Week 13 Overview

- Week 12 review
  - Sorting algorithms for arrays
    - Selection sort
    - Insertion sort
    - Bubble sort
  - Multi-dimensional arrays
    - An array that holds other arrays as data.
Week 13 Overview

• Outcomes
  • List the benefits of object-orientation.
  • Describe classes, methods, and encapsulation and the mechanisms used to implement them.

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  • Apply the principles of encapsulation to solve a given problem.
  • Explain exception handling for error detection and correction.
Object Oriented Concepts

- What is an object?
  - All objects have 3 characteristics
    - **State** – data associated with the object
    - **Behavior** – code associated with the object
    - **Identity** – a location where the object exists in memory
Object Oriented Concepts

- What is an object
  - State (properties)
    - Data kept inside the object.
    - The internal representation of the object need not be the same as how it is seen from the outside.
    - Ex: Date object in JS represents a date and time as a number of milliseconds elapsed since January 1, 1970.
Object Oriented Concepts

• What is an object?
• Behavior (method)
  • A function kept inside an object
  • Has access to all the properties of the object as well as any parameters and global variables.

Object Oriented Concepts

• What is an object?
• Identity (container)
  • Memory location of the object.
  • One variable that holds many other variables (methods and properties) within itself.
  • Very similar to an associative array. In fact, all JS objects are associative arrays.
Custom Objects in JS

- Let’s build an object!

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car.make = "Chevy";
car.model = "Corvette";
car.color = "Red";
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}
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• Let’s make it easier to build objects!

• Try this: write a function called makeCar that receives a make, model, and color as parameters and returns a car with those properties set and a valid toString() method that reports the state.
Custom Objects in JS

• Solution:

```javascript
function makeCar(make, model, color) {
    var result = new Object();
    result.make = make;
    result.model = model;
    result.color = color;
    result.toString = function() {
        // on next slide
    }
    return result;
}
```

Custom Objects in JS

• Solution:

```javascript
result.toString = function() {
    var str = ""
    for (property in this) {
        if (typeof this[property] != "function")
            str += property + ": " +
            this[property] + "\n";
    }
    return str;
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```

Prevents us from seeing the code of the `toString` function itself.

Custom Objects in JS

• Solution:

```javascript
var car = makeCar("Chevy", "Corvette", "red");
alert(car);
```

Automatically calls the `toString` method.
Custom Objects in JS

• Let’s improve our object
• What we want is to create a car object using the keyword `new`:

```javascript
var car = new Car("Chevy", "Corvette", "red");
alert(car);
```

• Change the name and structure of `makeCar`.

```javascript
function Car(make, model, color)
{
    this.make = make;
    this.model = model;
    this.color = color;
    this.toString = function()
    {
        // same code as before
    }
}
```
Custom Objects in JS

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Notice, no return value whatsoever. We’ve build a constructor.

Name of the function has changed to conform to naming conventions.

Get rid of creating an object and instead assign everything into this.

One final improvement

• Each car we build has its own deep copy of the toString function. It would be better if there were one shared shallow copy of the function.

• Use prototypes to create shared code in an object.
Custom Objects in JS

• One final improvement

```javascript
function Car(make, model, color) {
    this.make = make;
    this.model = model;
    this.color = color;
}

Car.prototype.toString = function() {
    // same code as before
}
```

prototype is a property of every function (remember, functions are objects too).
Custom Objects in JS

• What is prototype?
  • Every constructor function has a property called prototype.
  • Anything assigned into prototype is automatically received by every object constructed with that function.

Ex: A deep array copy

```javascript
Array.prototype.clone = function() {
  var result = new Array(this.length);
  for (i in this) {
    if (this[i] instanceof Array)
      result[i] = this[i].clone();
    else
      result[i] = this[i];
  }
  return result;
}
var arr1 = [1, [2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, [8]]];
var arr2 = arr1.clone(); // make a deep copy
```
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Custom Objects in JS

- What is prototype?
  - It's an object, and a property of the constructor function. As an object, it can have data and functions within it.
  - All instances share the prototype, and thus any functions within it.
Custom Objects in JS

• Benefits of what we’ve done:
  • Can reuse the code many times for many different Car objects.

