

15.1 Classes: Introduction



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Grouping related items into objects

The physical world is made up of material items like wood, metal, plastic, fabric, etc. To keep the world understandable, people think in terms of higher-level objects, like chairs, tables, and TV's. Those objects are groupings of the lower-level items.

Likewise, a program is made up of lower-level items like variables and functions. To keep programs understandable, programmers often deal with higher-level groupings of those items, known as objects. In programming, an **object** is a grouping of data (variables) and operations that can be performed on that data (functions or methods).

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.1.1: The world is viewed not as materials, but rather as objects.



Animation captions:

1. The world consists of items like, wood, metal, fabric, etc.
2. But people think in terms of higher-level objects, like chairs, couches, and drawers.
3. In fact, people think mostly of the operations that can be done with the objects. For a drawer, operations include put stuff in and take stuff out.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.1.2: Programs commonly are not viewed as variables and functions/methods, but rather as objects.



Animation content:

undefined

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Animation captions:

1. A program consists of variables and functions/methods. But programmers may prefer to think of higher-level objects like Restaurants and Hotels.
2. In fact, programmers think mostly of the operations that can be done with the object, like giving a Hotel or Restaurant a name or adding a review.

Creating a program as a collection of objects can lead to a more understandable, manageable, and properly-executing program.

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY****15.1.3: Objects.**

Some of the variables and functions for a used-car inventory program are to be grouped into an object type named CarOnLot. Select True if the item should become part of the CarOnLot object type, and False otherwise.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

1) car_sticker_price



- True
- False

2) todays_temperature



- True
- False

3) days_on_lot



- True
- False

4) orig_purchase_price



- True
- False

5) num_sales_people



- True
- False

6) increment_car_days_on_lot()



- True
- False

7) decrease_sticker_price()



- True
- False

8) determine_top_salesman()



- True
- False

Abstraction / Information hiding

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

Abstraction occurs when a user interacts with an object at a high-level, allowing lower-level internal details to remain hidden (aka **information hiding** or **encapsulation**). Ex: An oven supports an abstraction of a food compartment and a knob to control heat. An oven's user does not need to interact with the internal parts of an oven.

Objects support abstraction by hiding entire groups of functions and variables and exposing only certain functions to a user.

An **abstract data type (ADT)** is a data type whose creation and update are constrained to specific well-defined operations. A class can be used to implement an ADT.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.1.4: Objects strongly support abstraction / information hiding.



Animation captions:

1. Abstraction simplifies our world. An oven is viewed as having a compartment for food and a knob that can be turned to heat the food.
2. People need not be concerned with an oven's internal workings. Ex: People don't reach inside trying to adjust the flame.
3. Similarly, an object has operations that a user can apply. The object's internal data, and possibly other operations, are hidden from the user.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.1.5: Abstraction / information hiding.



1) A car presents an abstraction to a user, including a steering wheel, gas pedal, and brake.



- True
- False

2) A refrigerator presents an abstraction to a user, including freon gas, a compressor, and a fan.



©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

True False

- 3) A software object is created for a soccer team. A reasonable abstraction allows setting the team's name, adding or deleting players, and printing a roster.

 True False

- 4) A software object is created for a university class. A reasonable abstraction allows viewing and modifying variables for the teacher's name, and variables implementing a list of every student's name as well.

 True False

Python built-in objects

Python automatically creates **built-in** objects that are provided by the language for a programmer to use, and include the basic data types like integers and strings.

A programmer always interacts with built-in objects when writing Python code. Ex: A string object created with `mystr = 'Hello!'`. The value of the string 'Hello!' is one part of the object, as are functions to operate on that string like `str.isdigit()` and `str.lower()`.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.1.6: Built in objects.



Animation content:

Defining a new string or integer variable utilizes the built-in string and integer data type objects. These objects group together the value of the variable along with useful functions for operating on that variable.

Animation captions:

1. Defining a new string s1 creates a new built-in str object. The str object groups together the

string value "Hello!!" along with useful functions.

2. Defining a new integer i1 creates a new built-in int object. The implementation of the int object abstracts many details away that a programmer doesn't need.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY**15.1.7: Built-in objects.**

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

- 1) The Python programming language provides a built-in object for strings.

 True False

- 2) Built-in objects often include useful functions.

 True False

- 3) The built-in string object includes every function a programmer could ever find useful for dealing with strings.

 True False**Survey**

The following questions are part of a zyBooks survey to help us learn about the experiences in programming classes among college students. The survey can be taken anonymously and takes just 5-10 minutes. Please take a short moment to answer by clicking the following link.

Link: [Student survey](#)

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

15.2 Classes: Grouping data



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Multiple variables are frequently closely related and should thus be treated as one variable with multiple parts. For example, two variables called hours and minutes might be grouped together in a single variable called time. The **class** keyword can be used to create a user-defined type of object containing groups of related variables and functions.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Construct 15.2.1: The class keyword.

```
class ClassName:  
    #  
    Statement-1  
    #  
    Statement-2  
    # ...  
    # Statement-  
N
```

A class defines a new type that can group data and functions to form an object. The object maintains a set of **attributes** that determines the data and behavior of the class. For example, the following code defines a new class containing two attributes, hours and minutes, whose values are initially 0:

Figure 15.2.1: Defining a new class object with two data attributes.

```
class Time:  
    """ A class that represents a time of day  
    """  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.hours = 0  
        self.minutes = 0
```

The programmer can then use instantiation to define a new Time class variable and access that variable's attributes. An **instantiation** operation is performed by "calling" the class, using parentheses like a function call as in `my_time = Time()`. An instantiation operation creates an **instance**, which is an individual object of the given class. An instantiation operation automatically calls the `__init__` method defined in the class definition. A **method** is a function defined within a class. The `__init__` method, commonly known as a **constructor**, is responsible for setting up the initial state of the new instance. In the example above, the `__init__` method creates two new attributes, hours and minutes, and assigns default values of 0.

The `__init__` method has a single parameter "self", that automatically references the instance being created. A programmer writes an expression such as `self.hours = 0` within the `__init__` method to create a new attribute hours.

Figure 15.2.2: Using instantiation to create a variable using the Time class.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
class Time:  
    """ A class that represents a time of day  
    """  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.hours = 0  
        self.minutes = 0  
  
my_time = Time()  
my_time.hours = 7  
my_time.minutes = 15  
  
print('{} hours'.format(my_time.hours), end=' ')  
print('and {}  
minutes'.format(my_time.minutes))
```

7 hours and 15 minutes

Attributes can be accessed using the **attribute reference operator** `"."` (sometimes called the **member operator** or **dot notation**).

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.2.1: Using classes and attribute reference.



Animation captions:

1. The `Time()` method creates a time object, `time1`, and initializes `time1.hours` and `time1.minutes` to 0.
2. Attributes can be accessed using the `"."` attribute reference operator.

A programmer can create multiple instances of a class in a program, with each instance having different attribute values.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.2.3: Multiple instances of a class.

