

# OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

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### 1 Object Oriented Programming

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**Object oriented programming** is a programming paradigm that organizes relationships within data into **objects** and **classes**. In object oriented programming, each object is an **instance** of some particular class. For example, we can write a `Car` class that acts as a template for cars in general:

```
class Car:
    wheels = 4
    def __init__(self):
        self.gas = 100

    def drive(self):
        self.gas -= 10
        print("Current gas level:", self.gas)
```

```
my_car = Car()
```

To represent an individual car, we can then initialize a new instance of `Car` as `my_car` by “calling” the class. Doing so will automatically construct a new object of type `Car`, pass it into the `__init__` method (also called the **constructor**), and then return it. Often, the `__init__` method will initialize an object’s **instance attributes**, variables specific to one object instead of all objects in its class. In this case, the `__init__` method initially sets the `gas` instance attribute of each car to 100. It is important to note, however, that you can also manually set object-specific attributes outside of the `__init__` method through variable declaration and methods.

Classes can also have **class attributes**, which are variables shared by all instances of a class. In the above example, `wheels` is shared by all instances of the `Car` class. In other words, all cars have 4 wheels.

Functions within classes are known as methods. **Instance methods** are special functions that act on the instances of a class. We’ve already seen the `__init__` method. We can call instance methods by using the dot notation we use for instance attributes:

```
>>> my_car.drive()
Current gas level: 90
```

In instance methods, `self` is the instance from which the method was called. We don’t have to explicitly pass in `self` because, when we call an instance method from an instance, the instance is automatically

passed into the first parameter of the method by Python. That is, `my_car.drive()` is exactly equivalent to the following:

```
>>> Car.drive(my_car)
Current gas level: 80
```

**Inheritance** is an important feature of object oriented programming. To create an object that shares its attributes or methods with an existing object, we can have the object inherit these similarities instead of repeating code. In addition to making our code more concise, it allows us to create classes based on other classes, similar to how real-world categories are often divided into smaller subcategories.

For example, say the `HybridCar` class inherits from the `Car` class as a type of car:

```
class HybridCar(Car):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.battery = 100

    def drive(self):
        super().drive()
        self.battery -= 5
        print("Current battery level:", self.gas)

    def brake(self):
        self.battery += 1

my_hybrid = HybridCar()
```

By default, the child class inherits all of the attributes and methods of its parent class. Consequently, we would be able to call `my_hybrid.drive()` and access `my_hybrid.wheels` from the `HybridCar` instance `my_hybrid`. When dot notation is used on an instance, Python will first check the instance to see if the attribute exists, then the instance's class, and then its parent class, etc. If Python goes all the way up the class tree without finding the attribute, an `AttributeError` is thrown.

Additional or redefined instance and class attributes can be added in a child class, such as `battery`. If we decided that hybrid cars should have 3 wheels, we could assign 3 to a class attribute `wheels` in `HybridCar`. `my_hybrid.wheels` would return 3, but `my_car.wheels` would still return 4. We can also **override** inherited instance methods by redefining them in the child class. If we would like to call the parent class's version of a method, we can use `super()` to access it.

