

Application of OOP

In terms of Benefits, OOP offers various benefits to both the designer and the user of the program. The various benefits of OOP are as follows:

- ❖ Through the process of inheritance, redundant codes can be eliminated and the use of classes can be extended.
- ❖ Programs can be built from standard working modules that communicate with each other. This saves development time and increase productivity.
- ❖ Data hiding helps the programmer to build secure programs that cannot be touched by the code of other components of the program.

Application of OOP

- ❖ OOP allows multiple instances of an object to co-exist without any interference.
- ❖ The data-centered design approach in OOP capture more details of a model.
- ❖ It helps in proper communication between objects by various message passing techniques, simplifying the interface description.

Classes and Objects

❑ Class

- Is a conceptual representation of all the entities that share common attributes and behaviors.
- Defines the attributes and behaviors of all the instances of the class.
- Is like a blueprint or a model.

❑ Object

- Is an instance of a class.
- Has individual copy of the common attributes and share a common set of behaviors.
- Is a runtime entity.

Advantages of Using Classes and Objects

- ☐ Maintenance of code by introducing modularity.
- ☐ Encapsulation of internal complexities in code from end-users.
- ☐ Reuse of code across applications.
- ☐ Support for a single interface to implement multiple methods.

Constructors

- ❑ A constructor is a special type of method that is invoked when you create a new instance of a class.
- ❑ A constructor is used to initialize the members of the class.
- ❑ The name of a constructor is the same as the name of the class that contains it.
- ❑ A constructor is special member function within the class which is executed when an object of the class is created.
- ❑ A constructor can be modified to accept the user-supplied values at run time.
- ❑ Objects can be initialized using the default constructor with values hard-coded in the program. But there might be a requirement where the variables need to be initialized with user supplied values.

Types of Constructors

- ❑ **Instance constructors:** They are called whenever an instance of a class is created. These constructors are used to initialize the data members of the class.
- ❑ **Static constructors:** They are used to initialize the static variables of a class. These variables are created using `static` keyword and they store values that can be shared by all the instances of a class.

Destructors

- ❑ Destructors are special methods that are used to release the instance of a class from memory.
- ❑ A class can have only one destructor.
- ❑ The purpose of the destructor is to perform the required memory cleanup action.
- ❑ The .NET Framework automatically runs the destructor to destroy objects in the memory.

Destructors

- ❑ A destructor has the same name as its class but is prefixed with a ~ , which is the symbol of tilde.
- ❑ Destructors cannot be inherited or overloaded.
- ❑ Garbage collection is a process that automatically frees the memory of objects that are no more in use.
- ❑ The decision to invoke the destructor is made by a special program of C# known as the garbage collector.
- ❑ The process of garbage collection happens automatically. It ensures that:
 - Objects get destroyed
 - Only unused objects are destroyed

Example of Constructor and Destructor

```
using System;
public class Calculator
{
    public Calculator()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Constructor Invoked");
    }
    static Calculator()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("I am static ctor");
    }
    ~Calculator()
    {
        Console.WriteLine ("Destructor Invoked");
    }
    public static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        Calculator Calc1 = new Calculator();
    }
}
```

Polymorphism

- ❑ In Object-Oriented Programming (OOPs), polymorphism allows one interface to be used for multiple functions.
- ❑ Polymorphism reduces the complexity within the functions of a class of a program.
- ❑ Polymorphism can either be static or dynamic.

Static Polymorphism

- ❑ Static polymorphism refers to an entity, which exists in various forms simultaneously.
- ❑ C# uses two approaches to implement static polymorphism. These are:
 - **Function overloading:** This approach allows using the same name for two or more functions. Each redefinition of a function must use different types of parameters, sequence of parameters, or a number of parameters.
 - **Operator overloading:** This approach allows user-defined types such as structures and classes, to use overloaded operators for easy manipulation of their objects.

Dynamic Polymorphism

- ❑ In dynamic polymorphism, the decision about function execution is made at run time.
- ❑ Dynamic polymorphism is more useful than static polymorphism as it provides much more flexibility for manipulating the objects.
- ❑ C# uses two approaches to implement dynamic polymorphism:
 - **Abstract classes:** Are the special type of base classes that consist of abstract class members.
 - **Virtual functions:** Are the functions that do not really exist, however, appear to be present in some parts of the program.

Function Overloading

- ❑ Function overloading is implemented by defining two or more functions in a class sharing the same name.
- ❑ In function overloading, each definition of a function must differ in its function signature.
- ❑ The signature of a function is defined by:
 - The number of parameters
 - The data types of parameters
 - The sequence of the parameters

Constructor Overloading

- ❑ Constructors can also be parameterized, and therefore, they can be overloaded.
- ❑ Overloaded constructors are commonly used in C# to provide flexibility while creating an object.

Example

```
public class Book
{
    public int price;
    public string title;
    public Book() { price=0; title=""; }
    public Book(int p,string t) { price=p; title=t; }
}
```

Operator Overloading

- ❑ Operator overloading provides additional capabilities to C# operators when they are applied to user-defined data types.
- ❑ To use operators with user-defined data types, they need to be overloaded according to a programmer's requirement.
- ❑ Only the predefined set of C# operators can be overloaded.

Properties

- ❑ A property is a member that represents an item of data in a class instance or class
- ❑ Is a type of variable that stores the values of an object of a class or a structure.
- ❑ Can help you define a property as read-only, write-only, or read/write type.
- ❑ Is of two types:
 - Get accessor is used to retrieve the values from a property.
 - Set accessor is used to assign values to a property.

Property Example

```
public class Emp
{
    private int code;
    public int CODE
    {
        get { return code; }
        set { code=value; }
    }
}
```

Automatically Implemented Properties

Automatically implemented properties, or *auto-implemented properties*, which allow you to just declare the property, without declaring a backing field.

The important points are the following:

- You do not declare the backing field—the compiler allocates the storage for you, based on the type of the property.
- You cannot supply the bodies of the accessors—they must be declared simply as semicolons.
- You cannot access the backing field other than through the accessors. Read-only or Write-only auto implemented properties are not allowed. But you can do so by marking get or set as private.

Auto Implemented Property Example

```
public class Emp
{
    public int CODE
    {
        get;
        set;
    }
}
```