# Polymorphism

The purpose of this exercise is to practice writing code that uses the Object-Oriented Programming principle of polymorphism.

# Learning objectives

After completing this exercise, students will be able to:

- Explain the concept of polymorphism and how it's useful
- Demonstrate an understanding of where inheritance can assist in writing polymorphic code
- State the purpose of interfaces and how they're used
- Use polymorphism through inheritance using IS-A relationships
- Use polymorphism through interfaces using CAN-DO relationships
- Give examples of interfaces from the Java/C# standard library (Collections)

# Evaluation criteria and functional requirements

- The project must not have any build errors.
- Code is presented in a clean, organized format.
- Code is appropriately encapsulated.
- Polymorphism is used appropriately to avoid code duplication.
- The code meets the specifications defined below.

#### Bank customer application

#### Notes for all classes and interfaces

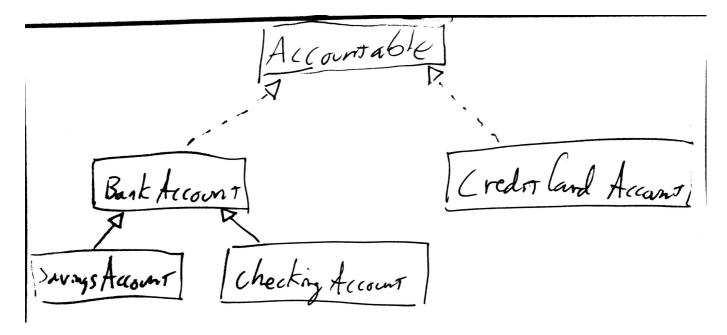
- X in the set column indicates it must have a Setter.
- Nothing in the set column indicates the attribute is derived.
- Readonly attributes don't require a Setter.

#### Instructions

This code is from the Inheritance day. The bank account classes work well, but now the bank needs to calculate a customer's total assets to assign them VIP status if they have over \$25,000 in assets at the bank.

The bank is also introducing credit cards. Since credit cards aren't strictly bank accounts where money is stored, they don't inherit from the BankAccount class. However, they must still be accounted for in the VIP calculation.

For this exercise, you'll add new features to the code to create a Customer class that has multiple accounts. You'll also create a new type of account: a credit card account. A credit card account isn't a BankAccount, but it needs to be stored with the customer as one of their accounts. To do this, you need to create a new interface that specifies that an object is Accountable and has a getBalance() method.



For this exercise, you will:

- 1. Add a new method to allow customers to transfer money between BankAccounts.
- 2. Create a new interface called Accountable.
- 3. Make BankAccount implement Accountable.
- 4. Create a new class called CreditCardAccount that's also Accountable.
- 5. Create a Customer class that has many Accountable objects.
- 6. Add an isVip() method to Customer.

### Step One: Add a new transferTo() method to transfer money between BankAccounts

Add the following method to allow BankAccounts to transfer money to another BankAccount. Where would you add this method to make sure it works for all BankAccounts, including SavingsAccount and CheckingAccount?

Method Name	Type	Description
<pre>transferTo(BankAccount destinationAccount, int</pre>	int	Withdraws transferAmount from this account and deposits it into destinationAccount.
transferAmount)		

New unit tests have been added for this section. This section is complete when the CheckingAccountTest, SavingsAccountTest, and BankAccountTest unit tests all pass.

Note: Initially, the unit tests may show transferTo() as a **missing method error** rather than a failing test until you add the method. Once added, the transferTo() method may still fail. It won't be because it's missing.

### **Step Two: Create the Accountable interface**

The Accountable interface means that an object can be used in the accounting process for the customer.

Method Name	Return Type	Description
<pre>getBalance()</pre>	int	Returns the balance value of the account in dollars.

### **Step Three: Make BankAccount accountable**

Add the Accountable interface to BankAccount, making BankAccount and all the classes that inherit from BankAccount accountable classes.

### **Step Four: Implement a new CreditCardAccount class**

A CreditCardAccount isn't a BankAccount but "can-do" Accountable.

Constructor			Description	
CreditCardAccou accountHolder, accountNumber)	•		A new credit card account requires an account holder name and account number. The debt defaults to a 0 dollar balance.	
Attribute Name	Data Type	Get	Set	Description
accountHolder	String	Χ		Returns the account holder name that the account belongs to.
accountNumber	String	Х		Returns the account number that the account belongs to.
debt	int	Х		Returns the amount the customer owes.
Method Name	Re Ty	turn pe	Description	
<pre>pay(int amountToPay)</pre>	in	t	Removes amountToPay from the amount owed and returns the new total amount owed.	
<pre>charge(int amountToCharge)</pre>	in	t	Adds amountToCharge to the amount owed, and returns the new total amount owed.	

Note: Be sure to implement the interface. The balance for the accounting should be the debt as a negative number.

Once the CreditCardAccountTest unit tests pass, this step is complete.

## **Step Five: Implement a BankCustomer**

Implement the BankCustomer class. A bank customer "has-a" list of Accountables.

Attribute Name	Data Type	Get	Set	Description
name	String	X	X	Returns the account holder name that the account belongs to.

Attribute Name	Data Type	Get	Set	Description
address	String	Χ	Χ	Returns the address of the customer.
phoneNumber	String	Χ	Χ	Returns the phone number of the customer.
accounts	List <accountable></accountable>	Х		Returns the customer's list of Accountables as an array.
Method Name Return Type		Description		
addAccount(Accountable newAccount)		void	d	Adds newAccount to the customer's list of accounts.

Note: Even though the accounts getter returns an array, you don't have to store the accounts in the <code>BankCustomer</code> as an array. Since you need to add accounts whenever the <code>addAccount()</code> method is called, you'll want to use a different data structure in the class to store the accounts that's like an array, but can be added to at any time.

#### Step Six: Add the isVip() method to BankCustomer

Customers whose combined account balances (credits minus debts) are at least \$25,000 are considered VIP customers and receive special privileges.

Add a method called isVip to the BankCustomer class that returns true if the sum of all accounts belonging to the customer is at least \$25,000 and false otherwise.

Once the BankCustomerTests unit test passes, this section is complete.