

Classes/Objects

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.

Objects

In Python, *everything is an object*. Remember from previous lectures we can use `type()` to check the type of object.

In [1]:

```
print(type(1))
print(type([]))
print(type(()))
print(type({}))
```

```
<class 'int'>
<class 'list'>
<class 'tuple'>
<class 'dict'>
```

So we know all these things are objects, so how can we create our own Object types? That is where the `class` keyword comes in.

class

User defined objects are created using the `class` keyword. The class is a blueprint that defines the nature of a future object. From classes we can construct instances. An instance is a specific object created from a particular class. For example, above we created the object `lst` which was an instance of a list object.

Let see how we can use `class`:

In [2]:

```
# Create a new object type called Sample
class Sample:
    pass

# Instance of Sample
x = Sample()

print(type(x))
```

```
<class '__main__.Sample'>
```

By convention we give classes a name that starts with a capital letter. Note how `x` is now the reference to our new instance of a Sample class. In other words, we **instantiate** the Sample class.

Inside of the class we currently just have `pass`. But we can define class attributes and methods.

In []: