

Class & Objects

Solve a problem by creating objects is one of the most popular approaches in programming. This is called object oriented programming.

This concept focuses on using reusable code.
 ↳ Implemented Dry principle.

Class

A class is a blueprint for creating objects.

Contains info
to create a
Valid Application

Blank
form

→ Filed by an student →

Application
of the
Student

class → Object instantiation → Object

↙
Contain info to
create a valid
object.

The syntax of class look like this:

Class Employee:
methods & variables

ClassName is
written in package

Object

-An object is an instantiation of a class. When class is defined, a template (info) is defined. Memory is allocated only after object instantiation.

Object of given class can invoke the method available to it without revealing the implementation details to user.

↳ -Abstraction & Encapsulation!

Modelling a problem in OOPS

We identify the following in our program

Noun → class → Employee
 Adjective → Attributes → Name, age, salary.
 Verbs → Methods → getSalary().

Class Attributes :

- An attribute that belongs to the class rather than a particular object.

Example:

Class Employee

Company = "Google"

↳ [specific to each class]

Tejas = Employee() → Object instantiation.

Tejas.Company

Employee.Company = "youtube" → Change class attributes.

Instance Attributes

- An attribute that belongs to the instance (object) assuming the class from the previous example:

Tejas.name = "Tejas"

Tejas.salary = "500k" ⇒ Adding instance attributes.

Note: Instance attributes take preference over class attributes during assignment & retrieval.

Tejas Attributes →

1] Is attribute present in object 1.

2] Is attribute present in class.

• Self parameter

Self refers to instance of the class it is automatically passed with a function call from an object.

Tejas.getSalary() → here Self is Tejas
↙
equivalent to employee.getSalary(Tejas)

The function `getSalary` is defined as:

```
Class Employee:
```

```
    Company = "Google"
```

```
    def getSalary(self):
```

```
        print("Salary is not there")
```

Static Method

Sometime we need a function that doesn't use the `self` parameter. We can define a static method like this.

① `staticMethod`

```
def greet():
```

```
    print("Hello Tejas")
```

→ decoder to make greet as a static method.

`--init--()` Constructor

`--init--()` is a special method which is first run as soon as the object is created.

`--init--()` method is also known as constructor

It takes self arguments & can also take further arguments.

For Example:

```
Class Employee
```

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

```
    self.name = name
```

```
def getSalary(self):
```

```
    ....
```

```
Texas = Employee("Texas")
```

↳ object can be instantiated using constructor like this.

Practice Set

- 1] Create a class programmer for storing information of few programmers working at microsoft.
- 2] Write a class calculator capable of finding square & square root of a number.
- 3] Create a class with a class attribute a ; Create an object from it & set a directly using object. $a = 0$. Does this change the class attribute.
- 4] Add a static method in problem 2 to greet the user with hello.
- 5] Write a class Train which has method to book a tickets, get status (no of seats) & get fare information of trains running under Indian railway.
- 6] Can you change the self parameter inside a class to something else (say 'Tejas'). Try changing self to 'self' or 'Tejas' & see the effects.