

First look at Objects, Classes, Methods and Messages

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A little entity with:

- state
- behavior
- identity



Example: A turtle object

A little entity with:

- state: tilt, pen up or down
- behavior: draw on screen
- identity: one is different to the other





Example: A file object

A little entity with:

- state: a path, a contents
- **behavior**: show contents, change contents, can be renamed
- identity: one is different to the other



About Identity and Equality

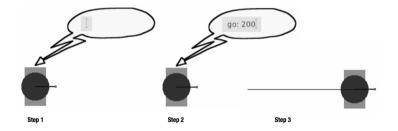
Enter a pizzeria... order a pizza

- identity: you eat the pizza of a client
- equality: you order the same pizza than a client



An Object Reacts to Messages

aTurtle go: 200





Different objects can understand the same message

Each object may perform a different reaction

aWindow open	
aFile open	
aZip open	



Message Receiver

i.e., the object that receives the message

aTurtle jumpTo: aLocation "receiver is aTurtle"

aWindow open "receiver is aWindow"

aFile open "receiver is aFile"



A method

Named sequence of instructions that will be executed on the message receiver

FrenchPerson >> makeCrepes





Messages vs. Methods

Message: What to do?

stef makeCrepes. robert makeCrepes. peter putJamOnCrepes.

Methods: How to do it?





One Message and Multiple methods

One message open Several methods named open

Window >> open 		
File >> open 		
Zip >>open 		



A class is Factory of Objects

- A class is an object mould
 - A class creates many instances
- Each instances is still a separate entity
 - You can create mutiple baths and break one.





A class is Factory of Objects

A class

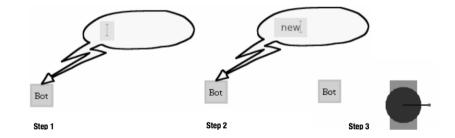
- Defines all the variables of all its instances
- Defines all the behavior of its instances
 o repetition in all the instances





Message new creates objects

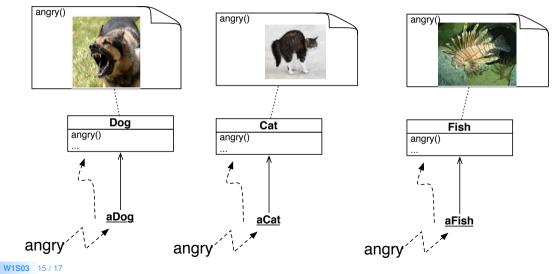








Methods are looked up dynamically in the class of the receiver





- An object is a unique entity instance of a class.
- A class specifies the shape and behavior of all its instances.
- An object receives messages and executes corresponding methods.
- A message is: What to do.
- A method is: How to do it.
- Different objects can understand the same message and execute different methods.

But we will see that again in the future lectures!



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