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Assignment is still due on Tuesday 23 May at 8:00 am (today)

No late penalty if received before Friday 26 May – 8:00am

But will be 4 days late if received after this time.

## INFT1004

### Visual Programming

#### Module 12.1

#### Turtles and other classes

Guzdial & Ericson - Third Edition – chapter 16  
Guzdial & Ericson - Fourth (Global) Edition – chapter 17

## Object-oriented programming

Right from the beginning we've been dealing with objects:

- Pictures
- Pixels
- Colours
- Sounds
- Samples . . .

However, our principal unit of programming has been the **function**

## Object-oriented programming

In object-oriented programming the principal unit of programming is the **class**

A class defines what an object will look like: what **properties** (data) it has and what **methods** it has

methods(functions, procedures) – what it can do

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## Picture Class

eg. picture class

has **properties** such as  
*height, width, pixels, etc*

and **methods** such as  
*repaint and explore, etc*

Picture
height width pixels[] ...
repaint() explore() ...

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## Sound Class

eg. sound class

has **properties** such as  
*duration, samples, etc*

and **methods** such as  
*play and explore, etc*

Sound
duration samples[] ...
play() explore() ...

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## Object-oriented programming

*Its time we saw how to define and  
use our own classes*

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## But first, turtles!

A **turtle** is a little animated picture that can move around in a world, drawing lines with a pen

**Turtles** have been used for many years to teach children the elements of programming

**Turtles** have been included in JES

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## But first, turtles!

The canvas on which a **turtle** moves and draws is called a **world**

```
earth = makeWorld()
```

Once we have a world, we can put turtles in it

```
liner = makeTurtle(earth)
```

(Try these in the command window of JES)

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## Proper OO notation

`makeWorld()` and `makeTurtle()` are JES functions, like `makePicture()` and `makeSound()`

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These instructions make `earth` a **new** `World`, and make `liner` a **new** `Turtle` on the `World` called `earth`

*We'll now stick with this Object Oriented notation*

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## What can turtles do?

Here are some of the things turtles can do.

```
liner.forward()  
liner.forward(pixels)  
liner.turnLeft()  
liner.turnRight()  
liner.turn(degrees)  
liner.penUp()  
liner.penDown()  
liner.setColor(red)  
liner.setPenWidth(pixels)  
liner.drop(picture)
```

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To learn, or remember what they achieve, either look in the book or experiment with them (have fun)

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## Making our own classes

What if we want to add features to turtles?

Turtle

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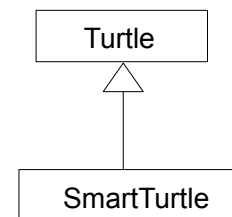
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## Making our own classes

What if we want to add features to turtles?

We **can't** easily modify the Turtle class; but we **can** make a new class based on the Turtle class;

This is called a 'subclass' of Turtle



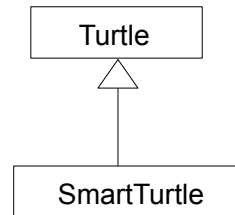
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## Making our own classes

A subclass has all the features of its 'parent' class, but we can easily add more features



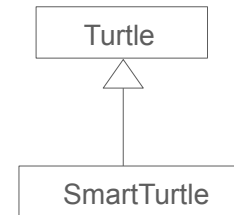
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See the SmartTurtle class in  
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As always in Python, the indentation defines the start and end of the class

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## Classes have methods

A 'function' defined within class is called a method

When we create an object of this class, we can call the method by

```
objectName.methodName(parameters)
```

Diagram showing the components of the method call `liner.turn(degrees)`. Arrows point from the words in the code above to the corresponding parts in the example below:

```
liner.turn(degrees)
```

Note we have seen this notation with the string class already e.g. `aString.lower()`

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## Classes have methods

```
def methodName(self, parameter1, parameter2, ..)
```

Note that every method of a class must have the parameter **self**, which refers to the object for which the method has been called

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When the method is called, there is no argument corresponding to this first parameter called **self**

```
methodName(argument1, argument2, ..)
```

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## Classes have methods

```
def methodName(self, parameter1, parameter2, ..)
```

A method can be given additional parameters as required

These parameters will have corresponding arguments that are used when calling the method.

