

The Object-Oriented Paradigm

Outline

- Overview of Programming Paradigms
- Basic Concepts of OOP

Looking back...

Let's look back at what you've (hopefully) learned so far...

CCPROG1

Programming Basics and Logic

- Variables
- Functions
- Conditionals
- Loops

CCPROG2

Structured Data

- Arrays
- Strings
- Structures
- Files

CCPROG3

Object Orientation

- Objects
- Classes
- Relationships

So... what do we understand when we hear the phrase programming paradigm?

Programming Paradigm

- Is a fundamental *style* of programming
- Answers the question...
 - "How do I think about and solve a problem?"
- Programming paradigms are different from programming languages

Anyone care to differentiate the two? Programming Paradigm vs Programming Language

Programming Paradigm

- Influences programming languages
- Serves as the philosophy behind a programming language
- Gives the rationale behind the programming language

Programming Language

- Is influenced by a programming paradigm
- Can be influenced by multiple paradigms
- Need not apply all the "philosophies" of the paradigms that influences it

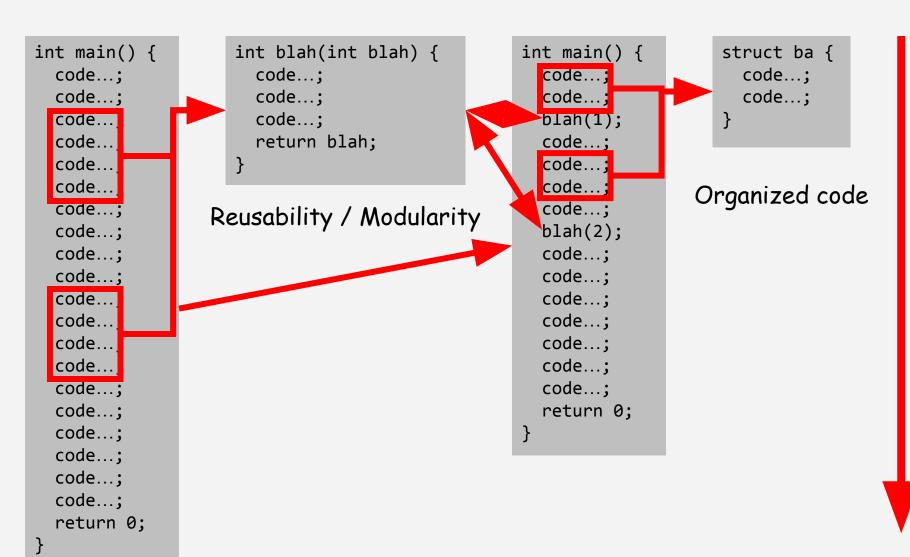
What are some examples of programming paradigms?

Programming paradigms

- Some examples of programming paradigms include:
 - Procedural Programming
 - Functional Programming
 - Object-Oriented Programming
 - Logical Programming

What's your understanding of procedural programming?

Procedural Programming



Command or instruction driven

Commands can be generalized to functions

Functions and structures also provide the idea of abstraction

Data can more often be accessed anywhere within the program

What about object-oriented programming?

What characteristics would a typical square have?

-sideLength

-area

I'm a square!

What might you want a square to do?

+getSideLength() +setSideLength() +getArea()

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Main Code
Square square = new Square(5);
square.setSideLength(4)
square.getArea() // returns 16
```

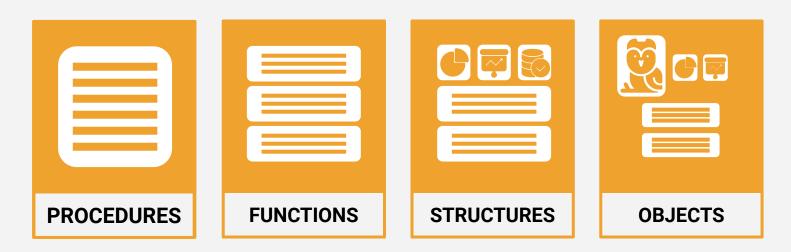
What's happening?

