



# What is OOP?

**Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)** is a programming style that structures code using **objects**, which combine **data** (attributes) and **behavior** (methods). It helps make code more **modular**, **reusable**, and **easier to maintain**.



## Key Terms

<b>Class</b>	A blueprint for creating objects
<b>Object</b>	An instance of a class
<b>Attribute</b>	A variable stored in an object
<b>Method</b>	A function defined inside of a class
<b><code>__init__</code></b>	Special method that runs when an object is created
<b><code>self</code></b>	Refers to the current instance of the class



## The Four Pillars of OOP

### Encapsulation

Hides an object's internal state and provides public methods to interact with it safely.  
Uses **getter** and **setter** methods to access or update private attributes.

### Inheritance

Allows one class to inherit attributes and methods from another.  
Promotes code reuse and logical hierarchy.

### Polymorphism

Lets different classes use the same method name with different behavior.  
Improves flexibility when working with objects.

### Abstraction

Hides internal details and shows only what's necessary.  
Uses the `abc` module to define abstract classes and methods.



## Code Examples

<b>Encapsulation</b>	<pre>class BankAccount:     def __init__(self, balance):         self.__balance = balance      def get_balance(self): # Getter         return self.__balance      def set_balance(self, amount): # Setter         if amount &gt;= 0:             self.__balance = amount</pre>
<b>Inheritance</b>	<pre>class Animal:     def speak(self):         return "Sound"  class Dog(Animal):     def speak(self):         return "Woof"</pre>
<b>Polymorphism</b>	<pre>animals = [Dog(), Cat()] for a in animals:     print(a.speak()) # Woof / Meow</pre>
<b>Abstraction</b>	<pre>from abc import ABC, abstractmethod  class Vehicle(ABC):     @abstractmethod     def drive(self):         pass</pre>