



Fourth Generation Languages (1980)

- Non-procedural Languages (problem-oriented)
 - ◆User specifies what is to be done not how it is to be accomplished
 - Less user training is required
 - Designed to solve specific problems
- Diverse Types of 4GLs
 - ◆Spreadsheet Languages
 - ◆Database Query Languages
 - ◆Decision Support Systems
 - Statistics
 - Simulation
 - Optimization
 - ◆Decision Analysis
 - Presentation Graphics Systems



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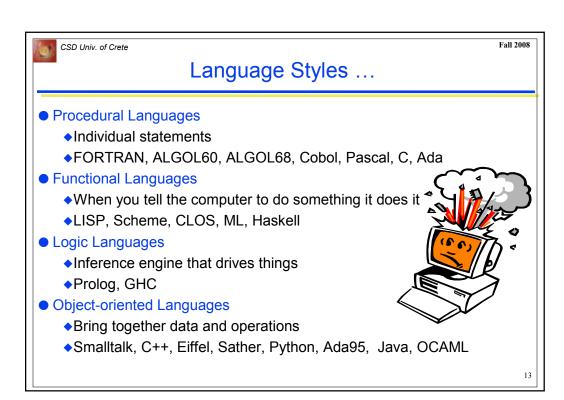
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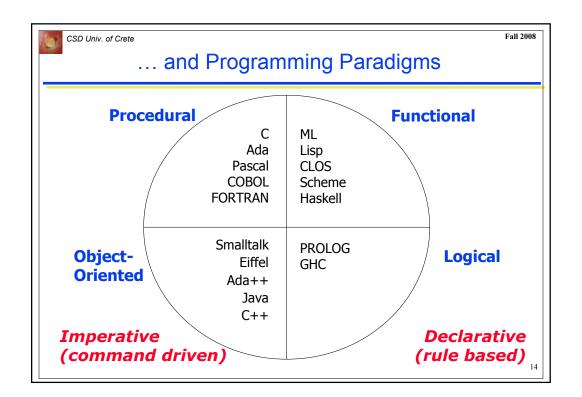
How do Programming Languages Differ?

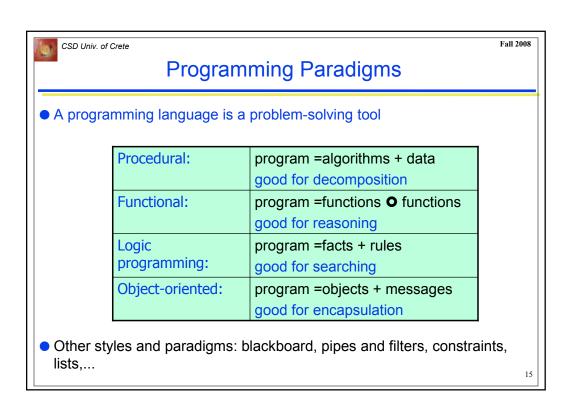
- Common Constructs:
 - basic data types (numbers,etc.);
 - variables;
 - expressions;
 - statements:
 - keywords;
 - control constructs;
 - procedures;
 - comments;
 - errors ...

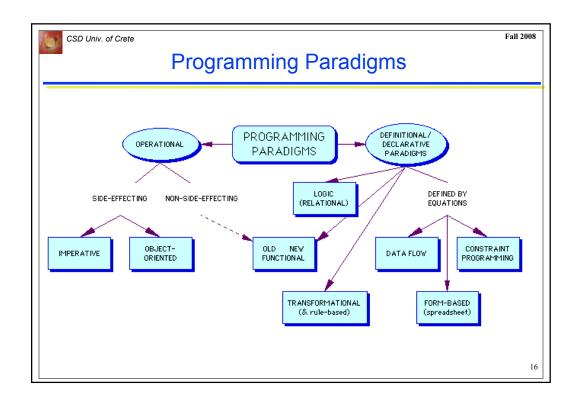


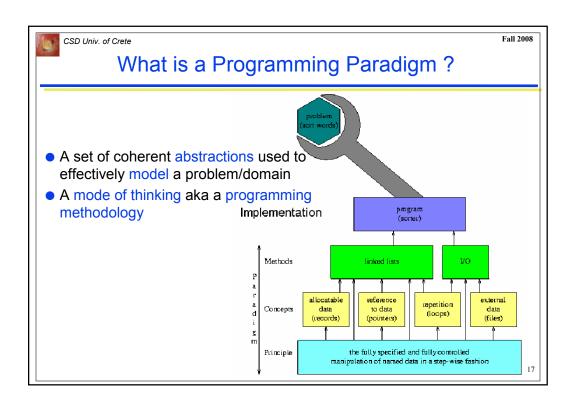
- Uncommon Constructs:
 - type declarations;
 - special types (strings, arrays, matrices,...);
 - sequential execution;
 - concurrency constructs;
 - packages/modules;
 - objects;
 - general functions;
 - generics;
 - modifiable state;...

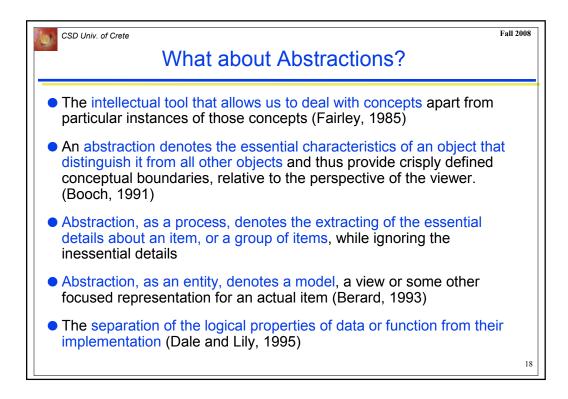














What about Abstractions?

