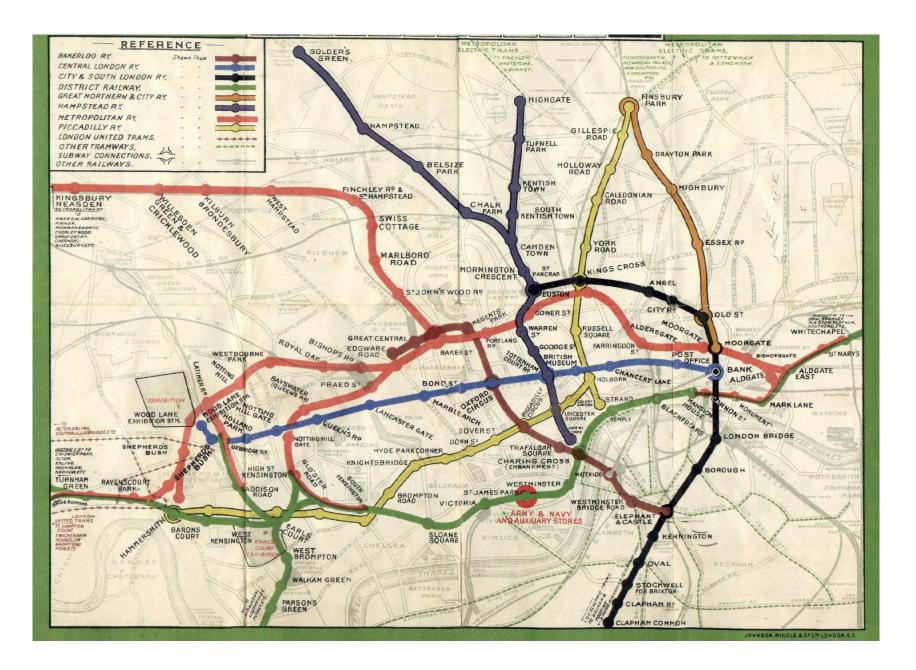
Objects





Abstraction

 Abstraction is the process of capturing only those ideas about a concept that are relevant to the current situation.



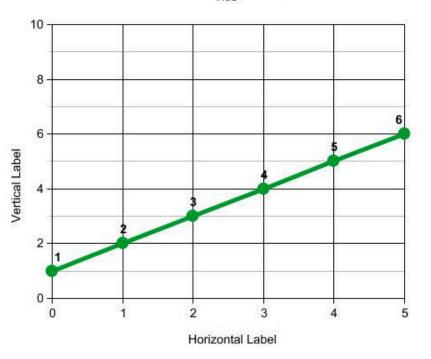
Abstraction

- **Control abstraction**: Giving function names to sections of code that then "stand" for that code.
- When we call a function, we don't care how the function works, we just care that it does work.
 - We have captured the meaning of a section of code by giving it a name, while giving the caller of the function the ability to ignore how it works.

Abstraction

• **Data abstraction**: Choosing to represent a concept by certain features and ignoring others.

 So far, we can use structs for this.



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Classes

- Classes = Structs + Functions
- A class is a struct with some functions associated with it that act upon that struct.
- The point of a class is to combine data abstractions (a struct) with appropriate control abstractions (functions), resulting in one entity that has **state** (variables) and associated **behaviors** (functions).

Design a class





Designing a class

- Classes are declared like structs, but have public and private sections.
- Anything in the public section is accessible by a programmer *using* the class.
- Anything in the private section is accessible only by the programmer writing the class.
- (More about this later.)