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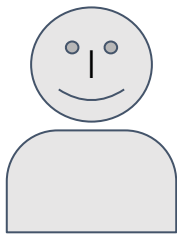
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# Learning Objectives & Outcomes

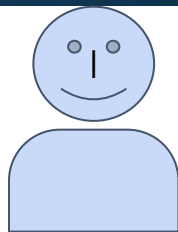
- Explain the Difference Between **Procedural** and **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)** paradigms
- Define a **Class** with **Attributes** and **Methods**
- Implement the **\_\_init\_\_** Method for **Object Initialization**
- Access Object Members Using the **Dot** Operator
- Implement **Encapsulation** Using Private Attributes and **Public Methods**
- Explain the Role of **self** in Methods

# Introduction

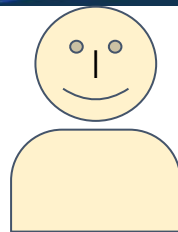


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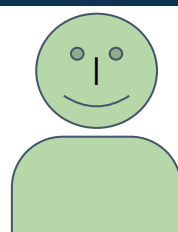
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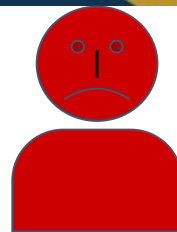
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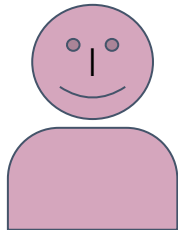
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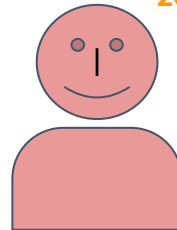
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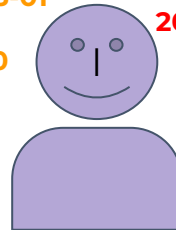
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# Building Blocks of Object-Oriented Programming: Classes





# What is Object-Oriented Programming?

- Definition of OOP:
  - A programming paradigm based on the concept of "objects"
  - Objects contain **attributes** (data) and **methods**(behaviours)
  - OOP organizes **software design** around **data**, or **objects**, rather than **functions** and **logic**
- Key Principles of OOP:
  - Encapsulation
  - Inheritance
  - Polymorphism
  - Abstraction

# The Four Pillars of Object-Oriented Programming

- **Encapsulation**
  - Bundling **data** and **methods** that operate on that data
  - **Hiding** internal details and providing a **public interface**
- **Inheritance**
  - Creating new classes **based on** existing classes
  - Promotes **code reuse** and establishes a **hierarchy**
- **Polymorphism**
  - Objects of **different classes** can be treated as objects of a common **base class**
  - Allows for flexible and extensible code
- **Abstraction**
  - **Simplifying complex systems** by modeling classes based on real-world entities (methods or processes)
  - **Focusing on essential** features while **hiding** unnecessary details

# Building Blocks of OOP: Classes

- Definition of Class:
  - Blueprint for creating objects
  - Defines attributes (data) and methods (behaviors)
  - Attributes are the properties or characteristics of an object
  - Methods are the functions or operations that an object can perform

# Defining a Class in Python

```
class Car:
```

```
    def __init__(self, make, model):
```

```
        self.make = make
```

```
        self.model = model
```

```
    def display_info(self):
```

```
        print(f"This is a {self.make} {self.model}")
```

```
# Creating an object
```

```
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")
```

```
my_car.display_info()
```

Constructor

Attributes

Behaviour

Object

# Interacting with Objects: The Dot Operator





# Using the Dot Operator

- Accessing attributes: `object.attribute`
- Calling methods: `object.method()`
- Modifying attributes: `object.attribute = new_value`

# Dot Operator Examples

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

    def display_info(self):
        print(f"This is a {self.make} {self.model}")

# Creating an object
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")
print(my_car.make)
my_car.model = "Camry"
my_car.display_info()
```

Accessing  
Attribute

Modifying  
Attribute

Calling  
Method

# Encapsulating Data: A Guide to Private Attributes



# Understanding Encapsulation

- What is **Encapsulation**?:
  - Bundling of **data** and **methods** that operate on that data
  - **Restricting direct access** to some of an **object's** components
- Why is it important?:
  - Data protection
  - Flexibility to change implementation

# Implementing Private Attributes in Python

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

    def get_model(self):
        return self._model

    def set_model(self, model):
        self._model = model

    def display_info(self):
        print(f"This is a {self.make} {self._model}")

# Creating an object
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")
my_car.display_info() # Output: This is a Toyota Corolla

print(my_car.get_model()) # Output: Corolla

my_car.set_model("Camry")
my_car.display_info() # Output: This is a Toyota Camry
```

Public attribute

Private attribute  
(underscore  
prefix)

