Object-Oriented Programming

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Source: https://docs.python.org/2/tutorial/classes.html

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#Function that returns the product of random draws from a uniform distribution.
def random_product(lower,upper):
    random1
    random2
    return random1 * random2

print random_product(0,1)

#NameError: global name 'random1' is not defined
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```
#We need to define numbers random1 and random2.
#We need to import the module random.
import random

def random_product(lower,upper):
    random1=uniform(lower,upper)
    random2=uniform(lower,upper)
    return random1 * random2

print random_product(0,1)
#NameError: global name 'uniform' is not defined
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#We need to add the module name before the global name.
import random

def random_product(lower,upper):
    random1=random.uniform(lower,upper)
    random2=random.uniform(lower,upper)
    return random1 * random2
print random_product(0,1)
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#Alternatively, we can import a particular function.
from random import uniform

def random_product(lower,upper):
    random1=uniform(lower,upper)
    random2=uniform(lower,upper)
    return random1 * random2

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#Use the following to import all functions of a module.
from random import *
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- An instance is a particular realization of a class.

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#Create a class
class human(object):
    latin_name='homo sapien' #Attribute for the class
#Create an instance of a class and name it 'me'.
me=human()
```

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class human(object):
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    def __init__(self, age, sex, name): #initializer or constructor
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    #Add some functions
    def speak(self, words):
        return words
    def introduce(self):
        if self.sex=='Female': return self.speak("Hello, I'm Ms, %s" % self.name)
        elif self.sex=='Male': return self.speak("Hello, I'm Mr. %s" % self.name)
        else: return self.speak("Hello, I'm %s" % name)
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dir(human) lists all the methods of the class.

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