## Introduction

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## Outline

1.Programming

2.Programming is complex!

3.Object-Oriented Design

4.Java

## What constitutes programming?

- ★Understanding requirements
- ★Design
- ★Testing
- \*Debugging
- ★Developing data structures and algorithms
- ★User interface design
- ★Profiling and optimization
- ★Reading code
- ★Enforcing coding standards



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The easy part: telling a computer what it should do The hard part: telling other programmers what a program does



#### Software is complex

#### 29% Succeeded

18% Failed

53% Challenged

The Standish Group, 2004

#### Let's study some real world examples

Construction sites for an European truck maker







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#### Cost of feature addition



#### Large software in a French telecom company



~100 packages ~ 500 classes

# Typical large scale long living systems

#### Large

thousands of classes

hundreds of packages

Undocumented - knowledge loss

Lack of structure overview (layers, cycles, core)

Possibly written in ADA or Cobol

Multi developers

Multi years development

#### How can we simplify programming?





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## Key insights

Real programs changes!

## Development is incremental



#### Design is iterative

# What is Object-Oriented Programming?



### A procedural design

**Problem:** compute the total area of a set of geometric shapes

```
public static long sumShapes(Shape[] shapes) {
    long sum = 0;
    for (int i=0; i<shapes.length; i++) {</pre>
         if (shapes[i] instanceof Rectangle) {
             Rectangle r = (Rectangle)shapes[i];
             sum += (r.width * r.height);
             break;
         }
         if (shapes[i] instanceof Circle) {
             Circle r = (Circle)shapes[i];
             sum += (Math.PI * r.radius * r.radius);
             break;
         }
         // more cases
    }
    return sum;
}
```

## An object-oriented approach

A typical object-oriented solution:

```
public static long sumShapes(Shape[] shapes) {
    long sum = 0;
    for (Shape s : shapes) {
        sum += s.area();
    }
    return sum;
}
```

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the two solutions?

#### Object-oriented design

#### A proper Object-oriented design is

easy to understand

easy to extend

#### However, getting such a design is not trivial

*Unit testing, Design Patterns, Refactoring* are commonly employed to improve software quality

#### What is Java?

Java is a platform for application development Developed at Sun Microsystems in 1995

Java comprises

a compiler

a running execution support

a programming environment (usually provided by a tierce)

#### Some features of Java

Object oriented

#### Both interpreted and natively compiled

Key for portability. Java runs on many many devices

Relatively secure

Multi-threaded

High-performance

Intense research on making Java works on multicore CPU

## Some characteristics of Java

- Cross platform, most of the time
- Basic principles are easy understandable
  - but Java remains a complicated language
- Java guarantees a form of *safety* 
  - it cannot easily crash your machine
  - automatic memory management garbage collector
- Widely used in industry

If you understand Java, you will probably understand *C*#, *PHP*, *Ruby*, and many more

## Why Java?

#### Special characteristics

Resembles C++ minus the complexity

Clean integration of many features

Dynamically loaded classes

Large, standard class library

## Why Java?

#### Simple Object Model

"Almost everything is an object"

No pointers

Garbage collection

Single inheritance; multiple subtyping

Static and dynamic type-checking

Few innovations, but reasonably clean, simple and usable

## History



#### What you should know!

What is meant by "separation of concerns" ?

Why do real programs change?

How does object-oriented programming support incremental development?

#### Can you answer these questions?

What are good and bad uses of inheritance? What does it mean to "violate encapsulation"? Why is strong coupling bad for system evolution? How can you transform requirements into tests? How would you eliminate duplicated code? When is the right time to refactor your code?

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