

Part II - Starting with the Bricks: Programming Paradigms

3. Paradigm Overview

- Structured programming imposes discipline on direct transfer of control
 - Removed: goto
 - Added: if/then/else and do/while
- Object-oriented programming imposes discipline on indirect transfer of control
 - Removed: function call stack frame, nested functions, function pointers
 - Added: constructors for a class, instance variables on heap, methods
- Functional programming imposes discipline upon assignment
 - Removed: assignments
 - Added: lambda-calculus, immutability
- ⚠️ Nothing else can be removed and no other paradigms can exist
 - ? What about Logic programming languages such as Prolog? Remove functions
 - ? What about scripting programming languages such as JavaScript, Python, Ruby? Remove compilation
 - ? What about visual programming, low code, no code? Remove the code
 - ? What about ML? Remove predefined logic
 - ? Quantum computers?

4. Structured Programming

- Dijkstra: first "programmer" and inventor of structured programmer
- Böhm and Jacopini proved: all programs can be constructed from just three structures
 - sequence
 - selection
 - iteration
- Dijkstra tried to use formal mathematical proofs for programs
 - But failed - it is too hard
 - Such proofs are falsifiable (testable) but not provable
 - 👍 If we can't prove statement is false then we consider it true
- Science proofs are more rational
 - Testing shows the presence, not the absence, of bugs
 - We show correctness by failing to prove incorrectness, despite our best efforts
- 🚫 Programs that use unrestrained goto cannot be deemed correct no matter how many tests are applied to it
- Functional decomposition - one of best practices

5. Object-Oriented Programming

- Dahl and Nygaard moved the function call stack frame to the heap and invented OO
- Encapsulation?
 - 🚫 But perfect encapsulation was in C and it was then weakened in C++ and weakened in Java/C# even more
- Inheritance?
 - 🚫 But C had kind of inheritance - via enclosing parent structure fields
 - 👍 However in OO upcasting is implicit - so - more convenient
- Polymorphism?
 - 🚫 But it is implemented via vtable with consists of pointers to functions which were used long time before
 - 👍 However OO made it more convenient and eliminates danger
 - 👍 OO enables the plugin architecture!
- Dependency inversion
 - Using interfaces
 - Lower level is dependent on higher level
 - Polymorphism means that any code dependency can be inverted
 - 👍 OO languages has absolute control over direction of code dependencies
- Separate components without dependency
- Independent deployability
- Independent developability

6. Functional Programming

- Lambda-calculus was invented by Alonzo Church
- Variables do not vary!
 - All race conditions, deadlock conditions, and concurrent update problems are due to mutable variables
- 👍 Segregation of Mutability: good architecture practice
- 👍 Event Sourcing
 - We store the transactions, but not the state
 - When state is needed we count it
 - Of course we can calculate and save intermediate states