

# Introduction to Programming and Numerical Analysis

## Exercise Class 7 Exercise 2

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# Today's Program

- 15:15 – 15:30: Practical Information and Classes
- 15:30 – 16:00: Work on DataCamp
- 16:00 – 16:15: Break
- 16:15 – 16:55: Work on DataCamp
- 16:55-17:00: Round off

# Practical Information

- Your DataCamp courses must be completed by February 25
- The Inaugural Project will be accessible starting February 27 and will (most likely) require a basic understanding of classes
- The Inaugural Project is due by March 24, with peer feedback required by March 31
- I have posted my solution to the 2023 Inaugural Project on GitHub:  
<https://github.com/mcp656/Class-7>
- Finally, if you are without a group, you can find one on Padlet. Cross-class collaboration is allowed (if necessary) but must be coordinated with a TA. Link to Padlet:  
<https://padlet.com/hms467/introprog-group-generation-pyzusiexceuhvnme>

# Introduction to Classes

- Classes are “blueprints” for creating objects
- Classes contain data and functions:
  - Data accessed as attributes
  - Functions are class-specific methods
- Attributes are specific variables associated with the class
- Methods define behaviors or actions that objects of the class can perform
- Classes allow for multiple instances
  - Each instance has access to its own set of attributes and methods

# Class Cheatsheet

- Define a class by `'class ClassName:'`
  - Initialize the class by `'def __init__(self, attributes):'` ('self' represents the instance of the class)
    - Set attributes by `'self.attribute = attributes'`
  - Define one or more methods by `'def method(self):'`
- Create an instance of the class `'object_name = ClassName(attributes)'`
- Access attributes and methods of the specific class instance
  - `'object_name.attribute'`
  - `'object_name.method()'`

## Lots More to Explore!

- Special methods, inheritance, encapsulation, and much more!
- A simple example 'Cars', accessible on Github:  
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# Questions & comments?