How to Design Class Hierarchies

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Thesis

Teaching FP first is the ideal introduction to OOP.

A first year that teaches one semester of FP followed by another semester of OOP produces the best OO programmers.

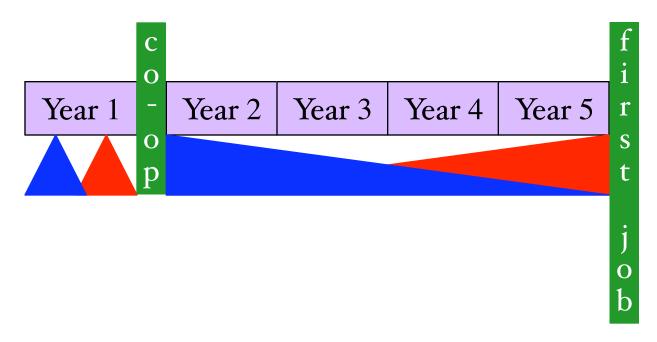
Background

How to Design Programs

- 10 years of FP in first year & high schools
- "Structure & Interpretation of the Computer Science Curriculum" [FDPE'03, JFP'04]
- building the "bridge" to the "real world"

Aimed at what's best for students in the long run

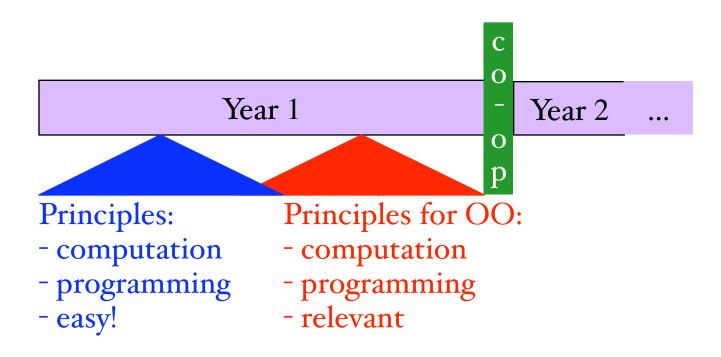
College Timeline



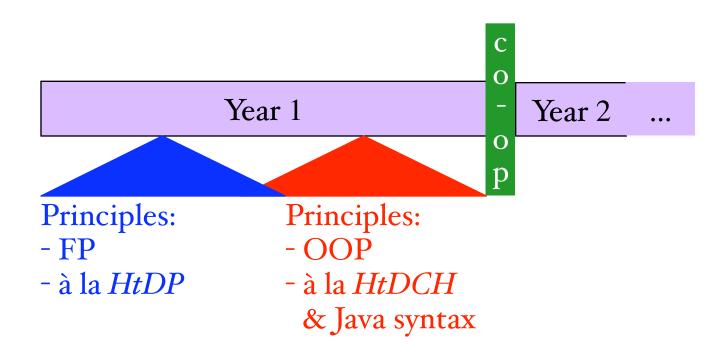
Principles

Preparation for Industry

The First Year



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Part I: What is OOP? — A Quiz

Or, why you should believe that FP, our wonderful "church," and OOP, the essence of evil "state," can have anything to do with each other (from a 2004 conference)

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Joshua Bloch, Effective Java (2001)

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Kent Beck, Test Driven Development. (2001)

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Part II: How to Design Programs

Or, how should you teach FP in the first semester

Functional Programming is Obvious

```
(define-datatype tree tree?
  [Leaf (value integer?)]
  [Node (left tree?) (right tree?)])
; tree → integer
; add up the numbers in the given tree
(define (sum t)
  (cases tree t
    [Leaf (v) v]
    [Node (1 r) (+ (sum 1) (sum r))]))
                                 EoPL (2e) Scheme
```

Functional Programming is Obvious

(even for the parenthetically challenged)

```
type tree =
   Leaf of int
   | Node of tree * tree

(* tree → integer
   add up the numbers in the given tree *)
let rec sum(t) =
   match t with
    Leaf(i) -> i
   | Node(l,r) -> sum(l) + sum(r)
```

OCaml

Is It Really for the Novice?

- What does a novice take away from this?
- What carries over to the industrial PLs (Java++, Perl)?
- Recursion? Types? Interactive exploration (repl)?
- How to write an interpreter?
- ... for a language you aren't allowed to use?

A Great Novice Experience

- "I learned solid principles of programming."
- "I know that this is useful, even if I didn't 'use' it."
- "Everything I learned after that is more popular, but not even remotely as convenient or powerful."
- "It changed my life."

