Abstract Data Types (ADTs): From Theory to Practice
A Very Quick History

- **OO is both revolutionary and evolutionary**
- **OO evolved from Abstract Data Types (ADT)**
- **Grew out of the simulation and AI communities**
  - Smalltalk
  - ModSIM
  - LISP with Flavors / CLOS
- **Really took off when mainstream languages provided support**
  - ADA95
    - The first standardized (ANSI) OO language
  - C++
    - Best of both worlds, structured programs in an OO language
  - Java
    - The latest bandwagon
- **Complementing (or even replacing) “structured” and the high-tech version of “good”**
An abstract data type (ADT) is characterized by:
- a set of values
- a set of operations

It is not characterized by its data representation.

The data representation is private, so application code cannot access it: Only the operations can.

The data representation is changeable, with no effect on application code: Only the operations must be recoded.
ADTs and Java

There are various alternative conventions for expressing ADT contracts and implementations in Java. The main three of them are:

1. Express the ADT’s contract as an outline class declaration (showing only public members, and only heading of constructors and methods); express its implementation as a completed class declaration

2. Express the ADT’s contract as interface; express its implementation as a class that implements this interface
   - This convention makes the relationship between the contract and its implementation explicit in the source code
   - The disadvantage of this convention is that a Java interface does not allow us to specify the constructors and the attributes (state) of the ADT (although the implementing class can provide constructors and attributes)
ADTs and Java

Express the ADT’s contract as an abstract class; express its implementation as a class that extends this abstract class

• This convention fulfills the definition requirement of the ADT’s state and behavior by specifying all the attributes and methods that characterize the ADT

• Abstract classes give a better ADT contract than Java interfaces since they provide state definition (through attributes) and specify all the methods (including constructors) of an ADT
Example: The Date ADT

- Class declaration:

```java
public class Date {
    // Each Date value is a past, present, or future date
    // This date is represented by a year number y, a month number m (1...12), and a day-in-month number d (1...31)
    public int y, m, d;
    public Date (int y, int m, int d) {
        // Construct a date with year y, month m, and day-in-month d
        if (m < 1 || ... ) throw ...;
        this.y = y;  this.m = m;  this.d = d;
    }
```
**public void advance (int n) {**

// Advance this date by n days (where n ≥ 0)
    int y = this.y, m = this.m, d = this.d + n;
    for (; ; ) {
    int last = …; // no. of days in m, y
    if (d <= last) break;
    d -= last;
    if (m < 12) m++;
    else { m = 1; y++; }
    }
    this.y = y; this.m = m; this.d = d;

}
Example: The Date ADT

Possible application code:

```java
Date today = new Date(2003, 2, 14);
today.advance(16);
System.out.println(today.y + '-' + today.m + '-' + today.d);
```

This should print “2003-3-2”
Problem: This data representation admits improper values (e.g., \( m = 0 \); or \( m = 2 \) and \( d = 30 \)).

Constructors and methods can (should) be coded to avoid improper values. E.g.:

```
Date today = new Date(2003, 2, 30);
```

will throw an exception

But what if the data representation is accessed directly?

```
Date today = new Date(2003, 2, 14);
today.d += 16;
```
A different data representation is possible:

```java
public class Date {
    // Each Date value is a past, present, or future date
    // This date is represented by a day-in-epoch number
    // d (where 0 represents 1 January 2000):
    public int d;
    public Date (int y, int m, int d) { … } // Example: The Date ADT Again
    public void advance (int n) { … }
}
```

This makes `advance` faster, but `Date()` slower
Example: The Date ADT Again

- Recall existing application code:

```java
Date today = new Date(2003, 2, 14);
today.advance(16);
System.out.println(today.y + '-' + today.m + '-' + today.d);
```

- yields wrong value
- fails to compile
- fails to compile
Public vs. Private Data Representation

- If the data representation is **public**:
  - Application code might make improper values
  - Existing application code might be invalidated by change of representation
  - Loss of encapsulation

- If the data representation is **private**:
  - Application code cannot make improper values
  - Existing application code cannot be invalidated by change of representation
  - Boosting encapsulation
The ADT Date

- Assumed application requirements:
  1. The values must be all past, present, and future dates
  2. It must be possible to construct a date from year number $y$, month number $m$, and day-in-month number $d$
  3. It must be possible to compare dates
  4. It must be possible to render a date in ISO format “$y$-m-d”
  5. It must be possible to advance a date by $n$ days
A possible contract of the ADT Date defines the following allowable operations:

1. \( \text{Date}(y, m, d) : \text{Int} \times \text{Int} \times \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Date} \)
   - Note that after the arrow we write the type of the instance that this operation creates not the return type of the operation (Constructors do not return anything!)