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## Classes have data

Classes can have data, which look just like variables

Each **object** of the class gets its own copy of the data

For example, each turtle has its own color and location

Turtle
color
location
:
:
forward()
penUp()
:
:

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## Using the methods and data

Remember, a **class** is the code that defines the data and the methods that each **object** of the class will have

Within the code for the class, if we want an object to execute one of its own methods we write  
`self.methodName(arguments)`

and if we want an object to refer to its own data we write `self.variableName`

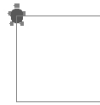
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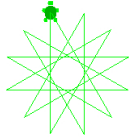
## Using the methods and data

```
myWorld = World()
leonardo= SmartTurtle(myWorld)
```

```
leonardo.drawSquare()
```



```
leonardo.drawStar(12)
```



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## Using the methods and data

```
file = pickAFile()
barbara = makePicture(file)
leonardo.pictureSwirl(barbara)
```



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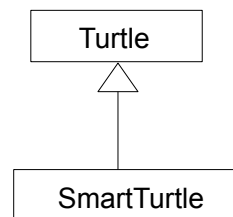
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## A completely new class

SmartTurtle is a subclass  
of the Turtle class



There will be times when we want to create  
a completely new class (not a subclass) see  
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## A completely new class

Slide is an example of a totally new class (not a subclass of an existing class)

Slide

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## A completely new class

Slide is an example of a totally new class (not a subclass of an existing class)

Slide

Note that class names conventionally start with a capital letter

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## A completely new class

A Slide object will have two data items, a picture and a sound

It will have a method, called `show()`, which will show the picture and a method and plays the sound

Slide

pictureFile  
soundFile

setPicture()  
getPicture()  
setSound()  
getMySound()  
`show()`

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## Constructor – a special method

When we create a new object of a class

```
slide = Slide()
```

Python calls a special method of the class called a constructor

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## Constructor – a special method

```
slide = Slide()
```

### A constructor

- creates the new object
- it sets aside space for it
- associates the name with that space
- associates the name with the specified class type
- and possibly initialises the data

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## Constructor – a special method

```
slide = Slide()
```

In Python, the constructor for a class actually has the name:

```
__init__()
```

but this name is never called

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## Constructor – optional arguments

In a constructor (and in fact in any method), you can provide 'default' values for the parameters

by writing `parameterName=value` rather than just `parameterName`

```
def __init__(self, pictureFile=None, soundFile=None):
```

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If the function is called without the argument, the parameter is given the default value

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## Constructor – optional arguments

Some Python programmers use the predefined value of `None` as a standard default value for parameters

### Example

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In the `Slide` class, if the constructor is called without a picture file or a sound file, it makes a slide with the church picture and the church sound by default

*(assuming you have setMediaPath correctly)*

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## Constructor

```
def __init__(self, pictureFile = None, soundFile = None):  
  
    if pictureFile == None:  
        self.setPicture(makePicture(getMediaPath("church.jpg")))  
    else:  
        self.setPicture(makePicture(picFile))  
  
    if soundFile == None:  
        self.setSound(makeSound(getMediaPath("church.wav")))  
    else:  
        self.setSound(makeSound(soundFile))
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## Accessors and mutators

Ideally, an object's data is accessed only through its own methods

An **accessor** / **getter** is a method that gives us the value of a data item; it's generally called `get()`

A **mutator** / **setter** is a method that changes the value of a data item; it's generally called `set()`

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## Accessors and mutators

In some programming languages the program can insist that data be accessed by `get()` and `set()`

We can't enforce this in Python; instead we provide them, and hope that programmers will respect this design ideal

Remember this is best practice – you should always use `get()` and `set()`

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## get and set

```
# Set and get the Slide's picture property
def setPicture(self, newPicture):
    self.picture = newPicture

def getPicture(self):
    return self.picture

# Set and get the Slide's sound property
def setSound(self, newSound):
    self.sound = newSound

def getMySound(self):
    return self.sound
```

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## Polymorphism

Polymorphism, one of the buzz words of OO programming, has a number of different but related meanings

Literally, the word means 'taking many forms'

The method `show()` is an example of one form of polymorphism, also called method overloading

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## Polymorphism

The same name, `show()`, does different things depending on its arguments; that is, there are different forms of the method

Eg. for pictures, sounds and slides

Just to emphasise this, the `show()` for the `Slide` class uses the `show()` for the `picture` class

How is `explore()` polymorphic?

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## show()

```
def show(self):
    show(self.getPicture())
    blockingPlay(self.getMySound())
```

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## Using the Slide Class

```
def playSlideShow():  
  
    slide = {} # This makes slide an empty list  
  
    slide[0] = Slide(getMediaPath("barbara.jpg"),  
                     getMediaPath("bassoon-c4.wav"))  
    slide[1] = Slide(getMediaPath("beach.jpg"),  
                     getMediaPath("bassoon-e4.wav"))  
    slide[2] = Slide(getMediaPath("church.jpg"),  
                     getMediaPath("bassoon-g4.wav"))  
    slide[3] = Slide(getMediaPath("jungle2.jpg"),  
                     getMediaPath("bassoon-c4.wav"))  
  
    # Now we display each Slide in the list  
    for i in range(0,4):  
        slide[i].show()
```