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# A Visitor



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- Example of a classical visitor pattern
- We need to break some circular dependencies
- We heavily rely on interfaces

# Visitor: Example



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Example:
```

```
public interface Elmts {
    public String getName();
}

public interface VisitorInterface {
    void visit(IntElmts e);
    void visit(FloatElmts e);
    void visit(ConcreteElmts e);
}
```

# Visitor: Example



## Example:

```
public class ConcreteElmts implements Elmts {
   private String _name;
   public String getName() { return _name; }
   public void Accept(VisitorInterface v) {
       v. Visit(this);
public class IntElmts extends ConcreteElmts {
 public String getName() {return Int.toString(f);}
public class FloatElmts extends ConcreteElmts {
 public String getName(){return Float.toString(f);}
```

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# Abstract Classes



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 Abstract classes are a mix between interfaces and classes

- Abstract classes contain complete methods definition as do classes
- Abstract classes define contract: abstract methods that are describe but not implemented
- Somehow an interface is an abstract class with only abstract methods.
- Abstract classes can't be instantiated
- Abstract classes can be inherited as other classes (but derived classes must implement abstract methods or be abstract themselves.)

# Usage of Abstract Classes



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- Abstract classes are used to provide standard concrete code relying on not yet known specific behavior
- Most of the time, the abstract class will (concretely) defines some public methods implementing a generic activity (display, serialization . . . ) that need specific *properties* to work (such as extracting object state in format suitable for the activity . . . )
- In Java API abstract classes are used (in conjunction with interfaces) to provide skeleton code for design patterns or any other *ready-to-use* generic classes.

# Abstract Class (example)



## Example:

```
public abstract class AbstractInfo {
    abstract String get_name();
    abstract String get_rev_date();
    abstract String get_authors();
    public void print() {
        System.out.println("Object
            + this.get_name()
            + "information:"
        );
        System.out.println(" revision date:
            + this.get_rev_date()
        );
        System.out.println(" authors: "
            + this.get_authors()
        );
```

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# Abstract Class (example)



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```
Example:
```



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### Cast is Evil



• When we need generic containers, we often use the fact that any class is a subclass of Object:

# Example:

```
public class Box {
  private Object obj;
  public void add(Object o){
    this.obj = o;
  }
  public Object get(){
    return obj;
  }
}
```

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### Cast is Evil



• When using the previous generic container, we need to do some cast ... guess what happen?

## Example:

```
Box integerBox = new Box();
integerBox.add(new Integer(10));
Integer someInteger = (Integer)integerBox.get();
System.out.println(someInteger);
integerBox.add("10");
Integer someInteger2 = (Integer)integerBox.get();
System.out.println(someInteger2);
```

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# A Solution: Generics



- Generics are type variables explicitly introduced in class or method declarations;
- Generics allow a solution to our previous example:

# Example:

```
public class Box<T>{
   private T obj;
   public void add(T o){
     this.obj = o;
   }
   public T get(){
     return obj;
   }
}
```

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# Example:

```
Box<Integer> integerBox = new Box<Integer>();
integerBox.add(new Integer(10));
Integer someInteger = integerBox.get();// No cast!
System.out.println(someInteger);
integerBox.add("10");//Type Error Here!
Integer someInteger2 = integerBox.get();
System.out.println(someInteger2);
```

Now the miss-use is detected at compile time!

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- Enhancement of types system (fully static;)
- Pure typing syntax: no rewriting of class nor dynamic type checking;
- Type Erasure Semantics: Every type variables are eliminated after type checking;
- Enforce typing on generic containers (basis of the Java Collection;)
- Well founded type discipline: well typed programs can not go wrong (at least for that part;)



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# Relation to ML Polymorphism



- Generics are very similar to polymorphic types of ML;
- While ML type inference automatically provides polymorphism, Generics have to be explicit;
- Generics provides similar generic structured types as in ML:

# Example:

```
An OCaml example of list type:
```

```
type 'a myList = Nil | Cons of 'a * 'a myList
```

A similar definition using Java Generics:

```
public class myList<T> {
  public T elem;
  public myList<T> next;
}
```

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# Generic Methods



Methods can also be generic:

# Example:

```
public class myBoxGen<T> {
  private T t;
  public void add(T o){
    t = o;
  }
  public <U> U print(U u){
    System.out.println("T: " + t);
    System.out.println("U: " + u);
    return u;
  }
}
```

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### Generic Methods



# Example:

```
public class myBoxGen<T> {

// see previous slide

public static void main(String[] args){
   MyBoxGen<Integer> mbox = new MyBoxGen<Integer>();
   mbox.add(new Integer(10));
   String s = mbox.print("Some text.");
}
```

