A Scenic tour of C++

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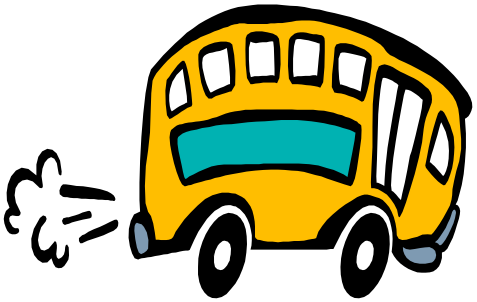
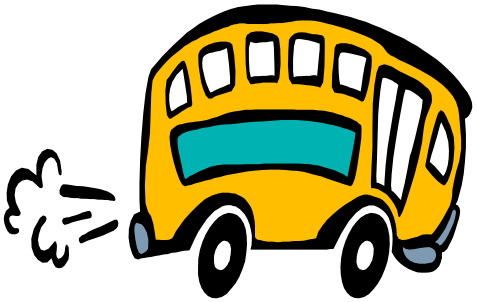


A tour of the world ...

- We will visit many places
- We will stay only short
- You will get an overview
- If you want to know these places better, you will have to visit them yourself afterwards

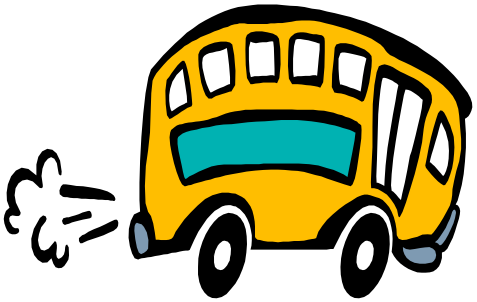


The C++ programming language

- Was created by Bjarne Stroustrup
  - You can visit him on

    http://www.research.att.com/~bs/homepage.html
    - You find also an audio file to pronounce his name

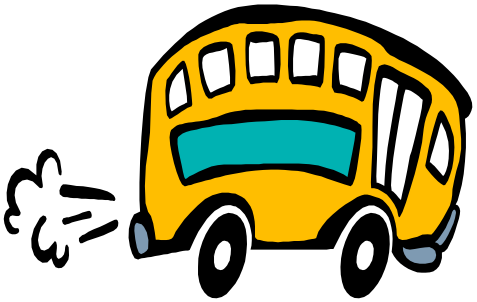
- Is better than C
- Supports data-abstraction
- Supports object-oriented programming
- Supports generic programming



Stop 1 : Hello world

```
#include <iostream>


int main(int argc, const char** argv ) {
    std::cout << “Hello World” << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Stop 2: Procedural programming

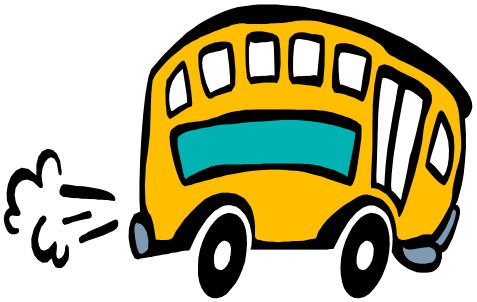
- This is what we well know from FORTRAN or C

```
#include <cmath>

double do_something(double a) {

    double b = a * 2;
    return std::sqrt(b);

}
```



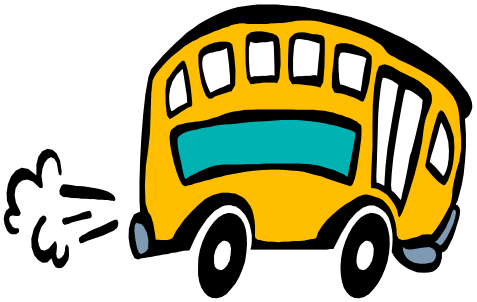
Build in data types

- float
- double
- int
- long
- short
- char

```
int a;
int b = 5;
char c = ‘c’;
char name[] = “Dietrich”;
```

C++ allows to define your own data types. There is a number of prefabricated available like strings and complex numbers

```
string name = “Dietrich”;
```



Operators

Things in between variables

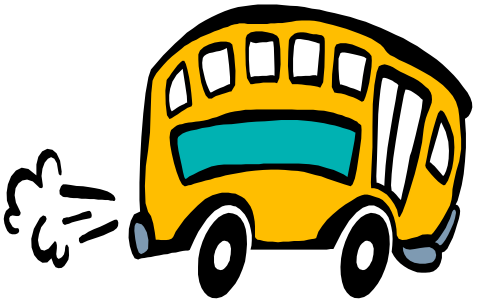
- assignment =
- arithmetic + - * /
- shortcut += -= *= /=
- comparison == != < > >= <=

- increment ++ --

```
a = a + 1;
++a;
```

- more exotic ? & << >>

```
double a = d > 0 ?  sqrt(d) : sqrt(-d);
```



How to pass arguments ?

- Pass by value
  - C

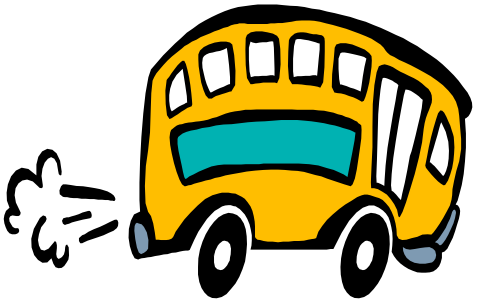
```
void do_it(double b) {
        b = 4.0
}

double a = 5;
do_it(a)
```

```
void do_it(double * b) {
        *b = 4.0
}

double a = 5;
do_it(&a);
```

What happens to “a” ?



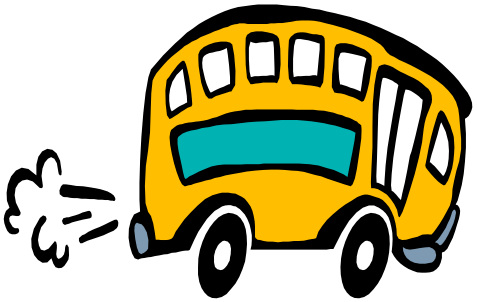
How to pass arguments cont.

- Pass by reference
  - FORTRAN

```
      SUBROUTINE DO_IT(B)
      REAL B
      B = 4.0
      END

      PROGRAM TEST
      REAL A
      A = 5.
      CALL DO_IT(A)
      END
```

What happens to “a” ?

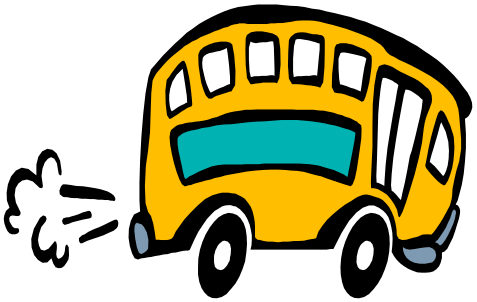


How to pass arguments cont.

- Pass by reference
  - C++

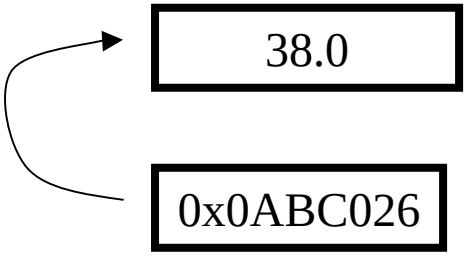
```
void do_it (double b &) {
  b = 4.0;
}
double a = 5;
do_it(a);
```

```
void do_it (const double b &) {
  b = 4.0;
}
```



Pointers & References

- Pointer to a variable *

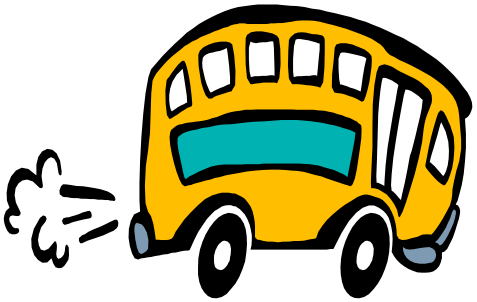



```
double temperature = 38.0;
double * pTemp = &temperature;

*pTemp += 5.0;
```

- Reference to a variable &

```
void do_something(double b &) {
      b += 5.0;
}
```



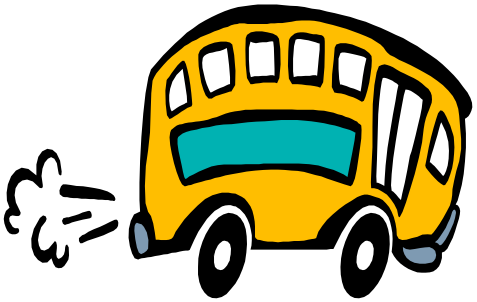
Control structures

