Program modularization arose from the necessity of splitting large programs into fragments in order to compile them. ... It was soon realized that modularization had great advantages in terms of large-grain program structuring.

Cardelli, 1996
Modularity

The maxims of modularity:

▶ minimize coupling — as independent as possible
▶ maximize cohesion — as focused as possible


A *module* is a construct for encapsulation, information hiding, and separate compilation, consisting of an interface specification and an implementation. It is a compile-time abstraction.

- encapsulation, aggregation – collecting pieces into a unit.
- information hiding – limiting access to the details
- representation independence – a change in the details does not affect the client
- separate compilation – capability to compile programs incrementally
In the shadow of many exciting development there has been a tendency to overlook the original purpose of modularization. Some language definitions specify what are to be the compilation units (e.g.: Ada), but others do not (e.g.: Standard ML). A paradoxical question then arises: when does a module system really support modularization (meant as separate compilation)?

Cardelli, 1996
Modularity

Each module should have well-defined *interface* or boundary. A *specification* is a description of the behavior of a module. Such as description may be informal as in English or formal as in ANNA, logic, etc.

In other languages such a construct is known as a *package* or a *structure*.

Ada, Modula 2, and Modula 3 interfaces are textually separate; Oberon’s are not. Ada and Modula 2 allow nested modules; Modula 3 and Oberon do not.
C/C++ header files

Object-oriented classes
Modules

Mesa, Clu the first?

Modules provide a capability for partitioning a large system into manageable units. They can be used to encapsulate abstractions and to provide a degree of protection. In the design of Mesa, we were particularly influenced by the work of Parnas, who proposed information hiding as the appropriate criterion for modular decomposition, and by the concerns of Morris regarding protection in programming languages.

Beschke, Morris Jr., and Satterthwaite,
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BARBARA LISKOV
Developed the Liskov substitution principle
Barbara Liskov (−)

When she was still a young professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, she led the team that created the first programming language that did not rely on goto statements. The language, CLU (short for “cluster”), relied on an approach she invented — data abstraction — that organized code into modules. Every important programming language used today, including Java, C++ and C#, is a descendant of CLU. In 2008, Liskov won the Turing Award.
complex = cluster is make_complex, real_part, imaginary_part, plus, times

rep = struct [ re, im : real ];
make_complex = proc (x, y: real) returns (cvt)
    return (rep$(re:x, im:y));
end make_complex;
real_part = proc (z: cvt) returns (real)
    return (x.re);
end real_part;
imaginary_part = ...
plus = proc (z, w: cvt) return (cvt)
    return (rep$(re:z.re+w.re, im:z.im+w.im));
end plus;
times = ...
end complex

cvt is reserved word calling for a conversion between the abstract type and its representation.
Modules

- interface specification – description of the items in the package
- implementation – programs, data structures, etc. to complete the facilities described in the interface
- client – some program that makes use of the facilities in the package

Modula 2, Modula 3, and Ada guarantee no violation of type security no matter the organization of the files or order of compilation.
C and C++
do not do inter module
type checking!

link/main.c
link/aux.c

gcc -c aux.c  # compile "aux.c", no errors

gcc aux.o main.c -o main  # link "main.o" and "aux.o", no

main  # run main, !!!!!
0.000000  -9977185468416087696201563466699722509886527768824
with List; -- import other module
package Main is -- this module
begin
    null;
end Main;

In the Ada language identifiers are not case sensitive, so Main, mAiN, and main are the same.
The Ada language does not specify how the computer retains modules, so, in general, an Ada implementation needs to know the correspondence between the name of the module and the operating system “handle” (the filename) of the module and its compiled artifacts.
GNAT requires the unit (module) name to be the same as the filename. It also uses a unit search path, cf., 3.3 Search Path of the GNAT user guide, as in the gcc.

2.3 File Naming Rules

   The default file name is determined by the name of the unit that the file contains. The name is formed by taking the full expanded name of the unit and replacing the separating dots with hyphens and using lowercase for all letters.