How HtDP Produces Results

HtDP teaches

- The Design Recipe: data, data, data
- Abstraction as editing
- Organizing programs

The Design Recipe

- 1 Data representation
- 2 Purpose& contract
- 3 Functional examples
- 4 Template (inventory)
- 5 Body implementation
- 6 Test (examples)

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"Real world": information

"Computational world": representations

Programmer's job: pick a representation

⇒ determines rest of recipe

1	Data
	representation
2	Purpose
	& contract
	Functional
	examples
4	Template
	(inventory)
	Body
	implementation

Test

(examples)

atomic data	intervals / enumerations	structs	unions	•••

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```
; A posn is
; (make-posn num num)
(define-struct posn (x y))

; An ant is
; (make-ant num posn)
(define-struct ant (weight loc))

(make-ant 0.001 (make-posn 4 5))
(make-ant 0.007 (make-posn 3 17))
```

```
; An ant is
; (make-ant num posn)
(define-struct ant (weight loc))
; ant-at-home? : ant -> bool
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(define (ant-at-home? a)
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data reference ⇒ template reference

Add templates for referenced data, if needed, and implement body for referenced data

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(define (ant-at-home? a)
  (posn-at-home? (ant-loc a)))
(define (posn-at-home? p)
  (and (= (posn-x p) 0) (= (posn-y p) 0)))
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Shapes of Data and Templates

```
: An animal is either
                                (define (feed-animal a)
                                  (cond
  - snake
   - dillo
                                    [(snake? a) ... (feed-snake a) ...]
                                    [(dillo? a) ... (feed-dillo a) ...]
  - ant \
                                    [(ant? a) ... (feed-ant a) ...]))
; A snake is
                                (define (feed-snake s)
 (make-snake sym num sym)
                                  ... (snake-name s) ... (snake-weight s)
                                  ... (snake-food s)
; A dillo is
  (make-dillo num bool)
                                (define (feed-dillo d)
                                  ... (dillo-weight d)
: An ant is
                                  ... (dillo-alive? d) ...)
; (make-ant num posn)
                                (define (feed-ant a)
; A posn is
                                  ... (ant-weight d)
; (make-posn num num)
                                  ... (feed-posn (ant-loc d)) ...)
                                (define (feed-posn p)
                                  \dots (posn-x p) \dots (posn-y p) \dots)
```

The Design Recipe

- Scales to mutually referential datatypes and hierarchies
- Supplemented by "iterative refinement"
- Students easily process files/directories, grammars, river systems, etc. after a few weeks.

Functional Abstraction

map is obvious:

Functional Abstraction

map is **obvious**, even in OCaml:

Functional Abstraction

Is abstraction really obvious?

- How do students create abstractions?
- How do they use this knowledge in C#?
- How do they know what abstractions exist in ML?
- How should this be of use in Java?

Programming is like writing — it needs editing

- Editing is called abstraction
- Recognize common patterns and abstract
- Learn to reuse abstractions

```
; (list-of num) -> (list-of num)
                                                 ; (list-of posn) -> (list-of num)
; increase each of the numbers by 1
                                                 ; extract the X coordinate from each
(define (increase alon)
                                                 (define (extract alop)
  (cond
                                                   (cond
   [(empty? alon) empty]
                                                     [(empty? alop) empty]
   [else (cons (add1 (first alon))
                                                     [else (cons (posn-x (first alop))
                (increase (rest alon)))]))
                                                                  (extract (rest alop)))]))
; tests
                                                 ; tests
(equal? (increase (list 1 2 3))
                                                 (equal? (extract (list (make-posn 2 3)))
        (list 2 3 4))
                                                          (list 2))
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                                                           (list 2))
                        ; (list-of X) (X \rightarrow num) \rightarrow (list-of num)
                        ; apply afun to each
                        (define (do-to-all alox afun)
                          (cond
                            [(empty? alon) empty]
                            [else (cons (afun (first alox))
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Eventually, even novice programs get large

- Rules for how to create programs
- Rules for how to organize them

Design recipes *empower* students; programming rules *restrict*. them

- One task, one function
- Keep functions small
- Keep like data together
- Name functions properly

```
(define-struct worm (head body))
; Worm = (make-worm Segment (Listof Segment))
; interpretation: head, followed by growth segments

; worm-move : Worm Direction -> Worm
; move the worm one step in the given direction

; worm-grow : Worm Posn -> Worm
; grow the worm by one body segment, head moves to Posn
; accumulator style

