

Object Oriented Programming

Support for OOP in Python

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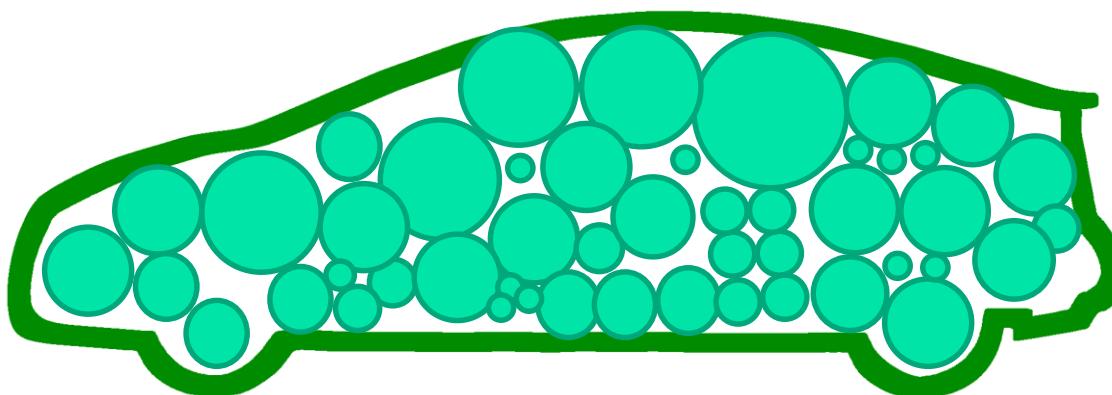
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Object-Oriented Programming Concepts

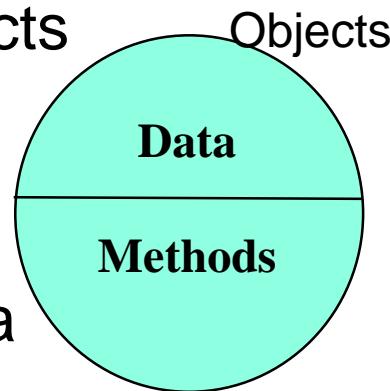
Objects and Methods

- Java is an object-oriented programming (OOP) language
 - Programming methodology that views a program as consisting of objects that interact with one another by means of actions (called **methods**)
 - Objects of the same kind are said to have the same type or be in the same class



Object-Oriented Programming: OOP

- A design and programming technique
- Some terminology:
 - **Object** - usually a person, place or thing (a noun)
 - **Method** - an action performed by an object (a verb)
 - **Type or Class** - a category of similar objects (such as automobiles)
- Objects have both **data** and **methods**
- Objects of the same class have the same data elements and methods
- Objects send and receive messages to invoke actions



Objects

Example of an Object Class



Example of an Object Class

Class: Automobile

Data Items:

- manufacturer's name
- model name
- year made
- color
- number of doors
- Body shape
- size of engine
- etc.

Methods: (action)

- Define data items
(specify manufacturer's name, model, year, etc.)
- Change a data item
(color, engine, etc.)
- Display data items
- Calculate cost
- Assemble
- etc.

Why OOP?