```
if ( a>5 ) {
   ……
} else {
   ……
}
```

```
for (int i=0; i<100; ++i) {
   ……
}
```

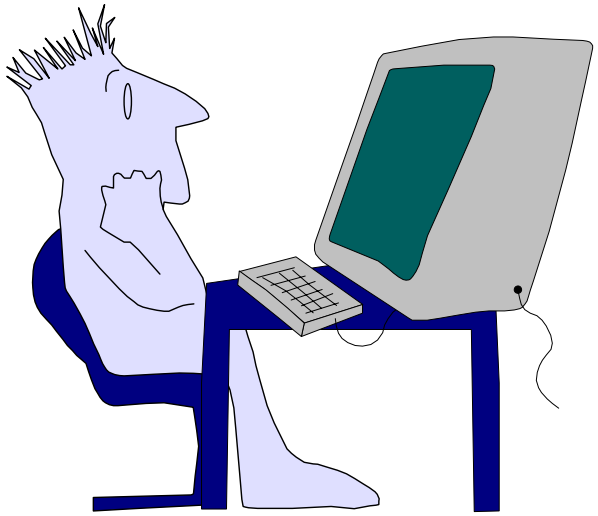
```
while( a>5) {
   ……
}
```

```
switch a {
   case 5 :
      ……
      break;
   case 3 :
      … …
      break;
   default:
      … …
}
```



Programming paradigm

- Decide which procedures you want
- Use the best algorithms you can find



- Functions are used to create order
- Leads to structured programming

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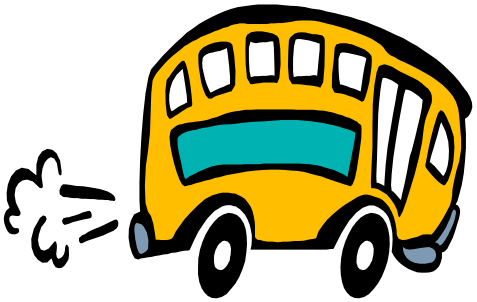
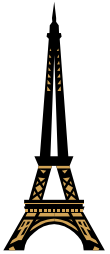
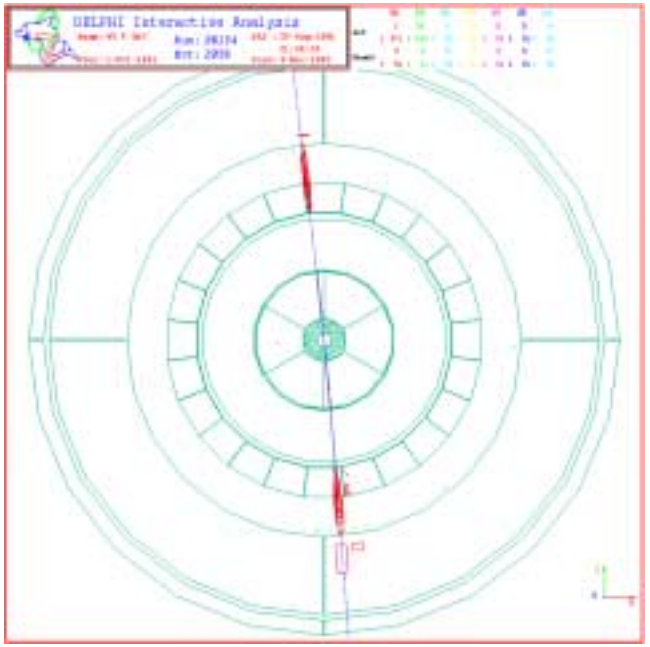


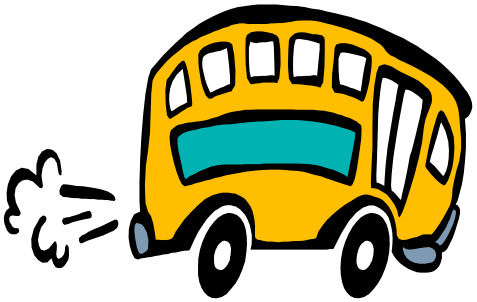
Stop 2: Data abstraction



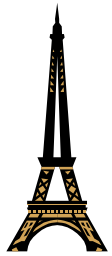
- C++ allows us to make our own data types

```
struct Particle {
        double xpos;
        double ypos;
        double zpos;
        double xmom;
        double ymom;
        double zmom;
        double mass;
}
```





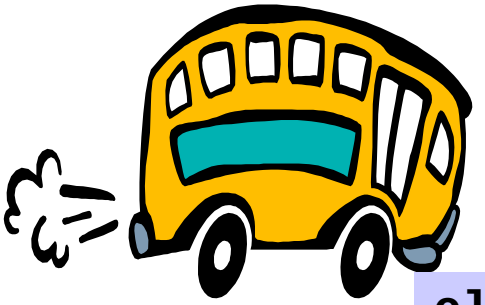
If I want to know the energy ...



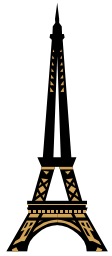
- `energy = sqrt(p.mass*.p.mass + p.xmom*p.xmom + ….)`

But sometimes later ...

```
struct NewParticle {
        double xpos;
        double ypos;
        double zpos;
        double mom;
        double theta;
        double phi;
        double mass;
}
```

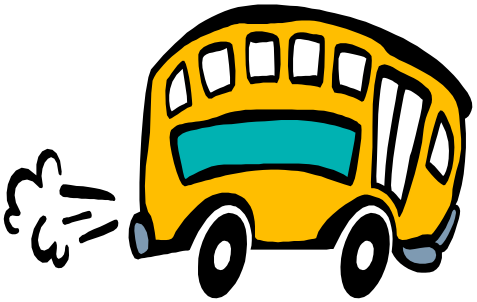


Better use classes



```
class Particle {

public:

        void setMomentum(double x, double y,
                                   double z);

        double energy();

private:

        …whatever I prefer …

}
```

- Only public part visible to outside world
- Obviously Interface design most important aspect
- Dependencies are minimized



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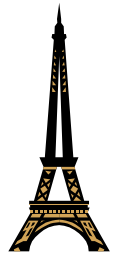


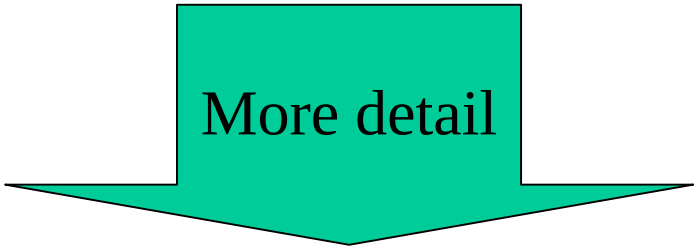
Particle

boost

collide

decay

……..



Physical Properties

- position
- momentum
- mass

- Apply transformations
- physics laws

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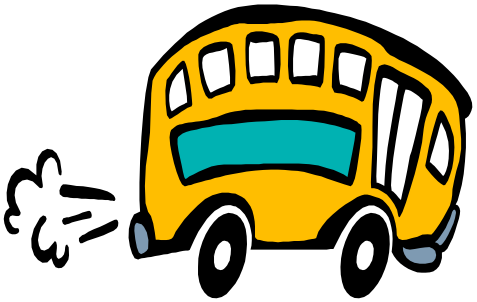
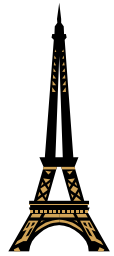
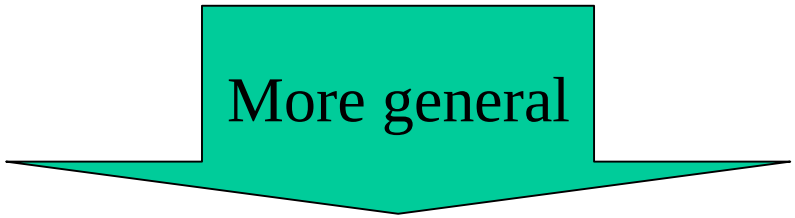


Abstraction level - Program

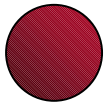


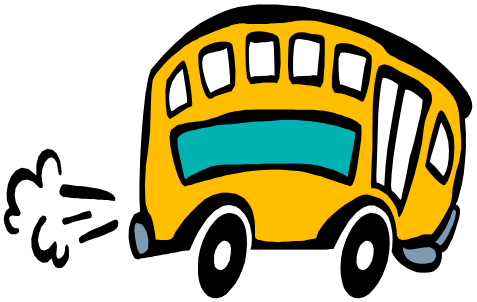
Variables  Usual arithmetic



Objects

Functionality according to interface





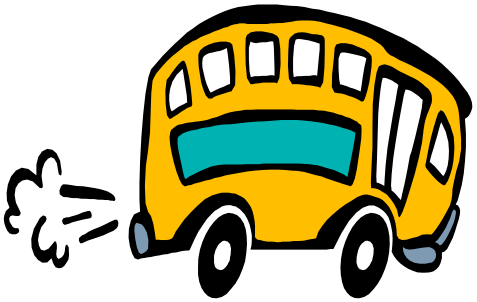
Stop 3: Classes and Objects

- A class is the definition
  - in C++ it is a real data type
- An object is an instance of a class
  - You can create as many instances as you like

