

# Python *classes*



```
>>> class MyClass:
...     class_attribute_one = "One attribute"
...
...     def __init__(self, *args):
...         self.state = list(args)
...         self.__my_attr = False
...
...     def get_state(self):
...         return self.state
...
...     def add_state(self, state):
...         self.state.append(state)
...
...     def __bool__(self):
...         print(self.__str__())
...         return bool(self.state)
...
...     def __str__(self):
...         return f"MyClass with state {self.state}"
```

# Creating instance

```
>>> inst = MyClass(1, 2, 3)
>>> inst.__class__
<class '__main__.MyClass'>
```

```
>>> inst.get_state()
[1, 2, 3]
>>> inst.add_state(4)
>>> inst.get_state()
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
>>> str(inst)
'MyClass with state [1, 2, 3, 4]'
```

```
>>> bool(inst)
MyClass with state [1, 2, 3, 4]
True
```

# \_\_dict\_\_

```
>>> pprint(MyClass.__dict__)
mappingproxy({'__bool__': <function MyClass.__bool__ at 0x7f97f727bf28>,
              '__dict__': <attribute '__dict__' of 'MyClass' objects>,
              '__doc__': None,
              '__init__': <function MyClass.__init__ at 0x7f97f727b9d8>,
              '__module__': '__main__',
              '__str__': <function MyClass.__str__ at 0x7f97f727bbf8>,
              '__weakref__': <attribute '__weakref__' of 'MyClass' objects>,
              'add_state': <function MyClass.add_state at 0x7f97f727b8c8>,
              'class_attribute_one': 'One attribute',
              'get_state': <function MyClass.get_state at 0x7f97f727bc80>})

>>> pprint(inst.__dict__)
{'_MyClass__my_attr': False, 'state': [1, 2, 3, 4]}
```

# Descriptors

To be a *descriptor*, a class must have at least one of `__get__`, `__set__`, and `__delete__` implemented.

# Descriptors

```
>>> class Meter:
...     '''Descriptor for a meter.'''
...     def __init__(self, value=0.0):
...         self.value = float(value)
...     def __get__(self, instance, owner):
...         return self.value
...     def __set__(self, instance, value):
...         self.value = float(value)
...
... class Foot:
...     '''Descriptor for a foot.'''
...     def __get__(self, instance, owner):
...         return instance.meter * 3.2808
...     def __set__(self, instance, value):
...         instance.meter = float(value) / 3.2808
...
... class Distance:
...     '''Class to represent distance holding two descriptors for feet and
...     meters.'''
...     meter = Meter()
...     foot = Foot()
```

# Descriptors

```
>>> Distance().meter = 10.
```

```
>>> dist = Distance()
```

```
>>> dist.meter = 10.
```

```
>>> dist.foot
```

```
32.808
```

```
>>> dist.foot = 15
```

```
>>> dist.meter
```

