



Classes Objects Methods

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Class, `__init__` and `self`

Class

- Structure that allows you to group data and methods
- “Mold” of instances
- Example: a company wants to represent its employees using a Python class. The data saved for each employee is:
 - First name
 - last name
 - Wage
 - Email

```
class Funcionario:

    def __init__(self, primeiroNome, ultimoNome, salario):
        self.primeiroNome = primeiroNome
        self.ultimoNome = ultimoNome
        self.salario = salario
        self.email = primeiroNome + "." + ultimoNome + "@empresa.pt"
```

`__init__`

Constructor

method that allows

- Define the structure of the class
- Construct an instance of the class

`self`

Reference to itself (instance)

Instance

Instance : embodiment of an object of a class

- Creating an instance of the employee class

```
f1 = Funcionario("António", "Alves", 1000)
```

- Show instance content

```
print(f1) # <__main__.Funcionario object at 0x0000001889A097D60>
```

- Show the contents of one of the variables

```
print(f1.primeiroNome) # António
```

- Show instance contents as a dictionary

```
print(f1.__dict__)  
# {'primeiroNome': 'António', 'ultimoNome': 'Alves', 'salario': 1000, 'email': 'António.Alves@empresa.pt'}
```

__str__

- __str__ method inside the class definition)

```
def __str__(self):  
    return f"{self.primeiroNome} {self.ultimoNome} [{self.email}]: {self.salario}€"
```

- Show instance content

```
print(f1) # António Alves [António.Alves@empresa.pt]: 1000€
```

private variables

- So far, we've looked at **public variables** (accessible from outside the class)

```
def __init__(self, primeiroNome, ultimoNome, salario):  
    self.primeiroNome = primeiroNome  
    self.ultimoNome = ultimoNome  
    self.salario = salario  
    self.email = primeiroNome + "." + ultimoNome + "@empresa.pt"
```

- To use **private variables** (not accessible from outside the class, for security), add `__` before the name

```
def __init__(self, primeiroNome, ultimoNome, salario):  
    self.__primeiroNome = primeiroNome  
    self.__ultimoNome = ultimoNome  
    self.__salario = salario  
    self.__email = primeiroNome + "." + ultimoNome + "@empresa.pt"
```

- Thus, they are no longer accessible from outside the class.

```
print(f1.__primeiroNome) # AttributeError: 'Funcionario' object has no attribute '__primeiroNome'
```

Instance and class variables

- The variables we've seen so far are **instance variables** :
 - Can have different values for each instance of the class
- Class** variables :
 - Have the same value for all instances of the class
 - Are defined outside `__init__`

class
variables

Instance
Variables

```
class Funcionario:
```

```
    premioAnual = 1.5
    nFuncionarios = 0
```

```
    def __init__(self, primeiroNome, ultimoNome, salario):
```

```
        self.__primeiroNome = primeiroNome
```

```
        self.__ultimoNome = ultimoNome
```

```
        self.__salario = salario
```

```
        self.__email = primeiroNome + "." + ultimoNome + "@empresa.pt"
```

```
        Funcionario.nFuncionarios += 1
```

```
(...)
```

All employees have an annual bonus proportional to their salary

Before instances are created, the # of employees created is 0

When creating an instance, the number of employees is incremented

Instance Methods

- **Instance method :**

- Can have different outputs in each instance
- Use instance variables

```
def nomeCompleto(self):  
    return f"{self.__primeiroNome} {self.__ultimoNome}"  
  
print(f1.nomeCompleto()) # António Alves
```

- Can use class variables

```
def mostrarProporcaoPremio(self):  
    print(Funcionario.premioAnual)  
  
f1.mostrarProporcaoPremio() # 1.5
```

- Can be used in other methods

```
def __str__(self):  
    return f"{self.nomeCompleto()} [{self.__email}]: {self.__salario}€"
```


class methods

- **Class method :**
 - Has the same output for all instances
 - Does not use instance variables
 - Can not use any variables

```
def boasVindas(self):  
    return "Bem vindo à empresa"
```

- Can use class variables

```
def mostrarProporcaoPremio(self):  
    print(Funcionario.premioAnual)
```

Static Methods and Property Decorator @staticmethod

- Class methods do not use instance variables. They are static.
- We can define them as such, no longer needing the **self** parameter.
 - Property is used decorator **@staticmethod**

```
@staticmethod
def boasVindas():
    return "Bem vindo à empresa"
```

```
@staticmethod
def mostrarProporcaoPremio():
    print(Funcionario.premioAnual)
```

Getters and Property Decorator @property

- Allows the definition of *getters* (used to obtain variable values)

```
@property
def nomeCompleto(self):
    return f"{self.__primeiroNome} {self.__ultimoNome}"

@property
def email(self):
    return self.__primeiroNome + "." + self.__ultimoNome + "@empresa.pt"
```

- `fullname` and `email` are now used as if they were variables (without parentheses)

```
print(f1.nomeCompleto) # António Alves
```

- Even when called by other methods

```
def __str__(self):
    return f"{self.nomeCompleto} [{self.email}]: {self.__salario}€"
```

Setters and Property Decorator @****.setter

- We can define *setters* (used to set variable values)

```
@nomeCompleto.setter
def nomeCompleto(self, nome):
    primeiro, ultimo = nome.split(" ")
    self.__primeiroNome = primeiro
    self.__ultimoNome = ultimo
```

- This method allows defining the `firstName` and `lastName` simultaneously, starting from a complete name

```
f1.nomeCompleto = "Bernardo Bento"
print(f1) # Bernardo Bento [Bernardo.Bento@empresa.pt]: 1000€
```

Deleters and Property Decorator @****.deleter

- We can define *deleters* (used to “empty” / reset *variable* values)

```
@nomeCompleto.deleter
def nomeCompleto(self):
    self.__primeiroNome = None
    self.__ultimoNome = None
```

- This method allows you to “empty” `firstName` and `lastName` simultaneously.
 - As the `email` is constructed from these, it is also empty.

```
del f1.nomeCompleto

print(f1.__dict__)
# {'_Funcionario__primeiroNome': None, '_Funcionario__ultimoNome': None, '_Funcionario__salario': 1000}
```

Inheritance and super ()

- In programming, it is possible to define that a class (**subclass**) inherits the structure and methods of another class (**superclass**)
- Example: there is a special type of employee in the company (Programmer) who, in addition to information and methods for the

```
class Programador(Funcionario):

    def __init__(self, primeiroNome, ultimoNome, salario, linguagem):
        super().__init__(primeiroNome, ultimoNome, salario)
        self.linguagem = linguagem

    def __str__(self):
        return f"{super().__str__()} => {self.linguagem}"

p1 = Programador("Bernardo", "Bento", 1000, "Python")
print(p1) # Bernardo Bento [Bernardo.Bento@empresa.pt]: 1000€ => Python
```

Programmer (Employee)

Programmer (subclass) inherits from
Employee (superclass)

super ().xxx

Call the superclass's XXX method
Then we just have to deal with the
variables specific to the subclass

print(p1)

By showing, Python knows it has to
execute the `__str__` method
defined for the subclass



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