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Lecture #6 : Programming Paradigms

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BRITISH PM APOLOGIZES TO TURING

In response to a 30,000+ signature petition, British PM Gordon Brown apologized for the way Britain treated Alan Turing (the "father" of computer science, WWII codebreaker) for being gay.

So on behalf of the British government, …
we're sorry, you deserved so much better.

news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/8249792.stm
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Programming Paradigms Lecture

- **What are they?**
  - Most are Hybrids!
- **The Four Primary ones**
  - Functional
  - Imperative
  - Object-Oriented
    - OOP Example: Skecthpad
  - Declarative
- **Turing Completeness**
- **Summary**

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programming_paradigm

What are Programming Paradigms?

- "The concepts and abstractions used to represent the elements of a program (e.g., objects, functions, variables, constraints, etc.) and the steps that compose a computation (assignation, evaluation, continuations, data flows, etc.)."
- Or, a way to **classify the style** of programming.

Most Languages Are Hybrids!

- This makes it hard to teach to students, because most languages have facets of several paradigms!
  - Scratch too!
- It's like giving someone a juice drink (with many fruit in it) and asking to taste just one fruit!

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Functional_programming

Functional Programming (review)

- **Computation is the evaluation of math functions**
  - Plugging pipes together
  - Each pipe, or function, has exactly 1 output
  - Functions can be input!
- **Features**
  - No state
    - E.g., variable assignments
  - No mutation
    - E.g., changing variable values
  - No side effects
- **Examples**
  - Scheme, Scratch BYOB

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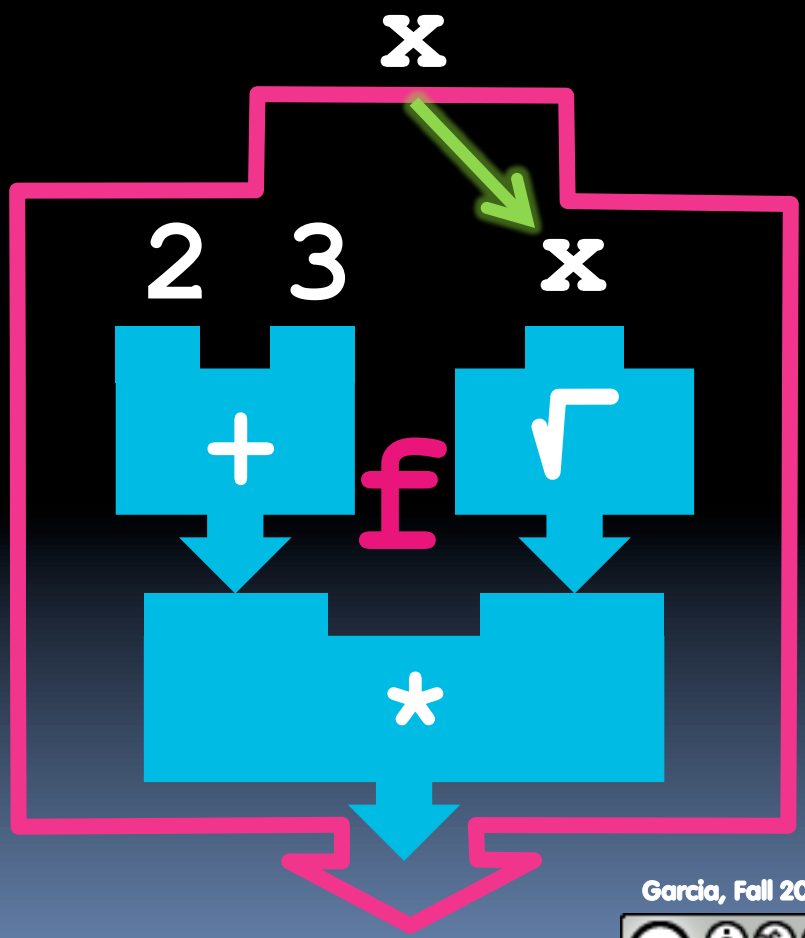


