Csharp 6-Classes and Objects 2

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- Partial class
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- Events and Delegates
- A simple game

1.Partial Class

- Partial types allow to split the definition of a class or a structure between multiple files
- It allows keeping definition concise and more pointed
- Partial classes are heavily used in web and windows development in order to conceal portions of the file, which are not essential for understanding of functionality

(show example in VS)

```
public partial class Employee
                         public void DoWork()
                     public partial class Employee
                         public void GoToLunch()
public class Employee
     public void DoWork()
     public void GoToLunch()
```

```
partial class Earth : Planet, IRotate { }
partial class Earth : IRevolve { }
```



partial class Earth : Planet, IRotate: IRevolve { }

2. Abstract class vs Interface

- Descriptions
- Samples

Abstract class

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-Lnu-OOjqs
- (Check the first half. Show codes in VS)



- Would you like a gift of Animal?
- What are the difference between using Interfaces and Abstract classes?

2.1 Answers

- interfaces can have no state or implementation
- a class that implements an interface must provide an implementation of all the methods of that interface
- abstract classes may contain state (data members) and/or implementation (methods)
- abstract classes can be inherited without implementing the abstract methods (though such a derived class is abstract itself)
- interfaces may be multiple-inherited, abstract classes may not

2.2 Samples

2.3 Conclusions

- Abstract classes are used for Modelling a class hierarchy of similar looking classes (For example Animal can be abstract class and Human, Lion, Tiger can be concrete derived classes. Can you say I am going to give you an animal? Would you like to accept without knowing what exactly it is?)
- Interface is used for Communication between 2 similar / non similar classes which does not care about type of the class implementing Interface(e.g. Height can be interface property and it can be implemented by Human, Building, Tree. It does not matter if you can eat, you can swim you can die or anything.. it matters only a thing that you need to have Height (implementation in you class)).

Personal understanding:

- Abstract classes are good for small teams, for example for a project manager to provide some incomplete models.
- Interfaces are good for larger teams, for example, the interfaces provided by Microsoft.

3. Handling exceptions

- Exception handling help us deal with unexpected situations that occur when a program is running.
- C# uses the try, catch, and finally keywords to try actions that may not succeed, to handle failures and to clean up resources afterward.

Exceptions can be generated by CLR, by the .NET Framework or any third-party libraries, or by application code.

Exceptions are created by using the throw keyword.

- An exception may be thrown not by a method that your code has called directly, but by another method further down in the call stack.
- The CLR will unwind the stack, looking for a method with a catch block for the specific exception type, and it will execute the first such catch block that if finds.
- If it finds no appropriate catch block anywhere in the call stack, it will terminate the process and display a message to the user. (Bad!)

- System. Exception is a base for all .NET exceptions (Exceptions derive directly or not directly from System. Exception)
- It has Message property, which gives user a message of what went wrong
- It has StackTrace property which contains a stack trace of all methods called prior to the exception being thrown.

 Stack trace is developers' bread crumbs, which show how the program was brought to the exception point.

```
class ExceptionTest
        static double SafeDivision(double x, double y)
        {
           if (y == 0)
                throw new System.DivideByZeroException();
            return x / y;
        static void Main()
            // Input for test purposes. Change the values to see
            // exception handling behavior.
            double a = 98, b = 0;
            double result = 0;
            try
                result = SafeDivision(a, b);
                Console.WriteLine("{0} divided by {1} = {2}", a, b,
                        result);
            catch (DivideByZeroException e)
                Console.WriteLine("Attempted divide by zero.");
```

- Use a try block around the statements that might throw exceptions.
- Once an exception occurs in the try block, the flow of control jumps to the first associated exception handler that is present anywhere in the call stack.
- In C#, the catch keyword is used to define an exception handler.
- Do not catch an exception unless you can handle it and leave the application in a known state. If you catch System. Exception, rethrow it using the throw keyword at the end of the catch block.

If a catch block defines an exception variable, you can use it to obtain more information about the type of exception that occurred.

Exceptions can be explicitly generated by a program by using the throw keyword.

Exception objects contain detailed information about the error, such as the state of the call stack and a text description of the error.

