

Discussion 8

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Meme of the Week



Agenda

- Classes
- instance methods
- class methods
- static methods
- Inheritance
- super

Classes

Classes aggregate code together into a functional body. A lot of effective python code is written as classes (every time you install a new package, it's basically written as a lot of different classes). For example, recall the pandas dataframe. If you look at the source code for [pandas](#), you'll see that it's a very complicated class definition.

Classes all generally have (at the minimum) a constructor (`__init__`) function and other object related methods that are used.

```
In [7]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        pass
```

Constructors

- denoted by `__init__` (special function)
- should ingest self as the first parameter (ALWAYS)
- populates instance with attributes

Instances

When an object is created from a class, each individual unit is referred to as an instance.

Think of it as "one of x" (for example, an instance of the iPhone class is "1/my iPhone")

Working with self

- Think of classes as a blueprint and everytime you create an instance of one, you've produced a "physical" manifestation.
- We use the self keyword to interact with THIS specific instance of the class.
- Try to think of 'self' as referencing a **specific, singular** instance of the class. Every method that works with a specific instance's values must be passed in self as an argument.

```
In [8]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800
```

```
In [9]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'XR', 'Nikki')
pixel = phone('Google', 'P3', 'Sailesh')
print(iphone.maker)
print(iphone.owner)
print(iphone.apps)
print()
print(pixel.maker)
print(pixel.owner)
print(pixel.apps)
```

```
Apple
Nikki
[]
```

```
Google
Sailesh
[]
```

Instance vs Class variables

Instance variables are attached to instances of a class by keyword `self` (usually done in the constructor). Class variables are variables attached to the class itself.

Instance Methods

Instance methods operate on an instance of the class (an object), allowing the method to read or modify the state of the instance. Each instance method automatically takes `self` as its first argument, which is a reference to the instance on which the method was called.

- **Access to Instance and Class Data:** Instance methods can modify the object's state by accessing or updating instance attributes.
- **Usage:** Primarily used to define the behaviors of an object. Most operations involving objects of a class will use instance methods because they can access and modify the data within those objects.

```
In [12]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 0
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        def install_app(self, app, memory):
            if self.free_memory - memory >= 0:
                self.apps.append(app)
                self.free_memory -= memory
                return True
            return False
```

```
In [13]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'XR', 'Nikki')
print(iphone.install_app('duolingo', 600))
print(iphone.install_app('genshin impact', 1000))
print(iphone.apps)
```

```
True
False
['duolingo']
```

Checkpoint

Given the following code, what is the result of the final expression?

```
In [3]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 0
        def __init__(self, owner):
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1
            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        def install_app(self, app, memory):
            if self.free_memory - memory >= 0:
                self.apps.append(app)
                self.free_memory -= memory
            return True
            return False
```

```
In [4]: phone1 = phone('Anish')
        phone2 = phone('TQ')
```

```
In [ ]: phone.id_num
```

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

Checkpoint Solution

```
In [5]: phone.id_num
```

```
Out[5]: 2
```

Checkpoint

Given the following code, what is the result of the final expression?

```
In [ ]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 0
        def __init__(self, owner):
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1
            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        def install_app(self, app, memory):
            if self.free_memory - memory >= 0:
                self.apps.append(app)
                self.free_memory -= memory
            return True
            return False
```

```
In [7]: phone1 = phone('Anish')
        phone2 = phone('TQ')
        phone1.install_app('tiktok', 1000);
```

```
In [ ]: phone1.free_memory == phone2.free_memory
```

A. True

B. False

Checkpoint Solution

```
In [9]: phone1.free_memory == phone2.free_memory
```

```
Out[9]: True
```


@classmethod

The `@classmethod` decorator modifies a method to become a class method. Class methods affect the class itself and are called on the class rather than its instances. This means that they receive the class as their first argument (`cls`) instead of the instance (`self`).

- **Class-Level Operation:** `@classmethod` allows a method to modify class state that applies across all instances or to call other class methods.
- **Access to Instance Variables:** While class methods can access class attributes, they do not have direct access to instance variables unless explicitly passed an instance. This is because they are not bound to a specific instance but to the class itself.

```
In [18]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 0
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        @classmethod
        def get_idnum(cls):
            return cls.id_num
phone.get_idnum()
```

```
In [20]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'XR', 'Nikki')
         iphone.get_idnum()
```

Out[20]: 1

```
In [21]: pixel = phone('Google', 'P3', 'Sailesh')
         pixel.get_idnum()
```

