Python OOP (Object-Oriented Programming) Syntax with Annotations

1. Introduction

Python supports Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) with classes, inheritance, encapsulation, and polymorphism. Alongside, Python provides annotations like type hints and decorators to make OOP code more robust, readable, and maintainable.

2. Class Definition

```
class Dog:
    species: str = "Canis familiaris"  # class attribute with type annotation

def __init__(self, name: str, age: int) -> None: # constructor with annotations
    self.name: str = name
    self.age: int = age

def bark(self) -> str: # return type annotation
    return f"{self.name} says Woof!"
```

Annotations used here:

- name: str, age: int \rightarrow type hints for instance attributes.
- -> None → constructor returns nothing.
- -> str → method returns a string.

3. Class vs Instance Attributes

```
class Car:
   wheels: int = 4  # class attribute

def __init__(self, brand: str, year: int) -> None:
        self.brand: str = brand  # instance attribute
        self.year: int = year
```

4. Instance, Class, and Static Methods

```
class MathUtils:
   pi: float = 3.14

def square(self, num: int) -> int: # instance method
      return num * num

@classmethod
def circle_area(cls, radius: float) -> float: # class method
      return cls.pi * radius * radius

@staticmethod
def add(a: int, b: int) -> int: # static method
      return a + b
```

Annotations used here:

- @classmethod → method bound to the class, not an object.
- @staticmethod → method not bound to either class or object.

5. Encapsulation

```
class BankAccount:
    def __init__(self, balance: float) -> None:
        self._balance: float = balance  # protected attribute
        self.__pin: str = "1234"  # private attribute

def get_balance(self) -> float:
    return self._balance
```

6. Inheritance & Polymorphism

```
class Animal:
    def speak(self) -> str:
        return "Some sound"

class Dog(Animal):
    def speak(self) -> str: # overriding method
        return "Woof!"
```

7. Abstract Classes & Interfaces

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod

class Shape(ABC): # abstract base class
    @abstractmethod
    def area(self) -> float:
        pass

class Square(Shape):
    def __init__(self, side: float) -> None:
        self.side = side

    def area(self) -> float:
        return self.side * self.side
```

- Annotations used here:
 - ABC → base class for defining abstract classes.
 - @abstractmethod → enforces implementation in subclasses.

8. Dataclasses (Annotation for Simplicity)

from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass

class Book:
 title: str
 author: str
 pages: int

@dataclass auto-generates __init__, __repr__, __eq__ methods.

9. Properties with @property Annotation

```
@celsius.setter
def celsius(self, value: float) -> None: # setter
   if value < -273.15:
        raise ValueError("Temperature below absolute zero!")
   self._celsius = value</pre>
```

♦ Annotations used here:

- @property → makes a method act like an attribute.
- @celsius.setter → defines setter for the property.

10. Magic (Dunder) Methods

```
class Vector:
    def __init__(self, x: float, y: float) -> None:
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

def __str__(self) -> str:
        return f"Vector({self.x}, {self.y})"

def __add__(self, other: "Vector") -> "Vector": # operator overloading
        return Vector(self.x + other.x, self.y + other.y)
```

11. Commonly Used Annotations in OOP

Annotation	Use Case
-> type	Function/method return type hint
var: type	Attribute/parameter type hint
@classmethod	Define class-level methods
@staticmethod	Define static utility methods
@property	Define read-only attributes
<pre>@property.setter</pre>	Define setters for properties
@abstractmethod	Force subclasses to implement a method
@dataclass	Auto-generate class boilerplate
@overload (from typing)	Define multiple type signatures for functions

12. Best Practices

- Always annotate method parameters and return types.
- Use @dataclass for data containers.
- Prefer @property over getter/setter methods.
- · Use abstract classes for interfaces.
- Use composition over multiple inheritance when possible.



25 Exercises on Python OOP (with Annotations)

Beginner

- 1. Create a Student class with type annotations for name and marks.
- 2. Write a class Circle with radius attribute and annotated area method.
- 3. Add type hints to a Car class with brand and year attributes.
- 4. Create a Book class using @dataclass.
- 5. Define a Point class with __add__ method and annotations.

Intermediate

- 6. Create a BankAccount with annotated deposit and withdraw methods.
- 7. Use @classmethod to create a Person object from a birth year.
- 8. Write a MathUtils class with a @staticmethod add method.
- 9. Create a Rectangle class with annotated area() and perimeter().
- 10. Add @property and @setter to control access to a Temperature attribute.

Inheritance

- 11. Create an Animal class and subclasses Dog, Cat with annotated speak()
- 12. Implement a Shape abstract class and subclasses Circle, Square.
- 13. Use @abstractmethod in an Employee class requiring calculate_salary().
- 14. Demonstrate type hints in overridden methods.
- 15. Show how multiple inheritance affects annotations.

Advanced OOP

- 16. Implement a Vector class with annotated __add__ and __str__.
- 17. Use @dataclass for a Product class with name, price, and quantity.
- 18. Implement a Zoo class that stores a list of Animal objects with type hints.
- 19. Create a Playlist class with __len__ and __str__ methods using anno-
- 20. Define a Factory class that returns different objects with proper type hints.

Challenge

- 21. Create a Logger singleton class using annotations.
- 22. Write a Database class with connection pooling (hint annotations).23. Implement an interface using ABC for PaymentGateway.
- 24. Write a ShoppingCart class with annotated methods for adding/removing items.
- 25. Build a Game class with annotated methods for starting, pausing, and stopping.

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