- In summary, abstraction allows us access to the relevant information regarding a problem/domain, and ignores the remainder
- Abstraction is a technique to manage, and cope with, the complexity of the tasks we perform
 - The ability to model at the right level a problem/domain, while ignore the rest
- The use of abstraction, both as a noun and a verb, allows us to
 - ◆control the level and amount of detail,
 - ◆communicate effectively with customers and users



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Mechanisms of Abstraction

- Abstraction by parameterization abstracts from the identity of the data by replacing them with parameters
 - Example: a function to square an integer
- Abstraction by specification abstracts from the implementation details to the behavior users can depend on.
 - ◆Related terms: contract, interface
- The history of PLs is a long road towards richer abstraction forms



Examples of Abstractions in PLs

- Procedural (abstraction of a statement) allows us to introduce new operations
 - Using the name of a sequence of instructions in place of the sequence of instructions
 - ◆Parameterization allows high level of flexibility in the performance of operations
- Data (abstraction of a data type) allows us to introduce new types of data
 - ◆A named collection that describes a data object
 - ◆Provides a logical reference to the data object without concern for the underlying memory representation
- Control (abstraction of access details) allows us e.g., to iterate over items without knowing how the items are stored or obtained
 - A way of indicating the desired effect without establishing the actual control mechanism
 - Allows designers to model iteration (e.g., Iterator), concurrency, and synchronization

