

Python Programming



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Agenda:

1. The Complete Story of super() function

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- Parent class members are by default available to the child class. In the child class we can access parent class members directly.

Eg:

I. `class P:`

```
def m1(self):  
    print("Parent Method ")
```

```
class C(P):  
    def m2(self):  
        print('Child Method ')
```

```
c = C()  
c.m2()
```

Child Method

II.

```
class P:
```

```
    def m1(self):  
        print("Parent Method ")
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def m2(self):  
        self.m1() # We can use parent class methods in child class directly  
        print('Child Method ')
```

```
c = C()
```

```
c.m2()
```

Parent Method
Child Method

III.

```
class P:

    def m1(self):
        print("Parent Method ")

class C(P):
    def m1(self):
        self.m1() # We can use parent class methods in child class directly
        print('Child Method ')

c = C()
c.m1()
```

If parent class and child class contains a member with the same name (i.e., Naming Conflicts), then to call explicitly parent class members from the child class we should use super() function.

```
-----
RecursionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-2-45bad9ce83a3> in <module>
     10
     11 c = C()
--> 12 c.m1()

<ipython-input-2-45bad9ce83a3> in m1(self)
      6 class C(P):
      7     def m1(self):
--> 8         self.m1() # We can use parent class methods in child class d
irectly
      9         print('Child Method ')
     10

... last 1 frames repeated, from the frame below ...

<ipython-input-2-45bad9ce83a3> in m1(self)
      6 class C(P):
      7     def m1(self):
--> 8         self.m1() # We can use parent class methods in child class d
irectly
      9         print('Child Method ')
     10
```

RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded

IV.

```
class P:
```

```
    def m1(self):  
        print("Parent Method ")
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def m1(self):  
        super().m1() # We can use parent class methods in child class directly  
        print('Child Method ')
```

```
c = C()  
c.m1()
```

Parent Method
Child Method

super() function:

- ❑ `super()` is a built-in function which is useful to call the super class constructors, methods and variables explicitly from the child class.

Demo Programs to describe the use of super() function

Demo Program 1:

```
I. class P:
    a=10
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor ')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    def __init__(self):
        print('Child Constructor')

    def method1(self):
        print(super().a)
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
        super().__init__()

c = C()
c.method1()
```

Child Constructor
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Parent instance method
Parent class method
Parent static method
Parent Constructor

Now, My requirement is,

- ❑ In the previous example, child class and parent class not having any naming conflict.
- ❑ If naming conflict is not there, then `super()` function is not required. You can use 'self' also to call the members of the parent class.

II.

```
class P:
    a=10
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor ')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    def __init__(self):
        print('Child Constructor')

    def method1(self):
        print(super().a)
        self.m1()
        self.m2()
        self.m3()
        super().__init__() # Naming conflict is there (i.e., 2 constructors are there)

c = C()
c.method1()
```

Child Constructor

10

Parent instance method

Parent class method

Parent static method

Parent Constructor

III.

```
class P:
    a=10
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor ')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    def __init__(self):
        print('Child Constructor')

    def method1(self):
        print(super().a)
        self.m1()
        self.m2()
        self.m3()
        self.__init__() # child class constructor

c = C()
c.method1()
```

Child Constructor
10
Parent instance method
Parent class method
Parent static method
Child Constructor

Demo Program 2:

```
class P:
    a=10
    def __init__(self):
        self.b = 20
        print('Parent Class Constructor ')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    a = 888

    def __init__(self):
        self.b = 999
        super().__init__()
        print(super().a)
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

c = C()
```

Parent Class Constructor
10
Parent instance method
Parent class method
Parent static method

Demo Program 3:

```
class Person:

    def __init__(self,name,age):
        self.name=name
        self.age=age

    def display(self):
        print('Name:',self.name)
        print('Age:',self.age)

class Student(Person):

    def __init__(self,name,age,rollno,marks):
        super().__init__(name,age)
        self.rollno=rollno
        self.marks=marks

    def display(self):
        super().display()
        print('Roll No:',self.rollno)
        print('Marks:',self.marks)

s=Student('Karthikeya',7,111,90)
s.display()
```

