", "111-11-1111", 800.00 );
11         HourlyEmployee hourlyEmployee =
12            new HourlyEmployee( "Karen", "Price", "222-22-2222", 16.75, 40 );
13         CommissionEmployee commissionEmployee =
14            new CommissionEmployee(
15                "Sue", "Jones", "333-33-3333", 10000, .06 );
16         BasePlusCommissionEmployee basePlusCommissionEmployee =
17            new BasePlusCommissionEmployee(
18                "Bob", "Lewis", "444-44-4444", 5000, .04, 300 );
19
20         System.out.println( "Employees processed individually:\n" );
21
22         System.out.printf( "%s\n%s: $%,.2f\n\n",
23             salariedEmployee, "earned", salariedEmployee.earnings() );
24         System.out.printf( "%s\n%s: $%,.2f\n\n",
25             hourlyEmployee, "earned", hourlyEmployee.earnings() );
26         System.out.printf( "%s\n%s: $%,.2f\n\n",
27             commissionEmployee, "earned", commissionEmployee.earnings() );
28         System.out.printf( "%s\n%s: $%,.2f\n\n",
29             basePlusCommissionEmployee,
30             "earned", basePlusCommissionEmployee.earnings() );
31
32         // create four-element Employee array
33         Employee employees[] = new Employee[ 4 ];
34
35         // initialize array with Employees
36         employees[ 0 ] = salariedEmployee;
37         employees[ 1 ] = hourlyEmployee;
38         employees[ 2 ] = commissionEmployee;
39         employees[ 3 ] = basePlusCommissionEmployee;

```

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PayrollSystemTest.java (2)

```

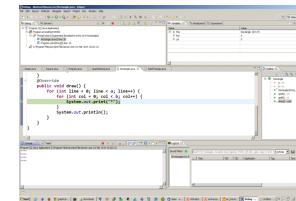
41         System.out.println( "Employees processed polymorphically:\n" );
42
43         // generically process each element in array employees
44         for ( Employee currentEmployee : employees )
45         {
46             System.out.println( currentEmployee ); // invokes toString
47
48             // determine whether element is a BasePlusCommissionEmployee
49             if ( currentEmployee instanceof BasePlusCommissionEmployee )
50             {
51                 // downcast Employee reference to
52                 // BasePlusCommissionEmployee reference
53                 BasePlusCommissionEmployee employee =
54                     ( BasePlusCommissionEmployee ) currentEmployee;
55
56                 double oldBaseSalary = employee.getBaseSalary();
57                 employee.setBaseSalary( 1.10 * oldBaseSalary );
58                 System.out.printf(
59                     "new base salary with 10%% increase is: $%,.2f\n",
60                     employee.getBaseSalary() );
61             } // end if
62
63             System.out.printf(
64                 "earned $%,.2f\n\n", currentEmployee.earnings() );
65         } // end for
66
67         // get type name of each object in employees array
68         for ( int j = 0; j < employees.length; j++ )
69             System.out.printf( "Employee %d is a %s\n", j,
70                 employees[ j ].getClass().getName() );
71     } // end main
72 } // end class PayrollSystemTest

```

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Interfaces

GUI



Laptop



LCD/LED TV



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Concept of Interface

- An interface is a **contract**. It guarantees that the system will have certain functionalities.
- An interface is an integration point between two systems.
- A system can have many interfaces, so it can be integrated to many other systems.

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Defining an Interface

- Keyword `interface` is used to define an interface
- Methods in an interface must be `public` and `abstract`, these keywords are commonly omitted
- Interfaces can include `public static final` variables (constants), these keywords are commonly omitted

```
public interface Shape {  
    public abstract void draw();  
    public static final double PI = 3.14;  
}
```

No need to write

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Implementing an Interface

- An interface is implemented by the keyword `implements`
- Any class implementing an interface must either implement all methods of it, or be declared `abstract`

```
public class RightTriangle implements Shape {  
    // .....  
    public void draw() {  
        for (int line = 1; line <= a; line++) {  
            for (int i = 0; i < line; i++) {  
                System.out.print("**");  
            }  
            System.out.println();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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Implementing Multiple Interfaces

- More than one interface can be implemented by a class.
- Names of interfaces are separated by comma

```
public class LedTv implements Usb, Hdmi, Scart, Vga {  
    // .....  
}
```

Question: What if at least two interfaces include the same method definition?

