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classes in classes, functions, and collections.

Week 10 Lecture 2 (10.2)



This Week's Content

- Lecture 10.1
 - objects, classes, and methods
 - Reading: Chapter 14
- Lecture 10.2
 - classes in classes, functions, and collections
 - Reading: Chapter 14
- Lecture 10.3
 - Design Problem: Robot Localization



is an object.

Is this an instance of this class.

• Everything in Python >>> isinstance(4, object) True

> >>> isinstance(max, object) True

>>> isinstance("Hello", object) True



A class can be thought of as a template for the objects that are instances of it.

Data — Attributes

Functions —

Methods

Class



Instances (objects) of the Turtle class.



name: Susmit

x location: 134

y location: 45

Turtle

name x location y location

name: Lucy x location: 24 y location: 35

00



name: Brian

x location: 92

y location: 62

move up
move down
move left
move right
go to



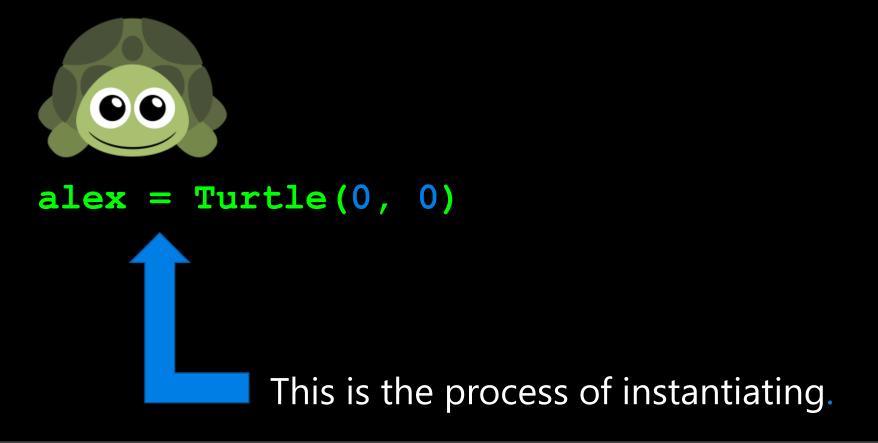
- General form of a Class:
 - Class Name
 - CamelCase
 - CourseGrades
 - BankAccount
 - FlightStatus
 - XRayImage
 - Constructor
 - Methods

class Name:

```
def init (self, param1, param2, ...):
   self.param1 = param1
   self.param2 = param2
   body
def method1(self, parameters):
   body
def method2(self, parameters):
   body
def method3(self, parameters):
   body
```

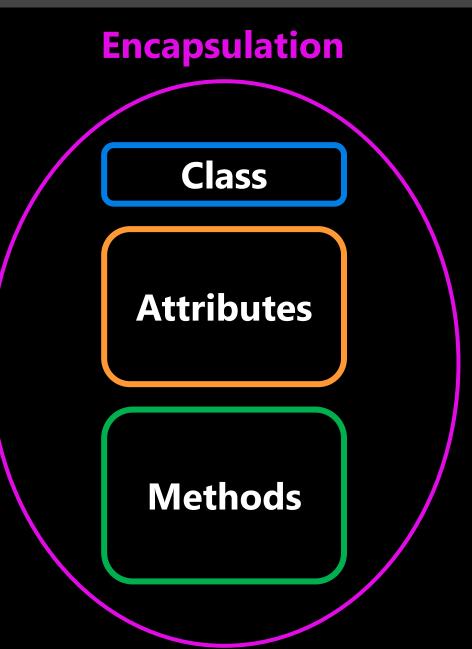


Instantiate: Creating (constructing) an instance of a class.





- The core of object-oriented programming is the organization of the program by encapsulating related data and functions together in an object.
- Encapsulation permits objects to operate completely independently of each other as discrete and selfcontained bunch of data and code.





- self
- Reference to the instance of the class inside of the class definition.

```
class Turtle:
   def init (self, x, y):
      self.x = x
      self.y = y
  def up(self):
      self.y += 1
  def goto(self, x, y):
      self.x = x
      self.y = y
   def get position(self):
      return self.x, self.y
```



```
katia = Turtle(0, 0)
```

class Turtle: def init (katia, x, y): katia.x = xkatia.y = ydef up(katia): katia.y += 1 def goto(katia, x, y): katia.x = xkatia.y = ydef get position(katia): return katia.x, katia.y



```
ben = Turtle(0, 0)
```

```
class Turtle:
   def __init__(ben, x, y):
      ben.x = x
      ben.y = y
   def up(ben):
      ben.y += 1
   def goto(ben, x, y):
      ben.x = x
      ben.y = y
   def get_position(ben):
      return ben.x, ben.y
```



```
seb = Turtle(0, 0)
```

```
class Turtle:
   def __init__(seb, x, y):
      seb.x = x
      seb.y = y
   def up(seb):
      seb.y += 1
   def goto(seb, x, y):
      seb.x = x
      seb.y = y
   def get_position(seb):
      return seb.x, seb.y
```



Because at the time of designing the class we don't know what these instance names will be, we just chose one.