2. \( \text{compareTo}(D') : \text{Date} \times \text{Date} \rightarrow \text{Int} \)
   - In the operations except constructors the first type we write after the double dot is the type of the instance that calls the operation

3. \( \text{toString}() : \text{Date} \rightarrow \text{String} \)

4. \( \text{advance}(n) : \text{Date} \times \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Date} \)
   - Note that there are two return types that operation advance\((n)\) can provide: \text{void} and \text{Date}. If we want this operation to be a mutative transformer (i.e. to change the Date instance that calls the operation) then advance\((n)\) must return void, else if we want this operation to be an applicative transformer (i.e. to create a new Date instance which is \(n\) days after the Date instance that calls the operation) then advance\((n)\) must return Date
The Contract of the ADT Date

- The contract of ADT Date, expressed as an outline class definition:

```java
public class Date {
    // Each Date value is a past, present, or future date
    private ...;

    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
    // Construct a date with year y, month m, and day-
    // in-month d

    public int compareTo (Date that);
    // Return -1 if this date is earlier than that,
    // or 0 if this date is equal to that,
    // or +1 if this date is later than that

    public String toString ()
    // Return this date rendered in ISO format.

    public void advance (int n);
    // Advance this date by n days (where n ≥ 0)
}
```
Application Codes on ADT Date

- Possible application code:
  ```java
  Date today = ...;
  Date easter = new Date(2003, 4, 27);
  today.advance(16);
  if (today.compareTo(easter) < 0)
      System.out.println(today.toString());
  ```

- Impossible application code:
  ```java
  today.d += 16;
  System.out.println(today.y + '-' + today.m + '-' + today.d);
  ```
public class Date {
    // Each Date value is a past, present, or future date
    // This date is represented by a year number y, a
    // month number m, and a day-in-month number d:
    private int y, m, d;

    public Date (int y, int m, int d) {
        // Construct a date with year y, month m, and day-in-
        // month d
        this.y = y; this.m = m; this.d = d;
    }
}
public int compareTo (Date that) {
  // Return –1 if this date is earlier than that,
  // or 0 if this date is equal to that,
  // or +1 if this date is later than that
  return (this.y < that.y ? -1 :
         this.y > that.y ? +1 :
         this.m < that.m ? -1 :
         this.m > that.m ? +1 :
         this.d < that.d ? -1 :
         this.d > that.d ? +1 : 0);
}

public String toString () {
  // Return this date rendered in ISO format.
  return (this.y + '-' + this.m + '-' + this.d);
}

public void advance (int n) {
  // Advance this date by n days (where n ≥ 0).
  ...
}
public class Date {
    // Each Date value is a past, present, or future date
    // This date is represented by a day-in-epoch number
    // d (where 0 represents 1 January 2000):
    private int d;
    public Date (int y, int m, int d) {
        // Construct a date with year y, month m, and day-in-
        // month d
        ...; complicated
        this.d = ...;
    }
}
public int compareTo (Date that) {
    // Return –1 if this date is earlier than that,
    // or 0 if this date is equal to that,
    // or +1 if this date is later than that
    return (this.d < that.d ? -1 :
            this.d > that.d ? +1 : 0);
}

public String toString () {
    // Return this date rendered in ISO format
    int y, m, d;
    ...
    return (y + '-' + m + '-' + d);
}

public void advance (int n) {
    // Advance this date by n days (where n ≥ 0).
    this.d += n;
}

Operations are **sufficient** if together they meet all the ADT’s requirements.
- Can the application be written entirely in terms of calls to these operations?

An operation is **necessary** if it is not surplus to the ADT’s requirements.
- Could the operation be safely omitted?

A well-designed ADT provides operations that are **necessary** and **sufficient** for its requirements.
A constructor is an operation that creates a value of the ADT

An accessor (selector) is an operation that uses a value of the ADT to compute a value of some other type
- An observer uses a value of the ADT to compute a Boolean value

A transformer (mutator) is an operation that computes a new value of the same ADT. A transformer is:
- mutative if it overwrites the old value with the new value
- applicative if it returns the new value, without overwriting the old value

The values of an ADT are:
- mutable if the ADT provides at least one mutative transformer
- immutable if the ADT provides no mutative transformer

A well-designed ADT provides at least one constructor, at least one accessor, and at least one transformer
- The constructors and transformers together can generate all values of the ADT
Design of the ADT Date

- Recall the **Date** contract:

```java
public class Date {
    private ...
    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
    public int compareTo (Date that);
    public String toString ();
    public void advance (int n);
}
```

- These operations are sufficient
- All these operations are necessary
Design of the ADT Date

- Consider another possible Date contract:

  ```java
  public class Date {
    private ...;
    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
    public int getYear ();
    public int getMonth ();
    public int getDay ();
    public void advance (int n);
  }
  ``

- These operations are sufficient
  - Date comparison and rendering are clumsier, but still possible
- All these operations are necessary
Consider yet another possible `Date` contract:

```java
public class Date {
    private ...;
    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
    public int compareTo (Date that);
    public String toString ()
    public void advance (int n);
    public void advance1Day ();
}
```

Operation `advance1Day` is unnecessary
Recall our first `Date` contract:

```java
public class Date {
    private ...
    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
    public int compareTo (Date that);
    public String toString ()
    public void advance (int n);
}
```
Design of the ADT Date

Consider another possible Date contract:

```java
public class Date {
    private ...
    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
    public int compareTo (Date that);
    public String toString ();
    public Date plus (int n);
}
```

- constructor
- accessor
- accessor
- applicative transformer
Method Signature

- As we know, a method can be defined to accept zero or more formal parameters.
- The name of the method together with the list of its formal parameters is called the signature of the method.
- We can declare exclusively a method using its signature.