```
void do_something(){
        ……..
        Particle p;
        ……..
}
```

```
Particle  * p = new Particle();
……..
delete p;
```

Risk of memory leaks

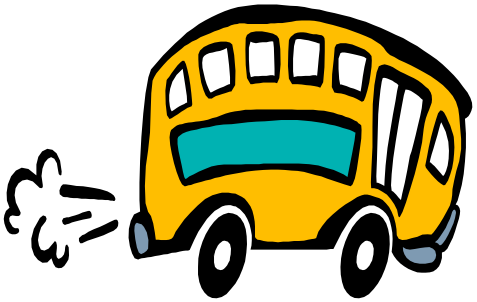


Member Attributes

- Each object has its own set of variables associate to it
- Usually attributes are “private”

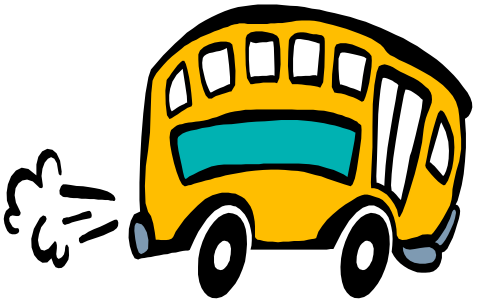
Invisible
to the world

- Often a naming convention is used “m_name”
- Attributes define the state of an object
- Static attributes exists only once



Member Functions

- Also called “Methods”
- Usually public
- Provide functionality
- They act on an instance of a class
- They can change the state of the object

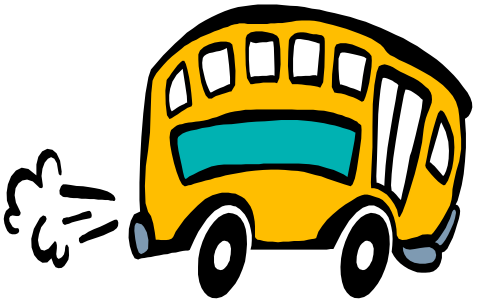


Constructor - Destructor

- Special Member Function

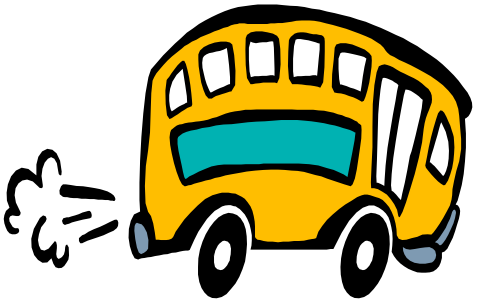
- Particle::Particle (constructor)
  - Called when the object is created
  - defines the initial state
  - allocate resources (open file, open window …)
  - allocate other objects

- Particle::~Particle (destructor)
  - cleanup
  - delete other objects



More exotic

- Copy constructor
  - Particle newParticle = oldParticle;
- Assignment operator
  - Particle p;
  - p = otherParticle;



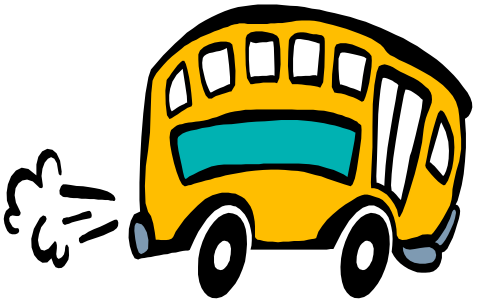
And even more ...

- Complex numbers in C++
- Not build in, but a feature added later on
- Operators can be defined
  - Operator overloading

```
complex a = complex(4.,5.);
complex b = a + 5.;
```

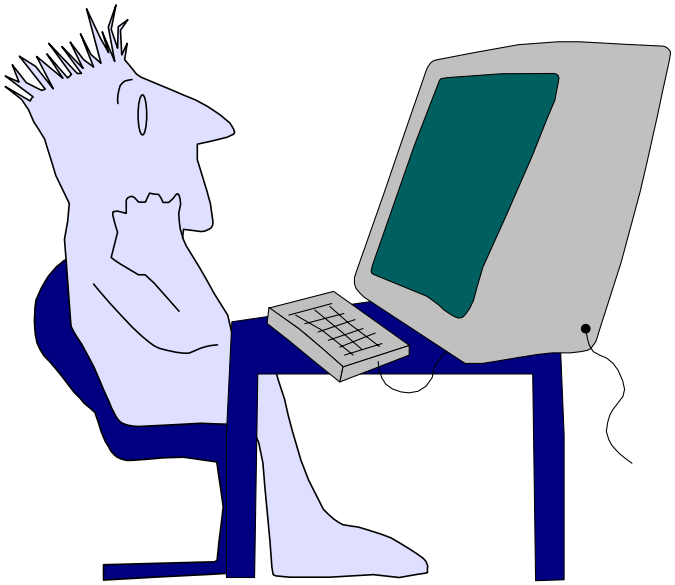
Somewhere it is defined
that this means ...

```
b.re = a.re + 5.;
b.im = a.im;
```



Programming Paradigm

- Decide which types you want
- Provide a full set of operations



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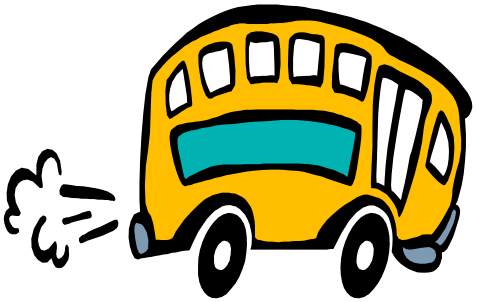
- A step in a new direction for program organization
- But needs a bit more …



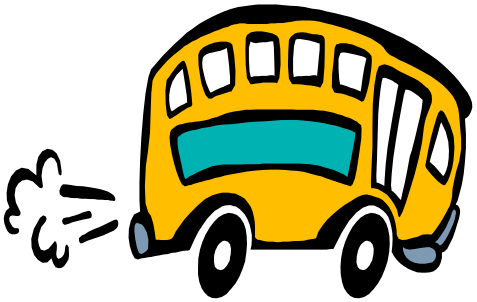
Stop 4: Object oriented programming

- Add some more ingredients

Polymorphism

Inheritance

Late Bindings

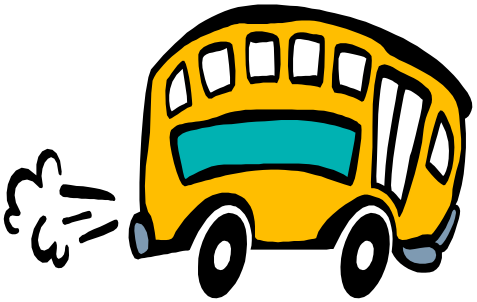


Define an Interface

```
class Particle {

        virtual double energy() = 0;

        virtual void boost(double x, double y, double z,
                           double t) = 0;

        ……..