```
class Time:  
    """ A class that represents a time of day """  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.hours = 0  
        self.minutes = 0  
  
    time1 = Time() # Create an instance of the Time class called  
    time1  
    time1.hours = 7  
    time1.minutes = 30  
  
    time2 = Time() # Create a second instance called time2  
    time2.hours = 12  
    time2.minutes = 45  
  
    print('{} hours and {} minutes'.format(time1.hours,  
    time1.minutes))  
    print('{} hours and {} minutes'.format(time2.hours,  
    time2.minutes))
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

7 hours and 30
minutes
12 hours and 45
minutes

Good practice is to use initial capitalization for class names. Thus, appropriate names might include LunchMenu, CoinAmounts, or PDFFileContents.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.2.2: Class terms.



Mouse: Drag/drop. Refresh the page if unable to drag and drop.

class __init__ instance self attribute

A name following a "." symbol.

A method parameter that refers to
the class instance.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

An instantiation of a class.

A constructor method that
initializes a class instance.

A group of related variables and

functions.

Reset

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY**

15.2.3: Classes.



- 1) A class can be used to group related variables together.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

- True
 False

- 2) The `__init__` method is called automatically.



- True
 False

- 3) Following the statement `t = Time()`, `t` references an instance of the `Time` class.



- True
 False

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY**

15.2.4: Classes.



- 1) Given the above definition of the `Time` class, what is the value of `time1.hours` after the following code executes?

`time1 = Time()`

Check

Show answer

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

- 2) Given the above definition of the `Time` class, what is the value of `time1.hours` after the following code executes?



```
time1 = Time()
```



- 3) Given the above definition of the Time class, what is the value of **time2.hours** after the following code executes?

```
time1 = Time()  
time1.hours = 7
```

```
time2 = time1
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

15.2.1: Enter the output of grouping data.



334598.939404.qx3zqy7

Type the program's output

```
class Person:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.name = ''  
  
person1 = Person()  
username = 'Jon'  
  
person1.name = username  
print('This is ' + person1.name)
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

15.2.2: Declaring a class.



Declare a class named PatientData that contains two attributes named height_inches and

weight_pounds.

Sample output for the given program with inputs: 63 115

```
Patient data (before): 0 in, 0 lbs  
Patient data (after): 63 in, 115 lbs
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

```
1  
2 ''' Your solution goes here '''  
3  
4 patient = PatientData()  
5 print('Patient data (before):', end=' ')  
6 print(patient.height_inches, 'in,', end=' ')  
7 print(patient.weight_pounds, 'lbs')  
8  
9  
10 patient.height_inches = int(input())  
11 patient.weight_pounds = int(input())  
12  
13 print('Patient data (after):', end=' ')  
14 print(patient.height_inches, 'in,', end=' ')  
15 print(patient.weight_pounds, 'lbs')
```

Run

**CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.2.3: Access a class' attributes.



Print the attributes of the InventoryTag object red_sweater.

Sample output for the given program with inputs: 314 500

ID: 314

Qty: 500

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

```
1 class InventoryTag:  
2     def __init__(self):  
3         self.item_id = 0  
4         self.quantity_remaining = 0
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Run

15.3 Instance methods



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

A function defined within a class is known as an **instance method**. An instance method can be referenced using dot notation. The following example illustrates:

Figure 15.3.1: A class definition may include user-defined functions.

```
class Time:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.hours = 0  
        self.minutes = 0  
  
    def print_time(self):  
        print('Hours:', self.hours, end=''  
)  
        print('Minutes:', self.minutes)  
  
time1 = Time()  
time1.hours = 7  
time1.minutes = 15  
time1.print_time()
```

Hours: 7 Minutes:
15

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

The definition of `print_time()` has a parameter "self" that provides a reference to the class instance. In the program above "self" is bound to `time1` when `time1.print_time()` is called. A programmer does

not specify an argument for "self" when calling the function; (the argument list in time1.print_time() is empty.) The method's code can use "self" to access other attributes or methods of the instance; for example, the print_time method uses "self.hours" and "self.minutes" to get the value of the time1 instance data attributes.

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY****15.3.1: Methods.**

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Consider the following class definition:

```
class Animal:  
    def __init__(self):  
        # ...  
  
    def noise(self, sound):  
        # ...
```

- 1) Write a statement that creates an instance of Animal called "cat".

Check**Show answer**

- 2) Write a statement that calls the noise method of the cat instance with the argument "meow".

Check**Show answer**

- 3) What should the first item in the parameter list of every method be?

Check**Show answer**©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

zyDE 15.3.1: Adding methods to a class.

Add a method calculate_pay() to the Employee class. The method should return the amount of money to pay the employee by multiplying the employee's wage and number of hours worked.

```
Load default template...  
Run  
©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702  
Steven Cameron  
WGUC859v4  
1  
2 class Employee:  
3     def __init__(self):  
4         self.wage = 0  
5         self.hours_worked = 0  
6  
7 #     def ... Add new method here ...  
8 #         ...  
9  
10 alice = Employee()  
11 alice.wage = 9.25  
12 alice.hours_worked = 35  
13 print('Alice:\n Net pay: {:.2f}'.format(alice.calculate_pay()))  
14  
15 barbara = Employee()  
16 barbara.wage = 11.50  
17 barbara.hours_worked = 20  
18 print('Barbara:\n Net pay: {:.2f}'.format(barbara.calculate_pay()))
```

Note that `__init__` is also a method of the Time class; however, `__init__` is a **special method name**, indicating that the method implements some special behavior of the class. In the case of `__init__`, that special behavior is the initialization of new instances. Special methods can always be identified by the double underscores `__` that appear before and after an identifier. Good practice is to avoid using double underscores in identifiers to prevent collisions with special method names, which the Python interpreter recognizes and may handle differently. Later sections discuss special method names in more detail.

A common error for new programmers is to omit the `self` argument as the first parameter of a method. In such cases, calling the method produces an error indicating too many arguments to the method were given by the programmer, because a method call automatically inserts an instance reference as the first argument:

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.3.2: Accidentally forgetting the self parameter of a method generates an error when calling the method.

```
class Employee:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.wage = 0  
        self.hours_worked = 0  
  
    def calculate_pay(): # Programmer forgot self parameter  
        return self.wage * self.hours_worked  
  
alice = Employee()  
alice.wage = 9.25  
alice.hours_worked = 35  
print('Alice earned {:.2f}'.format(alice.calculate_pay()))
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 13, in <module>  
TypeError: calculate_pay() takes 0 positional arguments but 1 was  
given
```

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.3.2: Method definitions.



- 1) Write the definition of a method "add" that has no parameters.

```
class MyClass:  
    # ...  
    def [ ]:  
        :  
        return self.x +  
self.y
```

Check

Show answer

- 2) Write the definition of a method "print_time" that has a single parameter "gmt".

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
class Time:  
    # ...  
    def :  
        :  
        if gmt:  
            print('Time is:  
{}:{} GMT'  
.format(self.hours-8,  
self.minutes))  
        else:  
            print('Time is:  
{}:{}'  
{})
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

**CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.3.1: Instance methods.



334598.939404.qx3zqy7

Start

Type the program's output

```
class Person:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.first_name = ''  
  
    def print_name(self):  
        print('You are', self.first_name)  
  
person1 = Person()  
person1.first_name = 'Sam'  
person1.print_name()
```

1

2

3

Check**Next****CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.3.2: Defining an instance method.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4



Define the instance method inc_num_kids() for PersonInfo. inc_num_kids increments the member data num_kids.

