

COMP122 Week 1

Module Introduction

Computer Science

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What is object-oriented programming?

Historical Context – Imperative Programming Paradigms

- Universal Machines! (1940s –)
 - → COMP124 (systems)
- High-level Programming languages
 - Compilers / Interpreters
 - Imperative / Functional / Logic
- Structured Programming (late 50s)
 - Code blocks (if-then-else; for-loops; etc.)
 - Dijkstra's go to statement considered harmful
 - → COMP109 (TCS, correctness proofs...)
- Procedural Programming (60s –)
 - User-definable procedures (=routines=functions)
- Modular Programming (late 60s and 70s)
 - information hiding and separation of concerns
- Object-Oriented Programming (80s –)
 - SIMULA. Smalltalk....

Object-Oriented Programming

is based on the idea of **interacting objects** which contain both data and procedures and are an instances of a whole "class" of similar objects.

- Encapsulation: grouping data and code that acts on it into a single unit.
- Abstraction: hiding implementation details from users.
- *Inheritance:* using known classes of objects as blueprints for more specific ones.
- *Polymorphism:* different behaviour of subclasses by re-defining methods.

An Example of OO Modelling

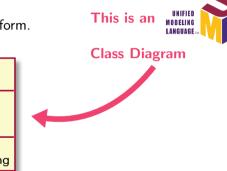
Suppose we're building some application that deals with people's names, addresses, student IDs (for students), university position and salary (for lecturers), etc.

Each individual will have associated data such as their first and surname, and address, but we abstract from the remaining personal details. Others cannot read this data directly but can ask for it (Encapsulation).

A student or lecturer is a person, so let us **abstract** and create a Person class that describes commonalities.

An Example of OO Modelling (cont.)

A Person class may be represented in the following form.



firstName: String
surname: String
address: String
greet(String name)
getFirstName(): String

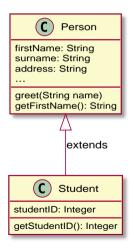
Each individual will be an object (also an instance) of this class.

An Example of OO Modelling – Inheritance

A student is a person with *additional* associated data, such as a student ID. We *extend* the Person object to add new attributes and behaviour to create a new subclass Student. This is **inheritance**.

The idea is that we have a well-defined (and well-tested) class, and can extend it to add more attributes and methods, without modifying an already existing class, and without modifying the code in the Person class.

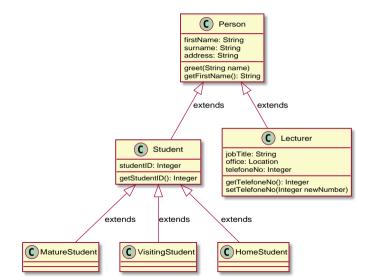
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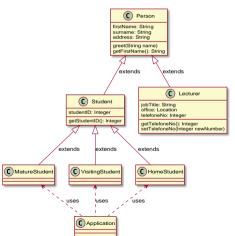
Each Student is a Person (but not vice-versa). Each Student will have all of the attributes and methods of a Person, with additional ones

Similarly, we can *extend* the Person to create an Lecturer class by adding new attributes such as office and telefoneNo, and new methods to access/change these attributes.

An Example of OO Modelling – Inheritance



An Example of OO Modelling – Polymorphism



Imagine an application that creates many *instances* of type HomeStudent, VisitingStudent, and MatureStudent and stores them in a list of Student. It can then use a for loop to greet on each member without knowing the specific class.

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1 for student in studentList:
2    name = student.getName()
3    student.greet(name)
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This is an example of **Polymorphism**.

Module Overview

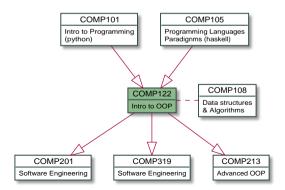
Module Overview

COMP122 presents a conceptual and practical introduction to object oriented programming, exemplified by the high-level programming language *Java*.

