

Polymorphism

1. What is polymorphism?

> The same interface existing in different forms is called polymorphism.

Example :

An addition between two integers $2 + 2$ return 4 whereas an addition between two strings "Hello" + "World" concatenates it to "Hello World"

2. What is operator overloading?

> Redefining how an operator operates its operands is called operator overloading.

Syntax:

```
def __operatorFunction__(operandOne, operandTwo):  
    # Define the operation that has to be performed
```

Example:

```
class Square:  
    def __init__(self, side):  
        self.side = side  
    def __add__(sideOne, sideTwo):  
        return(sideOne.side + sideTwo.side)  
  
squareOne = Square(10)  
squareTwo = Square(20)  
# After overloading __add__ method, squareOne + squareTwo is  
# interpreted as Square.__add__(squareOne, squareTwo)  
  
print("Sum of sides of two squares = ", squareOne + squareTwo)
```

3. What is overriding ?

> Modifying the inherited behaviour of methods of a base class in a derived class is called overriding.

Syntax:

```
class BaseClass:  
    def methodOne(self):  
        class DerivedClass(baseClass):  
    def methodOne(self):  
        # Redefine the body of methodOne
```

Example:

```
class Shape:
    def area():
        return 0
class Square(Shape):
    def area(self, side):
        return (side * side)
```

4. Why is super() used ?

> **super()** is used to access the methods of base class.

Example:

```
class BaseClass:
    def baseClassMethod():
        print("This is BaseClassOne")
class DerivedClass(BaseClass):
    def __init__(self):
        # calls the base class method
        super().baseClassMethod()
```