OOP Principles: Inheritance, Polymorphism, and Encapsulation (1.5 hours)



- **Inheritance** Just like humans inherit traits from their parents, classes can inherit attributes and methods from other classes. This helps reduce code repetition and create a natural hierarchy in your code!
 - **Example:** Imagine a Vehicle class with general features (like wheels). We can create subclasses like Car and Bike that inherit those features!

python

```
class Vehicle:
    def init (self, wheels):
       self.wheels = wheels
class Car(Vehicle):
   pass
car = Car(4)
print(car.wheels)
                   # Output: 4
```

Polymorphism : Derived classes can behave differently for the same method inherited from a base class. With polymorphism, a method name can mean different things across multiple classes.

Example: Imagine a speak() method. Dogs bark(), while cats meow(), even though both use speak()!

```
class Doc
        speak(self):
         eturn "Woof!"
    def speak(self):
        return "Meow!"
Polymorphism in action
for animal in [Dog(), Cat()]:
    print(animal.speak())
```

Encapsulation : This is the practice of keeping attributes and methods private to prevent unwanted interference from outside the class. It's like hiding your chocolate stash from everyone else!

```
class SecretStash:
    def __init__(self):
        self.__chocolates = 10  # Private attribute

def take_chocolate(self):
    if self.__chocolates > 0:
        self.__chocolates -= 1
        print("One chocolate taken!")
    else:
        print("No chocolates left  "")

stash = SecretStash()
stash.take_chocolate()
```

In Summary

OOP allows you to organize code in a way that's fun, reusable, and efficient! As you practice, imagine the real-world objects around you and think of how they could become classes in your code. Whether you're designing a Smartphone, Pet, or Superhero, OOP gives you the power to build programs that feel like real-world systems.

