

Object Oriented Programming

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procedure CAbstractClass.abstractMethod;
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    WriteLn('Abstract method invocation');
    halt(1);
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 - ▶ Interface is a class with only abstract methods.