

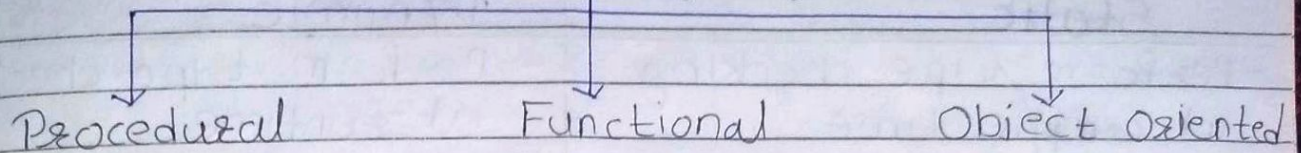
* Introduction to Programming

Programming is a way to instruct the computer to perform various tasks. Computers only understand Binary i.e. 0's & 1's.

Instructing computers in Binary i.e. 0's & 1's are very difficult for humans so, to solve this issue we have programming languages.

Programming language :- It is a computer language used by programmers to communicate with computers.

Types of Languages



Procedural

- specifies a series of well-structured steps and procedures to compose a program.
- contains a systematic order of statements, functions and commands to complete a task

Functional

- writing a program only in pure functions i.e. never modify variables but only create new ones as an output
- Used in situations where we have to perform lots of different operations on the same set of data, like ML
- First class functions?

Object-Oriented

- Revolves around objects.
- Code + Data = object
- Developed to make it easier to develop, debug, reuse, and maintain software.

"One programming language can be of all 3 types like - Python"

Java follows procedural and object oriented both types.

* Static vs Dynamic Languages *

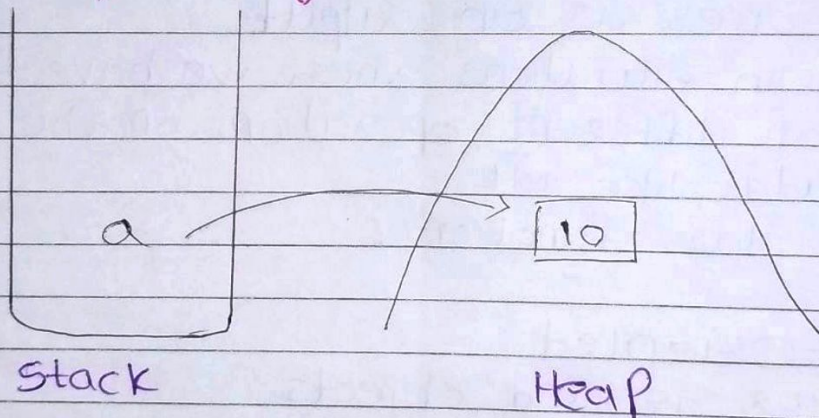
Static

- Perform type checking at compile time
- Errors will show at compile time
- Declare datatype before you use it
- More control

Dynamic

- Perform type checking at runtime
- Error might not show till program is run
- No need to declare datatype of variables
- Saves time in writing code but might give error at runtime

* Memory Management *

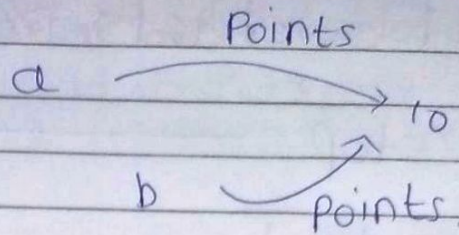


$a = 10$
 ref. ↓ → object.
 variable

Now suppose,

$a = 10$

$b = a$

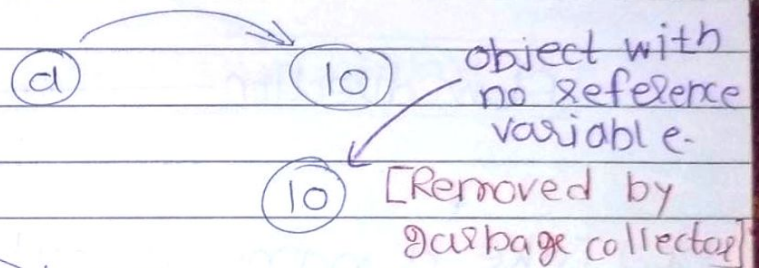


→ More than one reference variable can point towards any object

→ If any of the reference variable changes the object then it is changed for all reference variable that points towards same object.

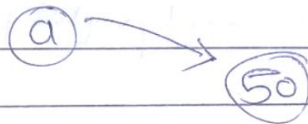
Now initially,

$a = 10$



Then,

$a = 50$



• Garbage collection -

- More than one reference variable can point to the same object.
- If any changes made in the object of an reference variable that will be reflected to all others pointing to the same object.
- If there is an object without reference variable then the object will be destroyed by "Garbage collection"
- So that's how garbage collection works.