



PYTHON

Day 3

Day 3 - Agenda

- OO Concepts
- Standard Library

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Overview of OOP Terminology

- **Class:** A user-defined prototype for an object that defines a set of attributes that characterize any object of the class. The attributes are data members (class variables and instance variables) and methods, accessed via dot notation.
- **Class variable:** A variable that is shared by all instances of a class. Class variables are defined within a class but outside any of the class's methods. Class variables aren't used as frequently as instance variables are.
- **Data member:** A class variable or instance variable that holds data associated with a class and its objects.

Overview of OOP Terminology

- **Function overloading:** The assignment of more than one behavior to a particular function. The operation performed varies by the types of objects (arguments) involved.
- **Instance variable:** A variable that is defined inside a method and belongs only to the current instance of a class.
- **Inheritance :** The transfer of the characteristics of a class to other classes that are derived from it.

Overview of OOP Terminology

- **Instance:** An individual object of a certain class. An object obj that belongs to a class Circle, for example, is an instance of the class Circle.
- **Instantiation :** The creation of an instance of a class.
- **Method :** A special kind of function that is defined in a class definition.
- **Object :** A unique instance of a data structure that's defined by its class. An object comprises both data members (class variables and instance variables) and methods.
- **Operator overloading:** The assignment of more than one function to a particular operator.

Creating Classes:

- The *class* statement creates a new class definition. The name of the class immediately follows the keyword *class* followed by a colon as follows:

```
class ClassName:  
    'Optional class documentation string'  
    class_suite
```

The class has a documentation string, which can be accessed via `ClassName.__doc__`.

- The *class_suite* consists of all the component statements defining class members, data attributes and functions.

Creating Classes:

```
class Employee:
    'Common base class for all employees'
    empCount = 0

    def __init__(self, name, salary):
        self.name = name
        self.salary = salary
        Employee.empCount += 1

    def displayCount(self):
        print "Total Employee %d" % Employee.empCount

    def displayEmployee(self):
        print "Name : ", self.name, ", Salary: ", self.salary
```

Creating Classes:

- The variable *empCount* is a class variable whose value would be shared among all instances of a this class. This can be accessed as *Employee.empCount* from inside the class or outside the class.
- The first method `__init__()` is a special method, which is called class constructor or initialization method that Python calls when you create a new instance of this class.
- You declare other class methods like normal functions with the exception that the first argument to each method is *self*. Python adds the *self* argument to the list for you; you don't need to include it when you call the methods.

Sample Class

- **Creating instance objects:**
- To create instances of a class, you call the class using class name and pass in whatever arguments its `__init__` method accepts.

"This would create first object of Employee class"

```
emp1 = Employee("Zara", 2000)
```

"This would create second object of Employee class"

```
emp2 = Employee("Manni", 5000)
```

Creating object and accessing members

- **Accessing attributes:**
- You access the object's attributes using the dot operator with object. Class variable would be accessed using class name as follows:

```
emp1.displayEmployee()  
emp2.displayEmployee()  
print "Total Employee %d" % Employee.empCount
```

Creating object and accessing members

- You can add, remove or modify attributes of classes and objects at any time:

```
emp1.age = 7 # Add an 'age' attribute.  
emp1.age = 8 # Modify 'age' attribute.  
del emp1.age # Delete 'age' attribute.
```

Creating object and accessing members

- Methods may call other methods by using method attributes of the self argument:

```
class Bag:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.data = []  
    def add(self, x):  
        self.data.append(x)  
    def addtwice(self, x):  
        self.add(x)  
        self.add(x)
```

Creating object and accessing members

- Instead of using the normal statements to access attributes, you can use following functions:
 - The **getattr(obj, name[, default])** : to access the attribute of object.
 - The **hasattr(obj,name)** : to check if an attribute exists or not.
 - The **setattr(obj,name,value)** : to set an attribute. If attribute does not exist, then it would be created.
 - The **delattr(obj, name)** : to delete an attribute.
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- `hasattr(emp1, 'age')` # Returns true if 'age' attribute exists
 - `getattr(emp1, 'age')` # Returns value of 'age' attribute
 - `setattr(emp1, 'age', 8)` # Set attribute 'age' at 8
 - `delattr(emp1, 'age')` # Delete attribute 'age'

