OOP Cheat Sheet

Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

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# Defining a new class
class Robot:
 This class implements a Robot.
 population = 0 # class attribute
 # this is the constructor
 # it gets executed automatically each time an object is created
 def __init__(self, name=None, year=None):
   self.name = name
                           # instance attribute, default None
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   self.year = year
   Robot.population += 1 # incrementing the class attribute when creating a new object
 # this is de destructor, it's automatically called then the object gets out of scope
 # MOST of the time it's not recommended to implement it (Python has a garbage collector)
 def __del__(self):
   # print('Robot died')
   pass
 def set_energy(self, energy):
   self.energy = energy # instance attribute, set in methods
 def __str__(self): # magic method, called automatically when printing the object
   return f'Name: {self.name}, Built Year: {self.year}'
 def __add__(self, other): # magic method, called automatically when adding 2 objects
   return self.energy + other.energy
r0 = Robot() # creating an instance with attributes set to default None
              # => Name: None, Built Year: None
print(r0)
r1 = Robot('R2D2', 2030) # creating an instance (object)
print(r1.__doc__)
                          # => This class implements a Robot. -> class docstring
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print('Robot name:', r1.name) # => R2D2 -> accessing an instance attribute
                         # => {'name': 'R2D2', 'year': 2030} -> dictionary with instance attributes
print(r1.__dict__)
r1.set_energy(555)
                        # creating the "energy" attribute
print(r1.energy)
                        # => 555
print(Robot.population) # => 2
print(r1.population)
                          # => 2
r1.population += 10
                          # creating an instance attribute (doesn't modify the class attribute)
print(Robot.population)
                          # => 2
print(r1.population)
                          # => 12
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