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Examples of Abstractions

Procedural

```
int function search(ListTYPE inList; int item)
double function square(int x)
void function sort(ListTYPE ioList)
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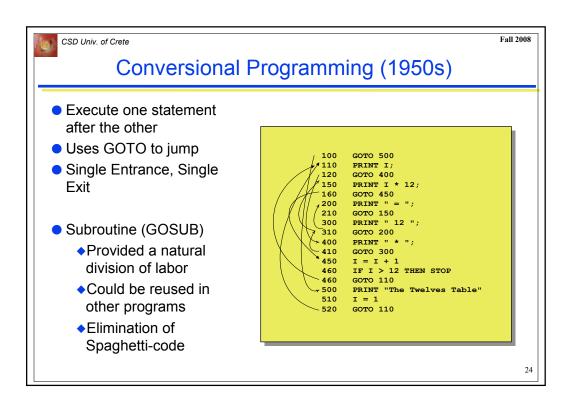
Data

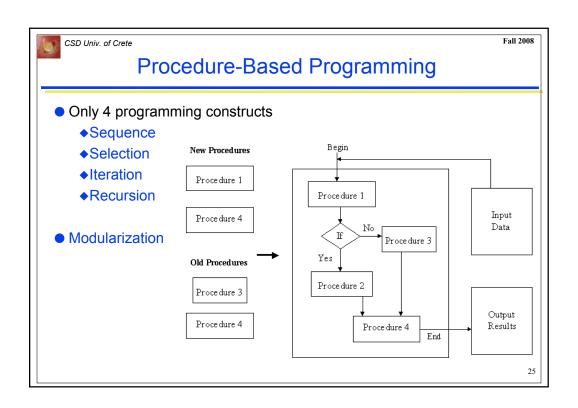
```
public abstract class Employee implements Serializable
{ private Name name;
  private Address address;
  private String ssn="99999999";
  private String gender="female";
  private String maritalStatus="single";}
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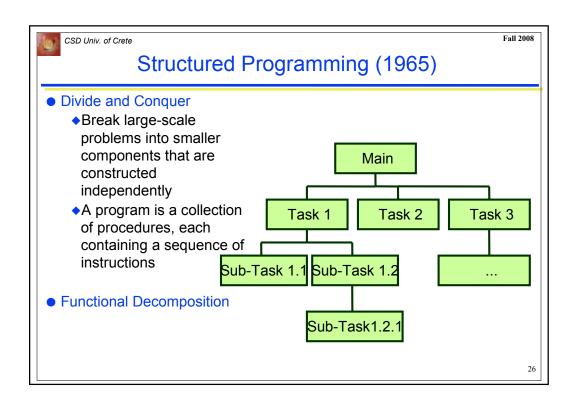
Control

```
#('name' 32 (1/2)) do: [:value|value printon: Transcript]
#(9 12 6 14 35 67 18) select: [:value|value even]
Iterator y= x.iterator();
while (y.hasNext()) examine(y.next());
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```

