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Lab 6: str and repr and docstring

Lab Title: EE-271 "OOP & Data Structures Lab"

Time: 10 min/ Task

Lab report work

1. Consider the following code.

```
import math
class Point:
    'Represents a point in two-dimensional geometric coordinates'
    def __init__(self, x=0, y=0):
        '''Initialize the position of a new point. The x and y
        coordinates can be specified. If they are not, the
        point defaults to the origin.'''
        self.move(x, y)
    def move(self, x, y):
        '''Move the point to a new location in 2D space.'''
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def reset(self):
        '''Reset the point back to the geometric origin: 0, 0'''
        self.move(0, 0)
    def __repr__(self) -> str:
        return f"{type(self).__name__}(x={self.x}, y={self.y})"
    def __str__(self) -> str:
        return f"{type(self).__name__}(x={self.x}, y={self.y})"
    def calculate_distance(self, other_point):
        """Calculate the distance from this point to a second
        point passed as a parameter.
        This function uses the Pythagorean Theorem to calculate
        the distance between the two points. The distance is
        returned as a float."""
        return math.sqrt((self.x - other_point.x)**2 +(self.y -
other_point.y)**2)
```

- a. Define an object point = Point(3, 9) and print its coordinate.
- b. Print the class docstring.
 - Hints: Use the object name to access the class-level docstring by using `__doc__`. (point.__doc__)
- c. Print different method docstring using object.meteod. `__doc__`
- d. Add repr and str methods.
- e. Define a second object and test the str and rpr methods.
- f. Also print the different docstrings using `__doc__`.
- g. Use the help method to print the class details.

Lab task

Motivation:

2. Consider the following class definition from the last class.

```
class Dog:
    species = "Canis familiaris"
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age
    # Instance method
    def description(self):
        return f"{self.name} is {self.age} years old"
    # Another instance method
    def speak(self, sound):
        return f"{self.name} says {sound}"
```

- a. Run the code: `miles.description()`
- b. Run the code: `print(miles)`
- c. Copy this list to the code editor, `names = ["Fletcher", "David", "Dan"]`. Now run `print(names)`. Note: What is the difference between the two prints, the first one prints a memory address while the second one prints the list. The second one is good and attractive.
- d. Now modify the dog class as follows:

```
class Dog:
    species = "Canis familiaris"
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age
    # Instance method
    def __str__(self):
        return f"{self.name} is {self.age} years old"
    # Another instance method
    def speak(self, sound):
        return f"{self.name} says {sound}"
```

In the above code, only the description function is replaced with a new name `__str__`. Now make an object/instance of the Dog class and then run the code `print()`.

Hints:

- i. The `description()` method defined in the above Dog class returns a string containing information about the Dog instance `miles`. When writing your own classes, it is a good idea to have a method that returns a string containing useful information about an instance of the class.
3. Consider the car class.

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, color, mileage):
        self.color = color
        self.mileage = mileage
```

- a. Define an object:

- ```
my_car = Car('red', 37281)
```
- b. Run: `print(my_car)`
  - c. Run: `my_car`
4. Modify the car class by introducing an `__str__` method.

```
class Car:
 def __init__(self, color, mileage):
 self.color = color
 self.mileage = mileage

 def __str__(self):
 return f"The {self.color} car has {self.mileage:,} miles"
```

- a. Define an object: `my_car = Car('red', 37281)`
- b. Run: `print(my_car.color, my_car.mileage)`
- c. Run: `print(my_car)`
- d. Run: `my_car`
- e. Add docstrings for the class and functions.
- f. Print the docstring using `__doc__`.
- g. Use the help function to print the class details.

Note:

- i. `__str__` is one of Python's "dunder" (double-underscore) methods and gets called when you try to convert an object into a string.
5. Complete car class

```
class Car:
 def __init__(self, color, mileage):
 self.color = color
 self.mileage = mileage

 def __repr__(self):
 return (f'{self.__class__.__name__}('
 f'{self.color!r}, {self.mileage!r})')

 def __str__(self):
 return f'a {self.color} car'
```

- a. Define an object: `my_car = Car('red', 37281)`
- b. Run: `print(my_car.color, my_car.mileage)`
- c. Run: `print(my_car)`
- d. Run: `my_car`

Note:

- i. `__class__.__name__` attribute, which will always reflect the class' name as a string.
6. Consider the car class again. Add a new dunder method `__repr__`.

```
class Car:
 def __init__(self, color, mileage):
 self.color = color
 self.mileage = mileage
 def __repr__(self):
 return '__repr__ for Car'
 def __str__(self):
 return '__str__ for Car'
```

- a. Define an object: `my_car = Car('red', 37281)`

- b. Run: `print (my_car.color, my_car.mileage)`
- c. Run: `print(my_car)`
- d. Run: `my_car`

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- h. Define an object `point = Point(3, 9)` and print its coordinate.
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    - Hints: Use the object name to access the class-level docstring by using `__doc__`. (`point.__doc__`)
  - j. Print different method docstring using object `metethod.__doc__`
1. Point class

```
point.py

class Point:
 def __init__(self, x, y):
 print("Initialize the new instance of Point.")
 self.x = x
 self.y = y

 def __repr__(self) -> str:
 return f"{type(self).__name__}(x={self.x}, y={self.y})"
```

a. Run the following code

```
point = Point(21, 42)
point
```

b. The `__init__` can be called by the instance and pass value directly. Run the following code.

```
point.__init__(34, 45)
point.x
point.y
point
```

Note:

- **Docstring** is important to write API documentation that clearly summarizes what each object and method does.
- Often, docstrings are quite long and span multiple lines (the style guide suggests that the line length should not exceed 80 characters), which can be formatted as multi-line strings, enclosed in matching triple apostrophe (""") or triple quote ("""") characters.
- A docstring should clearly and concisely summarize the purpose of the class or method it is describing. It should explain any parameters whose usage is not immediately obvious and is also a good place to include short examples of how to use the API.
- What is API? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl8ijLpZaHk>