

Class Methods and Static Methods

- Normally methods will implicitly pass the object on which it is called.
- For class methods, instead of self, cls is called refereing to the class

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1 #Classs method example
2
3 class HouseAtHogwarts:
4
5     selectionmethod = None
6     def __init__(self,name,emblem):
7         self.name = name
8         self.emblem = emblem
9         self.head = None
10
11
12     def getTeacher(self):
13         return 'Professor ' + self.head.upper()
14
15     @classmethod
16     def setSelectionMethod(cls,selectionmethod):
17         cls.selectionmethod = selectionmethod
18
19
20 #Create instances
21 house1 = HouseAtHogwarts('Gryffindor','Lion')
22 house2 = HouseAtHogwarts('Slytherin', 'Snake')
23
24 #set the selection method variable via the class method
25 HouseAtHogwarts.setSelectionMethod('The Sorting Hat')
26
27 #Accessing the selection method from the class or any object will show the updated value
28 print (HouseAtHogwarts.selectionmethod)
29 print(house1.selectionmethod)
30 print(house2.selectionmethod)
31
32 OUTPUT
33 The Sorting Hat
34 The Sorting Hat
35 The Sorting Hat
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- Static methods do not pass anything
- With staticmethods, neither self (the object instance) nor cls (the class) is implicitly passed as the first argument. They behave like plain functions except that you can call them from an instance or the class:

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15     @classmethod
16     def setSelectionMethod(cls,selectionmethod):
17         cls.selectionmethod = selectionmethod
18
19     @staticmethod
20     def staticMethod():
21         return 'House Selection Begins'
22
23
24 #Create instances
25 house1 = HouseAtHogwarts('Gryffindor','Lion')
26 house2 = HouseAtHogwarts('Slytherin', 'Snake')
27
28 print(HouseAtHogwarts.staticMethod())
29 print (house1.staticMethod())
30 print (house2.staticMethod())
31
32
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