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Polymorphism

```
class Account {
        public:
                void virtual Transaction(float amount)
                                { balance += amount;}
                Account(char* customerName, float InitialDeposit = 0);
        protected:
                char* name;
                float balance;
}

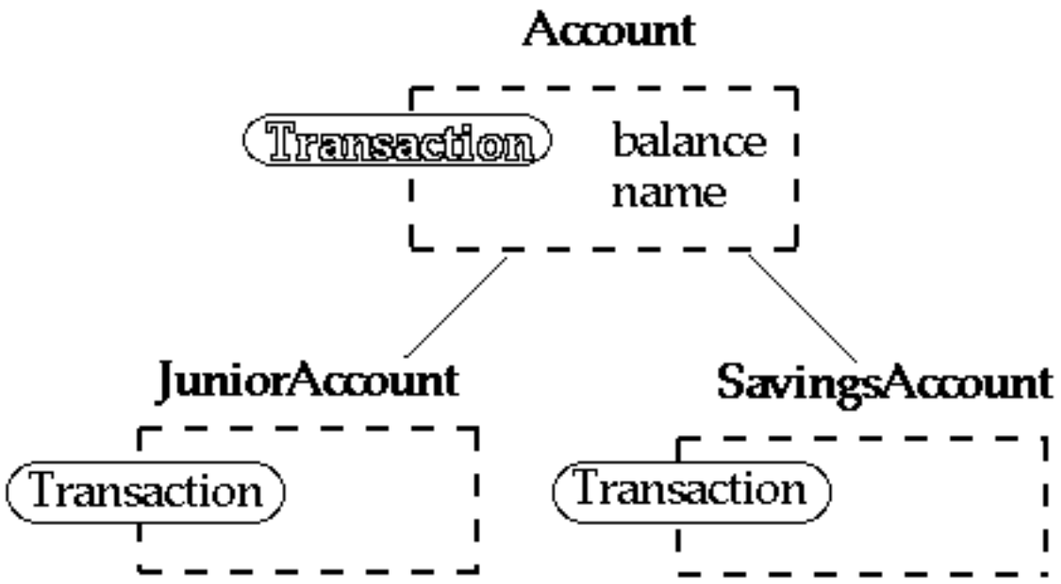
class JuniorAccount : public Account {
        public:      void Transaction(float amount) {//code here}
}

class SavingsAccount : public Account {
        public:      void Transaction(float amount) {//code here}
}

Account* createNewAccount(){
        // code to query customer and determine what type of
        // account to create
};
```

```
main() {
        Account*  customer;
        customer = createNewAccount();
        customer->Transaction(amount);
}
```

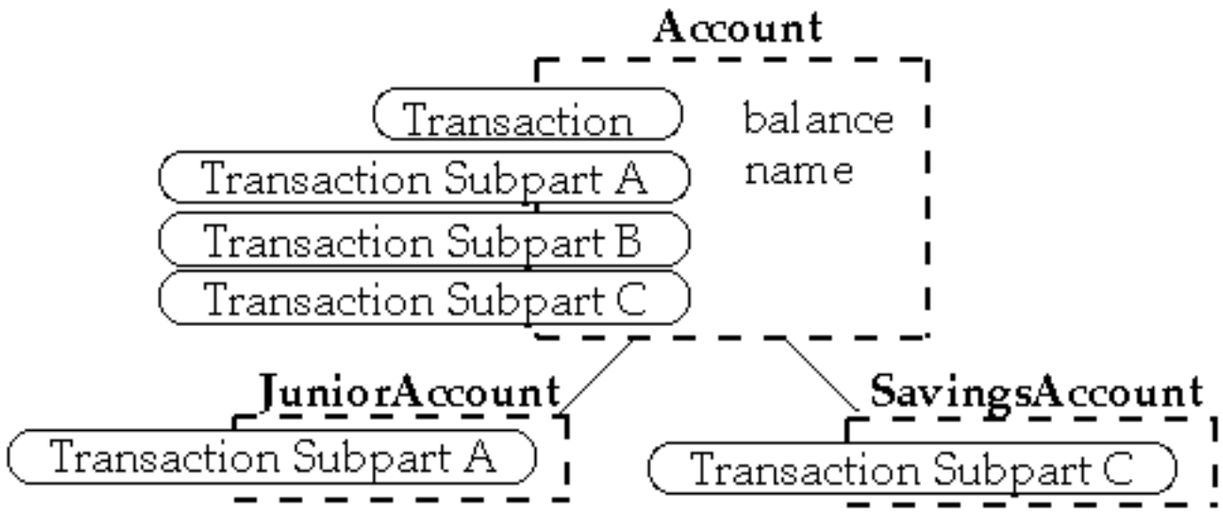
Deferred Methods




```
class Account {
        public:
                void virtual Transaction() = 0;
}

class JuniorAccount : public Account {
        public
                void Transaction() { put code here}
}
```

