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## topics

- Interface
- Abstract class
- Sealed class

• real power of inheritance comes from inheriting from an interface.

#### interface

- interface
  - does not contain any code or data
  - just specifies the methods and properties for the heirs

 By using an interface, you can completely separate the names and signatures of the methods of a class from the method's implementation.

#### Abstract class

- similar to interfaces, however, abstract classes can contain code and data.
- Can specify certain methods of an abstract class as virtual
  - so that a class that inherits from the abstract class can optionally provide its own implementation of these methods

## Understanding interfaces

 We want to define a new class in which you can store collections of objects, a bit like you would use an array.

- RetrieveInOrder
  - ordinary array!
  - retrieve objects in a sequence (depends on the type)?

```
int CompareTo(object obj)
{
    // return 0 if this instance is equal to obj
    // return < 0 if this instance is less than obj
    // return > 0 if this instance is greater than obj
    ...
}
```

## Defining an interface

```
interface Icomparable
{
    int CompareTo(object obj);
}
```

Keyword interface + no access modifier + no implementation + no data filed

• a struct can implement an interface	

## Interface example

# inherit from another class and implement an interface at the same time

•	The <b>base</b> class is always no	amed first,	followed by	, a comma,	followed
	by the interface				

- A class can inherit from several interfaces
- An interface, *InterfaceA*, can inherit from another interface, *InterfaceB* 
  - any class that implements *InterfaceA* must provide implementations of all the methods in *InterfaceB* and *InterfaceA*.

## Referencing a class through its interface

```
Horse myHorse = new Horse(...);
ILandBound iMyHorse = myHorse; // legal
```

```
interface ILandBound
{ ...}

class Mammal
{ ...}

class Horse
: Mammal , ILandBound
{ ...}
```

 The technique of referencing an object through an interface is useful because you can use it to define methods that can take different types as parameters, as long as the types implement a specified interface

## Working with multiple interfaces

• A class can have at most one base class, but it is allowed to implement an unlimited number of interfaces. A class must implement all the methods declared by these interfaces.

```
class Horse : Mammal, ILandBound, Igrazable
{
     ...
}
```

## Explicitly implementing an interface

### How to use private method

```
Horse horse = new Horse();
int legs = horse.NumberOfLegs();//compile err
IJourney journeyHorse = horse;
int legsInJourney = journeyHorse.NumberOfLegs();
ILandBound landBoundHorse = horse;
int legsOnHorse = landBoundHorse.NumberOfLegs();
```

#### Abstract classes

- parts of the derived classes to share common implementations!
- Duplication in code is a warning sign

```
class Horse: Mammal, ILandBound, Igrazable
         void IGrazable.ChewGrass()
                Console.WriteLine("Chewing grass");
                          // code for chewing grass
class Sheep: Mammal, ILandBound, Igrazable
         void IGrazable.ChewGrass()
                Console.WriteLine("Chewing grass");
                         // same code as horse for chewing grass
```

#### One solution: new class

```
class GrazingMammal : Mammal, Igrazable
{
          void IGrazable.ChewGrass()
{
          // common code for chewing grass
          Console.WriteLine("Chewing grass");
}}
class Horse : GrazingMammal, ILandBound
          { ...}
class Sheep : GrazingMammal, ILandBound
          { ...}
```

#### One solution: new class

one thing is not quite right: instances of the GrazingMammal class!

The *GrazingMammal* class is an abstraction of common functionality rather than an entity in its own right.

To declare that creating instances of a class is not allowed, you can
declare that the class is abstract by using the abstract keyword,

abstract class GrazingMammal : Mammal, Igrazable { ...}

GrazingMammal myGrazingMammal = new GrazingMammal(...); // illegal

#### Abstract methods

- An abstract class can contain abstract methods
- A derived class must override this method
- An abstract method cannot be private
- An abstract method is useful if it does not make sense to provide a
   default implementation in the abstract class but you want to ensure
   that an inheriting class provides its own implementation of that
   method

#### Sealed classes

you can use the sealed keyword to prevent a class from being used as
 a base class if you decide that it should not be

- If any class attempts to use *Horse* as a base class, a compile-time error will be generated
  - a sealed class cannot declare any virtual methods
  - an abstract class cannot be sealed

#### Sealed methods

- use the sealed keyword to declare that an individual method (in an unsealed class)
  - means that a derived class cannot override this method
  - You can seal only a method declared with the override keyword

• An interface introduces the name of a method.
<ul> <li>A virtual method is the first implementation of a method</li> </ul>
• An override method is another implementation of a method.
<ul> <li>A sealed method is the last implementation of a method</li> </ul>