Learning Outcomes

- Programming in Java
- Class Hierarchies
- Polymorphism
- UML diagrams and other tools to document and test code.
- Design Patterns

Relations to other modules



Semester Overview

Weeks 1-4: Imperative programming with Java

- Variables & Types, Loops, Methods
- Assignment due 21/02

Weeks 5-7: Object-Oriented Programming

- Objects, Classes, Inheritance, Polymorphism, Interfaces
- Assignment due 21/03

Weeks 8-11: OOP Design Patterns

- Collections, Iterators, Streams
- Assignment due 09/05

Weekly Activities

- Self-study (≥ 1h)
 Watch videos, read stuff, take a quiz, ask questions.
- 2. Lectures (2 × 1h)
 one presenting new material,
 one for Q&A, demos, assignment prep
- Programming Exercises (≥ 2h)
 1-3 exercises per week
 at home or in supervised labs.

Programming Labs

... allow you to practice with Java programming in a supervised environment.

- You have been allocated a lab slot.
- Attendance at lab sessions is optional but recommended.
- Labs start in week 2. Check your timetable!



Assessment

Your module grade is determined by

75% take-home assignments (3x25%)

10% lab exercises (20x0.5%)

15% final Canvas quiz (online, 1h)

Note that

- All assignments are individual pieces of work.
- Submissions are electronically on Canvas
- University policy for late submissions apply.
- Individual feedback will be released on Canvas
- The passing grade is 40%. There will be a resit assignment after the term.

Quoting Students on COMP122

"Assessments where to long, and difficult at first."

"Assignments were hard but actually taught me how to program."

"It's a hard module. I struggled a lot with the assignments. I'd liken it to being thrown into cold water and being told how to swim. It's a real struggle to do two java assignments at the same time without really knowing the language."

How to Succeed?

Keep Calm and Code On!

Remember that "success" means gaining \geq 40%. Even if you do not get there, there will be a resit, and no Y1 grade counts towards your degree grade. You've got this!

- Keep up with the material and attend the labs.
- Seek help if you are stuck! Ask your peers or TAs or post on Canvas.
- Take your time for courseworks; don't "hack it together" just before the deadline.
 Carefully consider the stated requirements and submission guidelines.
- Take advantage of automarker feedback!

How to get help

Topical Questions

Ask during labs or lectures, or on the Canvas discussion board.

Administrative issues

Extenuating circumstances need to be reported to the student office (csstudy@liverpool.ac.uk) in case you cannot submit assignments on time. Also contact them regarding timetabling issues, resits etc.

My Email/Office hour

For personal queries you can contact me by email (totzke@liverpool.ac.uk) or drop in to my office (Ashton 3.19) on Tuesdays between 10-11am.

TODO Now

- 1. Check your timetable for your lab slot
- 2. Find the Canvas Course page
- 3. Start reading the materials for weeks 1&2
- 4. Set up a convenient programming environment

Schedule for Lecture 2

- 1. Java Compiler/ Interpreter
- 2. Hello.java
- 3. Coding on Windows
- 4. CodeGrade

Java in a Nutshell

Compilers vs Interpreters

Compiler

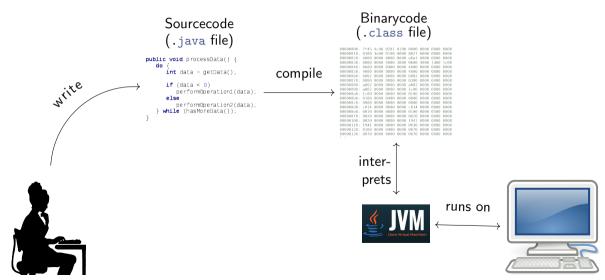
- translates source code into executable binary code all at once
- full code analysis and optimization before code is executed.
- compiled binary code is specific to an architecture and OS.
- Examples: Cobol, Fortran, C, Haskell

Interpreters

- translates and executes sourcecode one command at a time
- slower and no static code analysis before execution.
- sourcecode is runs directly on any system with an interpreter.
- Examples: Perl, Bash, Javascript

Java is a hybrid between the two.

Running your Java code



Running your Java code

- 1. Compile a sourcecode file Hello.java with javac Hello.java. This will create a bytecode file Hello.class.
- 2. Start the JVM and run Hello.class with java Hello.



Example: Hello.java

Summary of Week 1

We looked at...

- OOP modelling (motivation)
- Module organization
- how to compile and run a "Hello World" Java program

Next Week

- Java data types and control flow
- typical syntax errors.
- In-person labs start