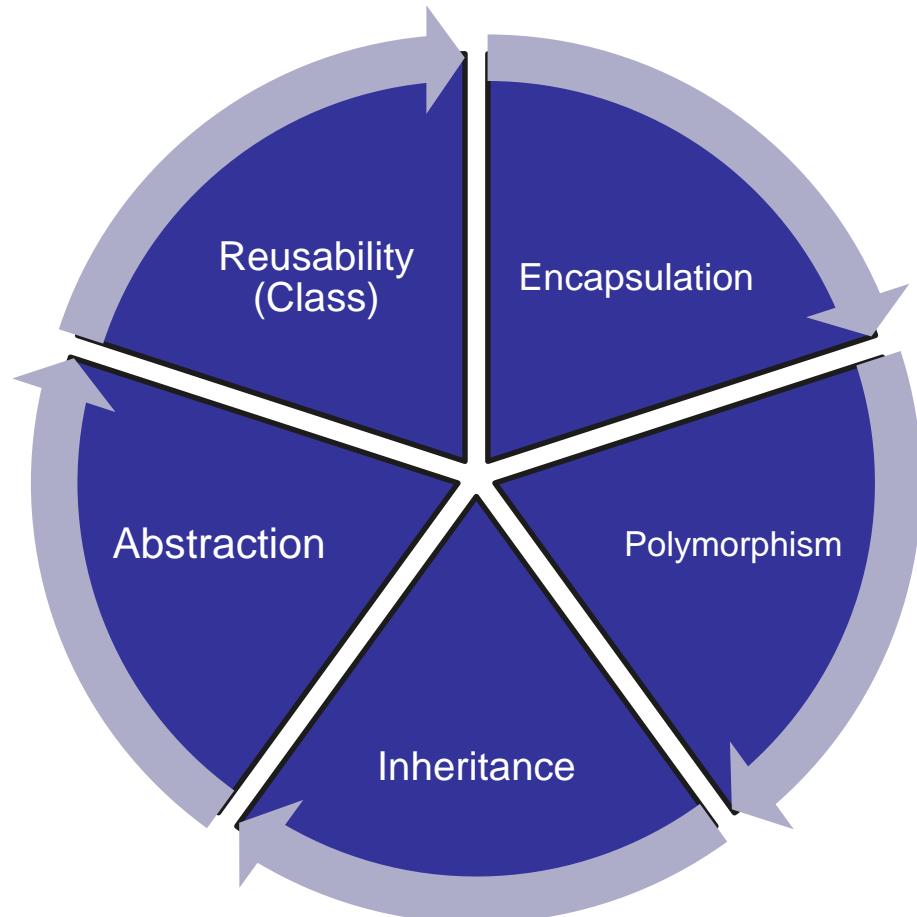
- Easy to design software as building blocks.
- Save development time (and cost) by reusing code
 - once a class is created, it can be used in other applications
- Easier debugging
 - classes can be tested independently
 - reused objects have already been



Design Principles of OOP

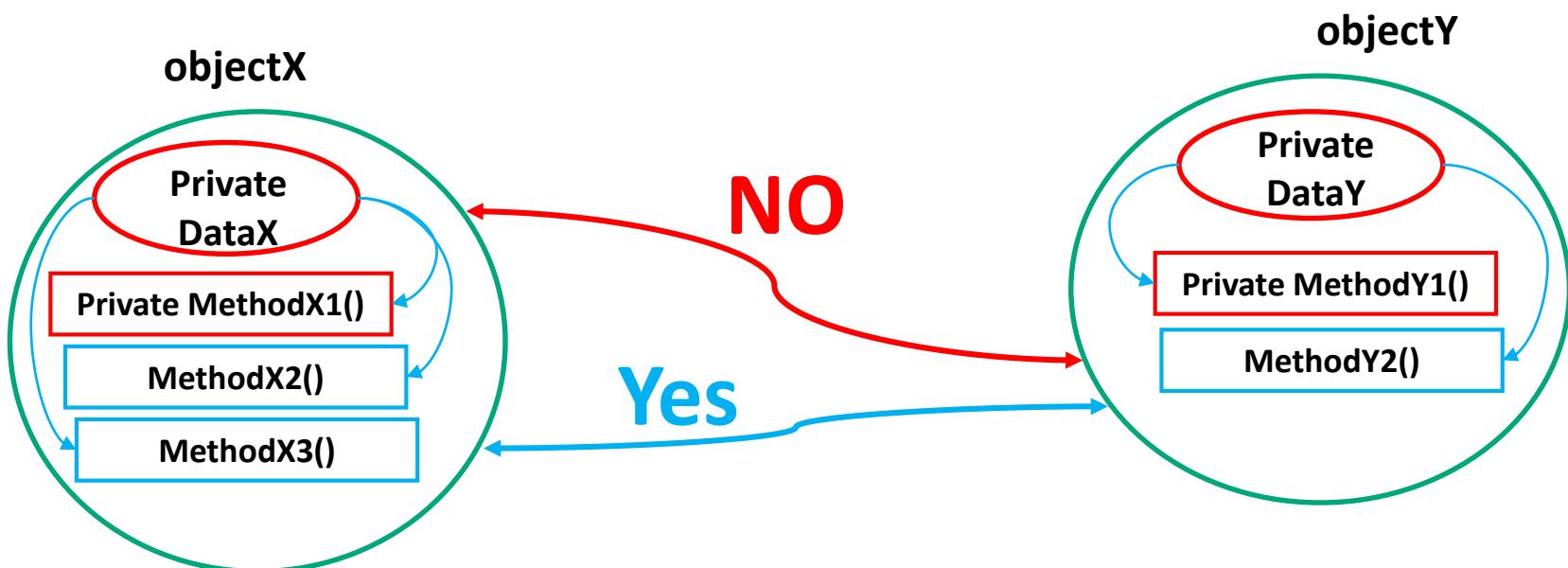
Three main design principles of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP):