- Exception handling supports a finally block.
- The finally block runs after the try block and any catch blocks have finished executing, whether or not an exception was thrown.
- The finally block cannot access variables that are declared within the try block

- Code in a finally block is executed even if an exception is thrown.
- Use a finally block to release resources, for example to close any streams or files that were opened in the try block.

throw new System.DivideByZeroException();

Create an instance of an exception-derived class, optionally configuring properties

```
class CustomException : Exception
   public CustomException(string message)
private static void TestThrow()
   CustomException ex =
       new CustomException("Custom exception in TestThrow()");
   throw ex;
static void TestCatch()
   try
       TestThrow();
   catch (CustomException ex)
       System.Console.WriteLine(ex.ToString());
```

You can catch more specific exception types by adding extra catch blocks.

The catch blocks should be specified as most-specific to least-specific because this is the order in which the runtime will examine them.

```
try
  int i = int.Parse(s);
catch (ArgumentNullException)
    Console.WriteLine("You need to enter a value");
catch (FormatException)
      Console.WriteLine("{0} is not a valid number. Please try again", s);
```

```
public static class Program
 public static void Main()
    string s = Console.ReadLine();
   try
      int i = int.Parse(s);
    catch (ArgumentNullException)
     Console.WriteLine("You need to enter a value");
   catch (FormatException)
      Console.WriteLine("{0} is not a valid number. try again", s);
   finally
     Console.WriteLine("Program complete.");
```

- Finally block can be prevented from running using *Environment.FailFast*.
- It has two overloads,
 - one that only takes a string
 - one that also takes an exception.
- When this method is called, the message (and optionally the exception) are written to the Windows application event log, and the application is terminated.

```
public static class Program
        public static void Main()
            string s = Console.ReadLine();
           <u>try</u>
                int i = int.Parse(s);
                if (i == 0) Environment.FailFast
                        ("Special number entered");
            finally
                Console.WriteLine("Program complete.");
            Console.ReadLine();
```

'throw e;' vs. 'throw;'

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/730250/is-there-a-difference-between-throw-and-throw-ex

Test and Check it in Visual Studio

4. Delegates and Events

- A delegate is a reference type that can be used to encapsulate a named or an anonymous method. Delegates are similar to function pointers in C++; however, delegates are type-safe and secure.
- A delegate allow us to specify what the function we'll be calling looks like without having to specify which function to call.
- Delegate declaration looks just like the declaration for a function, except that, we're declaring the signature of functions that this delegate can reference.

(Try to remember exactly even if you do not understand now.)

```
using System;
namespace Akadia.BasicDelegate
    // Declaration
    public delegate void SimpleDelegate();
    class TestDelegate
        public static void MyFunc()
           Console.WriteLine("I was called by delegate ...");
        public static void Main()
            // Instantiation
            SimpleDelegate simpleDelegate = new SimpleDelegate(MyFunc);
            // Invocation
            simpleDelegate();
```

