

Make Inherited Members Abstract

Now we want to add one more method to `Vehicle` called `Describe()`. It will be different for every subclass, so there's no point in defining a default one in `Vehicle`. Regardless, we want to make sure that it is implemented in each subclass.

This might sound similar to an interface. Why not add this method to the `IAutomobile` interface? We want `Describe()` to be available to all vehicles, not just automobiles.

To do this we need one more modifier: `abstract`. This line would go into the `Vehicle` class:

```
public abstract string Describe();
```

This is like the `Vehicle` class telling its subclasses: "If you inherit from me, you must define a `Describe()` method because I won't be giving you any default functionality to inherit." In other words, abstract members have no implementation in the superclass, but they must be implemented in all subclasses.

If one member of a class is abstract, then the class itself can't really exist as an instance. Imagine calling `Vehicle.Describe()`. It doesn't make sense because it doesn't exist! This means that the entire `Vehicle` class must be abstract. Label it with `abstract` as well:

```
abstract class Vehicle
```

If you don't do this, you'll get an error message like this:

```
error CS0513: 'Vehicle.Describe()' is abstract but it is contained in non-abstract class 'Vehicle'
```

Once we write the abstract method and mark the class as abstract, we'll need to actually implement it in each subclass. For example in `Sedan`:

```
public override string Describe()
{
    return $"This Sedan is moving on {Wheels} wheels at {Speed} km/h, with
    license plate {LicensePlate}.";
}
```

To make it clear that this `Describe()` method in `Sedan` is overriding the `Describe()` method in `Vehicle`, we will need label it `override`.

☒ Instructions

1.

Add the abstract method `Describe()` to the `Vehicle` class.

`Describe()` should be `public` and return a `string`

`Vehicle` will also need to be labeled `abstract`

You might see an error after this.

Hint



Here's an example `abstract` method. Make sure to include a semicolon (`;`) at the end:

```
public abstract int FakeIt();
```

2.

You probably saw this error:

```
error CS0534: 'Bicycle' does not implement inherited abstract member
'Vehicle.Describe()'
```

Fix this by implementing `Describe()` methods in `Bicycle`, `Sedan`, and `Truck`. Each method should:

mention the type, e.g. the bicycle version of the method returns a string containing `"bicycle"`

mention the license plate, speed, and wheels

be labeled with `override`

For bicycles, the returned string might look like this:

```
This bicycle is moving on 2 wheels at 10 km/h, with license plate ABCD1234.
```

Hint



Don't forget to use `override` in the subclasses!

3.

In **Program.cs**, call `Describe` on each instance and print the result to the console.