Out[21]: 2

Checkpoint

Given the following code, what is the result of the final expression?

```
In [32]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        total_memory_used = 0
        total_apps_installed = 0

        def __init__(self, owner):
            self.owner = owner
            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        def install_app(self, app, memory):
            if self.free_memory >= memory:
                self.apps.append(app)
                self.free_memory -= memory
                phone.total_memory_used += memory
                phone.total_apps_installed += 1

        @classmethod
        def average_app_size(cls):
            if cls.total_apps_installed == 0:
                return 0
            return cls.total_memory_used / cls.total_apps_installed
```

```
In [19]: phone1 = phone('Anish')  
phone2 = phone('TQ')
```

```
In [20]: phone1.install_app('tiktok', 1000)  
phone1.install_app('IG', 300)  
phone2.install_app('pokego', 500)  
phone2.install_app('youtube', 100)
```

```
In [ ]: phone.average_app_size()
```

- A. 0
- B. 200
- C. 475
- D. 300

Checkpoint Solution

```
In [22]: phone.average_app_size()
```

```
Out[22]: 300.0
```

@staticmethod

The `@staticmethod` decorator transforms a method into a static method. Static methods, unlike class methods or instance methods, do not require a reference to the instance (`self`) or class (`cls`). This makes them behave more like plain functions that happen to reside within the class.

- **No Automatic Arguments:** `@staticmethod` functions do not automatically receive the `cls` or `self` arguments. They behave like regular functions but belong to the class's scope.
- **Use Cases:** Static methods are used when some processing is related to the class but does not require the class or its instances to perform its task. They can be called on the class itself or on instances of the class and are usually utility or helper functions.

```
In [22]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 0
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num += 1

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        @staticmethod
        def calculate_memory_required(num_apps, memory_per_app=50):
            return num_apps * memory_per_app
```

```
In [25]: phone.calculate_memory_required(2, 50)
```

```
Out[25]: 100
```

Checkpoint

Given the following code, what is the result of the final expression?

In [24]:

```
class phone:
    """
    Class representation of a regular phone.
    """
    id_num = 0
    def __init__(self, owner):
        self.owner = owner
        self.id = phone.id_num
        phone.id_num += 1
        self.apps = []
        self.free_memory = 800

    @staticmethod
    def validate_phone_number(number):
        if len(number) != 12:
            return False
        for i, char in enumerate(number):
            if i in [3, 7]:
                if char != '-':
                    return False
            elif not char.isdigit():
                return False
        return True
```



```
In [29]: num1 = '123-456-7890'  
num2 = '1234567890'  
myphone = phone('ben')  
print(myphone.validate_phone_number(num1))  
print(phone.validate_phone_number(num2))
```

- A. True, True
- B. False, False
- C. True, False
- D. Error, Error
- E. Error, False

Checkpoint Solution

```
In [31]: print(myphone.validate_phone_number(num1))  
         print(phone.validate_phone_number(num2))
```

True

False

All Together

```
In [33]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 0
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        @staticmethod
        def calculate_memory_required(num_apps, memory_per_app=50):
            return num_apps * memory_per_app

        @classmethod
        def get_idnum(cls):
            return cls.id_num

        def install_apps(self, *apps, memory=50):
            mem_req = phone.calculate_memory_required(len(apps), memory)
            if mem_req <= self.free_memory:
                self.free_memory -= mem_req
```

```
        self.apps+=apps  
        return True  
    return False
```

```
In [82]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'X', 'Nikki')  
print(iphone.get_idnum())  
print(iphone.install_apps('genshin','honkai','league',memory=100))  
print(iphone.apps)
```

1

True

['genshin', 'honkai', 'league']

Inheritance

- classes can have a "parent-child" relationship
- child class(es) "inherit" methods from their parent class
- use "is-a" paradigm to distinguish; given a parent class phone and a child class pearphone:
 - pearphones are phones (child is a parent)
 - but not all phones are pearphones (parents are not children)

```
In [83]: class pearphone(phone):  
         pass  
         # since nothing is changed in my pearphone class,  
         # it is currently just another name for phone class
```

```
In [84]: pear = pearphone('pear', '9', 'Tim Raw')  
print(isinstance(pear, pearphone))  
print(isinstance(pear, phone))  
print(isinstance(iphone, pearphone))  
print(isinstance(iphone, phone))
```

```
True  
True  
False  
True
```

Inheritance (cont.)

