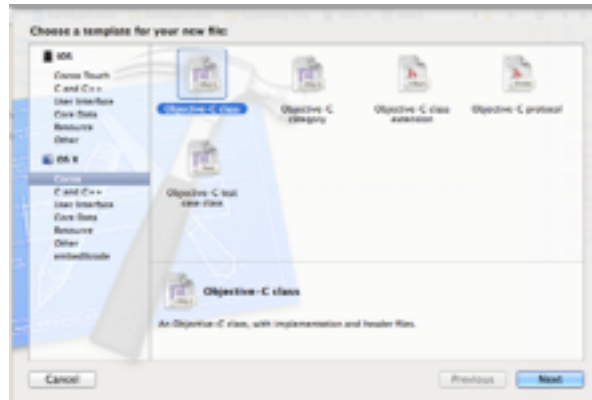


## Using Object Oriented tools and techniques

This is a brief description on how to implement Object Oriented tools and techniques in 'Objective C' using the Xcode IDE.

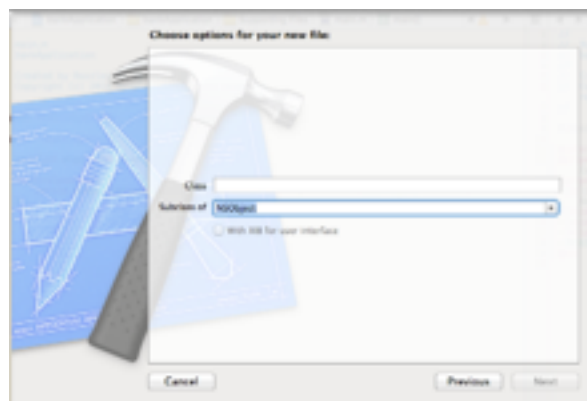
In Objective C the superclass root of almost all classes is NSObject. Through NSObject, objects inherit a basic interface to the runtime system and the ability to behave as Objective-C objects. To create a simple class in Objective C click File > New > File and select Objective C class.

The next dialog will ask you what your new class to be a Subclass of, the default is NSObject



which contains the most basic requirements of an Objective C class so unless you have any specific need to be a subclass of something else click next to make your Superclass.

Create the elements you'd like all your subclasses to contain - for this example I'll use a Vehicle as



an example.

This gives me a simple Vehicle class Interface and Implementation file.

```

1 //
2 // Vehicle.m
3 // BankApplication
4 //
5 // Created by Rozzles on 31/03/2014.
6 // Copyright (c) 2014 Rozzles. All rights reserved.
7 //
8
9 #import "Vehicle.h"
10
11 @implementation Vehicle
12
13 @end
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```

I need to use another Object Oriented concept to describe what all vehicles have in common - this is called Abstraction in which I focus on the bare essentials of a Vehicle that all vehicles have in common - Trucks, Lorries, Cars or Planes.

All my vehicles move so I need to define the **speed** of the vehicle

All my vehicles have a **weight** so I need to define that

All my vehicles travel in a **direction**, so I should include this.

All my vehicles have a state of being **Switched on or Switched off** - however not all of them have engines ect. so I should define this further down the hierarchy.  
Given this I may write the class like so:

```

1 //
2 // Vehicle.h
3 // bankApplication
4 //
5 // Created by Rozzles on 31/01/2014.
6 // Copyright (c) 2014 toroCam. All rights reserved.
7 //
8
9 #import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
10
11 @interface Vehicle : NSObject
12 @property double vSpeed_KMH;
13 @property double vWeight_N;
14 @property double vDirectionBearing;
15 @property BOOL vIsOn;
16
17 @end
18

```

Now every subclass of Vehicle has these properties.

Say I wanted all of my vehicles to share common methods too, for instance I want my vehicles to describe themselves by their properties unlike how their superclass -NSObject describes them with an address.

I could override the description method of NSObject to provide a more useful description like so:

```

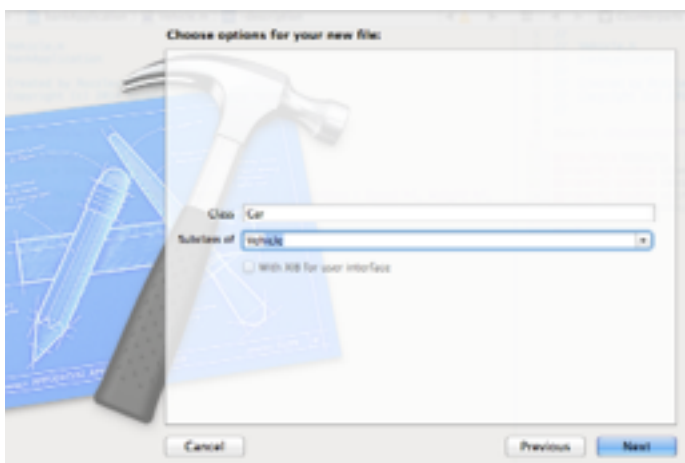
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// bankApplication
//
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//
#import "Vehicle.h"

@implementation Vehicle
- (NSString *)description
{
    return [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Vehicle Properties : Speed %f, Weight %f, Direction %f, Is on? %i", _vSpeed_KMH, _vWeight_N, _vDirectionBearing, _vIsOn];
}
@end

```

As shown, I have now created a subclass of NSObject with properties and overrided a method from the superclass to replace it with something more useful.

I may also want to create some subclasses of Vehicle like so:



The class 'car' is now a subclass of both NSObject and vehicle. It has the properties I defined in Vehicle.h vSpeed\_KMH, vWeight\_N vDirectionBearing and vIsOn;