; worm-image : Worm -> Image
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; worm-image : Worm -> Image
                            ...and the same for worm Segments...
                            ...and the same for for Food...
                            ...and then the binary functions...
```

First Semester Summary

FP in the first semester is about data representations:

- Design systematically to data definition
- Abstract systematically and use abstractions
- Organize programs systematically

Part III: How to Design Data in OOP

Or, how should you transition from FP to OOP

Start with data:

```
class Posn {
   int x;
   int y;
   int y;
   posn(int x, int y) {
      this.x = x;
      this.y = y;
   }
}
```

Start with data:

```
; A posn is
; (make-posn num num)
(define-struct posn (x y))
```

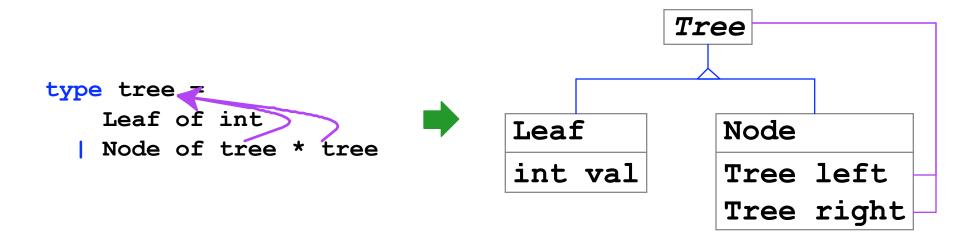
Posn
int x
int y

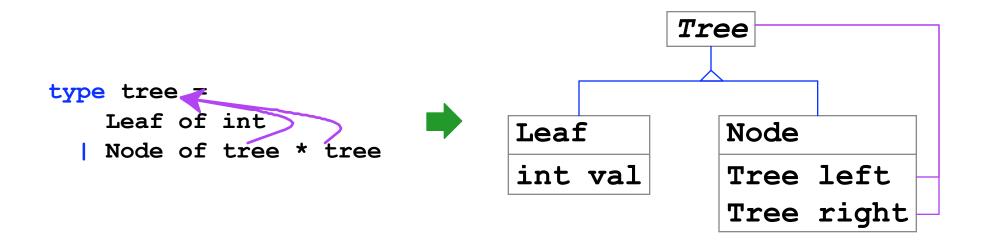
```
; An ant is
; (make-ant num posn)
; A posn is
; (make-posn num num)
```

```
Ant
float weight
Posn loc
```

Posn
int x
int y

```
; An animal is either
  - snake
  - dillo
                                                           Animal
  - ant
; A snake is
                                                       Dillo
                                       Snake
                                                                        Ant
  (make-snake sym num sym)
                                       String name
                                                       float weight
                                                                        float weight
                                       float weight
                                                       boolean alive
                                                                        Posn loc
; A dillo is
                                       String food
; (make-dillo num bool)
                                                                            Posn
; An ant is
                                                                            int x
 (make-ant num posn)
                                                                            int y
; A posn is
; (make-posn num num)
```





And so on (for mutually referential data definitions)...

```
; An animal is either
  - snake
  - dillo
  - ant
; ...
; animal-is-lighter? : animal num -> bool
(define (animal-is-lighter? a n)
  (cond
  [(snake? a) (snake-is-lighter? s n)]
  [(dillo? a) (dillo-is-ligheter? s n)]
  [(ant? a) (ant-is-lighter? s n)]))
; snake-is-lighter? : snake num -> bool
(define (snake-is-lighter? s n) ...)
; dillo-is-lighter? : dillo num -> bool
(define (dillo-is-lighter? d n) ...)
; ant-is-lighter? : ant num -> bool
(define (ant-is-lighter? a n) ...)
```

```
interface Animal {
  boolean isLighter(double n);
}

class Snake extends Animal {
    ...
  boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Dillo extends Animal {
    ...
  boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Ant extends Animal {
    ...
  boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}
```

```
An animal is either
  - snake
  - dillo
  - ant
; animal-is-lighter? : animal rum -> bool
(define (animal-is-lighter? a n)
  (cond
  [(snake? a) (snake-is-lighter?\s\n)]
  [(dillo? a) (dillo-is-ligheter?\s\n)]
  [(ant? a) (ant-is-lighter? s n)])
; snake-is-lighter? : snake num -> book
(define (snake-is-lighter? s n) ...)
; dillo-is-lighter? : dillo num -> bool
(define (dillo-is-lighter? d n) ...)
; ant-is-lighter? : ant num -> bool
(define (ant-is-lighter? a n) ...)
```

Data definition turns into class declarations

```
interface Animal {
  boolean isLighter(double n);
}

class Snake extends Animal {
    ...
  boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Dillo extends Animal {
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}
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  [(ant? a) (ant-is-lighter? s n)]))
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(define (snake-is-lighter? s n) ...)
; dillo-is-lighter? : dillo num -> bool
(define (dillo-is-lighter? d n) ...)
; ant-is-lighter? : ant num -> bool
(define (ant-is-lighter? a n) ...)
```

Variant functions turn into variant methods — all with the same contract after the implicit argument

```
interface Animal {
   boolean isLighter(double n);
}

class Snake extends Animal {
   ...
boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Dillo extends Animal {
   ...
boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Ant extends Animal {
   ...
boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}
```

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(define (snake-is-lighter? s n) ...)
; dillo-is-lighter? : dillo num -> bool
(define (dillo-is-lighter? d n) ...)
; ant-is-lighter? : ant num -> bool
(define (ant-is-lighter? a n) ...)
```

Function with variant-based cond turns into just an abstract method declaration

```
interface Animal {
boolean isLighter(double n);
}

class Snake extends Animal {
    ...
   boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Dillo extends Animal {
    ...
   boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}

class Ant extends Animal {
    ...
   boolean isLighter(double n) { ... }
}
```

How to Design Classes & Interfaces

- We (ought to) know this much
- Data types via interpreter/composite patterns
- Design recipe process produces instances of those patterns students can tackle anything
- Students see FP mechanics (conditional) vs. OOP mechanics (dynamic dispatch)

Part IV: How to Design Hierarchies

Or, why the principles of FP à la *HtDP* produce class hierarchies

Method Abstraction

Duplication of code in method bodies:

```
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A m(B x) { ... x ... }

A n(B x, C y) { ... x ... }
```

Method Abstraction

Duplication of code in method bodies:

• Handle as in FP

```
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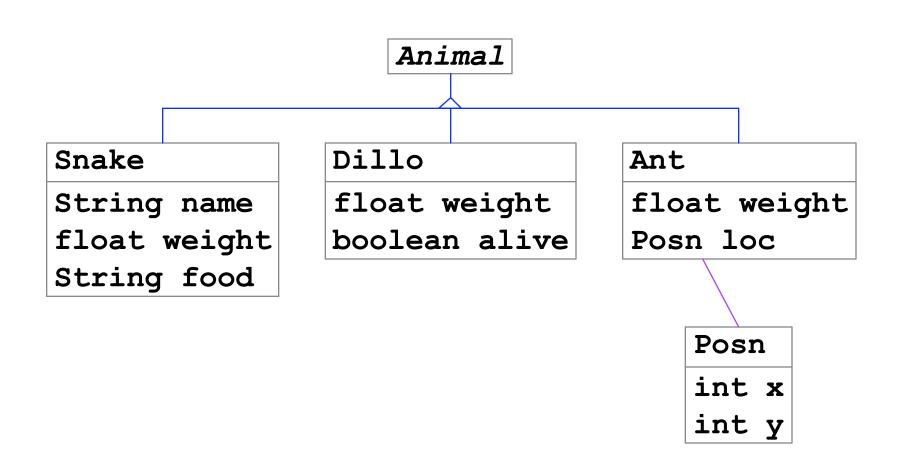
A q(B x, D z) { ... x ... }

A m(B x) { return q(x, new D(42)); }

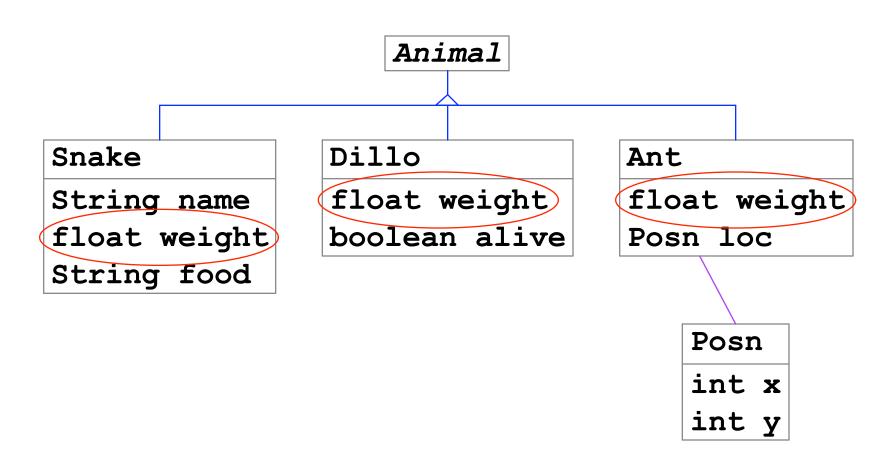
A n(B x, C y) { return q(x, y.p()); }
```

Of course, it's clumsy without λ ...

