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Object Oriented Programming

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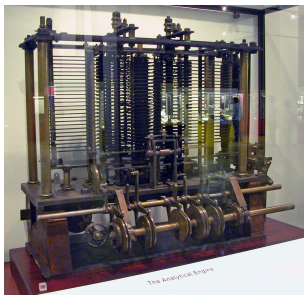


Figure: Analytical Engine, 1837, Charles Babbage



- Earliest programming paradigm capable of creating Turing-complete (computationally universal) algorithms.
- **Global data.**
- Only one main program.
- Program flow branching by command **GOTO**.

```
1  ...
2  50 IF X<>0 THEN GOTO 100
3  ...
4  100 PRINT X
5  101 GOTO 25
6  ...
```

Unstructured code (e.g. early BASIC).



- Edsger Dijkstra, 1968, Go To Statement Considered Harmful.
- William W. Cobern, Programming Language Choice: A Positive albeit Ambiguous Case for BASIC Programming in Secondary Science Teaching. He writes:
 - BASIC is not a structured language like Pascal and using it **fosters poor programming habits** that are very difficult to break,
 - there is **no** "ease of learning" **advantage** that would favor the use of BASIC over Pascal with introductory students.
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- **Global data.**
- Only one main program.
- Program flow is controlled by **program structures**.
 - if-then-else
 - while

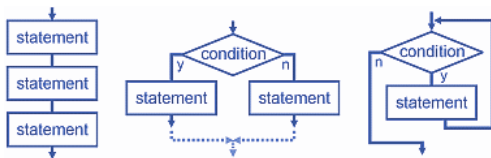


Figure: Program flow by structures.

```
1  ...
2  if x<>0 then begin
3  ...
4  end;
5  else begin
6  ...
7  end;
8  ...
```

Structured code (e.g. simple Pascal program).



- Program code is wrapped into **funcional substructures** (the procedures).
- **Data** is either **global** or **local to a particular procedure**.
- Data is passed among procedures as **arguments**.
- **Data structure definitions** are separated from the algorithmic program codes.
- Any given procedure might be called at any point during a program's execution, including by other procedures or itself.

```
1 int Fact(int n) {  
2     if (n = 0)  
3         return 1;  
4     return n * Fact(n - 1);  
5 }
```

Procedural code – A procedur to compute the factorial.



- Poor modeling of the real world:
 - Procedures to carry out tasks.
 - Data (structures) to store information.
 - Real world objects might do both.
- E.g. A **thermostat** control program:
 - 2 procedures: **heating_on()** and **heating_off()**.
 - 2 global variables: **currentTemp** and **desiredTemp**.
- Crude organizational units:
 - The above procedures and variables do not form a programming unit, which you could call thermostat.



- Separating the functionality of a program into independent, interchangeable modules.
- Algorithms and their dependent data are wrapped into modules.
- The interfaces of the modules are well defined.
- E.g.: Modula, Java, Haskell, . . .



- **Object oriented programming.**
- Functional programming.
- Logic programming.
- Literate programming.
- ...



- **Simula 67:** First OO language. By Dahl and Nygaard in the 60s.
 - Derived from Algo 60.
 - Uses classes and inheritance.
 - Methods/behaviors have not been bound strictly to the objects yet.
- **Smalltalk:** First consequent OO language. By Kay et al. in the 70s.
 - Influenced by Simula.
 - Everything is an object.
 - Already a development tool with GUI.
 - Is still used at present.
 - It had a strong influence for many other OO languages.



There is **no accurate definition** which is accepted by everyone.

- Nygaard (1926-2002), one of the developers of Simula 67, says:
 - A program execution is regarded as a physical model simulating the behavior of either a real or imaginary part of the world.
- Kay, one of the developers of Smalltalk, requires the following essential elements for an OO language:
 - Polymorphism.
 - Data encapsulation.
 - Inheritance.
 - Every type is an object type.
 - The object types compose a hierarchy with a single root.



Grady Booch. Object-Oriented Analysis and Design with Applications:
An Object has state, behavior and identity.

- State = Data.
- Behavior = Algorithms which use the data.
- Identity = Distinguishably from other objects.



- The global state of a program consists of (the states of) numerous objects.
- Objects interact with each other via messages.
- Messages are realized as procedure/method calls, e.g.:
 - sending message “m” to object “o” = calling procedure “m” of object “o”.
 - Procedure “m” is able to modify directly the state of the objects “o” or to send another message to another object.



- **Abstraction:**

- Distill a complicated system down to its most fundamental parts.
- Describing parts of a system by naming them and explaining their functionality. (In Java: Interfaces and abstract classes.)
- Forces encapsulation and enables modularity.
- **Flexibility & Adaptability:** Implementations are interchangeable.

- **Modularity:**

- Programs are divided into separate functional units.
- **Robustness:** Test and debug separate components before integrating them into a larger software system.
- **Reusability:** Same components are used in several software system.

- **Encapsulation:**

- Components should not reveal implementation details.
- **Robustness & Adaptability:** Allows changing implementation without adversely affecting other parts \implies Fix bugs, improve implementation (e.g. performance), or add new functionality by local changes.