}
```

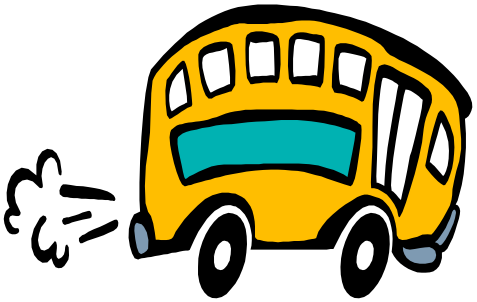
Define what your object should do

Provide an implementation



Implementation

```
class MyParticle : public virtual Particle {
        virtual double energy();
        ……
};



double MyParticle::energy() {
        return …..
}
```

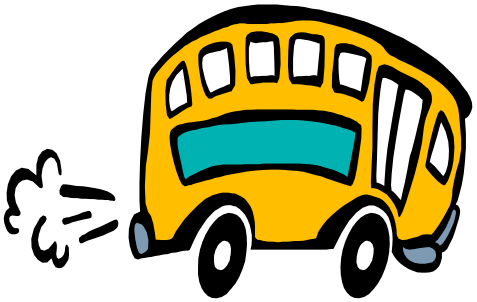


How to use ???

- I can write now a program in terms of “particles” and I do not need to know at all which particles are there

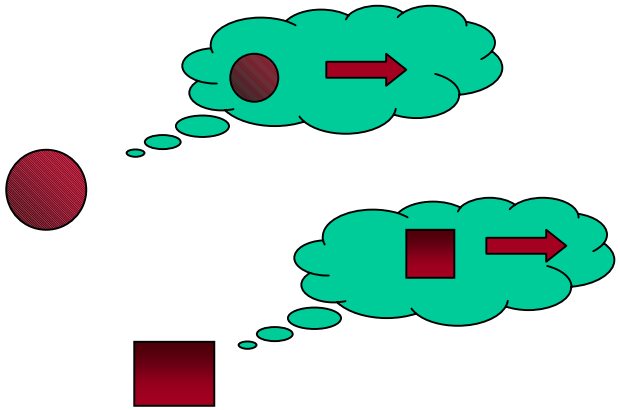
```
Particle * particle = new MyParticle();


……….

double energy = particle->energy();
```

- As a matter of fact I can have a number particles, which are in truth MyParticles and YourParticles at the same time, and I do not know or care what they do to provide the answer

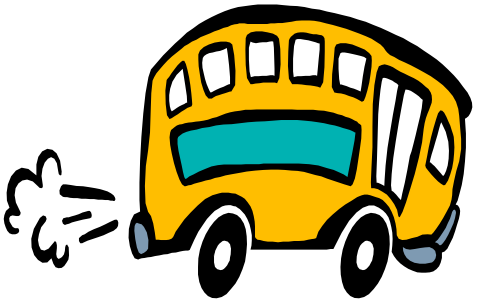


Dynamic Bindings

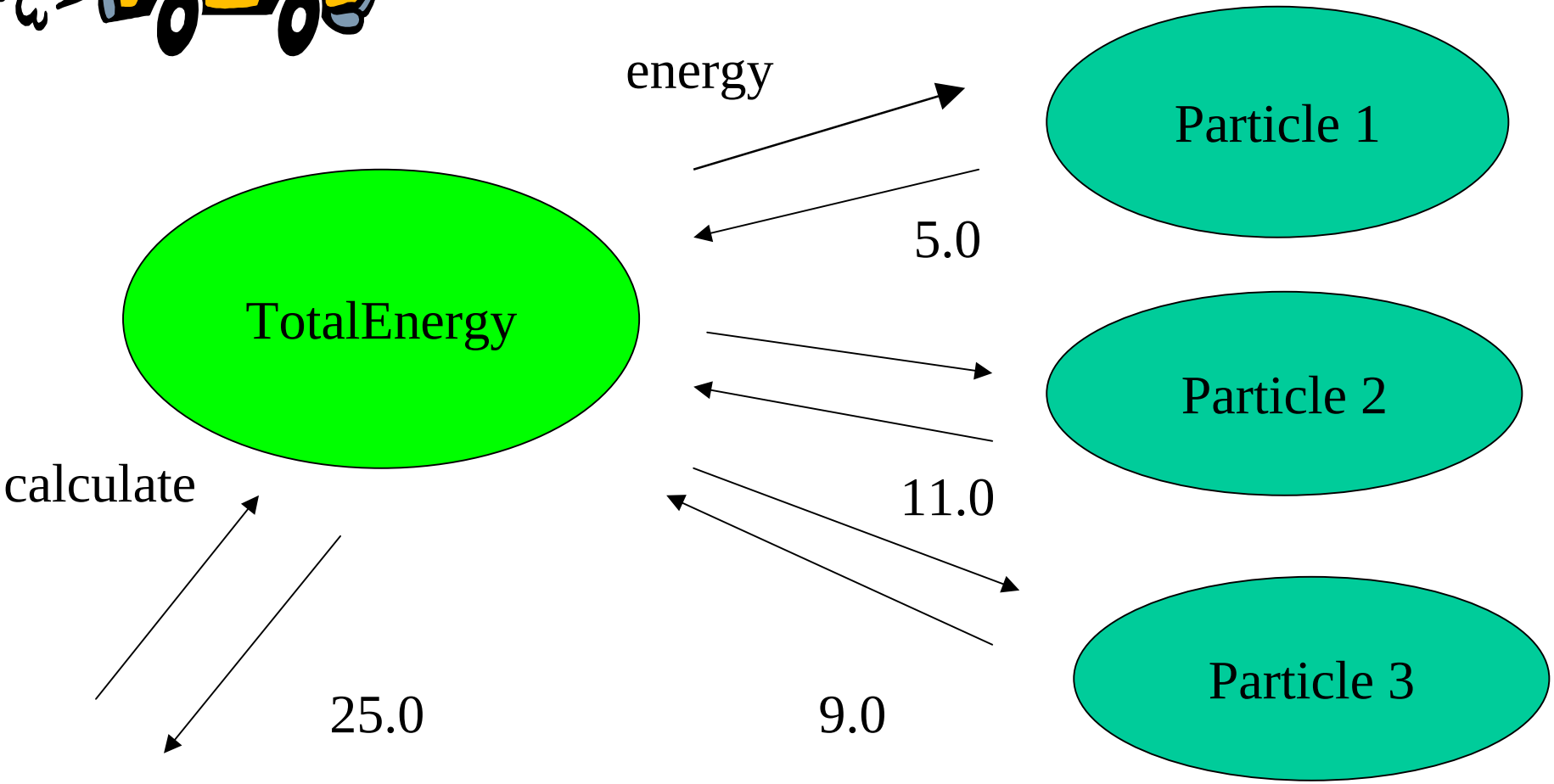
- Other name for virtual methods
- Only in the last moment it is known what is going to happen

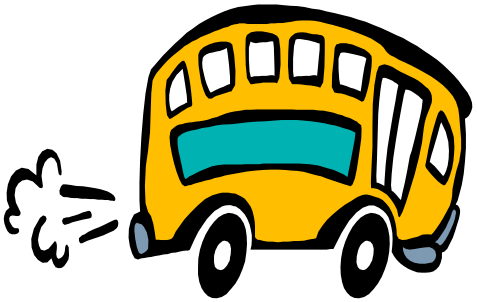


- The programmer tells the object to do something
- The object does it in its own specific way



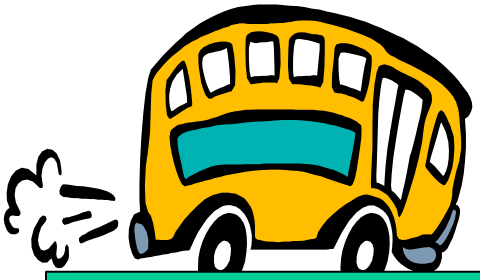
Messages between objects



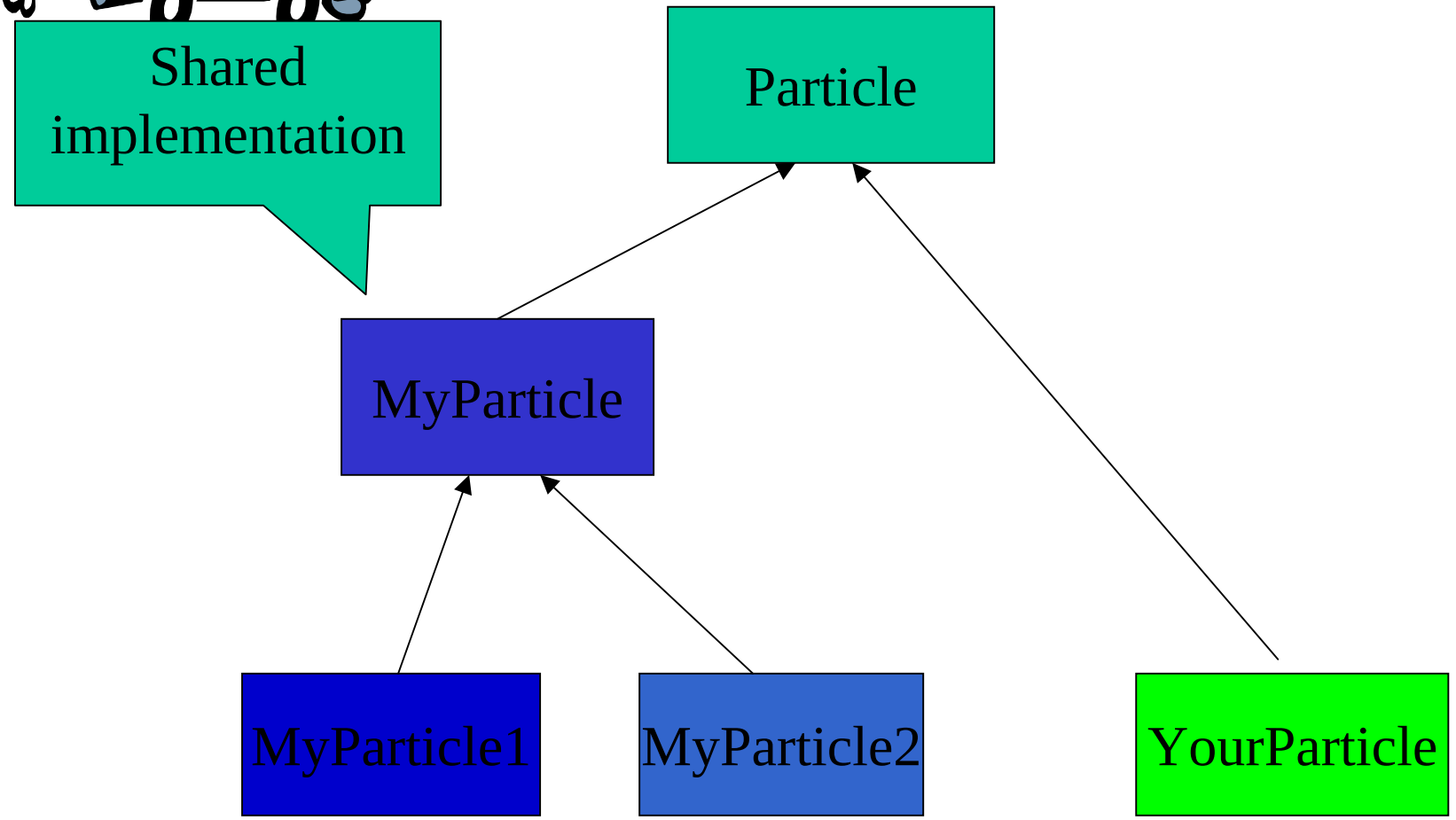


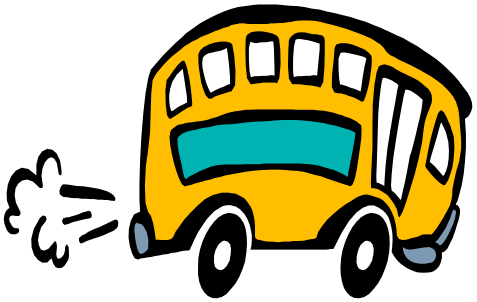
Just a different point of view