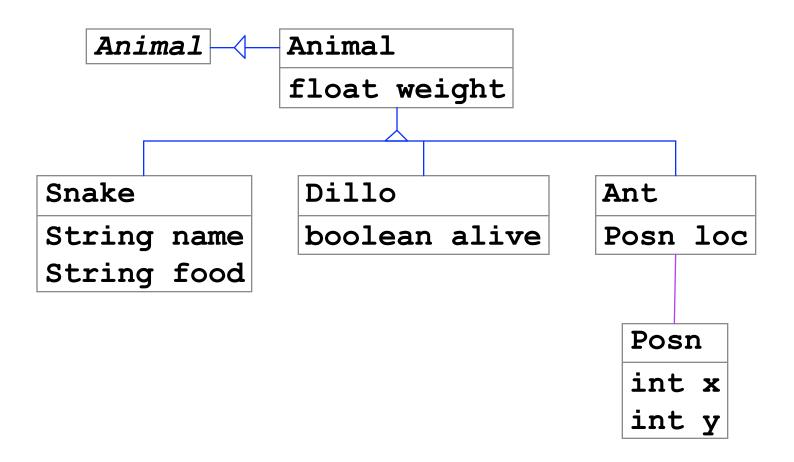
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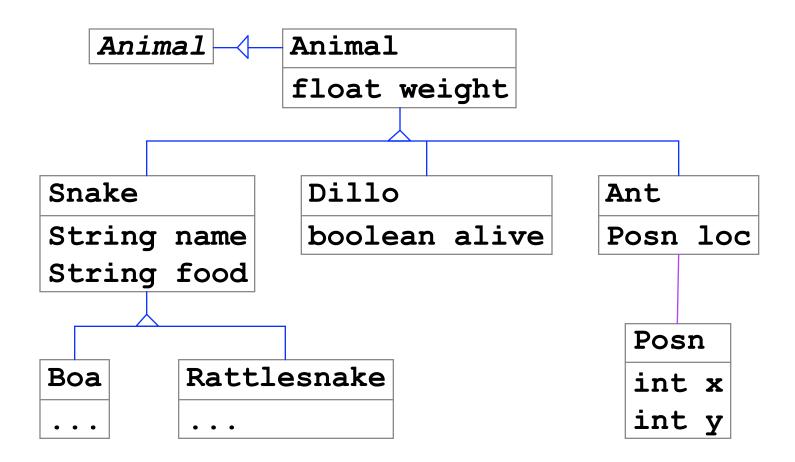


Field Abstraction



Field Abstraction





Snake

Boa

```
boolean yummy(Animal a) { ... }
boolean CanEat(Animal a) {
  return a.smaller(this.weight*10)
    && a.slower(100)
    && yummy(a);
}
```

Rattlesnake

```
boolean yummy(Animal a) { ... }
boolean CanEat(Animal a) {
  return a.smaller(this.weight*5)
    && a.slower(120)
    && yummy(a);
}
```

Snake

Boa

```
boolean yummy(Animal a) { ... }
boolean CanEat(Animal a) {
  return a.smaller(this.weight*10)
    && a.slower(100)
    && yummy(a);
}
```

Rattlesnake

```
boolean yummy(Animal a) { ... }
boolean CanEat(Animal a) {
  return a.smaller(this.weight*5)
    && a.slower(120)
    && yummy(a);
}
```

```
Snake
          abstract boolean yummy(Animal a);
          boolean CanEatWFacts(Animal a, int wf, int sd) {
           return a.smaller(this.weight*wf)
                  && a.slower(sd)
                  && yummy(a);
                                     Rattlesnake
Boa
boolean yummy(Animal a) { ... }
                                     boolean yummy(Animal a) { ... }
boolean CanEat(Animal a) {
                                     boolean CanEat(Animal a) {
 return CanEatWFacts(a, 10, 100);
                                      return CanEatWFacts(a, 5, 120);
```

Result: the **template-hook pattern** — via reasoning, not ad hoc process

More Abstraction for Class Hierarchies

- Abstraction inside of classes/hierarchies
- Abstraction from a client-only perspective
- Abstraction over traversals of collections (map, fold, etc.)

