Applied Object Oriented Design

Introduction

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2 Discuss: Course Charter: PA1482 DISCUSSION

The following learning outcomes are examinded in the course: **Knowledge and understanding** On completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- In depth explain basic concepts and techniques in object oriented programming and design.
- Understand and in depth explain design and program code for a simple object oriented system.

Competence and skills On completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Structure a problem solution for a smaller system with the help of classes and present it in a class diagram.
- Apply design patterns to create a maintainable object oriented design.
- Implement a small object oriented system according to a specific design.
- Use the standard libraries for the programming language.

Judgement and approach On completion of the course, the student will be able to:

• Analyse and discuss a design and program code for potential improvements.

3 Course Structure

Lectures

- Lecture Plan on Canvas
- Contains reading instructions

Assignments

- 0. Early Design Sketch
 - Not graded
 - Early ideas on how to design the system, to get feedback
 - Used as three week Roll Call
- 1. Software Design
 - Graded (see rubric on Canvas)
 - Design of a system, using design patterns.
- 2. Implementation
 - Graded (see rubric on Canvas)
 - Implement the designed system

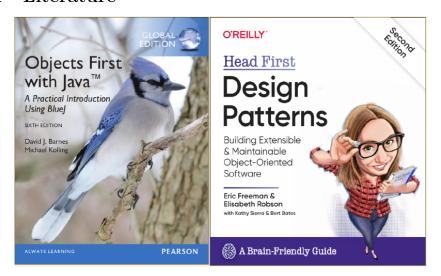
• Working Software? Adherence to design?

Assignment Submissions

- Submit your work in groups of 3-5 students.
- Deadlines on Canvas
- Resubmissions:
 - Within two weeks after course ends.
 - Same dates as the re-exams

Written Exam

4 Literature



- Barnes, Kolling "Objects First with Java", Sixth Edition, Pearson 2016. ISBN (Global Edition): 978-1-292-15904-1
- Freeman & Robson "Head First Design Patterns", 2nd Edition, O'Reilly 2020. ISBN: 9781492078005

5 Tools

- You will need a Java Development Kit
 - e.g. OpenJDK https://openjdk.org/.
 - May be possible to install as a package inside VSCode.
- ullet You may also wish to install a C/C++ compiler
 - e.g. gcc https://gcc.gnu.org/
- Make sure that the Java version you install is compatible with your IDE

- e.g., BlueJ requires Java 11+.
- For the lazy, this is as good an opportunity as any to getting to know a make tool.
 - https://www.gnu.org/software/make/
 - https://cmake.org/

Examples of Development Environments:

- VS Code (Probably already installed)
- BlueJ https://www.bluej.org/
- VS Codium https://vscodium.com/
- IntelliJ https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/
- Emacs https://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/
- ..
- Vim https://www.vim.org/

Examples of UML Modelling tools

- PlantUML http://plantuml.com/
- IntelliJ https://www.jetbrains.com/help/idea/class-diagram.html
- StarUML: http://staruml.io/
- VisualParadigm https://www.visual-paradigm.com/
- ...

6 Outline

Remainder of this presentation introduces

- Object Oriented Programming
- Object Oriented Analysis and Design
- Design Patterns and Design Principles
- Getting Started [with Java and C++]

7 Object Oriented Programming

- 1. Background: Data Representation and Manipulation
 - Computer Programs are essentially about *Data*, e.g.
 - Text
 - Bank Account Information
 - Demographics
 - Warehouse Inventory
 - Medical Journals
 - Collections of Live or Historical Measurements from some device
 - Images, Video, ...
 - Maps
 - ...
 - Some data only exist within the realm of a computer program
 - Other (most) data represent something in the real world

Challenges

- Represent the data accurately
- Manipulate the data consistently
- Store data sufficiently durably

2. Representing Data

- Simple datatypes: int, float, char
- Compound datatype: person, bank account, text document, position

Challenge

- We usually do not only store *one* datum; we have collections of data, e.g.
 - temperature readings every minute for the past 24 hours
 - persons currently employed by this company
 - patients in Sweden

3. Manipulate Data

- Program Structuring ensure that all code that manipulates a certain type of data is found in the same place.
 - All code that manipulates X is in this directory.
 - All code that manpulates X is in this file.
 - All code that manipulates X have the moniker X in their name.
 - . . .
 - Only code with an X in their name is allowed to operate on X.
 - code with an X in their name is only allowed to operate on a single instance of X.

- ...

