

CLASS VS INSTANCE VARIABLE

Class Variable

- * It is declared inside the class definition (but outside any of the instance methods).
- * Class variables are those variables where you have only one copy of the variable which is shared with all the instance of the class.
- * It is also called a static variable

```
In [1]: class Student:
        prog_leader = 'Mrs. Amita Shukla' # class variable
        college = 'Amity University Lucknow'
        programme = 'MBA'
        def __init__(self, name, roll_no, age, specialization):
            self.name = name # instance variable
            self.roll_no = roll_no
            self.Age = age
            self.specialization = specialization
```

```
In [2]: John = Student("John", 'A7001235986', 21, 'IT')
        Harry = Student("Harry", 'A7001920017', 22, 'Operations')
        Radha = Student("Radha", 'A7001920011', 23, 'HR')
```

Class variables can be accessed using either class name or object reference.

```
In [3]: print(Student.college)
```

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```
In [4]: obj1 = Student("Python", 'A7001235986', 22, 'Marketing')
```

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In [5]: print(obj1.college)
```

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Instance variables are unique to all the instances of the class

- Id function returns the address of the object

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In [7]: id(John.roll_no) == id(Harry.roll_no)
```

Out[7]: False

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In [8]: id(Radha.name) == id(John.name)
```

Out[8]: False

Class variables are common to all instances of a class

```
In [9]: id(John.prog_leader) == id(Harry.prog_leader)
```

Out[9]: True

```
In [12]: print("Name = ", John.name, "\nRoll no. = ", John.roll_no, "\nProgramme = ", Student.programme, "\nCollege name = ", Student.college)
```

Name = John
Roll no. = A7001235986
Programme = MBA
College name = Amity University Lucknow

```
In [13]: print(Student.programme)
```

MBA

```
In [14]: print(John.programme)
```

MBA

Modifying a class variable

```
In [15]: Harry.prog_leader
```

Out[15]: 'Mrs. Amita Shukla'

```
In [16]: Student.prog_leader = 'Mr. Satya Nadella'
```

```
In [17]: John.prog_leader
```

Out[17]: 'Mr. Satya Nadella'

Instance Variable

- * Instance Variable declared inside the constructor method of class (the **init** method).
- * Every instance of that class (object) has it's own copy of that variable.

Modifying a class variable

```
In [20]: class Employee:
          Holiday = 13
          pass

          Rohan= Employee()
          Rohit = Employee()
```

```
Rohan.fname="Rohan"
Rohan.lname ="Singh"
Rohan.salary=45000
Rohan.profile="Data Scientist"
Rohan.Experience = '6 Yrs'

Rohit.fname="Rohit"
Rohit.lname ="Singh"
Rohit.salary=56000
Rohit.profile="Data Analyst"
Rohit.Experience = '8 Yrs'
```

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In [21]: print(Rohit.Holiday)
```

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In [22]: print(Employee.Holiday)
```

13

```
In [23]: print(Rohan.__dict__)
```

```
{'fname': 'Rohan', 'lname': 'Singh', 'salary': 45000, 'profile': 'Data Scientist', 'Experience': '6 Yrs'}
```

```
In [24]: print(Employee.__dict__)
```

```
{'__module__': '__main__', 'Holiday': 13, '__dict__': <attribute '__dict__' of 'Employee' objects>, '__weakref__': <attribute '__weakref__' of 'Employee' objects>, '__doc__': None}
```

Here Python Interpreter creates a new instance variable in Rohan

```
In [25]: Rohan.Holiday
```

Out[25]: 13

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In [26]:
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Rohan.Holiday=14
```

```
In [27]: print(Rohan.__dict__)
```

```
{'fname': 'Rohan', 'lname': 'Singh', 'salary': 45000, 'profile': 'Data Scientist', 'Experience': '6 Yrs', 'Holiday': 14}
```

```
In [28]: print(Employee.__dict__)
```

```
{'__module__': '__main__', 'Holiday': 13, '__dict__': <attribute '__dict__' of 'Employee' objects>, '__weakref__': <attribute '__weakref__' of 'Employee' objects>, '__doc__': None}
```

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In [29]: Employee.Holiday =15
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```
In [30]: print(Employee.__dict__)
```

```
{'__module__': '__main__', 'Holiday': 15, '__dict__': <attribute '__dict__' of 'Employee' objects>, '__weakref__': <attribute '__weakref__' of 'Employee' objects>, '__doc__': None}
```

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In [ ]:
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