



OOP CONCEPTS

Mapping out OOP

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What is OOP?

- ❖ **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)** is a programming paradigm that uses “objects” (which contain both data and behavior) to design and build applications.

□ Why OOP?

- ❖ Improves **code organization** by grouping related data (attributes) and behaviors (methods).
- ❖ Makes **maintenance** and **scaling** easier through concepts like **inheritance** and **polymorphism**.
- ❖ Helps us think in **real-world terms**: objects in your program often map to objects in the real world.

□ Real-Life Analogy

- ❖ Think of **OOP** like setting up a **factory** that produces cars:
 - A **car blueprint** (class) defines what every car should look like and how it behaves.
 - Each **car** (object-instance) built from that blueprint has its own paint color, mileage, license plate, etc., but shares the same fundamental structure and features.

Classes and Objects

- **Class**
 - ◊ A **class** is like a **blueprint** or **template** that defines the *structure* (attributes) and *behavior* (methods) that the objects created from it will have.
- **Object (Instance)**
 - ◊ An **object** is an **instance** of a class. When you create an object, you make a “real thing” based on that blueprint.

□ Basic Syntax

```
class ClassName:  
    # Class body: define attributes and methods here  
    pass  
  
    # Creating an object (instance) of ClassName  
    obj = ClassName()
```

Example: Creating a Simple Class

- Let's start with a simple real-life object: a **Dog**.

```
class Dog:  
    pass # We'll fill this in later  
  
    # Create two Dog objects (instances)  
    dog1 = Dog()  
    dog2 = Dog()  
  
    print(type(dog1)) # <class '__main__.Dog'>  
    print(type(dog2)) # <class '__main__.Dog'>
```

- Right now, **Dog** is an empty class. `dog1` and `dog2` are objects of that class (they exist in memory), but they have no special attributes or behaviors yet.

Attributes (Instance Variables) and Methods

- **Attributes** (sometimes called “properties” or “fields”) store the data about an object.
- **Methods** are functions defined inside a class that describe the behaviors of the object.

- **The `__init__` Method (Constructor)**
 - In Python, `__init__` is a special method that **initializes** each instance of a class. You typically pass in parameters that set up the initial state (attributes) of the object.

Example with Attributes and Methods

```
class Dog:  
  
    def __init__(self, name, breed, age):  
        self.name = name    # instance attribute  
        self.breed = breed  # instance attribute  
        self.age = age      # instance attribute  
  
    def bark(self):  
        print(f'{self.name} says Woof!')  
  
    def get_info(self):  
        return f'Dog(name={self.name}, breed={self.breed}, age={self.age})'  
  
# Creating objects (instances)  
dog1 = Dog("Buddy", "Golden Retriever", 3)  
dog2 = Dog("Lucy", "Poodle", 5)  
  
print(dog1.name)          # Buddy  
print(dog2.breed)         # Poodle  
dog1.bark()               # Buddy says Woof!  
print(dog2.get_info())    # Dog(name=Lucy, breed=Poodle, age=5)
```

□ Real-Life Scenario

Each dog (dog1 or dog2) has **its own attributes**: name, breed, age.

They share the **same behaviors**: e.g., bark, get_info.

Encapsulation

- **Encapsulation** is about **bundling data (attributes) and methods** that work on that data within one unit—a class. It helps in:
 - **Hiding the internal state** of objects from the outside world.
 - **Controlling access** or modification of the data.
- **Private Attributes (Convention in Python)**
 - Although Python doesn't enforce private attributes like some languages, the **convention** is to use an underscore prefix `_` or double underscore `__` to signal “this is private or internal.”

Private Attributes (Convention in Python)

```
class BankAccount:  
    def __init__(self, account_holder, initial_balance=0):  
        self.account_holder = account_holder  
        self.__balance = initial_balance # intended as "private"  
    def deposit(self, amount):  
        self.__balance += amount  
    def withdraw(self, amount):  
        if amount > self.__balance:  
            print("Insufficient funds.")  
        else:  
            self.__balance -= amount  
    def get_balance(self):  
        return self.__balance  
  
account = BankAccount("Alice", 1000)  
account.deposit(500)  
print(account.get_balance()) # 1500
```

Private Attributes

If we try to directly access the private balance, it won't show up as expected:

```
# print(account.__balance) # AttributeError in many cases
```

- We use `__balance` to indicate it's private.
- Encapsulation ensures everything to do with **balance** is handled internally by deposit and withdraw methods.

