

Abstract Classes

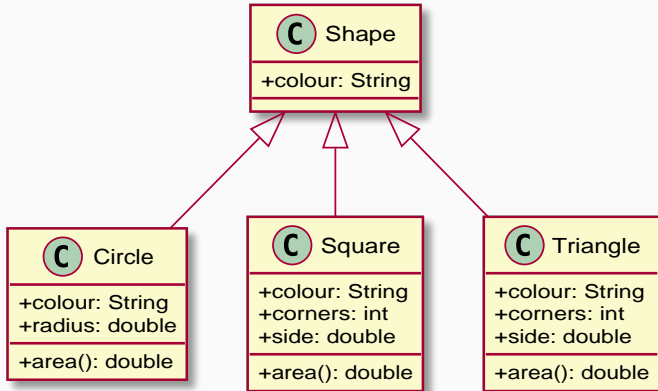
COMP122: Object-Oriented Programming

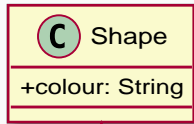
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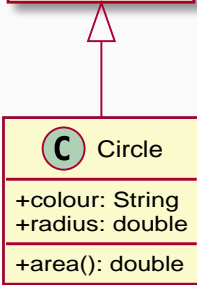
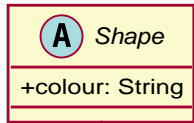




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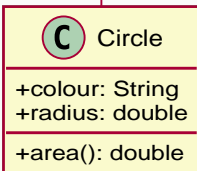
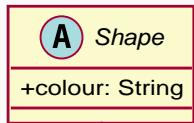
Abstract

Abstract classes

- cannot be instantiated
- but they can be extended and (concrete) subclasses can be.

Abstract methods

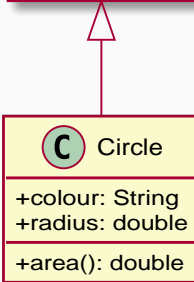
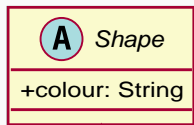
- do not provide a (full) implementation.
- They have to be overrode by subclasses.



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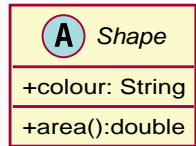
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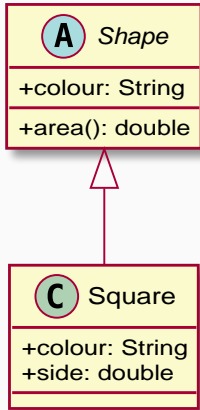
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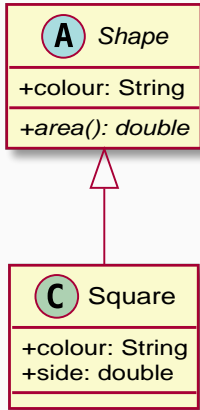
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1 public class Square extends Shape {
2     public double side;
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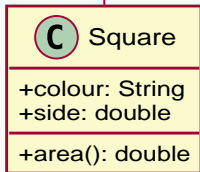
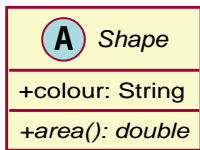
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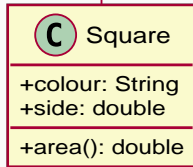
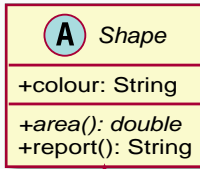
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```
1 public abstract class Shape {
2     public String colour;
3     public abstract double area();
4     public String report() {
5         return "My area is " + area();
6     }
```

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1 public class Square extends Shape {
2     public double side;
3     public double area(){
4         return side*side;
5     }
6 }
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1 Shape s = new Square();
2 String r = s.report();
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Abstract Classes

There are two good reasons for making a class `abstract`:

1. to prevent it from being instantiated
2. to enforce that concrete (instantiable) subclasses override some method.