N.B. lowercase!
Aggregation in Ada

Note separation of specification and implementation. Note lack of cohesion (this is just an example, do not program this way).

package/junk.ads
package/junk.adb
package/use_junk.adb
Aggregation in Java

- Packages: aggregation of classes
- Classes: aggregation of values, classes

No clear separation; classes also can be used to aggregate classes.

class Aggregate {
    class B { /*...*/ }
    class C { /*...*/ }
}

Type Representation

- Integer: twos complement, sign/magnitude; cf package/sign_integer_package.ads
- Real: IEEE 754, ...
- Stack: array, linked list
- Graph: 2D array, adjacency list

The user does not care about the implementation (information hiding).
Consider first the well-known concepts of procedure specification and procedure implementation. Here is an example of a procedure specification:

```c
// Push an element into the stack
void push (int i);
```

Here is an example of a procedure implementation (body):

```c
void push (int i) { data[size++] = i; }
```

What is a type specification? What is a type representation?
Type Representation

Often the only external interface to a type is its name.

```pascal
type T;  type T is (Red, Green, Blue);
type T;  type T is array (1..3) of Positive;
type T;  type T is record
    Top: Natural;
    Data: array (1..20) of Character;
end record;
```
But types in Ada can have (value) parameters. This is specified thusly:

```ada
type T (Size: Positive);
```

The implmentation of the type might be:

```ada
type T is record
   Top: Natural;
   Data: array (1..Size) of Character;
end record;
```
Abstract Data Types

Modules usually focus, center around one type (cohesion).

Abstract data type. An abstract data type is a data type together with a complete set of relevant operations that form a new conceptual type of values. The representation of the type and the implementation of the operations are not important to the client and could be changed or improved.

Languages typically have two variations.

Opaque data type. An opaque data type is one whose structure or representation is hidden from the client.

Transparent data type. A transparent data type is one whose structure or representation is visible to the client.
Abstract Data Types

Some operations have special purposes, so they have special names.

*Constructors*. Procedures or functions that construct (allocate memory for) values out of their subparts are called *constructors*.

*Predicates* or *recognizers*. Boolean functions to distinguish the different ways values are constructed are called *predicates*.

*Destructors* or *selectors*. Functions that take constructors apart and return their constituent parts are called *destructors*.

And, finally, and less common:

*Iterators*. Procedures that access all the elements individually of data structure like a list are called *iterators*. 

Specification/Implementation

Package in Ada

with P

package P is

package body P is

end P;

end P;

clients

*.ads

implementation

*adb

information hiding
Transparent Types

Package in Ada

package P is
  type T is ...
end P;

*.ads

specification

implementation

*.adb

transparency type

clients know how T is implemented
Opaque Types

package P is
  type T is private
  private
    type T is ...;
end P;

package body P is
  end P;

*.ads

implementation

*.adb

opaque type

implementation of T is hidden from client
Abstract Data Types

How to get an opaque type

- Ada: private section
- Modula-3: partial revelation
- SML: opaque type constraint
- Java, C++: declare members private
- Haskell: explicitly denying names to export
Haskell modules

In file `Main.hs`:

```haskell
module Main (main) where
import Tree (Tree (Leaf, Branch), fringe)
main = print (fringe (Branch (Leaf 1) (Leaf 2)))
```

In file `Tree.hs`:

```haskell
module Tree (Tree (Leaf, Branch), fringe) where
data Tree a = Leaf a | Branch (Tree a) (Tree a)
fringe :: Tree a -> [a]
fringe (Leaf x) = [x]
fringe (Branch left right) = fringe left ++ fringe right
```
module Stack (
    Stack, empty, isEmpty, push, top, pop) where

empty :: Stack a
isEmpty :: Stack a -> Bool
push :: a -> Stack a -> Stack a
top :: Stack a -> a
pop :: Stack a -> (a, Stack a)

newtype Stack a = StackImpl [a] -- opaque!

empty = StackImpl []
isEmpty (StackImpl s) = null s
push x (StackImpl s) = StackImpl (x:s)
top (StackImpl s) = head s
pop (StackImpl (s:ss)) = (s,StackImpl ss)
Abstract Data Types

ada/programs/fraction/fraction_package.ads
ada/programs/fraction/fraction_package.adb
ada/programs/fraction/opaque.ads
ada/programs/fraction/opaque.adb
m3/programs/rational/src/Rational.i3
m3/programs/rational/src/Rational.m3
m3/programs/opaque/src/Rational.i3
m3/programs/opaque/src/Rational.m3
sml/programs/rn.sml
The compiled client does not know what the actual representation of the data type.

