Introduction to the Object Model

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Goals and Objectives
Chapters 1 and 2

- Engineering and models
- Software engineering
- Concrete and abstract models
- Life-cycle models
- Evolution of software engineering models and methods
- Introduction to the Object Model
- History and benefits
- Features (attributes and behaviors)
- Class relationships
- Introduction to the Unified Modeling Language (UML)
- History
- High-level organization
- Diagrams

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Why Software Engineering?
The big picture

"A successful software organization is one that consistently deploys quality software that meets the needs of its users. An organization that can develop such software in a timely and predictable fashion, with an efficient and effective use of resources, both human and material, is one that has a sustainable business." (italics added)

- Booch, Rumbaugh, & Jacobson
- The Unified Modeling Language User Guide, p. 3

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Software Engineering
Balancing aesthetics and systematics

- Engineering
  - The art or science of making practical application of the knowledge of pure science.
- Art
  - The quality, production, or expression, according to aesthetic principles, of what is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance.
- Science
  - Systematic knowledge of the physical or material world.
- Software Engineering
  - The application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to the development, operation and maintenance of software
  - ANSI/IEEE standard 610.12-1990
  - Ju An Wang, Towards Component-Based Software Engineering, JCSC

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What Are Models?
Engineering tools for managing complexity

- Models are engineering tools
  - "The building of models has a broad acceptance among all engineering disciplines."
  - Grady Booch, Object-Oriented Analysis and Design, p. 22
  - See also: Joseph Schmuller, Teach Yourself UML in 24 Hours, pp. 8-9
  - A preliminary work or construction that serves as a plan from which a final product is to be made
  - A work or construction used in testing or perfecting a final product
  - An abstraction or simplification of reality
    - Represented in a language (symbols or diagrams)
    - Scaled down version
    - Includes only essential features
    - Reduces and helps manage complexity

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How Many Kinds of Models?
Two main classifications

- Conceptual models
  - Describe how a process works
  - Define concepts, illustrate relationships
  - Descriptive
- Procedural or operational models
  - Present algorithms, steps, or flows
  - Prescriptive
- Software engineering incorporates both kinds of models

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Why Do We Use Models?
Manage complex systems & represent abstract concepts

- "We build models to communicate the desired structure and behavior of our system. We build models to visualize and control the system's architecture. We build models to better understand the system we are building, often exposing opportunities for simplification and reuse. We build models to manage risk."
  - Booch, Rumbaugh, & Jacobson
  - The Unified Modeling Language User Guide, p. 3
- Models facilitate
  - Systematic testing of an entity before building it
  - Communication between stakeholders
  - Visualizing continuity, completeness, and aesthetics
  - Recognizing patterns in the problem domain
- No single correct model—only adequate and inadequate

Benefits of Modeling
Conceptualize, communicate, validate, refine, & construct

- Symbols in which to express ideas
- A controlled environment for failing
- A language with which to share ideas
- A blueprint for construction

Modeling Example
Concrete models

- As a test and demonstration of the F-117 Stealth Fighter's low radar observability, a seven-foot model of the aircraft was constructed and mounted upside down in a small Palmdale, CA valley and illuminated by a radar sitting atop an adjacent hill. The radar display remained blank and an observing Air Force officer only announced "I see something" after a crow landed on the model.
  - D. J. Lynch, "How the skunk works fielded stealth" - Air Force Magazine (November, 1992)
- What essential features did the model include?
- What extraneous features did the model exclude?
- What were the advantages of using this model?

Managing Software Projects
Why is it hard to conduct and manage software projects?

- Intangibility. Software, unlike hardware, is intangible. As a result, software is difficult to manage because it contains no visible milestones to measure progress and quality.
- Complexity. The sheer complexity of software makes it difficult for people to comprehend it, creating not only technical, but management problems as well.
- Volatility of requirements. Software requirements are under constant pressure for change. Because software can be changed more easily than hardware, change is a way of life in software development.
  - Jaak Jurison, Software Project Management: The Manager's View, p. 4
  - Communications of AIS (1999), Volume 2, Article 17

Principles of Modeling
Dealing with complexity, intangibility, and abstractness

- The choice of what models to create has a profound influence on how a problem is attacked and how a solution is shaped
- Every model may be expressed at different levels of precision
- The best models are connected to reality
- No single model is sufficient. Every nontrivial system is best approached through a small set of nearly independent models.
  - Booch, Rumbaugh, Jacobson
  - The Unified Modeling Language User Guide, pp. 8-9

Expressing Abstract Models
Graphical representations show relationships & proportions

- People typically process graphical information well
- Abstract models are often presented graphically
  - Shapes represent processes, entities, or states
  - Connections represent transitions or relationships
  - Other representations may also be used
- The UML represents a software system as
  - Nodes/vertices
  - Classes
  - Objects
  - States
  - Edges/arcs
  - Relationships
  - Transitions
  - Messages
The Software Life Cycle
A systematic approach to software management

- "A life cycle is a collection of phases that divide an effort into several more manageable and controllable subordinate efforts."
- Sinan Si Albir, *UML In A Nutshell*
- "A phase is the span of time between two major milestones of the process, when a well-defined set of objectives are met, artifacts are completed, and decisions are made whether to move into the next phase."
- "The choice of the software development process has a significant influence on the project's success. The appropriate process can lead to faster completion, reduced cost, improved quality, and lower risk. The wrong process can lead to duplicated work efforts and schedule slips, and create continual management problems."
  - Jaak Jurison, *Software Project Management: The Manager's View*, p. 12

Analysis
Evaluating the problem domain (i.e., the "real world")

- Creates an external model of the problem/application domain by abstracting essential aspects or features
- Emphasis is placed on the problem, not the solution
- Defined in terms of the public or user interface
- Results should be understandable by customers, domain experts, and implementors
- Language/system independent
- Verifies that the requirements are sufficiently complete to proceed
- Called OOA when applied to the object model

Design
Describe the problem domain in an abstract language

- Creates a solution architecture or framework by transforming the analysis results into a form that can be implemented
- Forms a bridge between analysis and implementation
- Adds data structures and other implementation features
- Describes user interface
- Describes data management
- Describes task management
- Maintain language/system independence
- Called OOD when applied to the object model

Implementation
Building an emulation of the "real world"

- Creates or forms a *usable* tool or system
- Forms the most significant part of a project's deliverables
- Final result may be represented as
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Combination
- Called OOP (programming) when applied to the object model

Waterfall Model
IEEE process standard P1074, 1/1/91

- pre-development process
- development process
- post-development process
**Iterated Waterfall Model**
Iteration permits corrections and refinements

- **System**
  - Need
  - Requirements
  - Problem domain
  - Design
  - Organization/structure
  - Coding
  - Implementation
  - Testing
  - Validate
  - Fix/update
  - Maintenance

**The Baseball Model**
Coad and Nicola, *Object-Oriented Programming*

- OOA
- OOD
- "Think a little, program a little"

**Spiral Model**
A UML compatible life cycle

- Inception
  - <idea is sufficiently well founded to warrant entering the elaboration phase>
  - <strategic/tactical>
- Elaboration
  - <requirements articulated & prioritized>
  - <testing planned>
  - <OOA / OOD>
- Transition
  - <allocate resources>
  - <requirements & evaluation criteria examined>
  - <OOP>
- Construction
  - <an increment>
  - <iteration>

**The Development Goal**
From problem domain to working system

- Functional
  - Data Driven
- Object-Oriented
- Ad Hoc

**Functional Model**
Structured Programming / Structured Analysis

- **Focuses on how (i.e., the algorithms) to solve a problem**
- **Decomposes problem into functions & function interfaces**
- **Functions have three structure statements**
  - Sequential statements
  - Branch, selection, or choice statements
  - Iterative, looping, or repetition statements
- **Easy transition to design and implementation**
- **Cons**
  - Poor problem domain understanding
  - Difficult for customers to follow
  - Changes have wide spread effects
  - Often results in global data and coupled functions

**Applying the Functional Model**
Leaping the semantic gap

- Analysis and Design Results
- Implementation
- UpdateInventory()
- PrintReport()
**Data Driven Models**

- Modular
  - Reduced global data and function coupling
  - Enforced functional data access (i.e., hides data)
  - Mostly just a (albeit improved) variation on the functional model
- Data flow
  - Maps data input to data output
  - Design data structures first
  - Design processes last
  - Good problem domain understanding
  - Results generally well understood by all
  - Easy to plan testing & create documentation
  - Radical paradigm shift at implementation

**Applying the Data Flow Model**

- Leaping the rift between understanding and practice

**Object Model**

- State of the art
  - Characteristics of functional & data models
    - Incorporates both data and functions
    - Natural organization for variables and functions (responsibilities)
  - Good problem domain understanding
  - Common "language" understandable by all
  - A tool for managing complexity
  - Change resilient
    - Change is localized
    - Intra-object functions may be coupled
    - Extra-object functions are decoupled
  - Programs are collections of objects that cooperate or collaborate by exchanging messages

**Applying the Object-Oriented Model**

- A common, consistent bridge between life-cycle phases

**Early Object-Oriented History**

- The "salad days"
  - 1965
    - Simula programming language
    - Kristen Nygaard and Ole Johan-Dahl in Norway
  - 1966-1969
    - Alan Kay is a PhD student at the University of Utah
    - Early work in object-orientation
  - Early 1970s
    - Alan Kay is a leader at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC)
    - Kay becomes known as the “Father of the personal computer”
      - Conceived the Dynabook, which became the Alto workstation, which became the Apple Macintosh
      - Created Smalltalk – coined many contemporary object-oriented terms
    - Pioneered the use of icons as keys to actions

**Object-Oriented Model**

- The big picture
  - "Object-oriented modeling and design is a new way of thinking about problems using models organized around real-world concepts. The fundamental construct is the object, which combines both data structure and behavior in a single entity."
    - James Rumbaugh, Object-Oriented Modeling and Design, p. 1
  - Data Structure (attribute)
    - variable
    - data member
    - instance field
    - data
    - data field
  - Behavior / Operation
    - method
    - function
    - member function
    - service
  - sending a message is equivalent to calling a method
Graphical Class Representation

UML class notation

- Class name
- Attributes
  - Data
  - Variables
- Behaviors
  - Operations
  - Services
  - Functions
  - Methods

Features (except for Singleton & Flyweight)

Circle

- x
- y
- radius
- draw()
- setVisible()
**Collaboration & Sequence Diagrams**

Interaction diagrams; Hour 1, pp. 11-13

- Collaboration diagram
  - Object structure/organization
  - Shows: objects, links, and message sequences

- Sequence diagram
  - Time ordering of messages
  - Shows: objects, lifelines, messages, and control

**Activity Diagrams**

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- Activity to activity flow of control
- Dynamic aspects of a system
  - Sequential
  - Concurrent
- Shows
  - Activities (activity states)
  - Decomposable into actions & activities
  - Actions (action states or states)
    - Atomic
    - Sending messages
    - Sending signals
    - Creating/deleting objects
    - Computation
    - Transitions

**Component & Deployment Diagrams**

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- Component diagram
  - Physical, replaceable part of a system
    - Crisp boundaries, well-defined interface
  - Executables, libraries, tables, files, & documents
  - Physical packaging of logical elements
    - Classes, interfaces, & collaborations

- Deployment diagram
  - Node
    - Computational resource
    - Memory
    - Often processor

**Other Features**

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- Packages
  - Library
  - Collection

- Notes
  - No semantics
  - Free form text

- Stereotypes
  - Descriptive label
  - Enclosed in guillemets

- **Packages**
  - Stratego.jar
  - Web Server
  - Database Server

- **Other Features**
  - stereotype
  - note
  - The swing package contains the platform independent GUI classes