COMP 3602 C# Application Development Week Five



Misc Notes

XML Comments – does it still make sense to use inline comments?

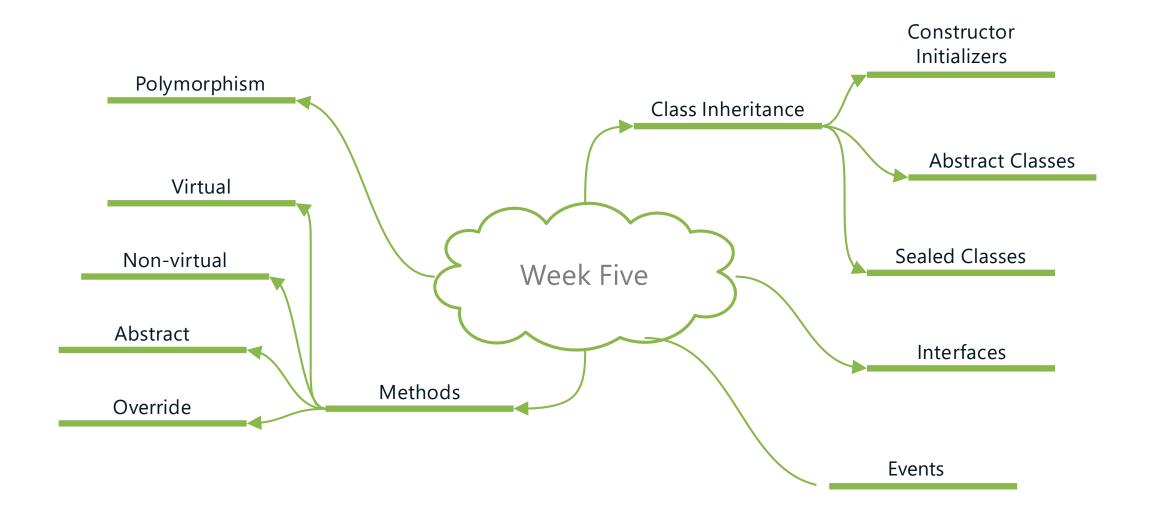
- Why do we use Property methods (aka properties get; set;)?
 - Why not just use methods?

Why do we put all code outputting to a console through a dedicated class?

Misc. Notes

- Why is design important?
 - We want our code to be readable
 - Other people are going to need to work on it
 - We want our code to be maintainable
 - We are going to need to update it
 - We want our code to be flexible
 - We are going to need to add to it
 - We want our code to be reusable
 - Reusable not just within our application, but with others as well (as much as possible/makes sense)
 - We want our code to be efficient
 - Minimize the work that is done by both us and the code
 - Follow best practice first, then performance tune when you have a problem

Tonight's Learning Outcomes



Class Inheritance

- C# like Java, supports single inheritance only.
- C# employs the colon operator in place of Java's extends keyword.

```
class DerivedClass : BaseClass
{
    // implementation
}

class DerivedClass extends BaseClass
{
    // implementation
}

Java
```

Class Inheritance

```
11 class MyClass : Object
12 {
13 }
14 }
```

- All C# classes can trace their ancestry back to Object.
- Type Object is the "Mother" of all C# classes.
- When you create a new class, it implicitly derives from Object.

