



Adapting Our Design Recipe to Java

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If and Other Statements

- Java is a statement based language rather than an expression language.
- **if** statements are used to express explicit conditional control in most OO languages including Java. Note: **if** statements are used much less frequently in well-written OO code than they are in functional or procedural code.
- An **if** statement has the following syntax:
if (*test*) *statement*
else *statement*
- What other forms of statements have we used implicitly up to this point?
 - Variable definition: *type var = expr;*
 - Return: **return** *expr;*



Method Definition Revisited

```
class Entry {
    /* fields */
    String name, address, phone;

    /** return true iff name matches keyName.*/
    Entry match(String keyName) {
        if (keyName.equals(name)) return true;
        else return false;
    }
    // Note: version without if was much cleaner
}
```



Reprise: the Design Recipe (Scheme)

How should I go about writing programs?

- Analyze problem, which includes:
 - defining any data types (and templates) that are not primitive;
 - determining what top-level (visible) functions must be written.
- For each top-level function f to be written:
 1. State contract (type signature) and purpose of f .
 2. Give input-output examples for f written as tests
 3. Select and instantiate a template for the function body. Code the function by filling in the template
 4. Run the tests and confirm that they succeed.
- Writing a function may require help functions. Add these functions to the list of functions to be written. Use local? Perhaps.



The Design Recipe for Java

How should I go about writing programs?

- Analyze problem, which includes:
 - defining any classes *C* for data types that are not primitive;
 - determining what visible methods should appear in each class.
- For each visible method *m* in each class *C* :
 1. Write the header (type signature) and contract (purpose) for *m*.
 2. Create a test class for *C* (or the set of tightly coupled classes including *C* if it does not already exist) and write a test method for *m* that checks its behavior on representative inputs.
 3. Select and instantiate a template for the method body.
 4. Code the method by filling in the template
 5. Run the tests and confirm that they succeed.
- Writing a method *m* may require help methods. Add these methods to the class *C* containing *m*. Use *private*? Perhaps.



Java Data Types

- Primitive types: `int long short byte double float char boolean`
- Important primitive operations discussed in monograph and lab. Written in conventional infix/prefix notation following C conventions
- Object types
 - Organized in a strict hierarchy with **Object** at the top.
 - Every class **C** except **Object** has an immediate *superclass*, which is the parent of **C** in the hierarchy.
 - A descendant in the class hierarchy is called a *subclass*. **B** is a subclass of **A** iff **A** is a superclass of **B**.
 - Subclassing implies subtyping and vice-versa: if **B** is a subclass of **A**, then **B** is a subtype of **A**. If class **B** is a subtype of class **A**, then **B** is a subclass of **A**
 - An object **o** is an *instance* of only one class but belongs to a hierarchy of types.
 - Each subclass **C** *inherits* (includes) all of the members of its superclass.
 - Declared members of **C** augment the inherited members with *one exception*: if **C** declares a method **m** defined in the superclass, new definition *overrides* old.



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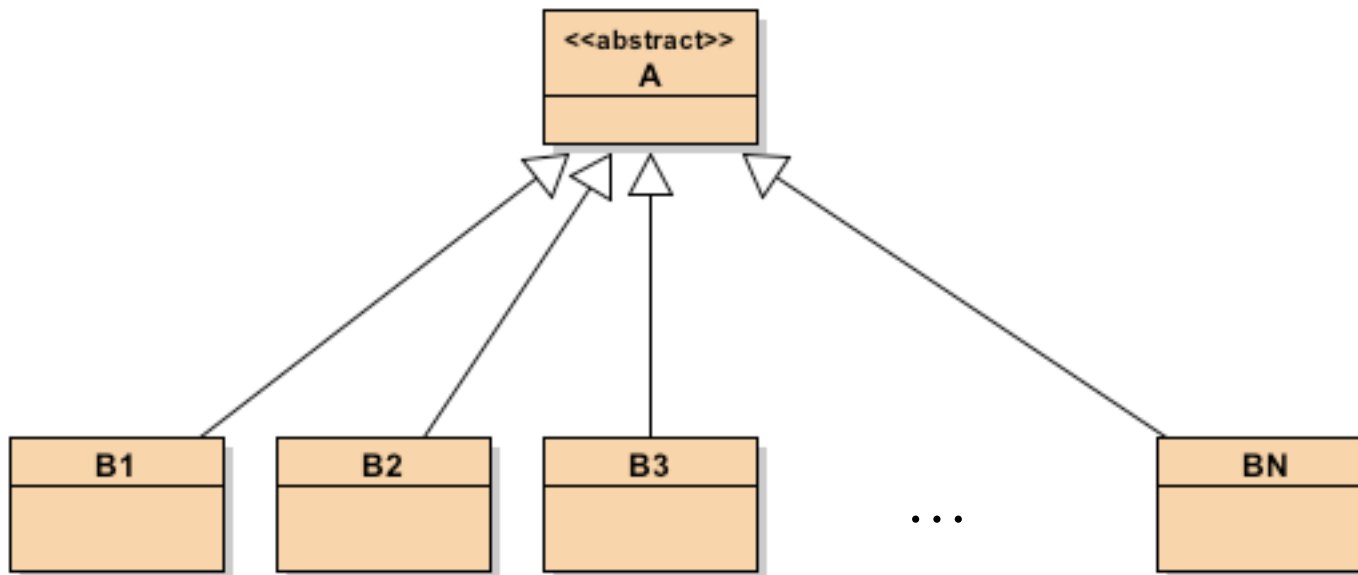
- OO languages are designed to support writing programs in which *dynamic dispatch* is the principal control mechanism. Dynamic dispatch refers to the fact that in a method invocation $o.m()$ the method code executed depends on the *class* of m . Recall that the method m is conceptually part of the object o . This idea is astonishingly powerful.
- The essence of OO design is representing data and computations in a form that leverages dynamic dispatch.



