

Q1. What is the purpose of Python's OOP?

Organize code around objects (state+behavior) to improve reuse, readability, and maintainability via encapsulation, abstraction, inheritance, and polymorphism. Models real-world entities and enables extensible designs.

Q2. Where does an inheritance search look for an attribute?

Lookup order (descriptor-based): Instance `__dict__` → Class `__dict__` → Superclasses following the class's MRO (C3 linearization: left-to-right, depth-first, with monotonicity).

Q3. How do you distinguish between a class object and an instance object?

- A class is a blueprint (created by a class statement); calling it creates instances. - An instance is a concrete object produced by calling the class. - `type(instance)` returns the class; `type(Class)` is `type` (the metaclass). - `isinstance(obj, Class)` vs. `issubclass(Class, Base)`. - Instances typically have per-object state in `obj.__dict__`; classes define shared attributes/methods.

Q4. What makes the first argument in a class's method function special?

By convention it's `self` for instance methods and `cls` for class methods. When accessed via the class/instance, Python's descriptor protocol binds the method and automatically passes the instance (or class) as the first argument.

Q5. What is the purpose of the `__init__` method?

Initializer called after instance creation to set up state (attributes, validation). It's not the constructor (`__new__` constructs the instance). Must return `None`.

Q6. What is the process for creating a class instance?

`obj = Class(*args, **kwargs)` triggers: 1) `Class.__new__` to create the instance (usually from object). 2) `Class.__init__` to initialize it with the given arguments.

Q7. What is the process for creating a class?

The class statement executes the body to build a namespace dict, then calls the metaclass (default type) to create the class object: `class Name(Base1, Base2, metaclass=Meta): ...` Include docstrings, attributes, methods, decorators, and class variables.

Q8. How would you define the superclasses of a class?

List base classes in parentheses in the class header: `class Sub(Base1, Base2):` pass At runtime, inspect via `Sub.__bases__` and navigate with `Sub.__mro__`/`mro()`. Use `super()` to delegate to the next class in the MRO.