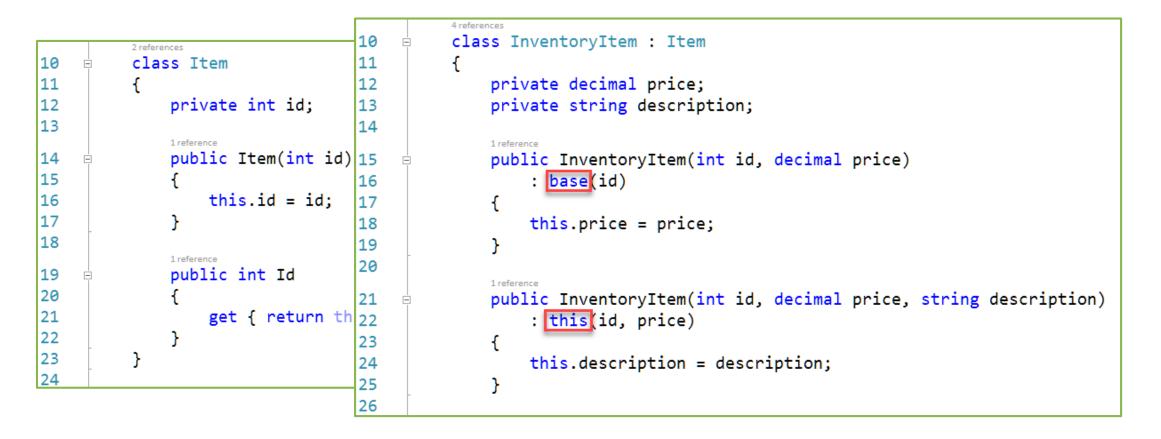
Class Inheritance

```
2 references
11
             class MyClass
12
                   // empty - no implementation
13
14
             0 references
15
             class Program
16
                   0 references
17
                   static void Main(string[] args)
18
19
                        MyClass myClass = new MyClass();
20
                        myClass.
                                      Equals
                                                     bool object.Equals(object obj)
                                                     Determines whether the specified object is equ
                                      GetHashCode
22
                                                     Note: Tab twice to insert the 'Equals' snippet.
                                       GetType
23
                                      ToString
24
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```

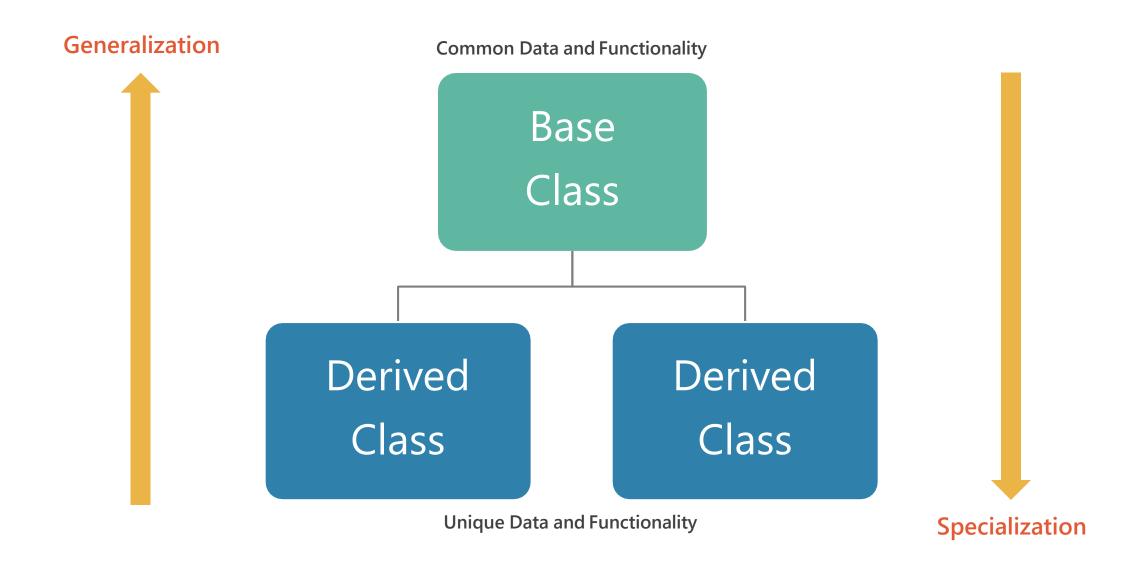
- When a Class is defined, it inherits some functionality from object.
- All methods
 except GetType()
 are virtual and
 can be
 overridden to
 alter their default
 behaviors.

Constructor Initializers

- Sometimes a derived class' constructor must explicitly invoke one of its base class' constructors or another constructor in the same class.
- In C#, this is done with constructor initializers.



Generalization and Specialization



Virtual and Override Methods

