COMP 220	Data Structures

Lab/Hwk 3

Assigned: September 4 · *Due: September 11*

Abstract

The goal for this lab and associated homework is to practice object-oriented design and implementing class hierarchies. This assignment is based on an assignment for a similar class at James Madison University.

1   The Task

You need to design and implement a class hierarchy of shape objects. You'll be using the `turtle` module just like in lab 1.

Your class hierarchy should include the following classes:

- Shape (abstract base class)
- Circle
- Square
- Polygon
- Rectangle

If you'd like some bonus points, you can also include:

- FilledPolygon
- FilledCircle
- Dot

Each of these represents a broad category of shapes with some common features. When an object of any of these classes is created, it should represent a particular concrete shape that can be drawn using the `turtle` module using a `draw()` method. Think carefully about the class hierarchy you want to use for this.

2   Lab

For the lab, draw a formal UML class hierarchy diagram of your design. You will need to determine the member functions and attributes that should be in each class, except you already know (see above) that you need a `draw()` method in your abstract `Shape` class. Each object should keep track of enough information to be able to draw itself without further input. You should look for opportunities to take advantage of inheritance and/or containment, minimizing duplicate code and member variables whenever possible.

Draw your design on a piece of paper and show it to me when finished.

3   Homework

Once you have finished your class hierarchy design you can begin implementing it in Python. You can code this in whatever environment you like – repl.it (use "Python with turtle"), your own machine, the lab machines, or the department server. If you need help logging on to the department server, let me know and I will walk you through it. If you'd like to use the lab machines, they have a program called "Anaconda" installed. Inside of Anaconda you can click on the "Spyder" IDE and develop there.

Notes:

- The `draw()` method should take no parameters and be implemented in each concrete class appropriately.

- To draw a circle, use the `circle` method in the `turtle` module.

- Include a `main()` method that tests all of your classes. It is basically an unsolved problem in computer science to write automatic tests for graphical programs, so the style of tests we'll write require manual verification that they draw the right things.

- You can use `from turtle import *` to make writing the code a little more convenient. Usually I don't recommend this, but for small programs it is okay.

- If you implement your hierarchy correctly, you should be able to create a list of shapes in `main()` and then iterate over the list, calling `draw()` on every object regardless of what type of shape it is.

3.1 Submission

To submit the homework, send me an email with either (a) a single Python file attached, or (b) a link to a repl.it repl.

4 Resources

- Chapter 2 of the textbook

- the `turtle` documentation: `https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/turtle.html`