

Parallel and Distributed Computing

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يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا
كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿١﴾

O humanity! Be mindful of your Lord Who created you from a single soul, and from it He created its mate,¹ and through both He spread countless men and women. And be mindful of Allah—in Whose Name you appeal to one another—and ‘honour’ family ties. Surely Allah is ever Watchful over you.

Today' Lecture

Data design and performance models

- Performance Models driven by Data Movement
- Data Structure Design and its impact on performance
- Why real applications struggle to achieve performance
- Addressing kernels and loops that significantly underperform
- Choosing data structures for your application
- **Assessing different programming approaches before writing code**
- **Understanding how the cache hierarchy delivers data to the processor**

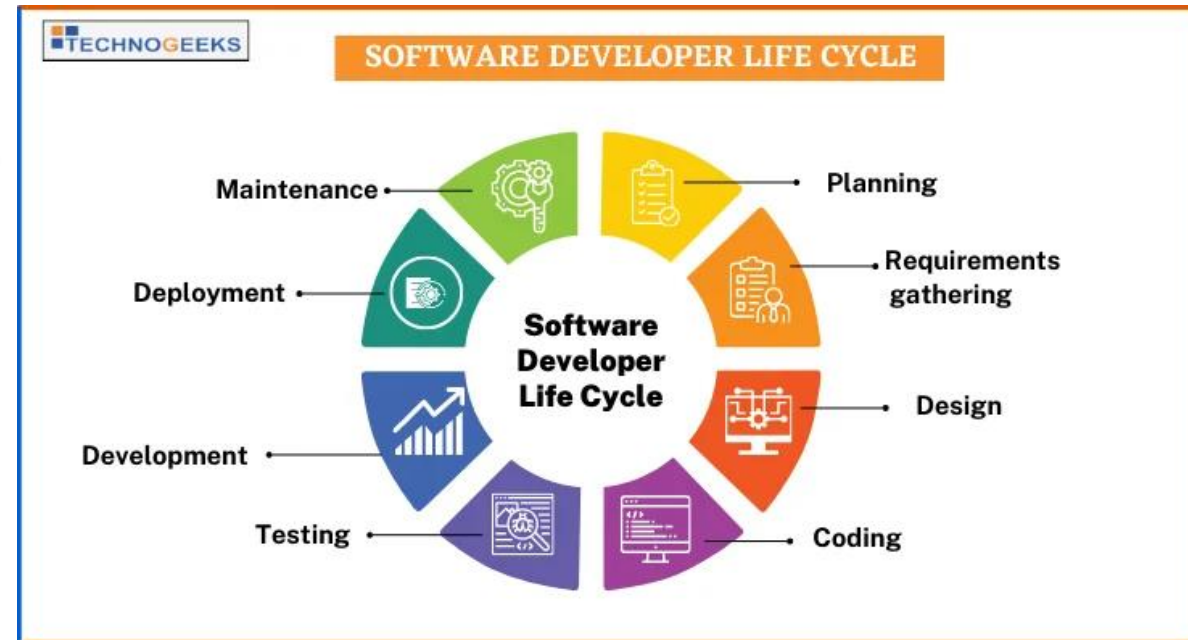


Importance of Assessing Programming Approaches

Why Assess Programming Approaches?

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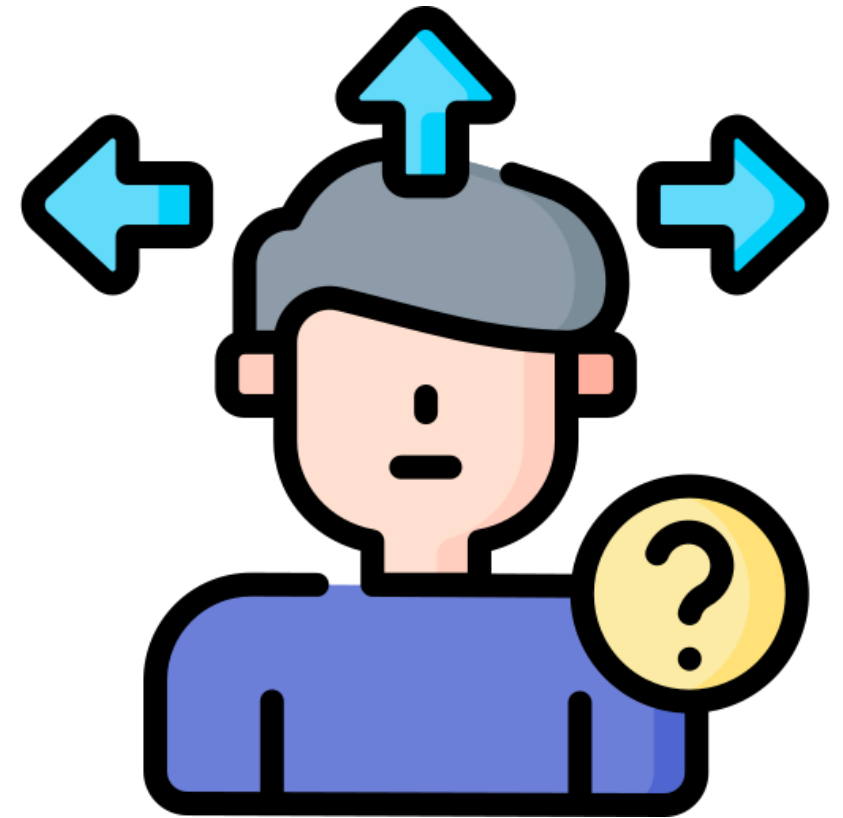
- **Definition:** Evaluating different programming strategies, methodologies, or paradigms to identify the best-fit approach before starting development.
- **Purpose:**
 - Ensures alignment with project goals and requirements.
 - Reduces risks of project failure and technical debt.
 - Saves time and resources in the long run.
- **Benefits:**
 - Better code quality and maintainability.
 - Improved efficiency and reduced complexity.
 - Adaptability to changes in project scope.