```
class BaseClass
22
                 public void MethodA(string input)
24
25
                      // implementation
26
27
                 public virtual void MethodB(string input)
29
30
31
                      // implementation
32
33
            class DerivedClass : BaseClass
34
35
36
                 public override void MethodA(string input)
37
     CS0506 'DerivedClass.MethodA(string)': cannot override inherited member 'BaseClass.MethodA(string)' because it is not marked virtual.
             abstract, or override
38
39
40
                 public override void MethodB(string input)
41
42
                      // overidden implementation
43
44
45
46
```

- A virtual method in a base class can be optionally overridden in a derived class to extend functionality
- In Java, methods are implicitly virtual and can be overridden in a derived class
- In C#, a method must be explicitly declared virtual in the base class to be overridden in the derived class (improves performance of nonvirtual methods)

Abstract Classes and Methods

Abstract Classes

- Can not be instantiated
- Can contain zero or more abstract methods
- Can contain standard methods
- Can contain virtual methods

```
CS0534 'DerivedClass' does not implement inherited abstract member 'BaseClass.CalculatePay()'
```

Abstract Methods

- Contain no implementation
- Can only be placed in an abstract class
- Are implicitly virtual
- MUST be overridden in any derived class
- Cannot have a private scope (public or protected)

Virtual / Override / Abstract Methods

Base Class	Derived Class	
Method Type	Inherit	Override
Standard (Non-virtual)	Yes	No
Virtual	Yes	Optional
Abstract	N/A	Mandatory

Protection	Scope / Visibility
private	Current class type
protected	Current class and derived classes
public	Application wide

Sealed Classes

```
1 reference
           sealed class BaseClass
22
23
24
               // implementation
25
26
           0 references
27
           class DerivedClass : BaseClass
28
               // implementation
29
30
31
```

```
CS0509 'DerivedClass': cannot derive from sealed type 'BaseClass'
```

- Prevents further derivation of the class.
- Equivalent to Java's final keyword.
- Sealed classes in the .NET Base Class Library (BCL) include:

System.Console
System.String

 When a BCL class is sealed, it will indicate so in the MSDN Online Help.

Interfaces

```
10 public interface IDrawable

11 {
    int penThickness;
    oreferences
    void Draw();

14 }

15
```

```
CS0525 Interfaces cannot contain fields
```

- An Interface defines one or more method signatures with no implementation.
- Any class that implements an Interface MUST provide implementations for each method definition. (a contract)
- Method signatures defined by an Interface are implicitly public.
- Interfaces cannot contain fields.
- Naming convention is to preface the name with a capital "I".

Interfaces

```
42 public IDrawable CreateDrawable()
43 {
44     // implementation
45     Will return any class that implements IDrawable
47
```

- Interfaces can be used as parameter and return types in method signatures.
- Any class implementing that Interface can be passed or returned.

Interfaces

Classes can extend a single base class and/or implement one or more Interfaces

```
28 class DerivedClass : IDrawable
29 {
30     // implementation
31 }
32
```

Single Interface

```
28 class DerivedClass: BaseClass, IDrawable
29 {
30     // implementation
31 } Classname must come before interface name
32
```

```
BaseClass + Interface
```

```
28 class DerivedClass : IDrawable, IPrintable
29 {
30     // implementation
31 }
32
```

Multiple Interfaces

Interfaces vs inheritance

Interfaces are used to ensure guaranteed behaviour across *many types* of objects.

E.g. IDrawable, IComparable, IDisposable

Shape, Table, Car, Latte

Shape.Draw()
Table.Draw()
Car.Draw()

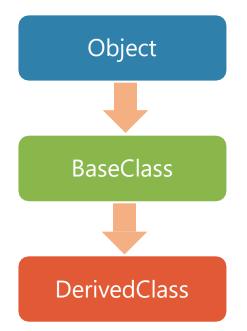
"**Has** a"

Inheritance is used to ensure similar properties and behaviours, while allowing further specialization.

E.g. Pet \rightarrow Dog \rightarrow Terrier \rightarrow Brown Terrier

"**Is** a"

Polymorphism



