



Object Oriented Programming, Introduction to Classes

Software Development Bootcamp



Topic

Introduction to OOP and Classes



What Is Object-Oriented Programming?

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm based on the concept of "objects", which can contain data and code. Multiple object-oriented languages share common design principles.

- JavaScript is multi-paradigm: object-oriented, functional, and procedural



Why Use Object Oriented Programming?

- **Organization:** Keep related things together
- **Reuse:** Create Reusable code structures
- **Clarity:** Make code easier to understand and maintain



Classes

- Classes are “blueprints” for creating objects
- They define the structure and behavior of objects
- In JavaScript we use the **class** keyword to define a class



Class: Pizza

- The **Pizza** class definition serves as a blueprint for creating pizza objects
- The **constructor** method initializes two properties: **size** and **toppings**. These represent the characteristics of a pizza

```
// Creating the 'Pizza' class
class Pizza {
  constructor(size, toppings) {
    this.size = size;
    this.toppings = toppings;
  }
  describe() {
    return `This is a ${this.size}
pizza with ${this.toppings.join(",
")}.`;
  }
}
```



Why Use Classes

- Organization: Classes help keep related things together. All the properties and methods of a `Pizza` are in one place.
- Reuse: Once we have a class, we can make as many pizzas as we want without repeating the same code
- Clarity: It makes our code easier to understand. We can see that `Pizza` is a class for pizzas, and it's clear what properties and methods a pizza has.



Instantiating Classes

- Use the **new** keyword to create instances of a class
- Each instance is a unique object based on the class blueprint

```
// instantiates (creates) a new pizza  
called pizza1  
const pizza1 = new Pizza("large",  
["pepperoni", "mushrooms"]);  
// instantiates (creates) a new pizza  
called pizza2  
const pizza2 = new Pizza("medium",  
["sausage", "peppers"]);  
console.log(pizza1.describe()); // This  
is a large pizza with pepperoni,  
mushrooms.  
console.log(pizza2.describe()); // This  
is a medium pizza with sausage, peppers.
```




Factory Methods

A Factory Method is a special type of function inside a class that creates objects of that class

- Uses a method to deal with the problem of creating objects
- Useful when object creation logic is complex, or when you want to centralize object creation



Factory Method Example

- The `static` keyword is used to define a static method (factory method) on the class

```
class Car {  
    constructor(make, model, year) {  
        this.make = make;  
        this.model = model;  
        this.year = year;  
    }  
    drive() {  
        console.log(`${this.make}  
${this.model} is driving!`);  
    }  
    // Factory Method  
    static createCar(make, model, year) {  
        return new Car(make, model, year);  
    }  
}  
  
const car1 = Car.createCar('Canyonero',  
    'F-Series', 1999);  
car1.drive();  
// Canyonero F-Series is driving!
```



extends, constructor, And super Keywords

- **extends**: Used to create a class that is a child of another class
- **constructor**: The **constructor** method is called automatically when a new object is created
- **super**: Used to call functions on an object's parent.
Commonly used in subclasses to call the **constructor** of the parent class



extends, constructor, super

- **extends**
 - Indicates that **Dog** is a subclass (child) of **Animal**
 - **Dog** Inherits properties and methods from **Animal**
- **constructor**
 - **Animal** constructor sets the **name** property
 - **Dog** constructor sets the **name** and **breed** properties
- **super**
 - Used in **Dog** constructor as **super (name)**
 - Calls the constructor of the parent class
 - Must be called before using **this** in the constructor

```
class Animal {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name; // Constructor
    initializes the 'name' property
  }
  speak() {
    return `${this.name} makes a noise.`;
  }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
  constructor(name, breed) {
    super(name); // Call the parent
    constructor
    this.breed = breed; // Initialize an
    additional property
  }
  speak() {
    return `${this.name} barks.`;
  }
}

let dog = new Dog("Tulip", "Terrier");
console.log(dog.speak()); // Tulip barks.
console.log(dog.breed); // Terrier
```



Topic

OOP Core Concepts



Object-Oriented Principles

Core Principles:

- **Encapsulation:** Keep data within objects, expose through methods.
- **Inheritance:** Share common behavior using parent and child classes.
- **Abstraction:** Hide complexity by exposing simple interfaces.
- **Polymorphism:** Objects respond to messages based on names and argument types.



Encapsulation

- Keep data within an object as properties
- Use methods to access and manipulate that data

```
const fido = {  
  name: "Fido",  
  color: "brown",  
  describe() {  
    return `Hello! My name is ${this.name}  
and I am ${this.color}.`;  
  },  
};  
  
// RECOMMENDED  
console.log(fido.describe());  
  
// DISCOURAGED  
console.log(`Hello! My name is ${fido.name}  
and I am ${fido.color}`);
```



Inheritance

- Allows one class to take on properties and methods of another class
- Enables code reuse and establishes a hierarchy between classes

```
// Parent class
class Animal {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name;
  }
  speak() {
    return `${this.name} makes a noise.`;
  }
}

// Child class
class Dog extends Animal {
  speak() {
    return `${this.name} barks.`;
  }
}

// Creating an instance of the Dog class
let dog = new Dog('Tulip')
```




Abstraction

- Allows us to use objects, functions, and classes without worrying about internal implementation
- Hides complexity and exposes only necessary parts of an object

```
class Rectangle {  
    constructor(height, width) {  
        this.height = height;  
        this.width = width;  
    }  
    // Area method hides complexity  
    area() {  
        return this.height * this.width;  
    }  
}  
  
const shape = new Rectangle(10, 8);  
console.log(`The shape's area is:  
${shape.area()}`);
```



Polymorphism

- Allows objects of different classes to be treated as objects of a common superclass.
- Enables methods to do different things based on the object they are called on.

```
class Animal {
  makeSound() {
    console.log("Some generic animal sound");
  }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
  makeSound() {
    console.log("Woof! Woof!");
  }
}

class Cat extends Animal {
  makeSound() {
    console.log("Meow! Meow!");
  }
}

const myDog = new Dog();
const myCat = new Cat();

myDog.makeSound(); // Output: Woof! Woof!
myCat.makeSound(); // Output: Meow! Meow!
```



Exercise

Walkway Objects



Linguistic Metaphor for Objects

Naming Conventions:

- **Objects:** Nouns (e.g., Car, Dog).
- **Methods:** Verbs (e.g., drive, bark).
- **Properties:** Adjectives (e.g., color, size).
- **Classes:** Categories (e.g., Vehicle, Animal).