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Programming Methodologies	Abstraction Concepts	Programming Languages Constructs
Structured Programming	Explicit Control Structures	Do-while and other loops Blocks and so forth
Modular Programming	Information Hiding	Modules with well-defined interfaces
Abstract Data Types Programming	Data Representation Hiding	User-defined Data Types
Object-Oriented Programming	Reusing Software Artifacts	Classes, Inheritance, Polymorphism



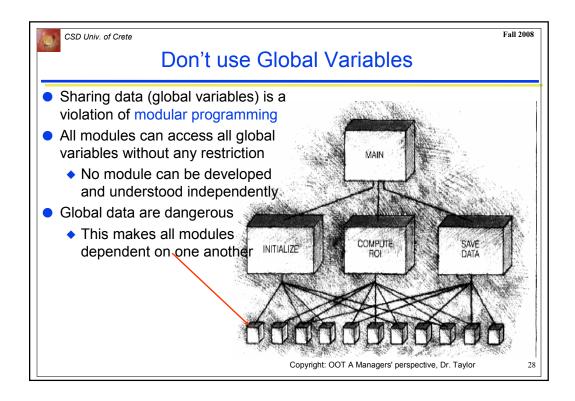


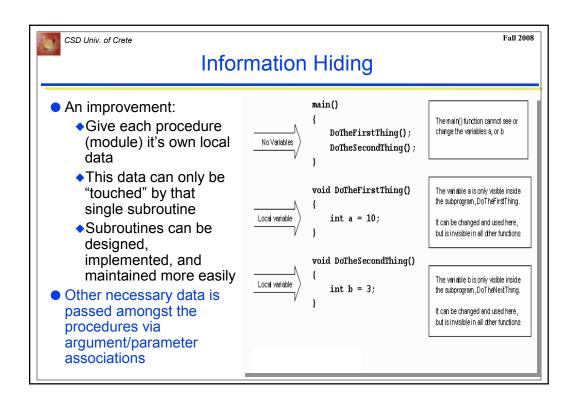


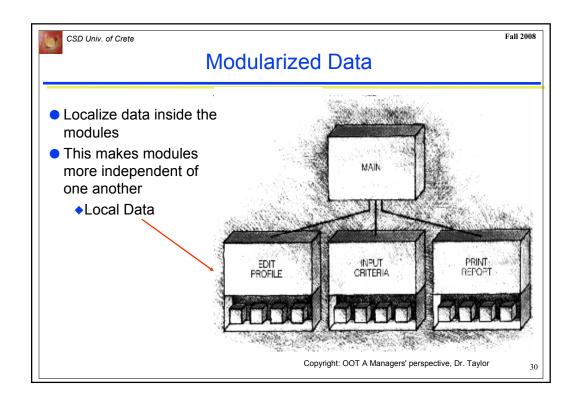


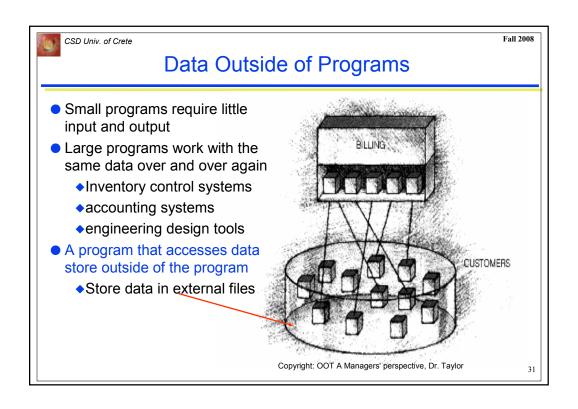
Structured Programming Problems

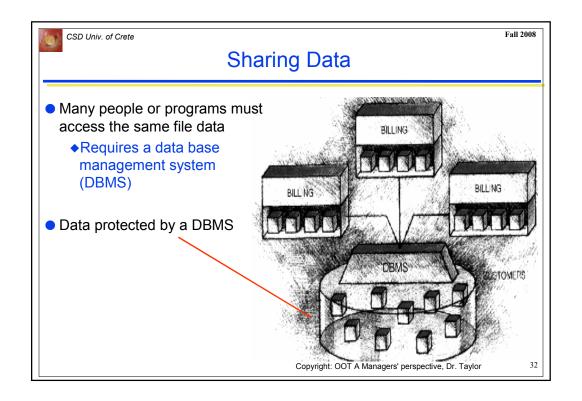
- Structured programming has a serious limitation:
 - It's rarely possible to anticipate the design of a completed system before it's implemented
