ECE-203 – Programming for Engineers

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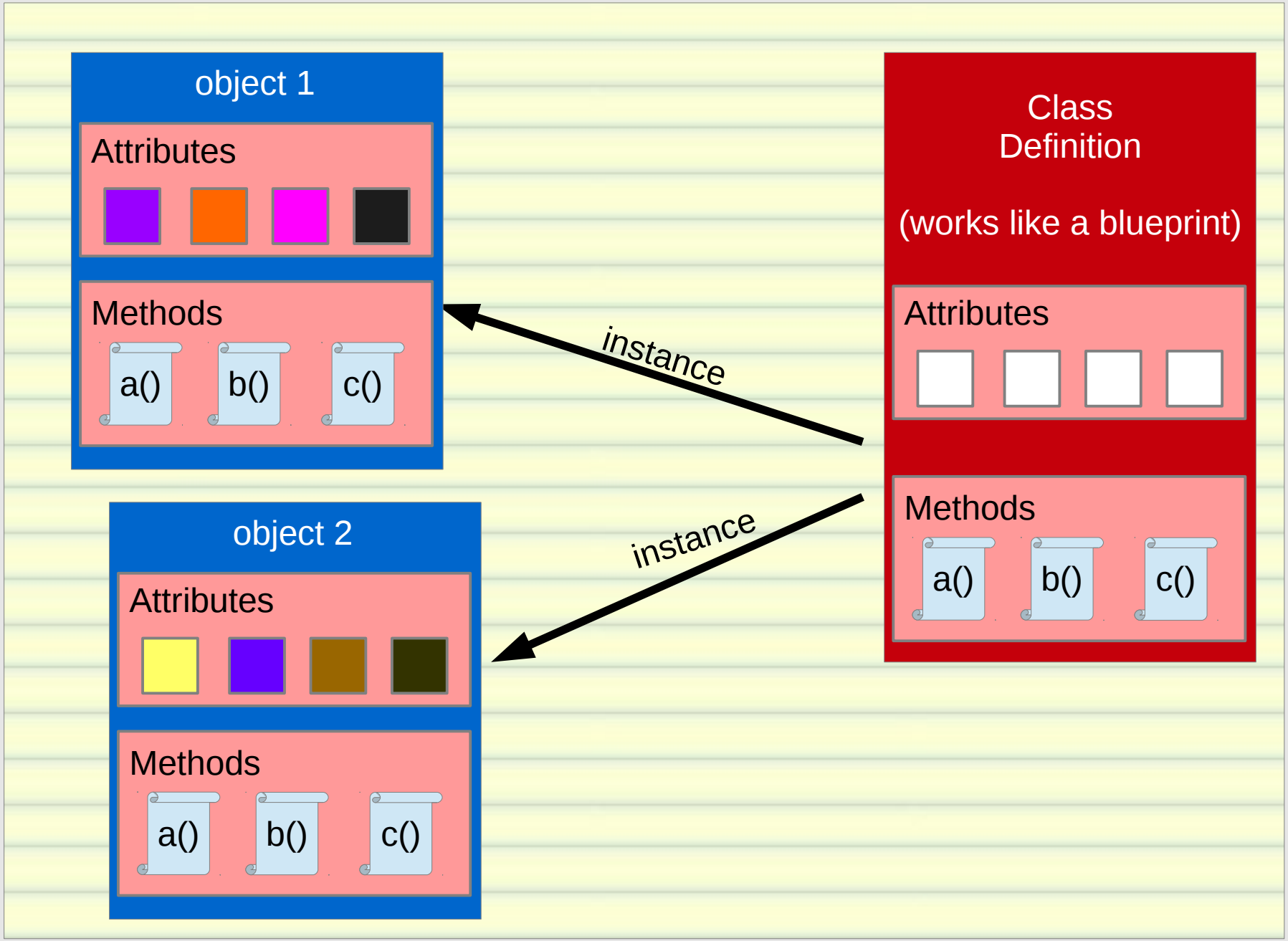
Introduction to Object Oriented Programming