```
double TotalEnergy::calculate() {

        double sum = 0;
        for(int i=0;i<3;++i) {
                sum += particle[i].energy();
        }

        return sum;
}
```



Inheritance tree





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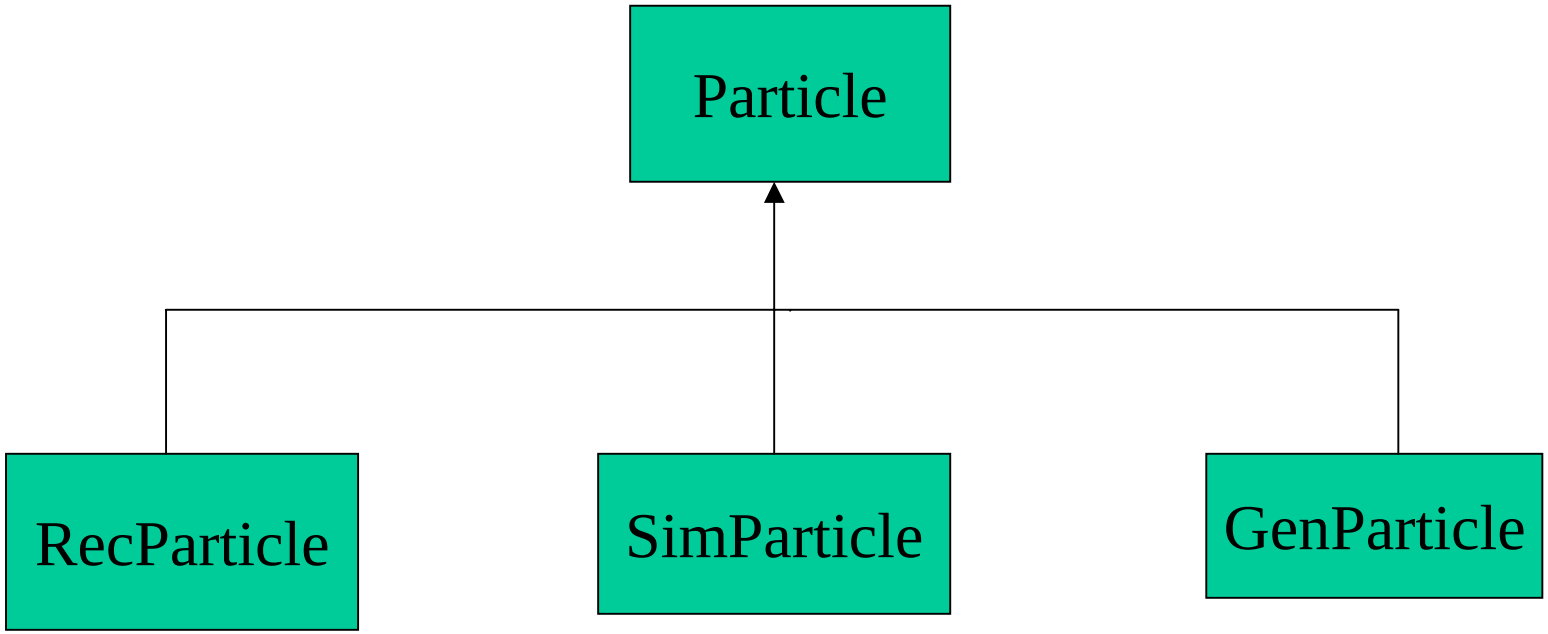
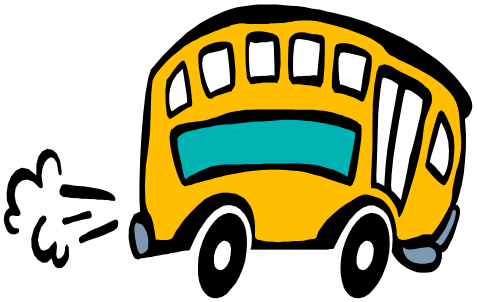




Another Use

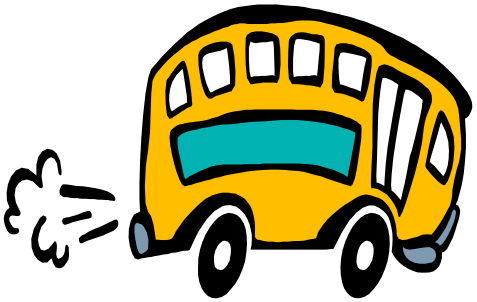
I am just an interface

I do the work

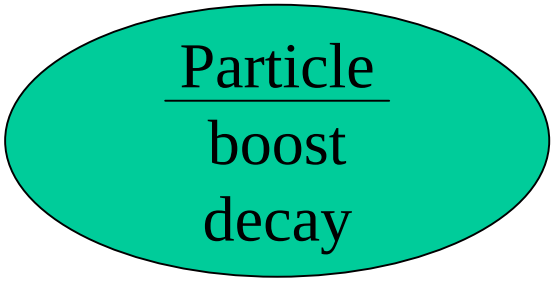
ThrustResult

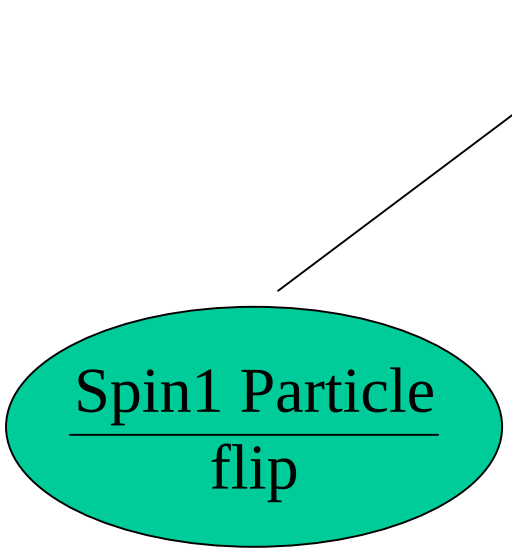
ThrustByMethodA
calculate_on

ThrustByMethodB
calculate_on

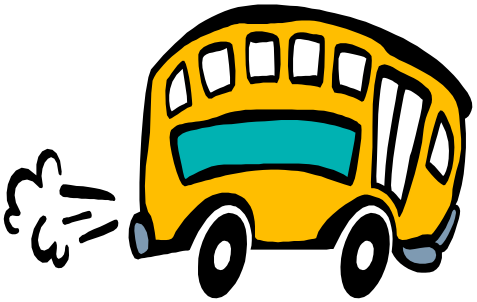


Is-a Relation

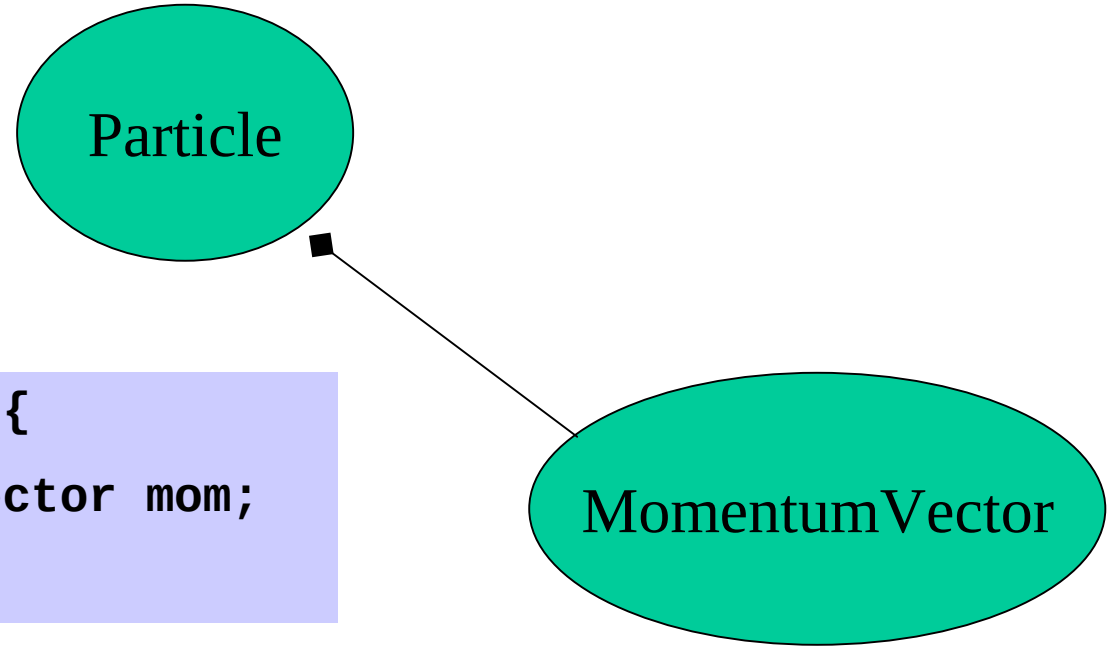




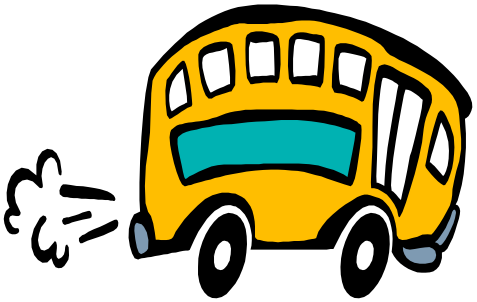