All of these steps yield code that is pattern-based

⇒ theory and practice coincide!

Part V: Encapsulated State

Or, without hiding and encapsulating state, it can't be real OOP — right?

Encapsulated State

OOP proponents argue that OOP is about state:

- It is about hidden and encapsulated state
- It is about manipulating state

They're right!

State: What's Wrong with this Program?

```
// represent the world of a Worm Game: Worm, Food, and the Bounding Box
class WormWorld extends World {
  Worm w;
  Food f;
  Box b;
  WormWorld(Worm w, Food f, Box b) { ... }
  // what happens when the clock ticks
 World onTick() { return okWorld(w.nextWorld()); }
  // what happens when the player presses a key
  World onKeyEvent(String ke) { return okWorld(w.changeDirection(ke)); }
  // create a new world from the new worm, unless it ran into a wall
  // or ate itself
  World okWorld(Worm newWorm) {
    if (newWorm.canEat(this.f) && this.ate(newWorm))
      return new WormWorld(newWorm.eat(this.f),f.create(this.b),b)
    else ...
    }
  // did the worm encounter food and eat it?
  boolean ate(Worm w) { ... }
```

State: What's Wrong with this Program?

```
// represent the world of a Worm Game: Worm, Food, and the Bounding Box
class WormWorld extends World {
  private Worm w;
  private Food f;
                                                            It's missing
  private Box b;
                                                            some keywords
  private WormWorld(Worm w, Food f, Box b) { ... }
  // override: what happens when the clock ticks
  public World onTick() { return okWorld(w.nextWorld()); }
  // override: what happens when the player presses a key
  public World onKeyEvent(String ke) { return okWorld(w.changeDirection(ke)); }
  // create a new world from the new worm, unless it ran into a wall
  // or ate itself
  private World okWorld(Worm newWorm) {
    if (newWorm.canEat(this.f) && this.ate(newWorm))
     return new WormWorld(newWorm.eat(this.f),f.create(this.b),b)
   else ...
    }
  // did the worm encounter food and eat it?
  private boolean ate(Worm w) { ... }
```

Encapsulation Means Privacy

- Hiding & encapsulating state means privacy
- Introduce when programs get large enough and students have a sense of invariants

Encapsulation does *not* imply a litany of assignment statements

Manipulating State: Methods produce Worlds

- Manipulating state means that some methods produce a new instance of the world
- Introduce this topic when you have an I/O library that doesn't change state

Manipulating state does not imply a litany of assignment statements

State and "Real" Programs

• Our students regularly design interactive programs without a single assignment statement

```
class WormWorld extends World {
    ...
    // what happens when the player presses a key
    public World onKeyEvent(String ke) { ... }
    ...
}
```

 Schemers accept the occasional assignment statement as necessary — and that's really OOP

Part VI: Experience

In the Classroom

- Development time: 3 years
- Test teaching at Northeastern: 6 semesters, 4 instructors (mostly Proulx)
- Test teaching at UChicago: 1 summer semester (Gray)
- Teacher/college workshops: 2 summers (Proulx & Gray)
- A dozen teachers in high schools, small colleges

Evaluation

Northeastern University:

- Four follow-up faculty have testified that the new crop of students are *vastly* better than the previous ones
- It works for several instructors, so it's not the "enthusiasm of the inventor" (he doesn't teach it)

High School:

Teachers report strong AP results

Chicago:

Too early for results

Objections

Common objection: it's FP in Java syntax

Our reply:

- See quotes at the beginning of the talk this is True OOPTM
- We emphasize what OOP is all about for real programming:
 - design of classes and hierarchies
 - abstraction
 - encapsulation
- Yes, the occasional assignment statement helps

Summary

What Doesn't Work

- *SICP*-style approaches: teaching how to implement OO in an FP
- Cartwright (at Rice) approach: teaching how to interpret an FPL in an OOPL

Students must know such principles, but it doesn't teach OOP

What Works

Take OOP seriously

- It's about the systematic design of classes
- It's about the systematic design of hierarchies
- It's about server/provider vs. client/consumer
- It's best seen as FP with grouping, privacy, and novel forms of abstraction

To produce the best OO programmers, teach FP, and then move on

HtDP and HtDCH demonstrate this approach with successful results

Thanks!