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Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in C++

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm that focuses on **objects** instead of actions, and on **data** rather than logic. In OOP, everything revolves around the **concept of objects and classes**, making code **modular, reusable**, and easier to debug. 

Key Principles of OOP

OOP in C++ is built upon the following four principles:

1 Encapsulation (Wrapping Data)

- Encapsulation refers to the **binding of data (variables)** and **methods (functions)** into a single unit called a **class**.
- It restricts **direct access** to the internal state of objects to ensure **data integrity**.
- Only authorized methods (like **getters** and **setters**) can access or modify private data.

Theory:

Encapsulation ensures that the internal implementation of a class is hidden from the outside. This is achieved by making class members **private** and providing **public** methods to interact with them.

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class BankAccount {
private:
```

```

    double balance; // Private variable

public:
    void setBalance(double amount) {
        if (amount >= 0)
            balance = amount;
        else
            cout << "Invalid balance!" << endl;
    }

    double getBalance() {
        return balance;
    }
};

int main() {
    BankAccount account;
    account.setBalance(5000); // Encapsulated access
    cout << "Current Balance: $" << account.getBalance() << endl;
    return 0;
}

```

Benefits:

- **Improved security:** Direct access to data is restricted.
- **Better code organization:** Data and methods are packaged together.

2 Abstraction (👁️ Hiding Complexity)

- Abstraction involves **hiding unnecessary details** from the user and exposing only **essential features**.
- It reduces complexity and improves the usability of the program.

Theory:

Abstraction is achieved in C++ using **classes**, **abstract classes**, and **interfaces**. The user interacts with an object without needing to understand how it works internally.

Example:

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Calculator {
public:
    void add(int a, int b) {
        cout << "Sum: " << a + b << endl;
    }
    void multiply(int a, int b) {
        cout << "Product: " << a * b << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Calculator calc;
    calc.add(5, 10);           // User doesn't see implementation
    details
    calc.multiply(3, 4);
    return 0;
}

```

Benefits:

- **Simplifies the code** for the user.
- Focuses only on what the object **does**, not how it does it.

3 Inheritance (👥 Reusability)

- **Inheritance** is a mechanism where a new class (**derived class**) acquires properties and methods of an existing class (**base class**).
- It promotes **code reuse** and allows hierarchical relationships between classes.

Theory:

Inheritance establishes an "is-a" relationship between classes. For example, a **Car** "is a" type of **Vehicle**.

Types of Inheritance in C++:

1. **Single Inheritance**
2. **Multilevel Inheritance**
3. **Hierarchical Inheritance**
4. **Multiple Inheritance**

Example: Single Inheritance

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Vehicle {
public:
    void move() {
        cout << "Vehicle is moving!" << endl;
    }
};

class Car : public Vehicle { // Derived class inherits from Vehicle
public:
    void fuel() {
        cout << "Car is refueling!" << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Car myCar;
    myCar.move(); // Access method from base class
    myCar.fuel(); // Access method from derived class
    return 0;
}
```

Benefits:

- **Code Reusability:** Reduces duplication of code.
- **Hierarchical Structure:** Organizes related classes.

4 Polymorphism (Many Forms)

- Polymorphism means **one interface, many implementations**.

- It allows methods to have **different behavior** depending on the object that calls them.

Theory:

Polymorphism is achieved through:

- **Compile-Time Polymorphism:** Method overloading and operator overloading.
- **Run-Time Polymorphism:** Method overriding using **virtual functions**.

Example: Function Overloading (Compile-Time Polymorphism)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Printer {
public:
    void print(int value) {
        cout << "Integer: " << value << endl;
    }
    void print(double value) {
        cout << "Double: " << value << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Printer p;
    p.print(42);           // Calls print(int)
    p.print(3.14);         // Calls print(double)
    return 0;
}
```

Example: Virtual Function (Run-Time Polymorphism)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Shape {
public:
    virtual void draw() {
        cout << "Drawing Shape" << endl;
    }
};
```

```

class Circle : public Shape {
public:
    void draw() override {
        cout << "Drawing Circle" << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    Shape* s;
    Circle c;
    s = &c;
    s->draw(); // Calls derived class's draw()
    return 0;
}

```

Benefits:

- **Flexibility:** A single interface adapts to different objects.
- **Extensibility:** Easy to add new functionality.

Classes and Objects

A **class** is a blueprint for creating objects, and an **object** is an instance of a class.

Theory:

A class defines the **attributes** (variables) and **methods** (functions) for an object. Objects have a **state** (data) and **behavior** (methods).

Example:

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Animal {
public:
    string name;
    int age;
}

```

```
void sound() {
    cout << name << " is making a sound!" << endl;
}

};

int main() {
    Animal dog; // Create an object
    dog.name = "Buddy";
    dog.age = 5;
    dog.sound();
    return 0;
}
```

Constructors and Destructors

Constructor:

- A special method used to **initialize an object**.
- It is called **automatically** when an object is created.

Destructor:

- A special method used to **clean up resources** when an object is destroyed.

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class MyClass {
public:
    MyClass() { cout << "Constructor called!" << endl; } //
    Constructor
    ~MyClass() { cout << "Destructor called!" << endl; } //
    Destructor
};






int main() {
    MyClass obj; // Constructor is automatically called
```

```
    return 0; // Destructor is automatically called
}
```

Benefits:

- **Constructor** ensures proper initialization.
- **Destructor** cleans up resources and prevents memory leaks.

Quick Summary

Principle	Description	Example Use Case
 Encapsulation	Restricts access to data; uses methods	Securely managing account balance
 Abstraction	Hides implementation details	ATM machine interface
 Inheritance	Reuses code through class hierarchy	Car inheriting features from Vehicle
 Polymorphism	One interface, multiple implementations	Shapes (Circle, Rectangle) using <code>draw()</code>
 Constructors	Automatically initializes objects	Initializing a Car with default values

