

Card Object

```
class Card(object):  
    suit_names = ['Clubs', 'Diamonds', 'Hearts', 'Spades']  
    rank_names = [None, 'Ace', '2', '3', '4', '5',  
                  '6', '7', '8', '9', '10', 'Jack', 'Queen', 'King']  
  
    def __init__(self, suit=0, rank=2):  
        self.suit = suit  
        self.rank = rank  
  
    def __str__(self):  
        return '%s of %s' % (Card.rank_names[self.rank],  
                               Card.suit_names[self.suit])  
  
four_hearts = Card(2,4)  
print four_hearts  
queen_spades = Card(3,12)  
print queen_spades
```

Every card has its own suit and rank, but there is only one copy of suit_names and rank_names.

% = a way to fill-in parts of a string

__cmp__

- Allows use of <, >, == operators with objects
- Rules:
 - Take two objects
 - Return positive number if first is greater
 - Return negative number if second is greater
 - Return zero if both are equal

Q: What is the right ordering for Cards?

A: depends on the game

```
def __cmp__(self, other):  
    # check the ranks  
    if self.rank > other.rank: return 1  
    if self.rank < other.rank: return -1  
    # ranks are the same, so check the suits  
    if self.suit > other.suit: return 1  
    if self.suit < other.suit: return -1  
    # suits and ranks are the same, so tie  
    return 0
```

NOTE (from TYP): In Python 3, cmp no longer exists, and the __cmp__ method is not supported. Instead you should provide __lt__ which returns True if self is less than other

Deck Object

```
class Deck(object):  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.cards = []  
        for suit in range(4):  
            for rank in range(1,14):  
                card = Card(suit, rank)  
                self.cards.append(card)  
  
    def __str__(self):  
        res = []  
        for card in self.cards:  
            res.append(str(card))  
        return '\n'.join(res)  
  
mydeck = Deck()  
print mydeck
```

Watch out for the double underscores!

def __init__(self):

<http://docs.python.org/2/library/stdtypes.html#str.join>
(also look at Iterable)

Deck Object

```
import random  
  
# in the Deck class  
def pop_card(self):  
    return self.cards.pop()  
def add_card(self, card):  
    self.cards.append(card)  
def shuffle(self):  
    random.shuffle(self.cards)  
  
mydeck = Deck()  
print mydeck  
mydeck.shuffle()  
print mydeck
```

"veneer" (or "thin") methods

Inheritance

- Inheritance allows us to define a new class that "inherits" methods and attributes from an existing object.
- We can then modify the new object.
- Example:
 - Hands of cards are similar to decks of cards
 - But have some important differences

```
class Hand(Deck):  
    ''' Hand inherits from Deck. '''
```

Hand Object (inherits from Deck)

```
class Hand(Deck):  
    ''' Hand inherits from Deck. '''  
    def __init__(self, label=''):  
        self.cards = []  
        self.label = label
```

```
mydeck = Deck()  
print mydeck  
mydeck.shuffle()  
print mydeck
```

```
myhand = Hand('new hand')  
mycard = mydeck.pop_card()  
myhand.add_card(mycard)  
print myhand.label  
print myhand
```

Deck modifies itself and Hand

```
# in class Deck  
def move_cards(self, hand, num):  
    for i in range(num):  
        hand.add_card(self.pop_card())
```

```
myhand = Hand('new hand')  
mycard = mydeck.pop_card()  
myhand.add_card(mycard)  
print myhand.label  
print myhand  
mydeck.move_cards(myhand, 4)  
print myhand.label  
print myhand
```

Inheritance Pros and Cons

- Pros
 - Can reduce amount of code / encourage code reuse
 - Sometimes reflects the real-world structure of objects
- Cons
 - Can make programs harder to read, understand, debug
 - Code is located in different places/classes
 - Often inheritance is not needed... there are other ways to structure things