## **Objects versus Agents**

The programmer's approach to agent-based models

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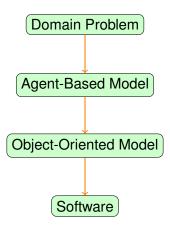
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# **Agent-Based Programming**

- Starting point
  - Model
  - Individual as agent
- Objective
  - Simulation of the model
  - Implementation of each agent
- Agents as objects
  - autonomous agents give autonomous objects

## Modelling Sequence



## **Agents**

#### Objects and Inheritance

Agent

Fox

Rabbit



# Agents and Environment

Agent

Environment



#### Time

- Discrete time
  - each agent act at each time step
- Do all agents act simultaneously?
  - ... or do they take turns.
- Simultaneous action is harder to implement
  - conflicting actions must be resolved

#### Summary

- Agents map well into an object-oriented model
- Additionally
  - model the environment
  - agent-environment interaction
  - clarify time simultaneous or sequential actions