

Day 06 – Design and Implement the Car Class

Abstraction is a representation, like a map, which captures the essentials

Other examples of abstractions?

- You can drive a car without knowing how the internal combustion engine works
- You can fly in a plane without understanding how the Bernoulli Principle works

When designing a **class**, you can think of it as a **category**:

- Human
- Professional Football team
- Grocery Store
- And the one we'll explore today, Automobile

Then, within that class, you can think of a particular **instantiation** or **object** of it:

- Human → you, your friend, ...
- Professional Football team → Chicago Bears, Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles, ...
- Grocery Store → Giant, Weis, Wegmans, ...
- Automobile → Toyota Highlander, Honda CRV, Ford Escape, ...

In designing a Class, think of **Attributes** that are common for the particular Objects (Instantiations) of that class:

- Doors
- Tires
- Odometer
- Others?

Use [Beginning Object-Orientation](#) as a guide, two files, on separate panels on the board, Car.java and TDCar.java.

TD stands for **Test Driver**. Creating the class is separate from using the class, two different files.

Design and implement your Car.java and TDCar.java

Iterated development!

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