

Template Method

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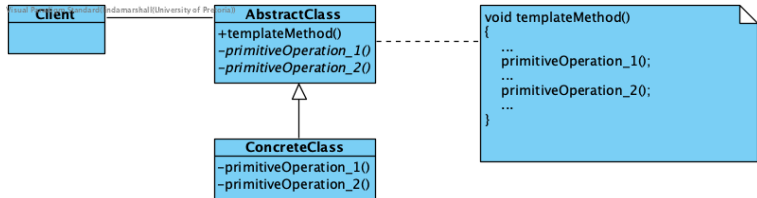
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(Class Behavioural)

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AbstractClass

- defines abstract primitive operations that need to be defined by the concrete classes
- implements the template method operation that provides a skeleton of an algorithm

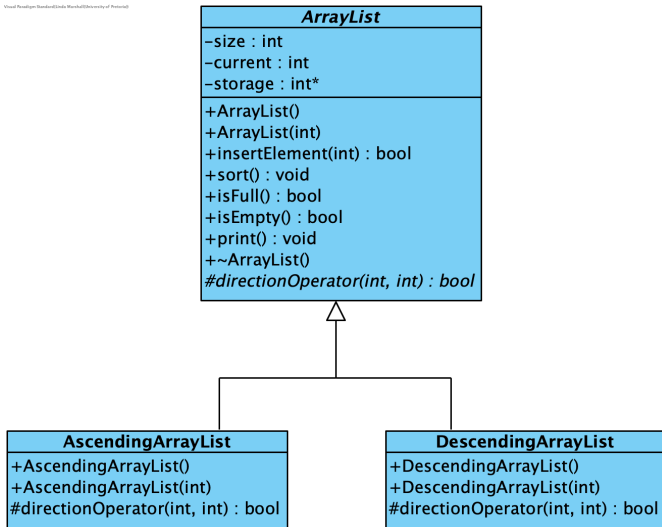
ConcreteClass

- implements the primitive operations defined by the Abstract class

Related Patterns

- **Factory Methods** (107): Often called by template methods.
- **Strategy** (315): Varies the entire algorithm while template method varies part of the algorithm.

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The Game example comprises 3 classes,
Game an abstract class defining a Template
Method (`void playOneGame();`).
Monopoly and Chess are two games
(concrete classes) inheriting from Game.

The Template Method (function) is defined by:

```
void Game :: playOneGame()
{
    initializeGame();
    int j = 0;
    while (!endOfGame())
    {
        makePlay(j);
        j = (j + 1) % playerCount;
    }
    printWinner();
}
```