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Extending a Class and Implementing Interface(s)

```
public class Car extends Vehicle
           implements Shape {

    public void draw() {
        // ....
    }
}
```

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Extending an Interface

- It is possible for an interface to extend another interface

```
public interface I1 {
    void m1();
}
```

```
public interface I2 extends I1 {
    void m2();
}
```

```
public class C1 implements I1 {
    public void m1() {
        // ...
    }
}
```

```
public class C2 implements I2 {
    public void m1() {
        // ...
    }
    public void m2() {
        // ...
    }
}
```

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Interfaces as Types

- When you define a new interface, you are defining a new reference data type.
- You can use interface names anywhere you can use any other data type name.
- If you define a reference variable whose type is an interface, any object you assign to it must be an instance of a class that implements the interface.

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Interfaces as Types

```
public class Program {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Shape shape;

        shape = new Square(4);
        shape.draw();

        shape = new Rectangle(3, 7);
        shape.draw();

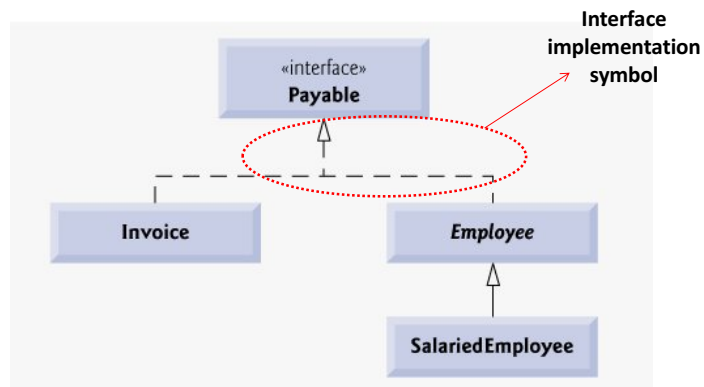
        shape = new RightTriangle(5);
        shape.draw();
    }
}
```

```
public class Program {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Shape[] shapes = new Shape[3];
        shapes[0] = new Square(5);
        shapes[1] = new Rectangle(2, 8);
        shapes[2] = new RightTriangle(3);
        for (Shape s : shapes) {
            drawIt(s);
        }

        public static void drawIt(Shape s) {
            s.draw();
        }
    }
}
```

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Example Project: Payroll System Revisited



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Payable.java

```
1 // Fig. 10.11: Payable.java
2 // Payable interface declaration.
3
4 public interface Payable
5 {
6     double getPaymentAmount(); // calculate payment; no implementation
7 } // end interface Payable
```

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Invoice.java (1)

```
4 public class Invoice implements Payable
5 {
6     private String partNumber;
7     private String partDescription;
8     private int quantity;
9     private double pricePerItem;
10
11     // four-argument constructor
12     public Invoice( String part, String description, int count,
13                 double price )
14     {
15         partNumber = part;
16         partDescription = description;
17         setQuantity( count ); // validate and store quantity
18         setPricePerItem( price ); // validate and store price per item
19     } // end four-argument Invoice constructor
20
21     // set part number
22     public void setPartNumber( String part )
23     {
24         partNumber = part;
25     } // end method setPartNumber
26
27     // get part number
28     public String getPartNumber()
29     {
30         return partNumber;
31     } // end method getPartNumber
32
33     // set description
34     public void setPartDescription( String description )
35     {
36         partDescription = description;
37     } // end method setPartDescription
38
39     // get description
40     public String getPartDescription()
41     {
42         return partDescription;
43     } // end method getPartDescription
```

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Invoice.java (2)

```
45     // set quantity
46     public void setQuantity( int count )
47     {
48         quantity = ( count < 0 ) ? 0 : count; // quantity cannot be negative
49     } // end method setQuantity
50
51     // get quantity
52     public int getQuantity()
53     {
54         return quantity;
55     } // end method getQuantity
56
57     // set price per item
58     public void setPricePerItem( double price )
59     {
60         pricePerItem = ( price < 0.0 ) ? 0.0 : price; // validate price
61     } // end method setPricePerItem
62
63     // get price per item
64     public double getPricePerItem()
65     {
66         return pricePerItem;
67     } // end method getPricePerItem
68
69     // return String representation of Invoice object
70     public String toString()
71     {
72         return String.format( "%s: \n%s: %s (%s) \n%s: %d \n%s: $%.2f",
73                               "invoice", "part number", getPartNumber(), getPartDescription(),
74                               "quantity", getQuantity(), "price per item", getPricePerItem() );
75     } // end method toString
76
77     // method required to carry out contract with interface Payable
78     public double getPaymentAmount()
79     {
80         return getQuantity() * getPricePerItem(); // calculate total cost
81     } // end method getPaymentAmount
82 } // end class Invoice
```