- ❑ Encapsulation
- ❑ Polymorphism
- ❑ Inheritance



OOP: Encapsulation

- ❑ Design software
 - can be easily used
 - without knowing the details of how it works.
- ❑ Also known as *information hiding*



OOP: Reusable Components

Advantages of using reusable components:

- ❑ saves time and money
- ❑ components that have been used before
 - often better tested and more reliable than new software

Make your classes reusable:

- ❑ encapsulation
- ❑ general classes have a better chance of being reused than ad hoc classes

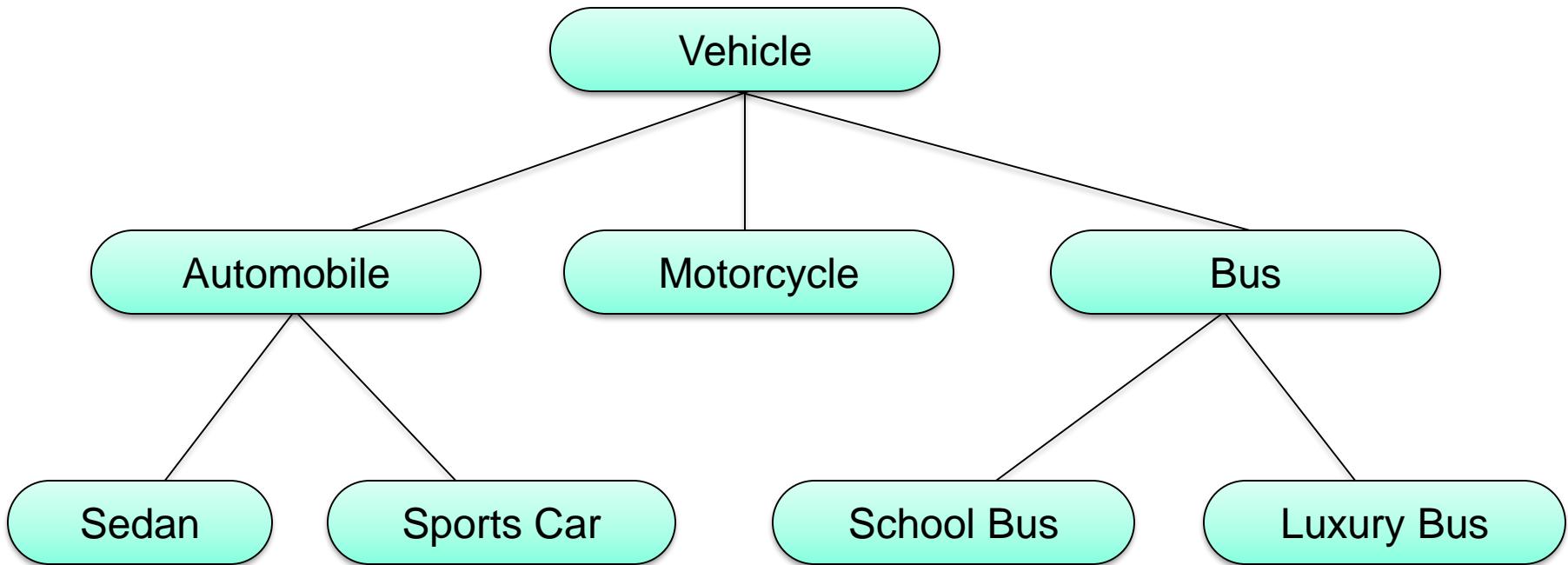
OOP: Polymorphism

- ❑ Polymorphism—the same word or phrase can be mean different things in different contexts
- ❑ Analogy: in English, **bank** can mean:
 - side of a river or
 - a place to put money
- ❑ In Java, two or more classes could each have a method called **output**
- ❑ Each **output** method would do the “right thing” for the class that it was in. E.g.
 - display a number (Integer class)
 - display an image (Photo class)