```java
public int length();
public String substring (int i, int j);

int_length // identification of method length
String_substring_int_int // identification of method substring
```
Preconditions & Postconditions

A pair of statements about a method
- The precondition statement indicates what must be true before the method is called
- The postcondition statement indicates what will be true when the method finishes its work

Preconditions and postconditions specify what a method accomplishes

The programmer who calls the method is responsible for ensuring that the precondition is valid when the method is called

The programmer who writes the method counts on the precondition being valid, and ensures that the postcondition becomes true at the method’s end

We can define an ADT using the preconditions, postconditions and signatures of its methods in an outline class definition
The contract of the ADT Date again using preconditions and postconditions

public class Date {
    // Each Date value is a past, present, or future date. This date is represented by a year number y, a month number m, and a day-in-month number d
    private ...
    /////// Constructors ///////
    // Constructor: Date
    // Precondition:
    // a) y ≥ 1
    // b) 1 ≤ m ≤ 12
    // c) if m in (1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12) then 1 ≤ d ≤ 31
    // d) if m in (4, 6, 9, 11) then 1 ≤ d ≤ 30
    // e) if m == 2 and y a leap year then 1 ≤ d ≤ 29, else 1 ≤ d ≤ 28
    // Postcondition:
    // Constructs a valid Date instance with year y, month m and day-in-month d
    public Date (int y, int m, int d);
The contract of the ADT Date again using preconditions and postconditions

/////////// Accesors //////////

// Method: compareTo
// Precondition:
// Date that is a valid instance of Date
// Postcondition:
// Returns –1 if this date is earlier than that, or 0 if this date is equal to that, or +1 if this date is later than that
public int compareTo (Date that);

// Method: toString
// Precondition:
// Postcondition:
// Returns this date rendered in ISO format (d-m-y)
public String toString ();
The contract of the ADT Date again using preconditions and postconditions

/////////// Transformers //////////

// Method: advance
// Precondition: n ≥ 0
// Postcondition:
// Advances this date by n days

public void advance (int n);
}
The ADT String

- A **string** is a sequence of characters
- The characters have consecutive **indices**
- A **substring** of a string is a subsequence of its characters
- The **length** of a (sub)string is its number of characters
- The **empty** string has length zero
- Assumed application requirements:
  1. The values are to be strings of any length
  2. It must be possible to determine the length of a string
  3. It must be possible to obtain the character at a given index
  4. It must be possible to obtain the substring at a given range of indices
  5. It must be possible to compare strings lexicographically
  6. It must be possible to concatenate strings
ADT (Immutable) String Operations

The operations defined in a possible contract of ADT String are:

- `String(cs): Char[] -> String`
- `length(): String -> Int`
- `charAt(i): String x Int -> Char`
- `equals(S'): String x String -> Boolean`
- `compareTo(S'): String x String -> Int`
- `substring (i, j): String x Int x Int -> String`
- `concat (S'): String x String -> String`
The contract of the ADT (Immutable) String again using preconditions and postconditions

```java
public class String {
    // Each String value is an immutable string of characters, of any length, with indices starting at 0
    private ...

    // Constructor: String
    // Precondition: cs[] != null
    // Postcondition:
    // Constructs a valid String instance consisting of all the chars in cs
```
The contract of the ADT (Immutable) String again using preconditions and postconditions

```java
public String String(cs);

/////////// Accessors ///////////

// Method: length
// Precondition:
// Postcondition: Returns the length of this string
public int length ();

// Method: charAt
// Precondition: 0 ≤ i ≤ length() – 1
// Postcondition:
// Returns the character at index i in this string
public char charAt (int i);
```
// Method: equals
// Precondition: String that is a valid String instance
// Postcondition:
// Returns true if this string is equal to that, else
// it returns false
public boolean equals (String that);

// Method: compareTo
// Precondition: String that is a valid String instance
// Postcondition:
// Returns –1 if this string is lexicographically
// less than that, or 0 if this string is equal to
// that, or +1 if this string is lexicographically
// greater than that
public int compareTo (String that);
The contract of the ADT (Immutable) String again using preconditions and postconditions

/////////// Transformers //////////

// Method: substring
// Precondition: 0 ≤ i < j ≤ length()
// Postcondition:
// Returns the substring of this string consisting of
// the characters whose indices are i, ..., j-1
public String substring (int i, int j);

// Method: concat
// Precondition: String that is a valid String instance
// Postcondition:
// Returns the string obtained by concatenating this
// string and that
public String concat (String that);   }

applicative transformer

applicative transformer
Immutable Strings: Implementations

- Represent a string by its length $n$ together with an array of exactly $n$ characters, e.g.:

  length 0 1 2 3
  4 'J' 'a' 'v' 'a'

- Or represent a string by its length $n$ together with an SLL of characters, e.g.:

  length  first
  4 'J' 'a' 'v' 'a'

- The array representation is much better, since these strings are immutable, we never insert or delete characters