OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMING

OBJECTS

Python supports many different kinds of data

```
1234 3.14159 "Hello" [1, 5, 7, 11, 13] {"CA": "California", "MA": "Massachusetts"}
```

- each is an instance of an object, and every object has:
 - a type
 - an internal data representation (primitive or composite)
 - a set of procedures for interaction with the object
- each instance is a particular type of object
 - 1234 is an instance of an int
 - a = "hello"a is an instance of a string

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING (OOP)

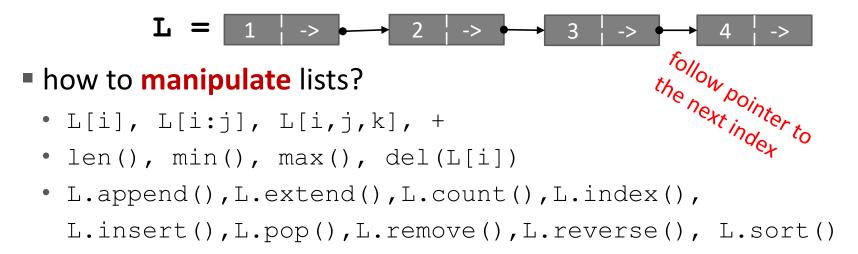
- everything in Python is an object and has a type
- objects are a data abstraction that capture:
 - internal representation through data attributes
 - interface for interacting with object through methods (procedures), defines behaviors but hides implementation
- can create new instances of objects
- can destroy objects
 - explicitly using del or just "forget" about them
 - Python system will reclaim destroyed or inaccessible objects – called "garbage collection"

STANDARD DATA OBJECTS

- some object types built in to Python
 - lists [1, 2, 3, 4]
 - tuples (1, 2, 3, 4)
 - strings 'abcd'
- want to explore ability to create our own data object types

EXAMPLE: [1,2,3,4]

- [1,2,3,4] is of type list
- how are lists represented internally? linked list of cells



- internal representation should be private
- correct behavior may be compromised if you manipulate internal representation directly – use defined interfaces

CREATING AND USING YOUR OWN OBJECTS WITH CLASSES

- make a distinction between creating a class and using an instance of the class
- creating the class involves
 - defining the class name
 - defining class attributes
 - for example, someone wrote code to implement a list class
- using the class involves
 - creating new instances of objects
 - doing operations on the instances
 - for example, L=[1,2] and len(L)

ADVANTAGES OF OOP

- bundle data into packages together with procedures that work on them through well-defined interfaces
- divide-and-conquer development
 - implement and test behavior of each class separately
 - increased modularity reduces complexity
- classes make it easy to reuse code
 - many Python modules define new classes
 - each class has a separate environment (no collision on function names)
 - inheritance allows subclasses to redefine or extend a selected subset of a superclass' behavior

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DEFINE YOUR OWN TYPES

use the class keyword to define a new type

```
class Coordinate (object):

class definition <define attributes here>
```

- similar to def, indent code to indicate which statements are part of the class definition
- the word object means that Coordinate is a Python object and inherits all its attributes (coming soon)
 - Coordinate is a subclass of object
 - object is a superclass of Coordinate

WHAT ARE ATTRIBUTES?

- data and procedures that "belong" to the class
- data attributes
 - think of data as other objects that make up the class
 - for example, a coordinate is made up of two numbers
- procedural attributes (methods)
 - think of methods as functions that only work with this class
 - for example you can define a distance between two coordinate objects but there is no meaning to a distance between two list objects

use a special method called

init

DEFINING HOW TO CREATE AN INSTANCE OF A CLASS

first have to define how to create an instance of object

initialize some data attributes coordinate object parameter to refer to an class Coordinate(object): instance of the class when we invoke creation of def init (self Χ, special method to an instance, this will bind the variables x and y within create an instance self.x every coordinate object two data attributes for is double that instance to the underscore supplied values

ACTUALLY CREATING AN INSTANCE OF A CLASS

```
create a new object of
                                         type Coordinate and
                                          pass in 3 and 4 to the
                                             init method
    Coordinate(3,4)
                                              note that argument for self
origin = Coordinate (0,0)
                                                is automatically supplied
print(c.x)
                               access an attribute
                              use the dot to
print(origin.x)
                                                 by Python!
                                of instance C
```

- data attributes of an instance are called instance variables
- don't provide argument for self, Python does this automatically

ACTUALLY CREATING AN INSTANCE OF A CLASS

```
c = Coordinate(3,4)
origin = Coordinate(0,0)
print(c.x)
print(origin.x)
```

- think of c as pointing to a frame (like we saw with function calls)
 - within the scope of that frame we bound values to data attribute variables
 - c.x is interpreted as getting the value of c (a frame) and then looking up the value associate with x within that frame (thus the specific value for this instance)

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WHAT IS A METHOD?

