Instance and class data

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Core principles of OOP

Inheritance:

Extending functionality of existing code

Polymorphism:

• Creating a unified interface

Encapsulation:

Bundling of data and methods

Instance-level data

```
class Employee:
    def __init__(self, name, salary):
        self.name = name
        self.salary = salary

emp1 = Employee("Teo Mille", 50000)
emp2 = Employee("Marta Popov", 65000)
```

- name, salary are instance attributes
- self binds to an instance

Class-level data

- Data shared among all instances of a class
- Define class attributes in the body of class

```
class MyClass:
    # Define a class attribute
    CLASS_ATTR_NAME = attr_value
```

• "Global variable" within the class

Class-level data

```
class Employee:
    # Define a class attribute
MIN_SALARY = 30000  #<--- no self.

def __init__(self, name, salary):
    self.name = name
    # Use class name to access class attribute
    if salary >= Employee.MIN_SALARY:
        self.salary = salary
    else:
        self.salary = Employee.MIN_SALARY
```

- MIN_SALARY is shared among all instances
- Don't use self to define class attribute
- use ClassName.ATTR_NAME to access the class attribute value

Class-level data

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```

```
emp1 = Employee("TBD", 40000)
print(emp1.MIN_SALARY)
```

```
30000
```

```
emp2 = Employee("TBD", 60000)
print(emp2.MIN_SALARY)
```

30000

Why use class attributes?

Global constants related to the class

- minimal/maximal values for attributes
- commonly used values and constants, e.g. pi for a Circle class
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Class methods

- Methods are already "shared": same code for every instance
- Class methods can't use instance-level data

```
MyClass.my_awesome_method(args...)
```

Alternative constructors

```
class Employee:
    MIN_SALARY = 30000

def __init__(self, name, salary=30000):
    self.name = name
    if salary >= Employee.MIN_SALARY:
        self.salary = salary
    else:
        self.salary = Employee.MIN_SALARY
```

Can only have one __init__()

```
@classmethod
def from_file(cls, filename):
    with open(filename, "r") as f:
        name = f.readline()
    return cls(name)
```

- Use class methods to create objects
- Use return to return an object
- cls(...) will call __init__(...)

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```

```
employee_data.txt 🔀

1 Sandia Romanova
```

```
# Create an employee without calling Employee()
emp = Employee.from_file("employee_data.txt")
type(emp)
```

```
__main__.Employee
```



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Class inheritance

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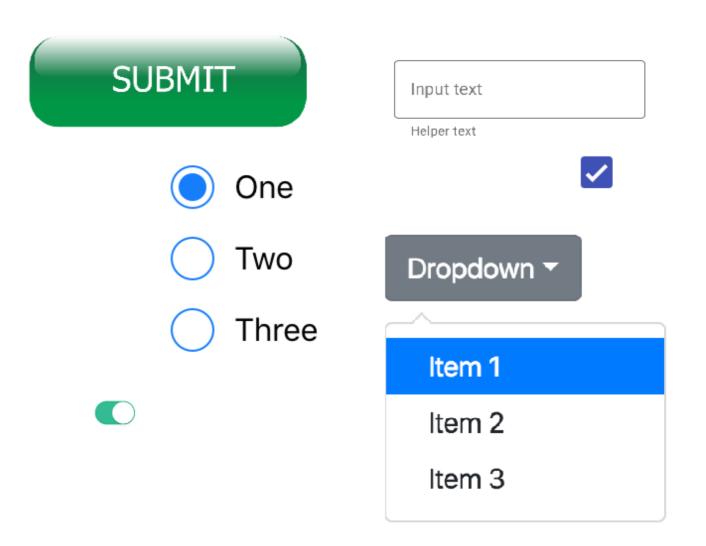
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- Modules are great for fixed functionality
- OOP is great for customizing functionality



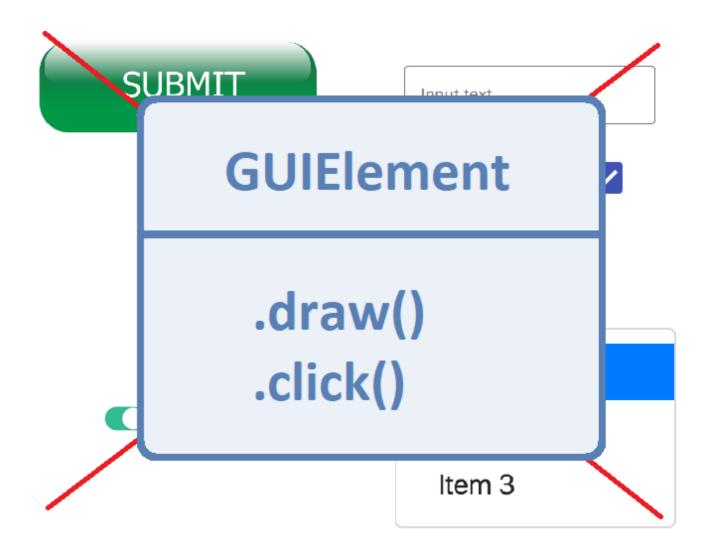
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Inheritance