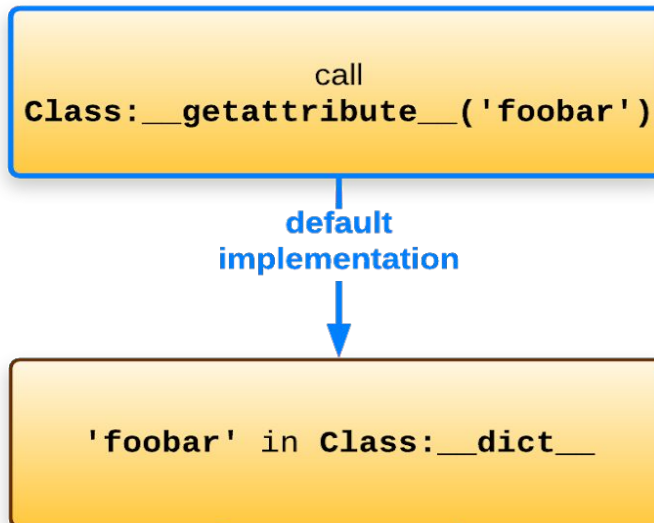
```
4.57205559619605
```

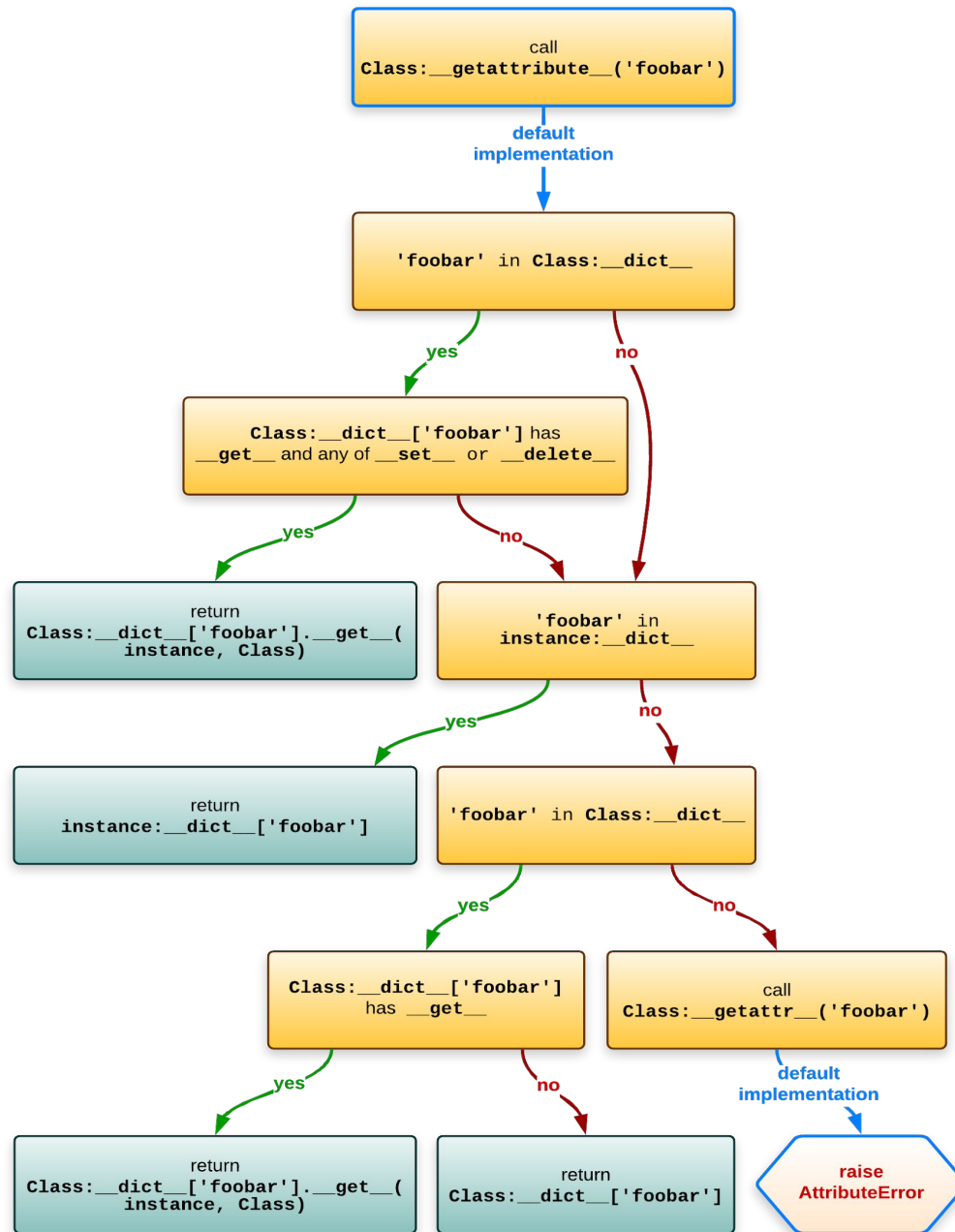
# What happens?

```
>>> inst = MyClass(1, 2, 3)  
>>> inst.foobar
```



# `__getattr__`





# What happens?

```
>>> inst = MyClass(1, 2, 3)
>>> MyClass.__dict__['add_state'](inst, 42)
~
>>> inst.add_state(42)
```

# What happens?

```
>>> inst = MyClass(1, 2, 3)
>>> MyClass.__dict__['add_state'](inst, 42)
~
>>> inst.add_state(42)
```