en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperative_programming

Imperative Programming

- AKA "Sequential" Programming

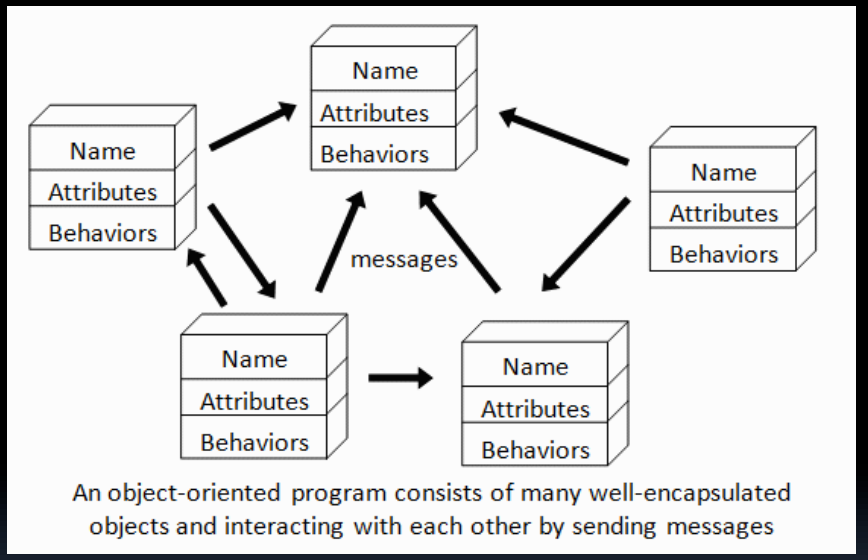
$$f(x) = (2+3) * \sqrt{x}$$

- Computation a series of steps
  - Assignment allowed
    - Setting variables
  - Mutation allowed
    - Changing variables
- Like following a recipe. E.g.,
- Procedure f(x)
  - ans = x
  - ans = $\sqrt{ans}$
  - ans = (2+3) * ans
  - return ans
- Examples: Pascal, C

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Object-oriented_programming

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

- **Objects as data structures**
  - With methods you ask of them
    - These are the behavoirs
  - With local state, to remember
    - These are the attributes
- **Classes & Instances**
  - Instance an example of class
  - E.g., Fluffy is instance of Dog
- **Inheritance saves code**
  - Hierarchical classes
  - E.g., pianist special case of musician, a special case of performer
- **Examples: Java, C++**



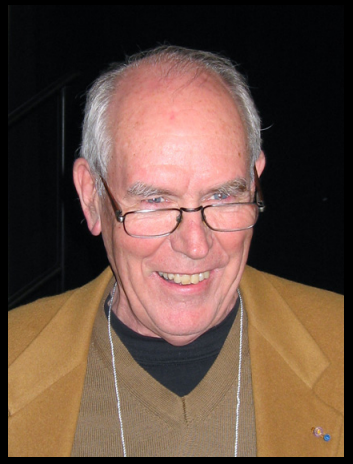
An object-oriented program consists of many well-encapsulated objects and interacting with each other by sending messages

www3.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/java/images/OOP-Objects.gif

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sketchpad

OOP Example : SketchPad

- **Dr. Ivan Sutherland**
  - "Father of Computer Graphics"
  - 1988 Turing Award ("Nobel prize" for CS)
  - Wrote Sketchpad for his foundational 1963 thesis
- **The most impressive software ever written**
- **First…**
  - Object-oriented system
  - Graphical user interface
  - non-procedural language



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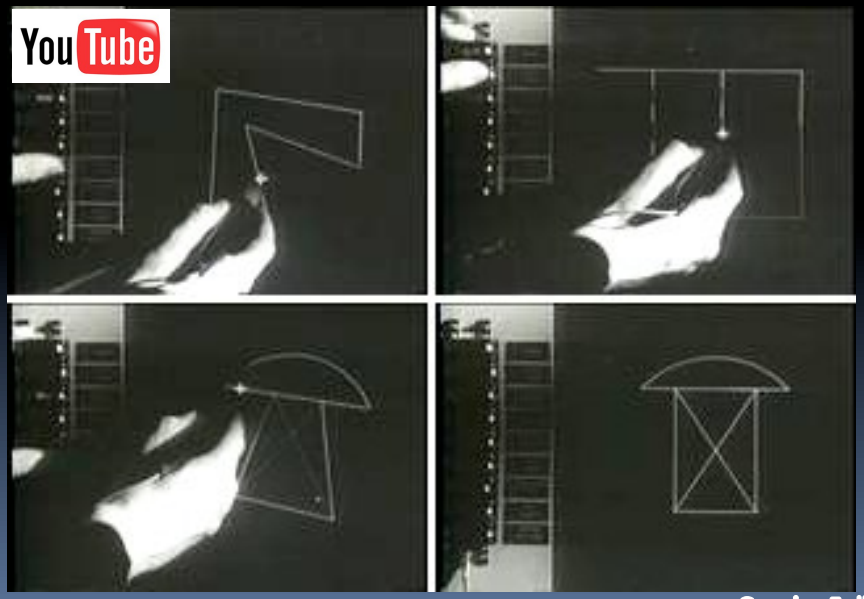