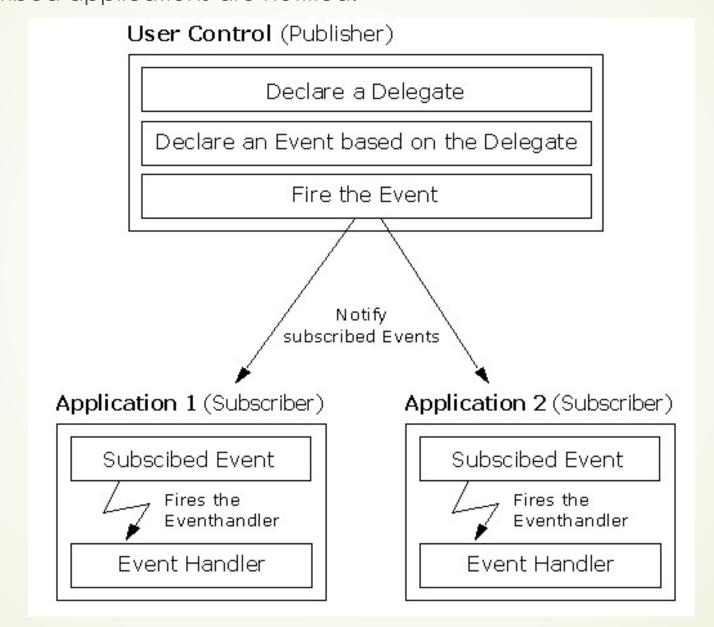
```
class Program
        public class MyClass
            // Declare no return type.
            public delegate void LogHandler(string message);
            // Check if it is pointing to a function .
            public void Process(LogHandler logHandler)
                if (logHandler != null)
                                            logHandler("Process() begin");
                if (logHandler != null)
                                            logHandler("Process() end");
        // Test Application to use the defined Delegate
        public class TestApplication
            static void Logger(string s)
                Console.WriteLine(s);
            static void Main(string[] args)
                MyClass myClass = new MyClass();
                // Crate an instance of the delegate.
                MyClass.LogHandler myLogger = new MyClass.LogHandler(Logger);
                myClass.Process(myLogger);
```

```
public class FileLogger
       FileStream fileStream;
       StreamWriter streamWriter;
        // Constructor
       public FileLogger(string filename)
           fileStream = new FileStream(filename, FileMode.Create);
           streamWriter = new StreamWriter(fileStream);
       // Member Function which is used in the Delegate
       public void Logger(string s)
           streamWriter.WriteLine(s);
                                            No change to Process()
                                            function; the code to all the
       public void Close()
                                            delegate is the same
           streamWriter.Close();
                                            regardless of whether it refers
           fileStream.Close();
                                            to a static or member function.
   public class TestApplication
       static void Main(string[] args)
           FileLogger fl = new FileLogger("process.log");
           MyClass myClass = new MyClass();
           MyClass.LogHandler myLogger = new MyClass.LogHandler(fl.Logger);
           myClass.Process(myLogger);
fl.Close();
```

Events

- The Event model in C# has its roots in the event programming model that is popular in asynchronous programming.
- The foundation behind it is the idea of "publisher and subscribers."
- **publishers** will do some logic and publish an "event." They will then send out their event only to **subscribers** who have subscribed to receive the specific event.

Any object can publish a set of events to which other applications can subscribe. When the publishing class raises an event, all the subscribed applications are notified.



Event Handlers

- Event Handlers in the .NET Framework return void and take two parameters.
 - The first parameter is the source of the event; that is the publishing object.
 - The second parameter is an object derived from EventArgs.
- Events are properties of the class publishing the event.
- Events can be marked as <u>public</u>, <u>private</u>, <u>protected</u>, <u>internal</u>, <u>protected</u> internal or <u>private</u> <u>protected</u>. These access modifiers define how users of the class can access the event.

```
public class Clock
        private int _hour;
                                 private int _minute;
                                                             private int _second;
        public delegate void SecondChangeHandler(object clock, TimeInfoEventArgs timeInformation);
       // The event we publish
        public event SecondChangeHandler SecondChange;
       // The method which fires the Event
        protected void OnSecondChange(object clock, TimeInfoEventArgs timeInformation)
           // Check if there are any Subscribers
           if (SecondChange != null)
               // Call the Event
               SecondChange(clock, timeInformation);
       // Set the clock running, it will raise an event for each new second
        public void Run()
           for (;;)
           { Thread.Sleep(1000);
               // Get the current time
               System.DateTime dt = System.DateTime.Now;
               // If the second has changed notify the subscribers
               if (dt.Second != _second)
                   // Create the TimeInfoEventArgs object to pass to the subscribers
              TimeInfoEventArgs timeInformation = new TimeInfoEventArgs(dt.Hour, dt.Minute, dt.Second);
                   // If anyone has subscribed, notify them
                   OnSecondChange(this, timeInformation);
               // update the state
               second = dt.Second;
                                       minute = dt.Minute; hour = dt.Hour;
           } } }
```

- ■The Clock class could simply print the time rather than raising an event.
- The advantage of the publish / subscribe is that any number of classes can be notified when an event is raised.
- The subscribing classes do not need to know how the Clock works,
- Clock does not need to know what they are going to do in response to the event.
- Similarly a button can publish an Onclick event, and any number of unrelated objects can subscribe to that event, receiving notification when the button is clicked.

- The publisher and the subscribers are decoupled by the delegate.
- This is highly desirable as it makes for more flexible and robust code.
- The clock can change how it detects time without breaking any of the subscribing classes.
- The subscribing classes can change how they respond to time changes without breaking the Clock.