#### Lecture 9 - Python Class

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Python is an object-oriented programming language.

- Almost everything in Python is an object, with its properties and methods.
- A Class is like an object constructor, or a "blueprint" for creating objects.



#### Python is an object-oriented programming language.

• To create a class, use the keyword class:

```
class MyClass:
x = 5
```

We can use the class named MyClass to create objects:

```
p1 = MyClass()
print(p1.x)
```



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 All classes have a function called \_\_init\_\_(), which is always executed when the class is being initiated.

```
class Person:
   def init (self, name, age):
     self.name = name
     self.age = age
p1 = Person("John", 36)
print(p1.name)
print(p1.age)
```



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• The self parameter is a reference to the current instance of the class, and is used to access variables that belongs to the class.

```
class Person:
  def init (self, name, age):
      self.name = name
      self.age = age
  def myfunc(self):
      print("Hello my name is " + self.name)
p1 = Person("John", 36)
p1.myfunc()
```



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 The underscore \_\_\_ parameter is a indicator private attributes. It cannot be accessed directly outside the class.

```
class Person:
    def __init __(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age
        self.__deposit = 1000
    def print_deposit(self):
        print("The deposit is " + self.__deposit)
```

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• The \_\_str\_\_() function controls what should be returned when the class object is represented as a string.

```
class Person:
  def init (self, name, age):
     self.name = name
     self.age = age
  def str (self):
     return f"self.name(self.age)"
p1 = Person("John", 36)
print(p1)
```



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• You can modify properties on objects like this:

• You can delete properties on objects by using the del keyword:

```
del p1.age
```

You can delete objects by using the del keyword:

```
del p1
```



Inheritance allows us to define a class that inherits all the methods and properties from another class.

- Parent class is the class being inherited from, also called base class.
- Child class is the class that inherits from another class, also called derived class.



#### Create a Parent Class.

```
class Person:
   def init (self, fname, lname):
      self.firstname = fname
      self.lastname = lname
   def printname(self):
      print(self.firstname, self.lastname)
x = Person("John", "Doe")
x.printname()
```



#### Create a Child Class.

```
class Student(Person):

def __init__(self, fname, Iname):

super().__init__(fname, Iname)
```

- Add the <u>init</u> () function to the child class.
- Use the super() function to make the child class inherit all the methods and properties from its parent.



Add properties to the child class.

```
class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        super().__init__(fname, lname)
        self.graduationyear = 2019
x = Student("Mike", "Olsen", 2019)
```

Add a property called graduationyear to the Student class.



Add methods to the child class.

```
class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        super().__init__(fname, lname)
        self.graduationyear = 2019
    def welcome(self):
        print("Welcome", self.firstname, self.lastname, self.graduationyear)
```

Add a method called "welcome" to the Student class.



## Python Try Except

- The try block lets you test a block of code for errors.
- The except block lets you handle the error.
- The else block lets you execute code when there is no error.
- The finally block lets you execute code, regardless of the result of the try- and except blocks.

# Python Try Except

Exception Handling. When an error occurs, or exception as we call it, Python will normally stop and generate an error message.

```
f = open("demofile.txt")
try:
    f.write("Lorum Ipsum")
except:
    print("Something went wrong when writing to the file")
finally:
    f.close()
```



## Python Random

The random module gives access to various useful functions one of them being able to generate random integers, which is randint().

"Why we need random numbers?"

Generate the location of foods in the game snake.



# Question and Answering (Q&A)



