

Lecture

Chapter 2

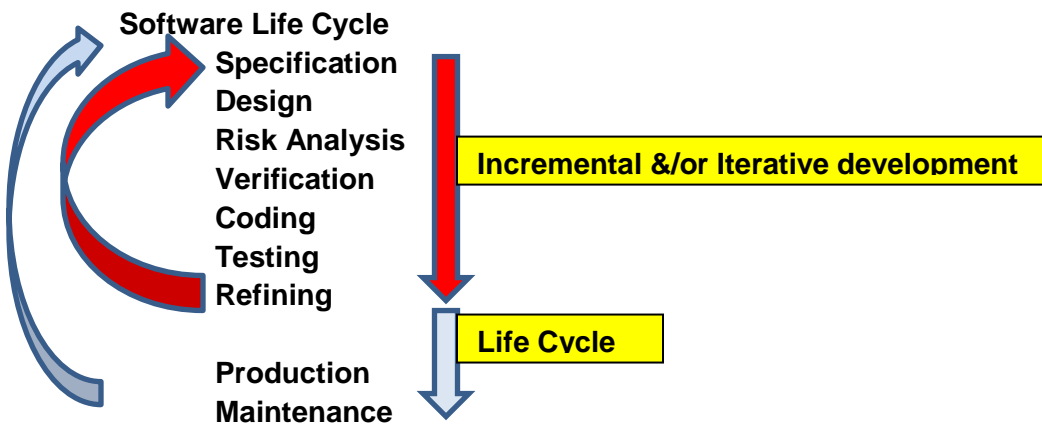
Software Development

Large Software Projects

- **Software Design**
 - Team of programmers
 - Cost effective development
- **Organization**
- **Communication**

Problem Solving

- **Analysis of the problem**
- **Multiple solutions**
- **Selection of the best solution**
 - **Software solution**
 - **Algorithms**
 - Step by step specification of the method
 - **Data collection & storage**
 - Organize the data in a manner that facilitates use
 - **Personnel solution**
- **Implementation of the solution**
- **Acceptance of the solution**



Specification

- ✓ Specify all aspects of the problem
- ✓ Communicate with non-programmers
- ✓ Clarify unclear aspects of the specifications
- ✓ Determine
 - valid input data
 - appropriate error messages
 - user base
 - appropriate interface
 - output required
 - output format
 - appropriate documentation
- ✓ Specify potential future enhancements
- ✓ Create a prototype program for user approval

Design

- ✓ Identify and design modules – objects
- ✓ Classes should be designed so that the objects are
 - loosely coupled
 - highly cohesive

Tightly coupled objects

- High flow of information between objects

Loosely coupled objects

- Changes in one object will have minimal effect on the other objects

Highly cohesive objects perform only one well-designed task

- ✓ Interactions between objects
 - Messages – method calls – data flows -- information flow
 - Specify, in detail, the assumptions, input, and output for each method
 - What data within the object is utilized by the method
 - What does the method assume
 - What actions are performed by the method
 - How is the data changed by the method
 - Specifications serve as a contract between method & the outside
 - Contract serves to
 - systematically decompose the program into smaller tasks
 - delineate responsibilities among programmers &/or modules
 - Precondition
 - the conditions that must exist at the beginning of a method
 - Postcondition
 - the conditions that will exist at the end of the method

Sufficient time spent in design → less time required in implementation

Risk Analysis

- all projects
- specific projects
- known risks
- unknown risks
- affects
 - timetable
 - costs
 - life
 - health
- techniques to identify, assess, and manage some risks

Verification

formal methods for proving algorithms correct are incomplete

Useful Aspects Of The Verification Process

- assertion – statement regarding a condition at a specified point in an algorithm
 - Java assertion statements – check the Jgrasp assertion feature
- invariant – condition that is always true at a specified point in a program
 - loop invariant – always true before & after each loop execution
- proving an algorithm is correct
 - proving each step of the algorithm is correct, i.e., for all appropriate assertions, an assertion before the step remains the same after the step is executed
 - errors encountered during the process should be corrected and the specifications modified if appropriate

The result is less errors encountered during the programming

Coding

- Translating the design into a particular programming language
- Not a major portion of the life cycle for most projects

Testing

- Bottom Up Testing
- Range Limits
- Idiot Proof

Refining the Original Solution

- Retesting

The phases of the Life Cycle are

- not completely isolated from one another and
- not linear

Installation

- **Acceptance Testing**

Production

- **Black Box Cutover**
- **Parallel Testing**

Maintenance

- **Users detect errors**
- **Request**
 - **enhancements, i.e., require more features**
 - **modifications to the existing software to better serve the users**

Fredrick Brooks

Mythical Man-Month

Ten Pounds in a Five Pound Bag

First Solution -- Second Solution

First solution is based on some simplifying assumptions

Refined solution provides a sophisticated program that meets the original program specifications