```
public class Square {
  private int sideLength;
  private int area;
  public Square(int sideLength) {
   this.sideLength = sideLength;
   this.area = sideLength * sideLength;
  public int getSideLength() {
    return this. SideLength;
  // and so on...
```

- Real-world objects are treated as entities that...
 - can be composed of variables (attributes), and
 - can perform some action (methods)
- Allows for objects to interact with each other within an environment
- Highly encourages generalization and abstraction

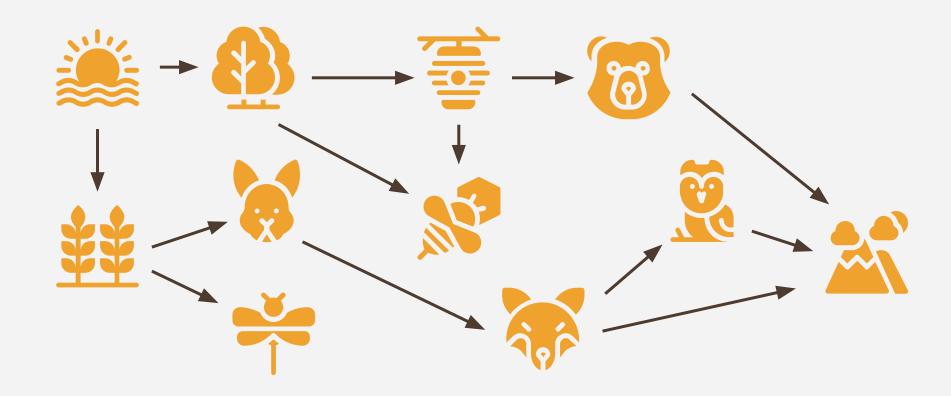
- Provides for more complex programming features
 - Granting you greater control over...
 - how data is stored or grouped,
 - how processes are executed, and
 - where each process originates from
- With more complexity comes more responsibilities
 - Greater effort is expected from the programmer

- Keep in mind, OOP isn't entirely new there are just new ways to view creating solutions
- More complex programming concepts are built on top of simpler programming concepts

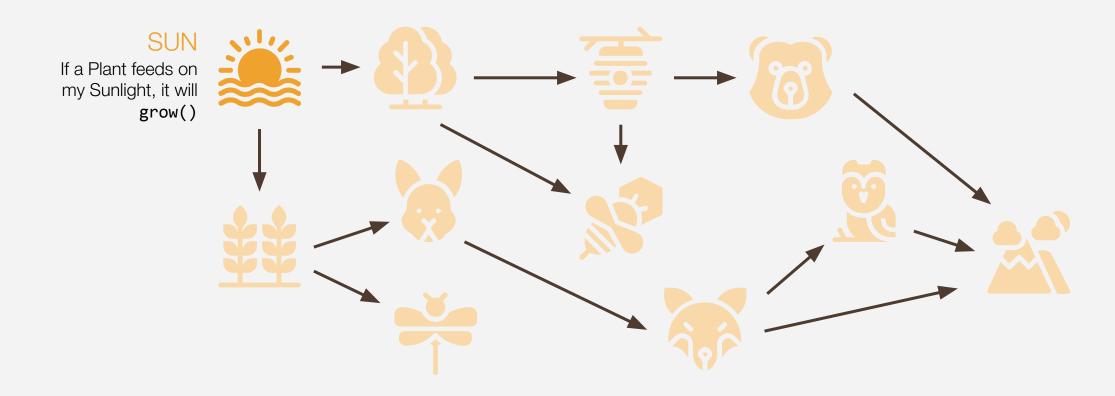


- However, don't be afraid!
- The added complexity allows for the simulation of more complex systems
- Also allows for the solving of large scale problems through representations, behaviors, and relationships

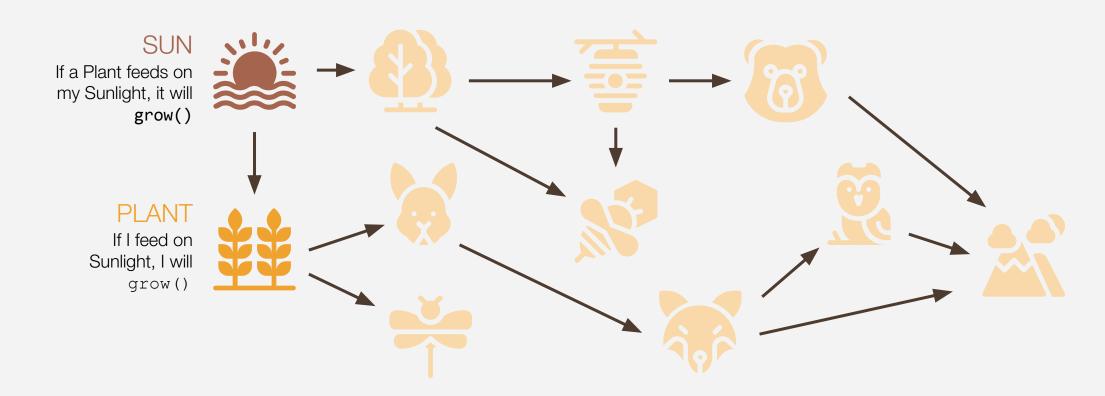
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If we imagine a Plant can feed on Sunlight and grow

Then we could design an OO solution such that...

```
Plant plant = new Plant();
Sunlight sunlight = new Sunlight();
plant.feed(sunlight);
```

Where the method feed affects the Plant object in some manner

Classes

 Is a template or blueprint from which instances of objects may be created (via a process called instantiation)

Objects

- Each object is an instance of a class (i.e. distinct)
- Has its own copy of attributes (i.e. the actual values)
- Can act in the way the class was designed



We'll discuss more on these concepts when we officially tackle Classes and Objects

Any questions so far?

In your own words, how would you differentiate procedural from OO programming?

Summary

- A programming paradigm is a style or philosophy of programming
- The Object-Oriented Paradigm...
 - Encourages for the modeling of real-world objects
 - Provides more complex programming features, which entails that OO solutions can...
 - Better model complex systems
 - Be more complex to build

Summary

- Objects...
 - have characteristics (attributes) and can perform actions (methods)
 - Are distinct from other objects and are based on classes, which act like templates

Next meeting

- Overview of Java
 - Expect coding exercises

Keep learning...