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BASICS OF OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING & C++



Object Oriented Programming

INTRODUCTION

Object Oriented Programming is the modern programming approach, it offers a new and popular way to minimize software errors and reduce complexity of programs. Since the invention of the computer different programming approaches have been tried such as procedural programming, modular programming, structural programming etc.

The basic question that comes to our mind was “what is the need and importance for approaches?”

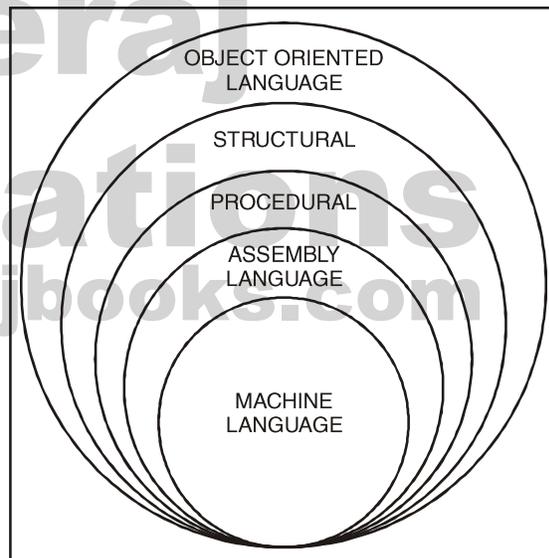
With the evolution of software industry, new tools and technique are announced in quick succession. The main requirement today is secure, reliable, efficient, reusable maintainable software. To build today’s complex software it is just not enough to put together a sequence of programming statement and set of procedures and modules, we need to use techniques that make our software easy to implement, maintain and modify. Based on these techniques different models are build, which specify the guidelines to design and write software programs .These models are known as Programming Paradigms.

Definition: Paradigm means organizing principle of a program.

Paradigms of Programming Languages : The Paradigms of Programming Language gives the model to the programmer to write the programs. The different Paradigms of programming languages are:

1. Unstructured Programming or Monolithic Programming

2. Procedural Programming
3. Structural Programming
4. Object Oriented Programming



Monolithic Programming:

- In this whole problem is solved as a single block.
- All the data are global (common for all) and there is no security.
- To share the codes jumps are allowed and so contain lot of go to statements.
- This is suitable only for small problem.
- Difficult to follow and correct errors
- E.g. Assembly Language, BASIC.

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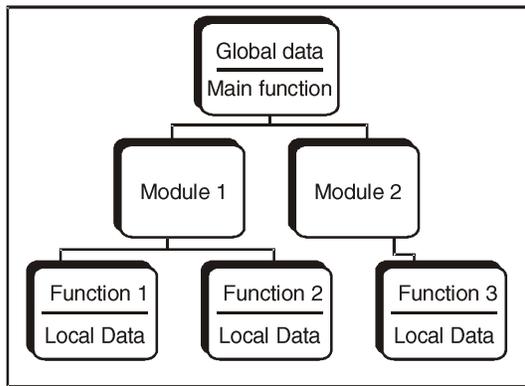
Procedural Programming:

- The given problem is divided into a number of sub-problems depending upon its functionality.
- The sub-problems are called procedures or methods.
- Any procedure can be called at any point during the program execution.
- The program has global and local variables.

Structural Programming:

- The program is divided into modules and the modules are then divided into functions.
- The usage of goto statement is removed or reduced.
- Each module can work independent of one another.

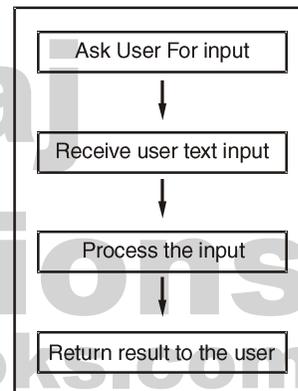
Example: ADA, C.



by the programmer's tendency to divide his program source code into logically structured blocks which would normally consist of conditional statements, loops and logic blocks. This style of programming has the implementation of the source code being processed in the order in which bits of the code have been typed in.

A structured program is made up of simple program flow structures, which are hierarchically organized. They are sequence, selection and repetition. Sequence is an order of statements. Selection means selecting a statement from a set of statements based on the current state of the program (for e.g. using if statements) and repetition means executing a statement until a certain state is reached (for e.g. using for or while statements). ALGOL, Pascal, Ada and PL/I are some of the structured programming languages used today.

Structured Programming



CHAPTER AT A GLANCE

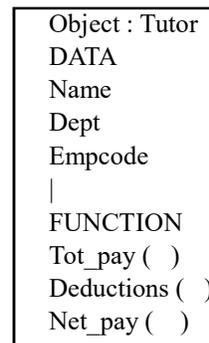
STRUCTURED VS. OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Object Oriented Programming (OOP) and Structured Programming are two programming paradigms. A programming paradigm is a fundamental style of computer programming. Programming paradigms differ in how each element of the programs is represented and how steps are defined for solving problems. As the name suggests, OOP focuses on representing problems using real-world objects and their behaviour, while Structured Programming deals with organizing the program in a logical structure.

Structured programming can be defined as a Software application programming technique that follows a top down design approach with block oriented structures. This style of programming is characterized

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

An object oriented language combines the data to its function or code in such a way that access to data is allowed only through its function or code. Such combination of data and code is called an object. For example, an object called Tutor may contain data and function or code as shown below:



The data part contains the Name, Dept. and Employee code. The function part consists of three functions: To_pay (), Deductions () and Net_pay (). Thus, the various objects in the object-oriented language interact with each other through their respective codes or functions.