Classes, Objects, Instances, Methods, and Attributes

The Big Idea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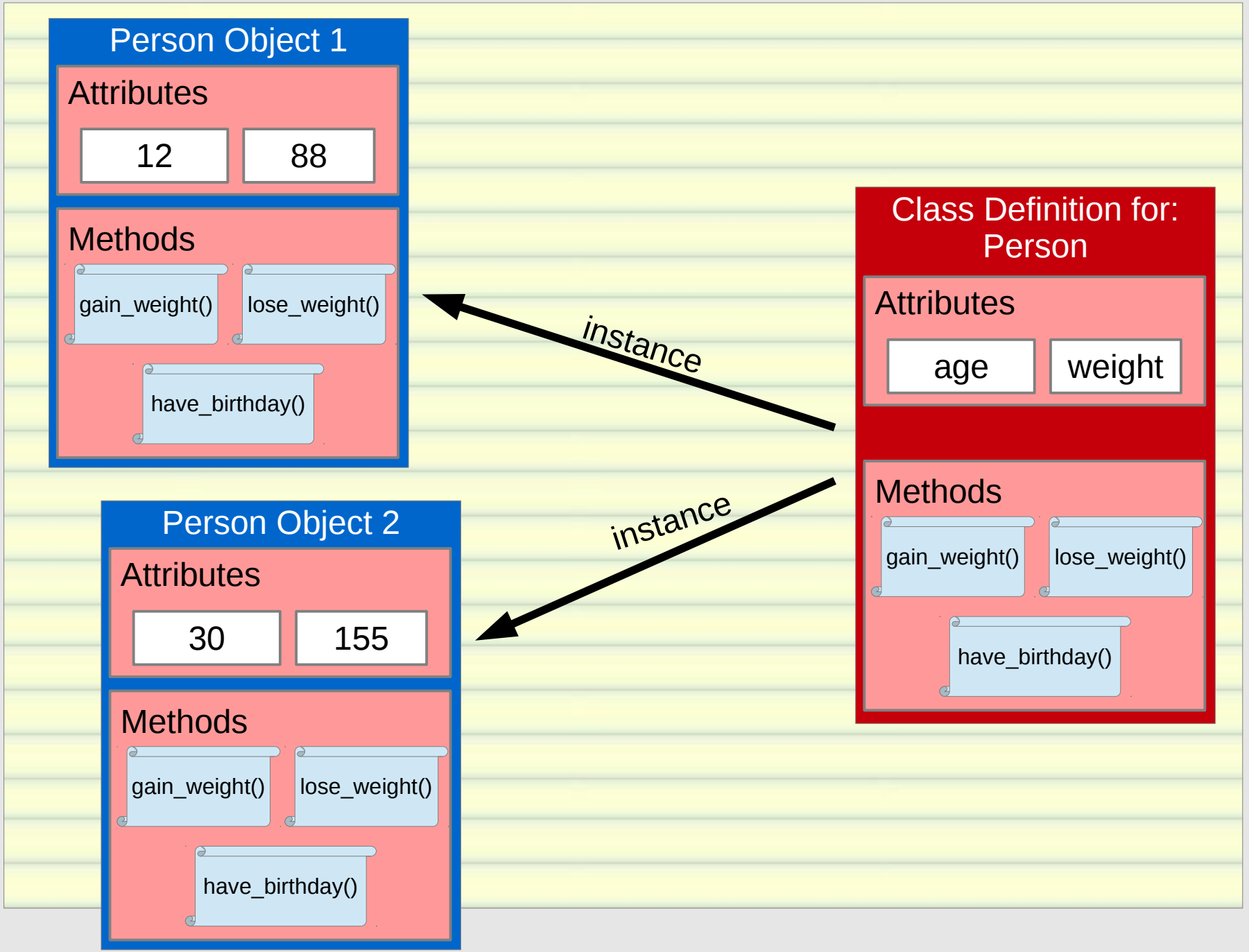
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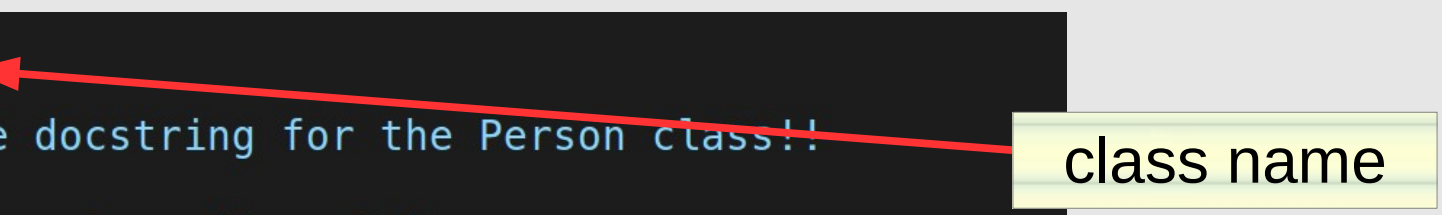