□ Real-Life Scenario

- Imagine your bank account: you can deposit/withdraw (public methods), but you **cannot** just open the bank's vault and change your balance. Access is controlled.

Inheritance

- **Inheritance** allows you to create a **new class** (child) that reuses (inherits) attributes and methods from an **existing class** (parent).

- **Why Inheritance?**
 1. Avoid code duplication.
 2. Model **is-a** relationships. (e.g., a Car is a Vehicle, a Manager is an Employee).

Example: Vehicle -> Car, Truck

```
class Vehicle:  
    def __init__(self, make, model, year):  
        self.make = make  
        self.model = model  
        self.year = year  
  
    def start(self):  
        print(f'{self.make} {self.model} starting...')  
  
    def stop(self):  
        print(f'{self.make} {self.model} stopping...')  
  
# Child class Car inherits from Vehicle  
  
class Car(Vehicle):  
    def __init__(self, make, model, year, num_doors):  
        super().__init__(make, model, year) # call parent constructor  
        self.num_doors = num_doors  
  
    def honk(self):  
        print("Car honks: Beep beep!")  
  
# Another child class Truck  
  
class Truck(Vehicle):  
    def __init__(self, make, model, year, cargo_capacity):  
        super().__init__(make, model, year)  
        self.cargo_capacity = cargo_capacity  
  
    def load_cargo(self, weight):  
        if weight <= self.cargo_capacity:  
            print(f"Loading {weight} kg of cargo.")  
        else:  
            print("Over capacity!")
```

Vehicle -> Car, Truck

- Using them

```
car1 = Car("Toyota", "Camry", 2021, 4)
```

```
car1.start() # Toyota Camry starting...
```

```
car1.honk() # Car honks: Beep beep!
```

```
truck1 = Truck("Ford", "F-150", 2019, 1000)
```

```
truck1.start() # Ford F-150 starting...
```

```
truck1.load_cargo(500) # Loading 500 kg of cargo.
```

- Real-Life Scenario

A **Car** *is a Vehicle*—it inherits start() and stop() methods.

We add unique features to each child class (like honk in Car and load_cargo in Truck).

Polymorphism

- Polymorphism means “many forms.” In OOP, it refers to using the **same interface** (same method name) for **different underlying forms** (different classes).

- ❖ Example: **speak()** Method in Different Classes

```
class Animal:
```

```
    def speak(self):  
        pass # "abstract" or unimplemented in base class
```

```
class Dog(Animal):
```

```
    def speak(self):  
        print("Woof!")
```

```
class Cat(Animal):
```

```
    def speak(self):  
        print("Meow!")
```

```
class Cow(Animal):
```

```
    def speak(self):  
        print("Moo!")
```

```
# Polymorphism in action
```

```
animals = [Dog(), Cat(), Cow()]
```

```
for animal in animals:
```

```
    animal.speak()
```

```
# The same method name 'speak' triggers different behavior
```

```
# Output: # Woof! # Meow! # Moo!
```

- Real-Life Scenario

You call `speak()` on any **Animal**, but the actual “sound” depends on whether it’s a Dog, Cat, or Cow.

Abstraction

- **Abstraction** is about **hiding** the “complexity” and only showing the **essential** parts. In Python, we often use **abstract base classes (ABC)** or simply use “not implemented” methods in a parent class to define a **common interface**.

- **Example with Abstract Base Class**

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod
```

```
class Shape(ABC):
```

```
    @abstractmethod
```

```
    def area(self):
```

```
        pass
```

```
class Rectangle(Shape):
```

```
    def __init__(self, width, height):
```

```
        self.width = width
```

```
        self.height = height
```

```
    def area(self):
```

```
        return self.width * self.height
```

```
class Circle(Shape):
```

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

```
        self.radius = radius
```

```
    def area(self):
```

```
        return 3.14159 * (self.radius ** 2)
```

```
shapes = [Rectangle(4, 5), Circle(3)]
```

```
for s in shapes:
```

```
    print(s.area())
```

```
# 20 # 28.27431
```

Here, Shape is an **abstract class** with the abstract method area().

Rectangle and Circle **implement** area() in their own ways.

Advanced Topics

- ❖ **Class Methods and Static Methods**
- ❖ **Class methods** (@classmethod) receive the class itself (cls) as the first argument. Often used for **alternative constructors** or class-wide behaviors (e.g., creating objects from a database record).
- ❖ **Static methods** (@staticmethod) don't get self or cls; they are just utility functions that logically belong to the class.

Class Methods and Static Methods

