Complete Guide to Object-Oriented Programming Fundamentals in C#

1. Classes and Objects

Concept Explanation

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm based on the concept of "objects" which contain data (fields/properties) and code (methods). A class is a blueprint or template that defines the structure and behavior of objects, while an object is an instance of a class.

Key Concepts:

- Class: A template that defines what an object will look like and how it will behave
- **Object**: An instance of a class a concrete entity created from the class template
- Instantiation: The process of creating an object from a class using the (new) keyword

Benefits:

- Code reusability and modularity
- Better organization of code
- Real-world modeling capability
- Easier maintenance and debugging

Sample Program:

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```
using System;
// Class definition - blueprint for creating objects
public class Student
  // Fields (data members)
  public string name;
  public int age;
  public string studentld;
  public double gpa;
  // Method to display student information
  public void DisplayInfo()
    Console.WriteLine($"Name: {name}");
    Console.WriteLine($"Age: {age}");
    Console.WriteLine($"Student ID: {studentId}");
    Console.WriteLine($"GPA: {gpa:F2}");
    Console.WriteLine("-----");
  // Method to calculate if student is eligible for honors
  public bool IsEligibleForHonors()
  {
    return gpa >= 3.5;
  // Method to update GPA
  public void UpdateGPA(double newGPA)
    if (newGPA \geq = 0.0 && newGPA \leq 4.0)
       gpa = newGPA;
       Console.WriteLine($"GPA updated to {gpa:F2}");
     else
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid GPA. Must be between 0.0 and 4.0");
// Another class example - Car
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public class Car
  public string make;
  public string model;
  public int year;
  public string color;
  public double mileage;
  public bool isRunning;
  public void StartEngine()
  {
    if (!isRunning)
       isRunning = true;
       Console.WriteLine($"The {year} {make} {model} engine is now running.");
    else
       Console.WriteLine("Engine is already running.");
  public void StopEngine()
    if (isRunning)
       isRunning = false;
       Console.WriteLine($"The {year} {make} {model} engine has been turned off.");
    }
    else
       Console.WriteLine("Engine is already off.");
  public void Drive(double miles)
    if (isRunning && miles > 0)
       mileage += miles;
       Console.WriteLine($"Drove {miles} miles. Total mileage: {mileage}");
    else if (!isRunning)
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Console.WriteLine("Cannot drive. Engine is not running.");
    else
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid distance.");
  public void DisplayCarInfo()
    Console.WriteLine($"Car: {year} {make} {model}");
    Console.WriteLine($"Color: {color}");
    Console.WriteLine($"Mileage: {mileage} miles");
    Console.WriteLine($"Engine Status: {(isRunning? "Running": "Off")}");
    Console.WriteLine("-----");
class ClassesAndObjectsDemo
  static void Main()
    Console.WriteLine("=== CLASSES AND OBJECTS DEMO ===\n");
    // 1. Creating objects (instantiation)
    Console.WriteLine("1. Creating Student Objects:");
    // Create first student object
    Student student1 = new Student();
    student1.name = "Alice Johnson";
    student1.age = 20;
    student1.studentId = "STU001";
    student1.gpa = 3.8;
    // Create second student object
    Student student2 = new Student();
    student2.name = "Bob Smith";
    student2.age = 19;
    student2.studentId = "STU002";
    student2.gpa = 3.2;
    // Display student information
    Console.WriteLine("Student 1 Information:");
    student1.DisplayInfo();
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Console.WriteLine("Student 2 Information:");
student2.DisplayInfo();
// 2. Using object methods
Console.WriteLine("2. Using Object Methods:");
Console. WriteLine ($"Is {student1.name} eligible for honors? {student1.lsEligibleForHonors()}");
Console.WriteLine($"Is {student2.name} eligible for honors? {student2.lsEligibleForHonors()}");
// Update GPA
Console.WriteLine($"\nUpdating {student2.name}'s GPA:");
student2.UpdateGPA(3.6);
Console.WriteLine($"Now eligible for honors? {student2.lsEligibleForHonors()}");
// 3. Working with Car objects
Console.WriteLine("\n3. Working with Car Objects:");
// Create car objects
Car car1 = new Car();
car1.make = "Toyota";
car1.model = "Camry";
car1.year = 2022;
car1.color = "Blue";
car1.mileage = 15000;
car1.isRunning = false;
Car car2 = new Car();
car2.make = "Honda";
car2.model = "Civic";
car2.year = 2021;
car2.color = "Red";
car2.mileage = 25000;
car2.isRunning = false;
// Display initial car information
Console.WriteLine("Initial Car Information:");
car1.DisplayCarInfo();
car2.DisplayCarInfo();
// Demonstrate car operations
Console.WriteLine("Car Operations:");
car1.StartEngine();
car1.Drive(50);
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car1.DisplayCarInfo();
car2.Drive(30); // This should fail - engine not running
car2.StartEngine();
car2.Drive(30); // This should work
car2.StopEngine();
// 4. Multiple objects of the same class
Console.WriteLine("\n4. Multiple Objects Demonstration:");
Student[] students = new Student[3];
// Create multiple student objects
for (int i = 0; i < students.Length; i++)
  students[i] = new Student();
  students[i].name = $"Student {i + 1}";
  students[i].age = 18 + i;
  students[i].studentId = $"STU{(i + 1):D3}";
  students[i].gpa = 2.5 + (i * 0.3);
// Display all students
Console.WriteLine("All Students:");
foreach (Student student in students)
  student.DisplayInfo();
// Count honors students
int honorsCount = 0;
foreach (Student student in students)
  if (student.lsEligibleForHonors())
     honorsCount++;
Console.WriteLine($"Number of students eligible for honors: {honorsCount}");
// 5. Object independence demonstration
Console.WriteLine("\n5. Object Independence:");
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Student original = new Student();
original.name = "Original Student";
original.gpa = 3.0;

