Designing for inheritance and polymorphism

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Polymorphism

Using a unified interface to operate on objects of different classes

SavingsAccount **Modified version of** withdraw() balance BankAccount interest_rate withdraw() compute_interest() CheckingAccount balance withdraw() balance limit withdraw() deposit()

All that matters is the interface

• batch_withdraw() doesn't need to check the object to know which withdraw() to call

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Wherever BankAccount works,
CheckingAccount should work as well



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Syntactically

- function signatures are compatible
 - o arguments, returned values

Semantically

- the state of the object and the program remains consistent
 - subclass method doesn't strengthen input conditions
 - subclass method doesn't weaken output conditions
 - no additional exceptions



Violating LSP

→ Syntactic incompatibility

BankAccount.withdraw() requires 1 parameter, but CheckingAccount.withdraw() requires 2

→ Subclass strengthening input conditions

BankAccount.withdraw() accepts any amount, but CheckingAccount.withdraw() assumes that the amount is limited

→ Subclass weakening output conditions

BankAccount.withdraw() can only leave a positive balance or cause an error, CheckingAccount.withdraw() can leave balance negative

Violating LSP

- → Changing additional attributes in subclass's method
- → Throwing additional exceptions in subclass's method

No LSP – No Inheritance

Let's practice!

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Managing data access: private attributes

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All class data is public



We are all adults here



Restricting access

- Naming conventions
- Use @property to customize access
- Overriding __getattr__() and __setattr__()

Naming convention: internal attributes

```
obj._att_name , obj._method_name()
```

- Starts with a single _ → "internal"
- Not a part of the public API
- As a class user: "don't touch this"
- As a class developer: use for implementation details, helper functions..

```
df._is_mixed_type , datetime._ymd2ord()
```

Naming convention: pseudoprivate attributes

```
obj.__attr_name , obj.__method_name()
```

- Starts but doesn't end with __ → "private"
- Not inherited
- Name mangling: obj.__attr_name is interpreted as obj._MyClass__attr_name
- Used to prevent name clashes in inherited classes

Leading and trailing __ are only used for built-in Python methods (__init__(), __repr__())!

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Properties

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Changing attribute values

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

    def set_salary(self, salary):
        self.salary = salary

    def give_raise(self, amount):
        self.salary = self.salary + amount

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

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emp = Employee("Miriam Azari", 35000)
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Control attribute access?

- check the value for validity
- or make attributes read-only
 - o modifying set_salary() wouldn't
 prevent emp.salary = -100

Restricted and read-only attributes

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.DataFrame({"colA": [1,2], "colB":[3,4]})

df
```

```
# will cause an error
df.columns = ["new_colA", "new_colB", "extra"]
df
```

```
colA colB
0 1 3
1 2 4
```

```
ValueError: Length mismatch:
Expected axis has 2 elements,
new values have 3 elements
```

```
df.columns = ["new_colA", "new_colB"]
df
```

```
df.shape = (43, 27)
df
```

```
AttributeError: can't set attribute
```

@property

```
class Employer:
  def __init__(self, name, new_salary):
     self._salary = new_salary
  @property
  def salary(self):
     return self._salary
  @salary.setter
  def salary(self, new_salary):
     if new_salary < 0:</pre>
        raise ValueError("Invalid salary")
     self._salary = new_salary
```

← Use "protected" attribute with leading _ to store data

← Use @property on a *method* whose name is exactly the name of the restricted attribute; return the internal attribute

← Use @attr.setter on a method attr()
that will be called on obj.attr = value

• the value to assign passed as argument

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```
emp = Employee("Miriam Azari", 35000)
# accessing the "property"
emp.salary
```

35000

```
emp.salary = 60000 # <-- @salary.setter</pre>
```

```
emp.salary = -1000
```

ValueError: Invalid salary

Why use @property?

User-facing: behave like attributes

Developer-facing: give control of access

Other possibilities

→ Do not add @attr.setter

Create a read-only property

→ Add @attr.getter

Use for the method that is called when the property's value is retrieved

→ Add @attr.deleter

Use for the method that is called when the property is *deleted using del*

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Congratulations!

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Overview

Chapter 1

- Classes and objects
- Attributes and methods

Chapter 3

- Object equality
- String representation
- Exceptions

Chapter 2

- Class inheritance
- Polymorphism
- Class-level data

Chapter 4

- Designing for inheritance
- Levels of data access
- Properties

What's next?

Functionality

- Multiple inheritance and mix-in classes
- Overriding built-in operators like +
- __getattr__() , __setattr__()
- Custom iterators
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Design

SOLID principles

Single-responsibility principle

Open-closed principle

Liskov substitution principle

Interface segregation principle

Dependency inversion principle

Design patterns

Thank you!

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