- **Ada**: any type in private section
- **SML**: any type
- **Modula-3**: REF types only
- **Modula-2**: REF types only

Pointers all have same size (regardless of what they point to), so clients may be isolated from changes in representation if the type is a pointer type.
Abstract data type versus abstract state encapsulation. A package in Ada may be like an abstract data type and provide (export) a single type with relevant operations on that type. Or, a package in Ada may encapsulate state by holding variables.

fraction/rational_adt.ads
fraction/rational_adt.adb
fraction/rational_number_package.ads
fraction/rational_number_package.adb

A stack package could be done either way.
Modules versus Classes

- compile-time abstraction vs. run-time
- statically instantiated vs. dynamically
- collection vs. template
- control visibility vs. extension
- separate compilation

See Clemens Szyperski, “Import is Not Inheritance.”
Dynamic loading in Java gives rise to the possibility of “no such method” error (despite the type checking).

module/Main.java
module/version/C.java
module/bad/C.java
The following steps correctly compile and then fool Java. Main.java is compiled only once.

$ javac -cp .:version Main.java
$ java Main
version 1
$ javac bad/C.java
$ java -cp bad:. Main
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoSuchMethodError: C.<init>(IC)V
  at Main.main(Main.java:5)
The usual problem is a mistake in deployment of multiple versions of class files that is illustrated by something like this:

```
$ cp bad/C.class .
$ java Main
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoSuchMethodError: C.<init>(IC)V
  at Main.main(Main.java:5)
```
The following steps correctly compile and then fool Java.

> rm *.class
> javac Main.java
> java Main
version 1
> cp version/C.class .
> java Main
version 2
> javac Main.java
> java Main
version 2
> cp bad/C.class .
> java Main

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoSuchMethodError: C.<
  at Main.main(Main.java:5)
Goals according to JSR 376.

- Reliable configuration—Explicit dependence recognized at compile time
- Strong encapsulation—Explicit export of module’s capabilities
- Greater integrity—Prevent use of unindented classes
No private attribute.

class Robot(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.a = 123
        self._b = 123
        self.__c = 123

obj = Robot()
print(obj.a)
print(obj._b)
print(obj.__c)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "test.py", line 10, in &lt;module&gt;
    print(obj.__c)
AttributeError: 'Robot' object has no attribute 'c'
Object-Oriented Programming

A confusing collection of motivations.

- inheritance
- overriding
- dynamic dispatch
- narrowing versus widening
- implementation

Swiss-army knife approach: complex structure that does almost everything. Lego approach: simple pieces that fit together well.
I find OOP technically unsound... philosophically unsound... [and] methodologically wrong.

Alexander Stepanov, developer of the C++ STL
C++ was invented because Vogon poetry wasn't destructive enough.

Anonymous
“Before the industrial revolution, the firearms industry was a loose coalition of individual craftsmen. Each firearm was crafted by an individual gunsmith. The revolution was sparked when Eli Whitney received a large manufacturing contract to build muskets for the government. Whitney’s innovation was to divide the work so that each part was produced by a specialist to meet a specified standard. Each gunsmith focused on a single part, using sophisticated tools to optimize that task. The government, quickly realized that the standards would allow parts to be interchanged, greatly simplifying their firearm repair problems.

The importance of object-oriented programming is comparable to that of Whitney’s interchangeable part innovation, and for many of the same reasons. Both redefine the unit of modularity so that workers produce subcomponents instead of complete solutions. The subcomponents are controlled by standards and can be interchanged across different products.”

Object-Oriented Programming

We can identify several basic features of object-oriented languages:

- encapsulation of state
- inheritance
- dynamic dispatch
- late binding (this)
- super
class A {
    private int x = 0;
}

class B extends A {
}

The code (new B()).x) does not compile.
A class can be instantiated to create new objects and subclassed to create new classes.

```java
class A {
    private int x = 0;
    int m() { x=x+1; return x; }
    int n() { x=x-2; return x; }
}

class B extends A {
    int o() { x=x*3; return x; }
}
```

The code `(new B()).m()`) is legal as an instance of B does have a method m. We say the class B inherits the methods m and n, and the field x.
Dynamic Dispatch

class/Dispatch.java
Dynamic Dispatch

class A {
    private int x = 0;
    int m() { x=x+1; return x; }
    int n() { x=x-2; return x; }
}
class B extends A {
    int m() { x=x*3; return x; }
}
class C extends A {
    int m() { x=x-7; return x; }
}

The (new B()).m()) invokes completely different code than The (new C()).m()).
Subtype polymorphism

```java
interface A {
    int m();
}
class B implements A {
    private int i = 0;
    void m() { i=i+1; }
}
class C implements A {
    private float x = 0.0f;
    void m() { x=x+1.0f; }
}
class D {
    void p (A a) { a.m(); }
}
```

The method `p` can be invoked on objects of different classes, e.g., `(new D()).p(new B())` and `(new D()).p(new C())`, because of their interface is just as good as the interface required of the argument to `p`.

