

C Object-oriented Programming

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C.3 Motivation for the OO Paradigm

1 Goals

- Increasing complexity of large software
 - ◆ "industrial-strength" software [Boo94]
 - impossible for one developer to comprehend all details of its design
 - very long life span
 - many users depend on their proper functioning
 - many people responsible for maintenance and enhancement
- ➔ Software Crisis
 - ◆ Hardware increasingly capable
 - ◆ Software becomes larger and larger
 - ◆ Costs for maintenance and enhancement rise dramatically
 - ◆ Not enough good software developers to create the software users need

C.4 Software-Design Methods

1 Classification [Boo94]

- Top-down structured design (composite design)
- Object-oriented design

2 Classes of Programming Languages

... at least the most important ones

- Procedural / imperative
- Functional
- Object-oriented

1 Goals (2)

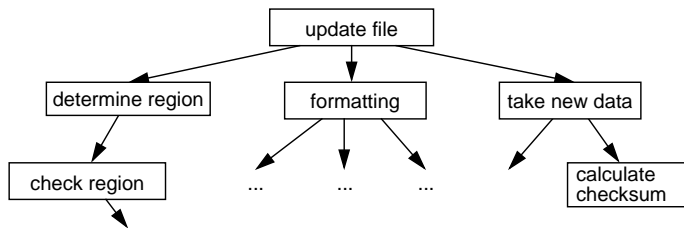
- Increase the productivity of programmers
 - ◆ Design patterns for repeatedly occurring problems
 - ◆ Reusage of existing software
 - ◆ Better extensibility of software by modularization and clear interfaces
 - ◆ Incremental development from small & simple to huge & complex systems
 - ◆ Better control over complexity and costs of software maintenance
- Shift from the needs of the machine to abstractions of the problem domain
 - ◆ Better understanding of the problem
 - ◆ Terminology of the problem domain is reflected in the software solution
 - better understanding of the solution

3 Top-Down Structured Design (Composite Design)

- Units of decomposition: Subroutine
- **Algorithmic decomposition**
- Not suitable for structuring today's large and complex software systems
- Top-down structured design cannot describe:
 - data abstraction & information hiding
 - concurrency
- Problems arise when applications are very complex or when object-oriented languages have to be used
- Widely used technique
- Procedural languages ideally suited for implementations

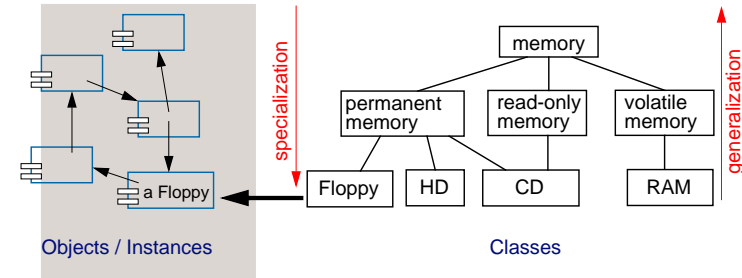
3 Top-Down Structured Design (2) (Composite Design)

- Example:



4 ... Object-oriented Design (2)

- Software system is modeled as a collection of cooperating objects
- Each object is an instance of a class in a hierarchy of classes
- Example of a class hierarchy:



4 Object-oriented Design

Bertrand Meyer:[Mey88]

Computing systems perform certain actions on certain objects; to obtain flexible and reusable systems, it is better to base the structure of software on the objects than on the actions.

4 ... Object-oriented Design (3)

- Concepts reflected in the structure of modern programming languages
 - Smalltalk
 - Eiffel
 - C++
 - Java
 - Ada
- General basis: object-oriented decomposition
- Advantages:
 - + Reusage of common mechanisms
 - ➔ software becomes smaller
 - + Modifications and improvements of the software become easier
 - + Results are less complex
 - + Better understanding of the principal's ideas

1 Definition (Grady Booch)

OOP is a method of implementation in which programs are organized as

cooperative collections of objects,

each of which represents an

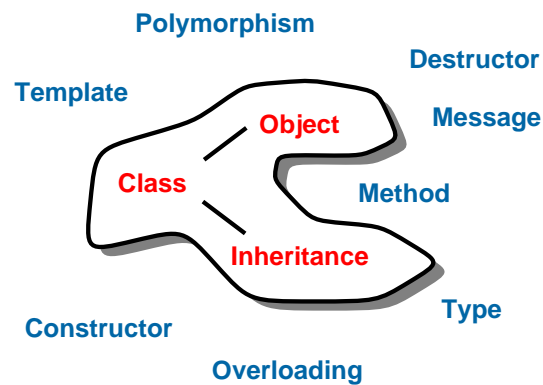
instance of some class,

and whose classes are all members of a hierarchy of classes united via

inheritance relationships.

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2 Basic Terms



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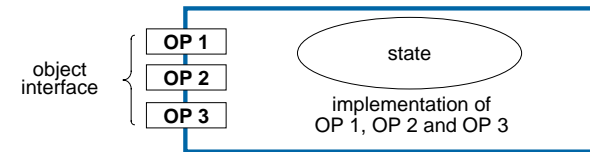
3 Objects & Methods

Software developer's view:

- ◆ an object is a "thing" from the problem domain
 - has a state
 - has behavior
 - has a unique identity

Program-technical point of view:

- an encapsulated unit of data and functions that operate on this data
- an object has a clear interface (operations = **methods**)



➔ object-based programming languages [Weg87]

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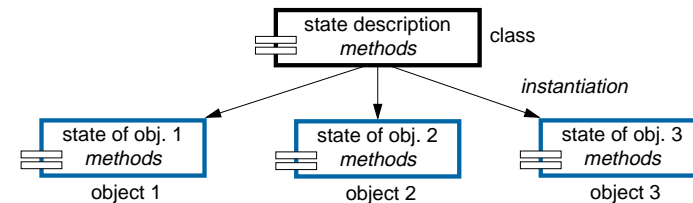
4 Classes

Software developer's view:

- ◆ a class is a set of objects with common structure and common behavior

Program-technical point of view:

- ◆ a class is a template for objects
 - each object is an instance of a class
 - object creation = *instantiation*



➔ class-based programming languages = objects & classes

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