

MIS 768: Advanced Software Concepts

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Polymorphism

Purpose

- Practice the usage of polymorphic variables.
- Implement abstract method in a subclass.
- Use Interface in the programs.

1. Preparation

- (1) Launch Eclipse. Create a new package to hold our source file. Name the package as **edu.unlv.mis768.labwork12**.
- (2) Download **12_lab_files.zip** from WebCampus. Extract the zip file and then import the .java files into the package.

2. Polymorphic Variables: PolymorphismExam

- (3) Open **PolymorphicExam.java**. It contains an array that represents three exams.

First, we need to import the classes we created in the last lab.

```
1 package edu.unlv.mis768.labwork12;  
2  
3 import edu.unlv.mis768.labwork11.*;  
4  
5 /**  
6  This program demonstrates polymorphic behavior.  
7 */  
8  
9 public class PolymorphicExam {  
10     public static void main(String[] args) {  
11         // Create an array of GradedActivity references.
```

- (4) Based on the exam type, please declare three objects and complete the program. The first is a regular exam. Then set the score to 75.

```
9 public class PolymorphicExam {  
10     public static void main(String[] args) {  
11         // Create an array of GradedActivity references.  
12         GradedActivity[] tests = new GradedActivity[3];  
13  
14         // The first test is a regular exam with a numeric score of 75.  
15         tests[0] = new GradedActivity();  
16         tests[0].setScore(75);  
17     }  
18 }
```

- (5) The second one is a pass/fail exam. At instantiation, please also provide the number of questions, missed questions, and the minimum passing score.

```
18 // The second test is a pass/fail test.
19 // The student missed 5 out of 20 questions, and the minimum passing grade is 60.
20 tests[1] = new PassFailExam(20,5,60);
21
```

- (6) The third one is an exam that will be curved by 1.25. The original score should also be provided.

```
22 // The third test is an curved exam. It will be curved by 1.25
23 // The original score is 62
24 tests[2] = new CurvedActivity(1.25);
25 tests[2].setScore(62);
26
27 // Display the grades.
28 for (int i = 0; i < tests.length; i++) {
29     System.out.println("Test " + (i + 1) + ": " +
30         "score " + tests[i].getScore() +
31         ", grade " + tests[i].getGrade());
32 }
```

- (7) Although the three objects refer to a **GradedActivity**, a **PassFailExam**, and a **CurvedActivity** object respectively, they are all under the same inheritance hierarchy. Thus we can use a loop to traverse the array to print the score and grade.

```
25 tests[2].setScore(62);
26
27 // Display the grades.
28 for (int i = 0; i < tests.length; i++) {
29     System.out.println("Test " + (i + 1) + ": " +
30         "score " + tests[i].getScore() +
31         ", grade " + tests[i].getGrade());
32 }
```

- (8) Please run and test the program.

3. Dynamic Binding: Payroll

- (9) Please declare an ArrayList of **Staff**. We later can add **Staff** and **Manager** objects to this ArrayList.

```
16 int count = 0; // a counter for the number of employee
17
18 // declare an ArrayList to store the employee data
19 // the elements in this ArrayList can be either Staff or Manager
20 ArrayList<Staff> empList = new ArrayList<Staff>();
21
22 // print the purpose of the program
```

- (10) If the data entered is for a manger, declare a Manager object and assign values for the fields. Then add this object to the ArrayList.

Please note that we need to declare the object as Manager, so that we can call the **setLevel()** method.

```
52         // for a manager
53         if (manager=='Y') {
54             // get the level
55             System.out.print("What level (1-5)?");
56             level=kb.nextInt();
57
58             // consume the additional newline char after nextInt()
59             kb.nextLine();
60
61             // instantiate a manager object
62             Manager mgr = new Manager();
63             mgr.setName(name); // assign the name, method from the super class
64             mgr.setPayRate(rate); // assign pay rate, method from the super class
65             mgr.setHours(hours); // assign working hours, method from the super class
66             mgr.setLevel(level); // assign the level
67
68             // add the Manager object to the ArrayList
69             emplist.add(mgr);
70         }
```

- (11) Similarly, instantiate a Staff object for someone who is not a manager. Set the values, and then add the object to the ArrayList.

```
71         // for a staff
72         else {
73             // instantiate a staff object
74             Staff sf = new Staff();
75             sf.setName(name); // assign the name
76             sf.setPayRate(rate); // assign the pay rate
77             sf.setHours(hours); // assign the working hours
78
79             // add the Staff object to the ArrayList
80             emplist.add(sf);
81         }
82     }
```

- (12) Once all the employees are entered, we can use a loop to print all the data within the ArrayList. At this step, the program will dynamically determine which **calcSalary()** method to call based on the type of the object.

```
91         // Traverse the ArrayList to print the salary for every employee
92         for(int i=0; i<emplist.size(); i++) {
93             // emplist.get(i) represents one employee
94             // user getName() to print name, use calcSalary() to show salary
95             System.out.println(emplist.get(i).getName()+" : "+emplist.get(i).calcSalary());
96         }
97     }
```

- (13) Run and test the program now.

4. Abstract Class

- (14) The **Student.java** program is an abstract class.