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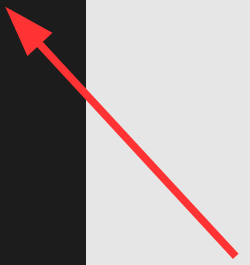

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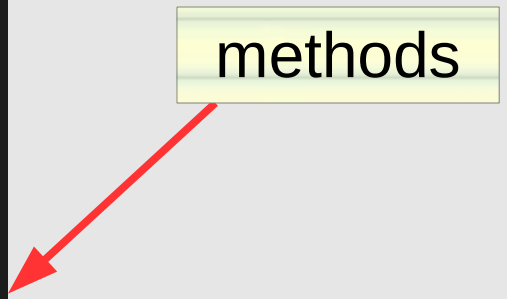

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some instances

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called when object is **created**

...or...

instantiated

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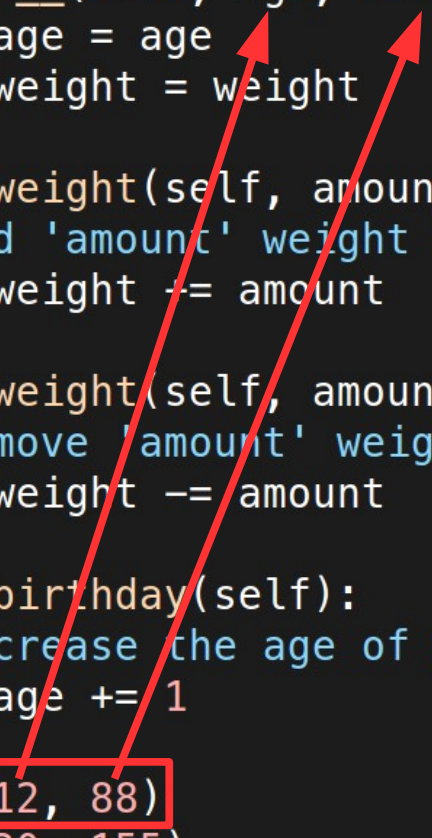

