

Inheritance

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Introduction

- Acquiring or obtaining the features of one type in another type.
- Allows programmers to define a new class which inherits almost all the properties(data members and methods) of existing class.
- Two ways of relationships: Is a relationship and Has-a relationship
- Is a relationship is also known as **parent-child relationship**
- Has a relationship is nothing but containership or composition or collaboration

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Is – a relationship: Indicates that one class gets most or all of its features from a parent class.

When this kind of specialization occurs, there are three ways in which parent and child can interact.

- 1. Action on child imply an action on the parent
- 2. Action on the child override the action on the parent
- 3. Action on the child alter the action on the parent

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1. Action on child imply an action on the parent Example
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```
class A:

def disp(self):
    print("in disp A")

in disp A
    in disp A
```

```
class B(A):
    pass

a1=A()
a1.disp()
```

b1=B() b1.disp()

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2. Action on the child override the action on the parent Example

Output:

in disp A in disp B

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3. Action on the child alter the action on the parent Example
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Types of Is-a relationships:

- 1. Single level inheritance: Sub classes inherit the features of one super class.
- 2. Multi Level inheritance: A class is inherited from another class which is in turn inherited from another class and so on.
- 3. Multiple inheritance: A class can have more than one super class and inherit the features from all parent classes.
- 4. Hierarchical inheritance: One class serves as super class for more than one sub classes
- 5. Hybrid inheritance: A mix of two or more above types of inheritance. Also known as **Diamond shaped inheritance**

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Benefits of inheritance:

- It allows to inherit the properties of a base class, to another class (derived) representing the real-world relationship.
- It provides the reusability of a code.
- Allows us to add more features to a class without modifying it.
- Transitive in nature, which means that if class B inherits from class A, then all the subclasses of B would automatically inherit from class A.
- Less development and maintenance expenses

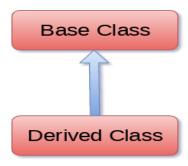
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Single Level Inheritance

class BaseClass1
#Body of base class

class DerivedClass(BaseClass1):
 #body of derived - class



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p.Display()



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Example 1: Program to create a parent class and child class objects
                                                 class stud(Person):
class Person:
                                                    def Print(self):
#Constructor
                                                      print("stud class called")
 def __init__(self, name, id_no):
  self.name = name
                                                 student = stud("Madan", 103)
  self.id_no = id_no
                                                 # Calling child class function
 def Display(self):
                                                 student.Print()
  print(self.name, self.id_no)
                                                 # calling parent class function
#creating an object of a person
                                                 student.Display()
p = Person("Akash", 1001)
```

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emp.display()

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Example 2: Program to demonstrate the parent constructors
 class Person:
  def __init__(self, name, idnumber):
      self.name = name
      self.idnumber = idnumber
  def display(self):
       print(self.name)
       print(self.idnumber)
class Employee(Person):
 def __init__(self, name, idnumber, salary, desgn):
    self.salary = salary
    self.desgn = desgn
    Person.__init__(self, name, idnumber) #observe carefully
emp = Employee('Riya', 802, 50000, "Admin")
```

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print(b1.name)



Example 3: Demo of the error if ___init___() of the parent is not invoked

```
class A:
    def __init__(self, n='Rahul'):
        self.name = n
class B(A):
    def __init__(self, roll):
        self.roll = roll

b1 = B(23)
```

Output:

Traceback (most recent call last):

File

"C:\Users\ADMIN\Desktop\inheritance.py",
line 101, in <module> print(b1.name)

AttributeError: 'B' object has no attribute
'name'

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Super() Function

- It is a built-in function that provides a way to access methods and properties from a parent class within a subclass.
- There might be situations where the overridden method as well as the functionality of the parent method is required. That's where super() becomes helpful.

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Example 4:Assume the parent class has thousands of instance variables

```
class sample:
       def __init__(self,m,n,o):
               self.a=m
               self.b=n
               self.c=o
class sample_child(sample):
       def __init__(self,m,n,o,q):
               #super().___init___(m,n,o)
               Sample.__init__(self,m,n,o)
               self.e=q
       def display(self):
               print(self.a,"--",self.b,"--",self.c,"--",self.d,"--",self.e)
s1=sample_child(1,2,3,4,90)
s1.display()
```

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Example 5: Using super() a subclass can override methods or attributes
from its superclass
class ParentClass:
  def __init__(self):
    self.parent attribute = "Parent Attribute"
  def parent_method(self):
    print("Parent Method")
class ChildClass(ParentClass):
  def __init__(self):
    super().__init__()
                                       # Calling the parent class constructor
    self.child_attribute = "Child Attribute"
```