New class functionality = Old class functionality + extra

BankAccount



balance

withdraw()

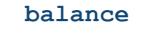






balance

withdraw()

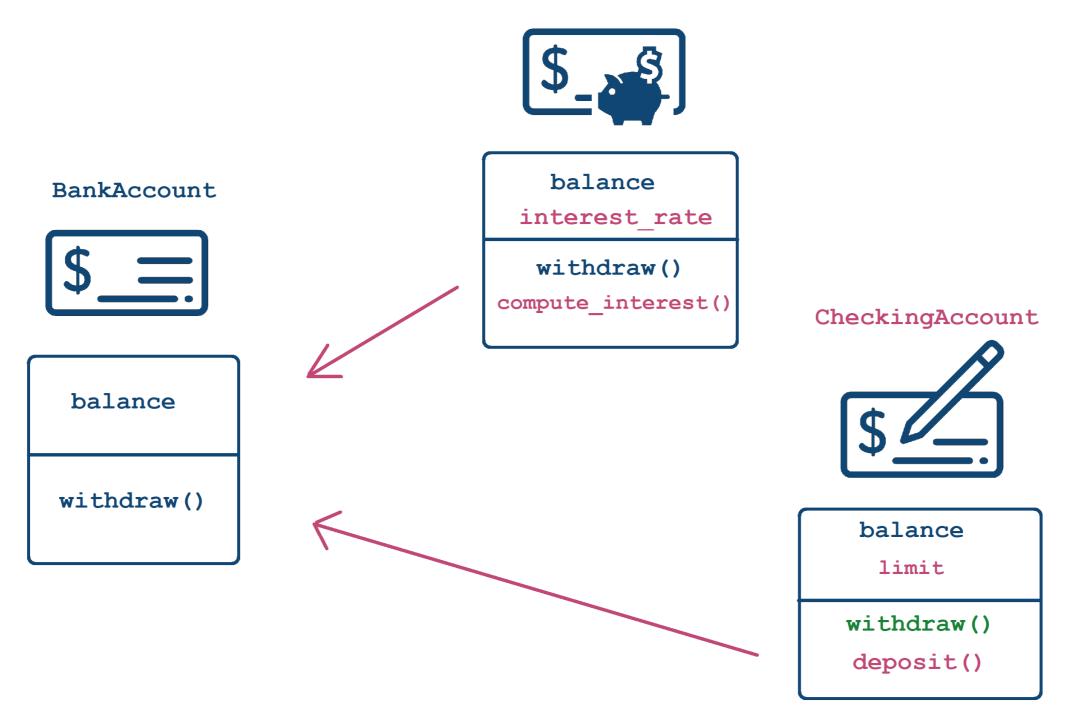


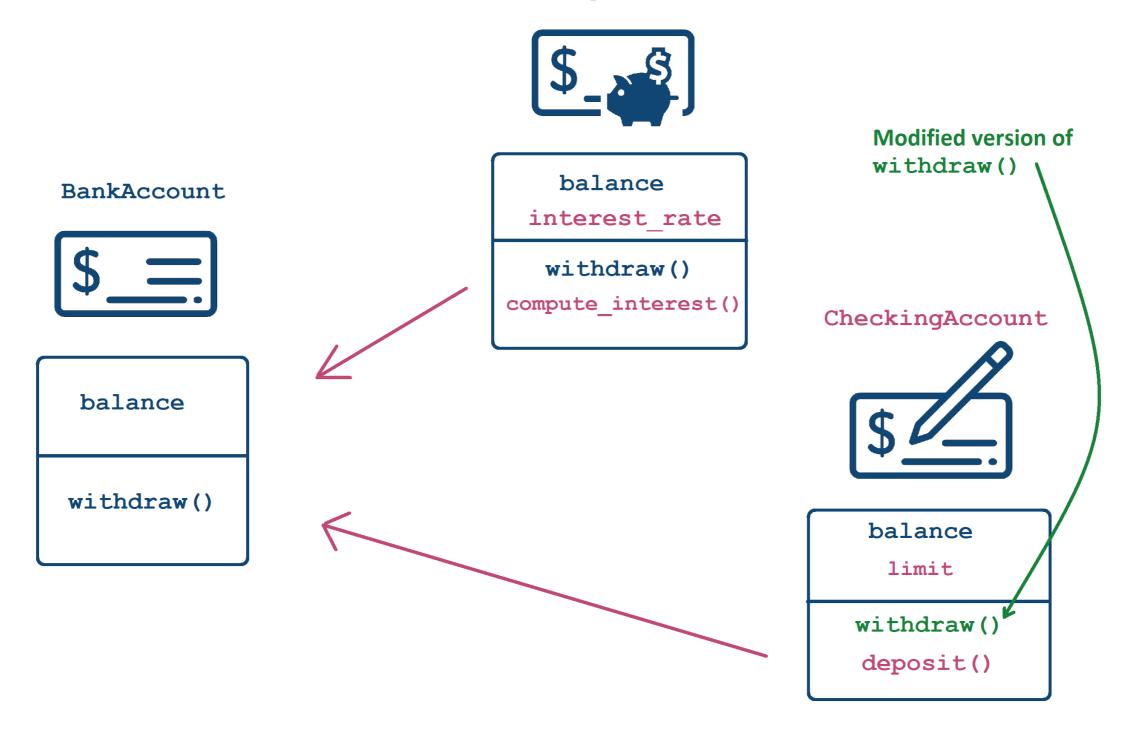
interest_rate

withdraw()

compute_interest()







Implementing class inheritance

```
class BankAccount:
    def __init__(self, balance):
       self.balance = balance
    def withdraw(self, amount):
        self.balance -= amount
# Empty class inherited from BankAccount
class SavingsAccount(BankAccount):
    pass
```

```
class MyChild(MyParent):
    # Do stuff here
```

- MyParent : class whose functionality is being extended/inherited
- MyChild: class that will inherit the functionality and add more

Child class has all of the the parent data

```