 - ◆The larger the system, the more restructuring takes place
- Software development had focused on the modularization of code
 - data moved around
 - argument/parameter associations
 - or data was global
 - works okay for tiny programs
 - Not so good when variables number in the hundreds

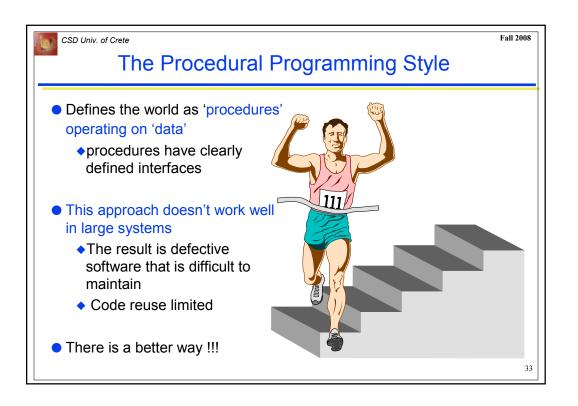


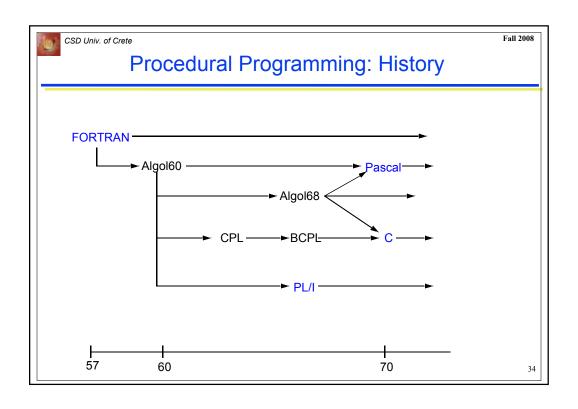






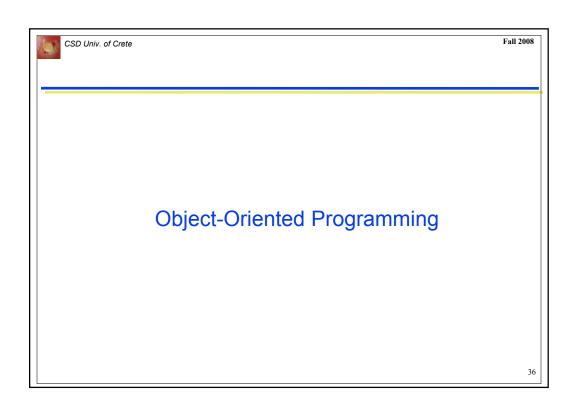


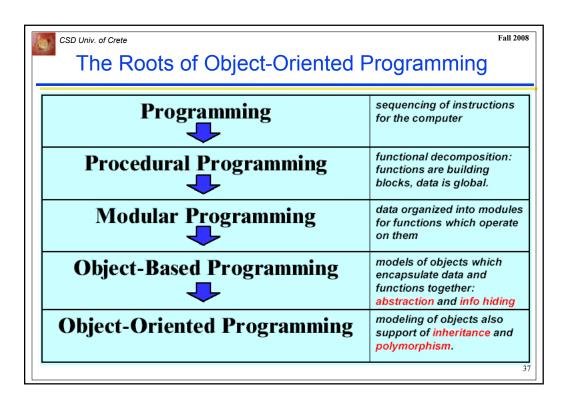


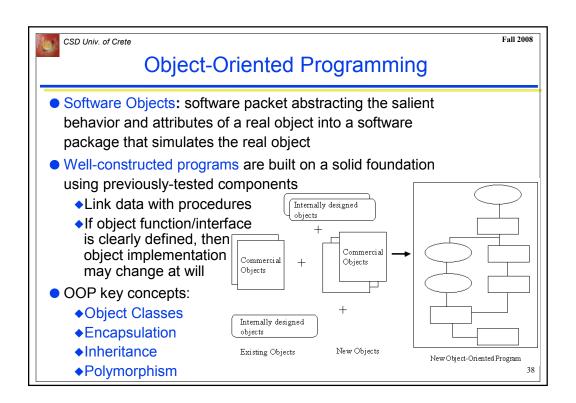


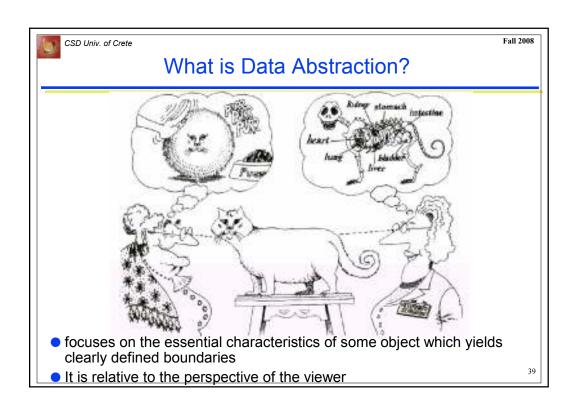


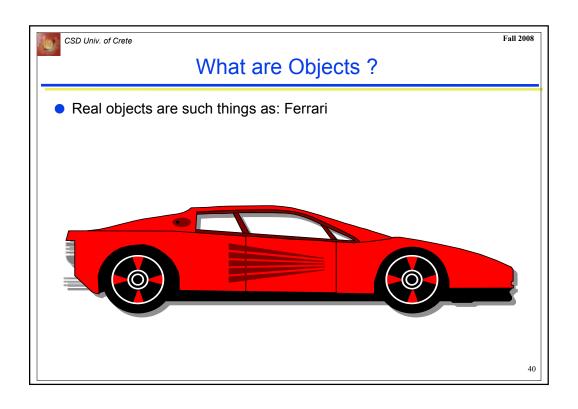
Variables model such objects

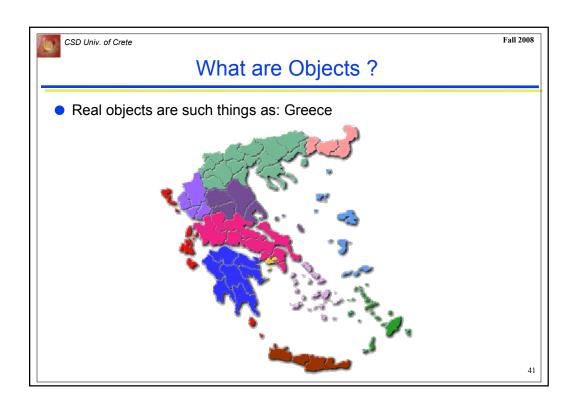


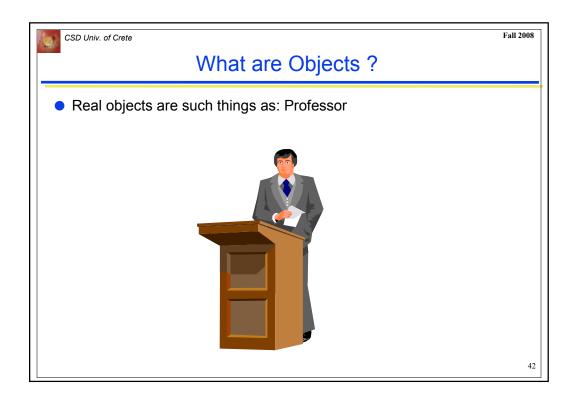


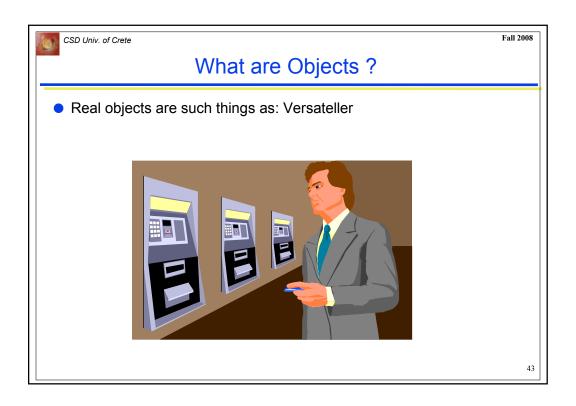


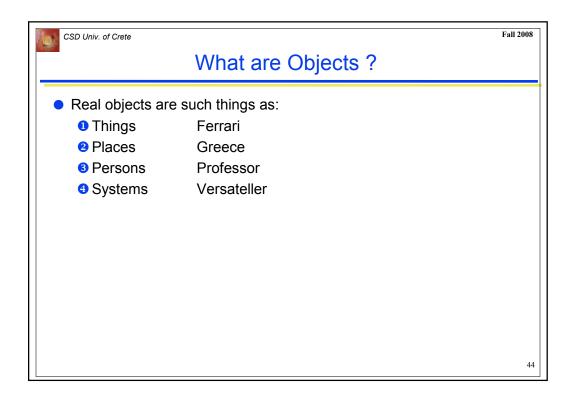


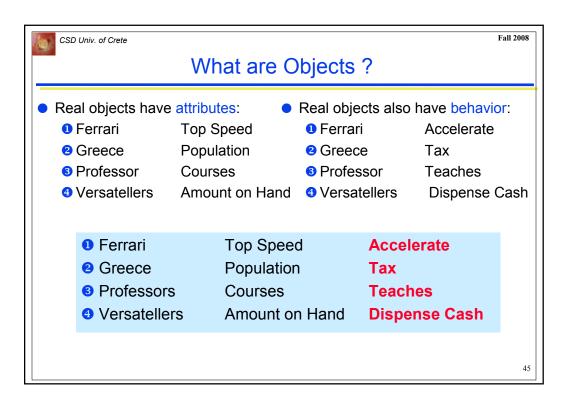


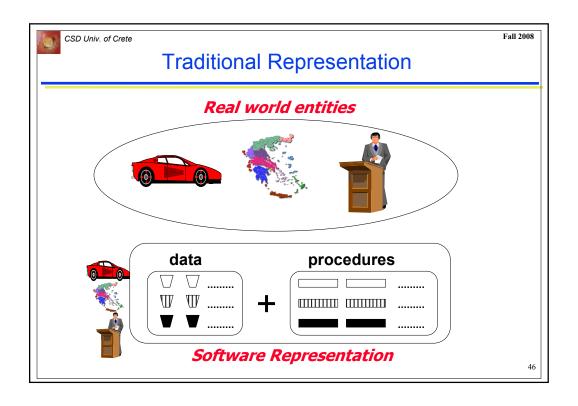


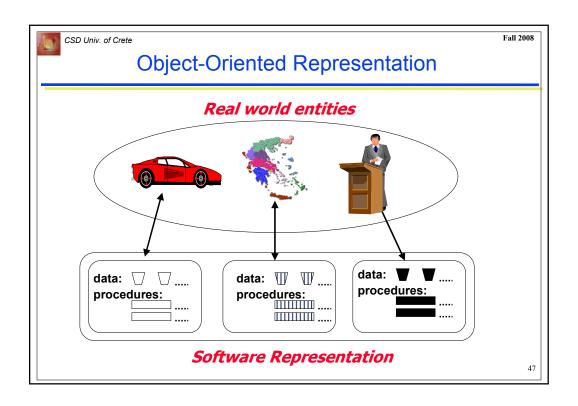


