

Python Programming

Inheritance with properties

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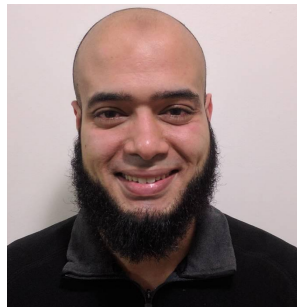
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With properties

- We simply inherit them
- But where problems may occur?
- Forgetting that: self is the **calling instance**

```
3 class Employee:
4     def __init__(self, salary):
5         self.salary = salary
6
7     @property
8     def salary(self):
9         return self.__salary
10
11     @salary.setter
12     def salary(self, value):
13         if value < 0:
14             value = 0
15         self.__salary = value
16
17 class HourlyEmployee(Employee):
18     pass
19
20 if __name__ == '__main__':
21     # inherits: init and properties
22     emp = HourlyEmployee(20)
23     print(emp.salary)
24     emp.salary = -30
25     print(emp.salary)
26
```

What is wrong?

- Trace the code and find the error

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12     def salary(self, value):
13         if value < 0:
14             value = 0
15         self.__salary = value
16
17 class HourlyEmployee(Employee):
18     extra = 100
19
20     @property
21     def salary(self):
22         return self.__salary + HourlyEmployee.extra
23
24 if __name__ == '__main__':
25     emp = HourlyEmployee(20)
26     print(emp.salary)
27     emp.salary = -30
28     print(emp.salary)
```

Self?

- The key is to remember what is self
- Employee: has set/get property
- Override: get only
- Self wanna set

```
1 class Employee:
2     def __init__(self, salary):
3         # self here will refer to the child class! which doesn't has set!
4         self.salary = salary # AttributeError: can't set attribute
5
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9     @salary.setter
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17    class HourlyEmployee(Employee):
18        extra = 100
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20        # Override property: get only
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22        def salary(self):...
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27    if __name__ == '__main__':
28        # inherits: init and properties
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So

- We can simply provide setter for the child class
- Or whatever solution
- Overall: Be careful and remember what is self: the calling instance
- Also remember: when u override a property, you cancel its get/set

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