

OOPS-Features

FEATURES OF OOP:

- >Object
- >Class
- >Data Hiding and Encapsulation
- >Dynamic Binding
- >Message Passing
- >Inheritance
- >Polymorphism

OBJECT: Object is a collection of number of entities. Objects take up space in the memory. Objects are instances of classes. When a program is executed, the objects interact by sending messages to one another. Each object contains data and code to manipulate the data. Objects can interact without having to know details of each other's data or code.

CLASS: Class is a collection of objects of similar type. Objects are variables of the type class. Once a class has been defined, we can create any number of objects belonging to that class. Eg: grapes, bananas and orange are the members of class fruit.

Example:

Fruit orange;

In the above statement, object mango is created which belongs to the class fruit.

NOTE: Classes are user-defined data types.

DATA ABSTRACTION AND ENCAPSULATION: Combining data and functions into a single unit called class and the process is known as Encapsulation. Data encapsulation is an important feature of a class. Class contains both data and functions. Data is not accessible from the outside world and only those functions which are present in the class can access the data. The insulation of the data from direct access by the program is called data hiding or information hiding. Hiding the complexity of a program is called Abstraction and only essential features are represented. In short, we can say that internal working is hidden.

DYNAMIC BINDING: Dynamic binding, also called dynamic dispatch, is the process of linking a procedure call to a specific sequence of code (method) at run-time. It means that the code to be executed for a specific procedure call is not known until run-time. Dynamic

binding is also known as late binding or run-time binding. It is related with polymorphism and inheritance. Dynamic binding(dispatch) means that a block of code executed with reference to a procedure(method) call is determined at run time. Dynamic dispatch is generally used when multiple classes contain different implementations of the same method. It provides a mechanism for selecting the function to be executed from various function alternatives at the run-time. In C++, virtual functions are used to implement dynamic binding.

MESSAGE PASSING: The process by which one object can interact with other object is called message passing. It is a form of communication between objects, processes or other resources used in object-oriented programming, inter-process communication and parallel computing.

INHERITANCE: It is the process by which object of one class acquire the properties or features of objects of another class. The concept of inheritance provide the idea of reusability means we can add additional features to an existing class without modifying it. This is possible by deriving a new class from the existing one. The new class will have the combined features of both the classes.

Example: Robine is a part of the class flying bird which is again a part of the class bird.

POLYMORPHISM: A greek term means ability to take more than one form. An operation may exhibit different behaviours in different instances. The behaviour depends upon the types of data used in the operation.

Example:

Operator Overloading

Function Overloading