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def child_method(self):
    super().parent_method()
    print("Child Method")
```

Creating an instance of the ChildClass

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child_obj = ChildClass()
```

Accessing attributes and calling methods

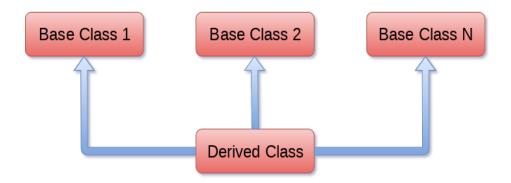
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print(child_obj.child_attribute)
print(child_obj.parent_attribute)
child_obj.child_method()
```

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Multiple inheritance

It provides the flexibility to inherit attributes and methods from more than one class



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Example 6

c1.disp()

```
class A:

def disp(self):

print("in disp A")

class B:

def disp(self):

print("in disp B")
```

Note:

- When there is implicit action on class C, then the class hierarchy of A is considered.
- super() refers to only the first Parent mentioned in the subtype creation

```
class C(A,B): #reverse the order of A and B and observe the output
    def disp(self):
        super().disp()
        print("in disp C")
c1=C()
```

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Multi-Level inheritance

It refers to a type of inheritance where a subclass inherits from another subclass, forming a hierarchical chain of classes.

Syntax:

class class1:

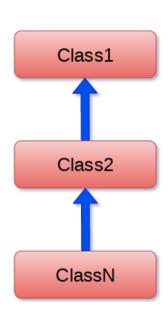
<class-suite>

class class2(class1):

<class suite>

class class3(class2):

<class suite>



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Example 7: Use of super() in multi level inheritance

```
def info(self):
class Shape:
                                           return f"A {self.name} is a polygon with
  def init (self, name):
                                      {self.sides} sides."
    self.name = name
                                      class Triangle(Polygon):
  def info(self):
                                        def init (self, name):
    return f"This is a {self.name}."
                                           super(). init (name, 3)
class Polygon(Shape):
                                      class Quadrilateral(Polygon):
  def ___init___(self, name, sides):
                                        def ___init___(self, name):
    super().__init__(name)
                                           super().__init__(name, 4)
    self.sides = sides
                                                                                  20
```

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Creating instances and accessing methods

```
triangle = Triangle("Triangle")
print(triangle.info())
```

quadrilateral = Quadrilateral("Quadrilateral")
print(quadrilateral.info())

Output

A Triangle is a polygon with 3 sides. A Quadrilateral is a polygon with 4 sides.

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issubclass() and isinstance() methods

issubclass(sub, sup)

Used to check the relationships between the specified classes.

Returns True if the first class is the subclass of the second and False otherwise.

isinstance(obj,class)

Used to check the relationship between the objects and classes. Returns True if the object is the instance of the specified class.

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Example 8: (use of issubclass() and isinstance())
class add:
  def Summation(self,a,b):
    return a+b
class mult:
  def Multiplication(self,a,b):
    return a*b
class Derived(add,mult):
  def Divide(self,a,b):
    return a//b
```

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```
d = Derived()
```

print(issubclass(Derived,mult))
print(issubclass(add,mult))

print(isinstance(d,Derived))

print("Summation of a and b: ",d.Summation(12,20))
print("Product of a and b: ",d.Multiplication(9,8))
print("Quotient:" ,d.Divide(20,10))

Output:

True

False

True

Summation of a and b:

32

Product of a and b: 72

Quotient: 2

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Composition: When one object contains another object as a part or member.

Ex: Library has books

```
class Author:

def __init__(self, name):
    self.name = name

class Book:

def __init__(self, title, author):
    self.title = title
    self.author = author

author1 = Author("J.K. Rowling")

book1 = Book("Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone", author1)

# Accessing Book and Author attributes

print(f"The book '{book1.title}' was written by {book1.author.name}")
```



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