



Decorators

How to Silently Extend Classes (Part 2)

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Class Extensions through Decorators

What's a Decorator?

Decoration is a way to specify management code for functions and classes.

- Decorators themselves take the form of callable objects (e.g., functions) that process other callable objects.

Python decorators come in two related flavors:

- Function decorators** do name rebinding at function definition time, providing a layer of logic that can manage functions and methods, or later calls to them.
- Class decorators** do name rebinding at class definition time, providing a layer of logic that can manage classes, or the instances created by calling them later.

In short, decorators provide a way to insert automatically run code at the end of function and class definition statements.



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Function Decorators

```
def decorator(F):
    # on @ decoration
    def wrapper(*args):
        # Use F and args and then call F(*args)
        print("I'm executing the call {0}{1} ...".format(F.__name__, args))
        return F(*args)
    return wrapper

@decorator
def f(x,y):
    print("*** f({0}, {1})".format(x,y))

f(42, 7)
```

```
class wrapper:
    def __init__(self, func):
        # On @ decoration
        self.func = func
    def __call__(self, *args):
        # Use func and args and then call func(*args)
        print("I'm executing the call {0}{1} ...".format(self.func.__name__, args))
        return self.func(*args)

@wrapper
def f2(x,y,z):
    print("*** f2({0}, {1}, {2})".format(x,y,z))

f2("abc", 7, 'B')
```

```
[23:30]cazzola@ulik:~/esercizi-pa/python3 fdecs.py
I'm executing the call f(42, 7) ...
*** f(42, 7)
```

```
[23:31]cazzola@ulik:~/esercizi-pa/python3 fdecs.py
I'm executing the call f2('abc', 7, 'B') ...
*** f2(abc, 7, B)
```

@decorator f(5,7) \equiv decorator(f)(5,7)

Note that, methods cannot be decorated by function decorators since the self would be associated to the decorator.



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Class Decorators

```
def decorator(cls):
    # On @ decoration
    class wrapper:
        def __init__(self, *args):
            # On instance creation
            print("I'm creating {0}{1} ...".format(cls.__name__, args))
            self.wrapped = cls(*args)
        def __getattr__(self, name):
            # On attribute fetch
            print("I'm fetching {0}{1} ...".format(self.wrapped, name))
            return getattr(self.wrapped, name)
        def __setattr__(self, attribute, value):
            # On attribute set
            print("I'm setting {0} to {1} ...".format(attribute, value))
            if attribute == 'wrapped':
                # Allow my attrs
                self.__dict__[attribute] = value
            else:
                # Avoid looping
                setattr(self.wrapped, attribute, value)
    return wrapper

@decorator
class C:
    # C = decorator(C)
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.attr = 'spam'
    def f(self, a, b):
        print("*** f({0}, {1})".format(a,b))
```

```
[0:06]cazzola@ulik:~/esercizi-pa/decorators-python3
>>> from cdecorators import *
>>> x = C(6, 7)
I'm creating C(6, 7) ...
I'm setting wrapped to <cdecorators.C object at 0xb79eb26c> ...
>>> print(x.attr)
I'm fetching <cdecorators.C object at 0xb79eb26c>.attr ...
spam
>>> x.f(x.attr, 7)
I'm fetching <cdecorators.C object at 0xb79eb26c>.f ...
I'm fetching <cdecorators.C object at 0xb79eb26c>.attr ...
*** f(spam, 7)
```





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Decorators at Work: Timing

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```
import time
class timer:
    def __init__(self, func):
        self.func = func
        self.alltime = 0
    def __call__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        start = time.clock()
        result = self.func(*args, **kwargs)
        elapsed = time.clock() - start
        self.alltime += elapsed
        print('{0}: {1:.5f}, {2:.5f}'.format(self.func.__name__, elapsed, self.alltime))
        return result
@timer
def listcomp(N):
    return [x * 2 for x in range(N)]
@timer
def mapcall(N):
    return list(map(lambda x: x * 2, range(N)))

if __name__ == "__main__":
    result = listcomp(5)
    Listcomp(50000)
    Listcomp(500000)
    Listcomp(1000000)
    print(result)
    print('allTime = {0}'.format(listcomp.alltime))
    print('')
    result = mapcall(5)
    mapcall(50000)
    mapcall(500000)
    mapcall(1000000)
    print(result)
    print('allTime = {0}'.format(mapcall.alltime))
    print('map/comp = {0}'.format(round(mapcall.alltime / listcomp.alltime, 3)))
```

