

CODECRAFT AUGUST 2023  
OBJECT-ORIENTED VS  
FUNCTIONAL - WHAT'S THE  
DIFFERENCE?

# WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

- Look at two programming paradigms
- Build a model to reflect a problem
- Solve a problem using the model
- Reimplement the model in a functional style

# WHAT ARE PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS?

Ways to classify programming languages based on their features

- Imperative
  - Procedural
  - Object-Oriented
- Declarative
  - Functional
  - Logic
  - Reactive

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming\\_paradigm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming_paradigm)

# HIGH-LEVEL DIFFERENCES

- Object-Oriented
  - Object-Oriented applications are a “Web of collaborating objects”
  - Behaviour of an object is defined in terms of which messages it sends, the results returned in response to receiving messages and the state mutated by those messages
- Functional
  - *It is better to have 100 functions operate on one data structure than to have 10 functions operate on 10 data structures - Alan Perlis*
  - Compose applications built upon a simple set of data-structures e.g. maps, lists, sets
  - State is not implicitly mutated

# OBJECT-ORIENTED LANGUAGES

This is not an exhaustive list

- Smalltalk
- C++
- Java
- Python
- Ruby
- JavaScript
- TypeScript

# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGES

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- Common Lisp
- Haskell
- OCaml
- Clojure
- Elixir