In this class, the **getRemainingHours()** method is an abstract method with only header and no body. This method needs to be overridden by subclasses.

- (15) Open **BusinessStudent.java**. You can see error message showing there are unimplemented methods. Add the following method to the end of this class.

```
45- /**
46-     The getRemainingHours method returns the
47-     the number of hours remaining to be taken.
48-     @return The hours remaining for the student.
49- */
50- @Override
51- public int getRemainingHours() {
52-     return (BIZ_HOURS+GEN_ED_HOURS)-bizHours-genEdHours;
53- }
54-
```

- (16) Open **BusinessStudentDemo** and complete the program to test the **BusinessStudent** class.

Please note that you cannot instantiate **Student** object because it is an abstract class.

```
18-
19- // Create a BusinessStudent object.
20- BusinessStudent std = new BusinessStudent(sName,sID,year);
21-
22- // Get the student's business hours
23- System.out.print("Please enter the student's business hours fulfilled: ");
24- int hour = kb.nextInt();
25-
26- // Set the business hours
27- std.setBizHours(hour);
28-
29- // Get the student's General Ed hours
30- System.out.print("Please enter the student's general ed hours fulfilled: ");
31- hour = kb.nextInt();
32-
33- // Set the gen ed hours
34- std.setGenEdHours(hour);
35-
36- // Display the number of remaining hours.
37- System.out.println("Hours remaining: "+std.getRemainingHours());
```

5. Interface

- (17) **Relatable.java** is an interface. It defines the methods that needs to be implemented.

```
1 package edu.unlv.mis768.labwork12;
2
3 /**
4  Relatable interface
5  It defines the methods needed for comparing Staff objects
6  */
7
8 public interface Relatable {
9     boolean equals(Staff s);
10    boolean isGreater(Staff s);
11    boolean isLess(Staff s);
12 }
13
```

- (18) Open **Manager.java**. Add the **implements** keyword to the header of the class and specify that it implements **Relatable**.

```
1 package edu.unlv.mis768.labwork12;
2
3 public class Manager extends Staff implements Relatable {
4     // the additional field for Manager
5     private int level;
6
7     // constant to represent the stipend for manager
8     public final double STIPEND = 150;
9 }
```

- (19) We now need to implement the three methods defined in the interface. Move toward the end of the class, add the following method **equals()**. We will compare the objects by their salary.

```
36 @Override
37 public boolean equals(Staff s) {
38     if (this.calcSalary() == s.calcSalary())
39         return true;
40     else
41         return false;
42 }
```

- (20) Then implement **isGreater()** method:

```
44 @Override
45 public boolean isGreater(Staff s) {
46     if (this.calcSalary() > s.calcSalary())
47         return true;
48     else
49         return false;
50 }
```

- (21) Finally the **isless()** method should be implemented as well:

```
52 @Override
53 public boolean isLess(Staff s) {
54     if (this.calcSalary() < s.calcSalary())
55         return true;
56     else
57         return false;
58 }
```

- (22) In **ManagerComparisonDemo**, we can use the newly implemented methods to compare the objects. Enter the following code:

```
22 // compare whether the two objects
23 if (mgr.isGreater(sf))
24     System.out.println("The manager gets higher pay.");
25 else
26     System.out.println("The manager does not get higher pay.");
27
```

6. Polymorphism with Interfaces

- (23) In the example, **RetailItem.java** is an interface. Both **CompactDisc** and **StreamingMovie** Class implement this interface. **getRetailPrice()** method is defined in **RetailItem**, and therefore has to be implemented in **CompactDisc** and **StreamingMovie**.
- (24) Please open **PolymorphicInterfaceDemo.java**. We can declare a variable of the Interface type

```
11 public static void main(String[] args) {  
12     // Declare a variable of a RetailItem (interface) type  
13     // It can later be used to reference objects that implements RetailItem interface  
14     RetailItem item = null;  
15 }
```

- (25) The variable is used later to reference either a **CompactDisc** or **StreamingMovie** object.

```
18     if (type.equalsIgnoreCase("CD")){  
19         // Get the title the title  
20         String title = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Please enter the title:");  
21  
22         // Get the artist  
23         String artist = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Please enter the artist:");  
24  
25         // Get the retail price  
26         double price = Double.parseDouble(JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Please enter the retail price"));  
27  
28         // Create a CompactDisc object with the information entered by the user  
29         item = new CompactDisc(title, artist, price);  
30  
31     } else if (type.equalsIgnoreCase("Movie")){  
32         // Get the title the title  
33         String title = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Please enter the title:");  
34  
35         // Get the running time  
36         int time = Integer.parseInt(JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Please enter the running time:"));  
37  
38         // Get the retail price  
39         double price = Double.parseDouble(JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Please enter the retail price"));  
40  
41         // Create a DvdMovie object with the information entered by the user  
42         item = new StreamingMovie(title, time, price);  
43     }
```

- (26) In calling the **getRetailPrice()** method, we can just use the same variable, no matter it is a **CompactDisc** or **StreamingMovie** object. The program will dynamically determine which method to call.

```
44  
45     // Display the product's price .  
46     if (item!=null) {  
47         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The price is $" + item.getRetailPrice());  
48     }
```