



CLASSES

Object-Oriented Programming



Classes and Objects (1 of 2)

- Programs grow in size, become more complex
- Dependencies and interrelationships throughout code increases
- Partial solution to this problem is **data encapsulation**
 - *Within a unit, as much implementation detail as possible is hidden*
- Programmer using an object is concerned only with
 - *Tasks that the object can perform*
 - *Parameters used by these tasks*

Classes and Objects (2 of 2)

- Python is an object oriented programming language.
- Almost everything in Python is an object, with its properties and methods.
- A class is like an object constructor, or a "blueprint" for creating objects.

Built-in Classes (1 of 3)

Ex1_buildinClasses.py

- Program identifies types of objects
 - *Note use of word “class” instead of “type”*
 - *We refer to a specific literal from one of these classes as an instance of the class*

- Examples:

```
s = "Hello World!"  
L = [1, 2, 3]  
print(type(s))  
print(type(L))
```

[Run]

```
<class 'str'>  
<class 'list'>
```

```
1  s = "Hello World!"  
2  #using built-in functions  
3  print(type(s))  
4  print(id(s))  
5  print(len(s))  
6  #using string methods  
7  print(s.upper())  
8  print(s.lower())  
9  print(s.split())  
10 print()
```

Built-in Classes (2 of 3)

- All **strings** are instances of the class ***str***
 - *Although each object holds its own string value*
 - *All strings have the same methods*
- All **integers** are instances of the class ***int***
- All **floating point numbers** are instances of the class ***float***

Built-in Classes (3 of 3)

- **List** is a collection which is ordered and changeable. Allows duplicate members.
 - *All lists are instances of the class **list***
- **Tuple** is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable. Allows duplicate members.
 - *All tuples are instances of the class **tuple***
- **Dictionary** is a collection which is ordered and changeable. No duplicate members.
 - *All dictionaries are instances of the class **dict***

User-defined Classes (1 of 7)

- Each class we define will
 - *Have a specified set of methods*
- Each object (instance) of the class
 - *Will have its own value(s)*
- Class definitions have the general form

```
class ClassName:  
    indented list of methods for the class
```

User-defined Classes (2 of 7)

Ex2_student.py

- Methods defined much like ordinary functions
 - *Methods have `self` as their first parameter.*
 - *Each method's `self` parameter references the object*
 - *`self` must come first before the other parameters.*
 - *Every method call associated with a class automatically passes `self`, it gives the individual instance access to the attributes and method*

```
1  class ETStudent:
2      def __init__(self, name, id):
3          self.name = name
4          self.id = id
5
6      def display(self):
7          prefix = 'QCC-ET-'
8          print("Name:", self.name.title())
9          print(f"Id: {prefix}{self.id}")
10
11  s1 = ETStudent("john smith", 123456)
12  s1.display()
```

Python - Ex2_student.py:11 ✓

Name: John Smith
Id: QCC-ET-123456

User-defined Classes (3 of 7)

Ex3_dog.py

- Classes are templates from which objects are created
 - *Specifies properties, methods that will be common to all objects, instances of that class*

```
dog.py
1 class Dog:
2     """A simple attempt to model a dog."""
3
4     def __init__(self, name, age):
5         """Initialize name and age attributes."""
6         self.name = name
7         self.age = age
8
9     def sit(self):
10        """Simulate a dog sitting in response to a command."""
11        print(f"{self.name} is now sitting.")
12
13    def roll_over(self):
14        """Simulate rolling over in response to a command."""
15        print(f"{self.name} rolled over!")
16
```



PE11_1

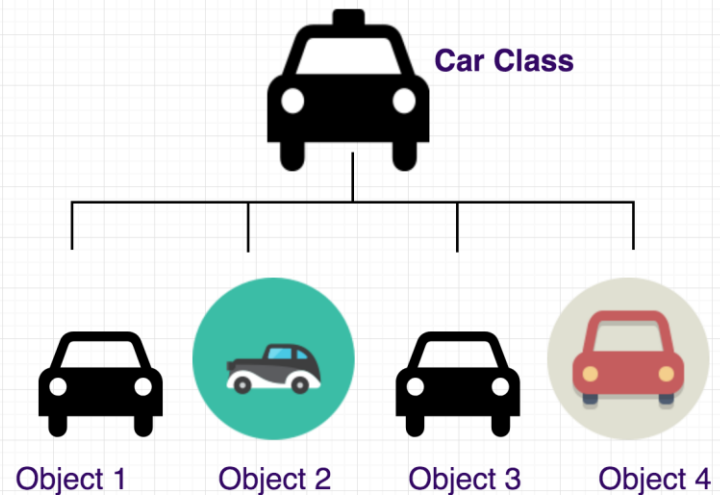
- Write your codes and run

User-defined Classes (4 of 7)

Ex4_car.py

- All classes have a method called `__init__()`, which is always executed when the class is being initiated.
- Use the `__init__()` method to assign instance values to object properties, or other operations that are necessary to do when the object is being created.

```
1 class Car:
2     """A simple attempt to represent a car."""
3
4     def __init__(self, make, model, year):
5         """Initialize attributes to describe a car."""
6         self.make = make
7         self.model = model
8         self.year = year
9         self.odometer_reading = 0
10
```



User-defined Classes (5 of 7)