- The data representation may make it easier or harder to manipulate the data *consistently*.
 - All parts of X start with X , .e.g. PersonName, PersonPhoneNumber, PersonAddress,
 - Position i in all collections represent part of the same datum, e.g.
 PersonName[1] has the corresponding PersonPhoneNumber[1].

Or, we may take a different approach.

4. Objects: Representing Compound Data Types

```
struct Person {
  char name[50];
  char phoneNumber[20];
  struct Address address;
};

struct Person p1;

let p1 = {
    name: "",
    phoneNumber: "",
    address: {},
};
```

- In both these examples, we have created an *Object* p1.
- p1 contains three datum; name, phoneNumber, and address.
- We can create another Object, p2 which may contain a different name, phoneNumber, and address.
- In fact, we can create a whole collection of Person objects.
- 5. Objects: Encapsulating Behaviour
 - This is a nifty extension to the built-in data types, we can now create our own types.

However:

- we still have to keep track of where we put the code to manipulate these data.
- all data is still available to anyone, we cannot protect access.

Encapsulation

- Cleaner public interfaces of object/class/package/subsystem/system/service
- Protect data from unsanctioned access
- Focus each object/class on *their* task, remain unaware of other objects and tasks.
- Easy To Change

Example: How to get from Victoria Station to Paddington Station?

- Know every road and roadblock along the way?
- Know the bus-routes that will take you there?
- Know which tube-line to board?
- Know how to wave down a taxi?
- Do not know how to drive a car in London traffic.
- Do not know whether there is enough fuel in the taxi.
- Do not know how other travellers will get there, their names, or anything else about them.

6. Classes describe Objects

- Java and C++ are typed languages
- Every item of data must have a type
- At the very basic level it is used to allocate sufficient memory for the data item.
- The language enforces type consistency, if you'll let it.
 - (A Person can only be accessed as a person and not e.g. as a Car).
- Developer-defined data type Class
- describes the structure of the data type
- gathers methods (functions) that operate on the data.
- Encapsulates methods and parts of the data type to create a cleaner interface.
- Blueprint for creating objects
- Description for what a developer may do with an object
- The programming language helps developers to "stick to the script"

7. One Class, many Objects

```
public class Person {
   private String name;
   private String phoneNumber;
   private Address address;

   // Constructors and methods
   // ...
}

// ...
Person p1 = new Person("Ada", "1", "Newstead Abbey");
Person byron = new Person("George Gordon", "0", "Newstead Abbey");
Person[] students = new Person[25];
System.out.println(new Person("Coleridge", "2", "Coleridge Cottage"));
```

- Same class is used to create many objects
- Each object contains the same attributes (variables), but with their own values.
- Each object contains the same set of methods (functions).
- Each object contains all the necessary data to describe *one and only one* instance of that type.
- You may have a variable that reference an object.
- The name of this variable is unknown to the object itself.
- The variable name can (and often will) change as you pass an object around.

8. Summary

- We use objects to represent the real world.
 - Reduced cognitive gap (Real World Object ⇔ Object in Computer Program)
- Classes describe Objects
- Classes, or Types, are necessary in programming languages such as Java or C++.
 - Encapsulates a compound data type
 - Encapsulates associated behaviour
- Object Oriented Programming with Classes is *one* language design choice
 - Other languages (e.g. JavaScript) do not need classes but they help readability and maintainability.
 - Other languages (e.g. Clojure) do not encapsulate behaviour together with data
 - * focus instead on describing data types and their relations
 - * made possible because data is immutable && code structure is enforced in other ways.

8 Object Oriented Analysis and Design

- 1. Growing Systems
 - OOP is a good start, but as systems grow we run into challenges.
 - Which Real World Objects should be represented as Program Objects?
 - What are the responsibilities for each object?
 - Which Objects need to collaborate to solve some task?
 - How to get an overview of all the classes?
 - What hinders maintainability? What facilitates maintainability?
 - How to make best use of the entire toolchain, including the programming language itself?

- Object Oriented Analysis
 - Problem domain and requirements
 - Objects in the problem domain
- Object Oriented Design
 - Logical Software Objects (with attributes and methods, plus collaborations)
- OO Construction/Implementation
- 2. Discuss: Why Bother About Modelling

DISCUSSION

- T. Gorschek, E. Tempero, L. Angelis, On the use of software design models in software development practice: An empirical investigation, in Journal of Systems and Software 95(2014):176–193.
 - TL;DR: Nearly 4000 industry practitioners were asked "Do you model?".
 - Answers ranged from "no" to "hell no!".
 - ... There is, of course, more to this story.

