Object-oriented programming

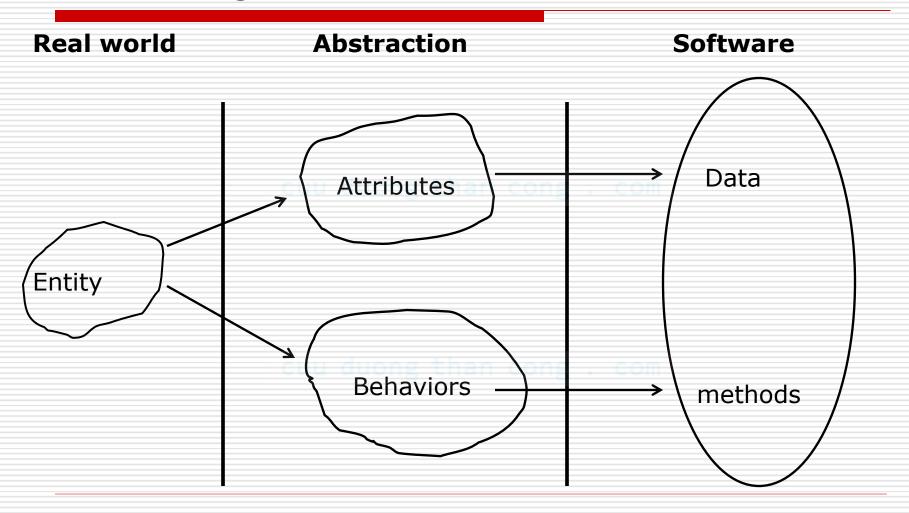
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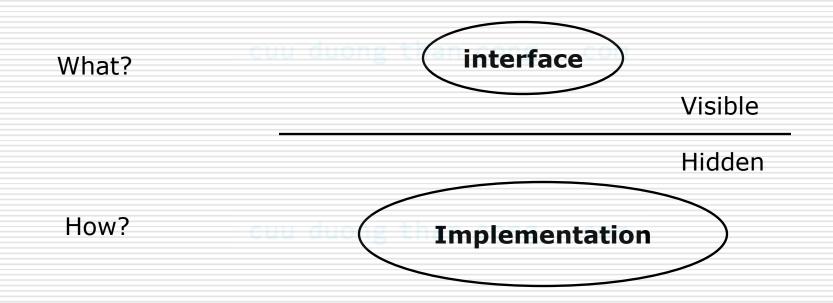
- Abstract Data Types (ADT)
- Divide project into a set of cooperating classes
- Each class has a very specific functionality
- Think of a class as similar to a data type
- Class can be used to create instances of objects

Mapping the real world to software



Classes in OO Programming

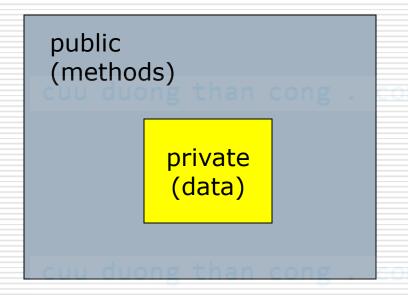
Separation interface from implementation



Structure of a class

- A class models an entity in real world
- A class represents all members of a group of objects
- A class provides a public interface and a private implementation
- Hiding the data and "algorithm" from the user

Structure of a class



class

Designing process

- Identifying classes
- Identifying behaviors
 - Decide whether behavior is accomplised by a single class or through the collaboration of a number of "related" classes
 - Static behavior: behavior always exists
 - Dynamic behavior: depending of when/how a behavior is invoked, it might or might not be legal

Identifying classes

- Abbott and Booch:
 - use nouns, pronouns, noun phrases to identify objects and classes
 - Note: not all nouns are really going to relate to objects
- Coad and Yourdon:
 - identify individual or group "things" in the system/problem
- Ross: common object categories: people, places, things, organizations, concepts, events

Class

- ☐ A class should:
 - be a real-world entity
 - be important to the discussion of the requirements
 - have a crisply defined boundary
 - make sense; (i.e. can identify the attributes and behaviors)
 - closely related

Object

- □ An "object" is an instance of a class
 - Just like a "variable" is an instance of a specific data type
- We can zero or more variables (or objects) in our programs

Class and object

- A class is a blueprint for an object.
- When you instantiate an object, you use a class as the basis for how the object is built.
- A class can be thought of as a sort of higher-level data type. For example:

myClass myObject;

Class and object

- Each object has its own attributes and behaviours.
- A class defines the attributes and behaviours that all objects created with this class will possess.

- Classes are pieces of code.
- Objects are created from classes,

Class declaration in C++

```
class < Name of the class>
    public:
          <public attributes and methods>
    private:
          orivate attributes and methods>
};
```

Scope

- private: only visible to methods of the class itself.
- public: can be use from inside of the class or any client outside

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An example

```
class
     Date
  public:
      Date();
      Date(int iNewDay, int iNewMonth, int iNewYear);
     int getDay(); // return day
      int getMonth(); // return month
      int getYear(); // return year
   private:
      int iDay, iMonth, iYear;
};
```

Scope resolution operator ::

Tell the compiler the method or attribute belongs to a certain object

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For example:

```
Date::getDay()
```

Date::getMonth()

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Separation declaration from definition

```
//keep in 1 file
class Date
   public:
       int
           getDay();
   private:
};
int
      Date::getDay()
       return iDay;
```

```
// header file .h
class Date
  public:
      int
              getDay();
  private:
};
// implementation file .cpp
int Date::getDay()
      return iDay;
```

How to use the Date class

```
int main()
   Date today(20, 10, 2008);
   Date tomorrow, someDay;
   //can I do this?
   cout << today.iMonth;</pre>
   //how about this?
   cout << today.getMonth();</pre>
```

Encapsulation and data hiding

- ☐ Encapsulation:
 - A C++ class provides a mechanism for packaging data and the operations that may be performed on that data into a single entity
- Information Hiding
 - A C++ class provides a mechanism for specifying access

Taxonomy of member functions

- The types of member functions may be classified in a number of ways. A common taxonomy:
 - Constructor: an operation that creates a new instance of a class
 - Mutator: an operation that changes the state of of the data members of an object
 - Observer: an operation that reports the state of the data members (aka Accessors, Getters)
 - Iterator: an operation that allows processing of all the components of a data structure sequentially

Exercises

- List member functions of the following classes:
 - Date
 - Fraction with numerator and denominator
 - Employee