# Class is object

```
>>> isinstance(MyClass, object)
True
```

```
>>> def object_maker(class_, *args, **kwargs):
...     return class_(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
>>> my_cls_inst = object_maker(MyClass, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
... print(my_cls_inst)
MyClass with state [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

# Class is statement

```
>>> class StatementClass:
...     a, b, c = 1, 2, 3
...     for _ in range(10):
...         a += 1
...         b += 1
...         c += 1
...
...
... print(StatementClass.a, StatementClass.b, StatementClass.c)
11 12 13
```

# Class is statement

```
>>> class StatementClass:
...     a, b, c = 1, 2, 3
...     for _ in range(10):
...         a += 1
...         b += 1
...         c += 1
...
...
... print(StatementClass.a, StatementClass.b, StatementClass.c)
11 12 13
```

# Properties

```
>>> class State:
...     def __init__(self, state=0):
...         self._state = state
...
...     @property
...     def is_zero(self):
...         return self._state == 0
```

```
>>> inst = State()
```

```
>>> inst.is_zero
```

```
True
```



# Properties

```
>>> class State:
...     def __init__(self, state=0):
...         self._state = state
...
...     @property
...     def is_zero(self):
...         return self._state == 0

>>> inst.is_zero = True
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
AttributeError: can't set attribute

can't set attribute
```

# Properties

```
>>> class Data:
...     def __init__(self, field_1):
...         self.__field_1 = field_1
...
...     @property
...     def field_1(self):
...         return self.__field_1
...
...     @field_1.setter
...     def field_1(self, value):
...         self.__field_1 = value * 10
```

```
>>> inst = Data(1)
```

```
>>> inst.field_1
1
```

```
>>> inst.field_1 = 2
```

```
>>> inst.field_1
20
```

# Properties

```
>>> class Data:
...     def __init__(self, field_1):
...         self.__field_1 = field_1
...
...     @property
...     def field_1(self):
...         return self.__field_1
...
...     @field_1.setter
...     def field_1(self, value):
...         self.__field_1 = value * 10
```

```
>>> inst = Data(1)
```

```
>>> inst.field_1
1
```

```
>>> inst.field_1 = 2
```

```
>>> inst.field_1
20
```

# Dunder methods

```
>>> class Int:
...     def __init__(self, value):
...         self.value = int(value)
...
...     def __lt__(self, other):
...         if isinstance(other, Int):
...             return self.value < other.value
...         return self.value < other
...
...     def __eq__(self, other):
...         if isinstance(other, Int):
...             return self.value == other.value
...         return self.value == other
```

# Dunder methods

```
>>> class Int:  
...     ...
```

```
>>> Int(1) < 1  
False
```

```
>>> Int(1) < Int(2)  
True
```

```
>>> Int(1) == 1  
True
```

```
>>> Int(1) == Int(2)  
False
```

# Dunder methods

```
>>> class Int:
...     def __init__(self, value):
...         self.value = int(value)
...
...     def __hash__(self):
...         return hash(self.value)
...
...     def __eq__(self, other):
...         if isinstance(other, Int):
...             return self.value == other.value
...         return self.value == other

