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Thinking in terms of Objects

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Objects



The basic unit of OO design is class.

To have a good sense of OO thought process, we need to -

1. Understand the difference between Interface and Implementation
2. Think more abstractly
3. Give user a minimal interface as you can

Interface



We hide non-essential data from the user.

The service provided to the user comprise the interface.

Hence identifying users and their needs plays a major role in deciding the interface part.

Implementation



Implementation details are hidden from the user.

Change in implementation should not require change in the user application code.

Interface includes the syntax to call a public method and return value.

Ex: Cellphone, Car brake system

If a class has no public method, it is useless.
First make all of them private.

Then based on the user needs negotiate and
add interfaces.

Example



```
class Emp
{
    private int id, basic, sal, hra, da, rent, ta, bonus; String city;
    Emp(int i, int bas, int h, int d, String ct)
    { id=i; basic=bas; hra=h; da=d; city=ct;}
    private int computeSal(int id)
    { // code to compute Salary }
    private int computeRentAllowance(int id)
    { // code to compute rent }
    private int computeTA(int id)
    { // code to compute TA }
}
```

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    private int computeSal(int id){// code to compute Salary}
    private int computeRentAllowance(int id){// code to compute rent}
    private int computeTA(int id){// code to compute TA}
    public int getSalary(int id){ return computeSal(id);} // first interface added
}
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    private int computeTA(int id){// code to compute TA}
    public int getSalary(int id){ return computeSal(id);} // first interface added
    public int computeBonus(int id) // second interface added
    { sal=computeSal(id);    rent= computeRentAllowance(id);
      ta=computeTA(id);
      return sal+rent+ta;
    }
}
```

Abstract thinking



One advantage of OO is that classes can be reused. Reusable classes tend to have more abstract behavior than concrete.

Concrete- more specific

Abstract- more generic

Ex: `DataConnectionManager`

To make a class more reusable, make it more abstract.

Abstract classes



Superclass declares the structure of the class, without complete implementation to all the methods (abstract class). Here superclass is unable to define the implementation. It is the responsibility of the sub class to provide implementation required.

Class DataConnectionManager

```
{  
    abstract void getConnection();  
    abstract void closeConnection();  
}
```

Class OracleDBConnectionManager extends DataConnectionManager

```
{  
    void getConnection(){// code to connect to Oracle DB}  
    void closeConnection() {// code to diconnectconnect OracleDB}  
}
```

Class MongoDBConnectionManager extends DataConnectionManager

```
{  
    void getConnection() {// code to connect to Mongo DB}  
    void closeConnection() {// code to diconnectconnect MongoDB}  
}
```

Give user minimal interface



Always provide the user with little knowledge about the internals of the class.

1. Give user only what is obsoletely needed
2. For class, make as few interfaces as possible.

Ex: Emp salary

Always design a class from the user's perspective, not from technology perspective.

Keep end-user in mind, not the developer.

Identify the object's behavior from the user's perspective.

Consider the environmental constraints as well.

Identify the public interfaces- check if the interface contributes to the behavior of the object, if not it need not be the part of the interface.

Each interface must handle only one behavior.

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    private int computeTA(int id){// code to compute TA}
    public int getSalary(int id){ return computeSal(id);}
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      return sal+rent+ta;
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```

Hence,

Interface- what a user can see

```
Ex: int getSalary(int id)           // first interface  
    int computeBonus(int id)       // second interface
```

Implementation- nuts and bolts of an object which can't be seen by the user.

Excepting above, remaining part of the object is treated as the implementation.

Summary



- ❖ Interface
- ❖ Implementation
- ❖ Identifying interface
- ❖ Applying abstract thinking