

Object Oriented Programming

Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm that organizes data and behavior into reusable structures called objects. Python is an object-oriented programming language that provides support for creating classes, which are the blueprints for creating objects. Here's an introduction to the basics of OOP and classes in Python:

Classes

A class is a user-defined data type that encapsulates data (attributes) and methods (functions) that operate on that data. It serves as a blueprint for creating objects. In Python, you define a class using the `class` keyword.

Example:

```
class MyClass:
    pass # The 'pass' statement is used when you have an empty class
definition
```

Objects

An object is an instance of a class. When you create an object, it has its own set of attributes and can execute methods defined in the class.

Example:

```
obj = MyClass() # Creating an object of the class MyClass
```

Attributes

Attributes are variables that belong to an object or class. They store data associated with the objects. There are two types of attributes: instance attributes and class attributes.

Instance attributes are specific to each object and are defined within methods using the `self` parameter. Class attributes are shared by all instances of the class and are defined directly within the class. Example:

```
class MyClass:
    class_attribute = "Shared attribute" # Class attribute

    def __init__(self):
        self.instance_attribute = "Instance attribute" # Instance
attribute
```

Methods

Methods are functions defined within a class that can operate on the attributes of an object. They provide behavior to the objects.

Example:

```
class MyClass:
    def __init__(self):
        self.instance_attribute = "Instance attribute"

    def instance_method(self):
        print("This is an instance method.")

obj = MyClass()
obj.instance_method() # Calling an instance method
```

Inheritance

Inheritance allows creating a new class (derived class) based on an existing class (base class). The derived class inherits the attributes and methods of the base class and can also add its own.

Example:

```
class BaseClass:
    def base_method(self):
        print("This is a base method.")

class DerivedClass(BaseClass):
    def derived_method(self):
        print("This is a derived method.")

obj = DerivedClass()
obj.base_method() # Calling a method from the base class
obj.derived_method() # Calling a method from the derived class
```

These are some of the basic concepts of object-oriented programming and classes in Python. By utilizing these concepts, you can create modular and reusable code structures to build complex applications.