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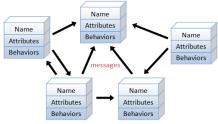
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Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a <u>programming</u> <u>paradigm</u> based on the concept of "<u>objects</u>", which can contain <u>data</u>, in the form of fields/attributes/properties), and code, in the form of procedures/methods/functions.



An object-oriented program consists of many well-encapsulated objects and interacting with each other by sending messages





12.3 Design Issues for OOP Languages

- Data abstraction and objects
- Single and Multiple Inheritance
- Object Allocation and Deallocation
- Dynamic and Static Binding
- Nested Classes
- Initialization of Objects











Data abstraction

- An abstraction is a view or representation of an entity that includes only the most significant attributes.
 - allows one to collect instances of entities into groups
- an abstract data type (ADT) is an enclosure that includes:
 - the data representation of one specific data type
 - the subprograms that provide the operations for that type.
- Through access controls, unnecessary details of the type can be hidden from units outside the enclosure that use the type.

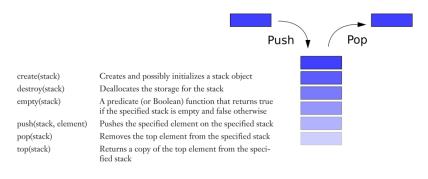
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Example: stack

 a widely applicable data structure that stores some number of data elements and only allows access to the data element at one of its ends, the top







Code: C++ & Java

private int [] stackRef; public StackClass() { // A constructor stackRef = new int [100]; maxLen = 99; topIndex = -1: public void push(int number) { if (topIndex == maxLen) System.out.println("Error in push-stack is full"); public void pop() { if (empty()) System.out.println("Error in pop-stack is empty"); else --topIndex; public int top() { if (empty()) { System.out.println("Error in top-stack is empty"); else public boolean empty() {return (topIndex == -1);}





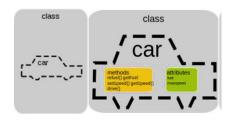
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Classes

- ADTs are usually called classes
- The class is a syntactic unit that encloses the declaration of:

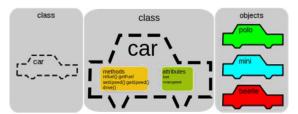
 - the prototypes of the subprograms (operations on objects)
 - variables







- Allow clients to declare <u>variables</u> of the abstract type and manipulate their values.
- Class instances are called objects
- Calls to methods are called messages
 - Messages have two parts--a method <u>name</u> and the <u>destination</u> object



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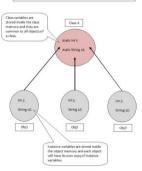




Object-Oriented Concepts

- There are two kinds of variables in a class:
 - Class variables one/class
 - Instance variables one/object
- There are two kinds of methods in a class:
 - Class methods messages to the class
 - Instance methods –messages to objects



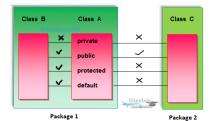






Information hiding

- Although the type name must have external visibility, the type representation must be hidden
 - Elaborate access controls to class entities
 - · Access controls for members are
 - Private (visible only in the class and friends)
 - Public (visible in subclasses and clients)
 - Protected (visible in the class and in subclasses, but not clients)



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Design Issues for Abstract data types

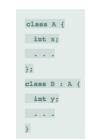
- The Exclusivity of Objects
 - Add objects to a complete procedural typing system (e.g., C++)
 - Advantage fast operations on simple objects
 - Disadvantage results in a confusing type system (two kinds of entities)
 - Include an imperative-style typing system for primitives but make everything else objects (e.g., Java and C#)
 - Advantage fast operations on simple objects and a relatively small typing system
 - Disadvantage still some confusion because of the two type systems
 - Everything is an object (e.g., Smalltalk & Ruby)
 - Advantage elegance and purity
 - Disadvantage slow operations on simple objects

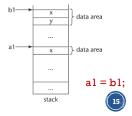
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Design Issues for Abstract data types

- Allocation and Deallocation of Objects
 - from the run-time stack (C++)
 - Excess space truncation-object slicing
 - on the heap
 - Sometimes explicitly (via new)
 - references can be uniform thru a pointer or reference variable
 - Simplifies assignment dereferencing can be implicit
 - Is deallocation explicit or implicit?
 - <u>finalize</u> method is implicitly called when the garbage collector is about to reclaim the storage occupied by the object





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Design Issues for Abstract data types

- <u>built-in operations</u> should be provided for objects of abstract data types, other than those provided with the type definition.
 - · Assignment, equality, comparison
- Non-universal operations for abstract data types
 - Constructors/destructors
 - Iterators / accessors
- Whether abstract data types can be parameterized?
 - structure that could store elements of any type

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Highlight at least three data abstraction features in Ruby.