An interface sometimes implies just the set of operations defined on a class (as in Java), but the polymorphism extends to fields as well.
Late Binding

class A {
    private int x = 0;
    int m() { x=x-1; return x; }
    int n() { x=x+2; return this.m(); }
}

class B extends A {
    int m() { x=x*3; return x; }
}

Consider (new A()).n() and (new B()).n(); the first returns 1, the second 3.
class A {
    private int x = 0;
    int m() { x=x-1; return x; }
    int n() { x=x+2; return this.m(); }
}

class B extends A {
    int m() { x=x*3; return super.m(); }
}

Consider (new B()).n(); 5 is returned.
Class/Instance

Class: a group, set, or kind sharing common attributes
Instance: an individual or specimen with qualities or characteristics of the whole.
Object-Oriented Programming

Organize data structures into a hierarchy
Inheritance and dynamic dispatch in Java:

class/Shapes.java // class/Shapes.java
Calling Procedure

▶ call P(A) – compiler looks up address of P and jumps to instruction
▶ call P(A) – (overloading) compiler chooses from among several procedures based on the static types of arguments
▶ o.P() – (dynamic dispatch) the runtime system chooses from among several procedures based on the subtype of object o

Note that static type checking is possible in all cases. Also, dynamic dispatch is not polymorphism—it is a strategy to resolve which of disparate functions (all of the same form) to call.
Narrowing

Coercions can be classified into those that preserve information (widening) and those that lose information (narrowing). The coercion int to long is a widening; int to short is a narrowing. See the table of Java coercions at

/ ryan/java/language/java-data.html

The terms apply to the OO hierarchy as well. OO programming often requires narrowing which defeats the purpose of strong typing. See the Java program example:

java/programs/class/Widening.java
Dynamic Dispatch

class/inheritance.cc

class/Dispatch.java

class/dispatch.cc
Object-Oriented Programming

OO language use classes for encapsulation and subtyping. Ada, Modula-3, Oberon have modules and extensible records.

`ada/programs/objects/shape_main.adb`
Vtable
Subtyping Subtleties

Subtype polymorphism is not without its subtleties.

- Easy to confuse overloading with overriding.
  
  ```java
  class/Override.java
  ```
  
- Favor aspects over inheritance
  
- Subtypes and arrays
Subtyping and Aspects

Equality, for example, does not mix well with subtypes.

```
java/programs/aspect/Point.java
java/programs/aspect/SubPoint.java
java/programs/aspect/Aspect.java
```

See *Effective Java Programming Language Guide* by Joshua Bloch. Chapter 3: Methods Common to All Objects.
Subtyping and Array Assignment

Assignment and subtyping do not mix sometimes.

java/programs/misc/Sub.java
java/programs/misc/ASE.java
Contravariance

Vegetable <: Food
Bat <: Mammal

interface I {
    Mammal f (Vegetable v);
}

class C implements I {
    Bat f (Food d) { return new Bat(); }
}

Works in Java 1.5, but not Java 1.4: no contravariance.

data/programs/class/Contra.java
data/programs/class/Vegetarian.java
Eiffel

Eiffel is not type-safe.

1. Replace result type by a subtype of the one occurring in the superclass

2. Hide inherited methods in a subclass

   A routine is a CAT (Changing Availability or Type) if some redefinition changes its export status or the type of one of its arguments. A call is a catcall if some redefinition of the routine would make it invalid because of a change of export status or argument type.

Not implemented, may not solve the problem, and may be so restrictive nothing interesting passes.
Mixin

The term “mixin” was first coined in the Flavors community [Weinreb81]. It has been used in a number of contexts; see, e.g., [Keene88], [Bracha90], [Booch94], [Taligent94], [VanHilst96]. In the context of multiple-inheritance languages like C++, a mixin is a partial class that implements a small part of the functionality of a large class (See [Booch94]). A mixin is distinguished from the other partial classes by the intent of its designers. A typical, partial class is like a mostly completed puzzle, with deferred methods representing a few missing pieces. A mixin is like a single puzzle piece, with final methods representing the tabs on a puzzle piece and deferred methods representing the indentations into which tabs of other pieces fit.

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