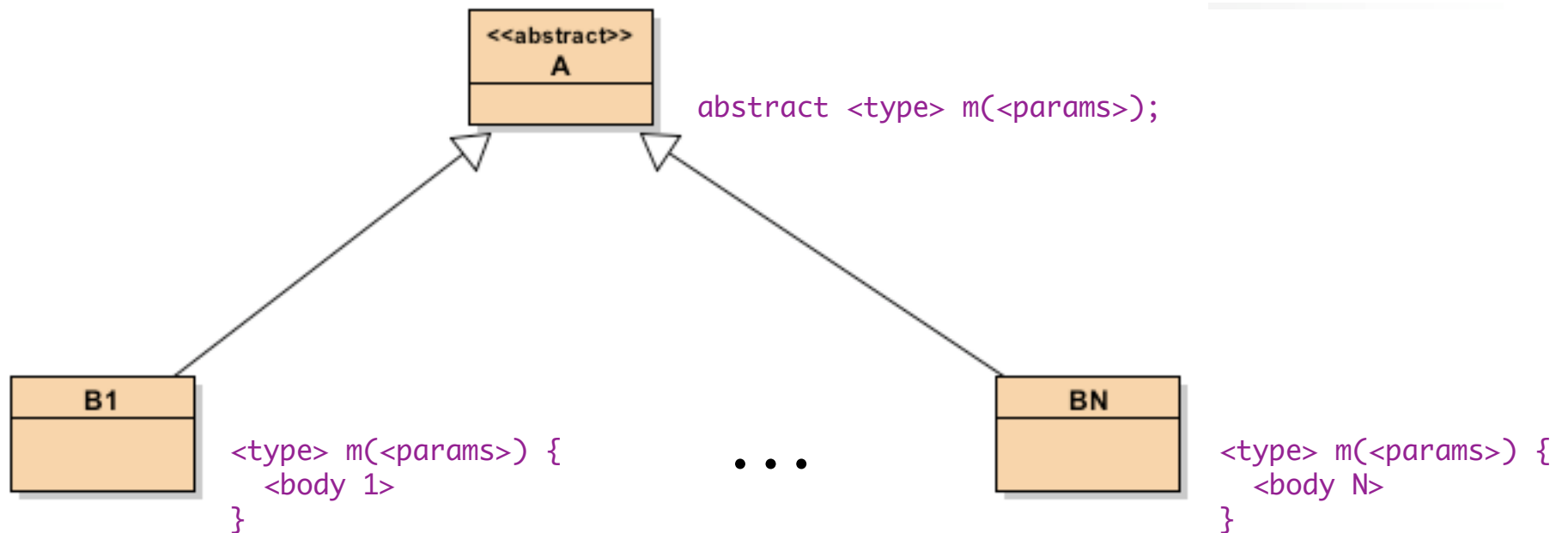
Union Pattern

- The *union pattern* is used to represent different forms of *related* data with some common behavior.
- The pattern consists of an **abstract** class **A** together with a collection of *variant* subclasses B_1, \dots, B_N extending **A**. An **abstract** class cannot be instantiated using **new**. Note: if **A** is concrete then it is not the union of B_1, \dots, B_N because **A** has additional members that are instances of **A**.
- The collection of classes **A**, B_1, \dots, B_N is called a union hierarchy and **A** is called the *root* class of the hierarchy.
- The common behavior is codified by a set of methods in **A**, which may be **abstract**. Each such method **m** has an associated contract that the implementation in each variant class must obey.

Class Diagram of Union Pattern



Defining a Method on a Union





City Directory Example

- Assume that we want to design the data for an online city phone book. In contrast to our **DeptDirectory** example, such a directory will contain several different kinds of listings: businesses, residences, and government agencies.
- The entry data for such a directory is represented by using the union pattern to identify the common behavior among the various kinds of listings.