Sample output for the given program with one call to inc_num_kids():

Kids: 0

New baby, kids now: 1

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

```
1 class PersonInfo:
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.num_kids = 0
4
5     # FIXME: Write inc_num_kids(self)
6
7     ''' Your solution goes here '''
8
9 person1 = PersonInfo()
10
11 print('Kids:', person1.num_kids)
12 person1.inc_num_kids()
13 print('New baby, kids now:', person1.num_kids)
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Run

15.4 Class and instance object types



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

A program with user-defined classes contains two additional types of objects: class objects and instance objects. A **class object** acts as a *factory* that creates instance objects. When created by the class object, an `_instance object_` is initialized via the `__init__` method. The following tool demonstrates how the `__init__` method of the Time class object is used to initialize two new Time instance objects:

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.4.1: Class Time's init method initializes two new Time instance objects.



©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Class and instance objects are namespaces used to group data and functions together.

- A **class attribute** is shared amongst all of the instances of that class. Class attributes are defined within the scope of a class.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.4.1: A class attribute is shared between all instances of that class.

```
class MarathonRunner:  
    race_distance = 42.195 # Marathon distance in  
    Kilometers  
  
    def __init__(self):  
        # ...  
  
    def get_speed(self):  
        # ...  
  
runner1 = MarathonRunner()  
runner2 = MarathonRunner()  
  
print(MarathonRunner.race_distance) # Look in class  
namespace  
print(runner1.race_distance) # Look in instance namespace  
print(runner2.race_distance)
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

42.195
42.195
42.195

- An **instance attribute** can be unique to each instance.

Figure 15.4.2: An instance attribute can be different between instances of a class.

```
class MarathonRunner:  
    race_distance = 42.195 # Marathon distance in  
    Kilometers  
  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.speed = 0  
        # ...  
  
    def get_speed(self):  
        # ...  
  
runner1 = MarathonRunner()  
runner1.speed = 7.5  
  
runner2 = MarathonRunner()  
runner2.speed = 8.0  
  
print('Runner 1 speed:', runner1.speed)  
print('Runner 2 speed:', runner2.speed)
```

Runner 1 speed:
7.5
Runner 2 speed:
8.0

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Instance attributes are created using dot notation, as in `self.speed = 7.5` within a method, or

`runner1.speed = 7.5` from outside of the class' scope.

Instance and class namespaces are linked to each other. If a name is not found in an instance namespace, then the class namespace is searched.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.4.2: Class and instance namespaces.



©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Animation captions:

1. Class namespace contains all class attributes
2. Instance attributes added to each instance's namespace only
3. Using dot notation initiates a search that first looks in the instance namespace, then the class namespace.

Besides methods, typical class attributes are variables required only by instances of the class. Placing such constants in the class' scope helps to reduce possible collisions with other variables or functions in the global scope.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.4.3: Changing the gmt_offset class attribute affects behavior of all instances.

```
class Time:  
    gmt_offset = 0 # Class attribute. Changing alters  
    print_time output  
  
    def __init__(self): # Methods are a class attribute too  
        self.hours = 0 # Instance attribute  
        self.minutes = 0 # Instance attribute  
  
    def print_time(self): # Methods are a class attribute too  
        offset_hours = self.hours + self.gmt_offset # Local  
variable  
        print('Time -- %d:%d' % (offset_hours, self.minutes))  
  
time1 = Time()  
time1.hours = 10  
time1.minutes = 15  
  
time2 = Time()  
time2.hours = 12  
time2.minutes = 45  
  
print ('Greenwich Mean Time (GMT):')  
time1.print_time()  
time2.print_time()  
  
Time.gmt_offset = -8 # Change to PST time (-8 GMT)  
  
print ('\nPacific Standard Time (PST):')  
time1.print_time()  
time2.print_time()
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Greenwich Mean Time

(GMT):
Time -- 10:15
Time -- 12:45

Pacific Standard Time

(PST):
Time -- 2:15
Time -- 4:45

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY**

15.4.3: Class and instance objects.



Mouse: Drag/drop. Refresh the page if unable to drag and drop.

Class object

Instance attribute

Instance object

Instance methods

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Class attribute

A factory for creating new class
instances.

Represents a single instance of a class.

Functions that are also class attributes.

A variable that exists in a single instance.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

A variable shared with all instances of a class.

Reset

Note that even though class and instance attributes have unique namespaces, a programmer can use the "self" parameter to reference either type. For example, `self.hours` finds the instance attribute hours, and `self.gmt_offset` finds the class attribute gmt_offset. Thus, if a class and instance both have an attribute with the same name, the instance attribute will always be referenced. Good practice is to avoid name collisions between class and instance attributes.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.4.4: Identifying class and instance attributes.



1) What type of attribute is number?



```
class PhoneNumber:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.number = '805-555-2231'
```

- Class attribute
- Instance attribute

2) What type of attribute is number?



```
class PhoneNumber:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.number = None  
  
garrett = PhoneNumber()  
garrett.number = '805-555-2231'
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

- Class attribute
- Instance attribute

3) What type of attribute is area_code?



```
class PhoneNumber:  
    area_code = '805'  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.number = '555-2231'
```

- Class attribute
- Instance attribute

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

15.4.1: Classes and instances.



334598.939404.qx3zqy7

Start

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Type the program's output

```
class Shape:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.color = None  
  
shape1 = Shape()  
shape2 = Shape()  
shape2.color = 'indigo'  
  
print(shape1.color)  
print(shape2.color)
```



1

2

3

4

5

Check**Next**

15.5 Class example: Seat reservation system



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

zyDE 15.5.1: Using classes to implement an airline seat reservation system.

The following example implements an airline seat reservations system using classes instance data members and methods. Ultimately, the use of classes should lead to programs that are easier to understand and maintain.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

[Load default template](#)

```
1 class Seat:
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.first_name = ''
4         self.last_name = ''
5         self.paid = 0.0
6
7     def reserve(self, f_name, l_name, amt_paid):
8         self.first_name = f_name
9         self.last_name = l_name
10        self.paid = amt_paid
11
12    def make_empty(self):
13        self.first_name = ''
14        self.last_name = ''
15        self.paid = 0.0
16
17    def is_empty(self):
18        return self.first_name == ''
```

r
1
Hank
...

Run

15.6 Class constructors

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

A class instance is commonly initialized to a specific state. The `__init__` method constructor can be customized with additional parameters, as shown below:

Figure 15.6.1: Adding parameters to a constructor.

```
class RaceTime:  
    def __init__(self, start_time, end_time, distance):  
        """  
            start_time: Race start time. String w/ format  
            'hours:minutes'.  
            end_time: Race end time. String w/ format 'hours:minutes'.  
            distance: Distance of race in miles.  
        """  
        # ...  
  
    # The race times of marathon contestants  
    time_jason = RaceTime('3:15', '7:45', 26.21875)  
    time_bobby = RaceTime('3:15', '6:30', 26.21875)
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

The above constructor has three parameters, *start_time*, *end_time*, and *distance*. When instantiating a new instance of *RaceTime*, arguments must be passed to the constructor, e.g., `RaceTime('3:15', '7:45', 26.21875)`.

Consider the example below, which fully implements the *RaceTime* class, adding methods to print the time taken to complete the race and average pace.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.6.2: Additional parameters can be added to a class constructor.

