Object and Class in OOP

Class:

- A **class** is a blueprint or template for creating objects.
- It defines the properties (attributes) and behaviors (methods) that the objects created from the class will have.
- For example, a Car class might have properties like color, model, and speed, and methods like accelerate() and brake().

Object:

- An **object** is an instance of a class.
- It is a concrete entity created from the class blueprint, with its own unique state (values for properties).
- For example, if Car is a class, then myCar (a specific car with color = "Red" and model = "Toyota") is an object

Key Differences:

Class	Object
A blueprint or template.	An instance of a class.
Defines properties and behaviors.	Has actual values for properties.
Exists in code (logical entity).	Exists in memory (physical entity).

Example in C#:



Constructor in OOP

What is a Constructor?

- A **constructor** is a special method in a class that is automatically called when an object of that class is created.
- It is used to initialize the object's properties or perform any setup required for the object.

Key Features of Constructors:

- 1. **Name**: The constructor has the same name as the class.
- 2. **No Return Type**: Unlike regular methods, constructors do not have a return type (not even void).
- 3. **Automatic Execution**: A constructor is automatically called when an object is created using the new keyword.
- 4. **Overloading**: You can have multiple constructors in a class with different parameters (this is called constructor overloading).

Types of Constructors:

1. Default Constructor:

- a. A constructor with no parameters.
- b. If you don't define any constructor, the compiler automatically provides a default constructor.

2. Parameterized Constructor:

a. A constructor that takes parameters to initialize the object with specific values.

3. Copy Constructor:

a. A constructor that creates an object by copying values from another object of the same class.

Example in C#:

```
class Car
{
    public string Color; // Property
    public string Model; // Property
    // Default Constructor
    public Car()
    {
        Color = "Unknown";
        Model = "Unknown";
        Model = "Unknown";
    }
    // Parameterized Constructor
    public Car(string color, string model)
    {
        Color = color;
        Model = model;
    }
    // Method
    public void DisplayInfo()
    {
        Console.WriteLine($"Color: (Color), Model: (Model)");
    }
    }
    class Program
    {
        static void Main()
        {
            // Using the default constructor
            Car car1 = new Car();
            car1.DisplayInfo(); // Output: Color: Unknown, Model: Unknown
            // Using the parameterized constructor
            Car car2 = new Car("Red", "Toyota");
            car2.DisplayInfo(); // Output: Color: Red, Model: Toyota
        }
    }
}
```

Access Modifiers in OOP

What are Access Modifiers?

- Access modifiers are keywords used to control the visibility and accessibility of classes, methods, properties, and other members in object-oriented programming.
- They define the scope of where a member (class, method, property, etc.) can be accessed.

Common Access Modifiers:

- 1. public:
 - a. The member is accessible from **anywhere**.
 - b. Example: A public method can be called from any other class.

2. private:

- a. The member is accessible **only within the same class**.
- b. Example: A private field can only be accessed or modified by methods within the same class.

3. protected:

- a. The member is accessible within the same class and derived (child) classes.
- b. Example: A protected method can be accessed by the class itself and any subclass that inherits from it.

4. internal:

- a. The member is accessible only within the same assembly (project).
- b. Example: An internal class can be accessed by any code in the same project but not from another project.

5. protected internal:

- a. The member is accessible within the same assembly and also by derived classes in other assemblies.
- b. Combines the behavior of protected and internal.

6. private protected (C# 7.2+):

- a. The member is accessible **only within the same class or derived classes in the same assembly**.
- b. Combines the behavior of private and protected.

```
class Example
{
```

```
public int PublicField = 10;
   private int PrivateField = 20;
   protected int ProtectedField = 30;
   internal int InternalField = 40;
   protected internal int ProtIntField = 50; // Accessible within the same assembly and (
   private protected int PrivProtField = 60; // Accessible within this class and derived
class DerivedClass : Example
   public void Display()
       Console.WriteLine(PublicField);
       Console.WriteLine(ProtectedField);
       Console.WriteLine(InternalField);
       Console.WriteLine(ProtIntField);
       Console.WriteLine(PrivProtField);
class Program
   static void Main()
       Example obj = new Example();
       Console.WriteLine(obj.PublicField); // Allowed (public)
       Console.WriteLine(obj.InternalField); // Allowed (internal)
       Console.WriteLine(obj.ProtIntField); // Allowed (protected internal)
```

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What are Properties?

