

CONCEPTS OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Lecture 8 (Chapter 11)

Abstract Data Types and Encapsulation Concepts



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The Concept of Abstraction

- An *abstraction* is a view or representation of an entity that includes only the most significant attributes
- The concept of abstraction is fundamental in programming (and computer science)
- Nearly all programming languages support *process abstraction with subprograms*
- Nearly all programming languages designed since 1980 support *data abstraction*
 - *Ada is the early advocator of*

Introduction to Data Abstraction

- An *abstract data type* is a user-defined data type that satisfies the following two conditions:
 - The **representation of objects** of the type is hidden from the program units that use these objects, so the only **operations on objects** are those provided in the type's definition
 - The declarations of the type and the protocols of the operations on objects of the type are contained in a **single syntactic unit**.
 - Single syntactic unit: e.g. class, unit, module, ...
 - Other program units are allowed to create variables or objects of the defined type.

Advantages of Data Abstraction

- Advantages the first condition
 - **Reliability**--by hiding the data representations, user code cannot directly access objects of the type or depend on the representation, allowing the representation to be changed without affecting user code
 - Reduces the range of code and variables of which the programmer must be aware
 - Name conflicts are less likely
- Advantages of the second condition
 - Provides a method of program organization
 - Aids **modifiability** (everything associated with a data structure is together)
 - Separate compilation

Language Requirements for ADTs

- A **syntactic unit** in which to encapsulate the type definition
- A method of making **type names** and **subprogram headers** visible to clients, while hiding actual definitions
- Some **primitive operations** must be built into the language processor
- Design Issues
 - Can abstract types be parameterized?
 - What access controls are provided?
 - Is the specification of the type physically separate from its implementation?

Language Examples: C++

- The *class* is the encapsulation device
- A class is a type
 - All of the instances of a class share a single copy of the member functions
 - Each instance of a class has its own copy of the class data members
 - Instances can be static, stack dynamic, or heap dynamic
- Information Hiding
 - *private* clause for hidden entities
 - *public* clause for interface entities
 - *protected* clause for inheritance (Lecture 12)
 - *friend* functions or classes – to provide **access to private members** to some unrelated units or functions

Language Examples: C++ (continued)

- **Constructors:**
 - Functions to initialize the data members of instances
 - they *do not* create the objects
 - May also allocate storage if part of the object is heap-dynamic
 - Name is the same as the **class name**
 - Can include parameters to provide parameterization of the objects
 - Implicitly called when an instance is created
 - Can be explicitly called
- **Destructors**
 - Functions to cleanup after an instance is destroyed
 - usually just to reclaim heap storage
 - Name is the class name, preceded by a tilde (~)
 - Implicitly called when the object's lifetime ends
 - Can be explicitly called

An Example in C++

```
class Stack {  
    private:  
        int *stackPtr, maxLen, topPtr;  
    public:  
        Stack() { // a constructor  
            stackPtr = new int [100];  
            maxLen = 99;  
            topPtr = -1;  
        };  
        ~Stack () {delete [] stackPtr;}; //destructor  
        void push (int number) {           //member function  
            if (topSub == maxLen)  
                cerr << "Error in push – stack is full\n";  
            else stackPtr[++topSub] = number;  
        };  
        void pop () {...}; //more member functions  
        int top () {...};  
        int empty () {...};  
} //end of class Stack
```

The class definition could also be written into a header file and a code file as shown in next two slides.

A **Stack** class header file

```
// Stack.h – the header file for the Stack class
#include <iostream.h>
class Stack {
private:                //private members are visible only to other members and friends
    int *stackPtr;
    int maxLen;
    int topPtr;
public:                //public members are visible to clients
    Stack();           //constructor
    ~Stack();          //destructor
    void push(int);
    void pop();
    int top();
    int empty();
}
```

```
Stack s; //a stack-dynamic object
Stack *ps = new Stack();
           //a heap-dynamic object
```

The code file for Stack

```
// Stack.cpp – the implementation file for the Stack class
#include <iostream.h>
#include "Stack.h"
using std::cout;
Stack::Stack() {                //implementation of constructor
    stackPtr = new int [100];    //allocation of heap–dynamic storage
    maxLen = 99;
    topPtr = -1;
}
Stack::~~Stack() {              //implementation of destructor
    delete [] stackPtr;         //deallocation of heap–dynamic stroage
};
void Stack::push(int number) {
    if (topPtr == maxLen)
        cerr << "Error in push--stack is full\n";
    else stackPtr[++topPtr] = number;
}
...
```

Language Examples: Java

- Similar to C++, except:
 - All user-defined types are classes
 - All objects are allocated from the heap and accessed through reference variables
 - Individual entities in classes have access control modifiers (private or public), rather than clauses

```
public void push (...) { ... }  
public void pop() { ...}
```
 - Implicit garbage collection of all objects
 - Java has a second scoping mechanism, package scope, which can be used in place of friends
 - All entities in all classes in a package that do not have access control modifiers are visible throughout the package