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Employee.java

Payable interface includes `getPaymentAmount()` method, but Employee class does not implement it!

```

4 public abstract class Employee implements Payable
5 {
6     private String firstName;
7     private String lastName;
8     private String socialSecurityNumber;
9
10    // three-argument constructor
11    public Employee( String first, String last, String ssn )
12    {
13        firstName = first;
14        lastName = last;
15        socialSecurityNumber = ssn;
16    } // end three-argument Employee constructor
17
18    /* Rest of the class is same as the previous example
19       except there is no earnings () method! */
20
21
22
23

```

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SalariedEmployee.java

```

4 public class SalariedEmployee extends Employee
5 {
6     private double weeklySalary;
7
8     // four-argument constructor
9     public SalariedEmployee( String first, String last, String ssn,
10        double salary )
11     {
12         super( first, last, ssn ); // pass to Employee constructor
13         setWeeklySalary( salary ); // validate and store salary
14     } // end four-argument SalariedEmployee constructor
15
16     // set salary
17     public void setWeeklySalary( double salary )
18     {
19         weeklySalary = salary < 0.0 ? 0.0 : salary;
20     } // end method setWeeklySalary
21
22     // return salary
23     public double getWeeklySalary()
24     {
25         return weeklySalary;
26     } // end method getWeeklySalary
27
28     // calculate earnings; implement interface Payable method that was
29     // abstract in superclass Employee
30     public double getPaymentAmount()
31     {
32         return getWeeklySalary();
33     } // end method getPaymentAmount
34
35     // return String representation of SalariedEmployee object
36     public String toString()
37     {
38         return String.format( "salaried employee: %s\n%s: $%,.2f",
39            super.toString(), "weekly salary", getWeeklySalary() );
40     } // end method toString
41 } // end class SalariedEmployee

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PayableInterfaceTest.java

```

4 public class PayableInterfaceTest
5 {
6     public static void main( String args[] )
7     {
8         // create four-element Payable array
9         Payable payableObjects[] = new Payable[ 4 ];
10
11        // populate array with objects that implement Payable
12        payableObjects[ 0 ] = new Invoice( "01234", "seat", 2, 375.00 );
13        payableObjects[ 1 ] = new Invoice( "56789", "tire", 4, 79.95 );
14        payableObjects[ 2 ] =
15            new SalariedEmployee( "John", "Smith", "111-11-1111", 800.00 );
16        payableObjects[ 3 ] =
17            new SalariedEmployee( "Lisa", "Barnes", "888-88-8888", 1200.00 );
18
19        System.out.println(
20            "Invoices and Employees processed polymorphically:\n" );
21
22        // generically process each element in array payableObjects
23        for ( Payable currentPayable : payableObjects )
24        {
25            // output currentPayable and its appropriate payment amount
26            System.out.printf( "%s \n%s: $%,.2f\n\n",
27                currentPayable.toString(),
28                "payment due", currentPayable.getPaymentAmount() );
29        } // end for
30    } // end main
31 } // end class PayableInterfaceTest

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Interfaces vs Abstract Classes

Abstract class	Interface
1) Abstract class can have abstract and non-abstract methods.	Interface can have only abstract methods.
2) Abstract class doesn't support multiple inheritance .	Interface supports multiple inheritance .
3) Abstract class can have final, non-final, static and non-static variables .	Interface has only static and final variables .
4) Abstract class can have static methods, main method and constructor .	Interface can't have static methods, main method or constructor .
5) Abstract class can provide the implementation of interface .	Interface can't provide the implementation of abstract class .
6) The abstract keyword is used to declare abstract class.	The interface keyword is used to declare interface.
7) Example: <pre>public abstract class Shape{ public abstract void draw(); }</pre>	Example: <pre>public interface Drawable{ void draw(); }</pre>

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Summary

- Abstract class is defined with the keyword `abstract`
- If a class includes an abstract method, it must be declared as `abstract`
- Objects of abstract classes cannot be created
- Interface is defined with the keyword `interface`
- A class can *implement* an interface, an interface can *extend* an interface
- A class can implement many interfaces
- Objects of interfaces cannot be created

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- <http://www.javatpoint.com/difference-between-abstract-class-and-interface>