self

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```



- Although you do not technically need to use the word self, it is widely adopted and is recommended.
 - this (JavaScript, Java)
 - instance
 - thing
 - self Python Standard

(IDE Demo)

```
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```



 Accessing attributes (Data) and methods (Functions) is different.

ben = Turtle(0, 0)

ben . x An Attribute is like a variable.

ben.up()A **Method** is a function, and we call functions using parentheses.

def my_func():
 print("Hello")

my_func This function has not been called.



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```
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                                  class Turtle:
                                     def init (self, x, y):
                                        self.x = x
                                        self.y = y
        These parameters are
                                     def up(self):
        passed to the
                                        self.y += 1
        constructor (the
                                     def goto(self, x, y):
         init method).
                                        self.x = x
                                        self.y = y
                                     def get position(self):
                                        return self.x, self.y
```



Curved brackets are required to create an object.

```
class Turtle:
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      self.y = y
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   def goto(self, x, y):
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   def get_position(self):
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```



Review Point Class

- Our Point class from last lecture:
 - Contain data about the location of a Point instance.
 - Be able to calculate the distance between the Point instance and another point.
 - Be able to calculate distance between the Point and the origin.

distance between points distance from the origin

Point

X

V

Add new method



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1. Point Class



Inside Class Definition

```
class Turtle:
  def init (self, x, y):
      self.x = x
      self.y = y
  def goto(self, x, y):
     body
      self.print location()
   def print location(self):
      print(self.x, self.y)
```

Outside Class Definition

```
alex = Turtle(10, 12)

alex.print_location()

The instance variable name refers to the instance outside the class definition.
```

self refers to the instance inside the class definition.



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```

Outside Class Definition

alex = Turtle(10, 12)

```
when defining a method, the first parameter refers to the instance being manipulated (self).
```



Inside Class Definition

class Turtle:

```
def __init__(x, y):
    self.x = x
    self.y = y

def goto(x, y):
    body
    self.print_location()

def print_location()
    print(self.x, self.y)
```

Outside Class Definition

alex = Turtle(10, 12)

```
alex.print location()
Why do we always
need to pass in self as
the first parameter of
a method?
Python assumes you
need to access data
and/or functions of
the object.
```



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```

Outside Class Definition

```
alex = Turtle(10, 12)
alex.print_location()
is to
```

A common error is to omit the **self** argument as the first parameter of a method definition.



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      self.y = y
  def goto(x, y):
     body
      self.print location()
  def print location():
      print(self.x, self.y)
```

TypeError:

print_location()
takes 0 positional
arguments but 1
was given.

A method call automatically inserts an instance reference as the first argument.

Outside Class Definition

```
alex = Turtle(10, 12)
```

alex.print_location()

The error only occurs when you call the function.

Defining the methods without **self** will not cause an error.



Inside Class Definition

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Calling Methods

- There are two ways to call methods.
- Method 1
- One way is to access the method through the class name and pass in the object.
 - class.method(instance_of_class)
- Method 2
- The other is to use object-oriented syntax.
 - instance_of_class.method()

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2. Calling Methods



Objects and Functions

- Functions and methods can return instances.
- For example, given two Point objects, what if you want to create a point halfway in between?

```
def calc_midpoint(self, point):
    body
    return Point(x, y) Add new method
```

Point

X y

distance between points distance from the origin midpoint between points



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```

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3. Add Midpoint
Method to Point
Class



Variable Declarations Are Optional

While we can assign each point to a variable, is not necessary.

```
p1 = Point(3, 4)
p2 = Point(5, 12)
p3 = p1.midpoint(p2)
```

Here is an alternative that uses no explicit variables.

```
p3 = Point(3, 4).halfway(Point(5, 12))

Instance Instance Instance of Point of Point
```

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4. Variable
Declarations Are
Optional



Objects as Data Attributes of Classes

- Objects are programmer-created data types that can be used just like other data types.
- In particular, the data in an object can be in the form of instances of other classes.

```
class Square:

def __init__(self, x1, x2, y1, y2):
    self.lower_left = Point(x1, y1)
    self.upper_right = Point(x2, y2)

Point(x2, y2)

Point(x2, y2)
```



Objects as Data Attributes

Create a Square class and use Point instances and attributes.

Point(x2, y2)

Class Square

Point(x1, y1)

Square

lower_left upper_right

calculate area calculate centre



Objects as Data Attributes of Classes

Create a Square class and use Point instances and attributes.

Point(x2, y2)

Class Square

Point(x1, y1)

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5. Objects as Data
Attributes of Classes



Objects In Collections

Of course, you can put objects in Python collections like lists, tuples, etc.

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6. Objects In
Collections



Printing Attribute Information

It would be nice to not have to write a print statement each time we want to display some attribute information.

```
p = Point(3, 4)
print(p.x, p.y)
```

- Is there some way we could encapsulate this process?
- It would be better if we could have a method take care of it.

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7. Printing Attribute
Information



Patient Class

- What if you are writing a medical application that needs to keep track of patients and their data.
- Let's create a PatientData class.
- Attributes
 - height cm
 - weight kg
- Methods
 - print_data()

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