

Assignment 19 Solutions

Q1. Define the relationship between a class and its instances. Is it a one-to-one or a one-to-many partnership, for example?

Ans: A class is a blueprint which you use to create objects. An object is an instance of a class - it's a concrete 'thing' that you made using a specific class. So, 'object' and 'instance' are the same thing, but the word 'instance' indicates the relationship of an object to its class. A single object of a class can access multiple functions defined in the class in form of one to many relationships.

Q2. What kind of data is held only in an instance?

Ans: Instance objects contain the instance variables which are specific to that specific instance object.

Q3. What kind of knowledge is stored in a class?

Ans: A class creates a user-defined data structure, which holds its own data members and member functions, which can be accessed and used by creating an instance of that class. A class is like a blueprint for an object. A class is a logical entity which does not exist in the real world. Or we can say that a class is a blueprint to create objects of similar types. A class does not take space in memory. Examples: - fruits, furniture, vehicles etc.

Q4. What exactly is a method, and how is it different from a regular function?

Ans: The methods with a class can be used to access the instance variables of its instance. So, the object's state can be modified by its method. A function can't access the attributes of an instance of a class or can't modify the state of the object. A function is independent, whereas a method is a function linked with an object. Explicit data is passed on to a function, whereas a method completely passes the object on which it was called in the program. A method is Object-oriented programming while a function has standalone functionality.

Q5. Is inheritance supported in Python, and if so, what is the syntax?

Ans: Yes, Python supports inheritance. The types of inheritance supported by Python are:

1. Simple Inheritance
2. Multiple Inheritance
3. Multilevel Inheritance
4. Hybrid Inheritance
5. Hierarchical Inheritance

In [1]:

```
1 class Person:
2     def __init__(self, fname, lname):
3         self.first_name = fname
4         self.last_name = lname
5 class Student(Person):
6     pass
```

In [2]:

```
1 #single level inheritance
2 class Ineuron:
3     company_website = 'https://ineuron.ai/'
4     name = 'iNeuron'
5
6     def contact_details(self):
7         print('Contact us at ', self.company_website)
8
9
10 class Datascience(Ineuron):
11     def __init__(self):
12         self.year_of_establishment = 2018
13
14     def est_details(self):
15         print('{0} Company was established in {1}'
16               .format(self.name, self.year_of_establishment))
17
18
19 ds = Datascience()
20 ds.est_details()
```

iNeuron Company was established in 2018

Q6. How much encapsulation (making instance or class variables private) does Python support?

Ans: We can protect variables in the class by marking them private. To define a private variable we can add two underscores as a prefix at the start of a variable.

name. Private members are accessible only within the class, and we can't access them directly from the class objects.

Q7. How do you distinguish between a class variable and an instance variable?

Ans: **Class Attribute** : It usually maintains a single shared value for all instances of class even if no instance object of the class exists.

Instance Attribute : It usually reserves memory for data that the class needs.

A single copy of Class attributes is maintained by pvm at the class level Whereas different copies of instance attributes are maintained by pvm at objects/instance level.

Q8. When, if ever, can self be included in a class's method definitions?

Ans: Self is always pointing to Current Object.

Q9. What is the difference between the `__add__` and the `__radd__` methods ?

Ans: Entering `__radd__` Python will first try `__add__()` , and if that returns Not Implemented Python will check if the right-hand operand implements `__radd__` , and if it does, it will call `__radd__()` rather than raising a `TypeError` .

The expression `a+b` is internally translated to the method call `a.add(b)`. But if `a` and `b` are of different types, it is possible that `a`'s implementation of addition cannot deal with objects of `b`'s type (or maybe `a` does not have a `add` method, at all). So, if `a.add(b)` fails, Python tries `b.radd(a)` instead, to see if `b`'s implementation can deal with objects of `a`'s type.

Q10. When is it necessary to use a reflection method? When do you not need it, even though you support the operation in question?

Ans: Reflection refers to the ability for code to be able to examine attributes about objects that might be passed as parameters to a function. For example, if we write `type(obj)` then Python will return an object which represents the type of `obj`. Using reflection, we can write one recursive reverse function that will work for strings, lists, and any other sequence that supports slicing and concatenation. If an `obj` is a reference to a string, then Python will return the `str` type object. Further, if we write `str()` we get a string which is the empty string. In other words, writing `str()` is the same thing as writing `""`. Likewise, writing `list()` is the same thing as writing `[]`.

In [4]:

```

1 x = 5
2
3 def testFunction():
4     print("Test")
5
6 y = testFunction
7
8 if (callable(x)):
9     print("x is callable")
10 else:
11     print("x is not callable")
12
13 if (callable(y)):
14     print("y is callable")
15 else:
16     print("y is not callable")

```

```

x is not callable
y is callable

```

Q11. What is the `__iadd__` method called?

Ans: `__iadd__` method is called when we use implementation like `a+=b` which is `a.__iadd__(b)`

In [5]:

```

1 class NumString:
2
3     def __init__(self, value):
4         self.value = str(value)
5
6     def __int__(self):
7         return int(self.value)
8
9     def __str__(self):
10        return self.value
11
12    def __add__(self, other):
13        return int(self) + other
14
15    def __iadd__(self, other):
16        self.value = self + other
17        return self.value
18
19 some_num1 = NumString(0) # Create an instance of NumString with 0 as value.
20 print(str(some_num1)) # Check what is contained within self.value in this instance.
21
22 some_num1 + 1 # We add some_num1 to 1, this returns back the calculation using the __add__ method
23 print(str(some_num1)) # check what some_num1 is holding for a self.value
24
25 some_num1 += 2 # We in-place add some_num1 to 2, this stores and returns the new stored value using __iadd__ method.
26 print(str(some_num1)) # check what some_num1 is holding now?
27

```

```

0
0
2

```

Q12. Is the `__init__` method inherited by subclasses? What do you do if you need to customize its behavior within a subclass?

Ans: In Python, it is not compulsory that parent class constructor will always be called first. The order in which the `__init__` method is called for a parent or a child class can be modified.

A subclass can do more than that; it can define a method that has exactly the same method signature (name and argument types) as a method in its `superclass`. In that case, the method in the subclass overrides the method in the `superclass` and effectively replaces its implementation.