- Methods in objects are functions that belong to the object.

```
dog.py
1 class Dog:
2     """A simple attempt to model a dog."""
3
4     def __init__(self, name, age):
5         """Initialize name and age attributes."""
6         self.name = name
7         self.age = age
8
9     def sit(self):
10        """Simulate a dog sitting in response to a command."""
11        print(f"{self.name} is now sitting.")
12
13    def roll_over(self):
14        """Simulate rolling over in response to a command."""
15        print(f"{self.name} rolled over!")
16
```

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3
4     def __init__(self, make, model, year):
5         """Initialize attributes to describe a car."""
6         self.make = make
7         self.model = model
8         self.year = year
9         self.odometer_reading = 0
10
11    def get_descriptive_name(self):
12        """Return a neatly formatted descriptive name."""
13        long_name = f"{self.year} {self.make} {self.model}"
14        return long_name.title()
15
16    def read_odometer(self):
17        """Print a statement showing the car's mileage."""
18        print(f"This car has {self.odometer_reading} miles on it.")
```

User-defined Classes (6 of 7)

importing_classes\car.py & importing_classes\my_car.py

- Classes can be
 - *Typed directly into programs*
 - *Stored in modules and brought into programs with an import statement*

```
1 > class Dog:
16
17 my_dog = Dog('Willie', 6)
18 your_dog = Dog('Lucy', 3)
19
20 print(f"My dog's name is {my_dog.name}.")
21 print(f"My dog is {my_dog.age} years old.")
22 my_dog.sit()
23
24 print(f"\nYour dog's name is {your_dog.name}.")
25 print(f"Your dog is {your_dog.age} years old.")
26 your_dog.sit()
```

car.py	my_car.py
1 from car import Car	
2	
3 my_new_car = Car('audi', 'a4', 2019)	
4 print(my_new_car.get_descriptive_name())	
5	
6 my_new_car.odometer_reading = 23	
7 my_new_car.read_odometer()	

User-defined Classes (7 of 7)

Ex5_pass.py

- Class definitions cannot be empty, but if you for some reason have a class definition with no content, put in the pass statement to avoid getting an error.
- ```
class Person:
 Pass
```

# PE11\_2 & PE11\_3

- Write your codes and run

# Summary (1 of 2)

- An **object** is an entity that stores data (instance variables), and has **methods** that manipulate the data.
- A **class** is a template from which objects are created.
- The header of a class definition has the form.  
`class ClassName:`
- The first method is usually an **initializer** named `__init__` that is called automatically when an object is created. It initializes the attributes of the class.
- The **first** parameter of the initializer is name `self`.
- The parameter `self` is a variable that refers to the **object itself**.



# Summary (2 of 2)

- When a method is applied to an object, the object itself is **implicitly** passed to the `self` parameter of the method definition.
- Data are stored in instance variables and accessed by methods are called **mutators** (change values of the instance variable) and **accessors** (retrieve values of instance variables).
- The statement `objectName = className (arg1, arg2, ...)` is said to **instantiate** the object.
- A class variable is visible to all instances of a class and does not vary from instance to instance.
- The process of bundling together data and methods that operate on the data, while hiding the implementation of the methods, is called **encapsulation**.
- Python has many **built-in** classes such as *int*, *float*, *str*, *list*, *tuple*, *bool*, *dict*, and *set*.

# Classes Terminologies

☐ 1 Attribute

☐ 2 Accessors

☐ 3 Built-in Classes

☐ 4 Encapsulation

☐ 5 `_Init_`

☐ 6 Initializer

☐ 7 Instance

☐ 8 Instance Variables

☐ 9 Instantiate

☐ 10 Method

☐ 11 Mutators

☐ 12 Mutators

☐ 13 Object

☐ 14 Object-Oriented Programming

☐ 15 Self

☐ 16 User-defined Classes

■ **Inheritance** allows a **new class** to be created from an **existing class** and to inherit its instance variables and methods

■ **Existing Class:**  
Superclass / Parent Class / Base Class

■ **New Class:**  
Sub Class / Child Class / Derived Class

■ A method defined in a child class with the same name as a method in its parent class **overrides** the parent's method.

■ **Polymorphism** is the ability to use same syntax for objects of different types. Every OOP language allows two classes to use the same method name but with different implementation.

# Quiz 11

- Quiz 11A has 10 questions in 15 minutes, 10 pts
  - 10 multiple choice/true or false questions, 1 pt. for each question
  - Quiz 11A has **two** attempt, the **higher** grade will be selected
  - Submit Quiz 11A (at least 1-minute) **before** the due time to Blackboard
- Quiz 11B has 2 code questions, 15 pts
  - Write the Python code based on the given question
  - Each question will be given during the last 10-minute of each session of week 11
  - Quiz 11B-1 on session A, and Quiz 11B-2 on session B
  - Quiz 11B has **one** attempt

# DB 11

- Instruction:

1) Choose any **three terminologies** from the PowerPoint this week or last week. Please **avoid** selecting the exact same terms. Make sure to indicate the **terms** you're working on in the thread title as soon as you open your thread. Then you can **explain and edit your terms** (1.2 pt).

2) There are **three** ways to **pass arguments** to parameters in a function. List them and give an example of each type (0.3 pt).

3) Submit your posts before the due date. Let's learn from each other.