```
class RaceTime:

    def __init__(self, start_hrs, start_mins, end_hrs,
                 end_mins, dist):
        self.start_hrs = start_hrs
        self.start_mins = start_mins
        self.end_hrs = end_hrs
        self.end_mins = end_mins
        self.distance = dist

    def print_time(self):
        if self.end_mins >= self.start_mins:
            minutes = self.end_mins - self.start_mins
            hours = self.end_hrs - self.start_hrs
        else:
            minutes = 60 - self.start_mins + self.end_mins
            hours = self.end_hrs - self.start_hrs - 1

        print('Time to complete race: {}:{}'.
              format(hours, minutes))

    def print_pace(self):
        if self.end_mins >= self.start_mins:
            minutes = self.end_mins - self.start_mins
            hours = self.end_hrs - self.start_hrs
        else:
            minutes = 60 - self.start_mins + self.end_mins
            hours = self.end_hrs - self.start_hrs - 1

        total_minutes = hours*60 + minutes
        print('Avg pace (mins/mile):'.
              format(total_minutes / self.distance))

distance = 5.0

start_hrs = int(input('Enter starting time hours: '))
start_mins = int(input('Enter starting time minutes: '))
end_hrs = int(input('Enter ending time hours: '))
end_mins = int(input('Enter ending time minutes: '))

race_time = RaceTime(start_hrs, start_mins, end_hrs, end_mins,
                     distance)

race_time.print_time()
race_time.print_pace()
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
Enter starting time
hours: 5
Enter starting time
minutes: 30
Enter ending time
hours: 7
Enter ending time
minutes: 00
Time to complete race:
1:30
Avg pace (mins/mile):
18.00

...
Enter starting time
hours: 5
Enter starting time
minutes: 30
Enter ending time
hours: 6
Enter ending time
minutes: 24
Time to complete race:
0:54
Avg pace (mins/mile):
10.80
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

The arguments passed into the constructor are saved as instance attributes using the automatically added "self" parameter and dot notation, as in `self.distance = distance`. Creation of such instance attributes allows methods to later access the values passed as arguments; for example, `print_time()` uses `self.start` and `self.end`, and `print_pace()` uses `self.distance`.

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY**

15.6.1: Method parameters.



- 1) Write the definition of an `__init__` method that requires the parameters `x` and `y`.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Check**Show answer**

- 2) Complete the statement to create a new instance of `Widget` with `p1=15` and `p2=5`.

```
class Widget:  
    def __init__(self, p1,  
p2):  
        # ...
```

`widg =`**Check****Show answer**

Constructor parameters can have default values like any other function, using the `name=value` syntax. Default parameter values may indicate the default state of an instance. A programmer might then use constructor arguments only to modify the default state if necessary. For example, the `Employee` class constructor in the program below uses default values that represent a typical new employee's wage and scheduled hours per week.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.6.3: Constructor default parameters.

```
class Employee:  
    def __init__(self, name, wage=8.25, hours=20):  
        """  
        Default employee is part time (20 hours/week)  
        and earns minimum wage  
        """  
        self.name = name  
        self.wage = wage  
        self.hours = hours  
  
    # ...  
  
todd = Employee('Todd') # Typical part-time employee  
jason = Employee('Jason') # Typical part-time employee  
tricia = Employee('Tricia', wage=12.50, hours=40) # Manager  
employee  
  
employees = [todd, jason, tricia]  
  
for e in employees:  
    print ('{} earns {:.2f} per week'.format(e.name,  
e.wage*e.hours))
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Todd earns 165.00 per
week
Jason earns 165.00 per
week
Tricia earns 500.00 per
week

Similar to calling functions, default parameter values can be mixed with positional and name-mapped arguments in an instantiation operation. Arguments without default values are required, must come first, and must be in order. The following arguments with default values are optional, and can appear in any order.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.6.2: Default constructor parameters.



Consider the class definition below. Match the instantiations of Student to the matching list of attributes.

```
class Student:  
    def __init__(self, name, grade=9, honors=False, athletics=False):  
        self.name = name  
        self.grade = grade  
        self.honors = honors  
        self.athletics = athletics  
  
    # ...
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Mouse: Drag/drop. Refresh the page if unable to drag and drop.

Student('Johnny', grade=11, honors=True)

Student('Johnny', grade=11, athletics=False)

Student('Tommy', grade=9, honors=True, athletics=True)

Student('Tommy')

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

self.name: 'Tommy', self.grade: 9,
self.honors: False, self.athletics:
False

self.name: 'Tommy', self.grade: 9,
self.honors: True, self.athletics:
True

self.name: Johnny, self.grade:11,
self.honors: False, self.athletics:
False

self.name: Johnny, self.grade: 11,
self.honors: True, self.athletics:
False

Reset

**CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.6.1: Constructor customization.



334598.939404.qx3zqy7

Start

Type the program's output

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
class Rectangle:  
    def __init__(self, length, width):  
        self.length = length  
        self.width = width  
  
rectangle1 = Rectangle(1, 9)  
rectangle2 = Rectangle(8, 15)  
  
print(rectangle1.width)  
print(rectangle2.length)
```



1

2

3

[Check](#)[Next](#)**CHALLENGE ACTIVITY**

15.6.2: Defining a class constructor.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4



Write a constructor with parameters self, num_mins and num_messages. num_mins and num_messages should have a default value of 0.

Sample output with one plan created with input: 200 300, one plan created with no input, and one plan created with input: 500

```
My plan... Mins: 200 Messages: 300
Dad's plan... Mins: 0 Messages: 0
Mom's plan... Mins: 500 Messages: 0
```

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

```
1 class PhonePlan:
2     # FIXME add constructor
3
4     ''' Your solution goes here '''
5
6     def print_plan(self):
7         print('Mins:', self.num_mins, end=' ')
8         print('Messages:', self.num_messages)
9
10
11 my_plan = PhonePlan(int(input()), int(input()))
12 dads_plan = PhonePlan()
13 moms_plan = PhonePlan(int(input()))
14
15 print('My plan...', end=' ')
16 my_plan.print_plan()
17
18 print('Dad\'s plan...', end=' ')
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

[Run](#)

15.7 Class interfaces



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

A class usually contains a set of methods that a programmer interacts with. For example, the class RaceTime might contain the instance methods `print_time()` and `print_pace()` that a programmer calls to print some output. A **class interface** consists of the methods that a programmer calls to create, modify, or access a class instance. The figure below shows the class interface of the RaceTime class, which consists of the `__init__` constructor and the `print_time()` and `print_pace()` methods.

Figure 15.7.1: A class interface consists of methods to interact with an instance.

```
class RaceTime:  
    def __init__(self, start_time, end_time,  
                 distance):  
        # ...  
  
    def print_time(self):  
        # ...  
  
    def print_pace(self):  
        # ...
```

A class may also contain methods used internally that a user of the class need not access. For example, consider if the RaceTime class contains a separate method `_diff_time()` used by `print_time()` and `print_pace()` to find the total number of minutes to complete the race. A programmer using the RaceTime class does not need to use the `_diff_time()` function directly; thus, `_diff_time()` does not need to be a part of the class interface. Good practice is to prepend an underscore to methods only used internally by a class. The underscore is a widely recognized convention, but otherwise has no special syntactic meaning. A programmer could still call the method, e.g. `time1._diff_time()`, though such usage should be unnecessary if the class interface is well-designed.

Figure 15.7.2: Internal instance methods.

