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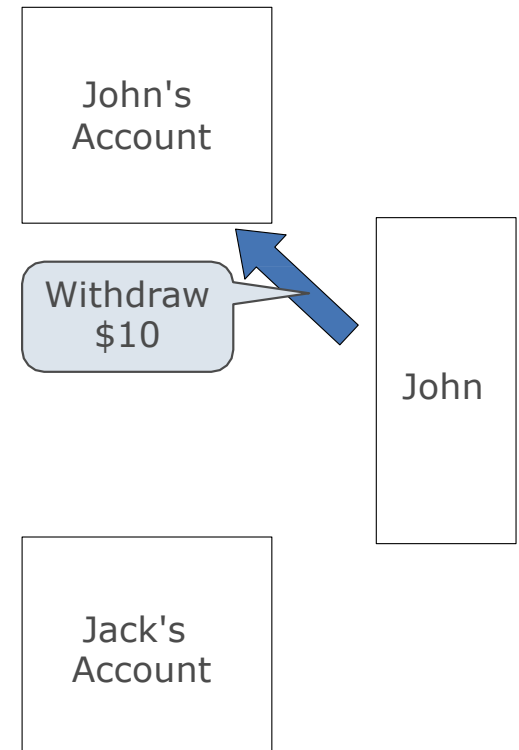
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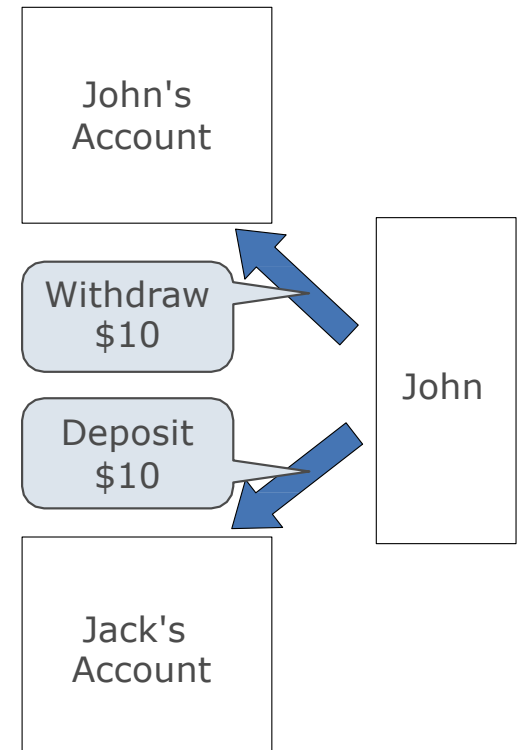
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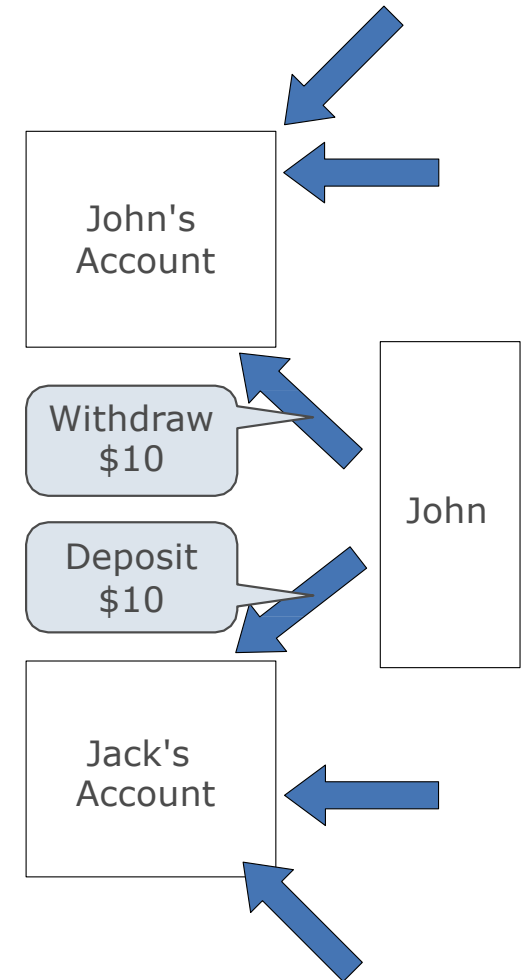


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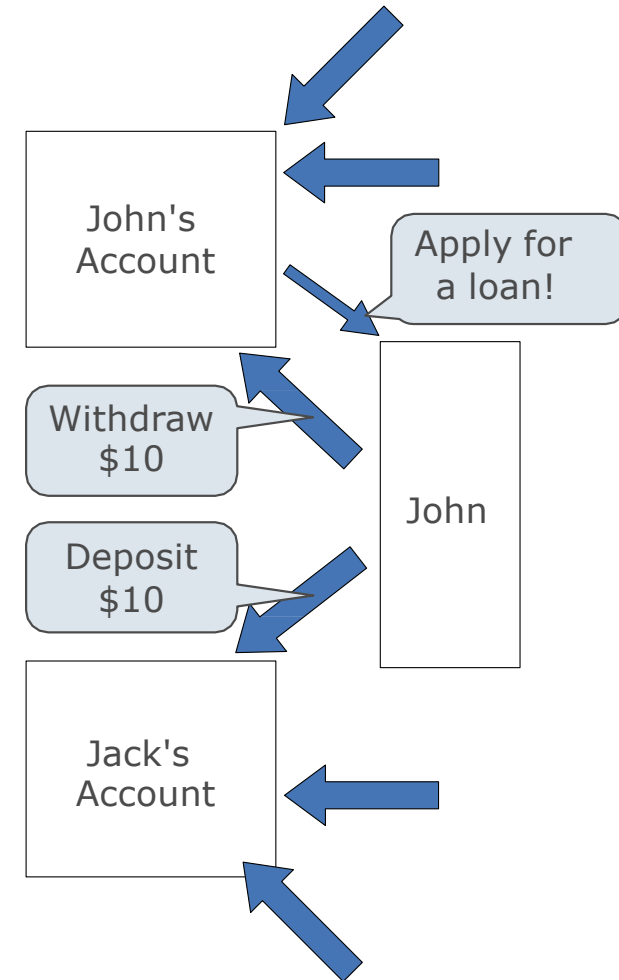


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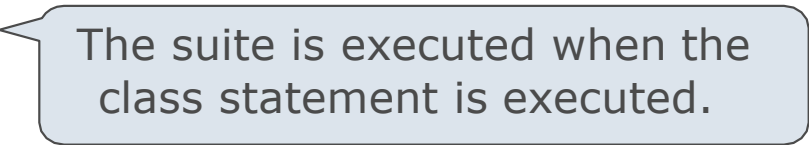
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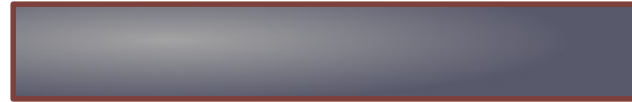
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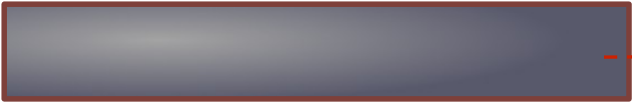
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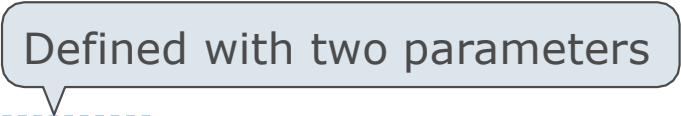