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# System F

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- System F is the first polymorphic variant of  $\lambda$ -calculus;
- Polymorphism is expressed using type level abstractions:

$$\lambda X. \lambda x:X.x$$

• The previous expression has type:

$$\forall X.X \rightarrow X$$

- System F can easily be extended with subtyping by adding a well founded partial order on types:  $t \le s$
- Generics just introduce F like polymorphism in Java type system: the generic method
   void add(T t) can be expressed in F with:

let add = 
$$\lambda T \cdot \lambda t : T$$
 . this.o  $\leftarrow t$ 

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### Constraints on Generics



### Example:

```
public class NBox<T extends Number>{
 private T t;
  public void add(T o){
    t = o:
  public int intProd(T s){
    return(t.intValue() * s.intValue());
  public static void main(String[] args){
    NBox<Integer> intBox = new NBox<Integer>();
    intBox.add(new Integer(10));
    int x = intBox.intProd(new Integer(5));
    System.out.println(x);
```

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# Bounded Polymorphism



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- Generics in Java is related to system F bounded;
- In F Bounded:

 $\lambda T < t. \lambda x:T. x$ 

has type

$$\forall T[T < t].T \rightarrow T$$

- Bounded Polymorphism offers genericity with constraints, enforcing properties on type variables (existence of methods or fields for instance;)
- The subtyping relation is general: extends, in this context, applies to class and interface;
- Bounded Polymorphism offers the same safety as without bounds;

# Bounded Polymorphism



# Example:

```
public class SomeClass{
  public static <T extends Number> T print(T t){
     System.out.println("T: " + t);
    return t:
  public static void main(String[] args){
    Float f = SomeClass.print(new Float(1.0));
     String s = SomeClass.print("Some text.");
SomeClass.java:8: <T>print(T) in SomeClass cannot be applied to (java.lang.String)
  String s = SomeClass.print("Some text.");
```

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# Subtyping: contravariance is back!



- Contravariance expresses reverse subtyping constraint;
- The question: is  $Box<T> \le Box<S>$  when  $T \le S$ ?
- The answer is NO!
- The contravariance rule gives us the reason: Box<X>
   can be seen as a system F expression λ X.Box <X>
   having type ∀X. X → Box <X>
   Contravariance says:

$$t \le s \iff s \to u \le t \to u$$

• Thus we have:

$$S \le T \Leftrightarrow Box < T > \le Box < S >$$

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# Contravariance is back!



## Why contravariance?

- A function is of type  $t \rightarrow u$  if it accepts any value of type t (and return a value of type u when given a value of type t;)
- If  $s \to u \le t \to u$ , then any function of type  $s \to u$  can be used where a function of type  $t \to u$  is expected;
- What is expected of a function is defined by call-site context, namely what kind of arguments can be passed to a function: so saying that  $s \to u$  can be used where a function of type  $t \to u$  can used means that argument passed to that function can be of type t;
- Thus a function of type  $s \rightarrow u$  is expected to accept any value of type t, which means that  $t \le s$ !
- While this result seems surprising, it is important when dealing with subtyping and function (or, in our case, type function;)

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# Contravariance for the Dummies



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- Let's have a class Instrument for music instruments and two subclass Guitar and Drum;
- We define a generic class
   FlyCase<I extends Instrument> for instruments'
   fly-cases;
- We can define a generic fly-case
   FlyCase<Instrument> and two specific fly-cases
   FlyCase<Guitar> and FlyCase<Drum>;
- If FlyCase<Guitar> were a subclass of
  FlyCase<Instrument>, then we it will be possible to
  put anything we can put in generic fly-case in it, say
  ...a drum...

# Contravariance for the Dummies(2)



### Example:

```
public interface Instrument {
   public void play(char note, int scale);
public class Guitar implements Instrument {
   public void play(char note, int scale) {
        System.out.println("Playing: "+note+scale);
public class Drum implements Instrument {
   public void play(char note, int scale) {
        System.out.println("BOOM!");
public class FlyCase<I extends Instrument> {
    I instrument:
   public void put(I i) { instrument = i; }
   public I take() { return (instrument); }
```

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# Contravariance for the Dummies(3)