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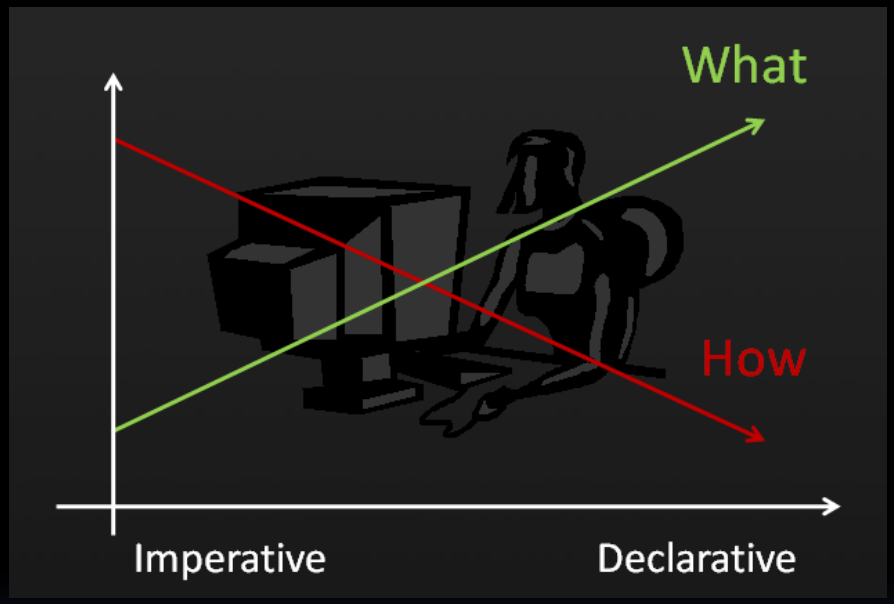
Declarative Programming

- **Express <u>what</u> computation desired without specifying <u>how</u> it carries it out**
  - Often a series of assertions and queries
  - Feels like magic!
- **Sub-categories**
  - Logic
  - Constraint
    - We saw in Sketchpad!
- **Examples: Prolog**

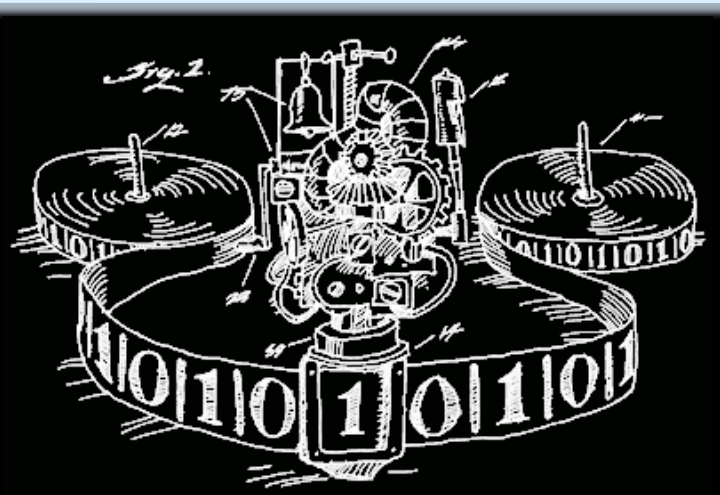


Anders Hejlsberg
"The Future of C#" @ PDC2008
channel9.msdn.com/pdc2008/TL16/

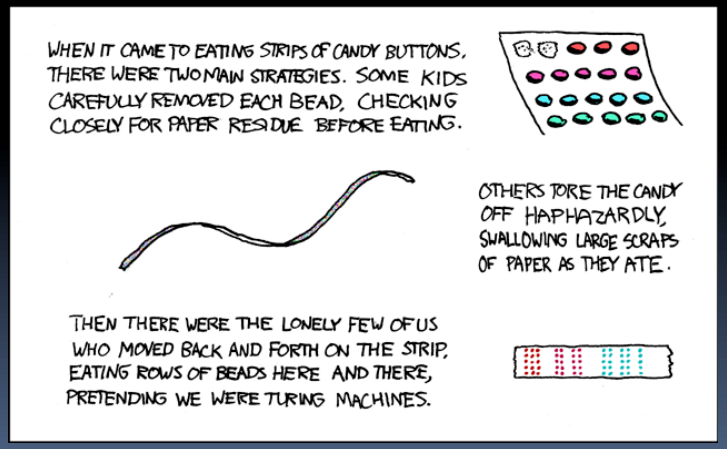
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turing_completeness

Turing Completeness

- A Turing Machine has an infinite tape of 1s and 0s and instructions that say whether to move the tape left, right, read, or write it
  - Can simulate any computer algorithm!
- A Universal Turing Machine is one that can simulate a Turing machine on any input
- A language is considered Turing Complete if it can simulate a Universal Turing Machine
  - A way to decide that one programming language or paradigm is just as powerful as another



Turing Machine by Tom Dunne



Xkcd comic "Candy Button Paper"

Ways to Remember the Paradigms

- **Functional**
  - Evaluate an expression and use the resulting value for something
- **Object-oriented**
  - Send messages between objects to simulate the temporal evolution of a set of real world phenomena
- **Imperative**
  - First *do this* and next *do that*
- **Declarative**
  - Answer a question via search for a solution

`www.cs.aau.dk/~normark/prog3-03/html/notes/paradigms_themes-paradigm-overview-section.html`

Summary

- **Each paradigm has its unique benefits**
  - If a language is Turing complete, it is equally powerful
  - Paradigms vary in efficiency, scalability, overhead, fun, "how" vs "what" to specify, etc.
- **Modern languages usually take the best from all**
  - E.g., Scratch
    - Can be functional
    - Can be imperative
    - Can be object-oriented!