22. When you write code, to what degree do you use design models (e.g. UML diagrams) to guide you?

- 0. Never (0%)
- 1. Rarely (<10%)
- 2. Sometimes (<25%)
- 3. Less than half the time (<50%)
- 4. More than half the time (>=50%)
- 5. Much of the time (>75%)
- 6. Almost all of the time (>90%)7. All the time (100%)
- 100 80 80 60 40 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- 3. Why Bother About Modelling
 - In the freetext answers a different story emerges:
 - They do use sketches, informal models, casual diagrams, etc, but not formal UML.
 - Common explanations:
 - "Only for very complex designs, sometimes"
 - "Only use initially then start coding (diagrams not kept/updated)"
 - "Enables visualisation of the big picture/high level"
 - "Other types of models but not UML"
 - "Use models to communicate and coordinate with other developers"
 - \sum Models are not used as researchers expect.
 - Instead they are used for conceptual analysis and exploration, problem solving, visualisation, and communication.
- 4. RUP/UML
 - Unified Modelling Language (UML)

- A traceable chain of different models from requirements to code/test.
 - * Each model is transformed to a [more detailed] model that is closer to the end-product.
 - * Do this fully, and you have *Model-Driven Development* (Which we won't do in this course)
- UML is one set of models; there are many others, especially for different domains.
- Rational Unified Process (RUP)
 - the process used to, whith the help of UML diagrams step by step increase the understanding of which system to build.

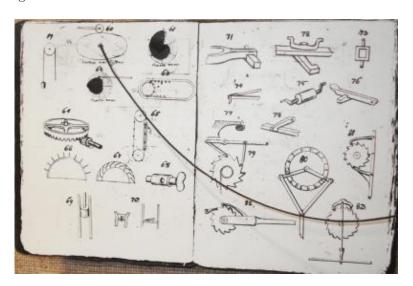
Process:

- (a) Understand Requirements Use Case Diagrams / Use Cases
- (b) Understand Problem Domain Conceptual Model / Domain Model
- (c) **Translate from** *user actions* to *system calls*. System Sequence Diagram
- (d) **Describe** *Object Interactions*. Sequence Diagrams / Interaction Diagrams
- (e) Establish an overview over what to build Class Diagram
- (f) Gradually build the system Goto (4)

In this course, we focus on *Interacting Objects* and the corresponding *Class Diagram*.

9 Design Patterns and Design Principles

1. Design Patterns



(Christopher Polhem, Mekaniskt Alfabet, ca 1697)

- Design patterns are reusable solutions to known problems
 - ... with known consequences
- There is nothing that requires you to use design patterns; they are a convenience.
- Design patterns focus primarily on structure (class view), and interaction (sequence diagrams)

2. Design Principles

- Fundamendal Object Oriented "rules" for how to create a flexible and maintainable design.
 - "They're more like guidelines, really..."
- As opposed to Design Patterns, you use these all the time and implicitly.

Responsibility Driven Design

- Principles for assigning responsibility for *knowing* or *doing* to the right object.
- Overall goal: Easy To Change (ETC)

3. When & Where

- Design Principles are used whether you have made an explicit object oriented design or not.
 - They can be seen in the design, but will be equally important when you jump straight into programming.
- Design Patterns are more often designed first and implemented second.
- Design Patterns are especially important in "classic" object oriented languages.
 - Less important (but still useful) in duck-typed languages such as JavaScript or Clojure.
 - (Clojure in particular takes a completely different path to achieve the same flexibility.)

10 Getting Started without an IDE

1. Compiled Languages

- Java and C++ are compiled languages
 - A tool translates your source code into something machine readable before you run it.
 - . . . as opposed to e.g. Python, PHP, or JavaScript, where a tool interprets your source code at runtime.
- This adds a few steps to the toolchain, i.e. write \rightarrow compile \rightarrow maybe-more-compilation \rightarrow run
- If you use a modern IDE you probably do not have to worry too much about this.

Benefits

- Efficiency (performance and e.g. memory efficiency)
- Compiler will syntax-check all your code before you deploy
 - s/runtime errors/compiation errors Fix your code before you deploy
 - Fosters a more stringent approach to programming
- Source code is not accessible to end-users
- Smaller size of shipped program
- Access to low-level APIs on your computer, e.g. Operating System, CPU, network, disk, memory, etc.

