

Assignment 2

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Lab 2 – Task

Task 1; Class Concepts:

1. Class vs. Object:

- a. Explain the difference between a class and an object in Python.
- b. Provide an example

Class:

- A class is a blueprint for creating objects. It defines the structure and behavior that the objects created from the class will have.
- A class itself does not store any data but specifies what data and behaviors its objects will have.

Object:

- An object is an instance of a class. It is created based on the class definition and it holds actual data and methods
- An object is like a specific entity of the class that all the properties define in the class

Example:

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def __str__(self):
        return f'(Name: {self.name}, Age: {self.age})'

person1 = Person("Ali", 30)

print(person1)
```

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, make, model, year):
        self.make = make
        self.model = model
        self.year = year
    def display_info(self):
        print(f'Car: {self.year} {self.make} {self.model}')

mycar = Car("BMW", "m4", 2021)
mycar.display_info()
```

2. Constructor Method (`__init__`) vs `__str__()` Function:

- a. Explain the difference between them in Python.
- b. Provide an example.

`__init__`:

- The `__init__` method is a special method in Python that is automatically called when an object of a class is created.
- It is used to initialize the object's attributes with the values provided when the object is instantiated.

`__str__`:

- The `__str__` method is a special method that is called when an object needs to be represented as a string such as when printing the object.
- It is meant to return a human readable or informal string representation of the object making it easy to understand.

Example:

```
class Person:
```

```
    def __init__(self, name, age):
```

```
        self.name = name
```

```
        self.age = age
```

```
    def __str__(self):
```

```
        return f"Person(Name: {self.name}, Age: {self.age})"
```

```
# Creating an object of the Person class
```

```
person1 = Person("Ali", 30)
```

```
print(person1)
```