OOP: Inheritance

- ❑ Inheritance—a way of organizing classes
- ❑ Term comes from inheritance of traits like eye color, hair color, and so on.
- ❑ Classes with attributes in common can be grouped so that their common attributes are only defined once.

An Inheritance Hierarchy



What properties does each vehicle inherit from the types of vehicles above it in the diagram?

Python Object Oriented Programming

Python/Java/C++

Like C++ in

- ❑ Multiple inheritance
- ❑ Operator overloading
- ❑ Signature-based polymorphism
 - as if “everything was a template”

Like Java in

- ❑ everything inherits from "object "
- ❑ uniform object-reference semantics
 - assignment, argument passing, return
- ❑ garbage collection

Defining a Class

Syntax:

```
class name[ (base_class) ]:  
    body
```

Create a class with default superclass

```
# old style  
class name:  
    body
```

```
# new style  
class name(object):  
    body
```

```
class MyClass(object):  
    myvar = 30
```

```
>>> MyClass.myvar  
30
```

Defining Constructor and Methods

- All instance methods must have explicit object reference (`self`) as the first parameter

`self` is the conventional name (like Java "this")

```
class Rectangle(object):
    def __init__(self, width, height):
        self.width = width
        self.height = height

    def area(self):
        return self.width * self.height
```

constructor

```
>>> r = Rectangle(10, 20)
>>> Rectangle.area(r)
200
>>> r.area()
200
```

No "new".

"Implicit" Parameter (`self`)

❑ Java: `this`, implicit

```
public void translate(int dx, int dy) {  
    x += dx;          // this.x += dx;  
    y += dy;          // this.y += dy;  
}
```

❑ Python: `self`, explicit

```
def translate(self, dx, dy):  
    self.x += dx  
    self.y += dy
```

Weak Encapsulation

Everything is **public**.

Instance methods can be used in static way.

```
class Person:  
    def __init__(self, name):  
        self.name = name  
    def greet(self):  
        print("Hello "+self.name)  
  
>>> p = Person("Me")  
>>> p.name                      # attributes are public  
>>> p.greet()                    # O-O style method call  
>>> Person.greet(p)             # imperative style
```

Hiding by name mangling

Any attribute name that begins with " __ " is mangled to " _Class_ _name ".

```
class Person:  
    def __init__(self, name):  
        self.__name = name  
        # Mangled to _Person__name  
    @property  
    def name(self):  
        return self.__name    #auto demangle
```

```
>>> p = Person("Lone Ranger")  
>>> p.name                      # returns the name  
Lone Ranger  
>>> p.name = "Zoro"  
builtins.AttributeError: can't set attribute
```

Only One Constructor

Python classes can only have one `__init__`.

You can overload it using params with default values.

```
class Point:  
    '''Point with x,y coordinates'''  
    def __init__(self, x=0, y=0):  
        self.x = x  
        self.y = y  
  
>>> p = Point(3,4)  
>>> q = Point() # same as Point(0,0)
```

Static Methods

To define a static method, prefix with `@staticmethod` and no `self` parameter.

```
class Point:

    '''create a point using polar coordinates.'''
    @staticmethod
    def makePoint(r,a):
        return Point(r*math.cos(a), r*math.sin(a))

>>> p = Point.makePoint( 10, math.pi/4 )
```

Static *factory methods* can help overcome limitation of only one constructor.

Properties

Properties are like synthetic attributes. Used like "get" properties in C#. Only parameter is `self`.

```
class Point:  
    def __init__(self, x=0, y=0):  
        self.x = x  
        self.y = y  
  
    @property  
    def length(self):  
        return math.hypot(self.x, self.y)
```

```
>>> p = Point(3, 4)  
>>> p.length
```

"Set" properties

Can use `@property` and `@x.setter` to protect attributes.

