


A class is a blueprint or a template for creating objects (instances). It defines the structure and behavior of objects of that class. Classes are fundamental to object-oriented programming and are used to create and organize objects in a structured manner. Here's a more detailed example:

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```
# Define a simple class named "Person"
class Person:
    # The constructor (initializer) method with two parameters
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name # Instance variable
        self.age = age   # Another instance variable

    # Method to introduce the person
    def introduce(self):
        return f"Hi, I'm {self.name} and I'm {self.age} years old."

# Creating objects (instances) of the Person class
person1 = Person("Alice", 25)
person2 = Person("Bob", 30)

# Accessing object attributes and calling methods
print(person1.name)          # Output: "Alice"
print(person2.age)           # Output: 30
print(person1.introduce())   # Output: "Hi, I'm Alice and I'm 25 years old."
print(person2.introduce())   # Output: "Hi, I'm Bob and I'm 30 years old."
```


In this example:

- We defined a class called `Person` with a constructor (`__init__`) that initializes two instance variables, `name` and `age`, for each object created from the class.
- We also defined a method called `introduce()` that allows objects of the `Person` class to introduce themselves.
- We created two objects, `person1` and `person2`, each with its own set of attributes.
- We accessed the attributes and called the method on these objects.

Classes help you organize your code into reusable structures, making it easier to work with and maintain. They encapsulate data and behavior into a single unit, which is a fundamental

1. Define a Simple Class:

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```
class Dog:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age


    def bark(self):
        return "Woof!"
```

Explanation:

- We define a class called Dog. This class has two attributes (name and age) and one method (bark).
- The `__init__` method is a special method called the constructor, which initializes object attributes when a new object is created.
- The bark method returns the string "Woof!"

2. Create an Object from the Class:

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```
my_dog = Dog("Buddy", 3)
```

Explanation:

- We create an object named `my_dog` from the Dog class by calling its constructor with values for name and age.

3. Access Object Attributes:

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```
print(my_dog.name) # Output: "Buddy"
print(my_dog.age)  # Output: 3
```

Explanation:

- We access the attributes name and age of the `my_dog` object using dot notation.

4. Call Object Methods:

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```
print(my_dog.bark()) # Output: "Woof!"
```

Explanation:

- We call the bark method on the my_dog object to make it bark.

5. Define Multiple Classes:

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```
class Cat:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age


    def meow(self):
        return "Meow!"
```

Explanation:

- We define a new class called Cat with similar attributes and a method as the Dog class.

6. Create Objects from Different Classes:

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```
my_cat = Cat("Whiskers", 2)
```

Explanation:

- We create an object named my_cat from the Cat class.

7. Access Object Attributes from Different Classes:

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```
print(my_cat.name) # Output: "Whiskers"
print(my_cat.age)  # Output: 2
```

Explanation:

- We access the attributes name and age of the my_cat object, which belongs to the Cat class.

8. Call Object Methods from Different Classes:

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```
print(my_cat.meow()) # Output: "Meow!"
```

Explanation:

- We call the meow method on the my_cat object to make it meow.

9. Inheritance - Create a Subclass:

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```
class GoldenRetriever(Dog):  
    def retrieve(self):  
        return "Fetching!"  
  
golden = GoldenRetriever("Max", 2)
```

Explanation:

- We define a new class GoldenRetriever that inherits from the Dog class. This means it inherits attributes and methods from Dog.
- The retrieve method is specific to GoldenRetriever.

10. Access Parent Class Attributes and Methods in a Subclass:

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```
print(golden.name)      # Output: "Max"  
print(golden.bark())    # Output: "Woof!"
```

Explanation:

- The GoldenRetriever class can access attributes and methods from the parent Dog class.

11. Add Additional Methods to a Subclass:

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```
print(golden.retrieve()) # Output: "Fetching!"
```

Explanation:

- We can add methods specific to the GoldenRetriever class without affecting the Dog class.

12. Overriding Methods in Subclasses:

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```
class Siamese(Cat):  
    def meow(self):
```

```
return "Loud Meow!"
```


```
siamese_cat = Siamese("Mittens", 1)
print(siamese_cat.meow()) # Output: "Loud Meow!"
```

Explanation:

- The Siamese class overrides the meow method from the Cat class with its own implementation.

13. Initialize Objects with Default Values:

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```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, make="Unknown", model="Unknown"):
        self.make = make
        self.model = model


my_car = Car()
print(my_car.make)      # Output: "Unknown"
print(my_car.model)     # Output: "Unknown"
```

Explanation:

- We define default values for the make and model attributes in the constructor, allowing objects to be created without specifying these values.

14. Modify Object Attributes:

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```
my_car.make = "Toyota"
my_car.model = "Camry"
```

Explanation:

- We can change the values of object attributes after the object is created.

15. Mutable Objects as Attributes:

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```
class ShoppingCart:
    def __init__(self):
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        self.items = []

    def add_item(self, item):
        self.items.append(item)

cart = ShoppingCart()
cart.add_item("Book")
cart.add_item("Shoes")
print(cart.items)  # Output: ["Book", "Shoes"]

```

Explanation:

- The ShoppingCart class has a mutable list as an attribute to store items.

16. Immutable Objects as Attributes:

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class Circle:
    def __init__(self, radius):
        self.radius = radius

    def area(self):
        return 3.14 * self.radius * self.radius

my_circle = Circle(5)
print(my_circle.area())  # Output: 78.5

```

Explanation:

- The Circle class has an immutable attribute radius.

17. Using Class Variables:

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class Student:
    school_name = "ABC School"

    def __init__(self, name, grade):
        self.name = name
        self.grade = grade

```

```
student1 = Student("Alice", 9)
student2 = Student("Bob", 10)


print(student1.school_name) # Output: "ABC School"
print(student2.school_name) # Output: "ABC School"
```

Explanation:

- `school_name` is a class variable shared by all instances of the `Student` class.

18. Accessing Class Variables:

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```
print(Student.school_name) # Output: "ABC School"
```

Explanation:

- Class variables can be accessed using the class name.

19. Changing a Class Variable:

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```
Student.school_name = "XYZ School"
print(student1.school_name) # Output: "XYZ School"
print(student2.school_name) # Output: "XYZ School"
```

Explanation:

- Class variables can be changed for all instances of the class by modifying them using the class name.

20. Private Attributes and Methods:

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```
class Secret:
    def __init__(self):
        self.__hidden_attribute = 42

    def __hidden_method(self):
        return "This is a secret method!"

secret_obj = Secret()
```


```
# Accessing private attribute or method raises an error.
```

Explanation:

- Attributes and methods with double underscores (`__`) are considered private and cannot be accessed directly from outside the class.

21. Using Getter and Setter Methods:

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```
class Secret:
    def __init__(self):
        self.__hidden_attribute = 42

    def get_hidden_attribute(self):
        return self.__hidden_attribute

    def set_hidden_attribute(self, value):
        self.__hidden_attribute = value


secret_obj = Secret()
print(secret_obj.get_hidden_attribute()) # Output: 42
secret_obj.set_hidden_attribute(100)
print(secret_obj.get_hidden_attribute()) # Output: 100
```

Explanation:

- We use getter and setter methods to access and modify private attributes.

22. Class Documentation (Docstring):

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```
class MyClass:
    """
    This is a docstring. It provides information about the class.
    """

    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data

obj = MyClass("Hello")
```



```
# Access docstring using help function: help(obj)
```

Explanation:

- Docstrings are used to provide documentation and information about the class. They can be accessed using the `help()` function.

These examples illustrate various aspects of classes in Python, from basic class creation to inheritance, encapsulation, and the use of class variables and documentation.

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