

Introduction to Programming

Types of languages

Procedural

Functional

Object -
Oriented

Procedural

→ specifies a series of well-structured steps and procedures to compose a program.

→ contains a systematic order of statements, functions & commands to complete a task.

eg → C, Pascal, Fortran, etc

- Focuses on functions to perform tasks.
- Follows a top-down approach.

Top-down Approach is a problem-solving or design method where you start with a general overview or high level concept & then break down into smaller elements as needed.

- Uses global & local variables for data management.

Functional

- Writing a program only in pure functions i.e. never modify variables, but only create new ones as an output.
- used in situations where we have to perform lots of different operations on same data set, like ML.
- First class function: Block of code that we can reuse again & again.
eg → Python

Object-Oriented

- Revolves around objects
- Code + Data = Object
- Developed to make it easier to develop, debug, reuse & maintain software.
eg → JAVA, python, C++.

Static V/s Dynamic languages

Static

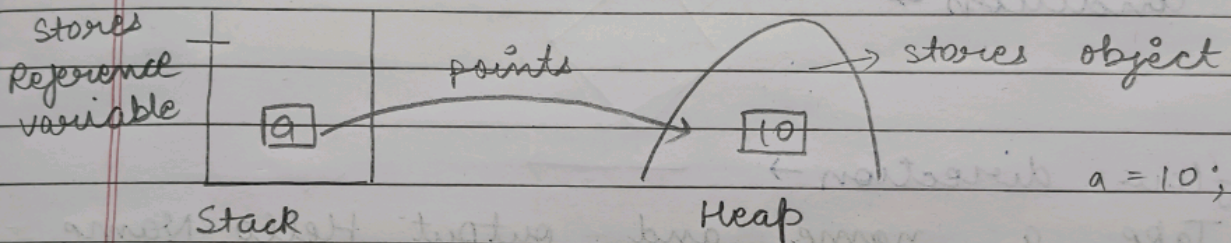
- Perform type checking at compile time.
- Errors will show at compile time.
- Declare datatype before use.
- More control.

Dynamic

- Perform type checking at runtime.
- Error might not show till program is run.
- No need to declare variable's datatype.
- Save times in writing code but might give error at runtime.

memory management → two types of memory

- Stack memory
- Heap memory



- More than one reference variable can point to the same object.
- If any reference variable is changing the object's value, it will be changed for all.

What happens when there is no reference variable to the object?

Garbage collection → objects that do not have a reference variable pointing towards them.