

# What is OOP?

- Objects are complex entities (which we sometimes call "data structures") with qualities and abilities.
- In an object-oriented programming language, we work with complex objects rather than simple "primitives" like numbers and letters.

# Object Orientation

- (Nearly) Everything is an Object
- Objects "communicate" by sending and receiving messages
- Objects have their own memory
- Every object is an instance of a class



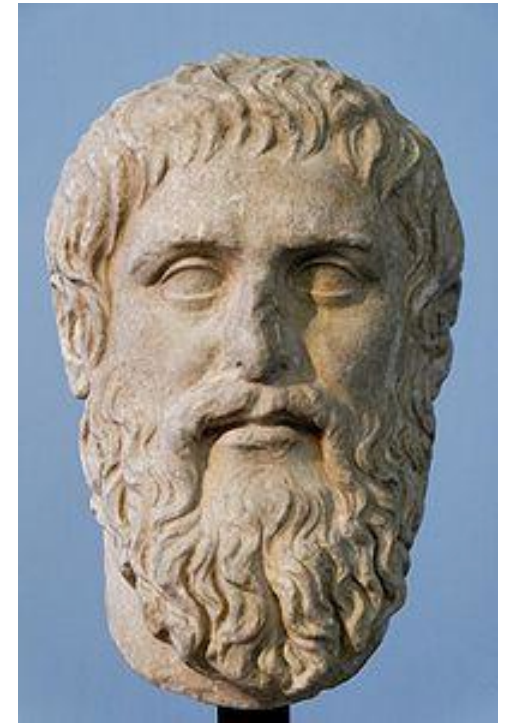
Alan Kay

Object-oriented Programming  
Graphical User Interface  
3D Graphics  
ARPANET (what became the Internet)

# Classes and instances

Classes are **archetypes**

Instances are particular **objects**



# Class

Describes the generic characteristics of a single *type* of an object

What things are of this type *are*

- Dog
- Vehicle
- Baby

# Classes and Instances

## Classes

- Template for an object
- Describes state
- Describes behavior
- Used to create many instances

## Instances

- Discreet instantiation of a class
- Shares behavior with other instances

# Object

Take this cat...

It has qualities (*attributes*)

**white**

**long-haired**

**4 years old**

And can do things (*methods*)

**walk**

**eat**

**meow**

**nap**



# Methods

- Defines a behavioral characteristic
- What the things of the class's type *do*.
  - Chase
  - Drive
  - Talk
- The "verbs"

# Methods

- Defined within a ***class***
- Store instructions to execute on ***attributes***
- keywords **def** and **end** start and end a ***method***
- Every method evaluates to something
  - **return** keyword not required
  - last statement

use **#** at the beginning of a line to write a **comment**  
(Ruby will ignore everything on the line after the **#**)

**Exception?**

**"#{variable}"**



# Variable

- Defines *attribute* characteristics
- What things of the class' type *have*
  - Breed
  - Model Year
  - Favorite Ice Cream

# Instance

- A specific incarnation of a class
  - Rin Tin Tin
  - garbage truck
  - the neighbor's kid

# Coffee Class

```
class Coffee
```

```
end
```

```
c = Coffee.new
```

```
puts c
```

```
#<Coffee:0x007ffb1d0b6290>
```

```
=> nil
```

# Coffee Class

```
class Coffee
  def initialize
    puts "Coffee is created"
  end
end
```

```
c = Coffee.new
Coffee is created
=> #<Coffee:0x007ffb1d09ba08>
```

# Coffee Class

```
class Coffee
  def initialize
    @temperature = 0
    @flavor = 'sweet, smoky, Sumatran'
  end
end
```

```
myCoffee = Coffee.new
=> #<Coffee:0x007ffb1d025cb8
@temperature=0, @flavor="sweet, smoky,
Sumatran">
```

# Constructor Overloading

```
class Coffee
  def initialize(temp = 0, flavor = 'bland')
    @temperature = temp
    @flavor = flavor
  end
end

waynes_coffee = Coffee.new(80, 'spicy')
=> #<Coffee:0x007ffb1b8219c8 @temperature=80,
@flavor="spicy">
brandons_coffee = Coffee.new(90)
=> #<Coffee:0x007ffb1d0f0030 @temperature=90,
@flavor="bland">
```

# Variable Scope

**local variable**

temperature

**instance variable**

@temperature

**class variable**

@@temperature

**global variable**

\$temperature

**constant**

TEMPERATURE

# Manipulating Values

Use the "!" operator

```
def temp!(temp)
  @temperature = temp
end
```

```
myCoffee.temp!(120)
puts myCoffee.temp
```

```
yourCoffee = Coffee.new
puts yourCoffee.temp
```



# Existential Operator

```
def hot?(temp)
  if temp > 160
    return true
  end

  false
end
```

# Method Chaining

Do a series of tasks in order (left-to-right)  
`task.try.tryAgain.success?`

First, `task.try` executes, then `result.tryAgain`

**`task.try.tryAgain.success?`**

**`result.tryAgain.success?`**

**`result.success?`**

# Inheritance

- A relation between two classes
  - Cats are mammals, all mammals are animals
- Classes lower in the hierarchy 'inherit' features
  - If all mammals can breathe, then all cats can breathe
- Only *one* level of inheritance!!!

**class < parent**

# Inheritance

```
class Drink
```

```
  def initialize
    @container = 'can'
    @material = 'aluminum'
  end
```

```
  def get_container
    @container
  end
```

```
  def get_material
    @material
  end
```

```
end
```

```
myCoffee = Coffee.new
```

```
puts "The #{myCoffee.get_material}
```

```
#{myCoffee.get_container} has #{myCoffee.get_flavor} coffee
```

```
class Coffee < Drink
```

```
  def initialize
    @container = 'mug'
    @material = 'ceramic'
    @flavor = 'sumatran'
  end
```

```
  def get_flavor
    @flavor
  end
```

```
end
```

# Inheritance

```
myCoffee = Coffee.new
puts "The #{myCoffee.get_material}
#{myCoffee.get_container} has #{myCoffee.get_flavor} coffee
in it."
```

# Modules

- Group **methods, classes, and constants**
- **Namespace** to prevent name clashes
- Implement *mixin* facility
- Declared with `module` keyword

```
module Hilt
  ...
end
```

# Mixins

A trick to eliminate "multiple inheritance"

[Example](#)

# Documentation

- Explain what the code is intended to do
- Reminders to yourself on what it does
- If you can't explain it easily, rewrite the code



# Development Cycle...

- Works: <http://gist.github.com/649456>
- Better: <http://gist.github.com/649460>
- Not Embarrassing: <http://gist.github.com/649480>

You can run the default documentor on the third one:

```
rdoc sound3.rb
```

<http://people.virginia.edu/~wsg4w/rdoc/Virgo.html>

another style:

<http://people.virginia.edu/~wsg4w/yard/Virgo.html>

**Questions?**

# Afternoon (and beyond) Hacks

- [TryRuby](#)
- [Personal Chef](#) (start at 11. Objects, Attributes, and Methods)
- [Encryptor Lab](#)
- [Event Manager Lab](#)
- [RSpec and BDD](#)
- [EventReporter](#)
- [RSpec](#)
- [Learn Ruby the Hard Way](#)
- [Ruby Koans](#)

# I'm Stuck

- IRC (#hilt on freenode)
- Ask someone around you
- Google
- Take a break
- Raise your hand