- **Properties** are members of a class that provide a flexible way to read, write, or compute the values of private fields.
- They act as a bridge between the outside world and the internal state of an object.
- Properties typically have a **getter** (to read the value) and a **setter** (to write the value).
- What is Encapsulation?
- **Encapsulation** is one of the four fundamental principles of OOP (along with inheritance, polymorphism, and abstraction).
- It refers to the bundling of data (fields) and methods (functions) that operate on the data into a single unit (a class).
- Encapsulation also involves restricting direct access to some of an object's components, which is achieved using **access modifiers** (like private) and **properties**.
- How Properties and Encapsulation Work Together
- **Private Fields**: Data is stored in private fields to prevent direct access from outside the class.
- **Public Properties**: Properties provide controlled access to these private fields using get and set accessors.
- **Validation**: Properties allow you to add logic (e.g., validation) when getting or setting values

```
class Person
   private string _name;
   private int _age;
   public string Name
       get { return _name; } // Getter
       set { _name = value; } // Setter
   public int Age
       get { return _age; }
               _age = value;
               Console.WriteLine("Age must be greater than 0.");
class Program
   static void Main()
       Person person = new Person();
       person.Name = "John"; // Set the name using the property
       person.Age = 25;
       Console.WriteLine($"Name: {person.Name}, Age: {person.Age}"); // Get the values using
       person.Age = -5; // Invalid age (validation in the setter will prevent this)
```

Inheritance in OOP

What is Inheritance?

- **Inheritance** is one of the four fundamental principles of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP).
- It allows a class (called a **child class** or **subclass**) to inherit properties and methods from another class (called a **parent class** or **superclass**).
- Inheritance promotes **code reusability** and establishes a **hierarchical relationship** between classes.
- Key Concepts of Inheritance:
- Parent Class (Base Class):
 - The class whose properties and methods are inherited.
 - Example: A Vehicle class with properties like Speed and methods like Move().
- Child Class (Derived Class):
 - The class that inherits from the parent class.
 - Example: A Car class that inherits from Vehicle and adds its own properties like NumberOfDoors.
- Reusability:
 - The child class can reuse the code from the parent class, reducing duplication.
- Extensibility:
 - The child class can extend the functionality of the parent class by adding new properties or methods.
- Method Overriding:
 - The child class can override methods from the parent class to provide its own implementation

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```
class Vehicle
   public int Speed { get; set; }
    public void Move()
       Console.WriteLine("The vehicle is moving.");
class Car : Vehicle // Inherits from Vehicle
    public int NumberOfDoors { get; set; }
   public void DisplayInfo()
       Console.WriteLine($"Speed: {Speed}, Doors: {NumberOfDoors}");
class Program
    static void Main()
       Car myCar = new Car();
       myCar.Speed = 60;
       myCar.NumberOfDoors = 4; // Specific to Car
       myCar.Move();
       myCar.DisplayInfo();
```

Types of Inheritance:

1. Single Inheritance:

- a. A class inherits from only one parent class.
- b. Example: Car inherits from Vehicle.
- 2. Multilevel Inheritance:
 - a. A class inherits from a parent class, which in turn inherits from another class.
 - b. Example: Car inherits from Vehicle, and Vehicle inherits from Machine.

3. Hierarchical Inheritance:

- a. Multiple classes inherit from a single parent class.
- b. Example: Car and Bike both inherit from Vehicle.
- 4. **Multiple Inheritance** (Not supported in C#):

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- a. A class inherits from more than one parent class.
- b. Example: Car inherits from Vehicle and Machine (not allowed in C#).

Polymorphism in OOP

What is Polymorphism?

- **Polymorphism** is one of the four fundamental principles of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP).
- The word "polymorphism" comes from Greek, meaning "many forms."
- It allows objects of different classes to be treated as objects of a common parent class, enabling a single interface to represent different underlying forms (data types).

Key Concepts of Polymorphism:

- One Interface, Multiple Implementations:
 - Polymorphism allows methods to behave differently based on the object that invokes them.
 - For example, a Draw() method can behave differently for a Circle object and a Square object.
- Types of Polymorphism:
 - **Compile-Time Polymorphism (Static Polymorphism)**:
 - Achieved through **method overloading** (multiple methods with the same name but different parameters).
 - Run-Time Polymorphism (Dynamic Polymorphism):

Method Overriding:

- The child class can override a method from the parent class to provide its own implementation.
- In C#, this is done using the virtual keyword in the parent class and the override keyword in the child class.

