CSE 143 Lecture 1

Objects

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Object: iPod



(ok, so it's an old iPod)

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Why did MP3 players, like the iPod, replace CD players?

MP3 players are more resistant to skipping

MP3 players are smaller

Both true for years before MP3 players became mainstream

MP3 players can store more music (a person's entire library!)

The important reason!

Object Motto

- **State**: what an object knows
 - Data, usually in the form of variables
 - MP3 player's state
 - Am I on or off?
 - Am I playing music?
 - What song am I playing?
 - How loud is my volume?
 - How many times have I played I'm On A Boat?
 - etc

- **Behavior**: what an object does
 - Actions, usually in the form of methods
 - MP3 player's behavior
 - Turn on/off
 - Play music
 - Pause music
 - Increase volume
 - Increase bass
 - etc



How many of you know how to use this? How many of you know how to *build* this?



Yuck. Someone call the Geek Squad.

- Client view
 - Knows what an object can do
 - MP3 client view
 - Can turn object on/off, start music, increase volume, etc
- Implementer/implementation view
 - Knows exactly how an object works
 - MP3 implementer view
 - Can see exactly how a "turn on" signal affects all parts of the object
- Switching back and forth between these two viewpoints can be confusing at first. But you'll get used to it.

- Encapsulation: hiding the implementation details from clients
 - The client should only know what is necessary to use the object
 - To understand, it might help to pretend that all clients are malicious
 - They will use everything you give them to try to break your object
 - The MP3 player is well encapsulated
 - none of us has a clue about exactly how it works
 - ...and yet we can use it without difficulty
 - ...and we haven't figured out how to make it do weird things, like playing songs backwards