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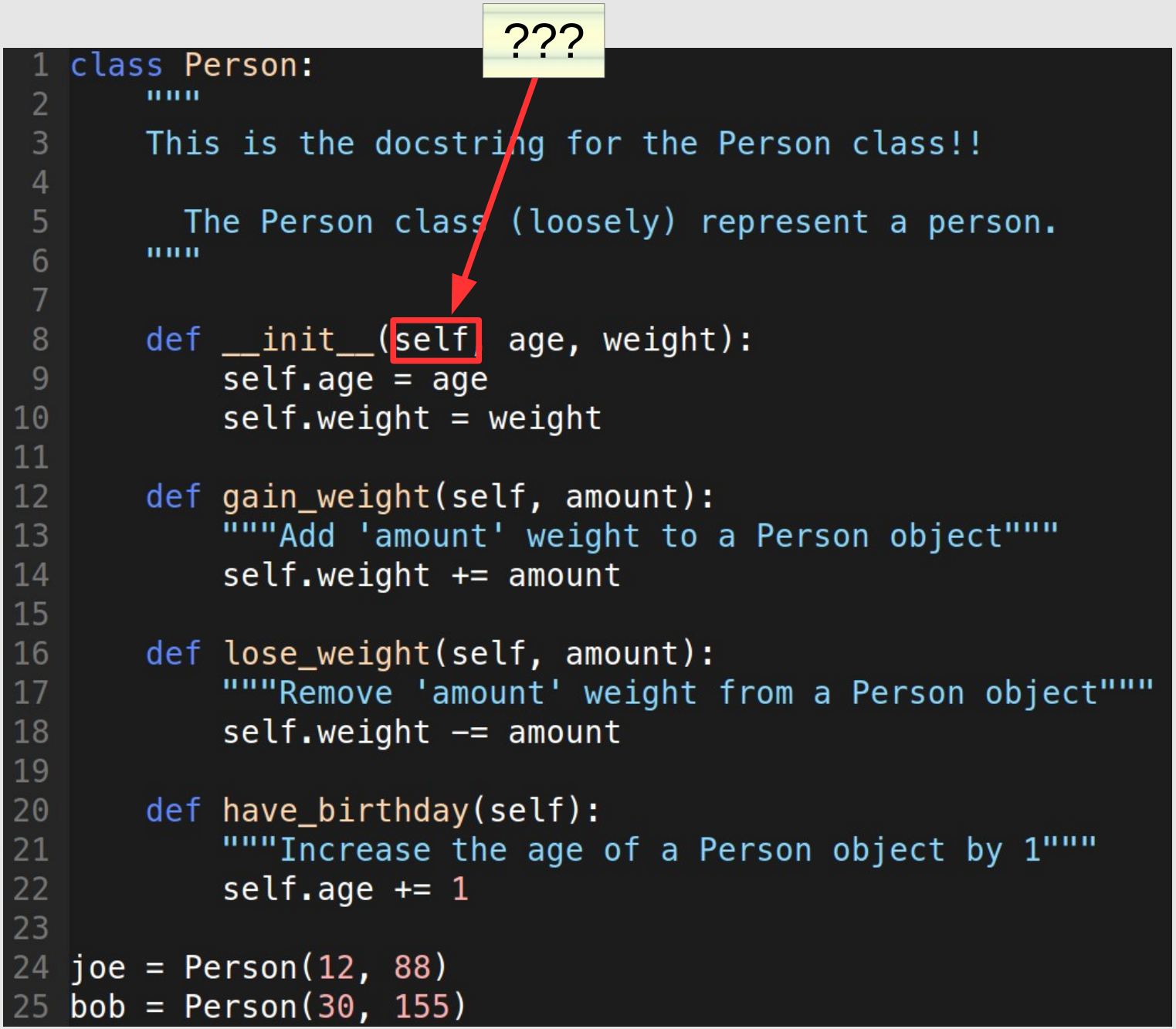

Class Definition

this is the *instance*!

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Instance/Object Attributes

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these are instance ***attributes***

Initializing Objects

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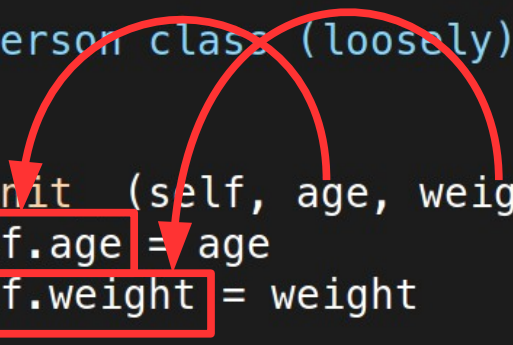

we are
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Accessing Object Attributes

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28 print bob.weight
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accessing attributes is easy

Calling Methods

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btw. this is the same (but uncommon)

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27 bob.lose_weight(5)
28 Person.lose_weight(bob, 5)
```

same stuff going on here, but with an argument

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fine.

...but if I want to define *more people*, I need **rewrite** the program

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Problem

variables (i.e. names)

must be defined at 'compile time'

Using Dictionaries of Instances

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29 people['bob'].have_birthday()
30 print people['bob'].age
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rson object"""

a Person object"""

Solution:
use a dictionary

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'keys' can be defined at 'runtime' (!!)

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Solution:

the 'value' associated with each 'key' is an **instance** of Person

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Analysis:

So, **people['bob']** is an instance of Person

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Analysis:

This calls the **have_birthday()** method for this Person instance

Next Step

Now we just need a function that can:

1) create a Person instance

2) add the instance to a dictionary

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

```
1  from our_example import Person
2
3
4  def add_person(people, p):
5      people[p['name']] = Person(p['age'], p['weight'])
6
7
8  def list_people(people):
9      for name, person in people.items():
10         print name
11         print '     age: %s' % person.age
12         print '  weight: %s' % person.weight
13
14
15 if __name__ == '__main__':
16     people = {}
17     person = {}
18     while True:
19         print '--------'
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21         if person['name'] == '':
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Solution:

This implements both requirements

what's all that other stuff?

