

CSCI 253

Object Oriented Design:
Object Oriented Design and
Programming in Java
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Outline

- Background
 - Rationale for the course
 - Why object oriented programming?
- OOP principles
 - Objects
 - Object oriented design
- Java

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Background

- Computer Science is not (just) programming
- Java is a tool to teach programming and problem solving concepts
- So if you know everything in Java you still need to stay awake
- Will be introducing many advanced topics along with the background material

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Rationale

- Programming is based up the use of a language just as any other human to exchange information between two intelligent entities
- The exchange must reflect an accurate intention of the source is a form that is intelligible and understandable by the recipient

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Study of Grammar

- Man has learned that the grammar of a language must be studied as a separate discipline
- Man has also learned that selected constructs of a language convey information more effectively than other constructs
- These two observations are the basis of writing classes in any language

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Problem Solving

- The key to designing a solution is breaking it down into manageable pieces
- When writing software, we design separate pieces that are responsible for certain parts of the solution
- An object-oriented approach lends itself to this kind of solution decomposition
- We will dissect our solutions into pieces called objects and classes

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Object-Oriented Programming

- Objects can be used effectively to represent real-world entities
- We try to define all our data as objects, and define programs to work on those objects
- For instance, an object might represent a particular employee in a company
- Each employee object handles the processing and data management related to that employee

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Objects

- An object has:
 - *state* - descriptive characteristics
 - *behaviors* - what it can do (or what can be done to it)
- The state of a bank account includes its current balance
- The behaviors associated with a bank account include the ability to make deposits and withdrawals
- Note that the behavior of an object might change its state

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Reusability

- Object oriented design encourages the design of reusable components
- Vehicle is a general definition
 - A base object defines common attributes and behaviors
 - The definition is reused to define unique objects that have the common attributes and behaviors
- Mini-van as a more specific object

```
Public class miniVan {  
    String manufacturer;  
    String model;  
    int year;  
    Color color;  
}
```

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Classes

- A class represents a concept, and an object represents the embodiment of that concept
- An object is defined by a *class* (blueprint)
- Multiple objects can be created from the same class
- Attributes define the state of the object
- Methods are the access point to effect the behavior of the object

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Attributes

- Internal to the class
 - Arguments for/against to make the attributes visible outside the class
- Define the state of an instantiation
- State changes are made when an instantiation receives a message
 - If attributes are hidden, messages can only be received via externalized methods

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Methods

- Define behavioral actions
- Action invoked by the receipt of a message
- The externalized methods of a class define the API of the class
- The parameters of an invocation are considered to be a message defining the details of the desired behavior.

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Instantiation

- Defined classes are used to create execution time object (instantiation of the class)
- The constructor method is responsible for initializing the object
- *new* creates an instance of the class
- The execution time name of the object is the handle to reference the object
 - `name.attribute` is a reference to an attribute
 - `name.method(<message>)` is an invocation of a method passing the message

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Example

- Class Test
 - methods: `Test`, `behaviorOne(parm1, parm2)`, `behaviorTwo(parm1,parm3)`
- Instantiation of an object
 - `Test testing = new Test();`
- Referencing the object
 - `testing.behaviorOne(7,"testing");`
 - `testing.behaviorTwo(37,59);`

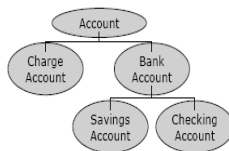
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Inheritance

- One class can be used to derive another via *inheritance*
- Classes can be organized into hierarchies



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Encapsulation

- Attributes of the class are objects from other classes
- The methods of the class create a new API hiding the encapsulated objects' API
- Class MainGUI encapsulates the complex AWT classes
- MainGUI API presents append(), addMenu(), addMenuItem(), message(), getClock()

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Object Oriented Design

- Problem space broken into distinct components (classes)
- Each component solves a portion of the problem
- Communication protocol validation (SerialLink)
 - AnswerConnection
 - DialConnection
 - EchoConnection
 - ConfigurationPanel
 - SerialConnection

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Design Consideration

- Creation of objects
 - A class that just creates the objects used in the solution
 - Standardizes the creation of objects
- Structure of solution components
 - Templates for the organization of the solution objects to simplify, clarify and standardize the organization
- Behavior of the solution components
 - Templates for the behavioral properties of the solution objects to simplify, clarify and standardize the behavior

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Java Language

- A programming language specifies the words and symbols that we can use to write a program
- A programming language employs a set of rules that dictate how the words and symbols can be put together to form valid program statements
- The Java programming language was created by Sun Microsystems, Inc. and introduced in 1995.

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Java Translation

- The Java compiler translates Java source code into a special representation called byte code
- Java byte code is not the machine language for any traditional CPU
- Another software tool, called an interpreter, translates Byte code into machine language and executes it
- Therefore the Java compiler is not tied to any particular machine
- Java is considered to be architecture-neutral

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Java Code

- Basic unit of Java code is the object
 - Software bundle of related state and behavior
 - Programming problem is mapped into the interactions of objects
- Objectives
 - Modularity
 - Information-hiding
 - Code re-use
 - Pluggability and debugging ease
- Fundamental items of an object
 - Attributes (properties, fields) – object state
 - Methods - modification of object state

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API Documents

- Unlike other languages, Java has many libraries bundled by default
- Application Programming Interface (API) docs, are the view given to the programmer
- Encouragement of code re-use
- Example:
 - `java.lang.String`
 - `java.util.StringTokenizer`

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