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Nested Classes

- If a new class is needed by only one class, there is no reason to define so it can be seen by other classes
 - Can the new class be nested inside the class that uses it?
 - In some cases, the new class is nested inside a subprogram rather than directly in another class
- Other issues:
 - Which facilities of the nesting class should be visible to the nested class and vice versa







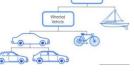






Inheritance

- Productivity increases can come from reuse
 - ADTs always need changes
 - All ADTs are independent and at the same level
- Inheritance allows new classes defined in terms of existing ones, i.e., by allowing them to inherit common parts
 - derived class/subclass
 - parent class/superclass
- One disadvantage of inheritance for reuse:
 - Creates interdependencies among classes that complicate maintenance



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Inheritance

• Three ways a class can differ from its parent



The subclass can add variables and/or methods to those inherited from the parent

The subclass can modify the behavior of one or more of its inherited methods → override

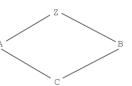
The parent class can define some of its variables or methods to have private access, which means they will not be visible in the subclass





Single and Multiple Inheritance

- Multiple inheritance allows a new class to inherit from two or more classes
- Disadvantages of multiple inheritance:
 - Language and implementation complexity (in part due to name collisions)
 - Potential inefficiency dynamic binding costs more with multiple inheritance (but not much)
 - Diamond inheritance
- Advantage:
 - Sometimes it is quite convenient and valuable
- Interfaces can be a good alternative



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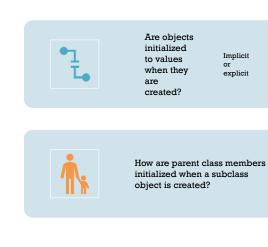


Inheritance issues

- Inheritance can be complicated by access controls to encapsulated entities
 - A class can hide entities from its subclasses
 - A class can hide entities from its clients
 - A class can also hide entities for its clients while allowing its subclasses to see them







Initialization of Objects

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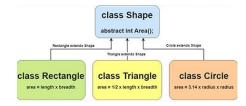
Interfaces and Abstract classes

• An abstract method is one that does not include a definition (it only defines a protocol)

Implicit

or explicit

- An abstract class is one that includes at least one abstract method
 - An abstract class cannot be instantiated
- An Interface is a pure Abstract class.











Polymorphism

• A polymorphic variable can be defined in a class that is able to reference (or point to) objects of the class and objects of any of its descendants



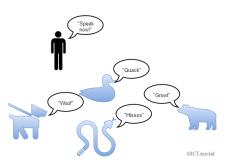
class Base { public: void show() { cout << "Base Class"; } class Derived : public Base { public: void show() { cout << "Derived Class"; } }; int main() { Base* b; //Base class pointer Derived d; //Derived class object b = &d; • b->show(); //Early Binding Occurs





Polymorphic behavior

 When a class hierarchy includes classes that override methods and such methods are called through a polymorphic variable, the binding to the correct method will be <u>dynamic</u>



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Extensible Programming

 Allows software systems to be more easily extended during both development and maintenance





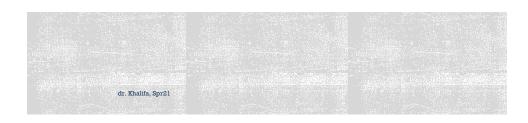


Dynamic vs. static Binding

- Design issue: should all binding of messages to methods be dynamic?
 - If none are, you lose the advantages of dynamic binding
 - If all are, it is inefficient
- Maybe the design should allow the user to specify









Support for OOP, Inheritance

C++

- A class need not be the subclass of any class
- the subclassing process can be declared with access controls
 - Private derivation inherited public and protected members are private in the subclasses
 - Public derivation public and protected members are also public and protected in subclasses
- Multiple inheritance is supported
 - If there are two inherited members with the same name, they can both be referenced using the scope resolution operator (::)

Java

- Object class, default superclass
- Single inheritance
- Initialization of Objects from subclass is done either implicitly or explicitly
- Methods can be final (cannot be overridden)

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Support for OOP, Dynamic Binding

C++

 A method can be defined to be virtual, which means that they can be called through polymorphic variables and dynamically bound to messages Java

- all messages are dynamically bound to methods, unless the method is:
 - final
 - static or
 - private

(i.e., it cannot be overridden, therefore dynamic binding serves no purpose)





Support for 00P, abstract classes/interfaces

C++

- A class that has at least one pure virtual function is an abstract class
- A pure virtual function has no definition at all

Java

- Interfaces are pure abstract classes that provide some of the benefits of multiple inheritance
- An interface can include only method declarations and named constants, e.g.,

```
public interface
Comparable{
public int comparedTo
(object b);
```

 A class <u>implements</u> an interface

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Support for OOP, Evaluation

C++

- C++ provides extensive access controls
- C++ provides multiple inheritance
- In C++, the programmer must decide at design time which methods will be statically bound and which must be dynamically bound
 - Static binding is faster!

Java

- Design decisions to support OOP are similar to C++
- No support for procedural programming
- No parentless classes
- Dynamic binding is used as "normal" way to bind method calls to method definitions
- Uses interfaces to provide a simple form of support for multiple inheritance







Highlight at least three OOP features in Ruby.

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Summary

- OO programming involves three fundamental concepts: ADTs, inheritance, dynamic binding
- Major design issues: exclusivity of objects, type checking and polymorphism, single and multiple inheritance, dynamic binding, explicit and implicit de-allocation of objects, and nested classes
- C++ has two distinct type systems (hybrid)
- Java is not a hybrid language like C++; it supports only OOP