```
DerivedClass derivedClass = new DerivedClass();
BaseClass baseClass = derivedClass;
object objectClass = baseClass;

Console.WriteLine(derivedClass);
Console.WriteLine(baseClass);
Console.WriteLine(objectClass);
Console.WriteLine(objectClass);
```

The most derived version of a method is always invoked

PolymorphicBehaviour.DerivedClass PolymorphicBehaviour.DerivedClass

Polymorphic Behaviour Demo

PolymorphicBehaviour.DerivedClass

- The most derived version of a method is always invoked.
- Console.WriteLine() implicitly invokes a class's ToString() method.
- The DerivedClass version of ToString() gets invoked regardless of what type it is cast to.
- Upcasting is implicit (no cast required)

Events – Overview

Event Declared

Public event EventHandler<EventArgs> AccountOverDrawn;

Event Subscribed

E.g. account. AccountOverDrawn += AccountWasOverDrawn

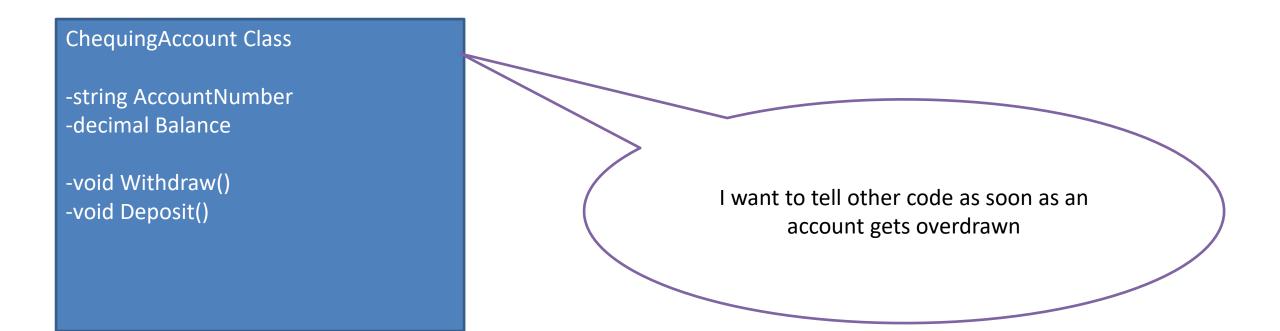
Event Fired

E.g. AccountOverDrawn.Invoke()

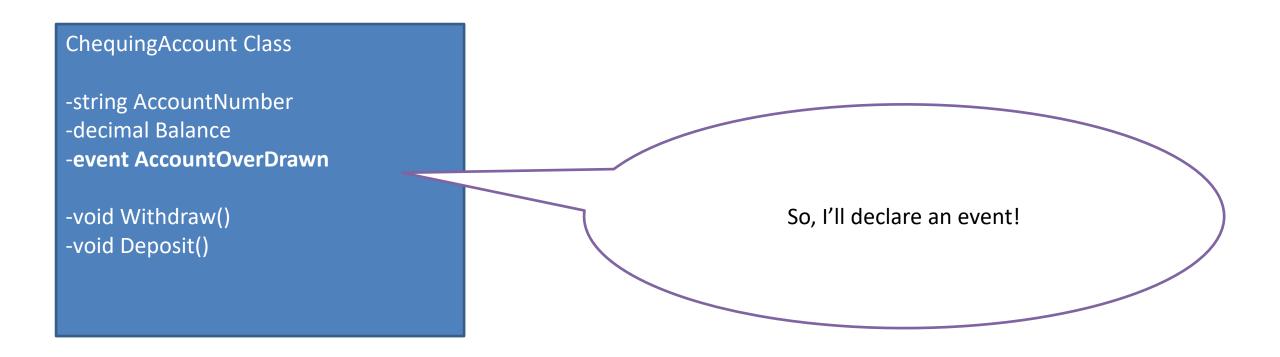
Event Handled

E.g. AccountWasOverDrawn(Object sender, EventArgs e) {...}

Events – Publisher



Events – Publisher - Declare



Events – Publisher - Fire

