

# POLYMORPHISM

## 1. What is polymorphism ?

The same interface existing in different forms is called polymorphism

### **Example :**

An addition between two integers  $2 + 2$  return 4 whereas an addition between two strings "Hello" + "World" concatenates it to "Hello World"

## 2. What is operator overloading ?

Redefining how an operator operates its operands is called operator overloading.

### **Syntax:**

```
def __operatorFunction__(operandOne, operandTwo):  
    # Define the operation that has to be performed
```

### **Example:**

```
class Square:  
    def __init__(self, side):  
        self.side = side  
  
    def __add__(sideOne, sideTwo):  
        return(sideOne.side + sideTwo.side)
```

```
squareOne = Square(10)  
squareTwo = Square(20)  
# After overloading __add__ method, squareOne +  
squareTwo is interpreted as Square.__add__(squareOne,  
squareTwo)  
print("Sum of sides of two squares = ", squareOne +  
squareTwo)
```

### 3. What is overriding ?

Modifying the inherited behaviour of methods of a base class in a derived class is called overriding.

#### **Syntax:**

```
class BaseClass:
    def methodOne(self):
        # Body of method

class DerivedClass(baseClass):
    def methodOne(self):
        # Redefine the body of methodOne
```

#### **Example:**

```
class Shape:
    def area():
        return 0

class Square(Shape):
    def area(self, side):
        return (side * side)
```

### 4. Why is super() used ?

super() is used to access the methods of base class.

#### **Example:**

```
class BaseClass:
    def baseClassMethod():
        print("This is BaseClassOne")

class DerivedClass(BaseClass):
    def __init__(self):
        # calls the base class method
        super().baseClassMethod()
```