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name):
        self.__name = name # hide the name
    @property
    def name(self):          # name accessor
        return self.__name
    @name.setter
    def name(self, value):   # set the name
        if not isinstance(value, str):
            raise TypeError("Name must be str")
        self.__name = value
```

Restricting Keys in the Object dict

- You can restrict the allowed attribute names.
- Use a tuple named `__slots__`

```
class Point:  
  
    __slots__ = ('x', 'y', 'name')  
  
    f.name = "weak, weak"  
  
    def __init__(x=0, y=0):  
  
        self.x, self.y = x, y
```

```
>>> p = Point(2,3)  
  
>>> p.junk = "ha ha"  
  
builtins.AttributeError: 'Point' object has no attribute 'junk'
```

Inheritance

Subclass must invoke parent's constructor explicitly

```
class Square(Rectangle):
    def __init__(self, width):
        Rectangle.__init__(self, width, width)
```

```
>>> s = Square(100)
>>> s.area()
10000
```

accessing superclass

Python 3 has a `super()` method to access superclass.

```
class Square(Rectangle):
    def __init__(self, width):
        super().__init__(width, width)
```

```
>>> s = Square(100)
>>> s.area()
10000
```

Polymorphism

- All methods are virtual

```
import math

class Circle(object):
    def __init__(self, radius):
        self.radius = radius

    def area(self):
        return math.pi*self.radius*self.radius
```

```
>>> shapes = [Square(5), Rect(2,8), Circle(3)]
>>> for x in shapes:
...     print (x.area())
25
16
28.2743338823
```

Operator Overloading 1/2

- ❑ Objects can implement infix operators by defining specially named methods, such as `__add__`
 - operators: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `**`, `&`, `^`, `~`, `!=`

```
class Point:  
  
    def __init__(self, x, y):  
        this.x, this.y = x, y  
  
    def __add__(self, other):  
        return Point(self.x+other.x, self.y+other.y);
```

```
>>> a = Point(1,2)  
>>> b = Point(3,7)  
>>> print(a + b) # invokes Point.__add__(a,b)  
(4, 9)           # assuming we also define Point.__str__
```

Operator Overloading 2/2

- ❑ **operator overloading:** You can define functions so that Python's built-in operators can be used with your class.
 - See also: <http://docs.python.org/ref/customization.html>

| Operator | Class Method |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| - | <code>__neg__(self, other)</code> |
| + | <code>__pos__(self, other)</code> |
| * | <code>__mul__(self, other)</code> |
| / | <code>__truediv__(self, other)</code> |

Unary Operators

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| - | <code>__neg__(self)</code> |
| + | <code>__pos__(self)</code> |

| Operator | Class Method |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| == | <code>__eq__(self, other)</code> |
| != | <code>__ne__(self, other)</code> |
| < | <code>__lt__(self, other)</code> |
| > | <code>__gt__(self, other)</code> |
| <= | <code>__le__(self, other)</code> |
| >= | <code>__ge__(self, other)</code> |

Python Object Hooks

- Objects can support built-in operators by implementing special methods
 - operators: +, -, *, /, **, &, ^, ~, !=
 - Indexing (like sequences): obj [idx]
 - Calling (like functions): obj (args, ...)
 - Iteration and containment tests

```
for item in obj: ...
```

```
if item in obj: ...
```

Object Data is Stored as a Dictionary

- ❑ Attributes are stored in a dictionary (`__dict__`).
- ❑ You can add attributes to existing object!

```
f = Fraction(2,3)  
  
f.name = "weak, weak"  
  
f.__dict__  
  
{'num': 2, 'denom':3, 'name':'weak, weak'}
```

`f.name = value` invokes `f.__setattr__("name",value)`
`del f.name` invokes `f.__delattr__("name")`

Testing object type

Get the type of a variable:

```
>>> p = Point( 1, 3)
>>> type(p)
<class '__main__.Point'>
```

Test the type using `isinstance`:

```
>>> p = Point( 1, 3)
>>> isinstance(p, Point)
True
>>> isinstance(p, float)
False
```

Summary

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