

Easing into OOPs

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Object Oriented Programming Using *Clarion 4*



Procedural Code

- PROCEDURES have Data and Code Sections
- Local Data exists only in the PROCEDURE
- Local Data is allocated stack memory at the PROCEDURE's CODE statement
- Local Data memory is de-allocated at the PROCEDURE's RETURN statement



What if you want multiple Code Sections to operate on your variables?

- Make the variables Global
- Make the variables Module data

QUESTION

Make the Variables Global

- Plus points:
 - Available to multiple PROCEDURES
- Out points:
 - No limit to their lifetime, memory is allocated for them for the duration of the program
 - Too much Global data is a “bad thing”

QUESTION

What if you need multiple SETs of data?

- You *could* place them all in a QUEUE
 - Too complex too quickly
- There is a BETTER WAY

QUESTION

The CLASS Structure

```
MyClass CLASS
Property LONG
QueProperty &SomeQueue
Method1 PROCEDURE
Method2 PROCEDURE(LONG), LONG
END
```

5-b, a better example

Circle

x, y, r Long

Area

Circum

Buzzword Alert!

- Property, Method, Object
- Encapsulation
 - "To enclose (as) in a capsule" -- OED
- INSTANTIATE
 - "To represent by an instance" -- OED
- INSTANTIATION
 - "Representation by an instance" -- OED

create

is it wrong to INST w/o Rep

Object Instantiation

- Declare a CLASS without the TYPE attribute
- Declare an object using the name of a previously declared CLASS as its data type
- Declare a reference to a previously declared CLASS

```

PROGRAM      !Global Data and Code
MyClass CLASS !Declare an object and
Property LONG ! a type of object
Method PROCEDURE
END
ClassA MyClass !Declare MyClass object
ClassB &MyClass !Declare MyClass reference
CODE !MyClass and ClassA are
! automatically instantiated
ClassB &= NEW(MyClass)
!Instantiate object
! execute some code
DISPOSE(ClassB)!Destroy object (required)
RETURN !MyClass and ClassA
! automatically destroyed

```

MEMBER('MyApp')!Module Data

```

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SomeProc PROCEDURE
!MyClass and ClassA are instantiated and
! destroyed at the same time as the
! Global objects
!ClassB must be explicitly instantiated
! and destroyed in some PROCEDURE in
! the module

```

```

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```

PROGRAM
Employee CLASS,TYPE !Declare object TYPE
Pay      DECIMAL(7,2)
Hours    DECIMAL(3,1)
CalcPay  PROCEDURE
Work     PROCEDURE(*DECIMAL),DECIMAL
        END
Fred     Employee
Barney   Employee
CODE
Fred.Pay = Fred.Work(Fred.Hours)

Employee.CalcPay PROCEDURE !Method Definition
CODE
SELF.Pay = SELF.Work(SELF.Hours)

```

Buzzword Alert!

- Property, Method, Object
- Encapsulation, Instantiation
- CONSTRUCTORS
- DESTRUCTORS

Automatic Constructors and Destructors

```

MyClass CLASS
Property LONG
Method   PROCEDURE
Construct PROCEDURE !Automatic Constructor
Destruct PROCEDURE !Automatic Destructor
END

```

→ use to init certain values

Private Property!

```

PROGRAM
MyClass CLASS
MyProperty LONG,PRIVATE !Private Property
Method PROCEDURE
MyMethod PROCEDURE,PRIVATE !Private Method
END

CODE
MyClass.MyMethod !Invalid here
MyClass.Method !Valid here
MyClass.MyProperty = 10 !Invalid here
MyClass.Method
CODE
SELF.MyMethod !Valid here
SELF.MyProperty = 10 !Valid here

```

Private outside the class

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- Constructors, Destructors
- INHERITANCE
 - Derive: “to transmit, impart, communicate, pass on, hand on.” -- OED

```

PROGRAM
MyClass CLASS !Declare Base Class
Property LONG
MyProperty LONG,PRIVATE !Private - no inherit
Method PROCEDURE
END
ClassA CLASS(MyClass) !Declare Derived Class
Aproperty LONG ! which inherits both
Amethod PROCEDURE ! MyClass.Property and
END ! MyClass.Method

CODE
ClassA.Method !Valid method call
ClassA.MyProperty = 10
MyClass.Amethod !Invalid, not inherited
!Invalid, inheritance
! only is one way

```

Base Class has not inherited
 A Derived class always has
 a Parent
 Does not inherit Private??

```

PROGRAM
ApplePie CLASS,TYPE      !Declare Base Class
Apples   STRING(20)
Crust    STRING(20)
Bake     PROCEDURE
END
Dutch    CLASS(ApplePie)!Declare Derived Class
CrumbleTop STRING(20)
END
American CLASS(ApplePie)!Declare Derived Class
TopCrust  STRING(20)
END
Grandmas CLASS(ApplePie)!Declare Derived Class
CaramelTop STRING(20)
Bake      PROCEDURE      !Overridden method
END

```

Same Prototype Name

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- Property, Method, Object
- Encapsulation, Instantiation
- Constructors, Destructors
- Inheritance
- COMPOSITION = No Disambiguation!

