Object-Oriented Thinking (Part 1)

Introduction to Programming and Computational Problem Solving - 2

CSE 8B

Lecture 8
Announcements

• Assignment 3 is due today, 11:59 PM
• Quiz 3 is Oct 30
• Assignment 4 will be released today
  – Due Nov 4, 11:59 PM
• Educational research study
  – Oct 30, weekly reflection
• Reading
  – Chapter 10
Object-oriented thinking

• The advantages of object-oriented programming over procedural programming
• Classes provide more flexibility and modularity for building reusable software
• How to solve problems using the object-oriented paradigm
• Class design
Class abstraction and encapsulation

• *Class abstraction* means to separate class implementation from the use of the class

  • The creator of the class provides a description of the class and lets the user know how the class can be used
    – The *class contract*

• The user of the class does not need to know how the class is implemented

• The detail of implementation is encapsulated and hidden from the user
  – *Class encapsulation*
  – A class is called an *abstract data type* (ADT)

Class implementation is like a black box hidden from the clients

Class Contract (Signatures of public methods and public constants)

Clients use the class through the contract of the class
Class abstraction and encapsulation

• For example, a class for a loan

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<tr>
<th>Loan</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>- annualInterestRate: double</td>
<td>The annual interest rate of the loan (default: 2.5).</td>
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<td>- numberOfYears: int</td>
<td>The number of years for the loan (default: 1)</td>
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<td>- loanAmount: double</td>
<td>The loan amount (default: 1000).</td>
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<td>- loanDate: Date</td>
<td>The date this loan was created.</td>
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<td>+ Loan()</td>
<td>Constructs a default Loan object.</td>
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<td>+ Loan(annualInterestRate: double, numberOfYears: int, loanAmount: double)</td>
<td>Constructs a loan with specified interest rate, years, and loan amount.</td>
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<td>+getAnnualInterestRate(): double</td>
<td>Returns the annual interest rate of this loan.</td>
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<td>+getNumberOfYears(): int</td>
<td>Returns the number of the years of this loan.</td>
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<td>+getLoanAmount(): double</td>
<td>Returns the amount of this loan.</td>
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<td>+getLoanDate(): Date</td>
<td>Returns the date of the creation of this loan.</td>
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<td>+setAnnualInterestRate(annualInterestRate: double): void</td>
<td>Sets a new annual interest rate to this loan.</td>
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<td>+setNumberOfYears( numberOfYears: int): void</td>
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<td>+setLoanAmount( loanAmount: double): void</td>
<td>Sets a new amount to this loan.</td>
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<td>+getMonthlyPayment(): double</td>
<td>Returns the monthly payment of this loan.</td>
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<td>+getTotalPayment(): double</td>
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The class contract
Class abstraction and encapsulation

• A class is designed for use by many different users (or customers or clients)

• To be useful in a wide range of applications, a class should provide a variety of ways for customization through properties, and constructors and methods
Thinking in objects

• Procedural programming focuses on designing methods

• Object-oriented programming
  – Couples data and methods together into objects
  – Focuses on designing objects and operations on objects

• Object-orientated programming combines the power of procedural programming with an additional component that integrates data with operations into objects
Procedural programming vs object-oriented programming

• Procedural programming
  – Data and operations on data are separate
  – Requires passing data to methods

• Object-oriented programming
  – Data and operations on data are in an object
  – Organizes programs like the real world
    • All objects are associated with both attributes and activities
  – Using objects improves software reusability and makes programs easier to both develop and maintain
Class relationships

• To design classes, one must understand the relationships among classes
  – Association
  – Aggregation
  – Composition
  – Inheritance (covered next week)
Association

• A general binary relationship that describes an activity between two classes

• For example
  – A student taking course is an association between the Student class and the Course class
  – A faculty member teaching a course is an association between the Faculty class and the Course class
Association

• Multiplicity
  – The number of objects of a class

• For example
  – Each student may take any number (*) of courses
  – Each course must have 5 to 60 students
  – Each course is taught by 1 faculty member
  – Each faculty member must teach 0 to 3 courses
Association

