

Ch 11 - Inheritance in Python

Inheritance is a method to create a new class from an existing class. The derived class will have all the attributes/function of the parent class. New methods can be added here.

Syntax :-

```
class Watch:  
    # attributes/functions
```

```
class Rolex(Watch):  
    # new attributes/functions
```

- All the elements of **Watch** class will be present in **Rolex** class.

□ Types of inheritance

- i. Single inheritance
- ii. Multiple inheritance
- iii. Multilevel inheritance
- iv. Hierarchical inheritance
- v. Hybrid inheritance

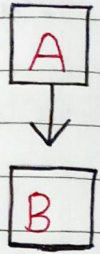
* Inheritance plays a major role in reusability of code or for implementing DRY principle

* Overwriting can also be done

□ Single inheritance

```
class House: → Base class
    existence = True
    def enterHouse(self):
        print("Entered house")
```

```
class Owner(House): → Derived class
    age = 45
```

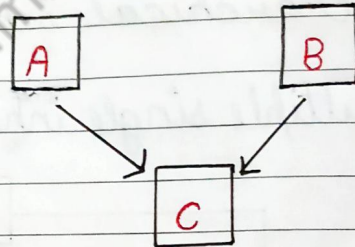


□ Multiple inheritance

```
class Founder1:
    equity = "30%"
```

```
class Founder2:
    equity = "50%"
```

```
class Company(Founder1, Founder2): → Derived class
    valuation = "$100M"
```



Here, there is a variable called **equity** which is present in both classes.

In the **Company** class, value of **equity** variable will be set to "30%" because the class assigned before will get more priority

□ Multilevel inheritance

class A :

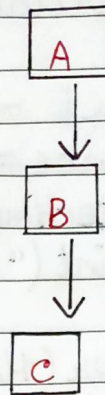
age = 27

class B(A):

city = "Delhi"

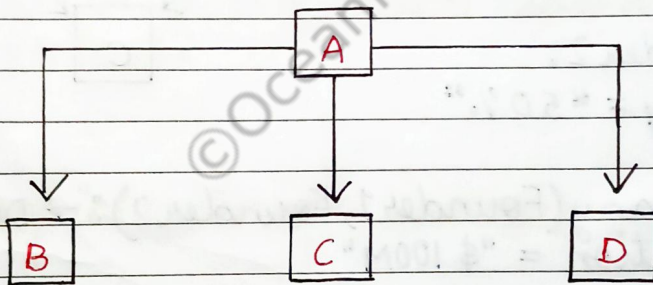
class C(B)

nationality = "Indian"



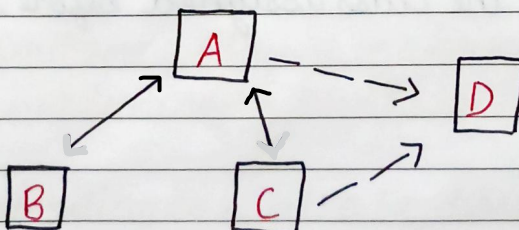
□ Hierarchical inheritance

Multiple single inheritance = Hierarchical inheritance



□ Hybrid inheritance

Multiple multiple inheritance = Hybrid instance



super() method

This method is used to access the methods of parent class into derived class.

```
class House:  
    def enterHouse(self):  
        print("Entered house")  
    def exist(self):  
        print("House exists")
```

```
class Owner(House):  
    def exist(self):  
        super().exist()  
        print("I exist")
```

```
A = Owner()
```

A.exist() → This first executes the exist() function of parent's class. Then it will execute its own function

- @classmethod → used to change class attribute
↳ or create

```
class -- :  
    age = 32
```

```
@classmethod  
def newAge(cls, new):  
    cls.age = new
```