>>> d = {Int(1), 1}

>>> d
{<__main__.Int object at 0x7f97f77d99e8>}

>>> d = {Int(1): "Hello", 1: "world"}
>>> d
{<__main__.Int object at 0x7f97fbbcedd8>: 'world'}
```

# Dunder methods

`__eq__(self, other)`

Defines behavior for the equality operator, `==`.

`__ne__(self, other)`

Defines behavior for the inequality operator, `!=`.

`__lt__(self, other)`

Defines behavior for the less-than operator, `<`.

`__gt__(self, other)`

Defines behavior for the greater-than operator, `>`.

`__le__(self, other)`

Defines behavior for the less-than-or-equal-to operator, `<=`.

`__ge__(self, other)`

Defines behavior for the

greater-than-or-equal-to operator, `>=`

# Sequence

## **`__len__(self)`**

Returns the length of the container. Part of the protocol for both immutable and mutable containers.

## **`__getitem__(self, key)`**

Defines behavior for when an item is accessed, using the notation `self[key]`. This is also part of both the mutable and immutable container protocols. It should also raise appropriate exceptions: `TypeError` if the type of the key is wrong and `KeyError` if there is no corresponding value for the key.

## **`__setitem__(self, key, value)`**

Defines behavior for when an item is assigned to, using the notation `self[key] = value`. This is part of the mutable container protocol. Again, you should raise `KeyError` and `TypeError` where appropriate.

## **`__delitem__(self, key)`**

Defines behavior for when an item is deleted (e.g. `del self[key]`). This is only part of the mutable container protocol. You must raise the appropriate exceptions when an invalid key is used.



# Sequence

## **`__iter__(self)`**

Should return an iterator for the container. Iterators are returned in a number of contexts, most notably by the `iter()` built in function and when a container is looped over using the form `for x in container:`. Iterators are their own objects, and they also must define an `__iter__` method that returns `self`.

## **`__reversed__(self)`**

Called to implement behavior for the `reversed()` built in function. Should return a reversed version of the sequence. Implement this only if the sequence class is ordered, like `list` or `tuple`.

## **`__contains__(self, item)`**

`__contains__` defines behavior for membership tests using `in` and `not in`. Why isn't this part of a sequence protocol, you ask? Because when `__contains__` isn't defined, Python just iterates over the sequence and returns `True` if it comes across the item it's looking for.

## **`__missing__(self, key)`**

`__missing__` is used in subclasses of `dict`. It defines behavior for whenever a key is accessed that does not exist in a dictionary (so, for instance, if I had a dictionary `d` and said `d["george"]` when "george" is not a key in the dict, `d.__missing__("george")` would be called).

# Inheritance

```
class DerivedClassName(BaseClassName):  
    <statement-1>  
    .  
    .  
    .  
    <statement-N>
```

# Inheritance

```
>>> class Base:
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         self.atr = atr
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 2
```

```
>>> class A(Base):
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 3
```

```
>>> base = Base(10)
>>> base.do_smth()
100
```

```
>>> a = A(10)
>>> a.do_smth()
1000
```

# Inheritance

```
>>> class Base:
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         self.atr = atr
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 2

>>> class A(Base):
...     ...

>>> issubclass(A, Base)
True
>>> issubclass(A, object)
True
```

# Inheritance

```
>>> class Base:
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         self.atr = atr
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 2
```

```
>>> class A(Base):
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 3
```

```
>>> base = Base(10)
>>> base.do_smth()
100
```

```
>>> a = A(10)
>>> a.do_smth()
1000
```

# Inheritance

```
>>> class Base:
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         self.atr = atr
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 2

>>> class A(Base):
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         super().__init__(atr * 2)
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 3

>>> a = A(10)
>>> a.do_smth()
8000
```

# Inheritance

```
>>> class Base:
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         self.atr = atr
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 2

>>> class A(Base):
...     def __init__(self, atr):
...         # super(A, self)
...         super().__init__(atr * 2)
...
...     def do_smth(self):
...         return self.atr ** 3

>>> a = A(10)
>>> a.do_smth()
8000
```

# Inheritance: mro

```
>>> class Base:
```

```
    ...
```

```
>>> class A(Base):
```

```
    ...
```

```
>>> A.mro()
```

```
[<class '__main__.A'>, <class '__main__.Base'>, <class  
'object'>]
```



# Multiple inheritance

```
class DerivedClassName(Base1, Base2, Base3):  
    <statement-1>  
    .  
    .  
    .  
    <statement-N>
```

# Multiple inheritance

```
>>> class Base1:  
...     def do_smth(self):  
...         print("Base1")
```

```
>>> class Base2:  
...     def do_smth(self):  
...         print("Base2")
```

```
>>> class A(Base1, Base2):  
...     def do_smth(self):  
...         super().do_smth()
```