• In Java, associations can be implemented using data fields and methods
  – For example
    • A student takes a course
      addCourse method in Student class
      addStudent method in Course class
    • A faculty member teaches a course
      addCourse method in Faculty class
      setFaculty method in Course class
    • The Student class may store the courses a student is taking
      private Course[] courseList;
    • The Faculty class may store the courses a faculty member is teaching
      private Course[] courseList;
• There are many possible ways to implement association relationships
Aggregation

• Special form of association representing an owner-subject relationship
  – The owner object is called an *aggregating object* and its class is called an *aggregating class*
  – The subject object is called an *aggregated object* and its class is called an *aggregated class*

• Models **has-a** relationships
  – For example
    • A student **has-a** name
    • A student **has-an** address
Composition

• Aggregation between two objects is called *composition* if the existence of the aggregated object is dependent on the aggregating object
  – Exclusive ownership of the subject
  – The subject (i.e., aggregated object) cannot (conceptually) exist on its own

• For example
  – A book *has-a* page and when the book is destroyed, so is the page
  – A page has no meaning or purpose without the book
Aggregation and composition

• For example
  – When the student object is destroyed
    • Their name is destroyed (composition)
    • Their address is not destroyed (aggregation)
Aggregation and composition

- Usually represented as a data field in the aggregating class

```java
public class Name {
  ...
}

public class Student {
  private Name name;
  private Address address;
  ...
}

public class Address {
  ...
}
```

Aggregated class  
Aggregating class  
Aggregated class
Aggregation between same class

- Aggregation may exist between objects of the same class
  - For example, a person may have a supervisor
    ```java
    public class Person {
        // The type for the data is the class itself
        private Person supervisor;
        ...
    }
    ```
  - For example, a person may have multiple supervisors
    ```java
    public class Person {
        // The type for the data is the class itself
        private Person[] supervisors;
        ...
    }
    ```
Aggregation or composition

- Warning: Since aggregation and composition relationships are represented using classes in similar ways, many texts do not differentiate them, calling both compositions
Class design and development

• For example, a class for a course

| Course |  
|---|---|
| -courseName: String | The name of the course. |
| -students: String[] | An array to store the students for the course. |
| -numberOfStudents: int | The number of students (default: 0). |
| +Course(courseName: String) | Creates a course with the specified name. |
| +getCourseName(): String | Returns the course name. |
| +addStudent(student: String): void | Adds a new student to the course. |
| +dropStudent(student: String): void | Drops a student from the course. |
| +getStudents(): String[] | Returns the students in the course. |
| +getNumberOfStudents(): int | Returns the number of students in the course. |
public class TestCourse {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Course course1 = new Course("Data Structures");
        Course course2 = new Course("Database Systems");

        course1.addStudent("Peter Jones");
        course1.addStudent("Brian Smith");
        course1.addStudent("Anne Kennedy");

        course2.addStudent("Peter Jones");
        course2.addStudent("Steve Smith");

        System.out.println("Number of students in course1: "+ course1.getNumberOfStudents());
        String[] students = course1.getStudents();
        for (int i = 0; i < course1.getNumberOfStudents(); i++)
            System.out.print(students[i] + ", ");

        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("Number of students in course2: "+ course2.getNumberOfStudents());
    }
}
public class Course {
    private String courseName;
    private String[] students = new String[4];
    private int numberOfStudents;

    public Course(String courseName) {
        this.courseName = courseName;
    }

    public void addStudent(String student) {
        students[numberOfStudents] = student;
        numberOfStudents++;
    }

    public String[] getStudents() {
        return students;
    }

    public int getNumberOfStudents() {
        return numberOfStudents;
    }

    public String getCourseName() {
        return courseName;
    }

    public void dropStudent(String student) { 
        // Left as an exercise in Exercise 10.9
    }
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Class design and development

• Use a UML class diagram to design the class
• Write a test program that uses the class
  – Developing a class and using a class are two separate tasks
  – It is easier to implement a class if you must use the class
• Implement the class
• Use Javadoc to document the class (contract)
Next Lecture

• Object-oriented thinking
• Reading
  – Chapter 10