Polymorphism

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backward compatibility handled

forward advance: only via downcast (RTTI)

simpler mechanism for forward advance?

- new instance variables for advanced state
- new instance methods to manipulate new variables
- give new meanings to existing instance variables
- give new meanings to existing instance methods
- write an "updated but compatible" version of existing method

(handwritten annotations:) focus forward does not affect back.

cannot backward compat..

Method Overriding (Virtual Function)

calls the updated version through an upper-level reference

Method Invocation Polymorphism

one method (via upper-level reference),
many possible extended behaviors