```
ChequingAccount Class
-string AccountNumber
-decimal Balance
-event AccountOverDrawn
                                                             Then, in some places in my methods, I can
-void Withdraw()
                                                                Invoke the event (aka fire the event)
   AccountOverDrawn.Invoke();
-void Deposit()
```

Events – Publisher

Events - Subscriber

```
0 references
static void Main(string[] args)
                                                   Subscriber
   Console.Title = "Banking App - Events Demo";
   while (true)
       ChequingAccount account = AccountUI.GetAccountFromUser();
       if (account == null)
           return;
                                                     Subscribe
       else
           account.AccountOverDrawn += AccountUI.AccountWasOverDrawn;
           AccountUI.PerformAccountActions(account);
```

```
| ChequingAccount account = (ChequingAccount)sense. | Handle |
| Console.WriteLine(" ___ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ \r\n / _ \\
| Console.WriteLine($"Account {account.AccountNumber} is overdrawn! Current balance is {account.Balance}.")
```

Events – Subscriber

BankingApp

-ChequingAccount chequingAccount - otherFields

I know that I am creating an instance of ChequingAccount, and I know it can tell me if it is overdrawn

Events – Subscriber

BankingApp

- -...other methods
- other fields

-void AccountWasOverdrawn()

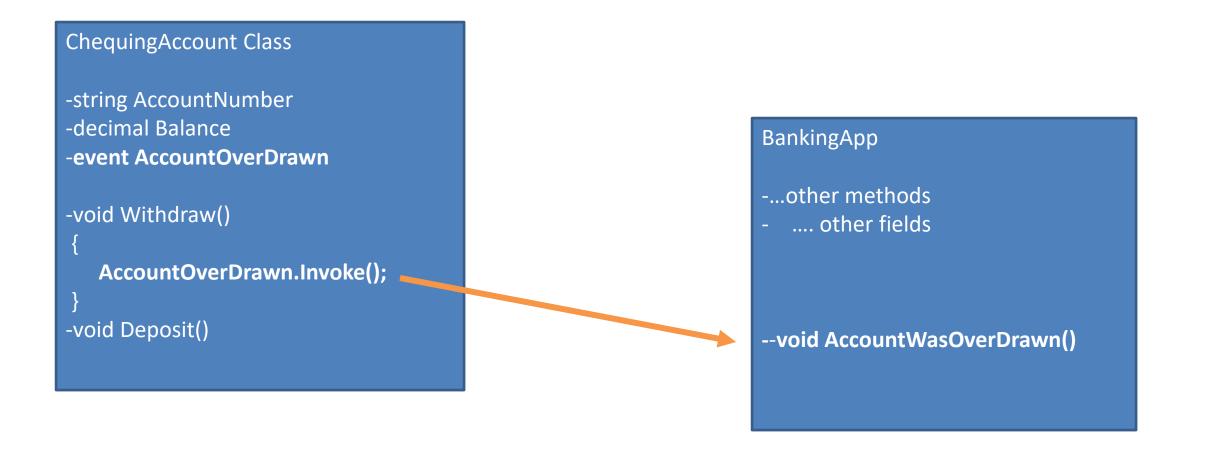
So I'll create a method that does some action when the Account is overdrawn

Events – Subscriber

```
BankingApp
-void Main()
 account.AccountOverDrawn += AccountUI.AccountOverDrawn;
```

Then, I'll subscribe to the event

Events – Wired Up



Events - Subscriber

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Events – Publisher