

Object-Oriented Programming in C++



Textbook

 C++ How to Program (Early Objects Version) (9th Edition) (Deitel, How to Program) by Paul Deitel and Harvey Deitel



Procedural Programming

- Computer languages deal with two concepts—data and algorithms.
 - The data constitutes the information a program uses and processes.
 - The algorithms are the methods the program uses.
- In procedural languages such as C
 - Data and algorithms are separated.

Example:



```
struct StackType
{int StackEntries[20];
  int StackPointer = 0;
};

StackType stack;

void push(stackptr)
{... access stack ...}

void pop(stackptr)
{... access stack ...}
```

- ▶ The stack is merely a collection of data.
 - Any program unit accessing the stack would have to contain the algorithms for performing the required manipulations.
 - Pool software-reusability, especially for large systems!



Object-Oriented Programming

- A software system is viewed as a collection of objects of different abstract data types (or classes).
- The stack example

```
define abstract data type StackType to be
{int StackEntries[20];
  int StackPointer = 0;
  procedure push(value)
     {StackEntries[StackPointer] ← value;
      StackPointer ← StackPointer + 1;
    }
  procedure pop . . .
}
```



Objects and Classes

- Object: Active program unit containing both data and procedures
- Class: A template from which objects are constructed

An object is called an instance of the class.



C++ Language

- ▶ Bjarne Stroustrup designed and implemented the C++ programming language at Bell Labs.
- The name C++ comes from the C increment operator ++, which adds one to the value of a variable.
 - Stroustrup added OOP features and generic programming support to C without significantly changing the C component.
 - Thus C++ is a superset of C, meaning that any valid C program is a valid C++ program, too.