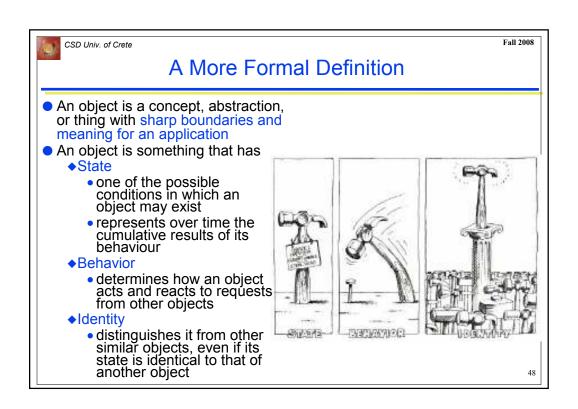


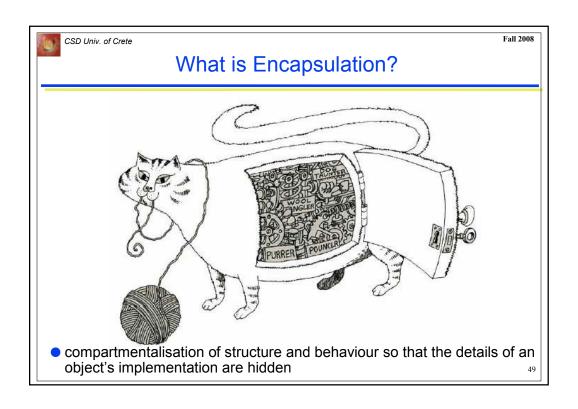


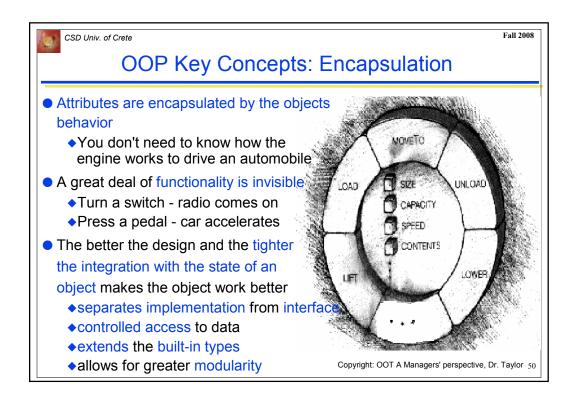


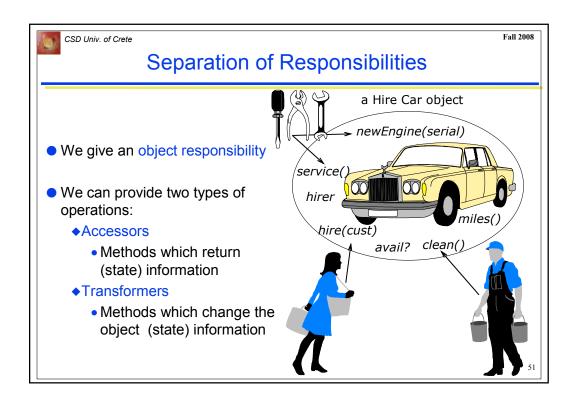


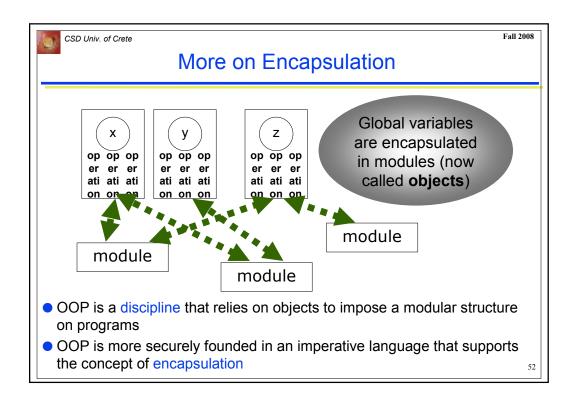


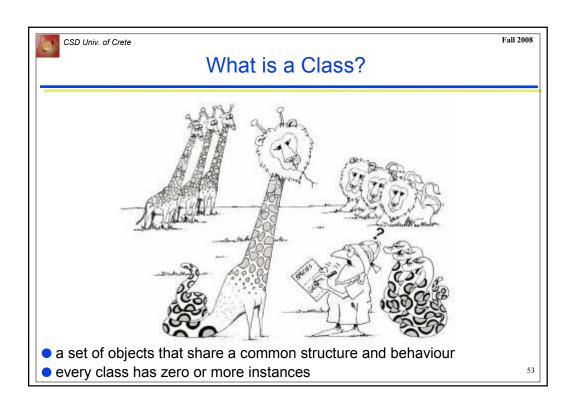


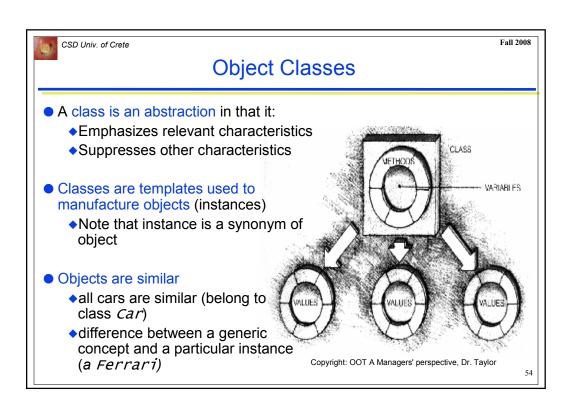


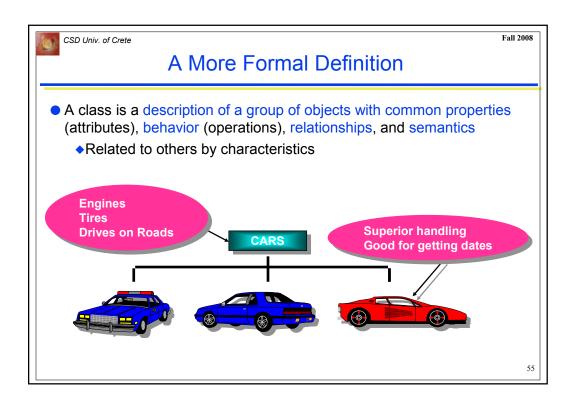




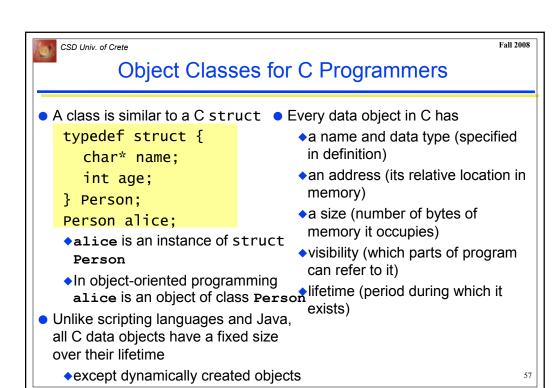


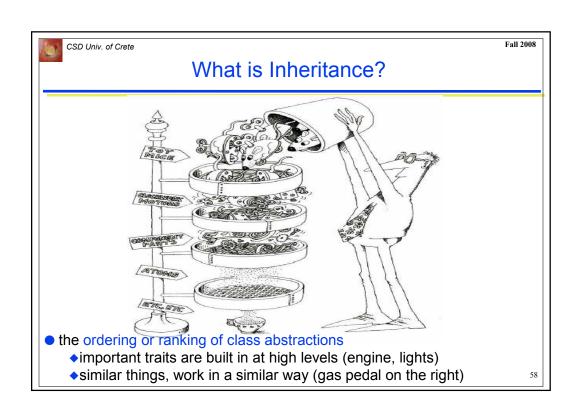


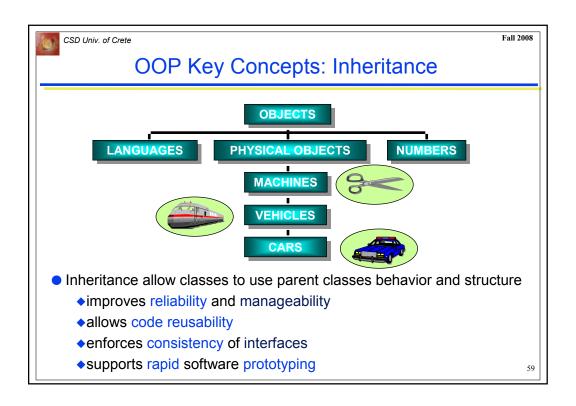


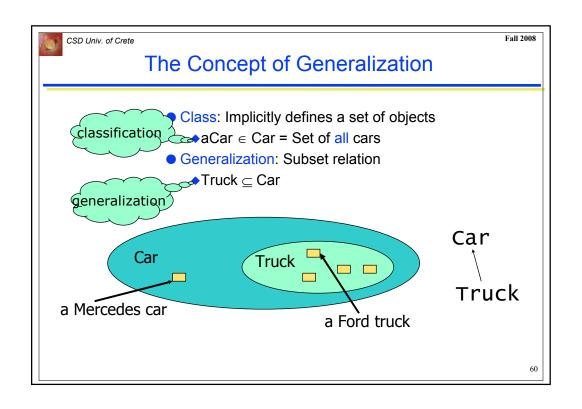


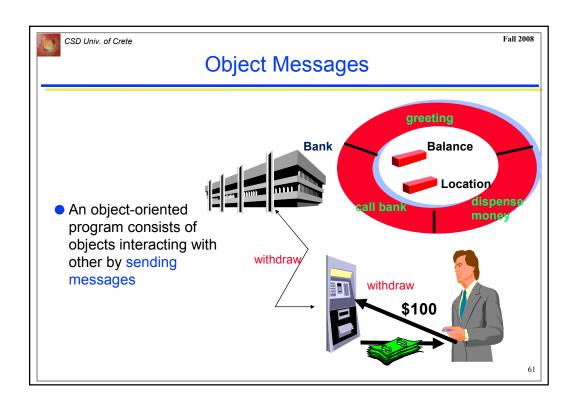
	Interpretation in the real world	Representation in the computer program
Object	An object represents anything in the real world that can be distinctly identified	An object has a unique identity, a state, and behaviors