```
class Book:
```

```
    library_name = "City Library" # class attribute
    def __init__(self, title, author):
        self.title = title
        self.author = author
    @classmethod
    def from_string(cls, book_str):
        # example of an alternative constructor
        title, author = book_str.split(":")
        return cls(title, author)
    @staticmethod
    def is_valid_isbn(isbn):
        # Some check not involving self or cls
        return len(isbn) == 13
    # Using from_string() class method
book1 = Book("Python 101", "John Doe")
book2 = Book.from_string("OOP Mastery;Jane Smith")
print(book1.title)      # Python 101
print(book2.author)     # Jane Smith
print(Book.is_valid_isbn("1234567890123")) # True (example)
```

Properties and Getters/Setters

- In Python, we often define getters/setters using the `@property` decorator instead of explicit methods like `get_x()`, `set_x()`.

class Person:

```
def __init__(self, name):
    self._name = name

@property
def name(self):
    # This acts like a "getter"
    return self._name

@name.setter
def name(self, new_name):
    # This acts like a "setter"
    if len(new_name) < 2:
        raise ValueError("Name too short!")
    self._name = new_name
```

```
p = Person("Alice")
print(p.name) # calls @property
p.name = "Bob" # calls @name.setter
```

- `@property` allows `p.name` to be used as if it's just an attribute, but behind the scenes, you run code (like validation).

Multiple Inheritance

- Python supports **multiple inheritance**—a class can have **more than one parent**. Use carefully (it can get complicated).

```
class Flyer:
```

```
    def fly(self):
```

```
        print("Flying...")
```

```
class Swimmer:
```

```
    def swim(self):
```

```
        print("Swimming...")
```

```
class Duck(Flyer, Swimmer):
```

```
    pass
```

```
d = Duck()
```

```
d.fly() # Flying...
```

```
d.swim() # Swimming...
```

Mixins

- A **Mixin** is typically a small class that “injects” extra methods without being the primary parent. Often used to add cross-cutting functionality (e.g., logging, serialization) to many classes.

```
class JSONMixin:  
  
    def to_json(self):  
        import json  
        return json.dumps(self.__dict__)  
  
class Person(JSONMixin):  
  
    def __init__(self, name, age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age  
  
    p = Person("Alice", 30)  
  
    print(p.to_json()) # {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}
```

JSONMixin just provides a to_json() method, which Person can use without rewriting JSON logic.

Special Methods (Magic Methods)

- Python classes can implement **special methods** (also called “dunder methods,” e.g., `__str__`, `__repr__`, `__len__`, `__eq__`, etc.) to integrate seamlessly with Python’s built-in operations.
 - For instance:

```
class Card:  
    def __init__(self, suit, rank):  
        self.suit = suit # e.g., "Hearts"  
        self.rank = rank # e.g., "Ace"  
    def __str__(self):  
        return f'{self.rank} of {self.suit}'  
    def __repr__(self):  
        return f'Card({self.suit!r}, {self.rank!r})'
```

```
card = Card("Hearts", "Ace")
```

```
print(card)      # Ace of Hearts (calls __str__)
```

```
print(repr(card))  # Card('Hearts', 'Ace')
```

`__str__` is used by `print()`.

`__repr__` is the “official” string representation, used in debugging or console logs.

- You can also implement operator overloading with methods like `__add__`, `__sub__`, `__mul__`, etc., if it makes sense in your domain (e.g., adding two vectors or complex numbers).

Wrapping Up

- You've now seen how **Object-Oriented Programming** works in Python from basic to more advanced topics:
 - **Classes and Objects:** The blueprint vs. instance concept.
 - **Attributes and Methods:** Data and behaviors inside classes.
 - **Encapsulation:** Controlling access to data.
 - **Inheritance:** Creating subclasses that reuse parent functionality.
 - **Polymorphism:** Same method name, different underlying classes.
 - **Abstraction:** Hiding complexity with abstract base classes.
 - **Advanced Topics:** Class/Static methods, properties, multiple inheritance, mixins, magic methods, etc.

Real-Life Application Flow

- When designing software with OOP, think about:
 - **Identifying** objects/actors in your problem domain (e.g., Car, Driver, Account, Transaction).
 - **Defining Classes** that represent those objects and their relationships (who “has-a” what, who “is-a” what).
 - **Encapsulating** logic (methods) with the data it manipulates (attributes).
 - Using **inheritance** if you need specialized versions of more general classes.
 - Considering **polymorphism** if multiple classes share a common interface but differ in implementation.
 - With practice, OOP becomes a powerful way to write organized, maintainable, and scalable code in Python.

Happy coding with OOP!

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