It may be noted here that the data of an object can be accessed only by the functions associated with that object. However, functions of one object can access the functions of other objects.

Difference Between Structural and Object Oriented Programming

Structural Programming	Object Oriented Programming
Program is divided into sub-modules.	Program is organized as classes and their objects.
Data and function are two separate entities.	Data and function are single entity.
Algorithm is given importance.	Data is given importance.
Functions are dependent on each other.	Classes are related in hierarchical manner.
Maintenance is costly.	Maintenance is relatively cheaper.
Software reuse is difficult.	Software reuse is easily possible.

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING CONCEPTS

Following are some of the concepts related to Object Oriented Programming:

Class: The class is known as blueprint of data and member functions. It defines what an object will consist of, and what operations can be performed on such object. In simple words class is a group of objects that share common properties and responsibility.

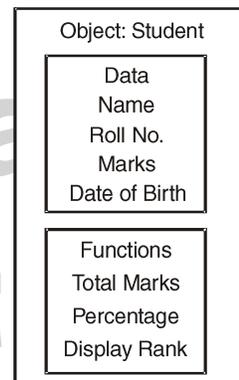
Object: An object is an instance of class. Every data member of object contains its own values, where as class only declare data members and functions. Object is an identifiable entity with characteristics and behaviour. Program objects should be resemble closely to the real world objects.

For Example

If our problem is to calculate marks of a class of 40 students:

First for a student we know the characteristics of a student is his Name, Roll No., Marks, Date of birth and we need to calculate its total marks in all subjects percentage and want to display its result.

Now based on our problem a generalized class student is declared and for each student present in the class we have to create one object. So if we want to make result of a class of 40 students we will have to create 40 objects of class student.



Data Abstraction: The word abstraction means providing only the relevant information & hiding background details. Data abstraction is a programming technique that separates program and interface. Let us consider real life example.

We switch on T.V. change the channel. Apply different settings, but we don't know its internal or background details, that is how the signal is received, translated and displayed on our T.V. screen.

Data Encapsulation: It means combining data and function together into single entity is called encapsulation. Data can be accessed only with the help of functions. It cannot be accessed directly. The data is hidden so it is safe from accidental alteration. The function provide the interface between the object's data and program. As we have declared a class student in which we kept together the characteristics as well

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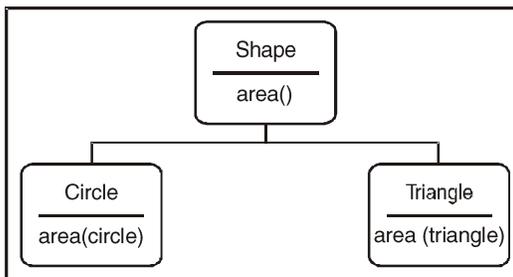
functions/operations which we want to calculate for student together (in the single unit).

Inheritance: It is the process of deriving new classes from existing classes. The existing class is called the base class and the new class is called sub-class. Inheritance helps in reducing code size.

Polymorphism: It means ability of different object to respond (each in its own way) to the identical message is called polymorphism. Based on the type of data different functions (with same name/signature) are called. It simplifies the programming interface. Instead of reinventing the new name to each function, you add to program, you can reuse the same name.

For example: If we declare a class of named shape It can have two sub-classes such as circle and triangle. This shows the property of inheritance both circle and triangle are shapes but have different features. That means they inherit properties of class shapes as well they have few distinct feature of their own.

Here we are using a function named area. which is declared in base or parent class as well as in both the sub-classes with the same name. Based on the type of object. compiler decides which area function will be called. If the object is of Class Circle the function area (circle) will be called and if the object is of Class Triangle the function area (Triangle) will be called. Hence, instead of remembering the names of three different functions, we have to remember the name of one function.



Modularity: The modularity of object-oriented programs means that the valid components of big program can be implemented individually. Different people can work on different components. Each execution part is isolated from each other. When this principle is applied it organizes the program and help to detect errors and their location.

BENEFITS OF Object Oriented Programming

Large programs are probably the most complicated entities ever created by humans. This leads to complexity that can cause errors which are difficult to locate and remove. Object Oriented Programming(OOP) eliminates many flaws associated with the conventional programming approach and offers a new and powerful way to cope up with the complexity. Its goal is to make clearer, more reliable and good quality software. OOP promises to make applications that can stay around for a longer time without problem and can easily be maintained and extended. There are many advantages of OOP approach which are explained as follows:

- Object Oriented Programming(OOP) lays more emphasis on data rather than functions and does not allow data of an object to be accessed freely in the system. This concept is supported by data hiding which provides greater system security and avoids unintended data corruption.
- OOP provides a clear modular structure for programs which makes it good for defining Abstract Data Type (ADT) using Data Abstraction. Data Abstraction provides benefits both to the user as well as programmer of the class. The user benefits as it interacts with the class using well defined interfaces(function names) without knowing the complex internal implementation details of the class. The programmer takes advantage by modifying the internal logic of the function without changing the interface.
- OOP is well suited for modelling real world problems as close as possible to the user's perspective. The concept of objects helps in trapping the human's thoughts in programming. Object communicates with each through well-defined interfaces using the concept of message passing. It provides proper integration of the system that helps the programmer to solve complex problems very easily. It also maximize re-usability, reduce data dependency and minimize debugging time.
- Object oriented systems are easily extensible as new classes easily be added with little or no modification in the existing system.
- OOPs provide the facility to co-exist the multiple objects without interference.