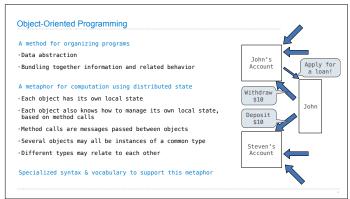
## 61A Lecture 14 Wednesday, February 25

## Announcements Project 2 due Thursday 2/26 @ 11:59pm Extra office hours on Wednesday 2/25 4pm-6pm in Bechtel (Garbarini Lounge) Bonus point for early submission by Wednesday 2/25 @ 11:59pm! Relocated office hours on Thursday 2/26: 380 Soda (11am-3pm) & 606 Soda (3pm-6pm)





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Classes

A class serves as a template for its instances.

Idea: All bank accounts have a balance and an account holder; the Account class should add those attributes to each newly created instance.

Idea: All bank accounts should have "withdraw" and "deposit" behaviors that all work in the same way.

Better idea: All bank accounts share a "withdraw" method and a "deposit" method.

Settle idea: All bank accounts share a "withdraw" method and a "deposit" method.
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Class Statements
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Object Identity

Every object that is an instance of a user-defined class has a unique identity:

>>> a = Account('Jim')
>>> b = Account('Jack')
>>> a.balance
0
>>> b.holder
'Jack'

Identity operators "is" and "is not" test if two expressions evaluate to the same object:

>>> a is a
True

Binding an object to a new name using assignment does not create a new object:

>>> c = a
>>> c is a
True
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Methods
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Invoking Methods

All invoked methods have access to the object via the self parameter, and so they can all access and manipulate the object's state.

Class Account:

Defined with two parameters

def deposit(self, amount):
    self.balance = self.balance + amount
    return self.balance

Dot notation automatically supplies the first argument to a method.

>>> tom_account = Account('Tom')
>>> tom_account.deposit(180)

Bound to self

Invoked with one argument
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Dot Expressions

Objects receive messages via dot notation.

Dot notation accesses attributes of the instance or its class.

<expression> . <name>

The <expression> can be any valid Python expression.

The <name> must be a simple name.

Evaluates to the value of the attribute looked up by <name> in the object that is the value of the <expression>.

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Attributes
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Accessing Attributes

Using getattr, we can look up an attribute using a string

>>> getattr(tom_account, 'balance')

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>>> hasattr(tom_account, 'deposit')

True

getattr and dot expressions look up a name in the same way

Looking up an attribute name in an object may return:

• One of its instance attributes, or

• One of the attributes of its class
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Class attributes

Class attributes are "shared" across all instances of a class because they are attributes of the class, not the instance.

class Account:

    interest = 0.02  # A class attribute

    def __init__(self, account_holder):
        self.balance = 0
        self.balance = 0
        self.bolder = account_holder

    # Additional methods would be defined here

>>> tom_account = Account('Tom')
>>> jim_account = Account('Jim')
>>> tom_account.interest
0.02
>>> jim_account.interest
0.02
| The interest attribute is not part of the instance; it's part of the class!
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## Attribute Assignment