Name: Karthikeya
Age: 7
Roll No: 111
Marks: 90

Demo Program 4:

```
class Person:
```

```
    def __init__(self,name,age,height,weight):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age  
        self.height = height  
        self.weight = weight
```

```
    def display(self):  
        print('Name:',self.name)  
        print('Age:',self.age)  
        print('Height:',self.height)  
        print('Weight:',self.weight)
```

```
class Student(Person):
```

```
    def __init__(self,name,age,height,weight,rollno,marks):  
        super().__init__(name,age,height,weight)  
        self.rollno=rollno  
        self.marks=marks
```

```
    def display(self):  
        super().display()  
        print('Roll No:',self.rollno)  
        print('Marks:',self.marks)
```

```
s=Student('Karthikeya',7,5.9,88,111,90)  
s.display()
```

Name: Karthikeya
Age: 7
Height: 5.9
Weight: 88
Roll No: 111
Marks: 90

How to call method of a particular Super class in Multi Level Inheritance?

By using `super()` we can call immediate parent class methods. If we want a particular super class method then we have to use the following 2 approaches:

1. `classname.methodname(self):`

Eg:

`A.m1(self)` → It will call `m1()` method of A class.

2. `super(classname,self).m1()`

Eg:

`super(D,self).m1()` → It will call `m1()` method of super class of D.

Eg:

I.

```
class A:
    def m1(self):
        print('A class Method')

class B(A):
    def m1(self):
        print('B class Method')

class C(B):
    def m1(self):
        print('C class Method')

class D(C):
    def m1(self):
        print('D class Method')

class E(D):
    def m1(self):
        print('E Class Method')

e=E()
e.m1()
```

E Class Method

II.

```
class A:

    def m1(self):
        print('A class Method')

class B(A):

    def m1(self):
        print('B class Method')

class C(B):

    def m1(self):
        print('C class Method')

class D(C):

    def m1(self):
        print('D class Method')

class E(D):

    def m1(self):
        super().m1()

e=E()
e.m1()
```

D class Method

III.

```
class A:

    def m1(self):
        print('A class Method')

class B(A):

    def m1(self):
        print('B class Method')

class C(B):

    def m1(self):
        print('C class Method')

class D(C):

    def m1(self):
        print('D class Method')

class E(D):

    def m1(self):
        B.m1(self)           # Approach 1

e=E()
e.m1()
```

B class Method

IV.

```
class A:

    def m1(self):
        print('A class Method')

class B(A):

    def m1(self):
        print('B class Method')

class C(B):

    def m1(self):
        print('C class Method')

class D(C):

    def m1(self):
        print('D class Method')

class E(D):

    def m1(self):
        super(B, self).m1()          # Approach 2. super class of B , i.e., A
thod executes
e=E()
e.m1()
```

A class Method

Various Important Conclusions about super() function:

Case 1: super() vs Parent class Instance Variables

- ❑ From child class we are not allowed to access **parent class instance variables** by using super(), Compulsory we should use **self** only.
- ❑ But we can access **parent class static variables** by using **super()**.

Eg:

I.

```
class P:  
    a = 888  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.b = 999
```

```
class C(P):  
    def m1(self):  
        print(self.a)    # We can access, but we can't delete or modify  
        print(self.b)
```

```
c = C()  
c.m1()
```

888

999

In the child class instead of self, if we use super() function.

