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OOP Revision

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Poll

1. Which of the following correctly describes the key difference between `@classmethod` and `@staticmethod`?

- a) `@classmethod` modifies instance attributes, while `@staticmethod` cannot modify any attributes
- b) `@classmethod` receives the class (`cls`) as the first argument, while `@staticmethod` does not
- c) `@staticmethod` can only be called inside the class, while `@classmethod` can be called externally
- d) `@staticmethod` is always inherited by child classes, while `@classmethod` is not

Poll

2. Which of the following is NOT a valid purpose of a special method?
- a) Allowing an object to be called like a function
 - b) Enabling mathematical operations like addition (+) for custom objects
 - c) Automatically running the method after every attribute change
 - d) Defining how an object is represented as a string

Poll

3. Which of the following is true about Abstract Base Classes (ABC) in Python?

- a) ABC classes can be instantiated directly
- b) All subclasses of an ABC must implement the abstract methods
- c) ABC classes don't allow inheritance
- d) ABC classes automatically define all methods without the need for child classes to implement them

Poll

4. Which of the following statements is true regarding method overriding in Python?
- a) The parent class method can never be accessed once it's overridden
 - b) You can call the parent class method from the subclass using `super()`
 - c) Method overriding is only allowed when using multiple inheritance
 - d) You must explicitly use the `override()` keyword to override methods

Learning Outcomes

- Identify the Components of a Class
- Demonstrate the Use of Inheritance
- Remember the purpose of special methods in Python.
- Apply special methods to create well-structured Python classes.
- Create a Python class that implements at least three special methods.

Learning Outcomes

- Describe and utilise polymorphism with the use of
 - Operator Overloading
 - Method Overriding
 - Method Overloading and
 - Duck Typing.

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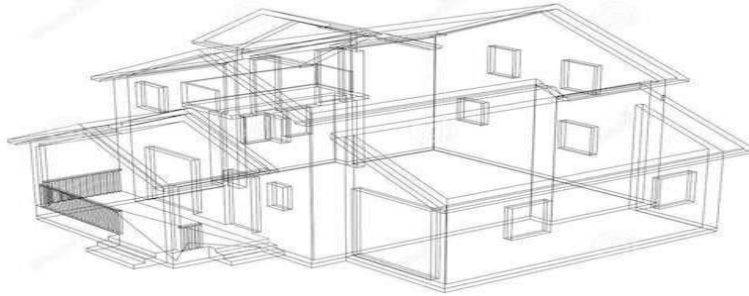
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Classes

Classes and Objects

- A class is a blueprint or template for creating objects. It defines the attributes and methods that all objects of that class will have.



- An object is an instance of a class. Objects are created based on the structure defined by the class.

Attributes

- Attributes are values that define the characteristics associated with an object.
- They define the state of an object and provide information about its current condition.

Methods (Behaviours)

- Methods, also known as behaviours, define the actions or behaviours that objects can perform.
- They encapsulate the functionality of objects and allow them to interact with each other and the outside world.

Constructor

- A constructor is a **special method** that gets called when an object is instantiated. It is used to **initialise the object's attributes**.

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

Creating a Class

- `__init__()` method is called when the class is instantiated.

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

- This Class takes in three values: a `name`, `age` and `graduation status`.

Class Instantiation

- When you instantiate a class, you **create an instance** or an object of that class.

```
luke = Student("Luke Skywalker", 23, True)
```

Creating and Calling Methods

- `change_location()` method is called below:

```
class House:

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

    def change_location(self, new_location):
        self.location = new_location

house = House("London")
house.change_location("Manchester")
```

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Special Methods

What are Special Methods?

- Special methods in Python are predefined methods that allow developers to define how objects of a class should behave in certain situations.

Objects as Strings



Objects As Strings

- You have probably noticed when using `print()` that some `objects` are `represented differently` than others.
- Some `dictionaries` and `list` have `{}` and `[]` in the representation and when we print an `object` we get a memory address `<__main__.Person object at 0x000001EBCA11E650>`
- We can set the `string representations` for our objects to whatever we like using either `__repr__()` or `__str__()`

__repr__()

- This method returns a string for an official representation of the object.
- __repr__() is usually used to build a representation that can assist developers when working with the class.
- This representation will contain extra information in the method about the object that is not meant for the user.

