Module 1 Day 12

Polymorphism and Interfaces

Let's Warm Up with a Song

• Ee – Aye – Ee – Aye – Oh!

Polymorphism

- "Many forms"
- Two distinct aspects:
 - If B is a subclass of A and a function can accept A as a parameter, then it can also accept B. If we have a collection of A, we can also store B in the collection
 - Subclasses can <u>override</u> methods defined on the superclass, and the appropriate method gets invoked based on the Type of the target object
- You cannot talk Polymorphism without talking Inheritance



Interfaces

- Defines a contract between a class and its user
- Defines the public properties and methods, but NEVER the implementation
 - No need for access modifiers because all members are public by definition
- Classes which inherit the interface MUST provide the implementation
 - For ALL its methods
- Class inheritance → "is a"; Interface implementation → "Can do"

Interfaces

- All members of an interface are public
- A class can
 - derive from ONE class
 - Implement MANY interfaces
- Polymorphism works with Interfaces!
 - If B is a class that implements interface IA and a function can accept IA as a parameter, then it can also accept B



Interfaces in the .NET Framework

- IComparable
- IEnumerable
- IDisposable
- IDbConnection, IDbCommand, IDataReader



Shapes – Code Breakdown

- Demo
- Breakout rooms
- 15 minutes, with a partner or two
- Address the question on the next slide that corresponds to your breakout room number
- We'll discuss as a group



Shapes – Code Breakdown

- 1. What is the purpose of Program. Main? Where is the meat of the UI logic?
- 2. Explain the overall purpose of DrawingManager. Explain how the Run() loop works.
- 3. What is a Shape2D? What classes currently derive from Shape2D?
 - ➤ Which methods and properties *may* be overridden by a class derived from Shape2D?
 - > Are there any that you think *must* be overridden to make sense?
- 4. Where are the Circles and Rectangles stored as the drawing is built? What type is this collection?
- 5. What methods / properties does the Circle override from its ancestor classes?
 - ➤ What "specialization" (additional properties/methods) has been added to Circle?
- 6. What methods / properties does the Rectangle override from its ancestor classes?
 - ➤ What "specialization" (additional properties/methods) has been added to Rectangle?
- 7. Describe the relationship between the Shape2D constructor and the constructors of the Circle and Rectangle.
- 8. Explain the code in DrawingManager that *draws* all of the shapes.
- 9. Explain the code in DrawingManager that *lists* all of the shapes.
 - ➤ How does simply printing out "shape" print a detailed description of the shape?

New Feature Request

- In addition to shapes, we need to capture, store and print text labels on our drawing.
 - How should we implement this? Are these shapes (is-a)?

New Feature Request

 We are also asked to determine the total area of all the shapes. Can we do that?