Student copy = new Student();
copy.name = "Copy Student";
copy.gpa = 3.0;

Console.WriteLine("Before modifying:");
Console.WriteLine($"Original GPA: {original.gpa}");
Console.WriteLine($"Copy GPA: {copy.gpa}");

// Modify one object
original.UpdateGPA(4.0);

Console.WriteLine("After modifying original:");
Console.WriteLine($"Original GPA: {original.gpa}");
Console.WriteLine($"Original GPA: {original.gpa}");
Console.WriteLine("Objects are independent - changing one doesn't affect the other");
}
}
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2. Fields, Properties, and Methods

Concept Explanation

Fields, properties, and methods are the core members of a class that define its data and behavior.

Fields:

- Variables that store data for the class
- Can be public, private, protected, or internal
- Directly accessible (if public)
- Should generally be private for encapsulation

Properties:

- Provide controlled access to fields
- Use get and set accessors
- Can include validation logic
- Auto-implemented properties for simple cases

Methods:							
Functions that define what objects can do							
Can access and modify fields and properties							
Can be static (belong to class) or instance (belong to object)							
• Support overloading							
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• Can be read-only, write-only, or read-write

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
public class BankAccount
  // 1. FIELDS (data storage)
  private string accountNumber; // Private field - encapsulated
  private double balance; // Private field - protected data
  private string accountType; // Private field
  private DateTime creationDate; // Private field
  private List<string> transactions; // Private field for transaction history
  // Public field (generally not recommended, but shown for demonstration)
  public string bankName = "ABC Bank";
  // 2. PROPERTIES (controlled access to data)
  // Auto-implemented property (C# creates hidden backing field)
  public string OwnerName { get; set; }
  // Property with backing field and validation
  public string AccountNumber
    get { return accountNumber; }
    set
       if (string.lsNullOrEmpty(value) || value.Length != 10)
         throw new ArgumentException("Account number must be 10 digits");
       accountNumber = value;
  // Read-only property (only getter)
  public double Balance
     get { return balance; }
  // Property with validation in setter
  public string AccountType
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get { return accountType; }
  set
    if (value == "Savings" || value == "Checking" || value == "Business")
       accountType = value;
    else
       throw new ArgumentException("Invalid account type");
// Read-only property
public DateTime CreationDate
  get { return creationDate; }
// Computed property (calculated from other data)
public string AccountSummary
  get
    return $"{OwnerName} - {AccountType} Account ({AccountNumber}) - Balance: ${Balance:F2}";
// Property returning collection count
public int TransactionCount
  get { return transactions.Count; }
// 3. METHODS (behavior and operations)
// Constructor method (special method for object initialization)
public BankAccount(string ownerName, string accountNumber, string accountType)
  OwnerName = ownerName;
  AccountNumber = accountNumber; // Uses property setter for validation
  AccountType = accountType; // Uses property setter for validation
  balance = 0.0:
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creationDate = DateTime.Now;
  transactions = new List<string>();
  AddTransaction($"Account created for {ownerName}");
// Method with return value
public bool Deposit(double amount)
  if (amount <= 0)
    Console.WriteLine("Deposit amount must be positive");
    return false;
  balance += amount:
