# Intro to programming 9

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## Today

- Object-Oriented Programming in Python:
  - Classes
  - Objects
  - Methods
  - Constructors
- Clean Code

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- OOP is defined around two key concepts that are classes and objects

#### Classes 1/3

- Classes are templates for objects
- Example: You have a power point templates for all your presentations of articles with
  - a graphic chart
  - your font
  - your background image
- ullet all your slides with generic titles (Introduction, study 1, results study  $1\dots$ )
- That templates in python is a class. A kind of general recipe that define a skeleton for every object (in our case a power point presentation for a class)



#### Classes 2/3

- A class contains state and behavior
- State: is referring to data or variables. For example: your power point for your class of "introduction to Cognitive psychology" has:
  - a specific name
  - specific graphs
  - · a number of pages
- Behavior: is a set of thing the class can do. For example: your power point can have
  - animations,
  - play sounds or videos.
  - This behavior is define in a method which is like a function but specific to classes.

#### Classes 3/3

- The creation of an object is called an instantiation. From your template of power point you'll create a new power point for presenting an article in your class of "introduction to evolutionary anthropology"
- That instantiation will have:
  - specific attributes (a name, a number of slides . . . .)
  - common methods (animations, videos, sounds ...) like the other objects

#### Objects

- Objects are instances of classes
- Objects can be stored in variable and its type is the class
- In our metaphor, one object is one specific power-point. For example the power point of your class of "introduction to Cognitive psychology"
- That power-point has the same structure and the same features and characteristics as the power point of your class of "introduction to Linguistics" yet the content differs.
- You can instantiate multiple objects from the same class.
- Those objects are independent

#### Method

- As said before a method is part of the behavior of a class
- A method is very similar to a function but is part of a class when a function is independent
- It can:
  - · modify an object's internal state of an object
  - call others methods or functions
  - return values
  - etc . . .
- The only difference between function and method is that method belong to a class/object.

## Create your class 1/2

```
class Rectangle:
  width = 3
  length = 2
  color = 'red'
  def calculate_area(self):
      return self.width * self.length
type(Rectangle)
## <class 'type'>
rect=Rectangle
print(rect.width)
## 3
print(Rectangle.calculate_area(rect))
## 6
```

- We can see the state:
  - width and height
- And the behavior, in this case the method calculate\_area.

#### Create your class 2/2

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- We can note the self that refers to its own class and its own variables
- self is always the first parameter in order to access all the object's attributes

## 6

#### Constructors

- Constructors are special methods. Every class has one and it's used to create an object
- We need to use init

```
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, width, length, color):
        self.width = width
        self.length = length
        self.color = color
    def calculate area(self):
      return self.width * self.length
rect = Rectangle(3,2, "blue")
print(rect.width)
## 3
print(rect.calculate_area())
```

## 6

#### Instantiate an object 1/2

• You can use the constructor to instantiate an object

```
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, width, length, color):
        self.width = width
        self.length = length
        self.color = color
    def calculate_area(self):
        return self.width * self.length
rect = Rectangle(5,3,'red')
print(rect.width)
```

## Instantiate an object 2/2

- You can select default variables
- Then you don't have specify the default variable

```
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, width, length, color='red'):
        self.width = width
        self.length = length
        self.color = color
    def calculate_area(self):
        return self.width * self.length

rect = Rectangle(5,3)

print(rect.width)
```

## 5

# Modify an object

```
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, width, length, color='red'):
        self.width = width
        self.length = length
        self.color = color
    def calculate_area(self):
      return self.width * self.length
rect = Rectangle(5,3)
print(rect.color)
## red
rect.color = "purple"
print(rect.color)
```

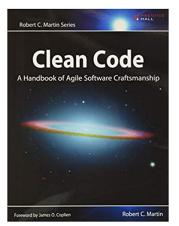
## purple

#### And beyond ... but not for now

- A class can have a parent class or superclass.
- The class with a parent is known as a subclass or child.
- That class inherits attributes from its parent.
- The child class can implement extra attributes on top of that which it inherits.

# Clean code: Overview 1/4

The goal of clean code is to make your code easy to understand and easy to change !



#### Clean code: Overview 2/4

• Example with a former exercise with two taxi companies

```
def costs(d):
    a = 4.8 + 1.15 * d
    b = 3.2 + 1.20 * d
    return (a, b)
def cheap(d):
    a, b = costs(d)
    if a < b:
        return 'A'
    else:
        return 'B'
for d in range(30, 40):
    print(cheap(d))
```

## Clean code: Overview 3/4

```
def costs(distance):
    # Calculate the price with the fixed charge plus the charge for every km
    initial_feeA = 4.8
    initial feeB = 3.2
    fixed fee kmA = 1.15
    fixed fee kmB = 1.2
    price A = initial feeA + fixed fee kmA * distance
    price B = initial feeB + fixed fee kmB * distance
    return (price_A, price_B)
def cheapest_company(distance):
    # calculate the cost for every company with a certain distance
    price_comp_a, price_comp_b = costs(distance)
    if price_comp_a < price_comp_b:</pre>
        return 'Company A'
    else:
        return 'Company B'
# print the distance from 30km to 50km
for d in range (30, 40):
    print(f"{d} km -> " + cheapest_company(d))
```

#### Clean code: Overview 4/4

\*\* Even bad code can function. But if code isn't clean, it can bring a development organization to its knees. Every year, countless hours and significant resources are lost because of poorly written code. But it doesn't have to be that way. (https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/clean-code-a/9780136083238/)\*\*

- We will cover a set of rules or advises to write cleaner code that can be read and edited by other developers
- Clean code is unfortunately never a priority but is a healthy practice
- The clean code principle goes way beyond the scope of this course so bear in mind that we'll see only a small subset of the clean code principle.