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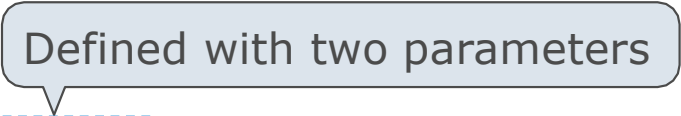
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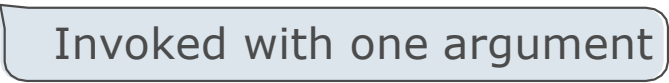
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>>> hasattr(tom_account, 'deposit')
True
```

`getattr` and dot expressions look up a name in the same way

Looking up an attribute name in an object may return:

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(We will examine this in details later)



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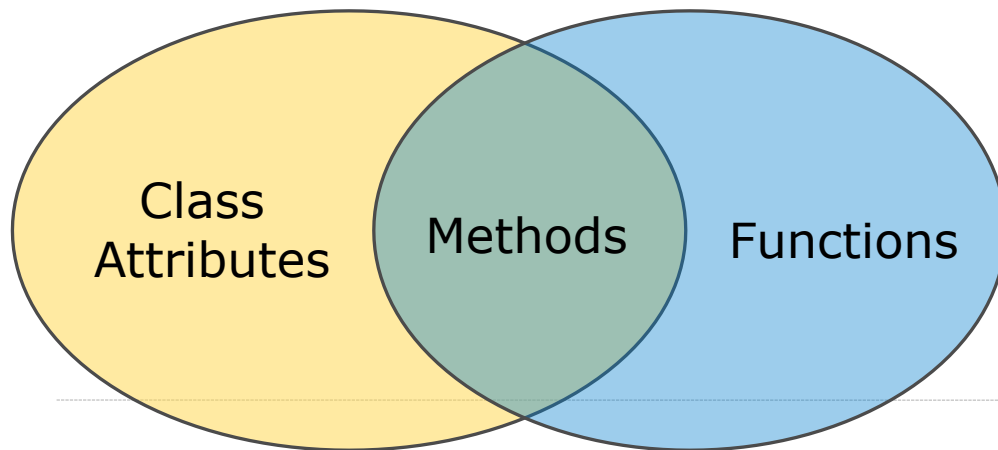
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*Understanding the 'self' keyword*

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