Required with Multiple Inherit

Composition

```

PROGRAM
ApplePie CLASS,TYPE      !Declare Base Class
Apples   STRING(20)
Crust    STRING(20)
Bake     PROCEDURE
END
IceCream CLASS,TYPE      !Declare Base Class
Flavor   STRING(20)
Scoop    PROCEDURE
END
AlaMode  CLASS(ApplePie) !Composition: Derive
OnTheSide &IceCream      ! with reference to
Serve    PROCEDURE      ! an object
END

```

```

PROGRAM
MyClass CLASS          !Declare Base Class
Property LONG
MyProperty LONG,PROTECTED !Semi-Private
Method PROCEDURE
END
ClassA CLASS(MyClass) !Declare Derived Class
Aproperty LONG
Amethod PROCEDURE
END
CODE
ClassA.MyProperty = 10
!Invalid out of method
MyClass.Amethod PROCEDURE
CODE
SELF.MyProperty = 1 !Valid within method

```

Protected

Inherited Constructor Execution Order

- Base Class Constructor executes automatically when the object is instantiated
- The Constructor for any CLASS Derived from the Base Class executes next
- The Constructor for any CLASS Derived from the Derived Class executes next
- ...

Parent/Base. Construct
then
Derived. Construct
work
Derived. Destruct
Base. Destruct

Inherited Destructor Execution Order

- The Destructor for the most Derived Class executes first
- The Destructor for the next most Derived Class executes next
- ...
- The Base Class Destructor executes last


```

PROGRAM
MyClass CLASS,TYPE !Declare Base Class
Property LONG
Method PROCEDURE
Construct PROCEDURE
END
ClassA CLASS(MyClass) !Declare Derived Class
Aproperty LONG
Construct PROCEDURE,REPLACE
END
CODE !ClassA Instantiation here

ClassA.Construct PROCEDURE
CODE
SELF.Aproperty = 1 !Initialize then call
PARENT.Construct ! parent constructor

```

Don't Run Parent. Construct

PARENT Key word

Buzzword Alert!

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- Constructors, Destructors
- Inheritance, Composition
- POLYMORPHISM
 - “The condition or character of being polymorphous; the occurrence of something in several different forms.” – OED
- VIRTUAL METHODS

Function Overloading

What's a Virtual Method?

- A method whose prototype is present in the Parent CLASS
- A method whose exact same prototype is present in the Derived CLASS
- A method whose prototype in both CLASS structures has the VIRTUAL attribute

What good are Virtual Methods?

- Inheritance allows Derived Class methods to “call down” to Parent Class methods
- Virtual Methods are the opposite: they allow Parent Class methods to “call up” to execute Derived Class methods
- Again: Virtual Methods allow the code in Parent Class methods to execute Derived Class methods

```
ApplePie CLASS,TYPE
PreparePie PROCEDURE
CreateCrust PROCEDURE,VIRTUAL !Virtual Methods
MakeFilling PROCEDURE,VIRTUAL
    END
Dutch CLASS(ApplePie)
CreateCrust PROCEDURE,VIRTUAL !Virtual Methods
MakeFilling PROCEDURE,VIRTUAL
    END
    CODE
    Dutch.PreparePie    !Will call the Dutch
                        ! object's Virtuals
ApplePie.PreparePie PROCEDURE
    CODE
    SELF.CreateCrust
    SELF.MakeFilling
```

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- Inheritance, Composition
- Polymorphism / Virtual Methods
- LATE BINDING = Virtual Method Table

Local Derived Methods

```
SomeProc PROCEDURE
PieType  STRING(20)      !Local variable
Dutch    CLASS(ApplePie) !Locally derived
CreateCrust PROCEDURE,VIRTUAL !Virtual Method
      END
CODE
!executable code
SomeRoutine ROUTINE
!executable code

Dutch.CreateCrust PROCEDURE !Locally derived
CODE
PieType = 'Dutch Apple' !Legal, in scope
DO SomeRoutine           !Legal, in scope
```

New in Beta 2

Give ~~#~~ Variables Scope
into the Derived Methods

Also Routines

Clarion 4 OOPs in a nutshell

- Encapsulation, Inheritance, Polymorphism
- Properties, Methods, Objects
- Instantiation, Base Classes, Derived Classes
- SELF, PARENT, Constructors, Destructors
- Virtual Methods, Late Binding
- And NO Disambiguation!