

# Designing Classes

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Consider a concrete `Point` data type:

```
public class Point {  
    public double x, y;  
}
```

and an abstract `Point` data type:

```
public interface Point {  
    double getX();  
    double getY();  
    void setCartesian(double x, double y);  
    double getR();  
    double getTheta();  
    void setPolar(double r, double theta);  
}
```

- The concrete `Point` exposes its implementation, the abstract `Point` hides it.
- Abstract `Point` expresses that it take two elements to define a point, concrete `Point` allows `x` and `y` to be set independently.
- The abstract `Point` is truly an abstraction - its interface expresses the essence of pointness and hides its implementation. Data abstraction isn't just about making instance variables private and providing getters and setters.





