Class Inheritance

- Instead of starting from scratch, you can create a class by deriving it from a preexisting class by listing the parent class in parentheses after the new class name.
- The child class inherits the attributes of its parent class, and you can use those attributes as if they were defined in the child class. A child class can also override data members and methods from the parent.
- Derived classes are declared much like their parent class; however, a list of base classes to inherit from are given after the class name:
- **Syntax:**

```
class SubClassName (ParentClass1[, ParentClass2, ...]):  
    'Optional class documentation string'  
    class_suite
```


Class Inheritance

- When the base class is defined in another module:

class DerivedClassName(modname.BaseClassName):

- When the class object is constructed, the base class is remembered.
- This is used for resolving attribute references: if a requested attribute is not found in the class, the search proceeds to look in the base class.
- This rule is applied recursively if the base class itself is derived from some other class.

Class Inheritance

- Instantiation of derived classes is as usual :
 DerivedClassName()
creates a new instance of the class.
- Method references are resolved as follows: the corresponding class attribute is searched, descending down the chain of base classes if necessary, and the method reference is valid if this yields a function object.

Class Inheritance

```
class Parent:      # define parent class
    parentAttr = 100
    def __init__(self):
        print "Calling parent constructor"

    def parentMethod(self):
        print 'Calling parent method'

    def setAttr(self, attr):
        Parent.parentAttr = attr

    def getAttr(self):
        print "Parent attribute :", Parent.parentAttr

class Child(Parent): # define child class
    def __init__(self):
        print "Calling child constructor"

    def childMethod(self):
        print 'Calling child method'
```

Class Inheritance

```
c = Child()      # instance of child
c.childMethod()  # child calls its method
c.parentMethod() # calls parent's method
c.setAttr(200)   # again call parent's method
c.getAttr()      # again call parent's method
```

When the above code is executed, it produces the following result:

```
Calling child constructor
Calling child method
Calling parent method
Parent attribute : 200
```

.....

Class Inheritance

- The base class constructor will not get called automatically whenever a child object is created.
- We have to call it explicitly using `super().__init__()`

```
class Child(Base):  
    def __init__(self, value, something_else):  
        super().__init__(value)  
        self.something_else = something_else
```

Class Inheritance

- You can use `issubclass()` or `isinstance()` functions to check a relationships of two classes and instances.
- The **`issubclass(sub, sup)`** boolean function returns true if the given subclass **`sub`** is indeed a subclass of the superclass **`sup`**.
- **Example** : `isinstance(obj, int)` will be True only if `obj.__class__` is `int` or some class derived from `int`.
- The **`isinstance(obj, Class)`** boolean function returns true if *obj* is an instance of class *Class* or is an instance of a subclass of *Class*
- **Example** : `issubclass(bool, int)` is True since `bool` is a subclass of `int`. However, `issubclass(float, int)` is False since `float` is not a subclass of `int`.

Method overriding

- Derived classes may override methods of their base classes.
- An overriding method in a derived class may in fact want to extend rather than simply replace the base class method of the same name.
- There is a simple way to call the base class method directly: just call `BaseClassName.methodname(self, arguments)`.

Overriding Methods

- One reason for overriding parent's methods is because you may want special or different functionality in your subclass.

Example:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
class Parent:      # define parent class
    def myMethod(self):
        print 'Calling parent method'
```

```
class Child(Parent): # define child class
    def myMethod(self):
        print 'Calling child method'
```

```
c = Child()        # instance of child
c.myMethod()       # child calls overridden method
```


Multiple Inheritance

- Python supports a form of multiple inheritance as well.

```
class DerivedClassName(Base1, Base2, Base3):  
<statement-1>  
.  
.  
.  
<statement-N>
```

Example :

```
class A:      # define your class A  
.....  
  
class B:      # define your class B  
.....  
  
class C(A, B): # subclass of A and B
```

Overloading Operators

- Suppose you've created a Vector class to represent two-dimensional vectors
- You could define the `__add__` method in your class to perform vector addition and then the plus operator would behave as per expectation:

Example:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
class Vector:
```

```
    def __init__(self, a, b):
```

```
        self.a = a
```

```
        self.b = b
```

```
    def __str__(self):
```

```
        return 'Vector (%d, %d)' % (self.a, self.b)
```

```
    def __add__(self, other):
```

```
        a=self.a+other.a
```

```
        b=self.b+other.b
```

```
        v=vector(a,b)
```

```
        return v
```

```
v1 = Vector(2,10)
```

```
v2 = Vector(5,-2)
```

```
Print v1+v2+v3
```

