

Object-Oriented Programming Concepts

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1 Python Test/Implementation of Some OOP Concepts

Please find the code [here](#).

Note: I meant to leave errors in the code to show some possible errors.

2 General OOP Questions

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- Difference between class and object

3 Inheritance

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- Default/Parameterized/Copy/Static/Private Constructor
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OOP / Object Oriented Programming

1. OOP vs Structural programming

Object oriented programming	Structural programming
based on objects rather than functions & procedures	provide logical structure to a program where programs are divided into functions
bottom-up approach	top-down approach
provides data hiding	doesn't provide data hiding
can solve problems of any complexity	can solve moderate problems
can reuse code to prevent redundancy	cannot reuse code
2. What is Object-Oriented Programming?

OOP is a type of programming that is based on objects rather than just functions & procedures. Individual objects are grouped into classes. OOPs implement real-world entities like inheritance, polymorphism, binding, etc. into programming. It also allows binding data and code together.
3. Advantages of OOP
 - ① clarity in programming → simplicity in solving complex problem
 - ② inheritance → reuse code → reduce redundancy
 - ③ encapsulation → put data and code together
 - ④ data hiding → keep data confidential
 - ⑤ divide problems into different parts → making it simple to solve
 - ⑥ polymorphism → allow entity to have multiple forms → flexibility
4. Main features of OOP

- ① inheritance
 - ② encapsulation
 - ③ polymorphism
 - ④ data abstraction

5. Abstraction in OOPs

An object contains some properties & methods. We can hide them from the outer world through access modifiers. We can provide access only for required functions & properties to the other programs. This is the general procedure to implement abstraction in OOPs.

① Data abstraction

User Program

private

name: string

id: int

public

get-name()

set-name(str)

public

get-id()

set-id(id)

When the data is not visible to the outer world, it creates data abstraction. If needed, access to the object's data is provided through some methods.

② Process abstraction

We don't need to provide details about all the functions of an object. We hide the internal implementation of the different functions involved in it, it creates process abstraction.

Car Driver

private

fill-fuel()

break-speed()

move-break-past()

change-piston-speed()

public

turn-on()

turn-off()

accelerate()

brake()

gear-change()

6. Python OOP

① private variable: `self.__wall = input`

↑ ↑
access ~~the~~ private variable through name mangling: `__classname__identifier`
i.e. `__horse__instance__Horse__wall`

② achieve abstraction using the ABC (Abstraction Class) or abstract method
i.e. optional to implement "abstract method" from the parent abstractmethod, ABC

Class Vehicle (object): `class Vehicle(ABC):`

② abstractmethod `def drive(self):`
pass

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pass

class Car(Vehicle):
...
"must implement drive"

class Cat(Vehicle):
...
def drive(self):
print("drive")
"isn't implement drive"

* ② private methods of the class can neither be accessed outside the class nor by any base class/sub class/child class.
✓ However, private methods can be accessed by calling the private methods via public methods.

def __private(self): print("this is private")
def Help(self): self.__private(); self.__public()

✓ ② python provides a way to access outside of class private methods called name mangling.
obj.__classname__private

7. object: a real-world entity with its own attributes and behaviors, e.g. car, chair.
class: prototype of ~~set~~ attributes & behaviors. (data + functions)
structure: a user-defined collection of variables that are of different types.

* object is an instance of class; class is a blueprint of object.

8. Types of inheritance

① single inheritance: son (father + mother)
② multiple inheritance: vehicle → car → sports car.
③ multilevel inheritance: multiple + multilevel inheritance
④ hybrid inheritance: vehicle → car, bike, etc.

① super class = base class = parent class
② sub class = child class = derived class

10. polymorphism: different instances/objects of a class can have different values even for the same attributes/functions; they can also have different attributes/functions.

② Types of polymorphism

1° static polymorphism: occurs at compile time, e.g. method overloading
2° dynamic polymorphism: resolved during runtime, e.g. method overriding.

Note:

1° method overloading: give the same name to more than one methods within a class if the arguments passed differ.

2° method overriding: child class can redefine methods presented in parent class.

overloading } over riding
Same name, different parameters/signature } child class redefines methods presented in parent
resolved during compile time } resolved during runtime

11. Encapsulation: bind the data & code/functions into one single unit. It allows data hiding as the data specified in one class is hidden from others.

Access Specifiers/Modifiers: keywords that determine the accessibility of methods, classes etc in OOP, e.g. public/private/protected

② public vs. private vs. protected

	Accessible from own class	Accessible from derived class	Accessible from world
public	Yes	Yes	Yes
private	Yes	No	No
protected	Yes	Yes	No

12. Data Abstraction: display the important information and hide the implementation details.

Data Abstraction can be achieved through abstract class/method.

Abstract class: a class consisting of abstract methods. They are not declared but not defined if they are to be used to subclasses. They need to be exclusively defined in the subclass.

Cannot create an instance of an abstract class because it doesn't have a complete implementation; however, instances of subclasses inheriting the abstract class can be created.

Interface: a concept in OOP that allows you to declare methods without defining them.

Data Abstraction	Encapsulation
solve problem at the design level	solve problem at implementation level
show important aspects while hiding implementation details	bind code and data together into a single unit and hide from the world

13. Virtual functions: functions that are present in parent class and are overridden by the subclass. < dynamic polymorphism / runtime polymorphism >

② pure virtual functions/abstract functions: functions that are only declared in the base class (no info in the base class) and to be redefined in subclass.

④ constructor: a special type of method that has the same name as the class and is used to initialize objects of that class.

④ destructor: a method that is automatically invoked when an object is destroyed. It covers the heap space, closes the files and database connections of the obj.

14. Types of constructors

- ① default constructor
- ② parameterized constructor
- ③ copy constructor: create objects by copying variables from an other obj of the same class.
- ④ static constructor
- ⑤ private constructor

15. ① finalize method: an object method to free up unmanaged resources and cleanup before Garbage Collection. It performs necessary input tasks.

② Garbage Collection: automatic memory management; free up space occupied by non-exist obj.

16. Abstract Class vs. Interface

Abstract Class	Interface
can have abstract as well as other methods	only abstract methods
may contain final & non-final variables	variables declared are final by default
can be public, private, etc.	public by default
can provide the implementation of an interface	cannot provide the implementation of an abstract class

Final variable: a variable whose value doesn't change. It always refers to the same object by the property of non-transitivity.