Good Solution – Computer Program

- **performs specified task**
- **real tangible cost**
 - **total cost over all phases of the life cycle + the burial costs**
 - **efficiency – choice of a solutions components**
 - **algorithms**
 - **choice of data structure & storage**
 - **code reusability**
 - **code libraries & open source repositories**
 - **components developed within a project**
 - ✓ **reused multiple times in the same projects**
 - ✓ **reused unchanged in other projects**
 - ✓ **embedded in other components**

Abstraction

- **Procedural Abstraction**
 - embed procedure in a “Black Box”, i.e., a module, a class, an object
 - users of the procedure know it’s pre and post conditions, but not how it performs its tasks
 - separates the purpose of a method from its implementation
 - helps to segment the design into loosely coupled and highly cohesive modules
 - Java API, e.g., Math.abs(), Math.tan(), etc.
- **Data Abstraction**
 - collection of data
 - set of operations on that data, with a focus on
 - what the operations will do to the data
 - without any consideration of how to implement them
- **Abstract Data Type (ADT)**
 - collection of data
 - specification of the set of operations that can manipulate that data
 - implemented by defining data structures and creating methods in a selected computer language
- **Problem Solving**
 - Develop ADT’ s and algorithms at the same time
 - Global Algorithm → support algorithms and ADT’s (top-down design)
 - Collection of feasible ADT’s and related algorithms →
Set of Potential Global Algorithms (bottom-up design)
 - Algorithms → clever data structure solution
 - Data Structure → clever algorithm solution
- **Information Hiding**
 - Abstraction →
 - write a specification that describes the outside, i.e., public view of a module
 - identify details that should remain private, i.e., should be hidden from the public view

User of a Module → do not worry about the implementation details.

Implementer of a Module → do not worry about the use of the module.

Object Oriented Design

Object

- encapsulates
 - data
 - actions
- identification
 - nouns → objects
 - verbs → actions
 - objects of the same type → class
- inheritance – classes can inherit properties from other classes
- polymorphism
 - objects can determine appropriate operations at execution time
 - the outcome of a particular operation depends upon the objects being acted upon
- functional decomposition (top-down design)
 - break a task into smaller subtasks
 - structure chart (Prichard 3rd ed pg 101)

General Design Guidelines

1. Use Object-Oriented Design (OOD), i.e., objects & ADTs, and Functional Decomposition (FD), i.e., algorithmic structure charts, to produce modular solutions
2. Use OOD for problems that primarily involve data
3. Use FD to design algorithms for an objects operations
4. As a first approach, use FD to design solutions to problems that emphasize algorithms over data. During the design process, keep watch for signs that the OOD approach would yield better results.
5. Keep the focus on WHAT when designing ADTs & algorithms
6. Incorporate reusable software components into the design where possible

Unified Modeling Language (UML)

Class Name
Data Items
Operations (Methods)

data members

visibility name: type = defaultValue

--, + hour: integer = 1

operations

visibility name(parameter-list); return-type {property-string}

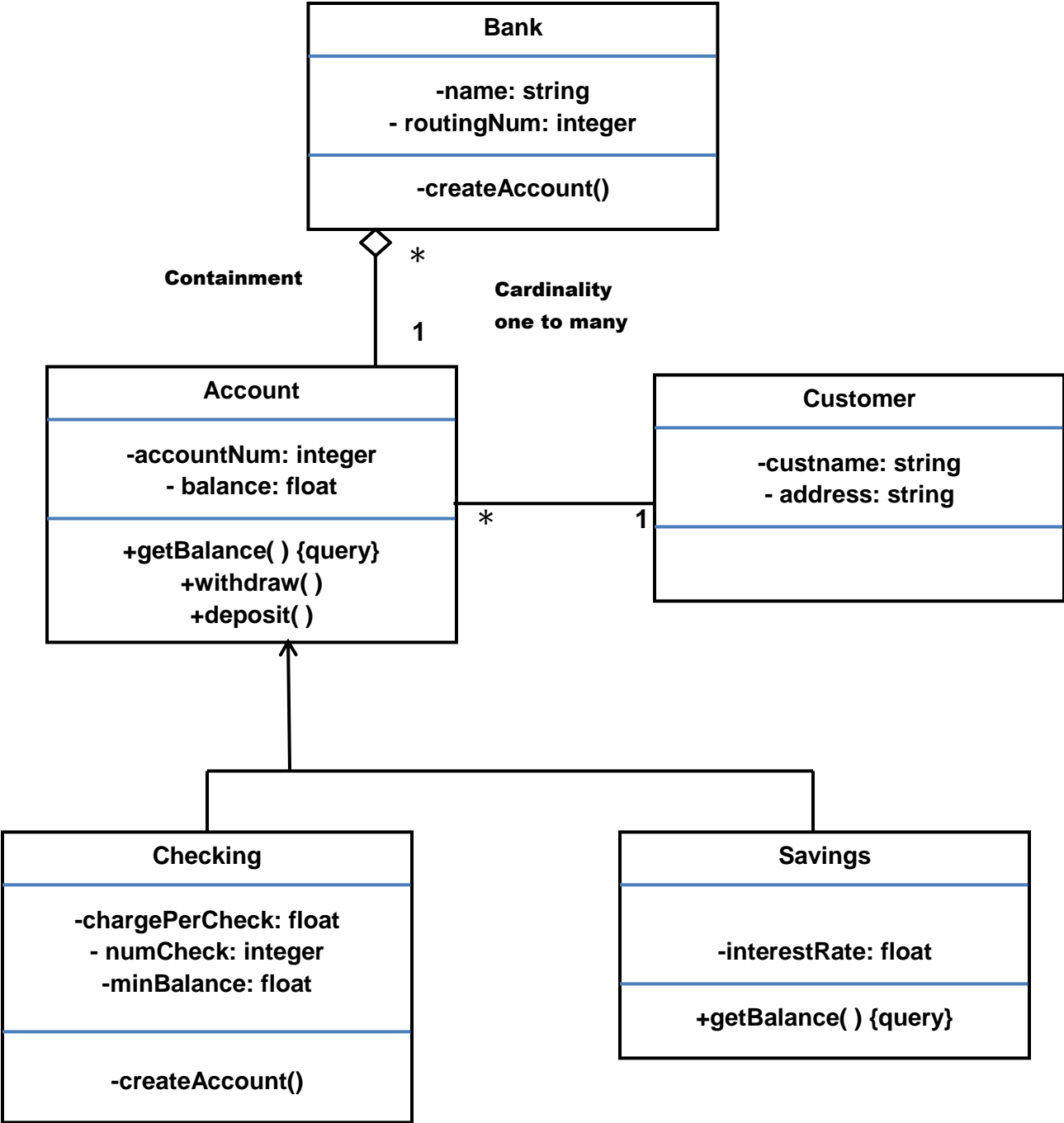
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parameter-list