Factors to Consider When Choosing an Approach

Key Factors to Evaluate Programming Approaches

- Project Requirements: Understand the specific needs, goals, and constraints of the project. Example: If the project is data-driven, should you use OOP or Functional Programming?
- Team Expertise: Consider the programming languages and frameworks your team is most comfortable with. Example: Choose between Python and Java based on team expertise.
- Development Speed vs. Quality: Determine whether the focus is on rapid development or long-term maintainability .E.g., Agile vs. Waterfall for project management.
- Scalability & Performance: Will the chosen approach support scaling as the project grows?
- Budget & Timeline: Consider the available resources, budget, and time constraints. A simpler approach like scripting may be suitable for limited budgets.



Common Programming Paradigms and Their Use Cases

○ Object-Oriented Programming (OOP):

- Use Case:** Large-scale software, systems with complex interactions.

- Advantages:** Modularity, code reuse, easy maintenance.

- Example:** Java, C++, Python.

○ Functional Programming:

- Use Case:** Data processing, mathematical computations, parallel programming.

- Advantages:** Immutability, no side effects, easier debugging.

- Example:** Haskell, Scala, JavaScript.

○ Procedural Programming:

- Use Case:** Small projects or scripts, clear linear flow.

- Advantages:** Simple structure, straightforward implementation.

- Example:** C, BASIC, Python.

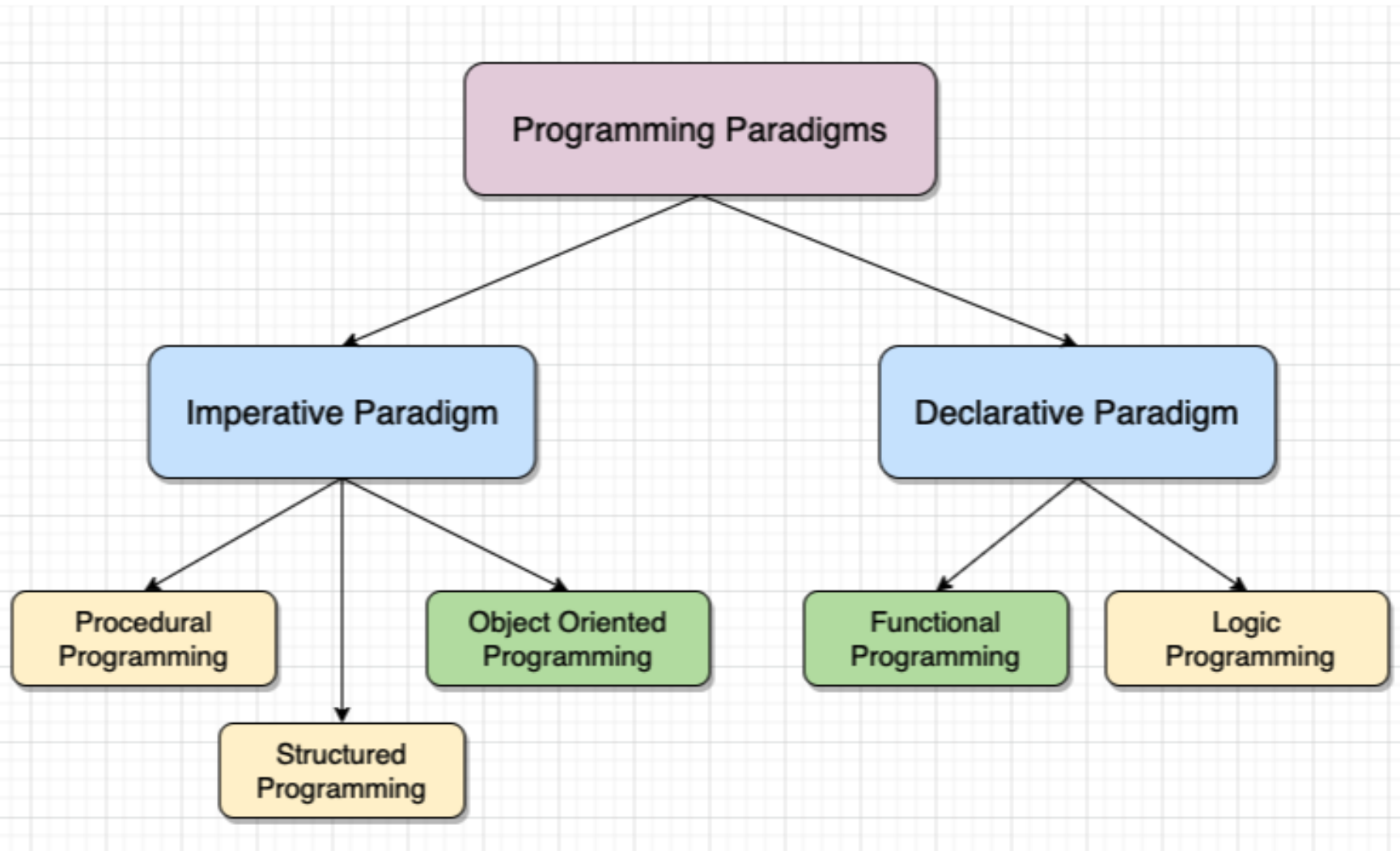
○ Event-Driven Programming:

