

Part B:

The road to object orientation

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The second [precept I devised for myself] was to divide each of the difficulties which I would examine into as many parcels as it would be possible and required to solve it better.

The third was to drive my thoughts in due order, beginning with these objects most simple and easiest to know, and climbing little by little, so to speak by degrees, up to the knowledge of the most composite ones; and assuming some order even between those which do not naturally precede one another.

René Descartes, *Discourse on the Method* (1637)

Part B will examine the software engineering requirements that lead us, almost inexorably, to object technology.