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- What are they used for?
- Does "w" stand for "weight", "window", "word", or is it just a symbol for a generic computation?

• Instead one can write

Use meaningful names

• Other example

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- Where does '10' come from?
- What does it represent?
- Can I change it? Is it a constant, a variable.

Instead one can write

```
horizontal_margin = 10
width = x_right - x_left + horizontal_margin
```

• Replace magic numbers with named parameters whatever the type of that parameters

# Clean code: CC1. Function names should say what they do 1/2

Example

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def check_divisible(n, divisor):
   if (n % divisor == 0):
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- Misleading name: I don't expect "something to be checked" but something to be printed or not
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- Does it remove the element in I whose value is equal to n?
- Or does it remove the element in I at index n?

Example

 $remove\_list\_element\_at\_index(l,\ i)$ 

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• [CC1] Choose unambiguous names

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- A general naming template: verb\_keywords (the verb indicates what the function does, the keywords what parameters are expected)

# Clean code: CC1. Use different words for different concepts 1/3

Example: two function calls:

```
add_number(a , b)
add_list(c, d)
```

• What do you expect from these function ?

# Clean code: CC1. Use different words for different concepts 2/3

• The implementation of the functions:

```
def add_number(a , b):
    return a + b

def add_list(l, e):
    l.append(e)
```

-Confusing to use the same word "add" for the two functions: + in the first case, add calculates the addition + in the second case, add inserts an element + in the first case, add has no side effects, in the second, it does!

# Clean code: CC1. Use different words for different concepts 3/3

• One way to remove the confusion:

```
def add_numbers(a , b):
    return a + b

def append_element_to_list(e, 1):
    l.append(e)
```

• Use different words for different concepts

```
def print_if_divisible(n, divisor):
   if (n % divisor == 0):
     print(n, ' is divisible by ', divisor)
```

Let's revisit an earlier example:

```
def print_if_divisible(n, divisor):
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    print(n, ' is divisible by ', divisor)
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• This function does two things:

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```

- This function does two things:
  - Calculating whether an integer is divisible by another
  - Printing conditionally on the result
- These are two conceptually distinct operations. There is no good reason for them to be done
  in the same function

#### A solution:

```
def is_divisible(n, divisor):
   return (n % divisor == 0)
```

• [CC2] Functions should do one thing

This solution has the added benefit to remove side-effects from the function.

- CC2. Create functions that do one thing
  - · A lot of programming is about chunking
  - Chunking means grouping elements together in a meaningful named chunk (e.g. with a function) that you can manipulate as one conceptual unit
  - These chunks help you reason about your program and control its intellectual complexity

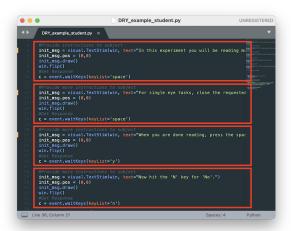
#### Clean code: CC3. DRY: Don't Repeat Yourself 1/3

Example



• What's wrong?

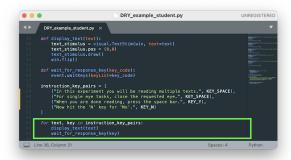
# Clean code: CC3. DRY: Don't Repeat Yourself 2/3



- What's wrong? Code duplication.
- Why is it wrong?

#### Clean code: CC3. DRY: Don't Repeat Yourself 3/3

- It makes code hard to change.
- One solution



# Clean code: CC4. Explain yourself in code, not comments 1/4

```
def distance_points(couple1,couple2):
    """Function controlling the distance between points
    for our collection of random points"""
    return math.sqrt((couple1[0]-couple2[0])**2+(couple1[1]-couple2[1])**2
```

### Clean code: CC4. Explain yourself in code, not comments 2/4

Misleading comment. It does not accurately describe what the function does.

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    """Function controlling the distance between points
    for our collection of random points"""
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```

An alternative:

```
def distance_between_points(point_1, point_2):
    return math.sqrt((couple1[0]-couple2[0])**2+(couple1[1]-couple2[1])**2
```

• Does this need any comments?

# Clean code: CC4. Comments do not make up for bad code 1/3

Example

```
if shuffledtarg_dist[i][1] == 1: ### IF TARGET ###
    # [some code ...]
elif shuffledtarg_dist[i][1] == 0: ### IF DISTRACTOR ###
    # [some other code ...]
```

• Why do we need such comments next to if and elif?

# Clean code: CC4. Explain yourself in code, not comments 2/3

Good intentions, but bad approach

```
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    # [some code ...]
elif shuffledtarg_dist[i][1] == 0: ### IF DISTRACTOR ###
    # [some other code ...]
```

Comments do not make up for bad code

```
if stimulus_type == STIMULUS_TYPE_TARGET:
    # [some code ...]
elif stimulus_type == STIMULUS_TYPE_DISTRACTOR:
    # [some other code ...]
```

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# Clean code: CC4. Explain yourself in code, not comments 3/3

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    # [some other code ...]
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An even better solution

```
if is_target(stimulus):
    # [some code ...]
elif is_distractor(stimulus):
    # [some other code ...]
```

- [CC4] Clear and expressive code with few comments is superior to obscure code with lots of comments
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#### Clean code: Summary

#### The goal is to make code easy to understand and easy to change.

- CC1 Use meaningful names:
  - Reveal purpose. Replace magic numbers. Say what functions do. Reveal/Avoid side-effects. Remove ambiguity. Use different words for different concepts. Use the appropriate level of description.
- CC2 Create functions that do one thing.
- CC3 DRY: Don't Repeat Yourself.
- CC4 Explain yourself in code, not comments.

#### And now the test

follow the link and open the questionnaire: https://www.documents.ens.fr/index.php/s/eWRPfUY6A4aI7DC