Challenges

- Compiled code may be platform dependent (C++ is, Java isn't)
- More complex toolchain
- Difficult to edit a running program on the fly
- Some programming language constructs are difficult to achieve, e.g. homoiconicity.
 - (But not impossible; Clojure accomplishes this)

2. Basic Steps Java

- (a) Write Java Source Code
- (b) Compile to machine independent bytecode
- (c) Interpret bytecode

Optional: Package the bytecode files into a JAR file.

C/C++

- (a) Write Source Code
- (b) Compile to runnable binary or relocatable machine code
- (c) Link relocatable machine code to a runnable binary
- (d) Run the runnable binary

3. Getting Started with Java

- (a) Appendix E in Barnes and Kölling
- (b) Make sure you have a JDK/JRE installed
- (c) Start a terminal
- (d) use javac to compile a .java file
 - javac Start.java
- (e) use java to run a .class file
 - java Start

Basic rules:

- Each class is defined in a file with the same name as the class
 - Class names are in principle case sensitive (lower/upper case letters)
 - In practice, some filesystems are not; this may create problems.
 - $-\Rightarrow$ Use proper and unique names, and make sure the file and class are spelled the same way.
- The "root" Class, where you want the program to start *must* have a main() function:

```
public class Start {
  public static void main(String [] args) {
  }
}
```

- It is good practice to keep this function *very* small; a simple printout and an object creation or two.
- 0. Getting Started with C++
 - (a) Make sure you have a C++ compiler installed.
 - (b) Start a terminal
 - (c) Use your compiler (e.g. g++) to compile your .cc and .hh files.
 - g++ start.cc -o start
 - (d) Run the resulting program as usual:
 - ./start

Basic Rules:

- The compiler doesn't care, but:
 - keep class declaration in a .hh file
 - keep ${\it class\ definition}$ in a .cc file with the same name as the .hh file.
- somewhere in the compiled program there must be a main() function.

```
int main() {
   // ...
   return 0;
}
```

- \bullet It is good practice to keep this function very small; a simple printout and an object creation or two.
- It is also good practice to keep this function in an easily recognisable file, e.g. main.cc or start.cc .
- 1. Build Tools (multi-file project)

- javac will follow class dependencies until it encounters a class that does not need to be compiled (source code unchanged).
- C++ compiler will just do one file at the time.
- Can use wildcards javac *.java to re-build everything.

Build tools save time

- Your IDE can help you (e.g. a project in Visual Studio)
- Be a Good Friend (TM), create a makefile.
 - https://makefiletutorial.com/

```
VARIABLE = value
```

target: dependency
 Command to build target

2. Generic makefile for Java

3. Generic makefile for C++

```
CC = g++
CFLAGS = -g -Wall
INCLUDE = -I.
TARGET=myProgram
EXT = .cc
SRCS = $(wildcard *$(EXT))
OBJS = $(SRCS:$(EXT)=.o)
```

all: \$(TARGET)
run: \$(TARGET)

```
./$(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(OBJS)
  $(CC) -o $@ $^ $(CFLAGS) $(INCLUDE) $(LDFLAGS) $(LIBS)
\%.o: \%$(EXT)
  $(CC) -c $< -o $@ $(CFLAGS) $(INCLUDE)
```

clean:

\$(RM) \$(OBJS) \$(TARGET)

- This will get you started, but the build file will need to be extended.
- Note that changes to .hh files will not be considered with this. Options:
 - Explicitly define DEPS= file1.hh file2.hh (bad idea)
 - Make sure you touch the right .cc file (better idea, but may miss places where the file is included)
 - Plan your classes and APIs beforehand to minimise changes (even better idea)
 - Advanced makefile-fu to fix this once and for all with g++ -M

4. Summary

- For now, BlueJ is a good abstraction to learn Object Orientation.
- Grok the command line interface
 - Increase your understanding of what is really going on
 - Will help you later in your career
 - Will enable you to work with build systems
 - Easier to share your project with troglodytes who refuse to use a modern IDE.
- In an IDE, much of this is hidden.
- Read the error messages!

11 Next Lecture: Programming Fundamentals

- Barnes & Kölling Chapter 1, Objects and Classes
- Barnes & Kölling Chapter 2, Understanding Class Definitions
- Objects, Classes, Methods, and Attributes
- Built in data types
- Fundamental Input and Output
- Conditional Execution: if
- Design Philosophy: Program objects represent real world entities
- Design Principle: Low Coupling