# Constructor inherited from BankAccount
savings_acct = SavingsAccount(1000)
type(savings_acct)
```

__main__.SavingsAccount

```
# Attribute inherited from BankAccount
savings_acct.balance
```

1000

```
# Method inherited from BankAccount
savings_acct.withdraw(300)
```



Inheritance: "is-a" relationship

A SavingsAccount is a BankAccount

(possibly with special features)

savings_acct = SavingsAccount(1000) isinstance(savings_acct, SavingsAccount) acct = BankAccount(500) isinstance(acct, SavingsAccount)

True

isinstance(savings_acct, BankAccount)

True

False

isinstance(acct, BankAccount)

True

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Customizing functionality via inheritance

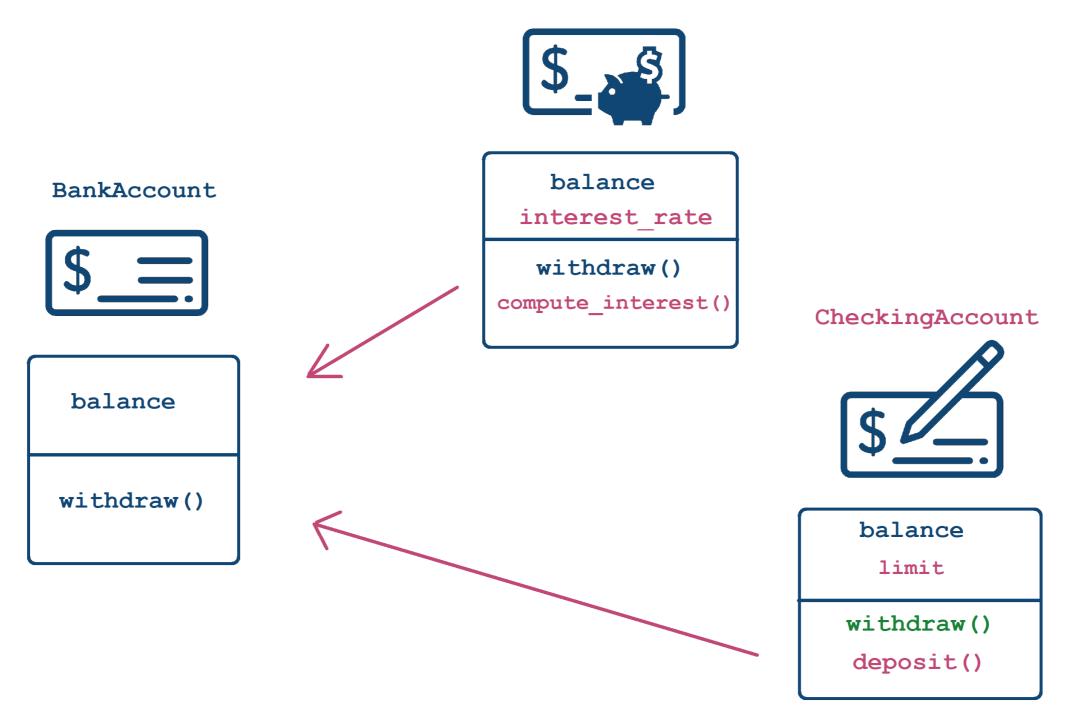
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What we have so far

