

## Day 37



### Inheritance in Python:

#### What is Inheritance?

Inheritance allows one class (child / subclass) to reuse and extend another class (parent / base class).

Think of it like:

- Parent class: common features
- Child class: uses those features + adds its own

#### Why use inheritance?

- Code reusability
- Avoid duplication
- Easy maintenance
- Logical relationship between classes

#### Basic inheritance syntax

```
class Parent:
    def show(self):
        print("This is the parent class")
class Child(Parent):
    pass
```

Example: a basic example without any inheritance.

```
1 class Employee:
2     def __init__(self,name,id):
3         self.name = name
4         self.id = id
5         #method
6     def showDetails(self):
7         print(f"Name is {self.name} whose id is {self.id} ")
8 #object
9 e = Employee("Aditya", 111)
10 e.showDetails()
```

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```
PS E:\Python\Day31-40\Day37> python main.py
Name is Aditya whose id is 111
```

Example: introducing the inheritance, where the programmer class inherits the properties of the employee class.

```
1 class Employee:
2     def __init__(self,name,id):
3         self.name = name
4         self.id = id
5     #method
6     def showDetails(self):
7         print(f"Name is {self.name} whose id is {self.id} ")
8 class Programmer(Employee):
9     def showLang(self):
10        print("Python is the lang")
11 #object for employee
12 e = Employee("Aditya", 111)
13 e.showDetails()
14 #object for programmer
15 f = Programmer("Utsav", 112)
16 f.showDetails()
```

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```
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Name is Aditya whose id is 111
Name is Utsav whose id is 112
```

Example:

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1 class Employee:
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11 #object for employee
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13 e.showDetails()
14 #object for programmer
15 f = Programmer("Utsav", 112)
16 f.showDetails()
17 f.showLang()
```

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```
● PS E:\Python\Day31-40\Day37> python main.py
Name is Aditya whose id is 111
Name is Utsav whose id is 112
Python is the lang
```

## Access Modifiers in Python:

### What are Access Modifiers?

Access modifiers control who can access variables and methods of a class.

Python has three types (by convention):

Modifier	Syntax	Meaning
Public	name	Accessible everywhere
Protected	_name	Accessible within class & subclasses
Private	__name	Accessible only inside the class

**Note:** Python does not enforce access modifiers like Java or C++. Instead, it uses naming conventions to indicate access level.

Example: Public Access Modifier - Public members are accessible everywhere

```
1 class Student:
2     def __init__(self, name):
3         self.name = name # Public attribute
4     def show(self):      # Public method
5         print(self.name)
6 s = Student("Alice")
7 print(s.name) # Allowed
8 s.show()     # Allowed
```

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```
PS E:\Python\Day31-40\Day37> python .\access_modifier.py
Alice
Alice
```

**Protected Access Modifier (\_):** Single underscore \_name

- Indicates internal use
- Accessible in subclasses
- Still accessible outside (not enforced)

Example:

```
10 class Employee:
11     def __init__(self, salary):
12         self._salary = salary # Protected attribute
13 class Manager(Employee):
14     def show_salary(self):
15         print(self._salary) # Allowed
16 m = Manager(50000)
17 m.show_salary()
18 print(m._salary) # Allowed (but discouraged)
```

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```
PS E:\Python\Day31-40\Day37> python .\access_modifier.py
50000
50000
```

**Private Access Modifier (\_\_)**: Double underscore \_\_name

- Triggers name mangling
- Prevents accidental access
- Strongest form of encapsulation

Example:

```
20 class BankAccount:
21     def __init__(self, balance):
22         self.__balance = balance # Private attribute
23     def show_balance(self):
24         print(self.__balance)
25 acc = BankAccount(1000)
26 acc.show_balance() # Allowed
27 # print(acc.__balance) ❌ AttributeError
```

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```
PS E:\Python\Day31-40\Day37> python .\access_modifier.py
1000
```

### Name Mangling (Important Concept)

Python internally renames:

`__balance` → `_ClassName__balance`

So this works (but NOT recommended):

```
print(acc._BankAccount__balance) # 1000
```

This exists to avoid accidental access, not to provide true privacy.

**Key Takeaways:**

- Python access modifiers are conventions, not strict rules.
- `_` = protected (internal use)
- `__` = private (name mangling)
- Use getters/setters with `@property` for controlled access.

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