- procedural attribute, like a function that works only with this class
- Python always passes the actual object as the first argument, convention is to use self as the name of the first argument of all methods
- the "." operator is used to access any attribute
 - a data attribute of an object
 - a method of an object

DEFINE A METHOD FOR THE Coordinate CLASS

```
class Coordinate(object):
    def __init__ (self, x, y): to any instance
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
        use it to refer parameter to method

def distance(self) other:
        x_diff_sq = (self.x+other.x) **2
        y_diff_sq = (self.y+other.y) **2
        return (x_diff_sq + y_diff_sq) **0.5
```

• other than self and dot notation, methods behave just like functions (take params, do operations, return value)

HOW TO USE A METHOD FROM THE Coordinate CLASS

def distance(self, other)

conventional way

```
c = Coordinate (3,4)

origin = Coordinate (0,0)

print (c.distance (origin))

object on call name of which to call method method method including self implied to be column to the colum
```

equivalent to

```
c = Coordinate(3,4)
origin = Coordinate(0,0)
print(Coordinate distance(c, origin))

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    class
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    parameters, including
    parameters, including
    name to method
    class
    representing self
    representing
```

HOW TO USE A METHOD FROM THE Coordinate CLASS

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c = Coordinate(3,4)
origin = Coordinate(0,0)
print(c.distance(origin))
```

equivalent to

```
c = Coordinate(3,4)
origin = Coordinate(0,0)
print(Coordinate distance(c, origin))
```

- think of Coordinate as pointing to a frame
 - within the scope of that frame we created methods
 - Coordinate.distance gets the value of Coordinate (a frame), then looks up the value associated with distance (a procedure), then invokes it (which requires two arguments)
 - c.distance inherits the distance from the class definition, an automatically uses c as the first argument

PRINT REPRESENTATION OF AN OBJECT

```
In [1]: c = Coordinate(3,4)
In [2]: print(c)
<__main__.Coordinate object at 0x7fa918510488>
```

- uninformative print representation by default
- define a str method for a class
- Python calls the __str__ method when used with print on your class object
- you choose what it does! Say that when we print a Coordinate object, want to show

```
In [3]: print(c)
<3,4>
```

DEFINING YOUR OWN PRINT METHOD

```
class Coordinate(object):
    def __init__ (self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def distance(self, other):
        x \text{ diff } sq = (self.x-other.x)**2
        y = (self.y-other.y)**2
        return (x_diff_sq + y_diff sq) **0.5
        str (self):
    def
        return "<" + str(self.x) + "," + str(self.y) + ">"
name of
 special
  method
```

WRAPPING YOUR HEAD AROUND TYPES AND CLASSES

can ask for the type of an object instance

```
In [4]: c = Coordinate(3,4)
In [5]: print(c)
<3,4>
In [6]: print(type(c))
<class __main__.Coordinate>
```

this makes sense since

```
In [7]: print(Coordinate, type(Coordinate))
<class __main__.Coordinate> <type 'type'>
```

• use isinstance() to check if an object is a Coordinate

```
In [8]: print(isinstance(c, Coordinate))
True
```

SPECIAL OPERATORS

+, -, ==, <, >, len(), print, and many others

https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html#basic-customization

- like print, can override these to work with your class
- define them with double underscores before/after

```
__add__(self, other) → self + other
__sub__(self, other) → self - other
__eq__(self, other) → self == other
__lt__(self, other) → self < other
__len__(self) → len(self)
__str__(self) → print(self)
... and others
```

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EXAMPLE: FRACTIONS

- create a new type to represent a number as a fraction
- internal representation is two integers
 - numerator
 - denominator
- interface a.k.a. methods a.k.a how to interact with Fraction objects
 - print representation
 - add, subtract
 - convert to a float

INITIAL FRACTION CLASS