```
class Vehicle
{
    public virtual void Move() // Virtual method
    {
        Console.WriteLine("The vehicle is moving.");
    }
}
class Car : Vehicle
{
    public override void Move() // Override method
    {
        Console.WriteLine("The car is driving.");
    }
}
class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Vehicle myVehicle = new Vehicle();
        myVehicle.Move(); // Output: The vehicle is moving.
        Car myCar = new Car();
        myCar.Move(); // Output: The car is driving.
    }
```

2. Compile-Time Polymorphism (Method Overloading):

```
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csharp
class MathOperations
    public int Add(int a, int b)
        return a + b;
    public int Add(int a, int b, int c)
        return a + b + c;
    public double Add(double a, double b)
        return a + b;
class Program
    static void Main()
        MathOperations math = new MathOperations();
        Console.WriteLine(math.Add(5, 10)); // Output: 15
        Console.WriteLine(math.Add(5, 10, 15)); // Output: 30
Console.WriteLine(math.Add(5.5, 10.5)); // Output: 16.0
```

Summary:

- **Polymorphism** allows objects of different classes to be treated as objects of a common parent class.
- It is achieved through **method overriding** (run-time polymorphism) and **method overloading** (compile-time polymorphism).
- Polymorphism promotes **flexibility**, **extensibility**, and **code reusability** in OOP.

Polymorphism is a powerful feature that enables you to write clean, modular, and maintainable code.

Abstraction in OOP

What is Abstraction?

- **Abstraction** is one of the four fundamental principles of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP).
- It focuses on **hiding the internal implementation details** of an object and exposing only the necessary features or functionalities to the outside world.
- Abstraction allows you to work with objects at a higher level, without worrying about how they work internally.
- Key Concepts of Abstraction:
- Hide Complexity:
 - Abstraction simplifies complex systems by breaking them into smaller, manageable parts.
 - For example, when you drive a car, you don't need to know how the engine works; you only need to know how to use the steering wheel, pedals, and gears.
- Focus on What, Not How:
 - Abstraction focuses on **what an object does** rather than **how it does it**.
- Achieved Through:
 - **Abstract Classes**: Classes that cannot be instantiated and may contain abstract methods (methods without implementation).
 - **Interfaces**: Contracts that define a set of methods a class must implement.
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```
abstract class Animal
   public abstract void MakeSound();
   public void Sleep()
       Console.WriteLine("The animal is sleeping.");
class Dog : Animal
   public override void MakeSound()
       Console.WriteLine("The dog barks.");
class Program
   static void Main()
       Animal myDog = new Dog(); // Polymorphism: Using base class reference
       myDog.MakeSound(); // Output: The dog barks.
       myDog.Sleep();
```

Struct in OOP

What is a Struct?

- A **struct** (short for structure) is a value type in C# that encapsulates a group of related variables.
- It is similar to a **class** but is typically used for lightweight objects that do not require inheritance or reference-type behavior.

Structs are stored on the **stack** (unless they are part of a class), making them more efficient for small, simple data structure

Key Features of Structs:

1. Value Type:

- a. Structs are value types, meaning they hold their data directly rather than referencing it (like classes do).
- b. When a struct is assigned to a new variable, a **copy** of the struct is created.

2. No Inheritance:

- a. Structs cannot inherit from other structs or classes, and they cannot be used as a base for other structs or classes.
- b. However, they can implement **interfaces**.

3. Default Constructor:

a. Structs automatically have a default constructor that initializes all fields to their default values (e.g., 0 for integers, false for booleans).

4. Immutability:

a. Structs are often used for immutable data types, where the values do not change after creation.

5. Performance:

a. Structs are more efficient than classes for small, frequently used data structures because they are allocated on the stack.

When to Use a Struct:

- 1. Small Data Structures:
 - a. Use structs for small, simple data structures that do not require inheritance or polymorphism.
 - b. Example: A Point or Rectangle in a graphics application.

2. Immutable Data:

a. Use structs for immutable data types where the values do not change after creation.

