

**Off-side rule:** blocks are expressed by indentation (Python)

**Scope:** region of code where name binding is valid

**Block scope:** name is valid within the block it is declared in

**Function scope:** local variable valid until end of function

**global:** Allows reassignment of global variable inside a function. Otherwise by default a local variable is created instead.

**Sequence:** an ordered collection of values (repetition allowed).

Python strings and tuples are immutable. Changing → copying.

`strip()`, `endswith(s)`, `s.join(lst)`, `split(c)`

Python lists are mutable – can be updated.

`insert(v)`, `remove(v)`, `count(v)`, `append(v)`,  
`pop(idx)`, `extend(lst)`, `index(v)`, `sort()`  
`map(P(x), Iter) == [P(x) for x in Iter]`

**Alias:** different names referring to same memory location

**Dictionary:** collection of key value pairs. Key must be unique and hashable (immutable object with no reference to mutables).

`update(d)`, `{K(x):V(x) for x in Iter if P(x)}`

**Memoisation:** top-down approach, uses recursion

**Dynamic programming:** bottom up-approach, uses iteration

**Pure Function:** output only determined by input, no side effects

**Referential transparency:** Can substitute expression with value

**Prototype-based Programming:** inheritance occurs by copying existing objects (a prototype) and adding fields/methods to it.

Add `__slots__` to prevent instance from adding attributes.

**Ad-hoc Polymorphism:** function or operator overloading.

**Subtyping:** interface inheritance, forms “is-a” relationship

**Runtime Polymorphism:** choose behaviour through one interface

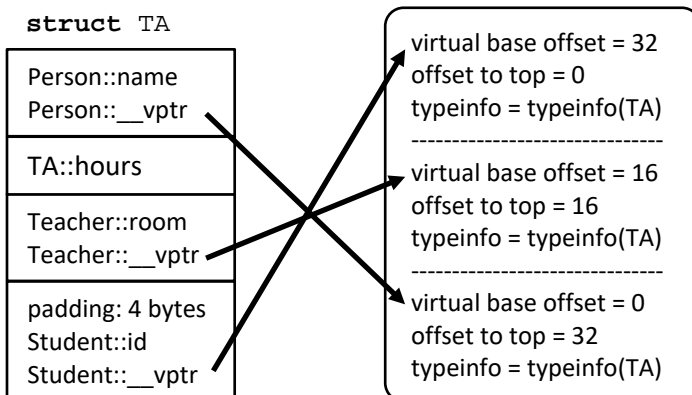
**Dynamic Dispatch:** determines which implementation to call at runtime based on context (caller’s type and maybe input type).

**Single Dispatch:** Context is the instance type of the caller.

**Multiple Dispatch:** Context also includes type of parameter.

**Late Binding:** Associates name with operation at runtime.

**Virtual Base Class and Virtual Tables for Derived Class:**



**Fragile Base Class:** in implementation inheritance, changing base class can silently break derived class due to dependency.

**Composition:** instead of subclassing, make it a field (has-a).

**Forwarding:** forward method to composed class.

**Delegation:** Automatic forwarding of method to composed class.

**Mixin:** Implementation inheritance not expected to be used as a super class, but rather provides functionality to other classes.

**Dependency Inversion Principle:** 1) modules should depend on each other’s interfaces, 2) interface should not depend on implementation, 3) can swap out module and maintain behavior.

**Method Resolution Order:** the order attributes are looked up.

**Local Precedence Order:** the order parent classes are inherited.

**Monotonicity:** MRO for a class should always be the same.

**C3 Linearization:**  $L[C] = (C, \text{merge}(L[B_1], \dots, L[B_N], B_1 \dots B_N))$

**Lvalue:** value stored in memory, has an address.

**Rvalue:** temporary value, may not be in memory.

**Rvalue Reference:** reference to temporary object to enable move semantic (instead of doing a deep copy, which can be expensive).

**Copy Elision:** compiler optimization to avoid copying of objects.

**Return Value Optimization:** building return value at final location.

**Generic Programming:** writing program with minimal assumption about the structure and/or type of data.

**Parametric Polymorphism:** ability to handle values without depending on their types (e.g. join lists of the same element type)

**Overload Resolution:** (if two candidates are equally suitable)

1. Non-template function overload
2. Template specialization
3. More specific and specialized template
4. Base template

**Introspection:** Ability to examine compiler internal knowledge.

**Reflection:** Ability for a process to introspect and change itself.

**Reification:** turns abstract representation to concrete objects.

**Type Erasure:** removal of type information/check at runtime.

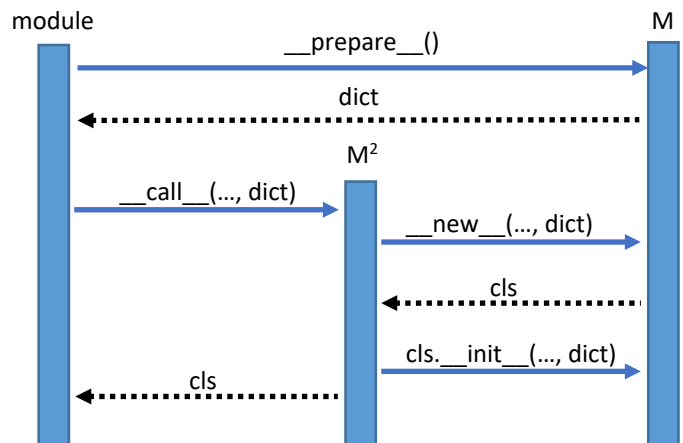
**Descriptor:** class which customizes attribute access of another object (through `__get__`, `__set__`, and `__delete__`)

**Decorator:** augment existing function or class (returns callable)

**Functor:** A class that implements `__call__` (a function object)

**Closure:** inner function that is returned by other function, and it uses outer variables (retain value at time of closure definition)

**Class Creation:**  $M = \text{Metaclass}$ ,  $M^2 = \text{Metametaclass}$  (usually `type`)



**Coercion:** implicit type conversion

**Type punning:** changes type but not in-memory representation.

**Strict Aliasing:** pointer of different types assumed to not alias.

**Type checking:** process of verifying and enforcing type safety.

**Nominal Typing:** variable have same type if types are same name

**Duck Typing:** suitability based only on presence of attribute.

**Structural Typing:** suitable if they have same structure/interface.

**Type Inference:** can infer type information from variable usage.

**Enum Class:** disallows coercion to integer and other enums.

**Union:** stores different data types at same memory location.

**Tagged Union:** union managed by a tag to say which field is in use

**Covariance:** relationship allows use of more derived type.

**Contravariance:** allows use of more generic type than specified.

**Contract Programming:** support for specifying precondition, postcondition, errors, and invariants of functions and structures.

**Metaprogramming:** writing code that will generate more code.

**Macro Systems:** maps input sequence into replacement output.