  AddTransaction($"Deposited ${amount:F2}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Deposited ${amount:F2}. New balance: ${balance:F2}");
  return true;
// Method with validation and conditional logic
public bool Withdraw(double amount)
  if (amount <= 0)
    Console.WriteLine("Withdrawal amount must be positive");
    return false:
  if (amount > balance)
    Console.WriteLine("Insufficient funds");
    return false:
  balance -= amount;
  AddTransaction($"Withdrew ${amount:F2}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Withdrew ${amount:F2}. New balance: ${balance:F2}");
  return true;
// Method for transferring between accounts
public bool TransferTo(BankAccount targetAccount, double amount)
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if (amount <= 0)
    Console.WriteLine("Transfer amount must be positive");
    return false:
  if (this.Withdraw(amount))
    targetAccount.Deposit(amount);
    AddTransaction($"Transferred ${amount:F2} to {targetAccount.OwnerName}");
    targetAccount.AddTransaction($"Received ${amount:F2} from {this.OwnerName}");
    return true;
  return false;
// Private method (helper method)
private void AddTransaction(string description)
  string transaction = $"{DateTime.Now:yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} - {description}";
  transactions.Add(transaction):
// Method to display information
public void DisplayAccountInfo()
  Console.WriteLine("=== ACCOUNT INFORMATION ===");
  Console.WriteLine($"Bank: {bankName}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Owner: {OwnerName}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Account Number: {AccountNumber}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Account Type: {AccountType}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Balance: ${Balance:F2}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Created: {CreationDate:yyyy-MM-dd}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Total Transactions: {TransactionCount}");
  Console.WriteLine("==========");
// Method to show transaction history
public void ShowTransactionHistory(int lastNTransactions = 5)
  Console.WriteLine($"\n=== LAST {Math.Min(lastNTransactions, transactions.Count)} TRANSACTIONS ===");
  int startIndex = Math.Max(0, transactions.Count - lastNTransactions);
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for (int i = startIndex; i < transactions.Count; i++)</pre>
       Console.WriteLine($"{i + 1}. {transactions[i]}");
     Console.WriteLine("=========");
  // Method with multiple parameters and default values
  public void GenerateStatement(bool includeTransactions = true, int transactionLimit = 10)
    Console.WriteLine("\n=== ACCOUNT STATEMENT ===");
    Console.WriteLine(AccountSummary);
     Console. WriteLine ($"Statement Date: {DateTime.Now:yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss}");
    if (includeTransactions)
       ShowTransactionHistory(transactionLimit);
     Console.WriteLine("=========");
// Another class to demonstrate different types of members
public class Calculator
  // Static field (belongs to the class, not instance)
  public static string CalculatorName = "Advanced Calculator v1.0";
  private static int calculationCount = 0;
  // Instance fields
  private double lastResult;
  private List < string > history;
  // Property for last result
  public double LastResult
    get { return lastResult; }
  // Static property
  public static int TotalCalculations
     get { return calculationCount; }
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// Constructor
public Calculator()
  lastResult = 0;
  history = new List<string>();
// Instance methods
public double Add(double a, double b)
  lastResult = a + b;
  RecordCalculation($"{a} + {b} = {lastResult}");
  return lastResult;
