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Norwegian computer scientist who, with Kirsten Nygaard, developed Simula, the first object-oriented programming language. Object-oriented programming was a completely new paradigm in computer programming and has had a profound impact on the way in which computer programs are written. Developed in the 1960s, object-oriented programming works with "objects," or predefined chunks of program that more or less stand alone and can be assembled like building blocks into new, more complex programs.