Object-Oriented Programming
Imperative vs. Object-Oriented Programming

Imperative Programming (50s - 70s)
• uses statements to change a program's state
• a variable contains a value, an assignment statement changes it
• a print statement sends a value to output
• a "go to" transfers control to another statement
• "verbs" are the most important thing
• Functions / subprograms not really emphasized - used for reuse
• Examples: FORTRAN, COBOL, Algol, Basic

Object-Oriented Programming (80s - present)
• Imperative in style, structured, but features added to support "objects"
• Ex: Smalltalk, Simula, C++, Python, Visual Basic, Java, Ruby
In Imperative Programming, you:
• break down a task into variables, data structures, and subprograms
• you use subprograms to operate on data structures

In Object-Oriented Programming, you:
• define *objects* that expose behavior (*methods*) and data (*attributes*) using well-defined interfaces
• bundle everything together, so that an object only operates on its own attributes using methods
Four Basic Programming Concepts in OOP:

• **Encapsulation**: hiding implementation details of a class from other objects.

• **Abstraction**: simplifying complex reality by modeling classes appropriate to the problem.

• **Inheritance**: a way to define new classes using parts of classes that have already been defined.

• **Polymorphism**: the process of interpreting an operator or function in different ways for different data types.
## Class Variables vs. Instance Variables

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<td>Shared by all instances of the class.</td>
<td>&quot;Owned&quot; by each individual instance in a class. Each instance has its own copy.</td>
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<td>All instances of <em>that class</em> can access it.</td>
<td>Only the instance can access its instance variables.</td>
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<td>When changed, the change is reflected by whichever</td>
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