

object (instance of a class)

anatomy of a class (1/2)

```
class ClassName {  
    VariableOneType variableOne;  
    ...  
  
    FunctionOneReturnType functionOneName(...) { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

- a **class** is (a blueprint for) a lil chunk of data that you can make elsewhere
- a class may have any number of **variables** (fields)
 - `int foo;` // objects of this class have an int called foo
- a class may have any number of **functions** (methods)
 - `int bar() { ... }` // objects of class have function bar

anatomy of a class (2/2)

```
class Point {  
    // instance variables  
    double x;  
    double y;  
  
    // constructor  
    Point(double x, double y) { ... }  
  
    // instance methods  
    double distanceTo(Point otherPoint) { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

an object is an instance of a class

```
// p is a reference to an instance of the Point class  
// p is an instance of the Point class  
// p is a Point object  
// "p is a Point"  
Point p = new Point();
```

object-oriented programming (OOP)

note: jim maybe has opinions but who's to sayyy

object-oriented programming (OOP)

- **object-oriented programming** means *thinking* in terms of nouns
 - "how can i break down this problem into classes/objects?"

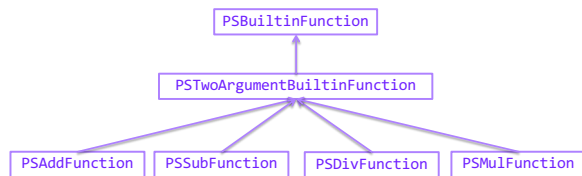
object-oriented programming (OOP)

- **object-oriented programming** is NOT just *having* classes/objects
- recall, a **class** is just (a blueprint for) a lil chunk of data
- rather, OOP means my problem-solving is *oriented* around objects
 - ...instead of, for example, data (**data-oriented design**)
 - ...functions (**functional programming**)

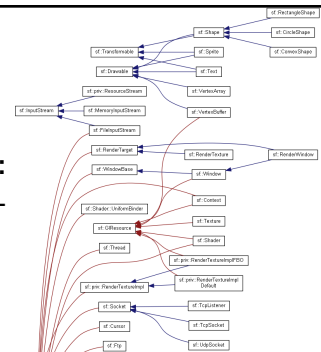
object-oriented programming

- **example:** to implement an Object-Oriented PostScript interpreter...
 - `class PSInterpreter`
 - `class PSProgram`
 - `class PSStack`
 - `class PSMap`
 - `class PSBuiltinFunction`
 - `class PSTwoArgumentBuiltinFunction extends PSBuiltinFunction`
 - `class PSAddFunction extends PSTwoArgumentBuiltinFunction`
 - `class PSSubFunction extends PSTwoArgumentBuiltinFunction`
 - `class PSMulFunction extends PSTwoArgumentBuiltinFunction`
 - `class PSDivFunction extends PSTwoArgumentBuiltinFunction`
 - ...

unified modeling language (UML) diagram



real-world example: SMFL



note that we still haven't written
any actual code

we've made a *plan* for how to
break the problem into objects

note: it can be hard to break problems into objects

Consider a very basic question: should a Message send itself?
'Sending' is a key thing I wish to do with Messages,
so surely Message objects should have a 'send' method, right?
If Messages don't send themselves, then some other object
will have to do the sending, like perhaps some not-yet-created Sender object.
Or wait, every sent Message needs a Recipient, so maybe instead Recipient
objects should have a 'receive' method.
This is the conundrum at the heart of object decomposition.
Every behavior can be re-contextualized by swapping around
the subject, verb, and objects.
Senders can send messages to Recipients;
Messages can send themselves to Recipients;
and Recipients can receive messages.
--Brian Will

so

it is very hard to break a
problem into objects

but

it is also very *popular* to break a
problem into objects

so let's learn some OOP 🤪👍

example: Unreal Engine API

ASpectatorPawn

SpectatorPawns are simple pawns that can fly around the world, used by PlayerControllers when in the spectator state.

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example: PyTorch

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inheritance

one class can **inherit** from another

- a **child class (derived class, subclass)** inherits from its **parent class (base class, superclass)**
- a child **inherits** (gets, has) its parents' variables and functions

```
// Inheritance: HW13 is a Cow (app)
class HW13 extends Cow {
    public static void main(...) {
        while (beginFrame()) {
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

```
class Cow {
    static boolean beginFrame(...);

    static double mouseX;
    static double mouseY;
    static boolean keyPressed(...);
    ...
}
```

inheritance is convenient, but NOT fundamental (except sometimes in Java)

- instead of extending a class, we can store a reference to an instance of it
- this is called "**composition**"
- we will have to use the dot operator (a lot) more, but c'est la vie; they're fundamentally the same thing*