An Example in Java

```
class StackClass {  
    private int [] stackRef;  
    private int [] maxLen, topIndex;  
    public StackClass() {           // a constructor  
        stackRef = new int [100];  
        maxLen = 99;  
        topPtr = -1;  
    };  
    public void push (int num) {...};  
    public void pop () {...};  
    public int top () {...};  
    public boolean empty () {...};  
}
```

```
StackClass myS  
    = new StackClass();  
  
//myS is an object reference.  
//The StackClass object is  
//explicitly (via new)  
//allocated on heap
```

Parameterized Abstract Data Types

- Parameterized ADTs allow designing an ADT that can store any type elements
 - only an issue for static typed languages
- Also known as **generic classes**
- C++, Java (since Java 5.0), C# etc. provide support for parameterized ADTs

Generic classes in C++

- Classes can be somewhat generic by writing parameterized constructor functions

```
Stack (int size) {  
    stk_ptr = new int [size];  
    max_len = size - 1;  
    top = -1;  
};
```

A declaration of stack objects:

```
Stack smallStk (10), largeStk (150);  
// The above Stack definition provided limited “generic” feature  
// i.e. “generic” in terms of stack size
```

- Demand for more powerful “generic” definitions
 - What about a stack of integer, a stack of double, a stack of student objects?
 - Do we have to define each of them separately, or could have a generic definition of stack?

C++: template classes

- The stack element type can be parameterized by making the class a **template class**

```
template <class Type>
class Stack {
    private:
        Type *stackPtr;
        const int maxLen;
        int topPtr;

    public:
        Stack(int size) { // Constructor for a given number
            stackPtr = new Type[size];
            maxLen = size - 1;
            topSub = -1;
        }
        void push (Type e) { ... }
        ...
}
```

- Instantiation:

```
Stack<int> myIntStack;
Stack<double> myDbIStack;
```


Parameterized Classes in Java 5.0

- Generic **parameters** must be **classes**
- Most common generic types are the collection types, such as `LinkedList` and `ArrayList`
- Users can define generic classes
- Generic collection classes cannot store primitives
- Indexing is not supported
- Example of the use of a predefined generic class:

```
ArrayList <Integer> myArray = new ArrayList <Integer> ();  
myArray.add(0, 47); // Put an element with subscript 0 in it
```

Java: user-defined Parameterized Classes

```
import java.util.*;

public class Stack2<T> {
    private ArrayList<T> stackRef;
    private int maxLen;
    public Stack2() {
        stackRef = new ArrayList<T> ();
        maxLen = 99;
    }
    public void push(T newValue) {
        if (stackRef.size() == maxLen)
            System.out.println(" Error in push – stack is full");
        else
            stackRef.add(newValue);
        ...
    }
}
```

– Instantiation: `Stack2<string> myStack = new Stack2<string> ();`

Encapsulation

- In OOP, encapsulation refers to the **bundling of data with the methods** that operate on that data, or the **restricting of direct access** to some of an object's components.
- ADTs can be used as encapsulation constructs
- However, some languages provide additional encapsulation constructs to support
 - Better program organization
 - Partial/separate compilation
 - ...

Abstraction vs. Encapsulation

Abstraction — Implementation hiding.
Hide unwanted details

Encapsulation — Information hiding.
Hide the data to protect from outside
private, public, protected

ADT: both abstraction and encapsulation

Encapsulation Constructs

- Large programs have two special needs:
 - Some means of organization, other than simply division into subprograms
 - nested subprograms is one of the organization means
 - Some means of partial compilation (compilation units that are smaller than the whole program)
- Obvious solution: a grouping of subprograms that are logically related into a unit that can be separately compiled (compilation units)
- Such collections are called *encapsulation*
 - e.g. C# assembly

Encapsulation in C

- **Files** containing one or more subprograms can be independently compiled
- The interface is placed in a *header file*
- Problems
 - the linker does not check types between a header and associated implementation
 - the inherent problems with pointers
- `#include` preprocessor specification – used to include header files in applications

Example in C

//factorial.h – the header file

```
int factorial (int n) {  
    int result=1, iter;  
    for (iter=1; iter<=n; iter++)  
        result *= iter;  
    return result;  
}
```

//myProg.c – client program that uses factorial

```
#include "factorial.h"  
int main () {  
    int f5 = factorial (5);  
    ...  
}
```

A header file may include declarations only, as commonly used.

