

types of methods

Static and **class** methods prepend a specific decorator, which tells Python what type of method is being defined.



`@classmethod`

`@staticmethod`

instance
methods

class
methods

static
methods

access to methods and
attributes of the class

yes

yes

no

requires an
instance

yes

no

no

access to methods and
attributes of the instance

yes

no

no

Just as instance methods require the *self* parameter to access that instance, class methods require the *cls* parameter to access class attributes. Static methods, since they cannot access the instance or the class, do not indicate such a parameter.