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# **Summary of the Template Method Design Pattern:**

The Template Method pattern defines the skeleton of an algorithm in a superclass but delegates some steps to subclasses. Subclasses can override specific steps of the algorithm without changing its overall structure. This pattern promotes code reuse and enables the extension of algorithms while maintaining a common structure.

## **Benefits of the Template Method Pattern:**

The Template Method pattern provides a clear separation of concerns between the invariant parts of an algorithm and the variant parts. It promotes code reuse by allowing subclasses to override specific steps while inheriting the common structure from the superclass. For example, in a GUI application like JavaFX, the Template Method pattern can be useful for creating reusable UI components with a consistent layout and behavior while allowing customization of specific actions or events.

#### **Drawbacks of the Template Method Pattern:**

One drawback of the Template Method pattern is that it can lead to a rigid structure, making it difficult to modify or extend the algorithm beyond what the template allows. Overuse of this pattern might also result in a complex hierarchy of classes, making the codebase harder to understand and maintain. For instance, in a large-scale application, if multiple subclasses need significant variations in the algorithm, the Template Method pattern might become cumbersome and inflexible.

# **Screenshot of Code Implementation:**



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1 usage 1 implementation
protected abstract void setTitle(Stage primaryStage);

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protected abstract void setButtons();

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protected abstract void setTextFields();

1 usage 1 implementation
protected abstract void setActions();

1 usage
private void setRootStyle() {
    root.setPadding(new Insets( v: 50,  v1: 10,  v2: 20,  v3: 20));
    root.setStyle("-fx-background-color: #292e2b;");
}

1 usage
public BorderPane getRoot() {
    return root;
}
```

```
protected void setActions() {

button1.setOnAction(e -> {

   String newText = textField1.getText() + " : from the center text field!";

   textField2.setText(newText);

   button1.setDisable(true);

   button1.setText("pressed");
});

button2.setOnAction(e -> {

   textField1.clear();

   textField2.setText("final string goes here");

   button1.setDisable(false);

   button1.setText("button one");
});
}
```

### **GUI Description and Expected Behavior:**

The GUI created using JavaFX consists of two buttons ("button 1" and "button 2") placed in a vertical layout on the left side, a text field ("enter text here then press button 1") at the center, and another text field on the right side. Clicking "button 1" appends text from the center text field to the right text field and disables the button. Clicking "button 2" clears the center text field and sets a predefined text to the right text field.

### **Ways to Test the Design Pattern:**

- 1. Empty Test: Ensure that the superclass algorithm works correctly without any overridden methods.
- 2. Single Override Test: Test a subclass where only one method of the template is overridden to ensure it behaves as expected.
- 3. Many Overrides Test: Test a subclass where multiple methods of the template are overridden to validate complex customization.
- 4. Integration Test: Test the interaction between the superclass and its subclasses to ensure proper collaboration.
- 5. Boundary Test: Test edge cases where subclasses provide extreme variations to the algorithm to verify the robustness of the pattern.

## **Screenshot of JUnit Test:**