```
class Spin1Particle : public Particle {

        ……

}
```



Has-a Relation




```
class Particle {
      MomentumVector mom;
}
```

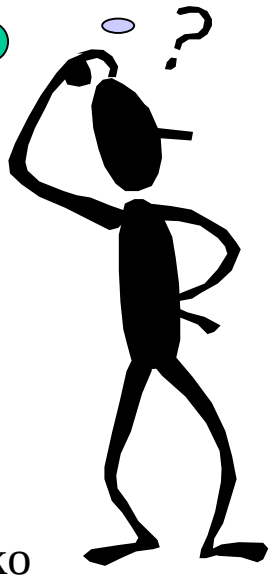


Often difficult to decide

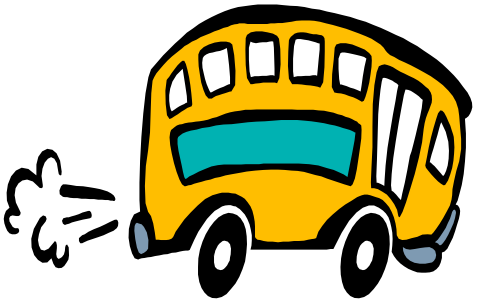
Has-it or Is-it ?

ThreeVector

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

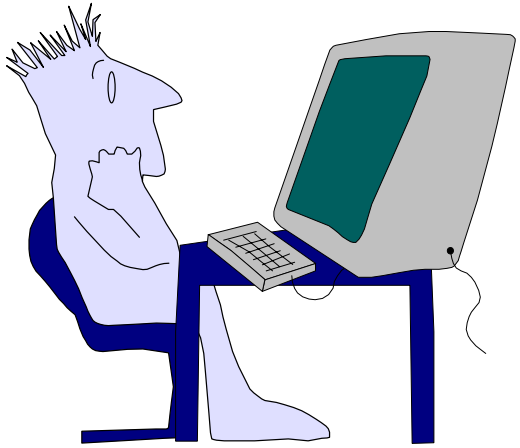


FourVector



Programming paradigm

- Decide which classes you want
- Provide a full set of operation
- Avoid being dependent on implementation



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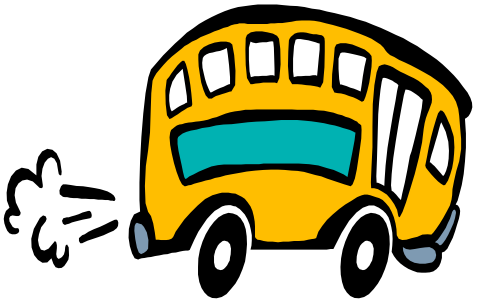
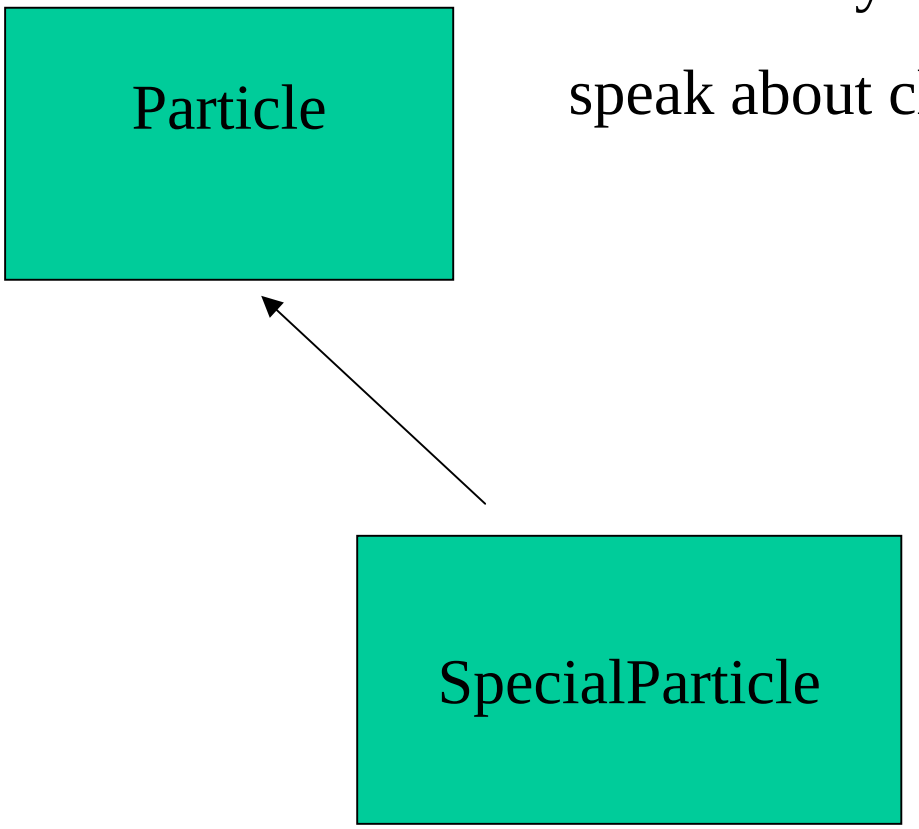
Program will be organized as interaction objects



UML

Current way to

speak about classes



Booch

Rumbaugh

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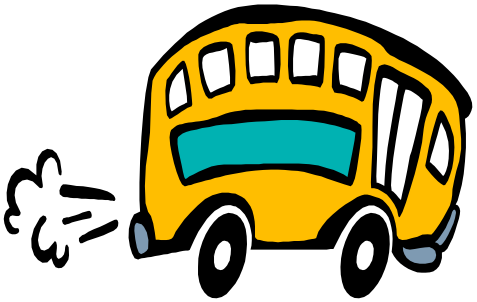
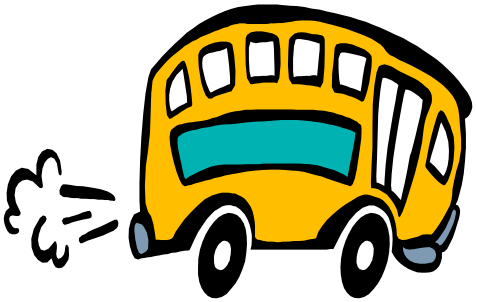


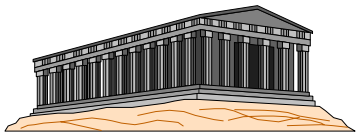
Design patterns

- Object Solutions
- very useful
- Solves the problems you did not have before you used objects
- You will use them every day

Gang of Four

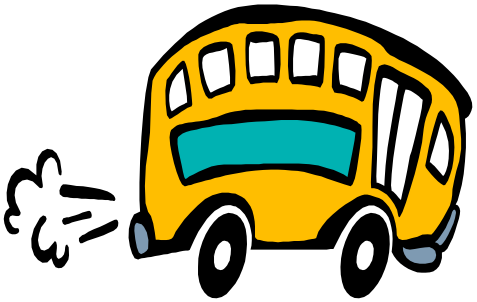
- Gamma
- Helm
- Johnson
- Vlissides





Stop 5: Generic Programming

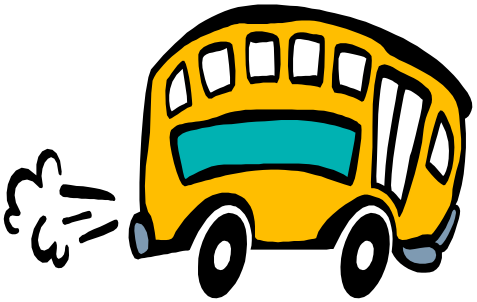
- A further idea …
- Often a similar operation can be applied to different data types
- An example:
  - Lets try to implement complex numbers

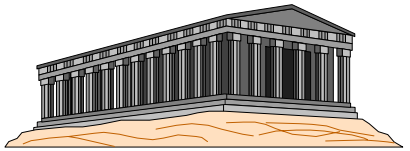


Example complex numbers

