Python Programming

Mutable Objects

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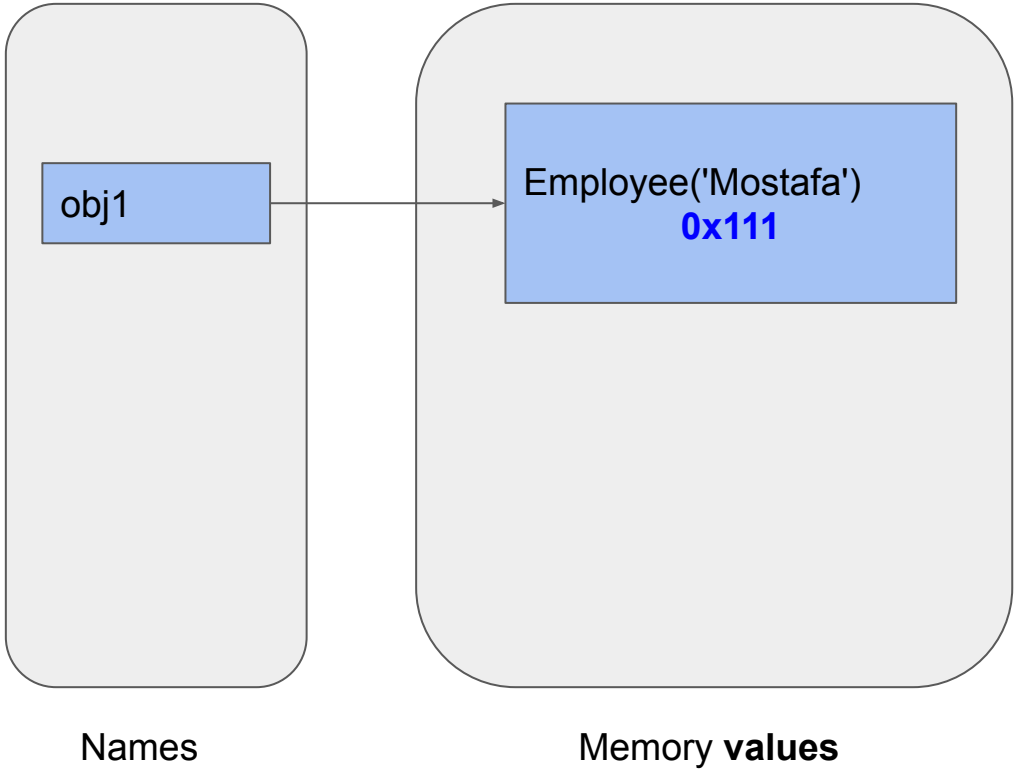
id() function

- id() function returns a unique id for the specified object.
  - In **CPython** impl = It is the object memory address
  - CPython is the reference implementation of the Python programming language.
  - Written in C and Python, CPython is the default and **most widely used** implementation of the language.

```
5   name = 'mostafa'
6   another = name
7
8   print(id(name))          # 140296414377200
9   print(id(another))       # 140296414377200
10
11  x = 10
12  print(id(x))             # 94845838730272
13
14
```

The memory

```
2    class Employee:
3        def __init__(self, name):
4            self.name = name
5
6    # creates new object with =
7    obj1 = Employee('Mostafa')
8    print(id(obj1))        # 0x111
```