```
>>> A().do_smth()  
Base1
```

```
>>> A.mro()  
[<class '__main__.A'>, <class '__main__.Base1'>, <class  
'__main__.Base2'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

```
>>> class A():
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> E.mro()
```

```
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

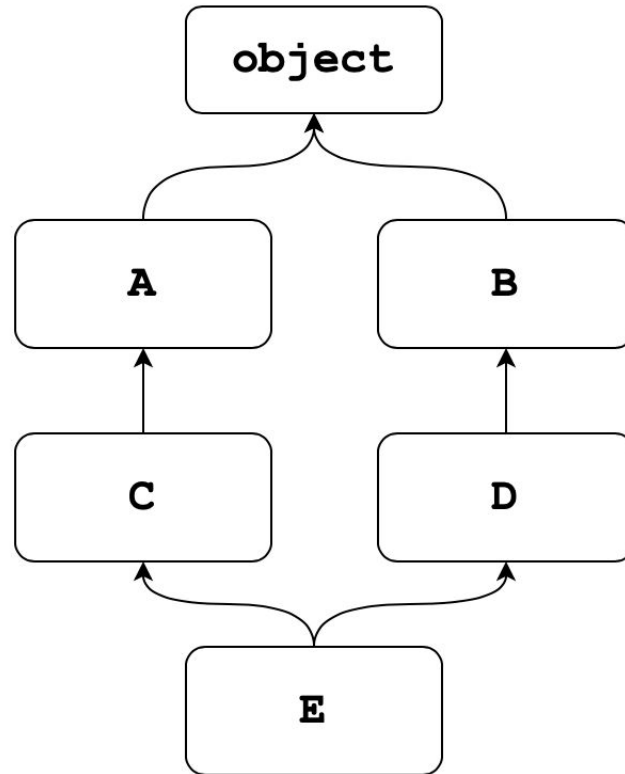
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

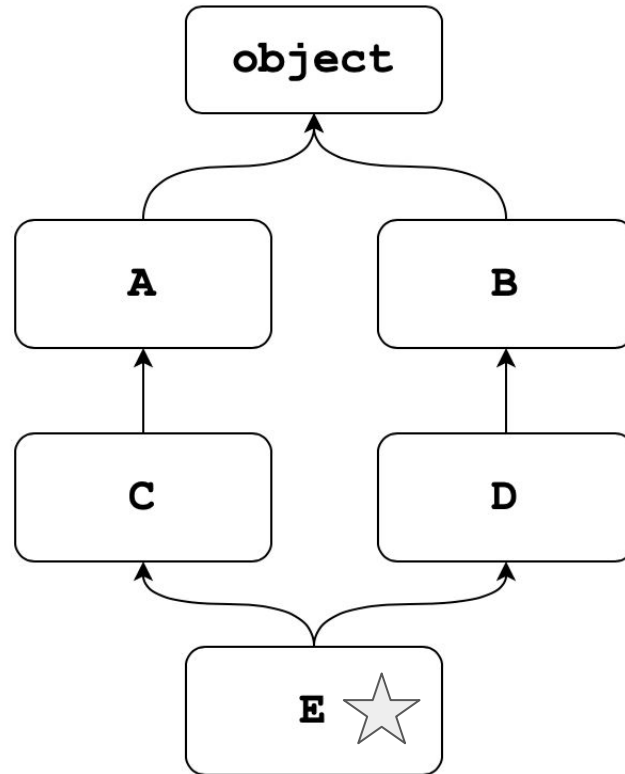
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

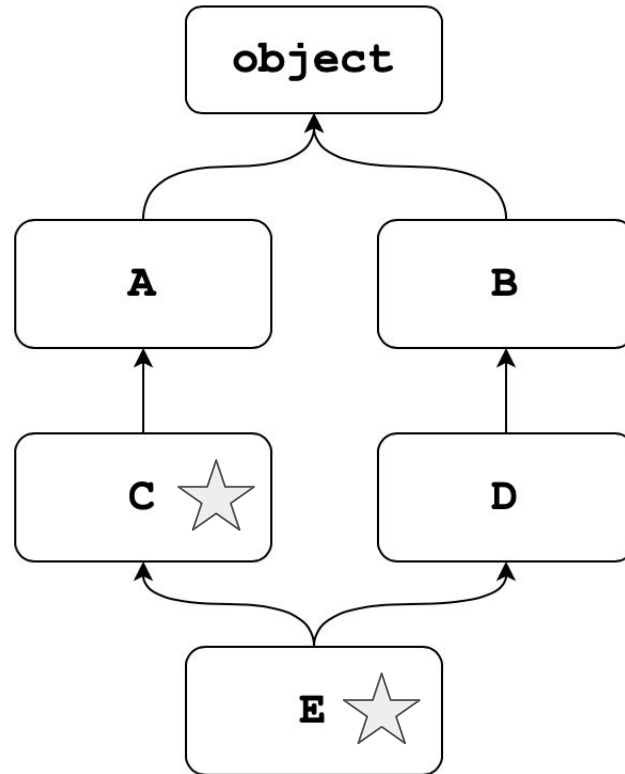
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

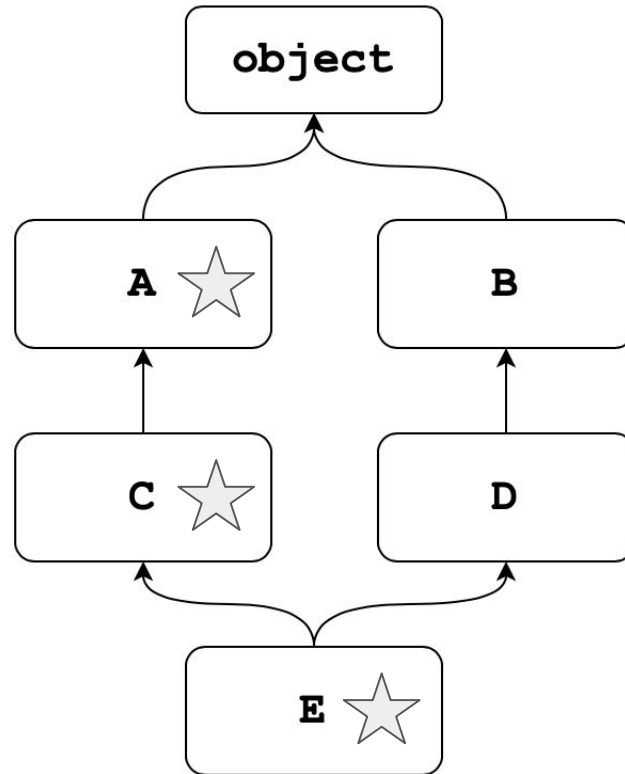
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

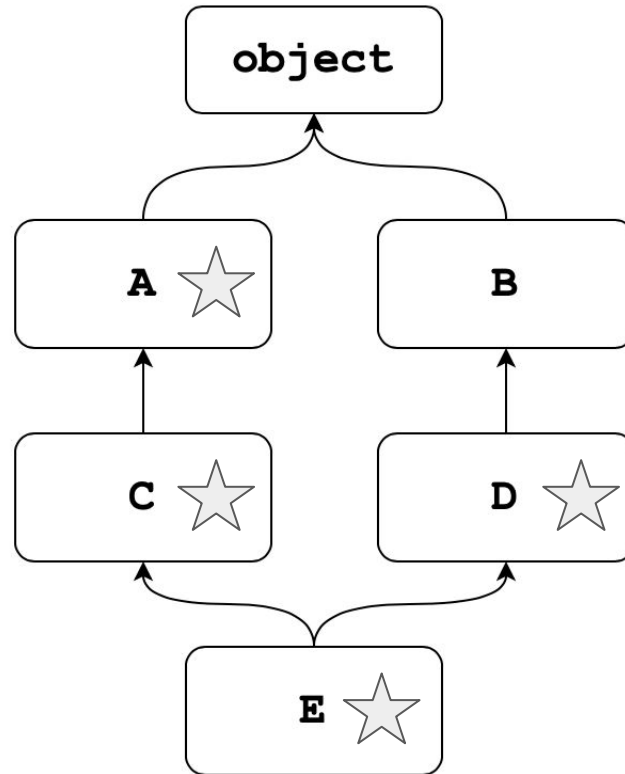