```
class complex {
public:
        float real() const;
        float imaginary() const;
        float mag() const;
private :
      float re;
      float im;
}
```

- Polymorphism does not help,
- A way how to automatically generate the source



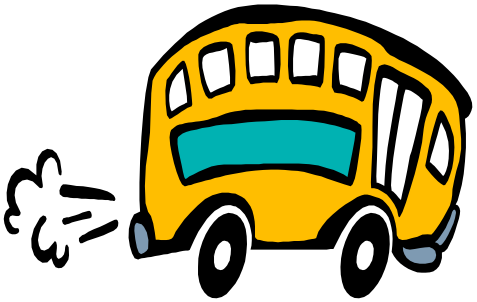


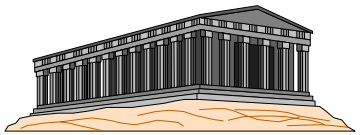
Complex numbers (generic)

```
templace <class T>
class complex<T> {

private :
     T re;
     T im;
}
```

```
complex<double> a;


complex<float> b;
```

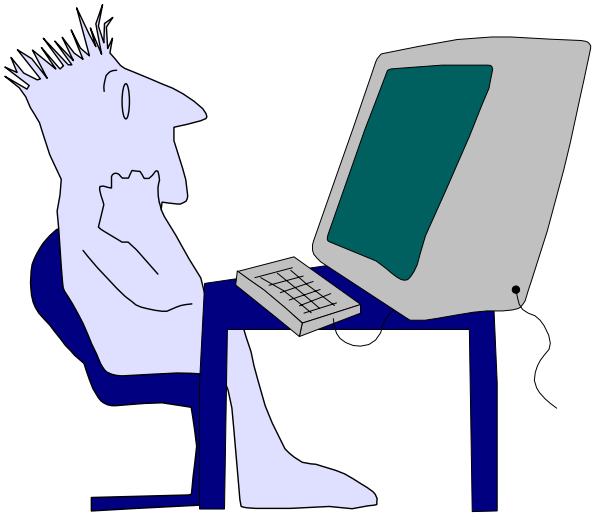
- Practical
- Used for many libraries





Programming Paradigm

- Decide which algorithm you want
- Parameterize them so that they work with a variety of data types



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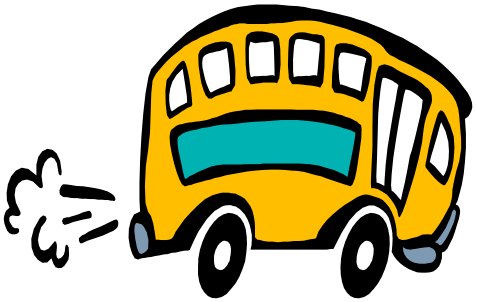
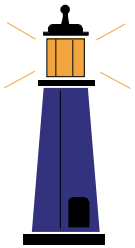
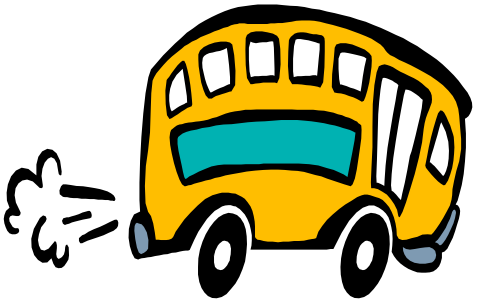
- C++ libraries are written in that style
- Probably you will simply use the features provided for you for some time …



Stop 6: Standard Library



- Manly based generic programming
- example
  - complex
  - string
  - streams
  - containers

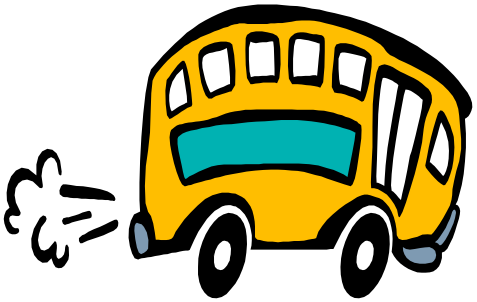


Naming Conventions

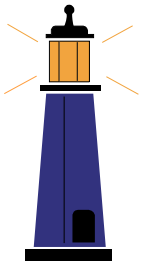
- There are many (for each experiment different)
- Taligent (used by root)

- Class Test
- Method doSomething or do_something
- Member attribute m_momentum
- Cont MAX

- Other Rules: C++ FAQ's, Books by Scott Mayer



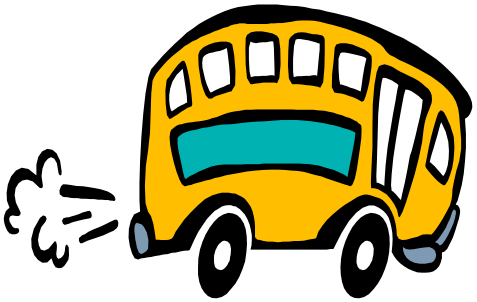
Strings



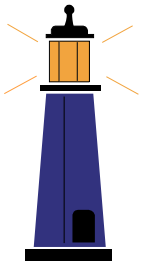
- Truly dynamic strings
- template usually hidden
- Safer then c strings
- Better then c strings
- Many member functions