- Use Case:** GUI applications, real-time systems.

- Advantages:** Responsive UI, modular structure.

- Example:** JavaScript, C#, Node.js.

Common Programming Paradigms and Their Use Cases



Common Programming Paradigms and Their Use Cases

What are Programming Paradigms?

- Definition: Programming paradigms are different styles or approaches to programming. They dictate how code is structured, organized, and executed.
 - Two Main Paradigms: Imperative Paradigm: Focuses on how to achieve a task using step-by-step instructions.
 - Declarative Paradigm: Focuses on what the result should be without specifying how to achieve it.
 - Imperative Paradigm
 - An approach that involves giving the computer a sequence of instructions to perform a task.
- Characteristics:
- Focuses on control flow through statements like loops and conditionals.
 - The programmer specifies how to achieve the result.

Common Programming Paradigms and Their Use Cases

Subcategories of Imperative Paradigm:

○ Procedural Programming:

Definition: A style of programming that uses procedures or functions to organize code.

Characteristics: Uses sequences of instructions, conditionals, and loops. Emphasizes a top-down approach.

Examples: C, Pascal, BASIC.

○ Object-Oriented Programming (OOP):

Definition: A style of programming that organizes code using objects and classes.

Characteristics: Emphasizes encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism.

Examples: Java, C++, Python.

○ Structured Programming:

Definition: A type of procedural programming that emphasizes breaking down a program into smaller, manageable functions.

Characteristics: Uses control structures like sequence, selection (if/else), and iteration (loops).

Examples: C, Fortran.

What is the difference between function and procedure?

Common Programming Paradigms and Their Use Cases

Declarative Paradigm

Definition: A programming style where programmer defines what the outcome should be rather than how to get there.

Characteristics:

- Focuses on declarations rather than instructions.
- Relies heavily on abstractions and expressions.

Subcategories:

Functional Programming:

Definition: A style of programming where computation is treated as the evaluation of mathematical functions.

Characteristics: Avoids mutable data and state

changes. Uses recursion instead of loops.

Examples: the Haskell, Lisp, Scala.

Logic Programming:

Definition: A type of programming based on formal logic, where you specify the rules and relationships.

Characteristics: Focuses on the logic of the program. Uses facts, rules, and queries.

Examples: Prolog, Datalog.

Comparing Imperative and Declarative Paradigms

Imperative Paradigm:

- Specifies the steps to solve a problem.
- Focuses on control flow.
- Commonly used in system-level programming.

Declarative Paradigm:

- Specifies the desired result without detailing steps.
- Emphasizes expressions and logic.
- Commonly used in data processing, AI, and web development.

Best Practices for Assessing and Choosing an Approach

Best Practices for Selecting a Programming Approach

- Conduct Requirement Analysis: Clearly document the project's needs and define the scope.
Tools: Use requirement-gathering tools like JIRA or Confluence.
- Prototype: Create small prototypes to test different approaches.
Tools: Use rapid prototyping tools like Figma for UI/UX or simple code mock-ups.
- Consult with Stakeholders: Discuss the options with the team, management, and clients to ensure all perspectives are considered.
Tools: Use collaborative platforms like Slack or Microsoft Teams.
- Evaluate Tools and Libraries: Choose the right tools, frameworks, and libraries that support the chosen approach.
Example: If choosing Microservices, consider using Docker and Kubernetes.
- Consider Future Scalability and Maintenance: Ensure that the chosen approach aligns with future growth and maintenance needs.
Example: Cloud-based vs. on-premise solutions.