Getter method  
for \_model

Setter method  
for \_model

Accessing the  
private attribute  
through the  
getter method

Modifying the  
private attribute  
through the  
setter method



# The Importance of self in Python Classes



# The self Keyword: A Closer Look

- What is `self`?
  - Reference to the `instance` of the class
  - First `parameter` in method definitions on class
- Why is it important?:
  - Allows access to instance attributes and methods
  - Distinguishes instance variables from local variables

# Dot Operator Examples

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

    def display_info(self):
        print(f"This is a {self.make} {self.model}")

# Creating an object
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")
print(my_car.make)
my_car.model = "Camry"
my_car.display_info()
```

Access  
Constructor's data

Display  
object's  
data

# The Concept of Objects in OOP



# Objects: The Foundation of Python Programming

- What is an **Object**?
  - **Instance** of a class
  - Combination of **data** (attributes) and **behavior** (methods)
  - Representation of **real-world entities** in code
- Why is it important?:
  - **Organize** and **structure** code
  - Create **reusable** and **modular** code
  - Model **real-world systems** intuitively
  - **Everything in Python is an Object**



# Key Aspects of Objects

- Aspects
  - **State**: Data stored in the object (**attributes**)
  - **Behavior**: What the object can do (**methods**)
  - **Identity**: Each object is unique
  - **Lifecycle**: Objects are created, used, and destroyed
- Real-world Analogy: Car
  - **Attributes**: color, make, model, current speed
  - **Methods**: accelerate, brake, turn

# Procedural vs Object-Oriented Programming



# Procedural Programming

- Characteristics
  - Sequential execution of instructions
  - Functions operating on data
- Example:

```
def calculate_area (length, width):  
    return length * width  
  
def calculate_perimeter (length, width):  
    return 2 * (length + width)  
  
# Usage  
length = 5  
width = 3  
area = calculate_area (length, width)  
perimeter = calculate_perimeter (length,  
width)
```

# Object Oriented Programming

- Characteristics

- Objects as combinations of data and behavior
- Classes as blueprints for objects

- Advantages

- Modularity
- Reusability
- Easier maintenance

- Example:

```
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, length, width):
        self.length = length
        self.width = width

    def calculate_area(self):
        return self.length * self.width

    def calculate_perimeter(self):
        return 2 * (self.length + self.width)

# Usage
rect = Rectangle(5, 3)
area = rect.calculate_area()
perimeter = rect.calculate_perimeter()
```

# Poll

Which one of the following is true?

```
1 class Rectangle:
2     def __init__(self, width, height):
3         self.width = width
4         self.height = height
5
6     def area(self):
7         return self.width * self.height
8
9 rect = Rectangle(5, 10)
10 print(rect.area())
```

- a. area is an attribute
- b. self.width is an attribute
- c. self.width is an behaviour
- d. area is an behaviour



# Poll

```
1 class Counter:
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.__count = 0
4
5     def increment(self):
6         self.__count += 1
7
8     def get_count(self):
9         return self.__count
10
11 counter1 = Counter()
12 counter2 = Counter()
13 counter1.increment()
14 print(counter1.get_count())
15 print(counter2.get_count())
```

Given the following code, what will be the output of the print statements?

- a. 0 0
- b. 1 0
- c. 1 1

# Lesson Conclusion and Recap

Recap the key concepts and techniques covered during the lesson.

- **Procedural vs. OOP:** Procedural: Focuses on functions and sequential instructions, and OOP uses classes and objects to model real-world entities, encapsulating data and behaviour
- **Understanding Objects:** Objects are instances of classes with attributes (data) and methods (behaviour). They help in modelling complex systems and promote modular code.
- **Classes and Attributes:** Classes: Blueprints for creating objects, Attributes: Data stored in objects (e.g., `name`, `age`), Methods: Functions that define object behaviour (e.g., `bark()`, `deposit()`).
- **`__init__` Method and Dot Operator:** Initialises object attributes, Dot Operator: Accesses and modifies object attributes and methods (e.g., `my_dog.name`, `my_dog.bark()`).
- **Encapsulation and `self`:** Encapsulation: Private Attributes: Hidden data accessed via methods. Public Methods: Provide controlled access to private data. `self`: Refers to the current instance, used to access attributes and methods.

# Follow-up Activity

Task Overview:

- Define a `Car` class with attributes `make`, `model`, and `year`.
- Implement methods to update and display these attributes.

# Follow-up Activity

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, make, model, year):
        # TODO: Initialize attributes
        pass
    def update_year(self, new_year)
        # TODO: Update the year attribute
        pass
    def display_info(self)
        # TODO: Return the formatted string with make, model, and year
        pass

# Creating an instance of Car
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla", 2020)

# Method Calls and Expected Outputs
print(my_car.display_info())
# Expected Output: "2020 Toyota Corolla"

my_car.update_year(2022)
print(my_car.display_info())
# Expected Output: "2022 Toyota Corolla"
```

# Follow-up Activity

1. **Submission:** Just make sure that you have the output provided above. This is not tied to any of your tasks.
2. Use any method available to you. As long as you understand the process.

# Questions and Answers





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