

Day 43



Method Overriding in Python:

What is Method Overriding?

Method Overriding occurs when:

- A child class provides its own implementation of a method
- The method already exists in the parent class
- The method name and parameters are the same

The child's method overrides the parent's method.

Why Method Overriding is Needed?

- To change or extend parent class behavior
- To implement runtime polymorphism
- To customize functionality in derived classes

Example: a basic example.

```
1  class Parent:
2      def show(self):
3          print("This is Parent method")
4
5  class Child(Parent):
6      def show(self):
7          print("This is Child method (overridden)")
8  obj = Child()
9  obj.show()
```

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❖ This is Child method (overridden)

Example: Calling Parent Method Without super() (Not Recommended)

```
11  class Parent:
12      def show(self):
13          print("Parent show method")
14  class Child(Parent):
15      def show(self):
16          Parent.show(self)    # Direct parent call
17          print("Child show method")
18  obj = Child()
19  obj.show()
```

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Parent show method
Child show method

Example: Calling Parent Method With super() (Recommended)

```
12  class Parent:
13      def show(self):
14          print("Parent show method")
15  class Child(Parent):
16      def show(self):
17          super().show()      # Calls Parent method
18          print("Child show method")
19  obj = Child()
20  obj.show()
```

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Parent show method
Child show method

Example: Overriding __init__() Method

```
23  class Parent:
24      def __init__(self):
25          print("Parent constructor")
26  class Child(Parent):
27      def __init__(self):
28          super().__init__()  # Call Parent constructor
29          print("Child constructor")
30  obj = Child()
```

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Parent constructor
Child constructor

Example: Overriding with Arguments

```
32  class Parent:
33      def display(self, name):
34          print("Name:", name)
35  class Child(Parent):
36      def display(self, name):
37          super().display(name)
38          print("Welcome,", name)
39  obj = Child()
40  obj.display("Alice")
```

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Name: Alice
Welcome, Alice

Example: runtime polymorphism (method overriding)

```
42  class Shape:
43      def area(self):
44          print("Area of shape")
45  class Rectangle(Shape):
46      def area(self):
47          print("Area of rectangle")
48  class Circle(Shape):
49      def area(self):
50          print("Area of circle")
51  shapes = [Rectangle(), Circle()]
52  for shape in shapes:
53      shape.area()
```

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Area of rectangle
Area of circle

Summary:

- Method overriding allows child classes to change parent behavior
- Supports runtime polymorphism
- `super()` is the best way to call parent method
- Common in real-world OOP designs

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