RaceTime class with internal instance method usage and definition highlighted.

```
class RaceTime:
    def __init__(self, start_hrs, start_mins, end_hrs,
end_mins, dist):
        self.start_hrs = start_hrs
        self.start_mins = start_mins
        self.end_hrs = end_hrs
        self.end_mins = end_mins
        self.distance = dist

    def print_time(self):
        total_time = self._diff_time()
        print('Time to complete race:
{}:{}.'.format(total_time[0], total_time[1]))

    def print_pace(self):
        total_time = self._diff_time()
        total_minutes = total_time[0]*60 + total_time[1]
        print('Avg pace (mins/mile):
{:.2f}'.format(total_minutes / self.distance))

    def _diff_time(self):
        """Calculate total race time. Returns a 2-tuple
(hours, minutes)"""
        if self.end_mins >= self.start_mins:
            minutes = self.end_mins - self.start_mins
            hours = self.end_hrs - self.start_hrs
        else:
            minutes = 60 - self.start_mins + self.end_mins
            hours = self.end_hrs - self.start_hrs - 1

        return (hours, minutes)

distance = 5.0

start_hrs = int(input('Enter starting time hours: '))
start_mins = int(input('Enter starting time minutes: '))
end_hrs = int(input('Enter ending time hours: '))
end_mins = int(input('Enter ending time minutes: '))

race_time = RaceTime(start_hrs, start_mins, end_hrs,
end_mins, distance)

race_time.print_time()
race_time.print_pace()
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
Enter starting time hours:
5
Enter starting time
minutes: 30
Enter ending time hours: 7
Enter ending time minutes:
0
Time to complete race:
1:30
Average pace
(minutes/mile): 18.00
...
Enter starting time hours:
9
Enter starting time
minutes: 30
Enter ending time hours:
10
Enter ending time minutes:
3
Time to complete race:
0:33
Avg pace (mins/mile): 6.60
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

A class can be used to implement the computing concept known as an **abstract data type (ADT)**, which is a data type whose creation and update are constrained to specific, well-defined operations (the class interface). A key aspect of an ADT is that the internal implementation of the data and operations are hidden from the ADT user, a concept known as *information hiding*, which allows the ADT user to be more productive by focusing on higher-level concepts. Information hiding also

allows the ADT developer to improve the internal implementation without requiring changes to programs using the ADT. In the previous example, a RaceTime ADT was defined that captured the number of hours and minutes to complete a race, and that presents a well-defined set of operations to create (via `__init__`) and view (via `print_time` and `print_pace`) the data.

Programmers commonly refer to separating an object's *interface* from its *implementation* (internal methods and variables); the user of an object need only know the object's interface.

Python lacks the ability to truly hide information from a user of the ADT, because all attributes of a class are always accessible from the outside. Many other computing languages require methods and variables to be marked as either *public* (part of a class interface) or *private* (internal), and attempting to access private methods and variables results in an error. Python on the other hand, is a more "trusting" language. A user of an ADT can always inspect, and if desired, utilize private variables and methods in ways unexpected by the ADT developer.

**PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY**

15.7.1: Class interfaces.



- 1) A class interface consists of the methods that a programmer should use to modify or access the class.
 True
 False

- 2) Internal methods used by the class should start with an underscore in their name.
 True
 False

- 3) Internal methods can not be called; e.g., `my_instance._calc()` results in an error.
 True
 False

- 4) A well-designed class separates its *interface* from its *implementation*.
 True
 False

15.8 Class customization



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGU 2025

Class customization is the process of defining how a class should behave for some common operations. Such operations might include printing, accessing attributes, or how instances of that class are compared to each other. To customize a class, a programmer implements instance methods with **special method names** that the Python interpreter recognizes. Ex: To change how a class instance object is printed, the special `__str__()` method can be defined, as illustrated below.

Figure 15.8.1: Implementing `__str__()` alters how the class is printed.

Normal printing

```
class Toy:  
    def __init__(self, name,  
    price, min_age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.price = price  
        self.min_age = min_age  
  
truck = Toy('Monster Truck XX',  
14.99, 5)  
print(truck)
```

```
<__main__.Toy instance at  
0xb74cb98c>
```

Customized printing

```
class Toy:  
    def __init__(self, name, price, min_age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.price = price  
        self.min_age = min_age  
  
    def __str__(self):  
        return ('{} costs only ${:.2f}. Not for  
children under {}!'  
               .format(self.name, self.price,  
self.min_age))  
  
truck = Toy('Monster Truck XX', 14.99, 5)  
print(truck)
```

```
Monster Truck XX costs only $14.99. Not for  
children under 5!
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGU 2025

The left program prints a default string for the class instance. The right program implements `__str__()`, generating a custom message using some instance attributes.

Run the tool below, which visualizes the execution of the above example. When `print(truck)` is evaluated, the `__str__()` method is called.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.8.1: Implementing `__str__()` alters how the class is printed.



©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

zyDE 15.8.1: Customization of printing a class instance.

The following class represents a vehicle for sale in a used-car lot. Add a `__str__()` method that printing an instance of `Car` displays a string in the following format:

```
1989 Chevrolet Blazer:  
  Mileage: 115000  
  Sticker price: $3250
```

Load default template...

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

Run

WGUC859v4

```
1  
2 class Car:  
3     def __init__(self, make, model, year, miles, price):  
4         self.make = make  
5         self.model = model  
6         self.year = year  
7         self.miles = miles  
8         self.price = price  
9  
10    def __str__(self):  
11        # ... This line will cause error  
12  
13 cars = []  
14 cars.append(Car('Ford', 'Mustang', 2000, 100000, 15000))  
15 cars.append(Car('Nissan', 'Xterra', 2000, 100000, 15000))  
16 cars.append(Car('Nissan', 'Maxima', 2000, 100000, 15000))  
17  
18 for car in cars:  
19     print(car)
```

Class customization can redefine the functionality of built-in operators like `<`, `>=`, `+`, `-`, and `*` when used with class instances, a technique known as **operator overloading**.

The below code shows overloading of the less-than (`<`) operator of the `Time` class by defining a method with the `__lt__` special method name.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

Figure 15.8.2: Overloading the less-than operator of the Time class allows for comparison of instances.

```
class Time:
    def __init__(self, hours, minutes):
        self.hours = hours
        self.minutes = minutes

    def __str__(self):
        return '{}:{}'.format(self.hours,
                             self.minutes)

    def __lt__(self, other):
        if self.hours < other.hours:
            return True
        elif self.hours == other.hours:
            if self.minutes < other.minutes:
                return True
            return False
        return False

num_times = 3
times = []

# Obtain times from user input
for i in range(num_times):
    user_input = input('Enter time (Hrs:Mins): ')
    tokens = user_input.split(':')
    times.append(Time(int(tokens[0]),
                      int(tokens[1])))

min_time = times[0]
for t in times:
    if t < min_time:
        min_time = t

print('\nEarliest time is', min_time)
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
Enter time (Hrs:Mins):  
10:40  
Enter time (Hrs:Mins):  
12:15  
Enter time (Hrs:Mins):  
9:15  
  
Earliest time is 9:15
```

In the above program, the Time class contains a definition for the `__lt__` method, which overloads the `<` operator. When the comparison `t < min_time` is evaluated, the `__lt__` method is automatically called. The `self` parameter of `__lt__` is bound to the left operand, `t`, and the `other` parameter is bound to the right operand, `min_time`. Returning `True` indicates that `t` is indeed less-than `min_time`, and returning `False` indicates that `t` equal-to or greater-than `min_time`.