### Example:

```
public class Roadie {
    FlyCase<Instrument> box;
    void takeBox(FlyCase<Instrument> b) { box = b; }
    void pack(Instrument i) { box.put(i); }
    Instrument unpack() { return (box.take()); }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Roadie r = new Roadie();
         Guitar lesPaul = new Guitar();
         Drum pearl = new Drum();
         FlyCase<Guitar> fcg = new FlyCase<Guitar>();
         r.takeBox(fcg); // Type error !
         r.pack(pearl); // This should work
Roadie.java:13: takeBox(FlyCase<Instrument>) in Roadie cannot
be applied to (FlvCase<Guitar>)
     r.takeBox(fcg): // Type error !
```

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### Wildcards



- Sometimes we need to keep the type parameter of a class *unknown* (*i.e.* we don't need to know it;)
- Wildcards offers a way to do so without contradiction to the contravariance rule;

# Example:

```
// Work only for Collection of Object
public void printColl(Collection<Object> c){
   for (Object e : c)
      System.out.println(e);
}
// With wildcard, we can have a real generic method
public void printColl(Collection<?> c){
   for (Object e : c)
      System.out.println(e);
}
```

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# Wildcards

### Wildcards



• ? stands for unknown type, thus we can use it for *reading* (as in previous example) but not for *writing*:

```
Collection<?> c = new ArrayList<String>();
c.add(new Object()); // Compile time error
```

- Bounded wildcards are possible:
   extends Number> represents any unknown sub-type of Number;
- Bounded wildcards can be used also to give lower bound: <? super Integer> represents any unknown super-type of Integer;

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### Collections?



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 Collections is a tool-box for managing objects aggregates;

- Java Collection provide a set of generic interfaces, a set of implementations of these interfaces and a set of generic algorithms on collections;
- Java Collection heavily uses Generics;

### From Java Tutorial

A **collection** - sometimes called a container - is simply an object that groups multiple elements into a single unit. Collections are used to store, retrieve, manipulate, and communicate aggregate data.

## Java Collection



#### From Iava Tutorial

A collections framework is a unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections. All collections frameworks contain the following:

- Interfaces: These are abstract data types that represent collections. Interfaces allow collections to be manipulated independently of the details of their representation. In object-oriented languages, interfaces generally form a hierarchy.
- Implementations: These are the concrete implementations of the collection interfaces. In essence, they are reusable data structures.
- **Algorithms:** These are the methods that perform useful computations, such as searching and sorting, on objects that implement collection interfaces. The algorithms are said to be *polymorphic*: that is, the same method can be used on many different implementations of the appropriate collection interface. In essence, algorithms are reusable functionality.

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### Collection Core Interface



```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {
int size();
boolean isEmpty();
boolean contains(Object element);
boolean remove(Object element); //optional
Iterator < E > iterator():
boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);
boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c); //optional
boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c);
boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c);
void clear():
Object[] toArray();
\langle T \rangle T[] toArray(T[] a);
```

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## Collection Core Interface



for-each traversal:

```
for (Object o : collection)
  { // for each o in collection }
```

• Iterators:

```
public interface Iterator<E> {
   boolean hasNext();
   E next();
   void remove(); //optional
}
```

- containsAll returns true if the target Collection contains all of the elements in the specified Collection.
- addA11 adds all of the elements in the specified Collection to the target Collection.
- removeAll removes from the target Collection all of its elements that are also contained in the specified Collection.
- retainAll removes from the target Collection all its elements that are not also contained in the specified Collection.
- clear removes all elements from the Collection.

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## The Set Interface



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- Set models the mathematical set abstraction (it is meant to ...;)
- A Set is a Collection that cannot contains duplicate elements;
- It only contains methods from Collection Interface;
- Set has a stronger contract on the behavior of the equals and hashCode operations, so that Set can be compared regardless of the chosen implementation;
- Two Set instances are equal if they contain the same elements.

## The List Interface

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- A List is an ordered collection and may contains duplicate elements;
- Adds Positional Access, Search, Iteration and Range View

```
public interface List<E> extends Collection<E> {
 E get(int index);
 E set(int index, E element);
 boolean add(E element);
 void add(int index, E element);
 E remove(int index);
 boolean addAll(int index, Collection<? extends E> c);
 int indexOf(Object o);
 int lastIndexOf(Object o);
 ListIterator < E > listIterator();
 ListIterator < E > listIterator(int index);
 List<E> subList(int from, int to);
```

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## The Queue Interface

(first-in-first-out) manner.



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• A Queue is a collection for holding elements prior to processing.

Queue typically, but not necessarily, orders elements in a FIFO

• Queue provides additional insertion, removal, and inspection

operations with versions throwing exceptions;

## The Map Interface



A Map is an object that maps keys to values and cannot contains duplicate keys.

```
public interface Map<K,V> {
    V put(K kev. V value):
    V get(Object key);
    V remove(Object key);
   boolean containsKey(Object key);
    boolean containsValue(Object value);
    int size();
    boolean isEmpty();
    void putAll(Map<? extends K, ? extends V> m);
    void clear();
    public Set<K> keySet();
   public Collection < V > values();
   public Set<Map.Entry<K,V>> entrySet();
   public interface Entry {
        K getKey();
        V getValue();
        V setValue(V value);
```

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## **Implementations**



- General-purpose implementations are the most commonly used implementations, designed for everyday use.
- Special-purpose implementations are designed for use in special situations and display nonstandard performance characteristics, usage restrictions, or behavior.
- Concurrent implementations are designed to support high concurrency, typically at the expense of single-threaded performance.
- Wrapper implementations are used in combination with other types of implementations, often the general-purpose ones, to provide added or restricted functionality.
- Convenience implementations are mini-implementations, typically made available via static factory methods, that provide convenient, efficient alternatives to general-purpose implementations for special collections (for example, singleton sets).
- **Abstract implementations** are skeletal implementations that facilitate the construction of custom implementations.

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# General-purpose Implementations



 The following table lists the general-purpose implementations which are the most useful ones. Each Implementations is based on classical data representation like arrays, hash tables, trees or linked lists.

 Queue implementations are not listed here, but there are two main implementations: LinkedList (which are also List) and PriorityQueue. The former implements FIFO queues and the later queues ordered w.r.t. their values.

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Interfaces	Implementations					
	Hash table	Array	Tree	Linked list	Hash	+ Linked
Set	HashSet		TreeSet		Linke	dHashSet
List		ArrayList		LinkedList		
Queue						
Map	HashMap		TreeMap		Linke	dHashMap



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# Algorithms



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 Algorithms are polymorphic static functions that take a collection as first argument and operate classical and useful operation on that operation;

- Since many algorithms provided deal with order, they are focused on List rather than Collection, but some are also applicable to Collection.
- Various kind of algorithms are provided: sorting, shuffling, searching, composition, bound finding and routine data manipulation (reverse, fill, copy, swap, addAll).



```
public class DemoAlgo {
    public List<String> sl;
    public DemoAlgo(String[] args) {
        sl = Arrays.asList(args);
    public void sort() {
        Collections.sort(sl):
    public String max() { return Collections.max(sl); }
    public String min() { return Collections.min(sl); }
    public int freq(String s) { return Collections.frequency(sl, s); }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        DemoAlao
                        d = new DemoAlgo(args.clone());
        System.out.println(d.sl);
        d.sort():
        System.out.println(d.sl);
        System.out.println("max: " + d.max());
        System.out.println("min: " + d.min());
        System.out.println("freq(" + args[0] + "): " + d.freq(args[0]));
```

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Algorithms

> java DemoAlgo www zzz fff aaa bbb aaa www ggg
[www, zzz, fff, aaa, bbb, aaa, www, ggg]
[aaa, aaa, bbb, fff, ggg, www, www, zzz]

max: zzz
min: aaa

freq(www): 2



```
public class BinTree<T> {
   protected T
                                 key;
   protected BinTree<T>
                                 lson:
   protected BinTree<T>
                                 rson:
   public BinTree(T k) {
        key = k;
        lson = null:
        rson = null;
    public BinTree(T k. BinTree<T> rs. BinTree<T> ls) {
        key = k;
        lson = ls;
        rson = rs:
   public void bfPrint() {
        Queue < BinTree < T >> q = new LinkedList < BinTree < T >> ();
        q.add(this):
        q.add(null);
        while (!q.isEmpty()){
            BinTree<T> cur = q.remove();
            if (cur != null) {
                System.out.print(cur.key+" ");
                if (cur.lson != null)
                     q.add(cur.lson);
                if (cur.rson != null)
                     q.add(cur.rson):
            } else {
                System.out.println("");
                if (!q.isEmpty())
                     q.add(null);
```

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```
public static <T> BinTree<T> build(int depth, Queue<T> k) {
    BinTree<T>
                    cur;
    if (depth > 0)
        cur = new BinTree<T>(k.remove(),
                              build(depth - 1,k),
                              build(depth - 1, k));
        cur = new BinTree<T>(k.remove());
    return cur;
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Queue < Integer > k = new LinkedList < Integer > ();
    for (int i = 0; i<32; ++i)
        k.add(new Integer(i));
    BinTree<Integer> t = build(4,k);
    t.bfPrint();
```



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```
> java BinTree
0
16 1
24 17 9 2
28 25 21 18 13 10 6 3
30 29 27 26 23 22 20 19 15 14 12 11 8 7 5 4
```