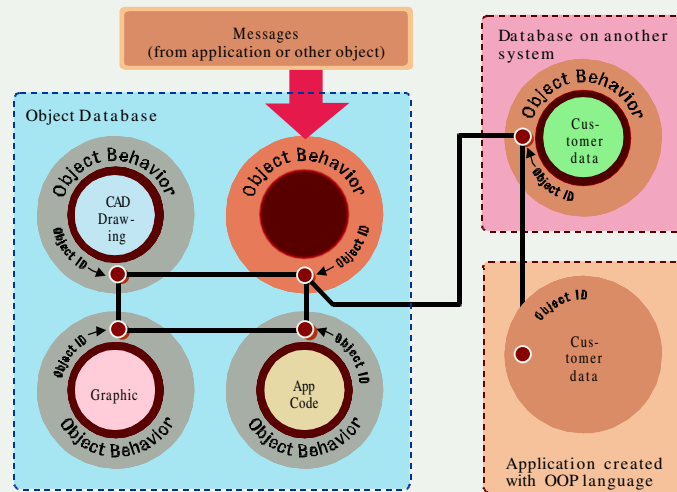


OBJECT-ORIENTED DATABASES MAKE IT EASY TO SHARE, REUSE DATA



Each of the objects in the database at left contains data and associated behavior. The behavior tells the object what to do after a message (from, for example, an application such as an order-entry form) is sent to it. As opposed to relational databases, which use primary and foreign keys to link tables, the objects in object databases are linked via object identifiers. The object IDs determine relationships to other objects in the database.