Template Method




```
class Account {
        public:
                void Transaction(float amount);
                void virtual TransactionSubpartA();
                void virtual TransactionSubpartB();
                void virtual TransactionSubpartC();
}

void Account::Transaction(float amount)  {
        TransactionSubpartA();          TransactionSubpartB();
        TransactionSubpartC();          // EvenMoreCode;
}

class JuniorAccount : public Account {
        public:             void virtual TransactionSubpartA(); }

class SavingsAccount : public Account {
        public:             void virtual TransactionSubpartC(); }

Account*  customer;
customer = createNewAccount();
customer->Transaction(amount);
```

Intent

Define the skeleton of an algorithm in an operation, deferring some steps to subclasses

Template Method lets subclasses redefine certain steps of an algorithm without changing the algorithm's structure

Java Example

```
import  java.awt.*;
class  HelloApplication  extends  Frame
        {
        public  void  paint(  Graphics  display  )
                {
                int startX  =  30;
                int startY  =  40;
                display.drawString(  "Hello World", startX, startY  );
                }
        }
```

Ruby LinkedList Example

```
class LinkedList
  include Enumerable

  def [](index)
    Code not shown
  end

  def size
    Code not shown
  end

  def each
     Code not shown
  end

  def push(object)
   Code note shown
  end

end
```

```
def testSelect
  list = LinkedList.new
  list.push(3)
  list.push(2)
  list.push(1)

  a = list.select {|x| x.even?}
  assert(a == [2])
end
```

Where does list.select come from?

Methods defined in Enumerable

all?	any?	collect	detect
each_cons	each_slice	each_with_index	entries
enum_cons	enum_slice	enum_with_index	find
find_all	grep	include?	inject
map	max	member?	min
partition	reject	select	sort
sort_by	to_a	to_set	zip

All use "each"

Implement "each" and the above will work

java.util.AbstractCollection

Subclass AbstractCollection

Implement

- iterator
- size
- add

Get

- addAll
- clear
- contains
- containsAll
- isEmpty
- remove
- removeAll
- retainAll
- size
- toArray
- toString

Consequences

This is the most commonly used of the 23 GoF patterns

Important in class libraries

Inverted control structure

Parent class calls subclass methods

Java's paint method is a primitive operation called by a parent method

Beginning Java programs don't understand how the following works:

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class  HelloApplication  extends  Frame
        {
        public  void  paint(  Graphics  display  )
                {
                int startX  =  30;
                int startY  =  40;
                display.drawString(  "Hello World", startX, startY  );
                }
        }
```

Consequences

Template methods tend to call:

- Concrete operations
- Primitive (abstract) operations
- Factory methods
- Hook operations

Provide default behavior that subclasses can extend

It is important to denote which methods

- Must overridden
- Can be overridden
- Can not be overridden

Refactoring to Template Method

Simple implementation

- Implement all of the code in one method
- The large method you get will become the template method

Break into steps

- Use comments to break the method into logical steps
- One comment per step

Make step methods

- Implement separate method for each of the steps

Call the step methods

- Rewrite the template method to call the step methods

Repeat above steps

- Repeat the above steps on each of the step methods
- Continue until:
  - All steps in each method are at the same level of generality
  - All constants are factored into their own methods

Design Patterns Smalltalk Companion pp. 363-364.