

## COM4013 – Introduction to Software Development

### Week 9 – Classes and Enums

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#### Lab Exercises

*Always refer to the lecture notes for examples and guidance.  
Also look at your previous work, many exercises are similar.*

There are two "stages" marked in the lab sheet. Stage 1 is the *absolute minimum* point you should reach. Hopefully, you can reach it in the lab session. Reaching stage 2 suggests you are on target for a top-class mark for the module. Set your goals sensibly - do not just aim for the minimum or you may struggle to pass the module.

**I use the term integer, string and float, and Boolean to infer what the input/output looks like. Unlike many other languages Python does not expect a data type before the variable names.**

So if I ask that you declare an integer num1 to 1, then do as follows:

```
num1 = 1
```

For declaring a string and assigning the value hello

```
greeting = "hello"
```

For floats we can declare it like this

```
Money = 2.50
```

For Booleans (bool) we can declare it like this

```
isHeavy = True
```

**Exam - More Examples**

#### Person Main

- Create a new Jupyter Notebook project called **Lab 9 Exercises**. Refer to Week 1's lecture/worksheet/video if you have forgotten how to create a new project/file/program or use the shell code.
- Write some code to assign the values for your `name`, `age`, `gender`, `address`, `phone number`, `national insurance number` and a `secret password` property to variables

- Print these onto the screen like this:

```
Name:      Umar Arif
Age:       27
Gender:    Male
Address:   68 Lovell Street
Phone Number: 075658633678
NINO:      PZ225683E
Password:  ThoughtsAreDangerous-100%
```

- You'll notice that this requires a lot of effort on your part, if I was to ask you do this for a second, third, or even 100<sup>th</sup> time, you'd find this a difficult task to complete (even with copy-paste).
- So, let's create a template or **class** for this instead... Since most people share these properties.

## Person Class

- In the same cell as above – above main create a CPerson class.

```
class CPerson
```

- This class must contain the same properties as above.
  - Note that properties must have the prefix **m** for all class member variables (look at the style guide for this).
 

```
mAge = ???
```
  - Also note that the NINO and password must be a private member variables for this exercise.
    - We can make it private by placing two **\_** before its name, like this (e.g., **\_\_mVariableName**)
- Write the constructor **\_\_init\_\_** method to set the member variable values.
  - Before you do this, you must write a **SetNINO** method inside of the class. It must take one string value as a parameter.
    - You will need to call this in your constructor when assigning the value of nino to **self.\_\_mNINO**.

- You will need to pass the `self` keyword here to get access to the member variables.
- Initialise a `CPerson` object in `main` (below your previous code) and assign it to a variable named after yourself.
  - You must provide all the constructor values you defined in the `__init__` method (except `self`).

```
yourName = CPerson( comma separated constructor values )
```
- Write an `__str__` method that returns an f string containing the class's member variables in a manner consistent with the earlier approach used in the `main` function.
- Print the class object out in `main` and run the cell – You should have two identical prints.
 

```
print( yourName )
```
- Try to print the value of `__mNINO` for your `yourName` `CPerson` object.
  - You should get an error.
  - Write a `GetNino` function in between the `__init__` and the `__str__` methods in your `CPerson` class. This must return the value of the `NINO` member variable.



## People Class Part 2

- In the same cell as above create the following methods.
- Implement setter and getter methods for every member variable within the `CPerson` class. Adhering to best practices, it is recommended to engage with class variables through the designated interface rather than directly accessing the underlying variables.
- The user must be asked to enter their current password before they can set the value of their password to something else.
  - The user will only be given 3 attempts, before a message telling them that they must contact an administrator is displayed.

- Use a for in range loop for this and print the number of attempts the user has left after each incorrect input.
- The user must also be asked to enter their password to get the value of their NINO. Implement the same restraints as above.
- Implement a method called GetAgeCategory that returns the age category of the person based on their age (e.g., “Child”, “Teenager”, “Adult”, or “pensioner” etc.).
  - You will need if statements for this.
  - Use the get functions to access the mAge variable in your if statements
- Implement a method that increments the users age variable and then displays their new age – with a happy birthday message. Call the method Happy Birthday.
  - Create a variable called age and use the GetAge method you implemented earlier to get the current value of age. Increment this by 1.
  - Print the following message in the happy birthday method.
 

```
Happy Birthday Umar Arif! You are 28 years old!
```
  - Test this method in the main function – call it three times.
 

```
Happy Birthday Umar Arif! You are 28 years old!
Happy Birthday Umar Arif! You are 29 years old!
Happy Birthday Umar Arif! You are 30 years old!
```
- FULLY COMMENT THIS CLASS – It is good practice to comment classes well – look up examples online to understand the level of commenting required.



### ***Enum Method***

- Look at the slides and create an enum class called AgeCategory above you CPerson class.
- You need 5 values, CHILD, TEENDAGER, ADULT, PENSIONER, UNKNOWN.

- Edit the GetAgeCategory method to return these enum values instead.
- In main print out a statement based on the returned value from this method.
  - Use if statements and the enum values in your conditions i.e., `AgeCategory.ADULT` etc.
  - The output should look like this.  
     *You are a teenager*
- Copy the code from above and replace the enum values i.e., AgeCategory.PENSIONER with the values you set in the enum class i.e., 2.
- Run your code. Notice that you have the same output. Which is easier to read and understand?

*Read the Assignment Brief and Ask Questions – I may not be teaching you next semester and you may want to know what's what.*

## **THAT IS ALL FOR NOW**

### **Submission**

1. Upload your work to the GitHub classroom – Here
  - a. [Classroom Link for Week 9](#)