```
std::string name;


int length = name.size();
```

- No reason why still to use c strings

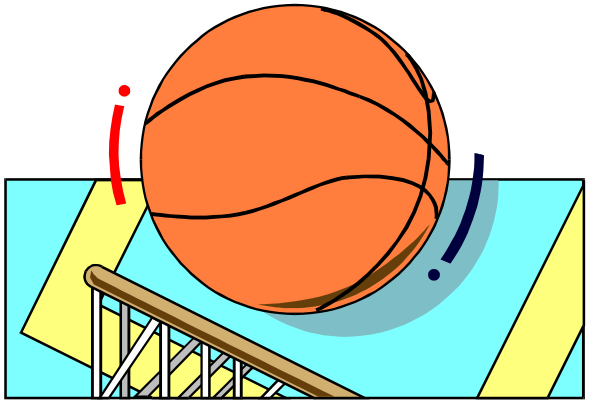


I/O Streams

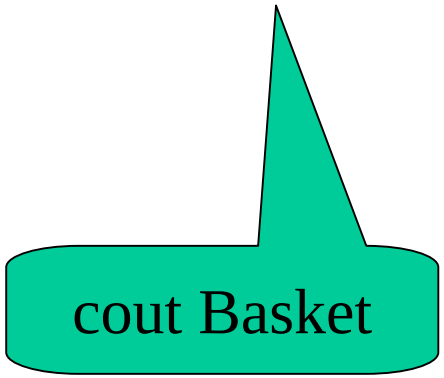


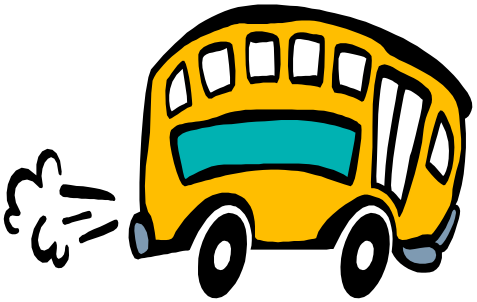
- New I/O syntax
- Modeled after UNIX pipes

```
cout << “Hello World” << endl;

Particle p;

cout << p;
```

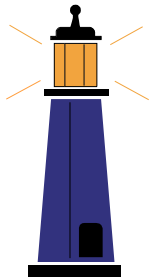


- Fast, easy
- But hard to make “nice” output



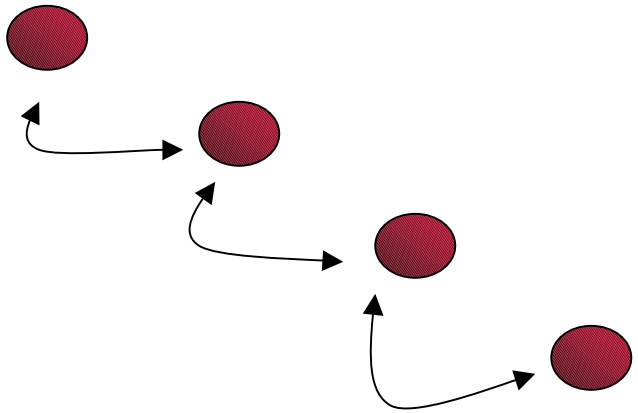


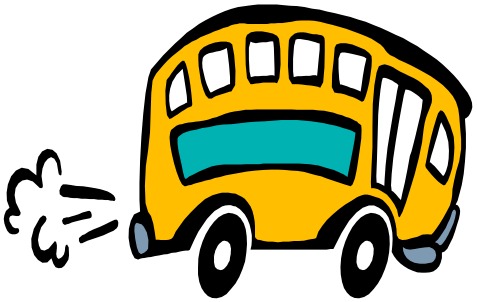
STL Containers



Better then C

- Replacement of C arrays
  - Safer
- vector<double>
- list<particles>





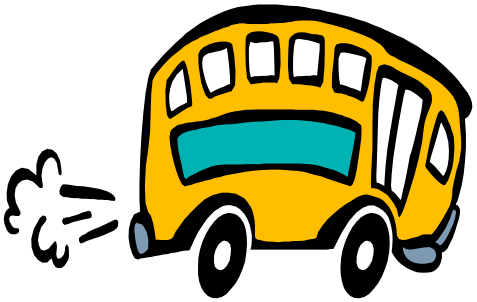
Iterator

- A possible way

```
vector<int> array;

int sum = 0;
for(int i = 0;i<array.size();++i) {
        sum += array[i];
}
```

- Another way (if [] is very expensive!)

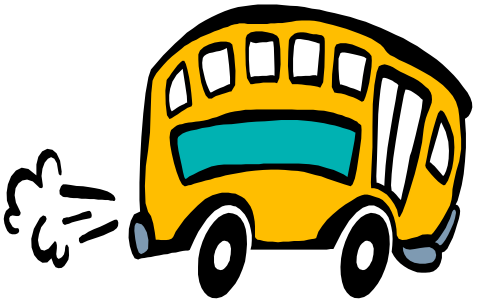
```
int sum = 0;
for (vector<int>::iterator elem = array.begin();
     elem != array.end();
     ++elem ) {
     sum += *elem;
}
```



Stop 7: Other Libraries

- CLHEP for Physics Quantities
  - Vectors, LorentzVectors
  - Geometry & Transformations
  - SI Units
  - Random Numbers
    - many distributions
  - Obsolete packages
    - strings, list etc.

This you will have to learn in any case

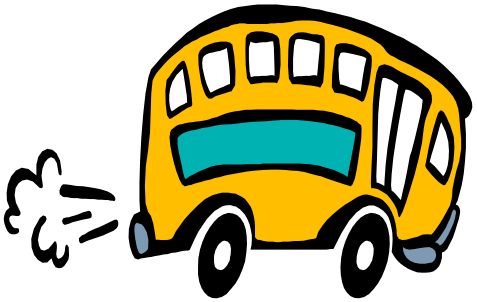


GEANT4

- Detector simulation
  - geometry
  - particles
  - physics process

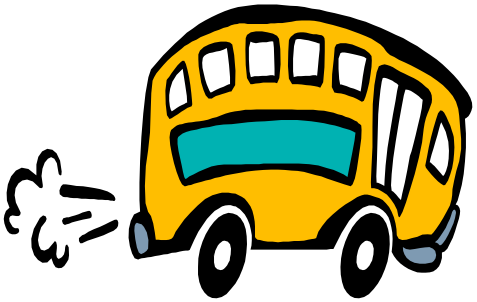
- very large toolkit
- experiments are starting to use it

  - Hard to start (no CERN software!)
  - But quite easy to use !



PYTHIA 7

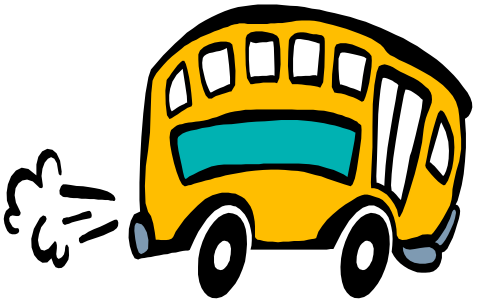
- Still in development
- Replacement for PHYTHIA 6 event generator



Anaphe

- A number of packages defining the computing at CERN

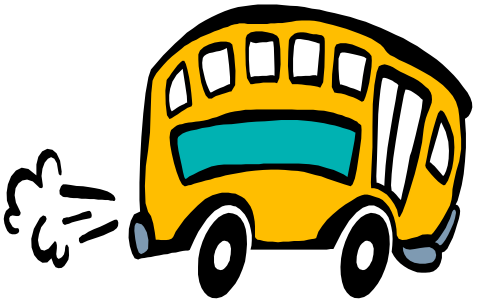
- CLHEP (foundation)
- GEANT4 (detector simulation)
- HTL (Histograms)
- Gemini (Fitting)
- OpenInventor/OpenGL (Graphics)
- Objectivity/DB (Persistency)



How to continue the journey

- Get started
  - Follow the Training session (this afternoon)
  - Get a good book (it's a great Xmas present!)
  - Attend the CERN C++ course (in few weeks)
  - Try a smaller project

- Get an expert
  - Trough it away and program it again (several times)
  - Get other books (FAQ, Efficient C++) (Easter presents?)
  - Study how other person solve the problem
  - Attend the OO Design course (in some months)



A Final Warning

The difference between C and C++

C lets you shoot yourself in the foot rather easily.

C++ allows you to blow your whole leg off.

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