Inheritance (subclasses)

Explanation

Ensure you refer to and understand the Classes cheatsheet first!

Subclasses are *extensions* of other classes - known as superclasses. For example, if a class called Animal exists, it may have some base attributes like name, age, colour, owner, etc. But then, a subclass, say Cat might exist. This could have attributes like lives, relationship_to_dogs etc.

Similarly, the Animal class might have getter & setter functions for its properties, and the Cat subclass would have getters and setters for its *extra* properties. The subclass would also feature its own constructor.

The subclass would inherit all attributes and methods of its superclass. It could also have its own methods added onto it.

Python

Here is the example used above in Python:

```
# Superclass
class Animal:
        def __init__(self, name, age, colour, owner):
               self.name = name
                self.age = age
                self.colour = colour
                self.owner = owner
        def get_name(self):
                return self.name
        def get_age(self):
                return self.age
        def get_colour(self):
                return self.colour
        def get_owner(self):
                return self.owner
        def set_name(self, name):
                self.name = name
        def set_age(self, age):
                self.age = age
        def set_colour(self, colour):
                self.colour = colour
        def set_owner(self, owner):
                self.owner = owner
```

```
class Cat(Pet):
    def __init__(self, name, age, colour, owner, lives, relationship_to_dogs):
        super().__init__(name, age, colour, owner)
        self.lives = lives
        self.relationship_to_dogs = relation_to_dogs

def get_lives(self):
        return self.lives

def get_relationship_to_dogs(self):
        return self.relationship_to_dogs

def set_lives(self, lives):
        self.lives = lives

def set_relationship_to_dogs(self, relationship_to_dogs):
        self.relationship_to_dogs(relationship_to_dogs)
```

TypeScript

```
class Animal {
   name: string;
   age: number;
   colour: string;
   owner: string;
   constructor(name: string, age: number, colour: string, owner: string) {
       this.name = name;
       this.age = age;
       this.colour = colour;
       this.owner = owner;
   getName(): string {
      return this.name;
   getAge(): number {
      return this.age;
   getColour(): string {
       return this colour;
   getOwner(): string {
      return this.owner;
   setName(name: string): void {
      this.name = name;
   setAge(age: number): void {
      this.age = age;
   setColour(colour: string): void {
```

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this.colour = colour;
   }
   setOwner(owner: string): void {
      this.owner = owner;
class Cat extends Animal {
   lives: number;
   relationshipToDogs: string;
   constructor(name: string, age: number, colour: string,
                          owner: string, lives: number, relationshipToDogs: string)
       super(name, age, colour, owner);
       this.lives = lives;
       this.relationshipToDogs= relationshipToDogs;
   getLives(): number {
      return this lives;
   getRelationshipToDogs(): string {
      return this.relationshipToDogs;
   setLives(lives: number): void {
      this.lives = lives;
   setRelationshipToDogs(relationshipToDogs: string): void {
       this.relationshipToDogs = relationshipToDogs;
```

C#

```
using System;

public class Animal {
    public string name;
    public int age;
    public string colour;
    public string owner;

public Animal(string name, int age, string colour, string owner) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
        this.colour = colour;
        this.owner = owner;
    }

public string GetName() {
        return this.name;
    }

public int GetAge() {
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return this.age;
   }
   public string GetColour() {
      return this.colour;
   public string GetOwner() {
      return this.owner;
   public void SetName(string name) {
      this.name = name;
   public void SetAge(int age) {
      this.age = age;
   public void SetColour(string colour) {
     this.colour = colour;
   public void SetOwner(string owner) {
      this.owner = owner;
public class Cat : Animal {
   public int lives;
   public string relationshipToDogs;
   public Cat(string name, int age, string colour,
               string owner, int lives, string relationshipToDogs)
       : base(name, age, colour, owner) {
       this.lives = lives;
       this.relationshipToDogs = relationshipToDogs;
   public int GetLives() {
      return this.lives;
   public string GetRelationshipToDogs() {
       return this.relationshipToDogs;
   public void SetLives(int lives) {
      this.lives = lives;
       public void SetRelationshipToDogs(string relationshipToDogs)
              this.relationToDogs = relationshipToDogs;
```