Definition of CityEntry

A `CityEntry` is either:

- a `ResidentialEntry(name, address, phone)`
- a `BusinessEntry(name, address, phone, city, state)`
- a `GovernmentEntry(name, address, phone, city, state, government)`

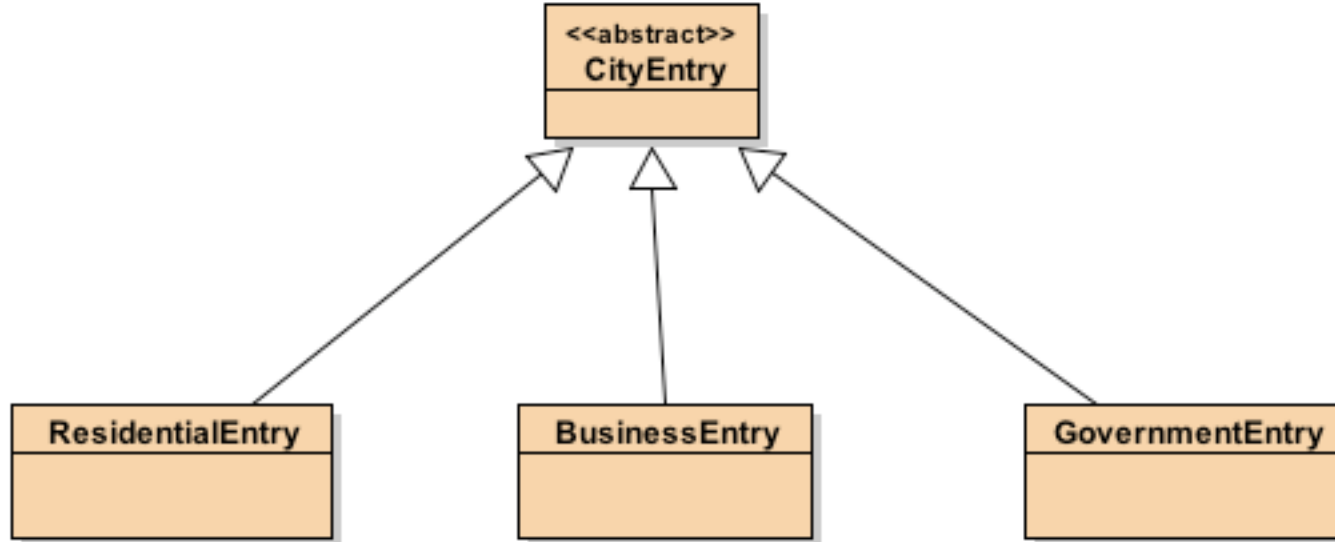
Examples:

```
ResidentialEntry("John Doe", "3310 Underwood", "713-664-8809")
```

```
BusinessEntry("ToysRUs", "2101 Old Spanish Trail",  
"713-664-1234", "Houston", "TX")
```

```
GovernmentEntry("Federal Drug Administration",  
"800-666-9000", "Washington", "DC", "Federal")
```

Class Diagram of CityEntry Union





Crude Code for CityEntry

```
abstract class CityEntry { }
```

```
class BusinessEntry extends CityEntry {  
    String name, address, phone, city, state;  
}
```

```
class GovernmentEntry extends CityEntry {  
    String name, address, phone, city, state,  
        government;  
}
```

```
class ResidentialEntry extends CityEntry {  
    String name, address, phone, city;  
}
```



Defining Methods on Unions

- Assume that we want to define a method on a union. The method will typically require a separate implementation for each variant (subclass) of the union. But each implementation will satisfy the same (description of behavior).
- In Java, the method must not only be defined in each variant of the union, it must be declared as **abstract** in the root class of the union hierarchy. Otherwise, Java will not allow the method to be invoked on objects of the union type.



Defined Method for CityEntry

- Let's illustrate the definition of a plausible method for `CityEntry` :

```
abstract class CityEntry {  
  
    /** Returns true if key is a prefix of name. */  
    abstract boolean nameStartsWith(String key);  
  
}
```




Crude Expanded Code for `CityEntry`

```
abstract class CityEntry {
    /** Returns true if key is a prefix of name. */
    abstract boolean nameStartsWith(String key);
}

class BusinessEntry extends CityEntry {
    String name, address, phone, city, state;
    boolean nameStartsWith(String key) { return name.startsWith(key); }
}

class GovernmentEntry extends CityEntry {
    String name, address, phone, city, state, government;
    boolean nameStartsWith(String key) { return name.startsWith(key); }
}

class ResidentialEntry extends CityEntry {
    String name, address, phone, city;
    boolean nameStartsWith(String key) { return name.startsWith(key); }
}
```



Member Hoisting

- In a union hierarchy, the same code may be repeated in every variant.
- A cardinal rule of software engineering is **never duplicate code**. We can eliminate code duplication in a union hierarchy by hoisting duplicated code (code that is *invariant* within the union) into the abstract class at the route of the hierarchy.



Revised Code for CityEntry

```
abstract class CityEntry {
    /* common fields */
    String name, address, phone, city;

    /** Returns true if key is a prefix of name. */
    boolean nameStartsWith(String key) { return name.startsWith(key); }
}

class BusinessEntry extends CityEntry {
    String state;
}

class GovernmentEntry extends CityEntry {
    String state, government;
}

class ResidentialEntry extends CityEntry {
    String city;
}
```



For Next Class

- Exams due Friday
- Optional Homework due Monday
- Reading: OO Design Notes, Ch 1.1 - 1.4.1.