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Data Hiding

- **Data Hiding:**
- An object's attributes may or may not be visible outside the class definition.
- For these cases, you can name attributes with a double underscore prefix, and those attributes will not be directly visible to outsiders.(Private variables)

- **Example:**

```
class JustCounter:  
    __secretCount = 0  
    def count(self):  
        self.__secretCount += 1  
        print self.__secretCount
```

```
counter = JustCounter()  
counter.count()  
counter.count()  
print counter.__secretCount
```

OUTPUT

1

2

Traceback (most recent call last): File "test.py", line 12, in <module> print
counter.__secretCount AttributeError: JustCounter instance has no attribute '__secretCount'

Data Hiding

- Python protects those members by internally changing the name to include the class name. You can access such attributes as *object._className__attrName*.
- If you would replace your last line as following, then it would work for you:
- print counter._JustCounter__secretCount
- When the above code is executed, it produces the following result:
1
2
2

Exceptions Are Classes Too

- User-defined exceptions are identified by classes as well.
- There are two new valid (semantic) forms for the raise statement:
 - **raise** Class
 - **raise** Instance
- In the first form, Class must be an instance of type or of a class derived from it. The first form is a shorthand for:
 - **raise** Class()
- A class in an except clause is compatible with an exception if it is the same class or a base class thereof (but not the other way around—an except clause listing a derived class is not compatible with a base class).
- For example, the following code will print B, C, D in that order:

```
class B(Exception):  
    pass  
class C(B):  
    pass  
class D(C):  
    pass
```

Exceptions Are Classes Too

```
for c in [B, C, D]:
```

```
    try:
```

```
        raise(c)
```

```
    except D:
```

```
        print("D")
```

```
    except C:
```

```
        print("C")
```

```
    except B:
```

```
        print("B")
```

- If the except clauses were reversed (with except B first), it would have printed B, B, B — the first matching except clause is triggered.



Standard Python Library

Python Library

- **Python is packaged with a large library of standard modules**
 - String processing
 - Operating system interfaces
 - Networking
 - Threads
 - GUI
 - Database
 - Language services
 - Security.
- **And there are many third party modules**
 - XML
 - Numeric Processing
 - Plotting/Graphics
 - etc.
- **All of these are accessed using 'import'**
 - `import string`
 - ...
 - `a = string.split(x)`

Object Serialization

- **Motivation**

- Sometimes you need to save an object to disk and restore it later.
- Or maybe you need to ship it across the network.

- **Problem**

- Manual implementation requires a lot of work.
- Must come up with some kind of encoding scheme.
- Must write code to marshal objects to and from the encoding.

- **Fortunately...**

- Python provides several modules to do all of this for you

The pickle and cPickle Module

The pickle and cPickle modules serialize objects to and from files

- To serialize, you 'pickle' an object
 - `import pickle`
 - `file=open("object.txt","w")`
 - `p = pickle.Pickler(file) # file is an open file object`
 - `p.dump(obj) # Dump object`
- To unserialize, you 'unpickle' an object
 - `p = pickle.Unpickler(file) # file is an open file`
 - `obj = p.load() # Load object`

Notes

- Most built-in types can be pickled except for files, sockets, execution frames, etc...
- The data-encoding is Python-specific.
- Any file-like object that provides `write()`, `read()`, and `readline()` methods can be used as a file.
- Recursive objects are correctly handled.
- `cPickle` is like `pickle`, but written in C and is substantially faster.
- `pickle` can be subclassed, `cPickle` can not.