direction name: type = defaultValue

in, out getHour: integer = 1

+ setTime(in hr: integer, in min: integer, in sec: integer): void



Object-Oriented Programming

- time expended on design will increase
- solution will be more general than is absolutely necessary
- implementation time will be reduced
- improved program maintenance and verification stages
 - change in ancestor class → change in all descendant classes
 - add descendant classes that do not affect the ancestor class
 - add descendant classes modifies the ancestor's original behavior

Design Procedure

- specification of each class including data and operations
- implementation of each class
- identify families of related classes
 - identify the ancestor class
 - implement the descendant classes
- test each class
 - write test program to exercise each operation wrt specifications
 - write test programs to exercise sets of classes working together to solve a larger programs (expands up to the set which encompasses the entire project)

Key Programming Issues

Strive for modularity in all phases of the program-solving problem

- **Modularity**
 - Programming tasks become more difficult as the size and complexity of a program grows; modularity reduces the rate at which the difficulty grows
 - Permits team programming, i.e., permits the continuation of current programming efforts
 - Isolates errors; debugging a modular program is reduced to debugging many small programs
 - Facilitates reading the program
 - Isolates modifications; modifying modular program is reduced to a small set of relatively simple modifications to isolated parts of the program
 - Eliminates redundant code
- **Modifiability**
- **Ease of Use**

- **Fail-Safe Programming**
 - **Input Errors Prohibited by Code**
 - **Logic Errors Eliminated by EXTENSIVE Testing**
 - **Hardware Errors Eliminated**
 - **Hardened Hardware – Isolated Power Sources**
 - **Multiple Systems Voting on Outcomes**
 - **Life-Support Systems**
 - **Financial Systems**

- **Idiot-Proof Programming**
 - **Prichard 3rd ed pgs 112-116**

- **Style**
 - **Extensive Use of Methods**
 - **Private Data Fields**
 - **accessor methods**
 - **mutator methods**
 - **Error Handling**
 - **Readability**
 - **good structure & design**
 - **well-chosen identifiers that describe their purpose**
 - **readable indentation**
 - ✓ **next-line blocks**
 - ✓ **DO NOT USE end-of-line blocks**
 - ✓ **2-4 spaces**
 - ✓ **beware of rightward drift**
 - **blank lines to separate modules, methods, blocks, etc.**
 - **well-chosen documentation**

Program Documentation

- 1. Program Comment**
 - a. Statement of Purpose**
 - b. Author & Date**
 - c. Description of Input/Output**
 - d. Description of how to Use the Program**
 - e. Assumptions about the type of data expected**
 - f. Statement of Exceptions**
 - g. Brief Description of the Major Classes**
- 2. Comment in Each Class**
 - a. Statement of Purpose**
 - b. Description of the Data contained in the Class**
- 3. Comment at the Beginning of Each Method**
 - a. Statement of Purpose**
 - b. Preconditions**
 - c. Postconditions**
 - d. Method Called**
- 4. Comments in the Bodies of Selected Methods that explain important features or subtle logic**

Write the Documentation While Writing the Code

Make sure that you write

Comments for Users of the Methods

and

Comments for Programmers who will revise the Implementations

- **Debugging**
 - **Debugger**
 - **step by step**
 - **breakpoints**
 - **System.out.println(...) statements**
 - **Use the invariants established for various parts of the program**
 - **Dump selected data structures, e.g., arrays**