1. What would Python display? Write the result of executing the following code and prompts. If nothing would happen, write "Nothing". If an error occurs, write "Error".

```
class ForceWielder():
    force = 25

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

    def train(self, other):
        other.force += self.force / 5

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Jedi(ForceWielder):
    lightsaber = "blue"

    def __str__(self):
        return "Jedi " + self.name

    def __repr__(self):
        return f"Jedi({repr(self.name)}) "

class Sith(ForceWielder):
    lightsaber = "red"
    num_sith = 0

    def __init__(self, name):
        super().__init__(name)
        Sith.num_sith += 1
        if self.num_sith != 2:
            print("Two there should be. No more, no less.")

    def __str__(self):
        return "Darth " + self.name

    def __repr__(self):
        return f"Sith({repr(self.name)}) "
```

```

>>> anakin = Jedi("Anakin")
>>> anakin.lightsaber, anakin.force

>>> obiwan = Jedi("Obi-wan")
>>> anakin.master = obiwan
>>> anakin.master

>>> Jedi.master

>>> obiwan.force += anakin.force
>>> obiwan.force, anakin.force

>>> obiwan.train(anakin)
>>> obiwan.force, anakin.force

>>> Jedi.train(obiwan, anakin)
>>> obiwan.force, anakin.force

>>> sidious = Sith("Sidious")

>>> ForceWielder.train(sidious, anakin)
>>> anakin.lightsaber = "red"
>>> anakin.lightsaber, anakin.force

>>> Jedi.lightsaber

>>> print(Sith("Vader"), Sith("Maul").num_sith)

>>> rey = ForceWielder("Rey")
>>> rey

>>> rey.lightsaber

```

2. Let's use OOP to help us implement our good friend, the ping-pong sequence!

As a reminder, the ping-pong sequence counts up starting from 1 and is always either counting up or counting down.

At element  $k$ , the direction switches if  $k$  is a multiple of 7 or contains the digit 7.

The first 30 elements of the ping-pong sequence are listed below, with direction swaps marked using brackets at the 7th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 27th, and 28th elements:

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 [7] 6 5 4 3 2 1 [0] 1 2 [3] 2 1 0 [-1] 0 1 2 3 4
[5] [4] 5 6
```

Assume you have a function `has_seven(k)` that returns `True` if  $k$  contains the digit 7.

```
>>> tracker1 = PingPongTracker()
>>> tracker2 = PingPongTracker()
>>> tracker1.next()
1
>>> tracker1.next()
2
>>> tracker2.next()
1
```

```
class PingPongTracker:
    def __init__(self):
```

```
        def next(self):
```

3. Write `TeamBaller`, a subclass of `Baller`. An instance of `TeamBaller` cheers on the team every time it passes a ball/states it doesn't have the ball when it doesn't and returns a boolean of whether or not it passed the ball. If the `TeamBaller` did not pass the ball, it'll say it hasn't done so and return `False`. Assume `Baller` has a defined *pass\_ball* method.

```
class TeamBaller(_____):  
    """  
    >>> alyssa = BallHog('Alyssa')  
    >>> cheerballer = TeamBaller('Esther', has_ball=True)  
    >>> cheerballer.pass_ball(alyssa)  
    Yay!  
    True  
    >>> cheerballer.pass_ball(alyssa)  
    I don't have the ball  
    False  
    """  
    def pass_ball(_____, _____):
```

4. Implement the classes so the following code runs.

```
"""
>>> p = Plant()
>>> p.height
1
>>> p.materials
[]
>>> p.absorb()
>>> p.materials
[|Sugar|]
>>> Sugar.sugars_created
1
>>> p.leaf.sugars_used
0
>>> p.grow()
>>> p.materials
[]
>>> p.height
2
>>> p.leaf.sugars_used
1
"""
```

```
class Plant:
    def __init__(self):
        """A Plant has a Leaf, a list of sugars created so far,
        and an initial height of 1.
        """

    def absorb(self):
        """Calls the Leaf to create sugar."""

    def grow(self):
        """A Plant consumes all of its sugars to grow, each of which
        increases its height by 1.
        """
```

```

class Leaf:
    def __init__(self, plant): # plant is a Plant instance
        """A Leaf is initially alive, and keeps track of how many
        sugars it has created.
        """

    def absorb(self):
        """If this Leaf is alive, a Sugar is added to the plant's
        list of sugars.
        """
        if self.alive:

    def __repr__(self):
        return '|Leaf|'

class Sugar:
    sugars_created = 0

    def __init__(self, leaf, plant):

    def activate(self):
        """A sugar is used."""

    def __repr__(self):
        return '|Sugar|'

```