__repr__()

```
class Student:
    def __init__(self, full_name, student_number):
        self.full_name = full_name
        self.student_number = student_number

    def __repr__(self):
        # Including memory address and internal state, useful for debugging
        return (f"<Student(name={self.full_name!r}, "
                f"S_Number={self.student_number!r}, id={hex(id(self))})>")

new_student = Student("Percy Jackson", "PJ323423")

print(new_student)
# Output: <Student(name='Percy Jackson', S_Number='PJ323423', id=0xc303747f50)>
```

__str__()

- This method returns a **user-friendly representation** for your object when the **str()** function is called.
- When your object is used in the **print** function it will automatically try to **cast your object to a string** and will then **receive the representation** returned by **__str__()**

__str__()

```
class Student:

    def __init__(self, full_name, student_number):
        self.full_name = full_name
        self.student_number = student_number

    def __str__(self):
        return (f"Full Name:\t{self.full_name}\n"
                f"Student Num: \t{self.student_number}")

new_student = Student("Percy Jackson", "PJ323423")

print(new_student)
# Output:  Full Name:      Percy Jackson
#          Student Num:   PJ323423
```


Container-Like Objects



Container-Like Objects

- A container-like object is any object that can hold or store other objects.
- Using special methods we can also incorporate the behaviour that we see in container-like objects.
- E.g. When we try to get an item from a list the special method `__getitem__(self, key)` is called. We can then override the default behaviour of the method to return the result we desire.
- For this example, `object[0]` will call `object.__getitem__(self.key)` where `key = 0`

Implementing Container-Like Behaviour

```
class ContactList:

    def __init__(self):
        self.contact_list = []

    def add_contact(self, contact):
        self.contact_list.append(contact)

    def __getitem__(self, key):
        return self.contact_list[key]

contact_list = ContactList()
contact_list.add_contact("Test Contact")
print(contact_list[0]) # Output: Test Contact
```

Container-Like Objects: Special Methods

- Some special methods for container-like objects are:
 - `len(object)` -> `__len__(self)`
 - `object[key]` -> `__getitem__(self, key)`
 - `object[key] = item` -> `__setitem__(self, key, item)`
 - `item in object` -> `__contains__(self, item)`
 - `variable = object(parameter)` -> `__call__(self, parameter)`
 - `iter(object)` or `'for item in object'` -> `__iter__(self)`
 - `next(iterator)` -> `__next__(self)`

Comparators



Comparators

- We will use these methods to **set the behaviour** when we try to **compare our objects** to determine which one is smaller or larger or are they equal.
- E.g. When trying to see if object x is **greater than** object y. The **method `x.__gt__(y)`** will be called to **determine the result**. We can then set the behaviour of `__gt__()` inside our class.
- `x > y -> x.__gt__(y)`

Comparators

```
class Student:

    def __init__(self, fullname, student_number, average):
        self.fullname = fullname
        self.student_number = student_number
        self.average = average

    def __gt__(self, other):
        return self.average > other.average

student1 = Student("Peter Parker", "PP734624", 88)
student2 = Student("Tony Stark", "TS23425", 85)
print(student1 > student2) # Output: True
```

Other Comparators

- Commonly Used Special Methods for Comparison:
 - `__eq__(self, other)`: Behaviour for equality (==)
 - `__ne__(self, other)`: Behaviour for inequality (!=)
 - `__lt__(self, other)`: Behaviour for less-than (<)
 - `__le__(self, other)`: Behaviour for less-than-or-equal (<=)
 - `__gt__(self, other)`: Behaviour for greater-than (>)
 - `__ge__(self, other)`: Behaviour for greater-than-or-equal (>=)