Class	A class represents a set of objects with similar characteristics and behaviors. These objects are called instance of the class	A class characterizes the structure of states and behaviors that are shared by all its instances

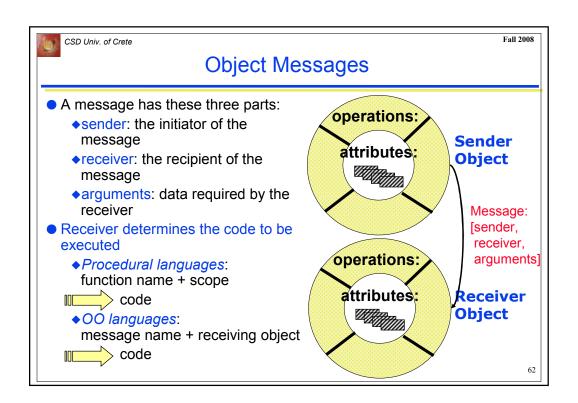


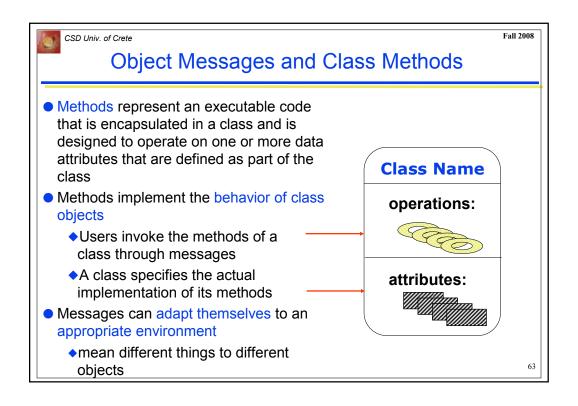


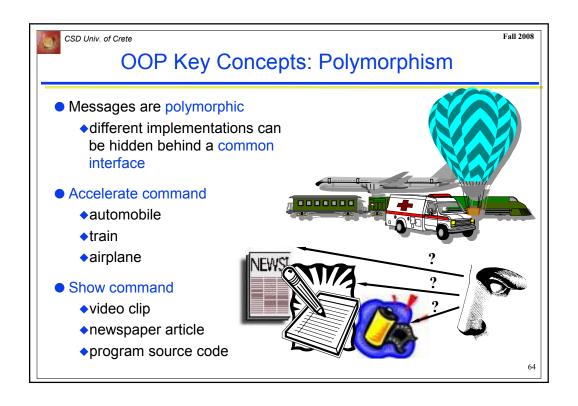


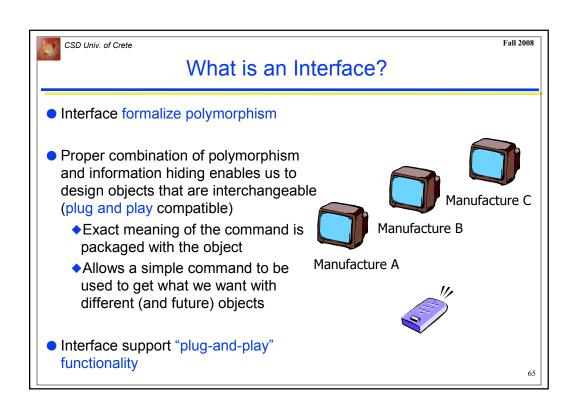


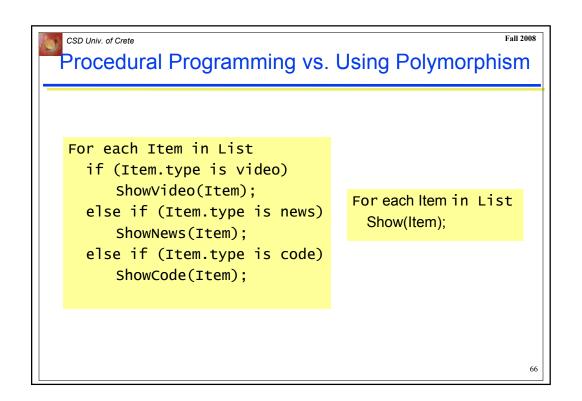


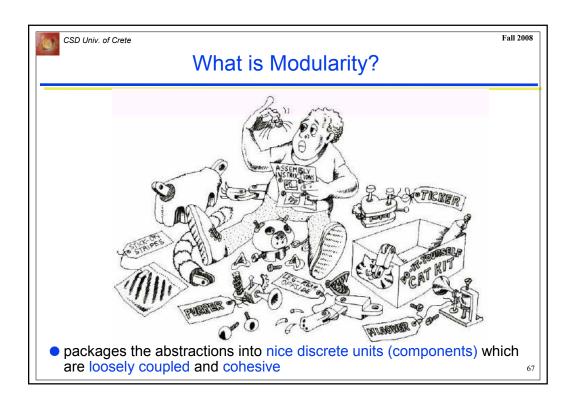


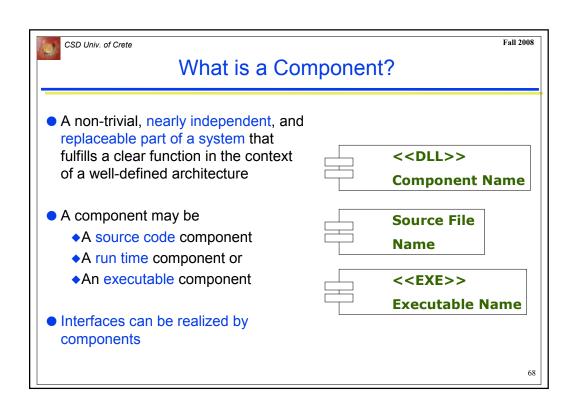


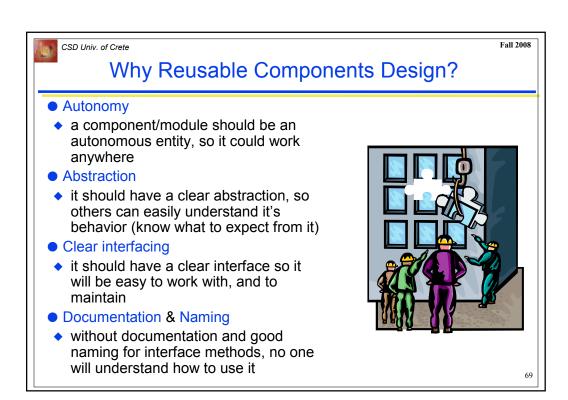


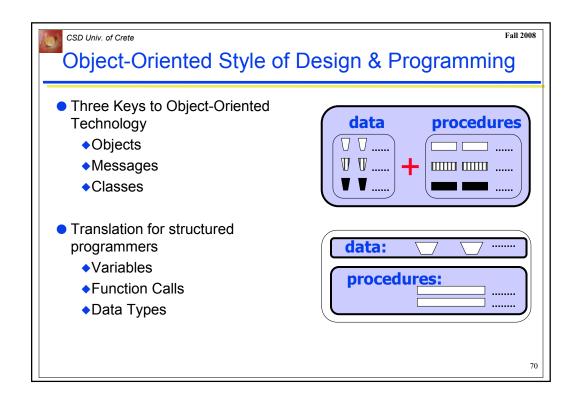


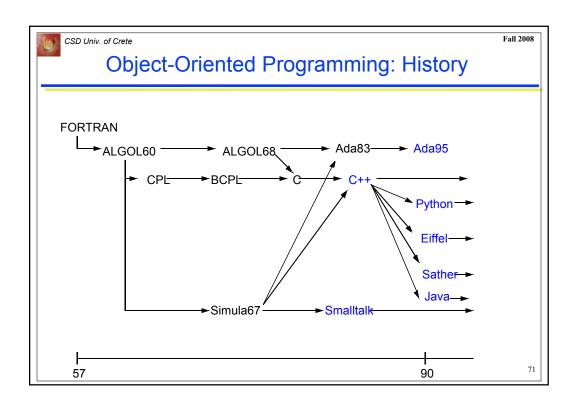


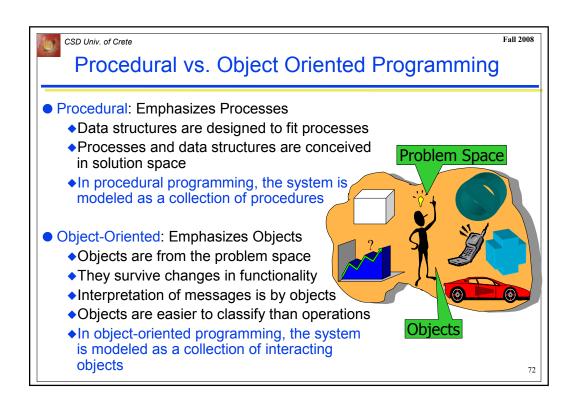


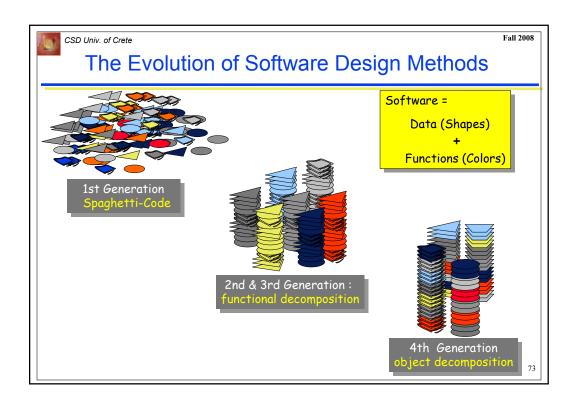


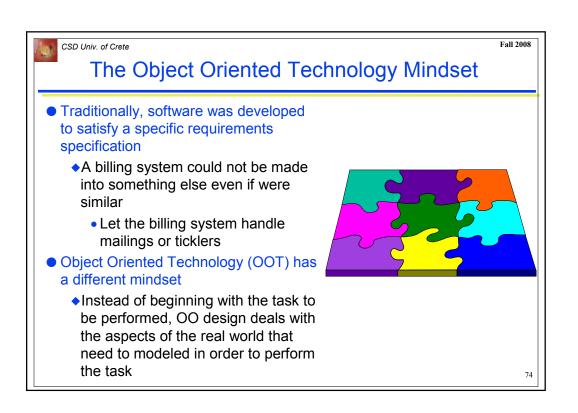














A Wish for Reuse

- Traditional software started from scratch
 - easier than converting old codespecific task
- Object Oriented Technology stresses reuse
 - objects are the building blocks
 - majority of time spent assembling proven components: e.g,. Graphical User Interface (GUI)
 - Borland's OWL, MS's MFC, or Java Swing
 - ◆But reuse is hard to obtain!
 - Extreme programmers don't strive for it, they just do what they are getting paid to do



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The Promise of the Approach

- Object Oriented Technology offers
 - ◆techniques for creating flexible, natural software modules
 - systems that are much easier to adapt to new demands
 - ◆reuse shortens the development life cycle
 - ◆systems are more understandable and maintainable
 - •easier to remember 50 real world classes rather than 500 functions!
- Basic corporate operations change more slowly than the information needs
 - software based on corporate models have a longer life span
- Do you believe it has been easy for corporations to switch to this new technology?