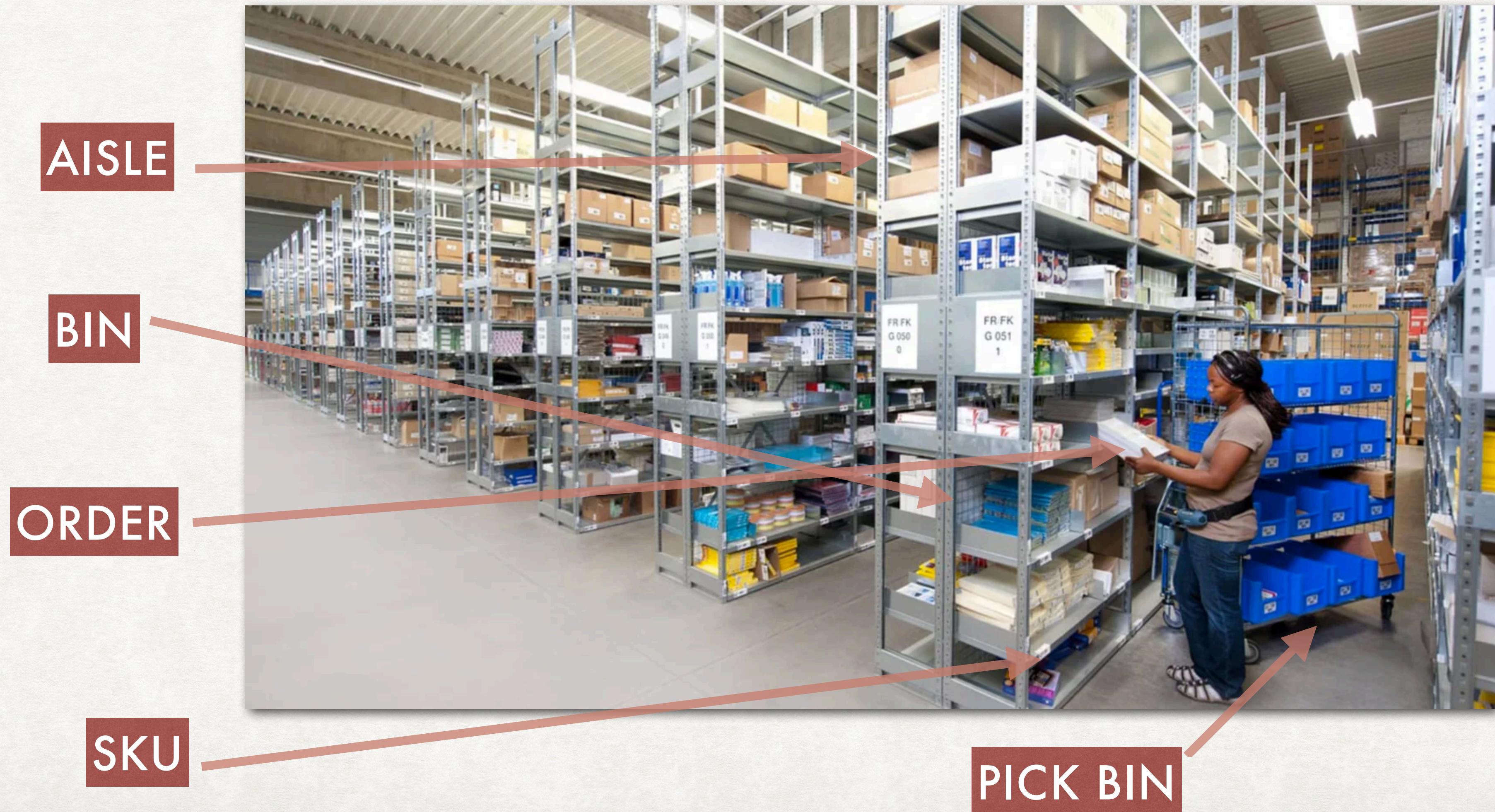
# MULTI-PARADIGM LANGUAGES

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- C++
- Java
- JavaScript
- C#
- Scala
- Common Lisp
- Kotlin
- PHP
- Python
- TypeScript

# WAREHOUSE PICKING

# DESIGNING WITH OBJECTS!



# EXERCISE 1

- Come up with a model of the Warehouse
- Start by thinking about the containers in the model
- What elements can you see in the picture?
- What information do you need to model each of the elements?
- Is there any information missing?

10 minutes

# DEFINING A WAREHOUSE

This is some raw data for your model.

```
1 {
2   "products": [
3     {
4       "id": "PROD01",
5       "name": "Grommet"
6     }
7   ],
8   "aisles": [
9     {
10      "id": "1",
11      "bins": [
12        {
13          "id": "1",
14          "contains": {
15            "sku": "PROD01",
16            "quantity": 50
17          }
18        },
19        {
20          "id": "2",
21          "contains": {
22            "sku": "PROD02",
23            "quantity": 5
24          }
25        }
26      ]
27    }
28  ]
29 }
```

# DEFINING AN ORDER

An order is a set of product codes (SKUs) and the quantity and an ID

```
1 {
2   "id": "00021231",
3   "items": [
4     {
5       "sku": "PROD01",
6       "quantity": 5
7     },
8     {
9       "sku": "PROD03",
10      "quantity": 10
11    }
12  ]
13 }
```

# DESIGNING WITH OBJECTS!

- Create a pick list for an order in a warehouse!
- Identify the bins to pick the items from
  - If you're stuck, maybe start with a message like `pickListForOrder(order)`
- Produce a list of aisle/bins and the number of items to pick from each bin
- You don't need to come up with an optimal order to pick the items in
  - You can choose to only use bins with sufficient items to fulfil the order
- What state should the model be in after you've created the pick list?
  - What sort of things can go wrong with this?

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# DESIGNING WITH MESSAGES

Objects communicate by sending messages

Think about what messages your model sends between its “web of collaborating objects”

# SOMETHING GOES WRONG

Picker ends their shift unexpectedly - trips and falls and has to leave

How do the pick list and stock counts differ?

The number of items in the bin isn't correct!

# DESIGN REFLECTION

- What messages are you sending between Objects?
- How does your inventory get updated?
  - What happens if someone else asks for a pick list while another picker is operating on a list?
  - What are the tradeoffs of your design?

# FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

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# DESIGNING WITH FUNCTIONS

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- Functions accept the data that they will operate on - “referential transparency”
- Functions can accept other functions for filtering and calculating - “high order functions”
- Functions accept data and return new data - “persistent data” - doesn’t mean “stored to persistent storage”

# DESIGNING WITH FUNCTIONS

- Create a pick list for an order in a warehouse!
- Identify the bins to pick the items from
  - If you're stuck, maybe start with a function like `findBinWithProduct(aisle, product, quantity)`
- Produce a list of aisle/bins and the number of items to pick from each bin
- You don't need to come up with an optimal order to pick the items in
  - You can choose to only use bins with sufficient items to fulfil the order
- What state should the model be in after you've created the pick list?

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# DESIGN REFLECTION

- How reusable are your functions?
- How does your inventory get updated?
  - What happens if someone else asks for a pick list while another picker is operating on a list?
  - What are the tradeoffs of your design?

# ONE FUNCTION MANY USES

```
interface AisleBin {
  aisleId: string;
  bin: Bin;
}

type binPredicate = (bin: Bin) => boolean;

/**
 * Find matching bins in this warehouse
 * @param warehouse
 * @param pred
 * @returns
 */
export function findWarehouseBins(warehouse: Warehouse, pred: binPredicate): AisleBin[]
{
  return warehouse.aisles.flatMap(
    (aisle: Aisle) => {
      return aisle.bins.filter(pred)
        .map((bin: Bin) => {
          return {
            aisleId: aisle.id,
            bin: bin,
          };
        });
    });
}
```

**THANK YOU!**