```
[21:06]cazzola@ulik:~/esercizi-pa/python3 timing.py
listcomp: 0.00000, 0.00000
listcomp: 0.03000, 0.03000
listcomp: 0.41000, 0.44000
listcomp: 0.85000, 1.29000
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
allTime = 1.29
mapcall: 0.00000, 0.00000
mapcall: 0.07000, 0.07000
mapcall: 0.71000, 0.78000
mapcall: 1.41000, 2.19000
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
allTime = 2.19
map/comp = 1.698
```



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Decorators at Work: Tracer

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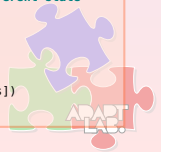
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```
def Tracer(aClass):
    class Wrapper:
        def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
            self.fetches = 0
            self.wrapped = aClass(*args, **kwargs)
        def __getattr__(self, attrname):
            print('Trace: ' + attrname)
            self.fetches += 1
            return getattr(self.wrapped, attrname)
    return Wrapper

@Tracer
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, hours, rate):
        self.name = name
        self.hours = hours
        self.rate = rate
    def pay(self):
        return self.hours * self.rate

# On @ decorator
# On instance creation
# Use enclosing scope name
# Catches all but own attrs
# Delegate to wrapped obj
# Person = Tracer(Person)
# Wrapper remembers Person
# Accesses outside class traced
# In-method accesses not traced
```

```
[12:59]cazzola@ulik:~/esercizi-pa/decorators-python3
>>> from tracer import *
>>> bob = Person('Bob', 40, 50)
>>> print(bob.name) # bob is a Wrapper to a Person
Trace: name
Bob
>>> print(bob.pay())
Trace: pay
2000
>>> sue = Person('Sue', rate=100, hours=60)
>>> print(sue.name) # sue is a different Wrapper
Trace: name
>>> print(sue.pay())
Trace: pay
6000
>>> print(bob.name) # bob has different state
Trace: name
Bob
>>> print(bob.pay())
Trace: pay
2000
>>> print([bob.fetches, sue.fetches])
[4, 2]
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```
class singleton:
    def __init__(self, aClass):
        self.aClass = aClass
        self.instance = None
    def __call__(self, *args):
        if self.instance == None:
            self.instance = self.aClass(*args) # One instance per class
        return self.instance
```

```
@singleton
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, hours, rate):
        self.name = name
        self.hours = hours
        self.rate = rate
    def pay(self):
        return self.hours * self.rate

# Person = singleton(Person)
# Rebinds Person to onCall
# onCall remembers Person
```

```
@singleton
class Spam:
    def __init__(self, val):
        self.attr = val

# Spam = singleton(Spam)
# Rebinds Spam to onCall
# onCall remembers Spam
```

```
[21:29]cazzola@ulik:~/esercizi-pa/decorators>python3
>>> from singleton import *
>>> bob = Person('Bob', 40, 10)
>>> print(bob.name, bob.pay())
Bob 400
>>> sue = Person('Sue', 50, 20)
>>> print(sue.name, sue.pay())
Sue 1000
>>> X = Spam(42)
>>> Y = Spam(99)
>>> print(X.attr, Y.attr)
42 42
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Decorators at Work: Privateness

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```
traceMe = False
def trace(*args):
    if traceMe: print('[' + ' '.join(map(str, args)) + ']')
def Private(*privates):
    def onDecorator(aClass):
        class onInstance:
            def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
                self.wrapped = aClass(*args, **kwargs)
            def __getattr__(self, attr):
                trace('get:', attr)
                if attr in privates:
                    raise TypeError('private attribute fetch: ' + attr)
                else:
                    return getattr(self.wrapped, attr)
            def __setattr__(self, attr, value):
                trace('set:', attr, value)
                if attr == 'wrapped':
                    self.__dict__[attr] = value
                elif attr in privates:
                    raise TypeError('private attribute change: ' + attr)
                else:
                    setattr(self.wrapped, attr, value)
        return onInstance
    return onDecorator

# My attrs don't call getattr
# Others assumed in wrapped
# Outside accesses
# Others run normally
# Allow my attrs
# Avoid looping
# Wrapped obj attrs
# Or use __dict__
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Decorators at Work: Privateness (Cont'd)

```
[22:05]cazzola@Ulrik:~/esercizi-pa/decorators>python3
>>> from private import *
>>> traceMe = True
>>> @Private('data', 'size')
... class Doubler:
...     def __init__(self, label, start):
...         self.label = label
...         self.data = start
...         # Accesses inside the subject class
...         # Not intercepted: run normally
...     def size(self):
...         return len(self.data)
...         # Methods run with no checking
...         # Because privacy not inherited
...     def double(self):
...         for i in range(self.size()):
...             self.data[i] = self.data[i] * 2
...     def display(self):
...         print('{0} => {1}'.format(self.label, self.data))
...
... X = Doubler('X is', [1, 2, 3])
... print(X.label)
X is
# Accesses outside subject class

X.is
# Intercepted: validated, delegated

>>> X.display(); X.double(); X.display()
X is => [1, 2, 3]
X is => [2, 4, 6]

>>> print(X.size())
# prints "TypeError: private attribute fetch: size"

Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "private.py", line 19, in __getattr__
    raise TypeError('private attribute fetch: ' + attr)
TypeError: private attribute fetch: size

>>> X.data = [1, 1, 1]

Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "private.py", line 27, in __setattr__
    raise TypeError('private attribute change: ' + attr)
TypeError: private attribute change: data
```



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