public double Multiply(double a, double b)
  lastResult = a * b;
  RecordCalculation(\{a\} \times \{b\} = \{lastResult\}''\};
  return lastResult;
// Static method (doesn't need instance)
public static double Power(double baseNumber, double exponent)
  calculationCount++;
  return Math.Pow(baseNumber, exponent);
private void RecordCalculation(string calculation)
  calculationCount++;
  history.Add($"{DateTime.Now:HH:mm:ss} - {calculation}");
public void ShowHistory()
  Console.WriteLine("Calculation History:");
  foreach (string record in history)
     Console.WriteLine($" {record}");
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```
class FieldsPropertiesMethodsDemo
  static void Main()
    Console.WriteLine("=== FIELDS, PROPERTIES, AND METHODS DEMO ===\n");
    // 1. Creating and using objects with properties
    Console.WriteLine("1. Creating Bank Accounts:");
    try
       BankAccount account1 = new BankAccount("John Doe", "1234567890", "Savings");
       BankAccount account2 = new BankAccount("Jane Smith", "0987654321", "Checking");
      // Display initial account information
       account1.DisplayAccountInfo();
       account2.DisplayAccountInfo();
      // 2. Using methods to modify object state
       Console.WriteLine("\n2. Performing Banking Operations:");
       account1.Deposit(1000);
       account1.Deposit(500);
       account1.Withdraw(200);
       account2.Deposit(750);
       account2.Withdraw(100);
      // 3. Demonstrating property access
       Console.WriteLine("\n3. Property Access:");
       Console.WriteLine($"Account 1 Balance: ${account1.Balance:F2}");
       Console.WriteLine($"Account 1 Summary: {account1.AccountSummary}");
       Console.WriteLine($"Account 2 Transaction Count: {account2.TransactionCount}");
      // 4. Transfer between accounts
       Console.WriteLine("\n4. Transfer Operations:");
       account1.TransferTo(account2, 300);
      // Show updated balances
       Console.WriteLine($"Account 1 Balance after transfer: ${account1.Balance:F2}");
       Console.WriteLine($"Account 2 Balance after transfer: ${account2.Balance:F2}");
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// 5. Show transaction history
  Console.WriteLine("\n5. Transaction History:");
  account1.ShowTransactionHistory(3);
  account2.ShowTransactionHistory(3);
  // 6. Generate statements
  Console.WriteLine("\n6. Account Statements:");
  account1.GenerateStatement(true, 5);
  // 7. Demonstrating Calculator class with static members
  Console.WriteLine("\n7. Calculator Demo (Static vs Instance):");
  Calculator calc1 = new Calculator():
  Calculator calc2 = new Calculator();
  Console.WriteLine($"Calculator Name: {Calculator.CalculatorName}");
  Console. WriteLine ($"Initial calculation count: {Calculator. Total Calculations}");
  // Instance method calls
  calc1.Add(10, 5);
  calc1.Multiply(3, 4);
  calc2.Add(20, 15);
  // Static method call (no instance needed)
  double powerResult = Calculator.Power(2, 8);
  Console.WriteLine($"2^8 = {powerResult}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Total calculations performed: {Calculator.TotalCalculations}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Calc1 last result: {calc1.LastResult}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Calc2 last result: {calc2.LastResult}");
  calc1.ShowHistory();
  calc2.ShowHistory();
catch (ArgumentException ex)
  Console.WriteLine($"Error: {ex.Message}");
// 8. Demonstrating property validation
Console.WriteLine("\n8. Property Validation Demo:");
try
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BankAccount invalidAccount = new BankAccount("Test User", "123", "Savings"); // Invalid account number
}
catch (ArgumentException ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine($"Validation Error: (ex.Message)");
}