II.

```
class P:
    a = 888
    def __init__(self):
        self.b = 999

class C(P):
    def m1(self):
        print(super().a)  # We can access parent class static variable by using super()
        print(super().b)  # We can't use parent class instance variable by using super()
c = C()
c.m1()
```

888

```
-----
AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-5-2f96230b1cde> in <module>
      9     print(super().b)
     10 c = C()
--> 11 c.m1()

<ipython-input-5-2f96230b1cde> in m1(self)
      7     def m1(self):
      8         print(super().a)  # We can access, but we can't delete or modify
----> 9         print(super().b)
     10 c = C()
     11 c.m1()
```

AttributeError: 'super' object has no attribute 'b'

III.

```
class P:
```

```
    a = 888
```

```
    def __init__(self):  
        self.b = 999
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def m1(self):
```

```
        print(super().a)    # We can access parent class static variable by using super()
```

```
        print(self.b)    # We can use parent class instance variable by using self only
```

```
c = C()
```

```
c.m1()
```

888

999

IV. If the child class also contains an instance variable with the same name of parent class instance variable (i.e., in this case b). Then how you can differentiate them. See the below code:

```
class P:
    a = 888
    def __init__(self):
        self.b = 999

class C(P):
    def __init__(self):
        self.b = 20
    def m1(self):
        print(self.b)

c = C()
c.m1()
```

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Important Conclusion:

- ❑ If the parent class and child class having an instance variable with the same name, then from child class you can't access parent class instance variable.

Case 2:

- ❑ From child class constructor and instance method, we can access parent class instance method, static method and class method by using `super()` function.

I.

```
class P:

    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

c = C()
```

Parent Constructor
Parent instance method
Parent class method
Parent static method

II. Let me call Instance method,

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
c = C()
print()
c.m1()
```

Parent Constructor
Parent instance method
Parent class method
Parent static method

Parent Constructor
Parent instance method
Parent class method
Parent static method

Important Conclusion 1:

- From child class constructor and instance methods, we can call parent class constructors , instance methods , class methods and static methods by using super() [No Restrictions at all].

III.

```
class P:

    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
def m1(self):
    super().__init__()
    super().m1()
    super().m2()
    super().m3()
```

```
@classmethod
def m2(cls):
    super().__init__()
    super().m1()
    super().m2()
    super().m3()
```

```
@staticmethod
def m3():
    super().__init__()
    super().m1()
    super().m2()
    super().m3()
```

C.m2() *# calling child class class method*

```
-----
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-11-2f3487d70af0> in <module>
     43     super().m3()
     44
--> 45 C.m2() # calling child class class method

<ipython-input-11-2f3487d70af0> in m2(cls)
     31     @classmethod
     32     def m2(cls):
--> 33         super().__init__()
     34         super().m1()
     35         super().m2()

TypeError: __init__() missing 1 required positional argument: 'self'
```


IV.

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):  
        print('Parent Constructor')
```

```
    def m1(self):  
        print('Parent instance method')
```

```
    @classmethod  
    def m2(cls):  
        print('Parent class method')
```

```
    @staticmethod  
    def m3():  
        print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):  
        super().__init__()  
        super().m1()  
        super().m2()  
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):  
        super().__init__()  
        super().m1()  
        super().m2()  
        super().m3()
```

```
    @classmethod  
    def m2(cls):  
        # super().__init__()  
        super().m1()  
        super().m2()  
        super().m3()
```

```
    @staticmethod  
    def m3():  
        super().__init__()  
        super().m1()  
        super().m2()  
        super().m3()
```

C.m2() *# calling child class class method*

```
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-12-645a58c1d7dc> in <module>  
    43     super().m3()  
    44  
----> 45 C.m2() # calling child class class method  
  
<ipython-input-12-645a58c1d7dc> in m2(cls)  
    32     def m2(cls):  
    33         # super().__init__()  
----> 34         super().m1()  
    35         super().m2()  
    36         super().m3()  
  
TypeError: m1() missing 1 required positional argument: 'self'
```

V.

