

Area Calculator Design Example

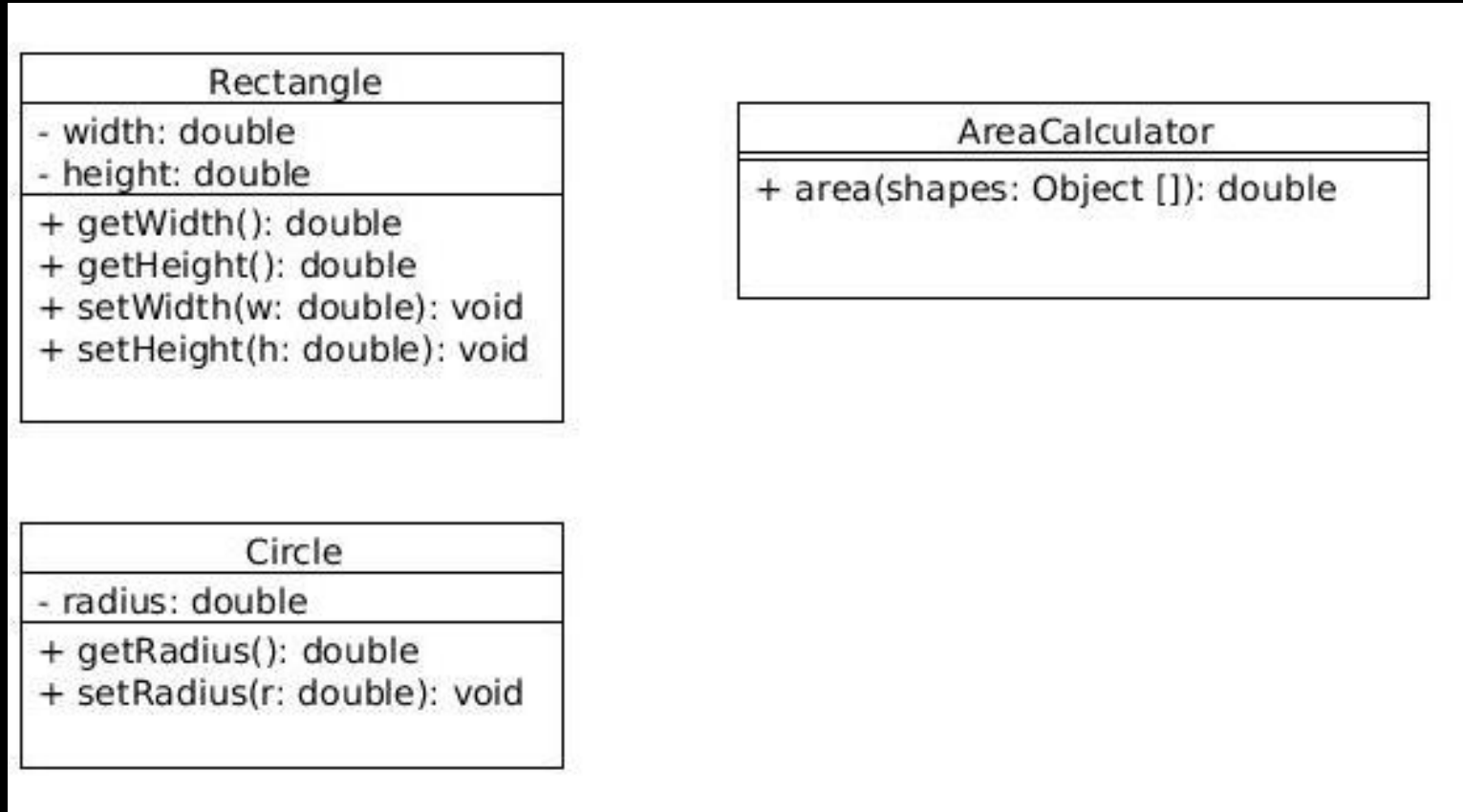
- An example using inheritance
- The `area` method calculates the area of all Rectangles in the given array.
- What if we need to add more shapes?