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Getting User Input:

Used to store input from user about a Person

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Getting User Input:

Get user input until they "just hit enter" at the **Name:** prompt without providing a name.

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

```
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2
3
4  def add_person(people, p):
5      people[p['name']] = Person(p['age'], p['weight'])
6
7
8  def list_people(people):
9      for name, person in people.items():
10         print name
11         print '     age: %s' % person.age
12         print '  weight: %s' % person.weight
13
14
15 if __name__ == '__main__':
16     people = {}
17     person = {}
18     while True:
19         print '________'
20         person['name'] = raw_input("  Name: ")
21         if person['name'] == '':
22             break
23
24         person['age'] = raw_input("   Age: ")
25         person['weight'] = raw_input("Weight: ")
26         add_person(people, person)
27
28     list_people(people)
```

Getting User Input:

Collect person attributes from user via keyboard

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

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17     person = {}
18     while True:
19         print '--------'
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21         if person['name'] == '':
22             break
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24         person['age'] = raw_input("   Age: ")
25         person['weight'] = raw_input("Weight: ")
26         add_person(people, person)
27
28     list_people(people)
```

Adding the Person:

Converts person dictionary into a Person instance and adds it to the...

people dictionary !

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```

Adding the Person:

This is a **string** containing the name entered by the user

this string will be a **key**

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

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```

Adding the Person:

Create a Person instance with the **age** and **weight** values entered by the user

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

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```

Adding the Person:

Insert the instance into the dictionary.

We have something like:

{'bob': <Person instance>}

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

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```

Listing People:

Simply cycles through the dictionary and prints all the People we have inserted

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22             break
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26         add_person(people, person)
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28     list_people(people)
```

Wait.

There is a pattern here.

Building Dictionaries of Instances from User Input

```python
from our_example import Person


def add_person(people, p):
    people[p['name']] = Person(p['age'], p['weight'])


def list_people(people):
    for name, person in people.items():
        print name
        print '     age: %s' % person.age
        print '  weight: %s' % person.weight


if __name__ == '__main__':
    people = {}
    person = {}
    while True:
        print '--------'
        person['name'] = raw_input("  Name: ")
        if person['name'] == '':
            break

        person['age'] = raw_input("   Age: ")
        person['weight'] = raw_input("Weight: ")
        add_person(people, person)

    list_people(people)
```

These functions all operate on people

maybe People should be an Object

```python
class Person:
    """
    This is the docstring for the Person class!!

      The Person class (loosely) represent a person.
    """

    def __init__(self, age, weight):
        self.age = age
        self.weight = weight

    def gain_weight(self, amount):
        """Add 'amount' weight to a Person object"""
        self.weight += amount

    def lose_weight(self, amount):
        """Remove 'amount' weight from a Person object"""
        self.weight -= amount

    def have_birthday(self):
        """Increase the age of a Person object by 1"""
        self.age += 1

joe = Person(12, 88)
bob = Person(30, 155)

joe.have_birthday()
Person.have_birthday(joe)
```

An example of encapsulation

```
1  from our_example import Person
2
3  class People:
4
5      def __init__(self):
6          self.people = {}
7
8      def add(self):
9          print '--------'
10         name = raw_input("  Name: ")
11         if name == '':
12             return False
13
14         age = raw_input("   Age: ")
15         weight = raw_input("Weight: ")
16
17         self.people[name] = Person(age, weight)
18         return True
19
20     def show(self):
21         for name, person in self.people.items():
22             print name
23             print '     age: %s' % person.age
24             print '  weight: %s' % person.weight
25
26
27 if __name__ == '__main__':
28     people = People()
29
30     while people.add():
31         pass
32
33     people.show()
```

People as a Class:

Encapsulates a dictionary of Person instances

users of the People class **never** access the dictionary of instances directly

…they use the methods provided by the People class instead.