

Classes and Objects Review

Python Classes and Objects

- **Class Definition:** A class is a blueprint for creating objects. It defines the behavior an object will have through its attributes and methods. Here is a basic example of a class definition in Python:

```
class Dog:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def bark(self):
        print(f'{self.name.upper()} says woof woof!')
```

- **Creating Objects:** Objects are instances of a class. They are created by calling the class with the necessary arguments.

```
dog1 = Dog('Jack', 3)
dog2 = Dog('Thatcher', 5)

dog1.bark() # JACK says woof woof!
dog2.bark() # THATCHER says woof woof!
```

- **Calling methods with objects:** You can call methods on objects to perform actions or retrieve information.

```
objectName1.methodName()
objectName2.methodName()
```

- **Difference Between Class and Object:** A class is a reusable template, while an object is a specific instance of that class with actual data.

Attributes

- **Instance Attributes:** Defined in `__init__()` using `self`, and unique to each object.
- **Class Attributes:** Defined directly inside the class and shared by all instances.

```
class Dog:
    species = 'French Bulldog' # Class attribute

    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name # Instance attribute

print(Dog.species) # French Bulldog

jack = Dog('Jack')
print(jack.name) # Jack
print(jack.species) # French Bulldog
```

Methods

- **Methods:** Functions defined inside a class that operate on the object's attributes.

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, color, model):
```



```
def describe(self):
    return f'This car is a {self.color} {self.model}'

my_car_1 = Car('red', 'Tesla Model S')
print(my_car_1.describe()) # This car is a red Tesla Model S
```

- **Accessing Methods:** Call methods on objects using the dot notation. Here is an example of calling the `describe` method on two different car objects:

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, color, model):
        self.color = color
        self.model = model

    def describe(self):
        return f'This car is a {self.color} {self.model}'

my_car_1 = Car('red', 'Tesla Model S')
my_car_2 = Car('green', 'Lamborghini Revuelto')

print(my_car_1.describe()) # Calling methods using the dot notation
print(my_car_2.describe()) # Calling methods using the dot notation
```

Dunder (Magic) Methods

- **Definition:** Special methods that start and end with a double underscore (e.g., `__init__`, `__len__`, `__str__`, `__eq__`). Python uses them internally for built-in operations.

```
class Book:
    def __init__(self, title, pages):
        self.title = title
        self.pages = pages

    def __len__(self):
        return self.pages

    def __str__(self):
        return f'{self.title} has {self.pages} pages'

    def __eq__(self, other):
        return self.pages == other.pages
```

```
book1 = Book('Built Wealth Like a Boss', 420)
print(len(book1))      # 420
print(str(book1))      # 'Built Wealth Like a Boss' has 420 pages
```

- **Calling dunder methods indirectly:** You don't need to call dunder methods directly. Instead, Python automatically calls them when certain actions happen. These operations include:

- **arithmetic operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and others.** In addition, `__add__()` is called, `__sub__()` for subtraction, `__mul__()` for multiplication, and `__truediv__()` for division.
- **string operations like concatenation, repetition, formatting, and conversion to text.** `__add__()` is called for concatenation `__mul__()` for repetition, `__format__()` for formatting, `__str__()` and `__repr__()` for text conversion, and so on.



and `__next__()` to fetch the next item.

Real World Example: Shopping Cart

- **Cart Class with Dunder Methods:** Allows adding, removing, iterating, and checking contents with built-in behavior.

```
class Cart:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.items = []  
  
    def add(self, item):  
        self.items.append(item)  
  
    def remove(self, item):  
        if item in self.items:  
            self.items.remove(item)  
        else:  
            print(f'{item} is not in cart')  
  
    def list_items(self):  
        return self.items  
  
    def __len__(self):  
        return len(self.items)  
  
    def __getitem__(self, index):  
        return self.items[index]  
  
    def __contains__(self, item):  
        return item in self.items  
  
    def __iter__(self):  
        return iter(self.items)  
  
cart = Cart()  
cart.add('Laptop')  
print(len(cart))      # 1  
print('Laptop' in cart) # True
```

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