

Object-oriented programming

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Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

*“Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm based on the concept of **objects**, which can contain data and code: data in the form of fields (often known as attributes or properties), and code in the form of procedures (often known as methods).” - Wikipedia*

Class and Object

A class is a definition of objects of the same kind. In other words, a class is a blueprint, template, or prototype that defines and describes the attributes and behaviors common to all objects of the same kind.

- Fruit: Orange, Apple, Pineapple, Mango, Kiwi...
- Car: Volvo, Toyota, Tesla, Audi, BMW...
- Animal: Elephant, Cat, Dog, Dolphin...
- Shape: Circle, Rectangle, Square...

Define a class

```
class Car {  
    public:  
        int serial;  
        string manufacturer;  
        string color;  
        bool isEV;  
};
```

Create an object

```
Car car1;  
Car car2, aSpecialCar;  
car1.serial = 123456;  
car1.manufacturer = "Tesla";  
car1.isEV = true;  
car1.color = "black";  
cout << car1.color;  
cin >> car1.color;
```

Access Modifiers

In C++, there are three access specifiers:

- `public` - members are accessible from outside the class
- `private` - members cannot be accessed (or viewed) from outside the class
- `protected` - members cannot be accessed from outside the class, however, they can be accessed in inherited classes.

Method

Methods are functions that belongs to the class

```
class MyClass {
    public:
        void myMethod() {
            cout << "Hello World!";
        }
};

int main() {
    MyClass myObj;
    myObj.myMethod();
    return 0;
}
```


Encapsulation

Encapsulation is a way to restrict the direct access to some components of an object, so users cannot access state values for all of the variables of a particular object. Encapsulation can be used to hide both data members and data functions or methods associated with an instantiated class or object.

- Data Hiding
- Access control
- Abstraction
- Maintainability and Flexibility

Encapsulation

```
class Employee {  
    private:  
        int salary;  
  
    public:  
        // Setter  
        void setSalary(int s) {  
            this.salary = s;  
        }  
        // Getter  
        int getSalary() {  
            return this.salary;  
        }  
};
```

The `this` pointer

In C++, `this` is a keyword that refers to the current instance of the class.

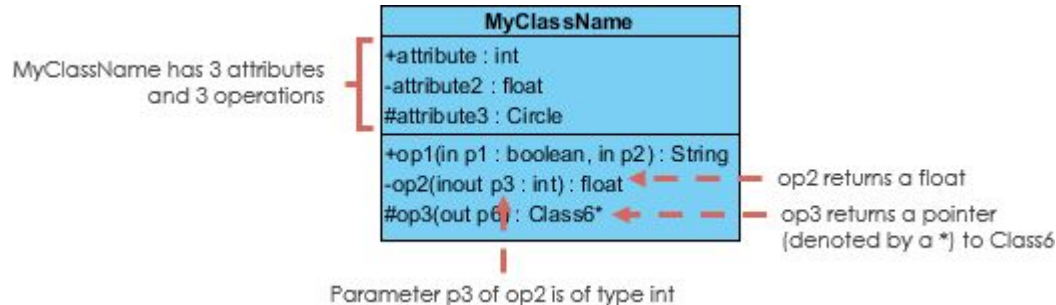
Dynamic Memory Allocation

```
Employee* e1 = new Employee();  
e1->setSalary(10000);  
cout << e1->getSalary();  
delete e1;
```

UML

The UML (**U**nified **M**odeling **L**anguage) Class diagram is a graphical notation used to construct and visualize object oriented systems:

- Classes
- Attributes
- Methods
- and the relationships among objects



Coding Convention

- Each class must be defined in a header file (.h): Employee.h

- Using #define guard to prevent multiple inclusions

```
#ifndef EMPLOYEE_H_  
#define EMPLOYEE_H_  
  
...  
#endif // EMPLOYEE_H_
```

- Class method is implemented in a C++ source code file (.cpp): Employee.cpp