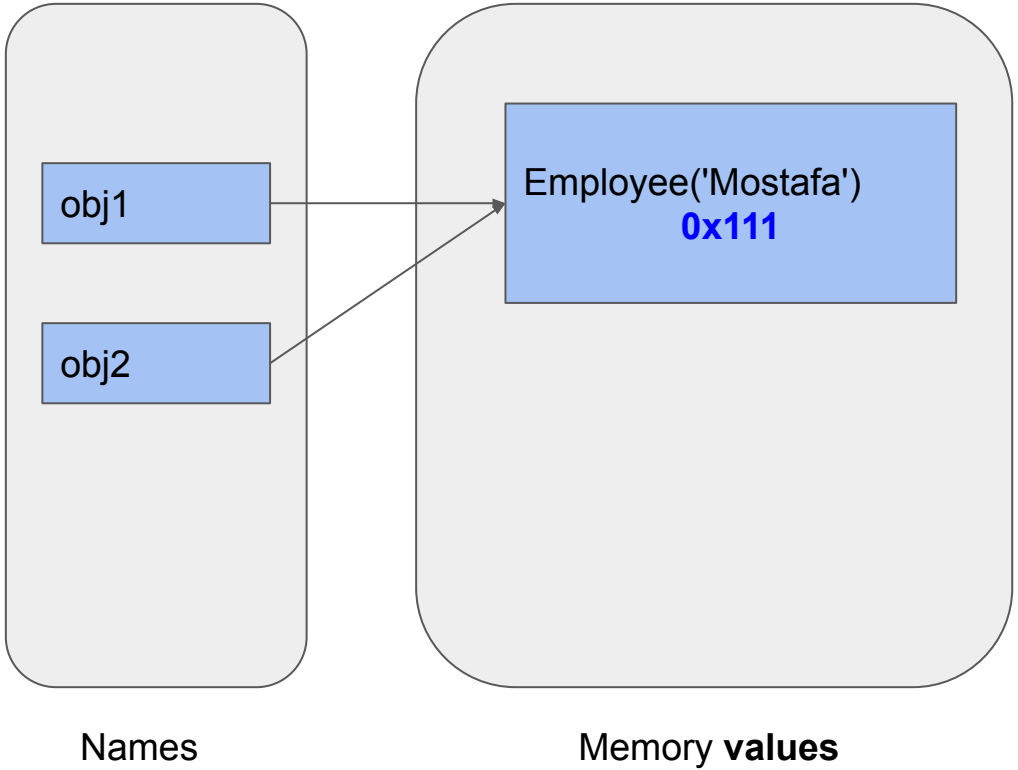


- **Names**(Variables) don't hold **values**
  - They hold **binding** to the value
- **Many** names can refer to **one** value.

The memory

```
2   class Employee:
3       def __init__(self, name):
4           self.name = name
5
6   # creates new object with =
7   obj1 = Employee('Mostafa')
8   print(id(obj1))        # 0x111
9
10  obj2 = obj1
11  print(id(obj2))        # 0x111
```

- 2 names: obj1, obj2
- 1 memory object @ 0x111
  - Type: Employee



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11  print(id(obj2))        # 0x111
12
13  # creates new object
14  obj2 = Employee('belal')
15  print(id(obj2))        # 0x222
16
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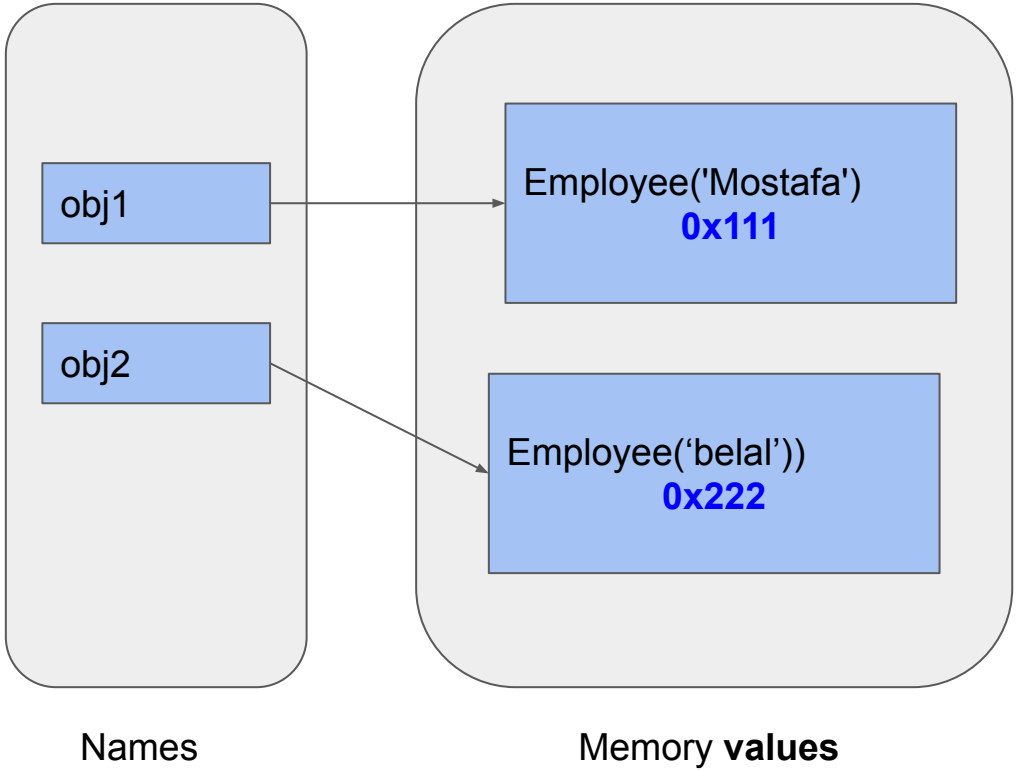

Alias

- 3 names: obj1, obj2, emp
- All of them are bounded to the SAME value
- Any change in one of them is reflected in others

```
2   class Employee:
3       def __init__(self):
4           self.id = 0
5
6   def inc_id(emp):
7       print(id(emp))  # 0x111 SAME
8       emp.id += 1
9
10  obj1 = Employee()
11  obj2 = obj1
12  print(id(obj1))     # 0x111
13  print(id(obj2))     # 0x111
14
15  print(obj1.id)      # 0
16
17  inc_id(obj1)
18  print(obj1.id)      # 1
19
20  inc_id(obj2)
21  print(obj1.id)      # 2
22  print(obj2.id)      # 2
23
```

Mutable Objects

- We created obj1 object
- We also changed its internal values
- Such objects are called **mutable** objects
  - Their value can be changed (in-place)
- So far we studied builtin immutable objects (such as string and int)
  - You can’t change their values! (next lesson)
- Python has built-in mutable classes:
  - list, dict, set, bytearray
- Nice python visualization site: http://pythontutor.com/
- Optional Reading

"Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people."

"Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave."