Implement Object-Oriented Programming Concepts in Python

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Introduction

This section explains how to implement the core principles of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in Python, such as encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism, and abstraction. OOP helps in building reusable and modular code by defining objects and classes.

Problem Statement

Understand how to implement object-oriented programming in Python, including creating classes, defining methods, and using OOP principles to organize code.

Prerequisites

Software Requirement

Python 3.13.0
 Download Python

Code Editor

A text editor or IDE like **Visual Studio Code (VS Code)** is recommended. Download VS Code

• Command Line/Terminal: For running Python scripts.

Hardware Requirement

- **Processor**: Minimum dual-core processor.
- RAM: 4GB or more.
- **Storage**: At least 1GB free space for Python.

Implementation Steps

Define Classes and Objects

Class

A **class** in Python is a blueprint for creating objects. It defines properties (attributes) and behaviors (methods) that the objects created from the class will have.

• Create a new file

• Create a Python file named class.py inside your oops folder and add the following code.

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

    def display_info(self):
        print(f"Car: {self.make}, Model: {self.model}, Year: {self.year}")

my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla", 2022)
my_car.display_info()
```

• Run the Python file

Use the command below in your terminal to run the Python file:

```
python oops/class.py
```

Alternatively, you can use:

```
cd oops
python class.py
```

Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\python> python oops/class.py
Car: Toyota, Model: Corolla, Year: 2022
```

Car is a class that represents a blueprint for creating car objects with attributes make, model, and year.

Objects

An **object** is an instance of a class. When a class is defined, no memory is allocated until an object of that class is created.

Create a new file

• Create a Python file named objects.py inside your oops folder and add the following code.

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

    def display_info(self):
        print(f"Car: {self.make}, Model: {self.model}, Year: {self.year}")

my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla", 2022)
my_second_car = Car("Honda", "Civic", 2023) # Object creation for my_second_car
my_second_car.display_info()
```

• Run the Python file

Use the command below in your terminal to run the Python file:

```
python oops/objects.py
```

Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\python> python oops/objects.py
Car: Honda, Model: Civic, Year: 2023
```

my second car is an object (instance) of the Car class with the specified make, model, and year.

Implement OOP Concepts

1. Encapsulation

Encapsulation is the concept of bundling data (variables) and methods (functions) into a single unit or class. You can restrict access to variables and methods using access modifiers like __(protected) and ___ (private).

• Create a new file

 Create a Python file named encapsulation.py inside your oops folder and add the following code.

```
class Car:
    """A class to represent a car."""

def __init__(self, make, model):
    self.make = make # public attribute
    self._model = model # protected attribute

def display_info(self):
    print(f"Car: {self.make}, Model: {self._model}")

# Create an instance of Car
    car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")
    car.display_info() # Accessing public and protected attributes
```

Run the Python file

Use the command below in your terminal to run the Python file:

```
python oops/encapsulation.py
```

Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\python> python oops/encapsulation.py
Car: Toyota, Model: Corolla
```

The Car class encapsulates the car's make and model, providing controlled access to its attributes.

2. Inheritance

Inheritance allows one class to inherit the attributes and methods of another class. This promotes code reuse and establishes a parent-child relationship between classes.

Create a new file

 Create a Python file named inheritance.py inside your oops folder and add the following code.

```
class Employee:
   def __init__(self, name, position):
```

```
self.name = name
        self.position = position
    def display_info(self):
        return f"Employee: {self.name}, Position: {self.position}"
class Manager(Employee):
    def __init__(self, name, department):
        super().__init__(name, "Manager") # Call the parent class constructor
        self.department = department
    def display_info(self):
        return f"{super().display_info()}, Department: {self.department}"
class Developer(Employee):
    def __init__(self, name, programming_language):
        super().__init__(name, "Developer") # Call the parent class constructor
        self.programming_language = programming_language
    def display_info(self):
        return f"{super().display_info()}, Programming Language:
{self.programming_language}"
# Create instances of Manager and Developer
manager = Manager("Alice", "Sales")
developer = Developer("Bob", "Python")
print(manager.display_info())
print(developer.display_info())
```

• Run the Python file

Use the command below in your terminal to run the Python file:

```
python oops/inheritance.py
```

Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\python> python oops/inheritance.py
Employee: Alice, Position: Manager, Department: Sales
Employee: Bob, Position: Developer, Programming Language:Python
```

Manager and Developer classes inherit from the Employee class and provide specific details relevant to their roles while using the base functionality of the Employee class.

3. Polymorphism

Polymorphism allows different classes to have methods with the same name but behave differently based on the object type.

Create a new file

 Create a Python file named polymorphism.py inside your oops folder and add the following code.

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

class Dog(Animal):
    def make_sound(self, sound="Bark"):
        print(f"{self.name} says {sound}")

class Cat(Animal):
    def make_sound(self, sound="Meow"):
        print(f"{self.name} says {sound}")

# Polymorphism in action
animals = [Dog("Buddy"), Cat("Whiskers")]

for animal in animals:
    animal.make_sound() # Calls the make_sound method based on the object type
```

• Run the Python file

Use the command below in your terminal to run the Python file:

```
python oops/polymorphism.py
```

Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\python> python oops/polymorphism.py
Buddy says Bark
Whiskers says Meow
```

The Dog and Cat classes demonstrate polymorphism by having the same make_sound method, but their behavior changes based on the object.

4. Abstraction

Abstraction hides the internal details and only shows the necessary functionality. This can be achieved using abstract base classes in Python (via the abc module).

• Create a new file

 Create a Python file named abstraction.py inside your oops folder and add the following code.

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod

class Shape(ABC):
    """Abstract class for shapes."""

    @abstractmethod
    def area(self):
        pass

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

    def area(self):
        return 3.14 * self.radius ** 2

circle = Circle(5)
    print(f"Area of the circle: {circle.area()}")
```

• Run the Python file

Use the command below in your terminal to run the Python file:

```
python oops/abstraction.py
```

Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\python> python oops/abstraction.py
Area of the circle: 78.5
```

The Shape abstract class defines an interface for shapes, and the Circle class provides a concrete implementation of the area method.

References

- Python Classes Documentation
- Object-Oriented Programming in Python