# Working with Objects.

Chapter 6

#### Object-Oriented Programming

OOP helps to organize better your code

Objects are great for making reusable code

An object is a structure that combines data with the logic that operates on it

Objects provide an organizational structure for grouping related variables and functions together.

#### OOP Terms

Class: A template that describes the variables and functions for a kind/group of objects. (e.g. Entree)

Method: A function defined in a class. (e.g. hasIngredient)

**Property:** A variable defined in a class. (e.g. \$name)

Instance: An individual usage of a class. If you create three instances of a class, each of these instances is based on the same class, they differ by property values. The methods in each instance contain the same instructions, but may produce different results because they have different property values. Creating a new instance of a class is called "instantiating an object."

**Constructor:** A **special method** that is automatically run when an object is instantiated. Usually, constructors set up object properties and do other housekeeping that makes the object ready for use.

Static method: A special kind of method that can be called without instantiating a class.

```
<?php
class Foo {
    public $aMemberVar = 'aMemberVar Member Variable';
    public $aFuncName = 'aMemberFunc';

    function aMemberFunc() {
        print 'Inside `aMemberFunc()`';
    }
}

$foo = new Foo;
?>
```

## this keyword

this keyword is used inside a class, generally withing the member functions, to access non-static members of a class (variables or functions) for the current object.

```
class Person {
    // first name of person
    private $name;
    public function setName($name) {
        $this->name = $name;
    // public function to get value of name (getter method)
    public function getName() {
        return $this->name;
// creating class object
$john = new Person();
// calling the public function to set fname
$john->setName("John Wick");
// getting the value of the name variable
echo "My name is " . $john->getName();
```

## Class and Object

```
    Defining a class (Entree)
    Then creating two objects/instances (soup and sandwich)
    Use -> to access properties or methods of an object
```

```
class Entree {
    public $name;
    public $ingredients = array();

    public function hasIngredient($ingredient) {
        return in_array($ingredient, $this->ingredients);
    }
}
```

```
// Create an instance and assign it to $soup
$soup = new Entree;
// Set $soup's properties
$soup->name = 'Chicken Soup';
$soup->ingredients = array('chicken', 'water');
// Create a separate instance and assign it to $sandwich
$sandwich = new Entree;
// Set $sandwich's properties
$sandwich->name = 'Chicken Sandwich';
$sandwich->ingredients = array('chicken', 'bread');
foreach (['chicken','lemon','bread','water'] as $ing) {
    if ($soup->hasIngredient($ing)) {
        print "Soup contains $ing.\n";
    if ($sandwich->hasIngredient($ing)) {
        print "Sandwich contains $ing.\n";
```

#### Static Methods

Add static keyword before function to make a method static.

To call a static method, you put :: between the class name and the method name instead of ->

```
class Entree {
   public $name;
   public $ingredients = array();

   public function hasIngredient($ingredient) {
      return in_array($ingredient, $this->ingredients);
   }

   public static function getSizes() {
      return array('small','medium','large');
   }
}
```

```
$sizes = Entree::getSizes();
```

#### Constructors

A constructor is a special method, which is run when the object is created.

Constructors typically handle setup and housekeeping tasks that make the object ready to use

In PHP, the constructor method of a class is always called \_\_construct()

The input parameters can be different name than the properties.

Inside a constructor, the \$this keyword refers to the specific object instance being constructed.

the constructor function doesn't return a value

```
class Entree {
   public $name;
   public $ingredients = array();

   public function __construct($name, $ingredients) {
        $this->name = $name;
        $this->ingredients = $ingredients;
   }

   public function hasIngredient($ingredient) {
       return in_array($ingredient, $this->ingredients);
   }
}
```

#### Constructors and Creating a New Object

To pass arguments to the constructor, treat the class name like a function name when you invoke the new operator.

```
// Some soup with name and ingredients
$soup = new Entree('Chicken Soup', array('chicken', 'water'));

// A sandwich with name and ingredients
$sandwich = new Entree('Chicken Sandwich', array('chicken', 'bread'));
```

#### Extending an Object

- A subclass (AKA child class) inherits all the methods and properties of an existing class (the parent class), but then can change them or add its own.
- It's as if you retyped the definition of Entree inside the definition of ComboMeal, but you get that without actually typing

```
class ComboMeal extends Entree {
    public function hasIngredient($ingredient) {
        foreach ($this->ingredients as $entree) {
            if ($entree->hasIngredient($ingredient)) {
                return true;
            }
        }
        return false;
    }
}
```

## Using a Subclass

```
// Some soup with name and ingredients
$soup = new Entree('Chicken Soup', array('chicken', 'water'));
// A sandwich with name and ingredients
$sandwich = new Entree('Chicken Sandwich', array('chicken', 'bread'));
// A combo meal
$combo = new ComboMeal('Soup + Sandwich', array($soup, $sandwich));
foreach (['chicken','water','pickles'] as $ing) {
    if ($combo->hasIngredient($ing)) {
        print "Something in the combo contains $ing.\n";
```

#### Constructor for a Subclass

We can add a constructor for a subclass. We must call the parent constructor explicitly

parent::\_\_construct() refers to the constructor in the parent class.

```
public function __construct($name, $entrees) {
    parent::__construct($name, $entrees);
    foreach ($entrees as $entree) {
        if (! $entree instanceof Entree) {
            throw new Exception('Elements of $entrees must be Entree objects');
        }
    }
}
```

#### Property and Method Visibility

Visibility of the properties or methods can be:

- Public
- Private
- Protected

The public vidibility means all other classes can access the properties and methods.

The private visibility prevents any code outside the class from accessing the property.

The protected visibility means that the only subclass code can access the property

```
class Entree {
    private $name;
    protected $ingredients = array();

    /* Since $name is private, this provides a way to read it */
    public function getName() {
        return $this->name;
    }

    public function __construct($name, $ingredients) {
        if (! is_array($ingredients)) {
            throw new Exception('$ingredients must be an array');
        }
        $this->name = $name;
        $this->ingredients = $ingredients;
}
```

#### Property and Method Visibility

getName() method is public and provides access to a private property.

This kind of method is called an accessor. (getter)

We can have a modifier (setter) method too, to change (set) the value of a private property.

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        if (! is_array($ingredients)) {
            throw new Exception('$ingredients must be an array');
        }
        $this->name = $name;
        $this->ingredients = $ingredients;
}
```

# **Exercises**

- 1. Create a class called Ingredient. Each instance of this class represents a single ingredient. The instance should keep track of an ingredient's name and its cost.
- 2. Add a method to your IngredientCost class that changes the cost of an ingredient.
- 3. Make a subclass of the Entree class used in this chapter that accepts Ingredient objects instead of string ingredient names to specify the ingredients. Give your Entree subclass a method that returns the total cost of the entrée.
- 4. Put your Ingredient class into its own namespace and modify your other code that uses IngredientCost to work properly.