Methods like `__lt__` above are known as **rich comparison methods**. The following table describes rich comparison methods and the corresponding relational operator that is overloaded.

Table 15.8.1: Rich comparison methods.

Rich comparison method	Overloaded operator
<code>__lt__(self, other)</code>	less-than (<)
<code>__le__(self, other)</code>	less-than or equal-to (<=)
<code>__gt__(self, other)</code>	greater-than (>)
<code>__ge__(self, other)</code>	greater-than or equal-to (>=)
<code>__eq__(self, other)</code>	equal to (==)
<code>__ne__(self, other)</code>	not-equal to (!=)

zyDE 15.8.2: Rich comparisons for a quarterback class.

Complete the `__gt__` method. A quarterback is considered greater than another only if the quarterback has both more wins and a higher quarterback passer rating.

Once `__gt__` is complete, compare Tom Brady's 2007 stats as well (yards: 4806, TDs: 32, completions: 398, attempts: 578, interceptions: 8, wins: 16).

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

Load default ter

```
1  class Quarterback:
2      def __init__(self, yrds, tds, cmps, atts, ints, wins):
3          self.wins = wins
4
5
6      # Calculate quarterback passer rating (NCAA)
7      self.rating = ((8.4*yrds) + (330*tds) + (100*cmps) - (200 * int
8
9      def __lt__(self, other):
10         if (self.rating < other.rating) or (self.wins < other.wins):
11             return True
12         return False
13
14     def __gt__(self, other):
15         return True
16         # Complete the method...
17
18 peyton = Quarterback(yrds=4700, atts=679, cmps=450, tds=33, ints=17, wi
```

Run

More advanced usage of class customization is possible, such as customizing how a class accesses or sets its attributes. Such advanced topics are out of scope for this material; however, the reader is encouraged to explore the links at the end of the section for a complete list of class customizations and special method names.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.8.2: Rich comparison methods.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4



Consider the following class:

```
class UsedCar:
    def __init__(self, price, condition):
        self.price = price
        self.condition = condition # integer between 0-5; 0=poor condition, 5=new condition
```

Fill in the missing code as described in each question to complete the rich comparison

methods.

- 1) A car is less than another if the price is lower.

```
def __lt__(self, other):  
    if  
        [ ]:  
            return True  
    return False
```



©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Check

Show answer

- 2) A car is less than or equal-to another if the price is at most the same.

```
def __le__(self, other):  
    if  
        [ ]:  
            return True  
    return False
```



Check

Show answer

- 3) A car is greater than another if the condition is better.

```
def __gt__(self, other):  
    if  
        [ ]:  
            return True  
    return False
```



Check

Show answer

- 4) Two cars are not equivalent if either the prices or conditions don't match.

```
def __ne__(self, other):  
    if  
        [ ]:  
            return True  
    return False
```



©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Check**Show answer****CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.8.1: Enter the output of the program that has a class with special methods.



334598.939404.qx3zqy7

Start

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Type the program's output

```
class Duration:  
    def __init__(self, hours, minutes):  
        self.hours = hours  
        self.minutes = minutes  
  
    def __str__(self):  
        minute_string = str(self.minutes)  
        if self.minutes < 10:  
            minute_string = '0{}'.format(minute_string)  
        return '{} mins {} hrs'.format(minute_string, self.hours)  
  
day = Duration(24, 0)  
print(day)
```

1

2

Check**Next****CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.8.2: Defining __str__.



Write the special method __str__() for CarRecord.

Sample output with input: 2009 'ABC321'

Year: 2009, VIN: ABC321

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

```
1 class CarRecord:  
2     def __init__(self):  
3         self.year_made = 0  
4         self.car_vin = ''  
5  
6         .....
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Run

Exploring further:

- Wikipedia: Operator overloading
- Python documentation: Class customization

15.9 More operator overloading: Classes as numeric types



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Numeric operators such as +, -, *, and / can be overloaded using class customization techniques. Thus, a user-defined class can be treated as a numeric type of object wherein instances of that class can be added together, multiplied, etc. Consider the example, which represents a 24-hour clock time.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Figure 15.9.1: Extending the time class with overloaded subtraction operator.

```

class Time24:
    def __init__(self, hours, minutes):
        self.hours = hours
        self.minutes = minutes

    def __str__(self):
        return '{:02d}:{:02d}'.format(self.hours,
                                       self.minutes)

    def __gt__(self, other):
        if self.hours > other.hours:
            return True
        else:
            if self.hours == other.hours:
                if self.minutes > other.minutes:
                    return True
            return False

    def __sub__(self, other):
        """ Calculate absolute distance between two
        times """
        if self > other:
            larger = self
            smaller = other
        else:
            larger = other
            smaller = self

        hrs = larger.hours - smaller.hours
        mins = larger.minutes - smaller.minutes
        if mins < 0:
            mins += 60
            hrs -= 1

        # Check if times wrap to new day
        if hrs > 12:
            hrs = 24 - (hrs + 1)
            mins = 60 - mins

        # Return new Time24 instance
        return Time24(hrs, mins)

t1 = input('Enter time1 (hours:minutes): ')
tokens = t1.split(':')
time1 = Time24(int(tokens[0]), int(tokens[1]))

t2 = input('Enter time2 (hours:minutes): ')
tokens = t2.split(':')
time2 = Time24(int(tokens[0]), int(tokens[1]))

print('Time difference:', time1 - time2)

```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Enter time1 (hours:minutes):
5:00
Enter time2 (hours:minutes):
3:30
Time difference: 01:30
...
Enter time1 (hours:minutes):
22:30
Enter time2 (hours:minutes):
2:40
Time difference: 04:10

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

The above program adds a definition of the `__sub__` method to the `Time24` class that is called when an expression like `time1 - time2` is evaluated. The method calculates the absolute difference

between the two times, and returns a new instance of Time24 containing the result.

The overloaded method will be called whenever the left operand is an instance Time24. Thus, an expression like `time1 - 1` will also cause the overloaded method to be called. Such an expression would cause an error because the `_sub__` method would attempt to access the attribute `other.minutes`, but the integer 1 does not contain a minutes attribute. The error occurs because the behavior is undefined; does `time1 - 1` mean to subtract one hour or one minute?

To handle subtraction of arbitrary object types, the built-in `isinstance()` function can be used. The `isinstance()` function returns a True or False Boolean depending on whether a given variable matches a given type. The `_sub__` function is modified below to first check the type of the right operand, and subtract an hour if the right operand is an integer, or find the time difference if the right operand is another Time24 instance:

Figure 15.9.2: The `isinstance()` built-in function.

```
def __sub__(self, other):
    if isinstance(other, int): # right op is
        integer
            return Time24(self.hours - other,
                           self.minutes)

        if isinstance(other, Time24): # right
            op is Time24
                if self > other:
                    larger = self
                    smaller = other
                else:
                    larger = other
                    smaller = self

                    hrs = larger.hours - smaller.hours
                    mins = larger.minutes -
smaller.minutes
                    if mins < 0:
                        mins += 60
                        hrs -=1

                    # Check if times wrap to new day
                    if hrs > 12:
                        hrs = 24 - (hrs + 1)
                        mins = 60 - mins

                    # Return new Time24 instance
                    return Time24(hrs, mins)

    print('{})'
unsupported'.format(type(other)))
    raise NotImplementedError
```

Operation	Result
t1 - t2	Difference between t1, t2
t1 - 5	t1 minus 5 hours.
t1 - 5.75	"float unsupported"
t1 - <other_type>	"<other_type> unsupported"

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Every operator in Python can be overloaded. The table below lists some of the most common methods. A full list is available at the bottom of the section.

Table 15.9.1: Methods for emulating numeric types.

Method	Description
<code>__add__(self, other)</code>	Add (+)
<code>__sub__(self, other)</code>	Subtract (-)
<code>__mul__(self, other)</code>	Multiply (*)
<code>__truediv__(self, other)</code>	Divide (/)
<code>__floordiv__(self, other)</code>	Floored division (//)
<code>__mod__(self, other)</code>	Modulus (%)
<code>__pow__(self, other)</code>	Exponentiation (**)
<code>__and__(self, other)</code>	"and" logical operator
<code>__or__(self, other)</code>	"or" logical operator
<code>__abs__(self)</code>	Absolute value (abs())
<code>__int__(self)</code>	Convert to integer (int())
<code>__float__(self)</code>	Convert to floating point (float())

The table above lists common operators such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and so on. Sometimes a class also needs to be able to handle being passed as arguments to built-in functions like `abs()`, `int()`, `float()`, etc. Defining the methods like `__abs__()`, `__int__()`, and `__float__()` will automatically cause those methods to be called when an instance of that class is passed to the corresponding function. The methods should return an appropriate object for each method, i.e., an integer value for `__int__()` and a floating-point value for `__float__()`. Note that not all such methods need to be implemented for a class; their usage is generally optional, but can provide for cleaner and more elegant code. Not defining a method will simply cause an error if that method is needed but not found, which indicates to the programmer that additional functionality must be implemented.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.9.1: Emulating numeric types with operating overloading.



Assume that the following class is defined. Fill in the missing statements in the most direct possible way to complete the described method.

```
class LooseChange:  
    def __init__(self, value):  
        self.value = value # integer representing total number of cents.  
    # ...
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

- 1) Adding two LooseChange

instances `lc1 + lc2` returns a new LooseChange instance with the summed value of `lc1` and `lc2`.



```
def __add__(self, other):  
  
    new_value =  
  
    return  
LooseChange(new_value)
```

Check**Show answer**

- 2) Executing the code:



```
lc1 = LooseChange(135)  
print(float(lc1))
```

yields the output

1.35

```
def __float__(self):  
  
    fp_value =  
  
    return fp_value
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Check**Show answer**

**CHALLENGE
ACTIVITY**

15.9.1: Enter the output of classes as numeric types.



334598.939404.qx3zqy7

Start

Type the program's output

2 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

```
class Duration:  
    def __init__(self, hours, minutes):  
        self.hours = hours  
        self.minutes = minutes  
  
    def __add__(self, other):  
        total_hours = self.hours + other.hours  
        total_minutes = self.minutes + other.minutes  
        if total_minutes >= 60:  
            total_hours += 1  
            total_minutes -= 60  
        return Duration(total_hours, total_minutes)  
  
first_trip = Duration(4, 54)  
second_trip = Duration(0, 46)  
  
first_time = first_trip + second_trip  
second_time = second_trip + second_trip  
  
print(first_time.hours, first_time.minutes)  
print(second_time.hours, second_time.minutes)
```

1

2

3

Check**Next**

Exploring further:

- List of numeric special method names

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

15.10 Memory allocation and garbage collection



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Memory allocation

The process of an application requesting and being granted memory is known as **memory allocation**. Memory used by a Python application must be granted to the application by the operating system. When an application requests a specific amount of memory from the operating system, the operating system can then choose to grant or deny the request.

While some languages require the programmer to write memory allocating code, the Python runtime handles memory allocation for the programmer. Ex: Creating a list in Python and then appending 100 items means that memory for the 100 items must be allocated. The Python runtime allocates memory for lists and other objects as necessary.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.10.1: Memory allocation in Python.



Animation content:

undefined

Animation captions:

1. System memory is partitioned into segments and managed by the operating system.
2. A Python application creates an array with 100 items. The Python runtime has allocated space for this array.
3. Other applications may use other areas of allocated memory.
4. Memory allocation is usually invisible to the programmer, since the allocation is done by the Python runtime.

PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

15.10.2: Memory allocation in Python.



- 1) The Python runtime requests memory from the operating system.

- True
- False

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

- 2) Certain objects in a Python application may reside in memory that has not been allocated.

- True
- False





- 3) All programming languages perform all memory allocation on behalf of the programmer.
- True
 False

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Garbage collection

Python is a managed language, meaning objects are deallocated automatically by the Python runtime, and not by the programmer's code. When an object is no longer referenced by any variables, the object becomes a candidate for deallocation.

A **reference count** is an integer counter that represents how many variables reference an object. When an object's reference count is 0, that object is no longer referenced. Python's garbage collector will deallocate objects with a reference count of 0. However, the time between an object's reference count becoming 0 and that object being deallocated may differ across different Python runtime implementations.

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.10.3: Python's garbage collection.



Animation content:

undefined

Animation captions:

1. The variable string1 is a reference to the "Python" string object. string2 and string3 both reference the "Computer Science" string object.
2. The "Python" string object is referenced by 1 variable and therefore has a reference count (RC) of 1. The "Computer science" string object's RC is 2.
3. Reference counts > 0 imply that neither object can be deallocated.
4. When string1 is reassigned to reference the "zyBooks" string, the "Python" string object is no longer referenced and can be deallocated.
5. After assigning string2 with "zyBooks", "Computer Science" is still referenced by string3 and cannot be deallocated.
6. The Python garbage collector will eventually deallocate objects that are no longer referenced.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

PARTICIPATION
ACTIVITY

15.10.4: Reference counts and garbage collection.





1) An object with a reference count of 0 can be deallocated by the garbage collector.

- True
- False

2) Immediately after an object's reference count is decremented from 1 to 0, the garbage collector deallocates the object.

- True
- False

3) Swapping variables string1 and string2 with the code below is potentially problematic, because a moment exists when the "zyBooks" string has a reference count of 0.



```
string1 = "zyBooks"  
string2 = "Computer science"  
  
temp = string1  
string1 = string2  
string2 = temp
```

- True
- False

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4



15.11 LAB: Car value (classes)



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Complete the **Car** class by creating an attribute purchase_price (type int) and the method print_info() that outputs the car's information.

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Ex: If the input is:

```
2011  
18000  
2018
```

where 2011 is the car's model year, 18000 is the purchase price, and 2018 is the current year, then `print_info()` outputs:

```
Car's information:  
Model year: 2011  
Purchase price: 18000  
Current value: 5770
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Note: `print_info()` should use three spaces for indentation.