```javascript
var car1 = new Car("Toyota", "Prius", "blue");
var car2 = new Car("Chevy", "Corvette", "red");
alert(car1);
alert(car2);
```

• All the data and functions for a Car are kept in one single unit.
• All Car objects share their toString method (i.e. only one copy exists in memory).
Object-Oriented Benefits

- Many benefits to grouping data and methods together:
  - **Increased modularity**: the unit of modularity becomes the object and systems become a set of cooperating objects. Objects are typically smaller, and therefore there are more modules.
Object-Oriented Benefits

• Many benefits to grouping data and methods together:

  • **Simplified analysis**: The real world consists of objects. In the real world, objects have attributes and behaviors. When the method of programming and the real world align, then the process of analyzing the problem becomes simpler.

• Easier testing: With increased modularity (i.e. smaller, more tightly focused objects) comes easier testing of those objects. Tests can be written to validate the behavior of each object independently of the entire system.
Object-Oriented Benefits

• Many benefits to grouping data and methods together:

  • **Increased comprehension**: Since objects are kept small (on the order of perhaps a couple of hundred lines of code) programmers are better able to keep the entire state of the object in their working memory at once.

  • **Looser coupling**: *Coupling* is a measure of the degree to which a class depends on other classes to work properly. It is rare that an object acts in isolation of other objects, the connections between objects are clearly defined by the methods.
Object-Oriented Benefits

• Many benefits to grouping data and methods together:
  
  • **Tighter cohesion**: *Cohesion* is a measure of the degree to which a class models a single concept. Objects are smaller modules of modeling than those found in non-object oriented systems, and hence tend to promote tighter cohesion.

• Many benefits to grouping data and methods together:
  
  • **Increased reuse**: Because objects are loosely coupled and highly cohesive, they are easier to reuse within the same or different systems.
Object-Oriented Benefits

• Many benefits to grouping data and methods together:

  • **Better maintainability**: All of the aforementioned benefits lead to systems that are much more flexible to change and much easier to fix when bugs are encountered.
The 5 Pillars of OOP

• Five key concepts in OOP
  • Composition
  • Abstraction
  • Polymorphism
  • Inheritance
  • Encapsulation

This week
The 5 Pillars of OOP

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  - Composition
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  - Polymorphism
  - Inheritance
  - Encapsulation

- Abstraction
  - Process of reading a real-world problem description and figuring out how to model it using objects, methods, and properties.
The 5 Pillars of OOP

• Abstraction
  • Nouns can become objects or properties.
  • Verbs can become methods.

Try it: “A calculator consists of several buttons for entering numbers and several more buttons for entering operations on those numbers. Valid arithmetic operations are add, subtract, multiply, and divide. The equals button displays the current result.”
The 5 Pillars of OOP

• Abstraction
  • **Objects**: calculator
  • **Properties**: current result, buttons
  • **Methods**: add, subtract, multiply, divide, equals

• Composition/Aggregation
  • Using one or more objects as properties within another object (i.e. objects within objects).
  • Called the “has-a” relationship.
  • Not unusual at all (strings are objects, and they were properties of our Car object built previously).
The 5 Pillars of OOP

- Composition/Aggregation
- Two forms of “has-a”
  - **Aggregation**: the two objects can exist independently of one another, but happen to be connected. *Ex: classes and students*
  - **Composition**: a “whole-part” relationship where the contained object can’t reasonably exist apart from the container. *Ex: students and dates of birth*

Try it: Show the relationships between CompactDisc, Track, Artist, and Label.
The 5 Pillars of OOP

• Composition

• Try it: Show the relationships between CompactDisc, Track, Artist, and Label.

Composition: Filled diamond. Tracks don’t exist separately from discs (i.e. tracks “are a part of” a disc).
The 5 Pillars of OOP

- **Composition**
  Aggregation: Hollow diamond. Artists exist as an entity separate from discs. But a disc “has an” artist.

- **Encapsulation**
  Hiding the implementation details of an object (i.e. the properties and code) behind a simple *interface* defined by the methods.

  - Ex: String objects. Don’t know how they work internally, but we have a well defined interface through the API.
The 5 Pillars of OOP

• Encapsulation
  • Try it: A television is a well encapsulated real-world object. What is its interface?

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The 5 Pillars of OOP

- Interface
- Implementation
- Encapsulated
- Exposed

ITEC 136
Business Programming Concepts

Week 13, Part 06
Exception handling
Exception Handling

• How do errors get processed?
  • Old way: lots of if/else cases, checking the return values of functions
    • Functions return \textit{true} if everything went as expected.
    • Functions return \textit{false} if something went wrong.
  • Problem: detecting vs. correcting

Exception Handling

• Detecting vs. correcting
  • Can usually \textit{detect} the error in one section of code, but not be able to \textit{correct} it in the same place.
    • Callee function can detect
    • Caller function can correct
  • How does the error get communicated from the callee to the caller?
Exception Handling

• Detecting errors