Encapsulation in C++

- Can define header and code files, similar to those of C
- Or, **classes** can be used for encapsulation
 - The class is used as the interface (prototypes)
 - The member definitions are defined in a separate file
 - Example: stack.h and stack.cpp (next slide)

Reference: [C++ Forum](#)

Here is stack.h

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <iomanip>
3 using namespace std;
4
5
6 class Stack
7 {
8 public:
9     Stack(int);           // constructor
10    Stack(const Stack &); // copy constructor
11    ~Stack();             // destructor
12
13    void push(int);        // push an int into a Stack
14    int pop();             // pop an int from a Stack
15
16    bool empty() const;    // is the Stack empty?
17    bool full() const;     // is the Stack full?
18
19    int capacity() const;  // capacity of the stack
20    int size() const;      // current size of the stack
21
22    friend ostream &operator <<(ostream &, const Stack &);
23
24 private:
25     int *stack;           // pointer to local stack of ints
26
27     int top;              // top of stack (next avail. location)
28     int maxsize;          // max size of the stack
29 };
```

Stack.cpp

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <iomanip>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 #include "Stack.h"
6
7 Stack::Stack(const Stack &s)
8 {
9     maxsize = s.maxsize;
10    // allocate stack for left side object
11    stack = new int[maxsize];
12    // now copy right side object to left side object
13    for (top = 0; top < maxsize; ++top)
14    {
15        stack[top] = s.stack[top];
16    }
17 }
18
19 void Stack::push(int i) // push an int into a Stack
20 {
21     if (!full())
22     {
23         cout << "push( " << i << " )\t at location "
24              << top << '\n';
25         stack[top] = i;
26         ++top; // advance to the next empty location
27     }
28 }
29
30 int Stack::pop() // pop an int from a Stack
31 {
32     if (empty())
33     {
34         return -1; // stack is empty; return -1
35     }
36     else
37     {
38         --top;
39         cout << "pop( ) " << stack[top]
40              << " at location " << top << '\n';
41         // return item at top of the stack
42         return stack[top];
43     }
44 }
45
46 ostream &operator <<(ostream &out, const Stack &s)
47 {
48     for (int i = s.size() - 1; i >= 0; --i)
49     {
50         out << setw(3) << i << setw(5) << s.stack[i] << '\n';
51     }
52 }
```

Here is the main.cpp

```
1 #include "Stack.h"
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     Stack s(2);           // create stack with space for 3 ints
6     s.push(10);
7     s.push(20);
8     s.push(30);           // pushing one int too many
9
10    cout << "stack s size      = " << s.size() << '\n';
11    cout << "stack s capacity = " << s.capacity() << '\n';
12    cout << "stack s:\n" << s << '\n';
13
14    {                       // start a new block
15        Stack t(s);         // t contains a copy of s
16        cout << "\nstack t:\n" << t << '\n';
17        cout << "pop one element: " << t.pop() << '\n';
18
19        cout << "stack t size      = " << t.size() << '\n';
20        cout << "stack t capacity = " << t.capacity() << '\n';
21        cout << "\nstack t:\n" << t << '\n';
22    }                       // end the new block
23
24    cout << "\nstack s:\n" << s << '\n';
25    cout << "pop one element: " << s.pop() << '\n';
26    cout << "pop one element: " << s.pop() << '\n';
27    // popping one element too many
28    cout << "pop one element too many: " << s.pop() << '\n';
29    cout << "stack s size      = " << s.size() << '\n';
30    cout << "stack s capacity = " << s.capacity() << '\n';
31    // print an empty stack s
32    cout << "\nstack s:\n" << s << '\n';
33
34    return 0;
35 }
```

Naming Encapsulations

- Large programs define many global names; need a way to divide into logical groupings
- A *naming encapsulation* is used to create a new scope for names
- C++ and C# **Namespaces**
 - Can place each library in its own namespace and qualify names used outside with the namespace
- Java **Packages**
 - Packages can contain more than one class definition; classes in a package are *partial* friends
 - Clients of a package can use fully qualified name or use the *import* declaration
- Ruby **modules** and so on ...

Example: C++ Namespace

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
namespace first {
    int x = 5;
    int y = 10;
}
```

```
namespace second {
    double x = 3.1416;
    double y = 2.7183;
}
```

```
int main () {
```

```
    using first::x;
    using second::y;
```

```
    cout << x << endl;
    cout << y << endl;
    cout << first::y << endl;
    cout << second::x << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

Summary

- The concept of ADTs and their use in program design was a milestone in the development of languages
 - ADTs also serve as an essential component of OOP
- Two primary features of ADTs are the packaging of data with their associated operations and information hiding
- Many different ways of supporting ADTs
 - C++ data abstraction is provided by classes
 - Java's data abstraction is similar to C++
 - C++, Java, and C# support parameterized ADTs
- Encapsulations support larger problem development
 - C++, C#, Java, and Ruby provide naming encapsulations