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

LAB
ACTIVITY

15.11.1: LAB: Car value (classes)

0 / 10



main.py

[Load default template...](#)

```
1 class Car:  
2     def __init__(self):  
3         self.model_year = 0  
4         # TODO: Declare purchase_price attribute  
5  
6         self.current_value = 0  
7  
8     def calc_current_value(self, current_year):  
9         depreciation_rate = 0.15  
10        # Car depreciation formula  
11        car_age = current_year - self.model_year  
12        self.current_value = round(self.purchase_price * (1 - depreciation_rate))  
13  
14    # TODO: Define print_info() method to output model_year, purchase_price, and  
15  
16  
17 if __name__ == "__main__":  
18     year = int(input())
```

[Develop mode](#)

[Submit mode](#)

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)



main.py
(Your program)



0

Program output displayed here

Coding trail of your work [What is this?](#)

History of your effort will appear here once you begin working on this zyLab.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

15.12 LAB: Nutritional information (classes/constructors)



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Complete the `FoodItem` class by adding a constructor to initialize a food item. The constructor should initialize the name (a string) to "None" and all other instance attributes to 0.0 by default. If the constructor is called with a food name, grams of fat, grams of carbohydrates, and grams of protein, the constructor should assign each instance attribute with the appropriate parameter value.

The given program accepts as input a food item name, fat, carbs, and protein and the number of servings. The program creates a food item using the constructor parameters' default values and a food item using the input values. The program outputs the nutritional information and calories per serving for both food items.

Ex: If the input is:

```
M&M's
10.0
34.0
2.0
1.0
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

where M&M's is the food name, 10.0 is the grams of fat, 34.0 is the grams of carbohydrates, 2.0 is the grams of protein, and 1.0 is the number of servings, the output is:

```
Nutritional information per serving of None:
```

```
Fat: 0.00 g
```

Carbohydrates: 0.00 g

Protein: 0.00 g

Number of calories for 1.00 serving(s): 0.00

Nutritional information per serving of M&M's:

Fat: 10.00 g

Carbohydrates: 34.00 g

Protein: 2.00 g

Number of calories for 1.00 serving(s): 234.00

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

LAB
ACTIVITY

15.12.1: LAB: Nutritional information (classes/constructors)

0 / 10



main.py

1 Loading latest submission...|

Develop mode

Submit mode

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)



main.py
(Your program)



0

Program output displayed here

Coding trail of your work [What is this?](#)

 Retrieving signature

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

15.13 LAB: Artwork label (classes/constructors)



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Define the **Artist** class with a constructor to initialize an artist's information and a `print_info()` method. The constructor should by default initialize the artist's name to "None" and the years of birth and death to 0. `print_info()` should display *Artist Name, born XXXX if the year of death is -1 or Artist Name (XXXX-YYYY) otherwise.*

Define the **Artwork** class with a constructor to initialize an artwork's information and a `print_info()` method. The constructor should by default initialize the title to "None", the year created to 0, and the artist to use the **Artist** default constructor parameter values.

Ex: If the input is:

```
Pablo Picasso
1881
1973
Three Musicians
1921
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

the output is:

```
Artist: Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)
Title: Three Musicians, 1921
```

If the input is:

Brice Marden
1938
-1
Distant Muses
2000

the output is:

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Artist: Brice Marden, born 1938
Title: Distant Muses, 2000

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

LAB
ACTIVITY

15.13.1: LAB: Artwork label (classes/constructors)

0 / 10



main.py

[Load default template...](#)

```
1 class Artist:  
2     # TODO: Define constructor with parameters to initialize instance attributes  
3     #         (name, birth_year, death_year)  
4  
5     # TODO: Define print_info() method. If death_year is -1, only print birth_ye  
6  
7  
8 class Artwork:  
9     # TODO: Define constructor with parameters to initialize instance attributes  
10    #         (title, year_created, artist)  
11  
12    # TODO: Define print_info() method  
13  
14  
15 if __name__ == "__main__":  
16     user_artist_name = input()  
17     user_birth_year = int(input())  
18     user_death_year = int(input())
```

Develop mode

Submit mode

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

WGUC859v4

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)



main.py
(Your program)



0

Program output displayed here

Coding trail of your work [What is this?](#)

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702

History of your effort will appear here once you begin
working on this zyLab.

Steven Cameron

WGUC859v4

15.14 LAB: Triangle area comparison (classes)



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Given class **Triangle**, complete the program to read and set the base and height of triangle1 and triangle2, determine which triangle's area is larger, and output the larger triangle's info, making use of **Triangle**'s relevant methods.

Ex: If the input is:

```
3.0
4.0
4.0
5.0
```

where 3.0 is triangle1's base, 4.0 is triangle1's height, 4.0 is triangle2's base, and 5.0 is triangle2's height, the output is:

```
Triangle with larger area:
Base: 4.00
Height: 5.00
Area: 10.00
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

LAB
ACTIVITY

15.14.1: LAB: Triangle area comparison (classes)

0 / 10



main.py

1 Loading latest submission...|

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Develop mode**Submit mode**

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)

**main.py**
(Your program)

0

Program output displayed here

Coding trail of your work

[What is this?](#)

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4



Retrieving signature

15.15 LAB: Winning team (classes)



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Complete the `Team` class implementation. For the instance method `get_win_percentage()`, the formula is:

`team_wins / (team_wins + team_losses)`

Note: Use floating-point division.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Ex: If the input is:

```
Ravens
13
3
```

where Ravens is the team's name, 13 is the number of team wins, and 3 is the number of team losses, the output is:

```
Congratulations, Team Ravens has a winning average!
```

If the input is Angels 80 82, the output is:

```
Team Angels has a losing average.
```

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

**LAB
ACTIVITY**

15.15.1: LAB: Winning team (classes)

0 / 10



main.py

[Load default template...](#)

```
1 class Team:
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.team_name = 'none'
4         self.team_wins = 0
5         self.team_losses = 0
6
7     # TODO: Define get_win_percentage()
8
9
10 if __name__ == "__main__":
11
12     team = Team()
13
14     team_name = input()
15     team_wins = int(input())
16     team_losses = int(input())
17
18     team.team_name = team_name
```

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Develop mode**Submit mode**

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

Run program

Input (from above)

**main.py**
(Your program)

0

Program output displayed here

Coding trail of your work [What is this?](#)

History of your effort will appear here once you begin working on this zyLab.

15.16 LAB: Vending machine



This section has been set as optional by your instructor.

Given two integers as user inputs that represent the number of drinks to buy and the number of bottles to restock, create a VendingMachine object that performs the following operations:

- Purchases input number of drinks
- Restocks input number of bottles
- Reports inventory

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

A VendingMachine's initial inventory is 20 drinks.

Ex: If the input is:

5
2

the output is:

Inventory: 17 bottles

334598.939404.qx3zqy7

LAB ACTIVITY | 15.16.1: LAB: Vending machine

0 / 10  ©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702 Steven Cameron WGUC859v4

main.py [Load default template...](#)

```
1 class VendingMachine:
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.bottles = 20
4
5     def purchase(self, amount):
6         self.bottles = self.bottles - amount
7
8     def restock(self, amount):
9         self.bottles = self.bottles + amount
10
11    def get_inventory(self):
12        return self.bottles
13
14    def report(self):
15        print('Inventory: {} bottles'.format(self.bottles))
16
17 if __name__ == "__main__":
18     # TODO: Create VendingMachine object
```

Develop mode

Submit mode

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above) →

main.py
©zyBo (Your program) 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4 → 0

Program output displayed here

Coding trail of your work [What is this?](#)

History of your effort will appear here once you begin working on this zyLab.

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4

©zyBooks 09/19/22 19:37 469702
Steven Cameron
WGUC859v4