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```



# Multiple inheritance

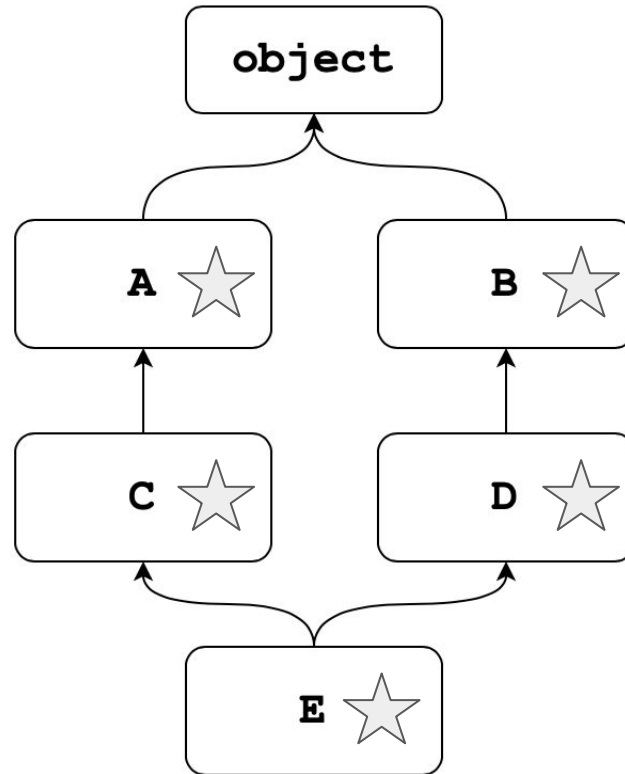
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Multiple inheritance

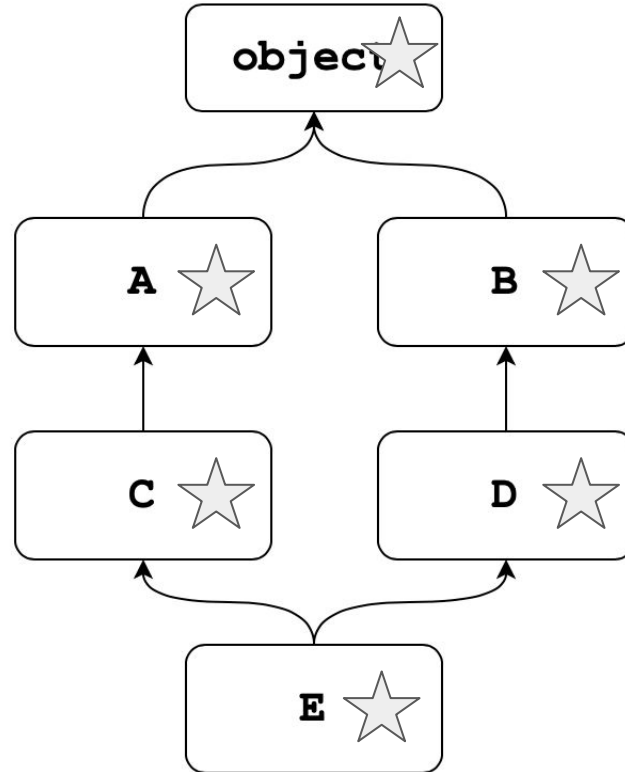
```
>>> class A():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B():  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class C(A):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(B):  
...     ...
```

```
>>> class E(C, D):  
...     ...
```



```
>>> E.mro()  
[<class '__main__.E'>, <class '__main__.C'>, <class '__main__.A'>, <class  
'__main__.D'>, <class '__main__.B'>, <class 'object'>]
```

# Inconsistent mro

```
>>> class M:
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class N:
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class B(N, M):
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class A(M, N):
```

```
...     ...
```

```
>>> class D(A, B):
```

```
...     ...
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
TypeError: Cannot create a consistent method resolution  
order (MRO) for bases M, N
```

Cannot create a consistent method resolution  
order (MRO) for bases M, N

# To read

[rszalski.github.io/magicmethods/](https://rszalski.github.io/magicmethods/)

[blog.ionelmc.ro/2015/02/09/understanding-python-metaclasses/](https://blog.ionelmc.ro/2015/02/09/understanding-python-metaclasses/)

[code.activestate.com/recipes/577720-how-to-use-super-effectively/](https://code.activestate.com/recipes/577720-how-to-use-super-effectively/)