try
{
    BankAccount account = new BankAccount("Test User", "1111111111", "InvalidType"); // Invalid account type
}
catch (ArgumentException ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine($"Validation Error: (ex.Message)");
}
}
```

3. Constructors and Destructors

Concept Explanation

Constructors and destructors are special methods that manage the lifecycle of objects.

Constructors:

- Special methods called when an object is created
- Used to initialize object state
- Have the same name as the class
- No return type (not even void)
- Can be overloaded
- Default constructor is provided if none is defined

Types of Constructors:

- Default constructor (no parameters)
- Parameterized constructor
- Copy constructor
- Static constructor

Destructors (Finalizers):

 Used for cleanup operat 	ions		
• Rarely needed in C# due	to garbage collection		
Cannot be called directly	<i>'</i>		
• Use (~ClassName()) synta	x		
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Sample Program:			
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• Called when object is being destroyed

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
// Class demonstrating various constructor types
public class Person
  // Fields
  private string firstName;
  private string lastName;
  private int age;
  private DateTime birthDate;
  private string email;
  private static int personCount = 0; // Static field to track total persons created
  // Properties
  public string FirstName
     get { return firstName; }
     set { firstName = value?.Trim(); }
  public string LastName
     get { return lastName; }
     set { lastName = value?.Trim(); }
  public int Age
     get { return age; }
     set
       if (value >= 0 && value <= 150)
          age = value;
       else
          throw new ArgumentException("Age must be between 0 and 150");
  public DateTime BirthDate
     get { return birthDate; }
     set { birthDate = value; }
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public string Email
  get { return email; }
  set { email = value; }
public string FullName
  get { return $"{FirstName} {LastName}"; }
public static int PersonCount
  get { return personCount; }
// 1. Static Constructor - called once when class is first used
static Person()
{
  Console.WriteLine("Static constructor called - Person class initialized");
  personCount = 0;
// 2. Default Constructor (no parameters)
public Person()
  Console.WriteLine("Default constructor called");
  firstName = "Unknown";
  lastName = "Unknown";
  age = 0;
  birthDate = DateTime.Now;
  email = "";
  personCount++;
  Console.WriteLine($"Person created. Total persons: {personCount}");
// 3. Parameterized Constructor (with parameters)
public Person(string firstName, string lastName)
  Console.WriteLine("Parameterized constructor (name only) called");
  FirstName = firstName; // Using property for validation
  LastName = lastName; // Using property for validation
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age = 0;
  birthDate = DateTime.Now;
  email = "";
  personCount++;
  Console.WriteLine($"Person '{FullName}' created. Total persons: {personCount}");
// 4. Another Parameterized Constructor (constructor overloading)
public Person(string firstName, string lastName, int age)
  Console.WriteLine("Parameterized constructor (name and age) called");
  FirstName = firstName:
  LastName = lastName:
  Age = age; // Using property for validation
  birthDate = DateTime.Now.AddYears(-age); // Approximate birth date
  email = "";
  personCount++;
  Console.WriteLine($"Person '{FullName}' (age {age}) created. Total persons: {personCount}");
// 5. Full Parameterized Constructor
public Person(string firstName, string lastName, DateTime birthDate, string email)
  Console.WriteLine("Full parameterized constructor called");
  FirstName = firstName:
  LastName = lastName:
  BirthDate = birthDate:
  Email = email:
  // Calculate age from birth date
  age = DateTime.Now.Year - birthDate.Year;
  if (DateTime.Now.DayOfYear < birthDate.DayOfYear)</pre>
     age--;
  personCount++;
  Console.WriteLine($"Person '{FullName}' (born {birthDate:yyyy-MM-dd}) created. Total persons: {personCount}");
// 6. Copy Constructor (creates a copy of another Person)
public Person(Person other)
  Console.WriteLine("Copy constructor called");
  if (other != null)
     FirstName = other.FirstName:
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LastName = other.LastName;
     Age = other.Age;
     BirthDate = other.BirthDate:
     Email = other.Email:
     personCount++;
     Console.WriteLine($"Copy of '{FullName}' created. Total persons: {personCount}");
  else