The marshal Module

The marshal module can also be used for serialization

- To serialize
 - `import marshal`
 - `marshal.dump(obj,file) # Write obj to file`
- To unserialize
 - `obj = marshal.load(file)`

Notes

- marshal is similar to pickle, but is intended only for simple objects
- Can't handle recursion or class instances.
- On the plus side, it's pretty fast if you just want to save simple objects to a file.
- Data is stored in a binary architecture independent format

OS Interface

```
>>> import os
>>> os.getcwd() # Return the current working directory
'C:\\Python31'
>>> os.chdir('/server/accesslogs') # Change current working directory
>>> os.system('mkdir today') # Run the command mkdir in the system shell
0
```

- Be sure to use the `import os` style instead of `from os import *`. This will keep `os.open()` from shadowing the built-in `open()` function which operates much differently.
- The built-in `dir()` and `help()` functions are useful as interactive aids for working with large modules like `os`:

```
>>> import os
>>> dir(os)
<returns a list of all module functions>
>>> help(os)
<returns an extensive manual page created from the module's docstrings>
```

OS Interface

For daily file and directory management tasks, the shutil module provides a higher level interface that is easier to use:

```
>>> import shutil  
>>> shutil.copyfile('data.db', 'archive.db')  
>>> shutil.move('/build/executables', 'installdir')
```

Command Line Arguments

- Command line arguments are stored in the sys module's argv attribute as a list.
- For instance the following output results from running
python demo.py one two three
at the command line:

```
>>> import sys
>>> print(sys.argv)
['demo.py', 'one', 'two', 'three']
```

math module

- The math module gives access to the underlying C library functions for floating point math:

```
>>> import math
>>> math.cos(math.pi / 4)
0.70710678118654757
>>> math.log(1024, 2)
10.0
```

- The random module provides tools for making random selections:

```
>>> import random
>>> random.choice(['apple', 'pear', 'banana'])
'apple'
>>> random.sample(range(100), 10) # sampling without replacement
[30, 83, 16, 4, 8, 81, 41, 50, 18, 33]
>>> random.random() # random float
0.17970987693706186
>>> random.randrange(6) # random integer chosen from range(6)
4
```

Internet Access

- There are a number of modules for accessing the internet and processing internet protocols. Two of the simplest are `urllib.request` for retrieving data from URLs and `smtplib` for sending mail:

```
>>> from urllib.request import urlopen
>>> for line in urlopen('http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/cgi-bin/timer.pl'):
... line = line.decode('utf-8') # Decoding the binary data to text.
... if 'EST' in line or 'EDT' in line: # look for Eastern Time
... print(line)
<BR>Nov. 25, 09:43:32 PM EST

>>> import smtplib
>>> server = smtplib.SMTP('localhost')
>>> server.sendmail('soothsayer@example.org', 'jcaesar@example.org',
... """To: jcaesar@example.org
... From: soothsayer@example.org
...
... Have a good day.
... """)
>>> server.quit()
```


Sending Email

- Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) is a protocol, which handles sending e-mail and routing e-mail between mail servers.
- Python provides **smtplib** module, which defines an SMTP client session object that can be used to send mail to any Internet machine with an SMTP or ESMTP listener daemon.
- `import smtplib`
- `smtpObj = smtplib.SMTP([host [, port [, local_hostname]]])`
- **host:** This is the host running your SMTP server. You can specify IP address of the host or a domain name. This is optional argument.
- **port:** If you are providing *host* argument, then you need to specify a port, where SMTP server is listening. Usually this port would be 25.
- **local_hostname:** If your SMTP server is running on your local machine, then you can specify just *localhost* as of this option.
- An SMTP object has an instance method called **sendmail**, which will typically be used to do the work of mailing a message. It takes three parameters:
 - The *sender* - A string with the address of the sender.
 - The *receivers* - A list of strings, one for each recipient.
 - The *message* - A message as a string formatted as specified in the various RFCs.

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... From: soothsayer@example.org
...
... Have a good day.
... """)
>>> server.quit()
```

Data Compression

- Common data archiving and compression formats are directly supported by modules including: zlib, gzip, bz2, zipfile and tarfile.

```
>>> import zlib
>>> s = b'witch which has which witches wrist watch'
>>> len(s)
41
>>> t = zlib.compress(s)
>>> len(t)
37
>>> zlib.decompress(t)
b'witch which has which witches wrist watch'
>>> zlib.crc32(s)
226805979
```

Performance Measurement

- To know the relative performance of different approaches to the same problem, Python provides a measurement tool that answers those questions immediately.
- For example, it may be tempting to use the tuple packing and unpacking feature instead of the traditional approach to swapping arguments.
- The timeit module quickly demonstrates a modest performance advantage:

```
>>> from timeit import Timer  
>>> Timer('t=a; a=b; b=t', 'a=1; b=2').timeit()  
0.57535828626024577  
>>> Timer('a,b = b,a', 'a=1; b=2').timeit()  
0.54962537085770791
```
- In contrast to timeit's fine level of granularity, the profile and pstats modules provide tools for identifying time critical sections in larger blocks of code.

Quality Control

- The doctest module provides a tool for scanning a module and validating tests embedded in a program's docstrings.
- Test construction is as simple as cutting-and-pasting a typical call along with its results into the docstring. This improves the documentation by providing the user with an example and it allows the **doctest** module to make sure the code remains true to the documentation:

```
def average(values):
```

```
    """Computes the arithmetic mean of a list of numbers.
```

```
>>> print(average([20, 30, 70]))
```

```
40.0
```

```
    """
```

```
    return sum(values) / len(values)
```

```
import doctest
```

```
doctest.testmod() # automatically validate the embedded tests
```

Quality Control

- The unittest module is allows a more comprehensive set of tests to be maintained in a separate file:

```
import unittest  
class TestStatisticalFunctions(unittest.TestCase):  
    def test_average(self):  
        self.assertEqual(average([20, 30, 70]), 40.0)  
        self.assertEqual(round(average([1, 5, 7]), 1), 4.3)  
        self.assertRaises(ZeroDivisionError, average, [])  
        self.assertRaises(TypeError, average, 20, 30, 70)  
        unittest.main() # Calling from the command line invokes all tests
```

Multi-threading

- Threading is a technique for decoupling tasks which are not sequentially dependent.
- Threads can be used to improve the responsiveness of applications that accept user input while other tasks run in the background.
- A related use case is running I/O in parallel with computations in another thread.

Multi-threading

- The following code shows how the high level threading module can run tasks in background while the main program continues to run:

```
import threading, zipfile  
class AsyncZip(threading.Thread):  
    def __init__(self, infile, outfile):  
        super().__init__(self)  
        self.infile = infile  
        self.outfile = outfile  
    def run(self):  
        f = zipfile.ZipFile(self.outfile, 'w', zipfile.ZIP_DEFLATED)  
        f.write(self.infile)  
        f.close()  
        print('Finished background zip of:', self.infile)
```

```
background = AsyncZip('mydata.txt', 'myarchive.zip')  
background.start()  
print('The main program continues to run in foreground.')  
background.join() # Wait for the background task to finish  
print('Main program waited until background was done.')
```


Database access

- The Python standard for database interfaces is the Python DB-API. Most Python database interfaces adhere to this standard.
- Python Database API supports a wide range of database servers:
 - GadFly
 - mSQL
 - MySQL
 - PostgreSQL
 - Microsoft SQL Server 2000
 - Informix
 - Interbase
 - Oracle
 - Sybase
- The DB API provides a minimal standard for working with databases using Python structures and syntax wherever possible. This API includes the following:
 - Importing the API module.
 - Acquiring a connection with the database.
 - Issuing SQL statements and stored procedures.
 - Closing the connection

Database access

- **What is MySQLdb?**
- MySQLdb is an interface for connecting to a MySQL database server from Python. It implements the Python Database API v2.0 and is built on top of the MySQL C API.

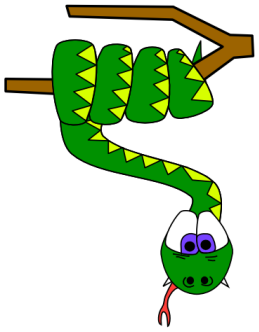
```
import MySQLdb
# Open database connection
db = MySQLdb.connect("localhost","testuser","test123","TESTDB" )

# prepare a cursor object using cursor() method
cursor = db.cursor()

# execute SQL query using execute() method.
cursor.execute("SELECT VERSION()")

# Fetch a single row using fetchone() method.
data = cursor.fetchone()

print "Database version : %s " % data # disconnect from server
db.close()
```



Packages

Packages

- Collection of modules in directory
- Must have `__init__.py` file
- May contain subpackages
- Import syntax:
 - `from P.Q.M import foo; print foo()`
 - `from P.Q import M; print M.foo()`
 - `import P.Q.M; print P.Q.M.foo()`
 - `import P.Q.M as M; print M.foo()` # new

Summary

- The following topics are covered so far
 - Classes and Objects
 - Standard Library



Thank you