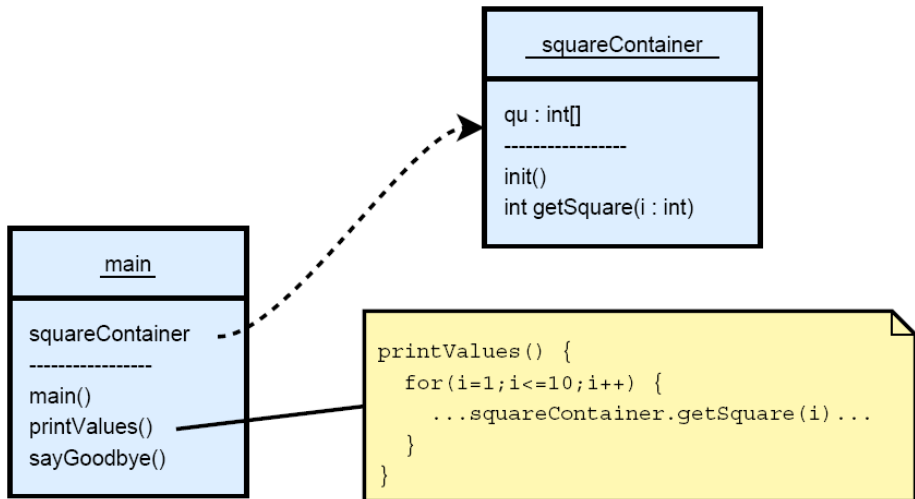


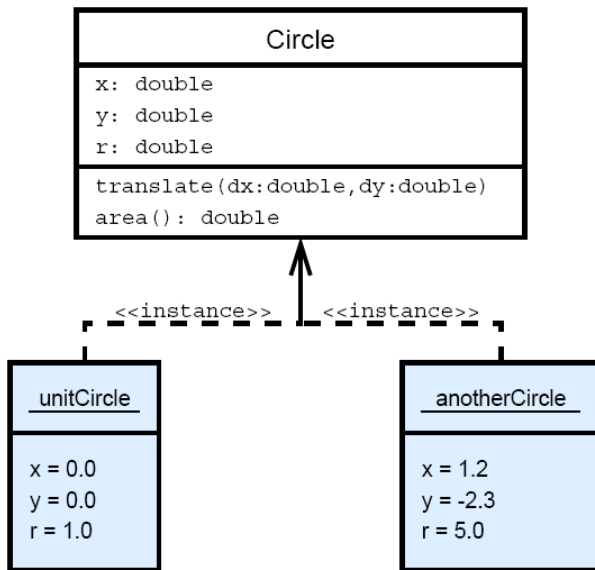
Figure: The two objects **main** and **squareContainer**.

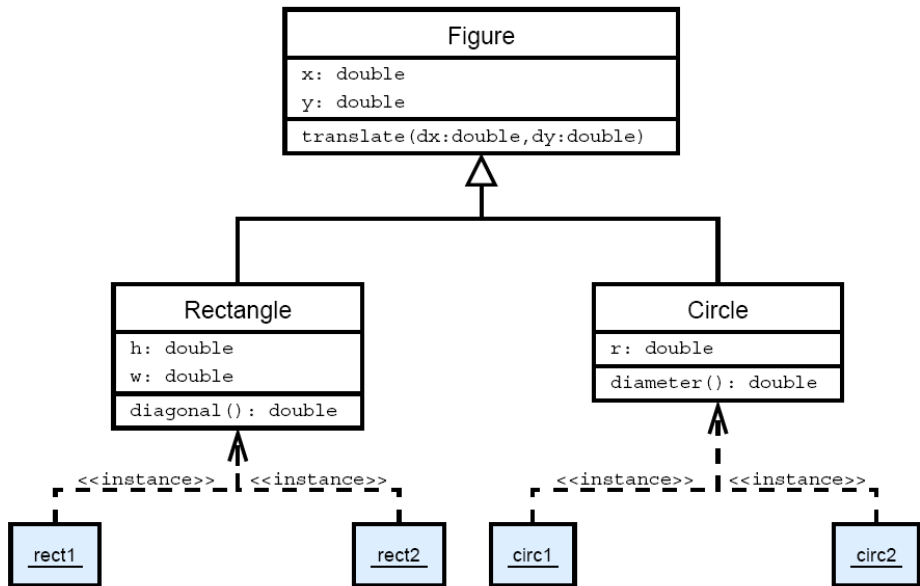


- Accessing to the field “squareContainer.qu” from outside (e.g.: from method “main”) is not possible/desirable.
- Accessing (changing/reading values) to the fields of an object is done typically though designated access points (public methods).
- **Advantages:**
 - avoiding side effects,
 - clear structures (storing the data and their algorithms together),
 - controlling the modification of the data, etc.



- **Typing:** Objects belong to classes. Within a class each object has
 - the same data fields and
 - the same behavior (same methods).
- **Inheritance:** A class may inherit the data and behavior of (an)other class(es).
- **Polymorphism:** The same piece of program/function can work on different kind of objects.







```
1 public static void main(String [] args) {
2     Figure f;
3     Rectangle r = ...;
4     Circle c = ...;
5
6     f = r; // Allowed, Rectangle is subclass of Figure
7     f = c; // Allowed, Circle is subclass of Figure
8
9     r = c; // Not allowed
10    r = f; // Not allowed
11 }
```

Polymorphism – Implicit upcasting.



```
1  public static void main(String [] args) {
2      Rectangle r = ...;
3      Circle c = ...;
4
5      diagTranslate(r, 1.0);
6      diagTranslate(c, 2.0);
7  }
8
9  public static void diagTranslate(Figure f, double d) {
10     f.translate(d, d);
11 }
```

Diagonal translate a Figure.