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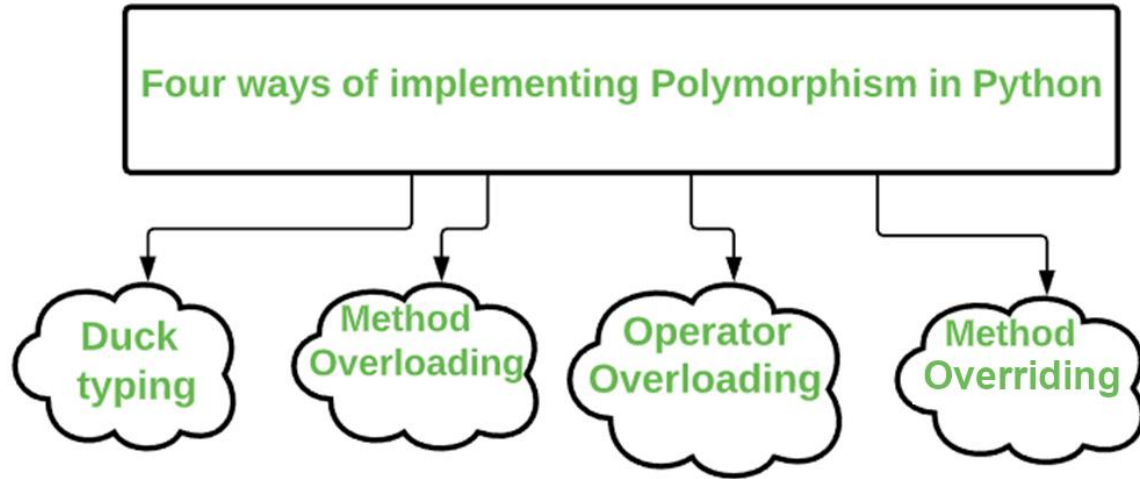
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Polymorphism

What is Polymorphism?

- Polymorphism refers to the **ability** of different objects **to respond** to the same message or **method call in different ways**.
- This allows objects of different classes to be treated as objects of a common superclass.

Implementing Polymorphism



Operator Overloading



Poly: Operator Overloading

- Special methods allow us to set the behaviour for mathematical operations such as +, -, *, /, **
- Using these methods we can determine how the operators will be applied to our objects.
- $x + y \rightarrow x.__add__(y)$
- E.g. When trying to add two of your objects, x and y, together python will try to invoke the `__add__()` special method that sits inside your object x. The code inside `__add__()` will then determine how your objects will be added together and returned.

Operators for Overloading

- Commonly Used Special Methods for Operator Overloading:
 - `__add__(self, other):` Behaviour for the (+) operator.
 - `__sub__(self, other):` Behaviour for the (-) operator.
 - `__mul__(self, other):` Behaviour for the (*) operator.
 - `__pow__(self, other):` Behaviour for the (**) operator.
 - `__truediv__(self, other):` Behaviour for the (/) operator.
 - `__eq__(self, other):` Behaviour for the (==) operator.

Special Methods And Math

```
class MyNumber:

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

    def __add__(self, other):
        return MyNumber(self.value + other.value)

num1 = MyNumber(10)
num2 = MyNumber(5)
num3 = num1 + num2
print(num3.value) # Output: 15
```


Method Overriding



Poly: Method Overriding

- We can override methods in our subclass to either **extend or change the behaviour of a method** in the base class.
- To apply method overriding you simply need to **define a method with the same name** as the method you would like to override.
- To extend functionality of a method instead of completely overriding we can **use the `super()` function**.

Method Overloading



Poly: Method Overloading

- In Python, method overloading can be achieved by using default values for function parameters as one possible option.
- You can also use the `*args` and `**kwargs` concept to receive a varying parameter list.

Duck Typing



Duck Typing

- Duck typing is where the **type or class** of an object is **less important than the methods or properties** it possesses.
- The term "duck typing" comes from the saying, "If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck."

```
class Dog:
    def speak(self):
        return "Woof!"

# Function that expects an object with a speak method
def make_sound(animal):
    return animal.speak()

# Using duck typing
dog = Dog()

print(make_sound(dog)) # Outputs: Woof!
```

**Let's take a short
break**

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Demo Time!



Conclusion and Recap

Lesson Recap

- Why **OOP** is Essential in Programming
- Implementing a **Class**
- Demonstration of **Inheritance** and **Polymorphism**
- **Special Methods**
 - Implement special behaviours into our classes to allow them to interact with built-in python methods.
- **Polymorphism**
 - An idea where different objects can respond to the same message or method call in different ways.

Questions and Answers



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