- Though not required, child classes can **overwrite** methods of their parent class
- if certain things are to be retained, `super()` is a useful function to use

note: `super` refers to the direct parent of a class

```
In [85]: class pearphone(phone):
          def __init__(self, maker, version, owner, age):
              self.maker = maker
              self.version = version
              self.age = age
              self.id = phone.id_num
              phone.id_num+=1
              # notice how I can still use ID from phone!

              self.apps = []
              self.free_memory = 800
```

```
In [86]: pear = pearphone('pear', '9', 'Tim Cooked', 2)
print(f'age of pear: {pear.age}')
print(pear.install_apps('duolingo', memory=600))
print(pear.apps)
print(f'pear id number: {pear.id}')
```

```
age of pear: 2
True
['duolingo']
pear id number: 2
```

Checkpoint

Given the following code, what is the result of the final expression?

```
In [34]: class pearphone(phone):
          def __init__(self, maker, version, owner, age):
              self.maker = maker
              self.version = version
              self.age = age
              self.id = phone.id_num
              phone.id_num+=1
              self.apps = []
              self.free_memory = 800
```

```
In [ ]: my_phone = pearphone('pear', 'Y', 'ben', 12)
          my_phone.install_apps('chrome', 'youtube', 'instagram', memory=100)
          my_phone.apps
```

- A. ['chrome', 'youtube', 'instagram']
- B. []
- C. ['youtube', 'instagram']
- D. Error

Checkpoint Solution

```
In [37]: my_phone = pearphone('pear', 'Y', 'ben', 12)
my_phone.install_apps('chrome', 'youtube', 'instagram', memory=100)
my_phone.apps
```

```
Out[37]: ['chrome', 'youtube', 'instagram']
```

super()

In pearphone, even though we want a different constructor, you can see that we actually reused a lot of the same code as the constructor for its parent class, phone. To avoid this, we can directly access the parent method using `super()`, and then add parameters we need.

explore `super()` more on your own :)

```
In [87]: class pearphone(phone):  
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner, age):  
            # self is implicitly passed with super()  
            super().__init__(maker, version, owner)  
            self.age = age #2
```

```
In [88]: pear = pearphone('pear', '9', 'Tim Raw', 2)  
print(f'age of pear: {pear.age}')
```

age of pear: 2

```
print(pear.install_apps('duolingo', 600))  
print(pear.apps)  
print(f'pear id number: {pear.id}')
```

True

['duolingo', 600]

pear id number: 3

Overwriting inherited methods

```
In [89]: class pearphone(phone):
    def __init__(self, maker, version, owner, age):
        # self is implicitly passed with super()
        super().__init__(maker, version, owner)
        self.age = age

        self.apps = []
        self.free_memory = 800

    def install_app(self, app, memory):
        '''install_app but better (whoo pear phones!)'''
        if self.free_memory - memory//2 >= 0:
            self.apps.append(app)
            self.free_memory -= memory//2
            return True
        return False
```

```
In [90]: pear = pearphone('pear', '9', 'Tim Raw', 2)
print(f'pear id number: {pear.id}')
print(pear.install_app('duolingo', 1600))
```

```
pear id number: 4
True
```

Using super...

```
In [91]: class pearphone(phone):
    def __init__(self, maker, version, owner, age):
        # self is implicitly passed with super()
        # if you pass in self again, will result in an error
        super().__init__(maker, version, owner)
        self.age = age

        self.apps = []
        self.free_memory = 800

    def install_app(self, app, memory):
        '''install_app but cheaper (whoo pear phones!)'''
        return super().install_app(app, memory//2)
```

```
In [92]: pear = pearphone('pear', '9', 'Tim Raw', 2)
print(f'pear id number: {pear.id}')
print(pear.install_apps('duolingo', 1600))
```

```
pear id number: 5
True
```

```
In [48]: class CircleVoid:
    def __init__(self, website_type, domain):
        self.website_type = website_type
        self.domain = domain

    def check_cost(self):
        """Check the cost of the current website."""
        return CircleVoid.estimate_cost(self.website_type)

    @staticmethod
    def estimate_cost(website_type):
        """Estimate the annual cost based on the template type."""
        pricing = {
            'business': 120,
            'portfolio': 100,
            'blog': 80
        }
        return pricing.get(website_type, 200)

    @classmethod
    def from_domain(cls, domain, website_type = 'business'):
        """Create a SquareSpace instance with a default template for a
        return cls(website_type, domain)
```

```
In [61]: squarespace = CircleVoid('business', 'squarespace.com')
print(squarespace.check_cost())
squarespace_copy = squarespace.from_domain('squarespace.org')
print(squarespace_copy.domain)
```

```
In [78]: class TriangleSpan(CircleVoid):  
        @staticmethod  
        def estimate_cost(website_type):  
            return CircleVoid.estimate_cost(website_type) + 20
```

```
In [80]: triangle = TriangleSpan('business', 'idk.com')  
triangle.estimate_cost('blog')
```

```
Out[80]: 100
```

Thanks for coming!