```
class fraction(object):
    def __init__(self, numer, denom):
        self.numer = numer
        self.denom = denom
    def __str__(self):
        return str(self.numer) + ' / ' + str(self.denom)
```

INITIAL FRACTION CLASS

```
In [9]: oneHalf = fraction(1,2)
In [10]: twoThirds = fraction(2,3)
In [11]: print(oneHalf)
1 / 2
In [12]: print(twoThirds)
2 / 3
```

ACCESSING DATA ATTRIBUTES

```
class fraction(object):
    def __init__(self, numer, denom):
        self.numer = numer
        self.denom = denom
    def __str__(self):
        return str(self.numer) + ' / ' + str(self.denom)
    def getNumer(self):
        return self.numer
    def getDenom(self):
        return self.denom
```

ACCESSING DATA ATTRIBUTES

```
In [9]: oneHalf = fraction(1,2)
                                   this is a procedure, so must invoke by
In [10]: twoThirds = fraction(2,3)
                                     passing in arguments
                                      (zero in this case)
In [13]: oneHalf.getNumer()
Out[13]: 1
In [14]: fraction.getDenom(twoThirds)
Out[14]: 3
```

ADDING METHODS

```
class fraction(object):
    def init (self, numer, denom):
        \overline{self}.numer = numer
        self.denom = denom
    def str (self):
        return str(self.numer) + ' / ' + str(self.denom)
    def getNumer(self):
        return self.numer
    def getDenom(self):
        return self.denom
    def add (self, other):
        numerNew = other.getDenon() * self.getNumer() \
                   + other.getNumER() * self.getDenom()
        denomNew = other.getDenom() * self.getDenom()
        return fraction (numerNew, denomNew)
    def sub (self, other):
        numerNew = other.getDenom() * self.getNumer() \
                   - other.getNumer() * self.getDenom()
        denomNew = other.getDenom() * self.getDenom()
        return fraction(numerNew, denomNew)
```

ADDING METHODS

```
In [9]: oneHalf = fraction(1,2)
In [10]: twoThirds = fraction(2,3)
In [15]: new = oneHalf + twoThirds
In [16]: print(new)
7 / 6
```

ADDING MORE METHODS

```
class fraction(object):
    def init (self, numer, denom):
        \overline{self}.numer = numer
        self.denom = denom
    def str (self):
        return str(self.numer) + ' / ' + str(self.denom)
    def getNumer(self):
        return self.numer
    def getDenom(self):
        return self.denom
    def add (self, other):
        numerNew = other.getDenon() * self.getNumer() \
                   + other.getNumER() * self.getDenom()
        denomNew = other.getDenom() * self.getDenom()
        return fraction (numerNew, denomNew)
    def sub (self, other):
        numerNew = other.getDenom() * self.getNumer() \
                   - other.getNumer() * self.getDenom()
        denomNew = other.getDenom() * self.getDenom()
        return fraction(numerNew, denomNew)
    def convert(self):
        return self.getNumer() / self.getDenom()
```

ADDING MORE METHODS

```
In [9]: oneHalf = fraction(1,2)
In [10]: twoThirds = fraction(2,3)
In [17]: new = oneHalf + twoThirds
In [18]: new.convert()
Out[18]: 1.166666666666667
```

EXAMPLE: A SET OF INTEGERS

- create a new type to represent a collection of integers
 - initially the set is empty
 - a particular integer appears only once in a set:
 representational invariant enforced by the code
- internal data representation
 - use a list to store the elements of a set

interface

```
insert (e) - insert integer e into set if not there
member (e) - return True if integer e is in set, False else
remove (e) - remove integer e from set, error if not present
```

INTEGER SET CLASS

```
using properties of lists;
                                      ensuring that element only
class intSet(object):
                                       using property that list is an
    def
           init (self):
        self.vals = []
                                        can use exception to catch attempt
    def insert(self, e):
         if not e in self.vals:
                                         to remove nonexistent element
             self.vals.append(e)
    def member(self, e):
        return e in self.vals
    def remove (self, e):
        try:
             self.vals.remove(e)
         except:
             raise ValueError(str(e) + ' not found')
         str (self):
    def
        self.vals.sort()
        result = ''
         for e in self.vals:
             result = result + str(e) + ','
         return '{' + result[:-1] + '}'
```

USING INTEGER SETS

```
In [19]: s = intSet()
In [20]: print(s)
{ }
In [21]: s.insert(3)
In [22]: s.insert(4)
In [23]: s.insert(3)
In [24]: print(s)
{3, 4}
```

USING INTEGER SETS

```
In [19]: s = intSet()
In [21]: s.insert(3)
In [22]: s.insert(4)
In [23]: s.insert(3)
In [25]: s.member(3)
True
In [26]: s.member(6)
False
```

USING INTEGER SETS

```
In [19]: s = intSet()
In [21]: s.insert(3)
In [22]: s.insert(4)
In [23]: s.insert(3)
In [27]: s.remove(3)
In [28]: s.insert(6)
In [29]: print(s)
{4,6}
```

USING INTEGER SETS

```
In [19]: s = intSet()
In [21]: s.insert(3)
In [22]: s.insert(4)
In [23]: s.insert(3)
In [27]: s.remove(3)
In [28]: s.insert(6)
In [30]: s.remove(3)
ValueError: 3 not found
```

THE POWER OF OOP

- bundle together objects that share
 - common attributes and
 - procedures that operate on those attributes
- use abstraction to make a distinction between how to implement an object vs how to use the object
- build layers of object abstractions that inherit behaviors from other classes of objects
- create our own classes of objects on top of Python's basic classes

IMPLEMENTING THE CLASS

USING vs THE CLASS

- write code from two different perspectives
- all class examples we saw so far were numerical

implementing a new object type with a class

- define the class
- define data attributes (what IS the object)
- define methods
 (HOW to use the object)

using the new object type in code

- create instances of the object type
- do operations with them

CLASS DEFINITION INSTANCE OF AN OBJECT TYPE vs OF A CLASS

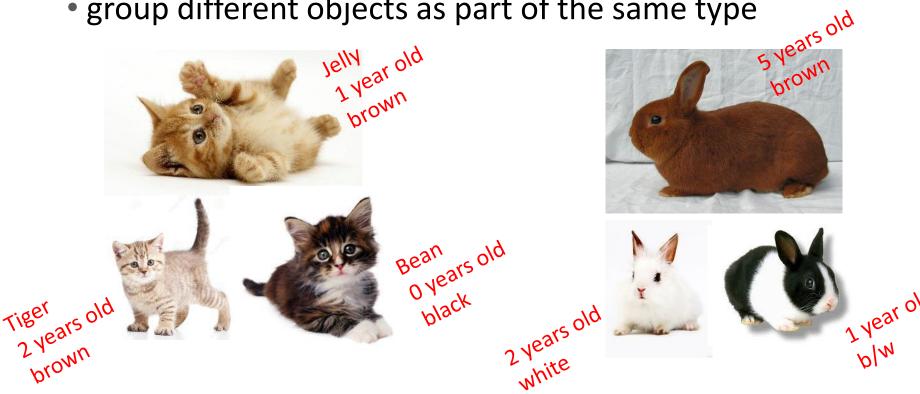
- class is the type
 - a Coordinate type
 - class Coordinate(object):
- class is defined generically
 - use self to refer to any instance while defining the class
- class defines data and methods common across all instances

- instance is one particular object
 - mycoo = Coordinate(1,2)
- data values vary between instances
 - c1 = Coordinate(1,2)
 - c2 = Coordinate(3,4)
 - c1 and c2 have different data values because they are different objects
- instance has the structure of the class

WHY USE OOP AND CLASSES OF OBJECTS?

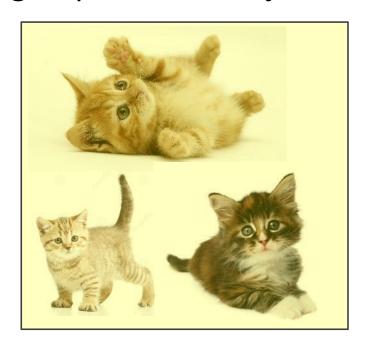
• mimic real life

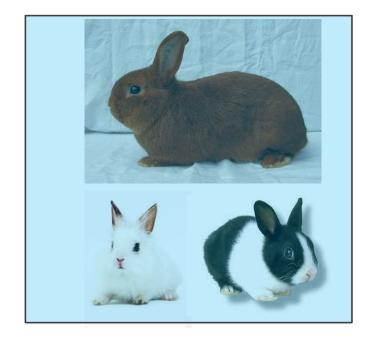
group different objects as part of the same type



WHY USE OOP AND CLASSES OF OBJECTS?

- mimic real life
- group different objects as part of the same type





GROUPS OF OBJECTS HAVE ATTRIBUTES

data attributes

- how can you represent your object with data?
- what it is
- <for a coordinate: x and y values>
- <for an animal: age, name>
- procedural attributes (behavior/operations/methods)
 - what kinds of things can you do with the object?
 - what it does
 - <for a coordinate: find distance between two>
 - <for an animal: make a sound>

DEFINING A CLASS (Recap)

```
· variable to refer to an instance
                                                        of the class
                                class
                                                        what data initializes
class definition
                                 parent
                   name
                                                          an Animal type
               Animal (object)
       class
             def
                       init
                                 (self
                                            age):
  special method to
                                                   name is a data attribute
                    self.age
                                      age
   create an instance
                                                    even though an instance
                    self.name
                                       None
                                                      is not initialized with it
      myanimal
                                                       as a parameter
                        Animal(3
                                    mapped to
                                     self.age
    one instance
                                      in class def
```

GETTER AND SETTER METHODS

```
class Animal(object):
    def init__(self, age):
        self.age = age
        self.name = None
    def get age(self):
        return self.age
    def get_name(self):
        return self.name
    def set age(self, newage):
        self.age = newage
    def set name(self, newname=""):
        self.name = newname
    def str (self):
        return "animal:"+str(self.name) +":"+str(self.age)
```

 getters and setters should be used outside of class to access data attributes

AN INSTANCE and DOT NOTATION (Recap)

instantiation creates an instance of an object

```
a = Animal(3)
```

dot notation used to access attributes (data and methods) though it is better to use getters and setters to access data attributes

```
a.age
a.get_age()
a.get_iii
```

access data attribute
access and use method;
access and use method age,
if just call a get don't
get method but don't
get myoke

INFORMATION HIDING

 author of class definition may change data attribute variable names

```
class Animal (object):

def __init__ (self, age):

def __init__ (self, age):

self.years = age

def get_age(self):

return self.years
```

- if you are accessing data attributes outside the class and class definition changes, may get errors
- outside of class, use getters and setters instead use a.get age() NOT a.age
 - good style
 - easy to maintain code
 - prevents bugs

PYTHON NOT GREAT AT INFORMATION HIDING

- allows you to access data from outside class definition print (a.age)
- allows you to write to data from outside class definition a.age = 'infinite'
- allows you to create data attributes for an instance from outside class definition

```
a.size = "tiny"
```

it's not good style to do any of these!

self AND OTHER ARGS

- self determined from instance, passed in as argument
 - for the method: def __init__(self, age)
 - creates self, passes it in automatically as argument

```
a = Animal(3)
```

- for the method: def get age(self)
 - call method with a.get_age()
 - or an alternate way Animal.get_age(a)
- default arguments for formal parameters are used if no actual argument is given
 - for the method: def set_name(self, newname="")
 - default argument used here a.set_name()
 - argument passed is used here a.set_name("fluffy")

HIERARCHIES

Animal

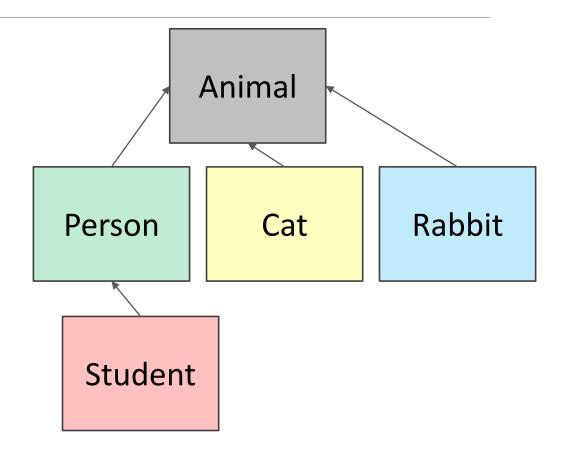






HIERARCHIES

- parent class (superclass)
- child class (subclass)
 - inherits all data and behaviors of parent class
 - add more info
 - add more behavior
 - override behavior



INHERITANCE

```
everything is an object
class | Animal (object) :
   def init (self, age):
                            . class object
                              operations in Python, like
       self.age = age
                             implements basic
        self.name = None
                               binding variables, etc
   def get age(self):
       return self.age
                                        . new object class
   def get name(self):
                                         inherits properties of
       return self.name
                                          underlying Python
   def set age(self, newage):
                                           object class
        self.age = newage
   def set name(self, newname=""):
       self.name = newname
   def str (self):
       return "animal:"+str(self.name) +":"+str(self.age)
```

INHERITANCE

- add new functionality with speak ()
 - instance of type Cat can be called with new methods
 - instance of type Animal throws error if called with new methods
- init is not missing, uses the Animal version

USING THE HIERARCHY

```
In [31]: jelly = Cat(1)
In [32]: jelly.set name('JellyBelly')
In [33]: print(jelly)
cat:JellyBelly:1
In [34]: print(Animal. str (jelly)
Animal:JellyBelly:1
In [35]: blob = Animal(1)
In [36]: print(blob)
                                     can change values of
animal:None:1
                                      attributes of an
In [37]: blob.set name()
In [38]: print(blob)
animal::1
                                        instance
```

cat str method shadows method from Animal could explicitly recover method underlying Animal method

INHERITANCE

```
class Cat(Animal):
    def speak (self):
        print("meow")
    def str (self):
        return "cat:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)
class Rabbit(Animal):
    def speak (self):
        print("meep")
    def __str__(self):
        return "rabbit:"+str(self.name) +":"+str(self.age)
```

USING THE HIERARCHY

```
In [31]: jelly = Cat(1)
In [34]: blob = Animal(1)
                              uses method from
In [38]: peter = Rabbit(5)
In [39]: jelly.speak()
                                uses method from
meow
                                  tries to find method
                                 Rabbit
In [40]: peter.speak()
meep
                                   in Animal
In [41]: blob.speak()
AttributeError: 'Animal' object has no
attribute 'speak'
```

WHICH METHOD TO USE?

- subclass can have methods with same name as superclass
- subclass can have methods with same name as other subclasses
- for an instance of a class, look for a method name in current class definition
- if not found, look for method name up the hierarchy (in parent, then grandparent, and so on)
- use first method up the hierarchy that you found with that method name

```
I parent class is Animal
class Person (Animal):
    def init (self, name, age):
                                                       Call Animal constructor
        Animal. init (self, age)
                                                       call Animal's method
        Animal.set name (self, name)
                                                       add a new data attribute
        self.friends = []
    def get friends(self):
        return self. friends
    def add friend(self, fname):
        if fname not in self. friends:
                                                new method to give age diff in a
            self.friends.append(fname)
                                                user friendly way
    def speak(self):
        print("hello")
    def age diff(self, other):
        # alternate way: diff = self.age - other.age
        diff = self.get age() - other.get age()
        if self.age > other.age:
            print(self.name, "is", diff, "years older than", other.name)
        else:
            print(self.name, "is", -diff, "years younger than", other.name)
                                                                override Animal's
    def str (self):
                                                               -str method
        return "person:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)
```

USING THE HIERARCHY

```
In [42]: eric = Person('Eric', 45)
In [43]: john = Person('John'
                                          55)
In [45]: eric.age_diff(john) uses method associated with instance with instance
In [46]: Person.age diff(john, eric)
John is 10 years older than Eric use class can use to
                                           attribute to find
```

```
bring in methods
                                                             from random class
import random
                                                              inherits Person and
class Student(Person):
                                                            A_{n_{i_{mal}}} attributes
    def init (self, name, age, major=None):
        Person. init (self, name, age)
        self.major = major
                                                             adds new data
    def change major(self, major):
       self major = major
    def speak(self):
        r = random.random()
                                                  Took up how to use the random
        if r < 0.25:
                                                 class in the python docs
                                               method gives back
            print("i have homework")
                                               float in [0, 1)
        elif 0.25 \le r < 0.5:
            print("i need sleep")
                                          o<sub>verride</sub>
                                         Person's str
        elif 0.5 \le r \le 0.75:
                                        method
            print("i should eat")
        else:
            print("i am watching tv")
    def str (self):
       return "student:"+str(self.name) +":"+str(self.age) +":"+str(self.major)
```

USING THE HIERARCHY

```
In [42]: eric = Person('Eric', 45)
In [47]: fred = Student('Fred', 18, 'Course VI')
In [48]: print(fred)
                            from Student
student:Fred:18:Course VI
                           uses method from
In [49]: fred.speak()
                            student
i have homework
                           if called multiple
In [50]: fred.speak()
                            times, may get
i have homework
                             different behavior
                              because of random
In [51]: fred.speak()
i am watching tv
In [52]: fred.speak()
i should eat
```

INSTANCE VARIABLES

CLASS VARIABLES

- we have seen instance variables so far in code
- specific to an instance
- created for each instance, belongs to an instance
- used the generic variable name self within the class definition

self.variable_name

- introduce class variables that belong to the class
- defined inside class but
 outside any class methods,
 outside __init___
- shared among all objects/instances of that class

VS

RECALL THE Animal CLASS

```
class Animal(object):
   def init (self, age):
       self.age = age
       self.name = None
   def get age(self):
       return self.age
   def get name(self):
       return self.name
   def set age(self, newage):
       self.age = newage
   def set name(self, newname=""):
       self.name = newname
   def str (self):
       return "animal:"+str(self.name) +":"+str(self.age)
```

CLASS VARIABLES AND THE Rabbit SUBCLASS

subclasses inherit all data attributes and methods of the parent class

```
class Rabbit (Animal):
          tag |= 1
          def __init__(self, age, parent1=None, parent2=None):
                                           incrementing class variable changes it
                                            for all instances that may reference it
              Animal. init (self, age)
              self.parent1 = parent1
              self.parent2 = parent2
instance variable
               self.rid = |Rabbit.tag|
              Rabbit.tag += 1
```

tag used to give unique id to each new rabbit instance

Rabbit GETTER METHODS

```
class Rabbit(Animal):
    taq = 1
    def init (self, age, parent1=None, parent2=None):
                                         method on a string to pad
        Animal. init (self, age)
                                          the beginning with zeros
         self.parent1 = parent1
                                           for example, 001 not 1
         self.parent2 = parent2
         self.rid = Rabbit.tag
        Rabbit.tag += 1
                                           - getter methods specific
    def get rid(self):
         return str(self.rid).zfill(3)
                                            for a Rabbit class
                                             there are also getters
                                              get name and get age
    def get parent1(self):
         return self.parent1
                                              inherited from Animal
    def get parent2(self):
         return self.parent2
```

EXAMPLE USAGE

```
uses method
from Animal
In [53]: peter = Rabbit(2)
instance; print then calls that
                                 calling method returns
                                  instance's method
In [59]: print(cotton)
animal:Cottontail:1
In [60]: print(cotton.get parent1())
animal:Peter:2
```

WORKING WITH YOUR OWN TYPES

- define + operator between two Rabbit instances
 - define what something like this does: r4 = r1 + r2 where r1 and r2 are Rabbit instances
 - r4 is a new Rabbit instance with age 0
 - r4 has self as one parent and other as the other parent
 - in __init__, should change to check that parent1 and parent2 are of type Rabbit

EXAMPLE USAGE

```
In [53]: peter = Rabbit(2)
   [54]: peter.set name('Peter')
In [55]: hopsy = Rabbit(3)
In [56]: hopsy.set name('Hopsy')
In [61]: mopsy = peter + hopsy
In [62]: mopsy.set name('Mopsy')
In [63]: print(mopsy.get parent1())
animal:Peter:2
In [64]: print(mopsy.get parent2())
animal: Hopsy: 3
```

SPECIAL METHOD TO COMPARE TWO Rabbits

decide that two rabbits are equal if they have the same two parents

- comparing ids of parents since ids are unique (due to class var)
- note that comparing objects (self.parent1==other.parent1) will call the __eq__ method over and over until call it on None (will get AttributeError)

EXAMPLE USAGE

```
In [53]: peter = Rabbit(2)
In [54]: peter.set name('Peter')
In [55]: hopsy = Rabbit(3)
In [56]: hopsy.set name('Hopsy')
In [57]: cotton = Rabbit(1, peter, hopsy)
In [58]: cotton.set name('Cottontail')
In [61]: mopsy = peter + hopsy
In [62]: mopsy.set name('Mopsy')
In [65]: print(mopsy == cotton)
True
```

SUMMARY OF CLASSES & OOP

- bundle together objects that share
 - common attributes and
 - procedures that operate on those attributes
- use abstraction to make a distinction between how to implement an object vs how to use the object
- build layers of object abstractions that inherit behaviors from other classes of objects
- create our own classes of objects on top of Python's basic classes