3. Performance-Critical Scenarios:

a. Use structs when performance is critical, as they are allocated on the stack and avoid the overhead of garbage collection

Key Differences Between Structs and Classes:

Feature	Struct	Class
Туре	Value type (stored on the stack).	Reference type (stored on the heap).
Inheritance	Cannot inherit from other structs/classes.	Supports inheritance.
Default Constructor	Always has a default constructor.	Can define a custom default constructor.
Performance	Faster for small, simple data structures.	Slightly slower due to heap allocation.
Copy Behavior	Copying creates a new instance.	Copying creates a reference to the same object.
Nullability	Cannot be null (unless nullable).	Can be null.

Limitations of Structs:

- 1. No Inheritance:
 - a. Structs cannot inherit from other structs or classes.

2. No Custom Default Constructor:

a. You cannot define a custom default constructor for a struct.

3. Size Limitations:

a. Structs should be small (typically less than 16 bytes) to avoid performance issues.

What is an Interface?

An **interface** in C# is a **contract** that defines a set of methods, properties, events, or indexers that a class or struct must implement. It specifies **what** a class should do, but not **how** it should do it. Interfaces are used to achieve **abstraction** and **multiple inheritance** in C#.

Key Points:

- 1. **Abstraction**: Interfaces provide a way to define a blueprint for classes without implementing the actual functionality.
- 2. **Multiple Inheritance**: A class can implement multiple interfaces, allowing it to inherit behavior from multiple sources.

```
// Define an interface
public interface IAnimal
{
    void MakeSound(); // Method signature
    string Name { get; set; } // Property signature
}
// Implement the interface in a class
public class Dog : IAnimal
{
    public string Name { get; set; }

    public void MakeSound()
    {
        Console.WriteLine($"{Name} says: Woof!");
    }
}
// Usage
IAnimal myDog = new Dog { Name = "Buddy" };
myDog.MakeSound(); // Output: Buddy says: Woof!
```

Interface vs Abstract Class

Feature	Interface	Abstract Class
Implementation	No implementation (only signatures).	Can have partial implementation.
Multiple Inheritance	A class can implement multiple interfaces.	A class can inherit only one abstract class.
Fields	Cannot contain fields.	Can contain fields.
Constructors	Cannot have constructors.	Can have constructors.
Access Modifiers	Members are public by default.	Can have private/protected members.

Multiple Inheritance with Interfaces:

In C#, a class can implement **multiple interfaces**, allowing it to inherit behavior from multiple sources. Here's an example:

```
// Define multiple interfaces
public interface IFlyable
{
    void Fly();
}
public interface ISwimmable
{
    void Swim();
}
// Implement multiple interfaces in a class
public class Duck : IFlyable, ISwimmable
{
    public void Fly()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Duck is flying.");
    }
    public void Swim()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Duck is swimming.");
    }
}
// Usage
Duck myDuck = new Duck();
myDuck.Fly(); // Output: Duck is flying.
```

Explicit Interface Implementation:

When a class implements multiple interfaces with the same method signature, you can use **explicit interface implementation** to avoid conflicts. This allows you to specify which interface's method is being implemented.

```
public interface IWriter
    void Write();
public interface IPrinter
    void Write();
public class Device : IWriter, IPrinter
    void IWriter.Write()
        Console.WriteLine("Writing to a file.");
    void IPrinter.Write()
        Console.WriteLine("Printing to paper.");
Device myDevice = new Device();
((IWriter)myDevice).Write(); // Output: Writing to a file.
((IPrinter)myDevice).Write(); // Output: Printing to paper.
```

Association, Aggregation, and Composition

Association

- **Definition**: A relationship between two or more classes where objects of one class are connected to objects of another class. It can be a one-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-many relationship.
- Characteristics:
 - Objects can exist independently.
 - No ownership is implied.
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- **Example**: A Teacher and a Student are associated because a teacher teaches students, but both can exist independently.