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')
```

```
@classmethod
def m2(cls):
    print('Parent class method')
```

```
@staticmethod
def m3():
    print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
@classmethod
def m2(cls):
    # super().__init__()
    # super().m1()
    super().m2()
    super().m3()
```

```
@staticmethod
def m3():
    super().__init__()
    super().m1()
    super().m2()
    super().m3()
```

```
C.m2() # calling child class class method
```

Parent class method
Parent static method

Important Conclusion 2:

- From child class , class method we cannot access parent class constructor and instance methods directly by using super().But we can access parent class static and class methods.

Reason:

- Class method no way related to object. Without object also we can call class method. But constructor and instance methods are always associated with object.

Another important Conclusion 3:

- From child class static method, we cannot use `super()` to call parent class members. But indirectly we can call parent class static and class methods.

VI.

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')
```

```
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')
```

```
    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

C.m3() *# calling child class static method*

```
-----
RuntimeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-14-f40085319c2e> in <module>
    43         super().m3()
    44
--> 45 C.m3() # calling child class static method

<ipython-input-14-f40085319c2e> in m3()
    38     @staticmethod
    39     def m3():
--> 40         super().__init__()
    41         super().m1()
    42         super().m2()

RuntimeError: super(): no arguments
```

VII.

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        # super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
C.m3() # calling child class class method
```

```
-----
RuntimeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-16-d72e8789a768> in <module>
    43         super().m3()
    44
--> 45 C.m3() # calling child class class method

<ipython-input-16-d72e8789a768> in m3()
    39     def m3():
    40         # super().__init__()
--> 41         super().m1()
    42         super().m2()
    43         super().m3()

RuntimeError: super(): no arguments
```

VIII.

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        # super().__init__()
        #super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
C.m3() # calling child class class method
```

```
-----
RuntimeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-17-aa6910609f58> in <module>
    43     super().m3()
    44
---> 45 C.m3() # calling child class class method

<ipython-input-17-aa6910609f58> in m3()
    40     # super().__init__()
    41     #super().m1()
---> 42     super().m2()
    43     super().m3()
    44

RuntimeError: super(): no arguments
```

IX.

```
class P:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')
```

```
class C(P):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        # super().__init__()
        #super().m1()
        #super().m2()
        super().m3()
```

```
C.m3() # calling child class class method
```

```
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RuntimeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-18-f48143240dd2> in <module>
    43         super().m3()
    44
--> 45 C.m3() # calling child class class method

<ipython-input-18-f48143240dd2> in m3()
    41         #super().m1()
    42         #super().m2()
--> 43         super().m3()
    44
    45 C.m3() # calling child class class method

RuntimeError: super(): no arguments
```


X.

```
class P:

    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent Constructor')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent instance method')

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent class method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent static method')

class C(P):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

    def m1(self):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super().__init__()
        super().m1()
        super().m2()
        super().m3()

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        # super().__init__()
        #super().m1()
        #super().m2()
        #super().m3()
        pass

C.m3() # calling child class class method
```

Q. From class method of child class, how to call parent class constructor and instance methods indirectly???

I.

```
class P:

    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent class constructor ')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent Instance Method ')
```

```
class C(P):
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super(C,cls).__init__(cls)
        super(C,cls).m1(cls)
```

```
c = C()
c.m2()           # Calling through reference variable
```

Parent class constructor
Parent class constructor
Parent Instance Method

II.

```
class P:

    def __init__(self):
        print('Parent class constructor ')

    def m1(self):
        print('Parent Instance Method ')
```

```
class C(P):
    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        super(C,cls).__init__(cls)
        super(C,cls).m1(cls)
```

`C.m2()` *# calling through class name*

Parent class constructor
Parent Instance Method

Q. How to call Parent class static and class methods from child class static method ???

```
class P:

    @classmethod
    def m2(cls):
        print('Parent Class Method')

    @staticmethod
    def m3():
        print('Parent Static Method ')

class C(P):
    @staticmethod
    def m2():
        super(C,C).m2()
        super(C,C).m3()
```

C.m2()

Parent Class Method
Parent Static Method

Any question?



If you try to practice programs yourself, then you will learn many things automatically

Spend few minutes and then enjoy the study

Thank You