

# **Class vs Instance variable**

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# Two difference Variable

- Class Variable
  - Declared inside the class definition
  - Not tied to any particular object of the class
  - Shared across all the objects of the class
- Instance Variable
  - Declared inside the constructor method of class(the `__init__` method)

# Two difference Variable

```
class Car:
```

```
    wheels = 4    # <- Class variable
```

```
    def __init__(self, name):
```

```
        self.name = name    # <- Instance variable
```

```
>>> jag = Car('jaguar')
```

```
>>> fer = Car('ferrari')
```

```
>>> jag.name, fer.name
```

```
('jaguar', 'ferrari')
```

```
>>> jag.wheels, fer.wheels
```

```
(4, 4)
```

```
>>> Car.wheels
```

```
4
```

# Two difference Variable

```
>>> Car.name
```

```
AttributeError: type object 'Car' has no attribute 'name'
```

```
>>> Car.wheels = 3
```

```
>>> jag.wheels = 3
```

```
>>> jag.wheels, fer.wheels
```

```
(3, 3)
```

```
>>> Car.wheels = 4
```

```
>>> jag.wheels, jag.__class__.wheels
```

```
(3, 4)
```

# Summary

- Class variables are shared across all objects
- Instance variables are for data unique to each instance
- Instance variable overrides the Class variables