```javascript
HourlyEmployee.prototype.setHoursWorked = function(hours) {
    // Impossible number of hours.
    if (hours < 0 || hours > 24*7) {
        // what to do here?
    }
    else {
        this.hoursWorked = hours;
    }
}
```

Can detect a bad parameter here, but can’t correct for it.

Exception Handling

• Detecting errors: solution

```javascript
HourlyEmployee.prototype.setHoursWorked = function(hours) {
    // Impossible number of hours.
    if (hours < 0 || hours > 24*7) {
        throw "Bad parameter for hours: " + hours;
    }
    else {
        this.hoursWorked = hours;
    }
}
```

“throw” an error back to the caller. Execution immediately stops. You can throw any object.
Exception Handling

• Correcting errors

```javascript
var emp = new HourlyEmployee();
var hours = parseInt(prompt("Enter hours worked"));
emp.setHoursWorked(hours);
```

How do we handle a potential bad input here?

Exception Handling

• Correcting errors: solution

```javascript
var emp = new HourlyEmployee();
var done = false;
while (!done) {
    done = true;
    var hours = parseInt(prompt("Enter hours worked"));
    try {
        emp.setHoursWorked(hours);
    } catch (exception) {
        alert(exception);
        done = false;
    }
}
```

Handling the exception means another trip through the loop.
Exception Handling

• Try/catch/finally syntax

```java
try {
    // code here that may throw an exception
}
catch (exception) {
    // do something to fix the error
}
finally {
    // code here is always executed regardless of
    // whether an exception is thrown/caught or not.
}
```

• Exception objects
  • Can throw any kind of object.
  • Different object types can permit us to distinguish between different error conditions in a catch block.

Exception
- message
+ toString()

InputException

IllegalStateException
Exception Handling

• Throwing exceptions, revised

```javascript
HourlyEmployee.prototype.setHoursWorked = function(hours) {
    if (hours < 0 || hours > 24*7) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Bad parameter for hours: "+ hours);
    } else {
        this.hoursWorked = hours;
    }
}
```

A custom object that captures the message and the type of error.

• Catching exceptions, revised

```javascript
try {
    emp.setHoursWorked(hours);
} catch (ex) {
    log.debug(exception);
    if (ex instanceof IllegalArgumentException) {
        // correct this kind of error
    } else if (ex instanceof FoolishUserException) {
        // correct another kind of error
    } ///.. and so on
}
```

Using custom exception objects permits more choices of corrective action based on the type of exception.
Exception Handling

• Flow of control
  • Code is executing normally
  • An exception is thrown, terminating the current function.
  • The exception keeps propagating up the call stack until a try/catch block is found

• Flow of control
  • Catch block is executed
  • Finally block is executed
Questions?

Next Week

- Testing and debugging
- A more thorough approach
Self Quiz

- Name the 5 pillars of object-oriented programming. Define 3 of them.
- Explain four of the eight benefits of object-orientation stated in the slides.
- What keyword permits you to access properties of an object from within a method of that object?
Self Quiz

• How is a constructor different from other functions?
• How do you write code such that methods are *shared* between objects generated from the same constructor?

Self Quiz

• What is the difference between composition and aggregation?
• Why is it important to separate the implementation of an object from its interface? What “pillar” is this?
Self Quiz

• Give two reasons that exceptions are useful in programming.
• What keyword lets you alter the flow of control in a function by generating an exception?
• What keyword(s) lets you handle an exception?

Self Quiz

• Write a constructor for a Book object that takes a title, author, and ISBN as parameters. It should make properties out of each parameter.
• Write a constructor for a Library object (no parameters). It should create an empty array to hold books.
Self Quiz

- Write methods for the Library object that will allow you to
  - Add a book to the collection
  - Look up a book by author
  - Look up a book by title
  - Look up a book by ISBN
Upcoming Deadlines

• Due April 6
  • Pre-class exercise 14
  • Homework 11
• Due April 13
  • Homework 12 (optional)
  • Lab 4
  • Reflection paper
  • Final exam