| Rectangle |
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| - width: double - height: double |
| + getWidth(): double + getHeight(): double + setWidth(w: double): void + setHeight(h: double): void |

| AreaCalculator |
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| + area(shapes: Rectangle []): double |

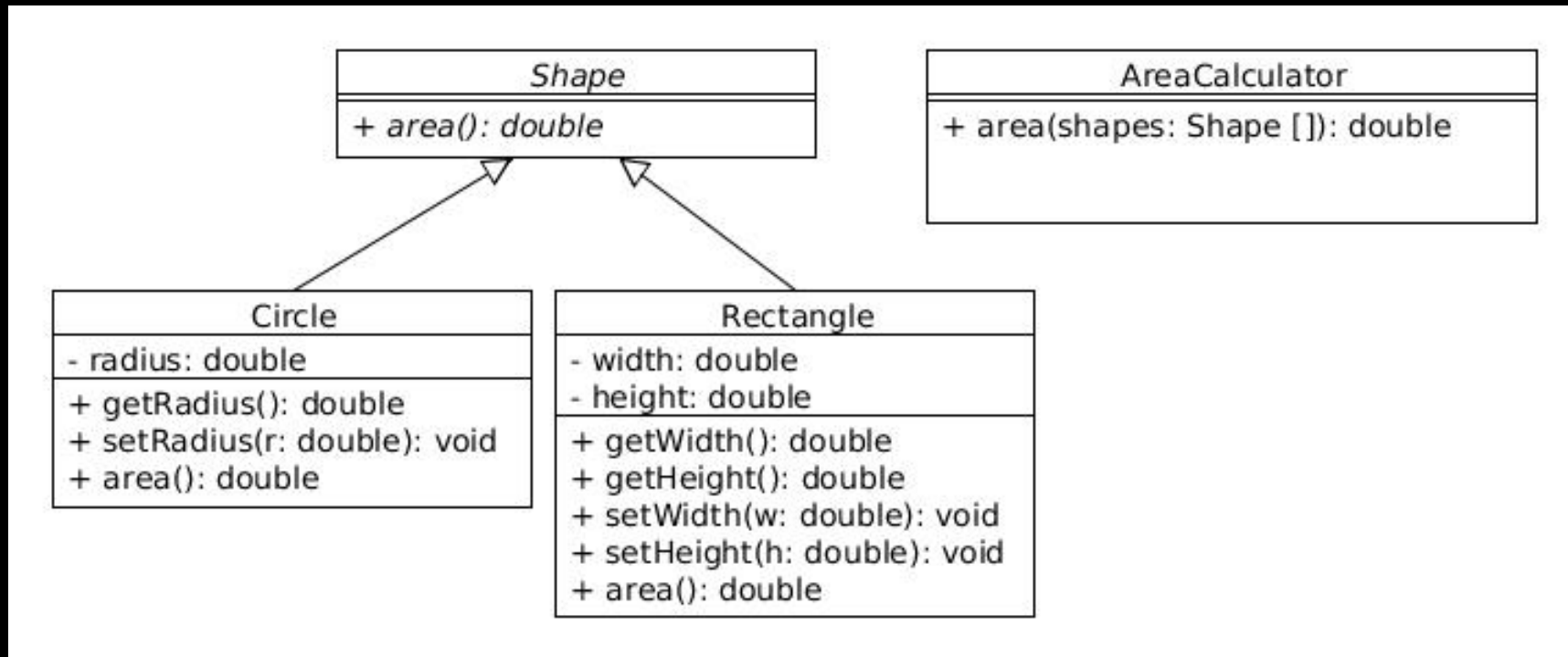
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- We might make it work for circles too.
- We could implement a Circle class and **rewrite** the area method to take in an **array of Objects** (using `isinstance` to determine if each Object is a Rectangle or a Circle so it can be cast appropriately).
- But what if we need to add *even more* shapes?



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- With this design, we can add any number of shapes without needing to re-write the AreaCalculator class.



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- The responsibility of calculating the area of a specific shape is that of each subclass of Shape — using polymorphism so that the AreaCalculator's area method can use a simple accumulator pattern.