```
// Inheritance: HW13 is a Cow
class HW13 extends Cow {
    public static void main(...) {
        while (beginFrame()) {
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

```
// Composition: HW13 has a Cow
class HW13 {
    static Cow cow;
    public static void main(...) {
        while (cow.beginFrame()) {
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

*sidenote: some people don't think agree with me that composition and inheritance are the same thing

Composition over inheritance

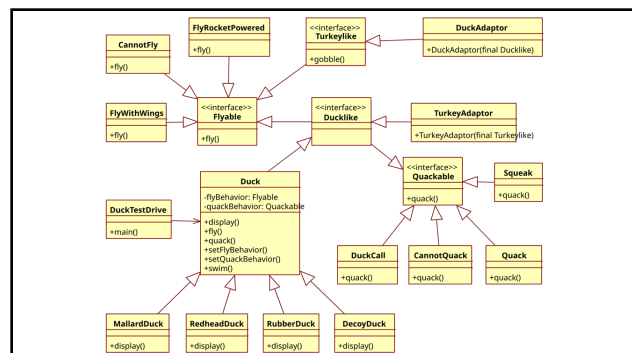
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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Composition over inheritance (or **composite reuse principle**) in object-oriented programming (OOP) is the principle that classes should favor *polymorphic* behavior and code reuse by their *composition* (by containing instances of other classes that implement the desired functionality) over *inheritance* from a base or parent class.^[1] Ideally all reuse can be achieved by assembling existing components, but in practice inheritance is often needed to make new ones. Therefore inheritance and object composition typically work hand-in-hand, as discussed in the book *Design Patterns* (1994).^[2]

Basics

An implementation of composition over inheritance typically begins with the creation of various **interfaces** representing the behaviors that the system must exhibit. Interfaces can facilitate *polymorphic* behavior.



final note: inheritance doesn't simplify a problem so much
as **it spreads it out**
(and spreads it *around?*)

down the rabbit hole...

```
public class ArrayList<E>
```

down the rabbit hole...

```
public class ArrayList<E> extends AbstractList<E>
    implements List<E>,
        RandomAccess,
        Cloneable,
        java.io.Serializable
```

down the rabbit hole...

```
public abstract class AbstractList<E> extends AbstractCollection<E>
    implements List<E> {
```

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public abstract class AbstractCollection<E> implements Collection<E> {
```

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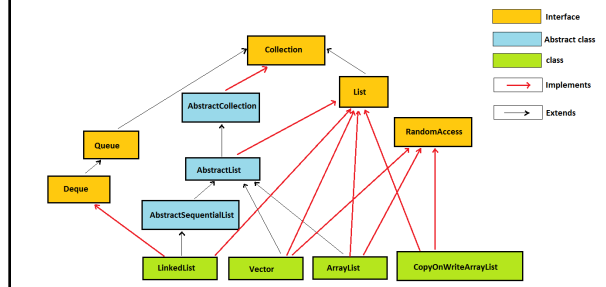
```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {
```

down the rabbit hole...

```
public interface Iterable<T> {

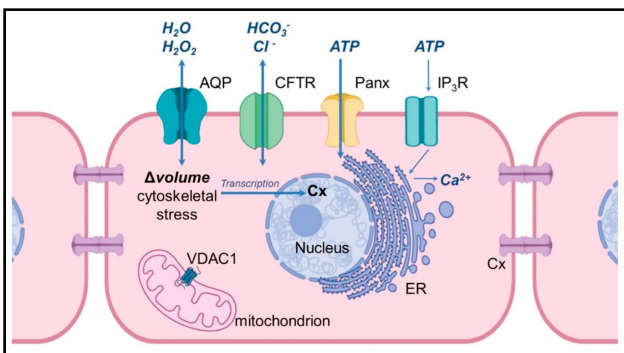
    /**
     * Returns an iterator over a set of elements of type T.
     *
     * @return an Iterator.
     */
    Iterator<T> iterator();
}
```

down the rabbit hole...



gobble gobble

encapsulation



encapsulation

- **encapsulation** is the idea that a class should be like a "capsule"
 - the variables inside the capsule should be **private**
 - users of the class CANNOT touch them
 - for its users, the class should expose safe, **public** functions


```
void put(KeyType key, ValueType value) { ... }
ValueType get(KeyType key) { ... }
int size() { return this._size; }
```

```
ArrayList<KeyValuePair>[] buckets;
```

```
int _size;
```

**encapsulated
hashmap**

note: this probably makes sense

the typical user of a hashmap
shouldn't be messing with the
private array

(and perhaps the exceptional user should write their own hashmap)

big idea: encapsulation can hide away
messy, dangerous details



note: this is just a
metaphor;
do NOT play with fire

however

encapsulation can maybe be taken too far

```
bullet.age++;
```

```
bullet.setAge(bullet.getAge() + 1);
```

```
bullet.ageUp(); // ?
```

OOP considered maybe
mildly frictionous to prototyping

final note: encapsulation doesn't *add* functionality
encapsulation *removes* functionality

special topic: conway's law

[O]rganizations which design systems (in the broad sense used here) are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations.
—Melvin E. Conway, *How Do Committees Invent?*