     throw new ArgumentNullException("Cannot copy from null Person object");
// Constructor chaining using 'this' keyword
public Person(string firstName, string lastName, int age, string email)
  : this(firstName, lastName, DateTime.Now.AddYears(-age), email)
  Console.WriteLine("Constructor chaining completed");
// Methods
public void DisplayInfo()
  Console.WriteLine($"Name: {FullName}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Age: {Age}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Birth Date: {BirthDate:yyyy-MM-dd}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Email: {Email}");
  Console.WriteLine("----");
public void CelebrateBirthday()
  Age++;
  Console.WriteLine($"Happy Birthday {FirstName}! You are now {Age} years old.");
// 7. Destructor (Finalizer) - rarely used in C#
~Person()
  Console.WriteLine($"Destructor called for {FullName}");
  // Note: In real applications, destructors are rarely needed
  // The garbage collector handles memory cleanup automatically
```

```
// Class demonstrating resource management with constructor/destructor
public class FileManager
  private string fileName;
  private bool isFileOpen;
  private DateTime creationTime;
  // Constructor
  public FileManager(string fileName)
     this.fileName = fileName;
     this.creationTime = DateTime.Now;
     this.isFileOpen = false;
     Console.WriteLine($"FileManager created for '{fileName}' at {creationTime}");
    // Simulate opening a file
     OpenFile();
  private void OpenFile()
    // Simulate file opening
    isFileOpen = true;
     Console.WriteLine($"File '{fileName}' opened successfully");
  public void WriteToFile(string content)
     if (isFileOpen)
       Console.WriteLine($"Writing to '{fileName}': {content}");
     else
       Console.WriteLine("Cannot write - file is not open");
  public void CloseFile()
     if (isFileOpen)
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isFileOpen = false;
       Console.WriteLine($"File '{fileName}' closed");
  // Destructor for cleanup
  ~FileManager()
     Console.WriteLine($"FileManager destructor called for '{fileName}'");
     if (isFileOpen)
     {
       Console.WriteLine("Cleaning up - closing file in destructor");
       CloseFile();
// Class demonstrating initialization patterns
public class BankAccount2
  public string AccountNumber { get; private set; }
  public string OwnerName { get; private set; }
  public decimal Balance { get; private set; }
  public DateTime CreationDate { get; private set; }
  public string AccountType { get; private set; }
  private static readonly List<string> ValidAccountTypes = new List<string>
     "Savings", "Checking", "Business", "Investment"
  };
  // Static constructor to initialize static data
  static BankAccount2()
     Console.WriteLine("BankAccount2 static constructor - initializing valid account types");
  // Primary constructor with validation
  public BankAccount2(string accountNumber, string ownerName, string accountType, decimal initialDeposit = 0)
     // Validation
     if (string.lsNullOrWhiteSpace(accountNumber) || accountNumber.Length != 10)
       throw new ArgumentException("Account number must be exactly 10 characters");
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if (string.lsNullOrWhiteSpace(ownerName))
     throw new ArgumentException("Owner name cannot be empty");
  if (!ValidAccountTypes.Contains(accountType))
    throw new ArgumentException($"Invalid account type. Valid types: {string.Join(", ", ValidAccountTypes)}");
  if (initialDeposit < 0)
    throw new ArgumentException("Initial deposit cannot be negative");
  // Initialize properties
  AccountNumber = accountNumber;
  OwnerName = ownerName.Trim();
  AccountType = accountType;
  Balance = initialDeposit;
  CreationDate = DateTime.Now:
  Console.WriteLine($"BankAccount2 created: {OwnerName} - {AccountType} account with ${Balance:F2}");
// Convenience constructor for savings account with minimum deposit
public BankAccount2(string ownerName, string accountNumber)
  : this(accountNumber, ownerName, "Savings", 100.00m)
  Console. WriteLine ("Convenience constructor used - created Savings account with $100 minimum deposit");
public void Deposit(decimal amount)
  if (amount > 0)
     Balance += amount;
    Console.WriteLine($"Deposited ${amount:F2}. New balance: ${Balance:F2}");
public void DisplayAccount()
  Console.WriteLine($"Account: {AccountNumber} ({AccountType})");
  Console.WriteLine($"Owner: {OwnerName}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Balance: ${Balance:F2}");
  Console.WriteLine($"Created: {CreationDate:yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss}");
  Console
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