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```

Customizing constructors

```
class SavingsAccount(BankAccount):

# Constructor speficially for SavingsAccount with an additional parameter

def __init__(self, balance, interest_rate):

# Call the parent constructor using ClassName.__init__()

BankAccount.__init__(self, balance) # <--- self is a SavingsAccount but also a BankAccount

# Add more functionality

self.interest_rate = interest_rate</pre>
```

- Can run constructor of the parent class first by Parent.__init__(self, args...)
- Add more functionality
- Don't have to call the parent constructors

Create objects with a customized constructor

```
# Construct the object using the new constructor
acct = SavingsAccount(1000, 0.03)
acct.interest_rate
```

0.03



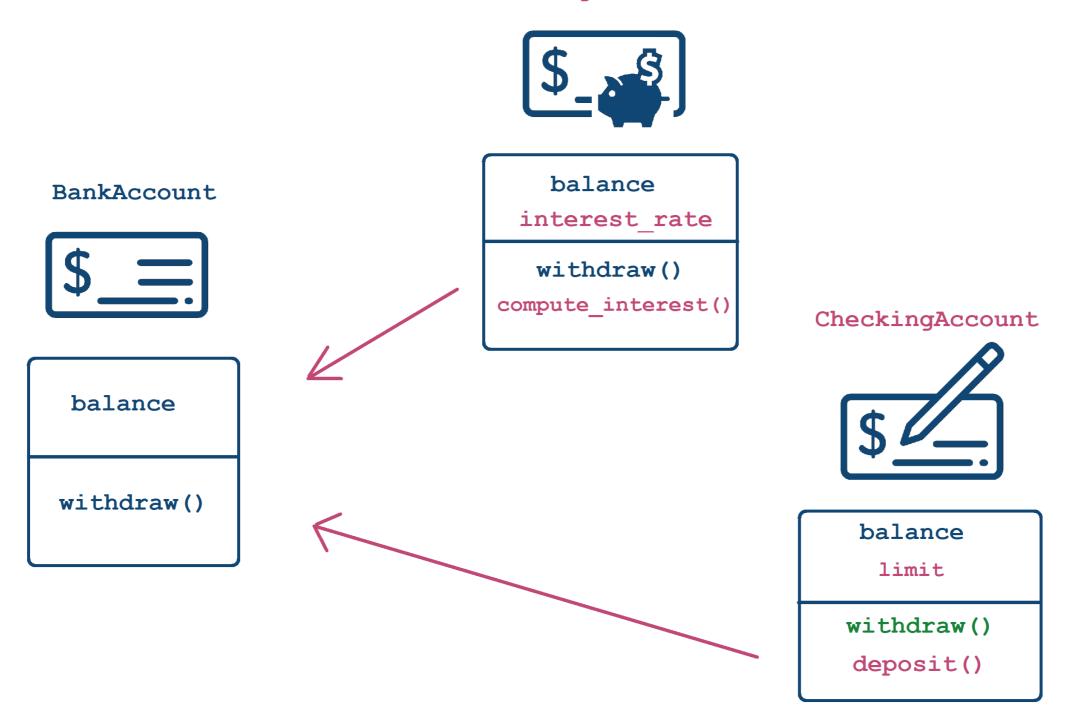
Adding functionality

- Add methods as usual
- Can use the data from both the parent and the child class

```
class SavingsAccount(BankAccount):

def __init__(self, balance, interest_rate):
    BankAccount.__init__(self, balance)
    self.interest_rate = interest_rate

# New functionality
def compute_interest(self, n_periods = 1):
    return self.balance * ( (1 + self.interest_rate) ** n_periods - 1)
```



Customizing functionality

- Can change the signature (add parameters)
- Use Parent.method(self, args...) to call a method from the parent class

```
check_acct = CheckingAccount(1000, 25)

# Will call withdraw from CheckingAccount
check_acct.withdraw(200)
```

```
# Will call withdraw from CheckingAccount
check_acct.withdraw(200, fee=15)
```

```
bank_acct = BankAccount(1000)

# Will call withdraw from BankAccount
bank_acct.withdraw(200)
```

```
# Will produce an error
bank_acct.withdraw(200, fee=15)
```

TypeError: withdraw() got an unexpected keyword argument 'fee'

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