Aggregation

- **Definition**: A specialized form of association where one class represents a "whole" and the other represents a "part." The "part" can exist independently of the "whole."
- Characteristics:
 - Represents a "has-a" relationship.
 - The "part" can belong to multiple "wholes."
 - No strong lifecycle dependency.
- **Example**: A Department has Professors, but professors can exist even if the department is deleted.

```
public class Professor
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
}
public class Department
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public List<Professor> Professors { get; set; } // Aggregation
    public Department()
    {
        Professors = new List<Professor>();
    }
}
```

Composition

- **Definition**: A stronger form of aggregation where the "part" cannot exist without the "whole." The lifecycle of the "part" is tightly coupled with the "whole."
- Characteristics:
 - Represents a "contains-a" relationship.
 - \circ The "part" cannot exist independently.
 - If the "whole" is destroyed, the "part" is also destroyed.
- **Example**: A Car has an Engine. The engine cannot exist without the car.



Enum in OOP

What is an Enum?

- An **enum** (short for enumeration) is a special data type in C# that allows you to define a set of named constants.
- It is used to represent a fixed set of values, making the code more readable and maintainable.
- Enums are value types and are stored on the stack
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• Key Features of Enums:

- Named Constants:
 - Enums provide a way to assign meaningful names to integral values.
 - Example: Instead of using 0, 1, and 2 to represent days of the week, you can use Day. Monday, Day. Tuesday, etc.
- Type Safety:
 - Enums ensure type safety by restricting the values that can be assigned to a variable.
- Underlying Type:
 - By default, the underlying type of an enum is int, but you can specify other integral types (e.g., byte, short, long).
- Immutability:
 - Enum values are constants and cannot be changed at runtime.
- Useful for Switch Statements:
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Example of an Enum in C#:

```
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enum Day
    Monday, // 0 (default)
    Tuesday, // 1
Wednesday, // 2
    Thursday, // 3
    Friday, // 4
Saturday, // 5
Sunday // 6
class Program
    static void Main()
        Day today = Day.Wednesday;
        switch (today)
            case Day.Monday:
                Console.WriteLine("It's Monday!");
            case Day.Tuesday:
                Console.WriteLine("It's Tuesday!");
            case Day.Wednesday:
                Console.WriteLine("It's Wednesday!");
                Console.WriteLine("It's some other day.");
        int dayValue = (int)today;
        Console.WriteLine($"The value of {today} is {dayValue}."); // Output: The value of Wedn
```

Static Types in OOP

What are Static Types?

- In Object-Oriented Programming (OOP), **static types** refer to members (fields, properties, methods, or classes) that belong to the type itself rather than to a specific instance of the type.
- Static members are shared across all instances of a class and can be accessed directly using the class name, without creating an object.

Key Features of Static Types:

1. Shared Across Instances:

a. Static members are shared by all instances of a class. Changing a static member affects all instances.

2. No Instance Required:

a. Static members can be accessed directly using the class name, without creating an instance of the class.

3. Lifetime:

a. Static members are created when the program starts and remain in memory until the program ends.

4. Common Use Cases:

- a. Utility methods (e.g., Math.Sqrt).
- b. Constants (e.g., Math.PI).
- c. Singleton design pattern.
- d. Counters or shared state.

Static Fields and Methods:

```
csharp
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class Counter
   public static int Count = 0;
   public static void Increment()
       Count++;
   public void DisplayCount()
       Console.WriteLine($"Count: {Count}");
class Program
   static void Main()
       Counter.Increment();
       Counter.Increment();
       Console.WriteLine($"Static Count: {Counter.Count}"); // Output: Static Count: 2
       Counter c1 = new Counter();
       Counter c2 = new Counter();
       c1.DisplayCount(); // Output: Count: 2
       c2.DisplayCount(); // Output: Count: 2
       Counter.Increment();
       c1.DisplayCount(); // Output: Count: 3
```

Key Benefits of Static Types:

1. Memory Efficiency:

a. Static members are allocated once and shared across all instances, reducing memory usage.

2. Global Access:

a. Static members can be accessed globally without creating an instance of the class.

3. Utility Functions:

a. Static classes and methods are ideal for utility functions that do not depend on instance-specific data.

4. Singleton Pattern:

a. Static members are often used to implement the Singleton design pattern, ensuring only one instance of a class exists

. Limitations of Static Types:

5. No Instance-Specific Data:

a. Static members cannot access instance-specific data or methods.

6. Global State:

a. Overuse of static members can lead to global state, making the code harder to test and maintain.

7. Thread Safety:

a. Static members can cause thread-safety issues in multi-threaded applications if not properly synchronized.