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# **Classes and Object- Oriented Programming**

There are primarily two methods of programming:

- 1. procedural
- 2. object-oriented

# 1. Procedural Programming

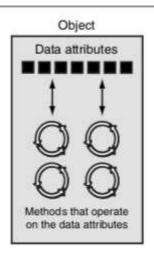
Procedural programming: writing programs made of functions that perform specific tasks

- Procedures typically operate on data items that are separate from the procedures
- Data items commonly passed from one procedure to another
- Focus: to create procedures that operate on the program's data

# 2. Object-Oriented Programming

Object-oriented programming: focused on creating objects Object: entity that contains data and procedures

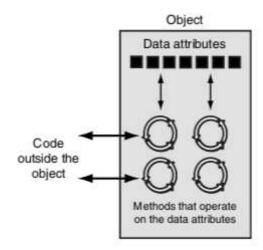
- Data is known as data attributes and procedures are known as methods
- Methods perform operations on the data attributes



Encapsulation: combining data and code into a single object

Data hiding: object's data attributes are hidden from code outside the object

- Access restricted to the object's methods
  - Protects from accidental corruption
  - Outside code does not need to know internal structure of the object



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## 2.1. Object Reusability

Object reusability: the same object can be used in different programs

• Example: 3D image object can be used for architecture and game programming

# 2.2. An Everyday Example of an Object

Data attributes: define the state of an object

• Example: clock object would have second, minute, and hour data attributes

Public methods: allow external code to manipulate the object

• Example: set\_time, set\_alarm\_time

Private methods: used for object's inner workings

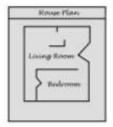
• Example: increment current second, increment current hour

# 3. Classes

Class: code that specifies the data attributes and methods of a particular type of object

• Similar to a blueprint of a house or a cookie cutter

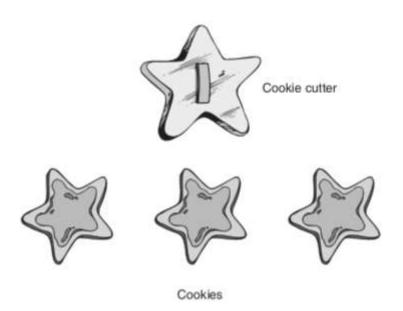
Blueprint that describes a house



Instances of the house described by the blueprint

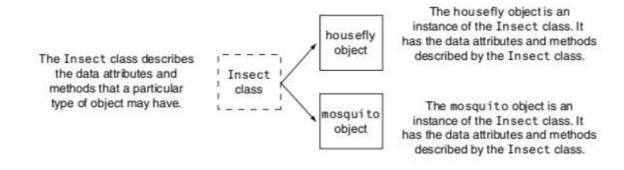


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### Instance: an object created from a class

- Similar to a specific house built according to the blueprint or a specific cookie
- There can be many instances of one class



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### 3.1. Class Definitions

### Class definition: set of statements that define a class's methods and data attributes

- Format: begin with class Class name:
  - Class names often start with uppercase letter
- Method definition like any other python function definition
  - self parameter: required in every method in the class references the specific object that the method is working on

Initializer method: automatically executed when an instance of the class is created

- Initializes object's data attributes and assigns self parameter to the object that was just created
- Format: def \_\_init\_\_ (self):
- · Usually the first method in a class definition
- · To create a new instance of a class call the initializer method
  - Format: My\_instance = Class\_Name()
- To call any of the class methods using the created instance, use dot notation
  - Format: My instance.method()
  - Because the self parameter references the specific instance of the object, the method will affect this instance
    - Reference to self is passed automatically

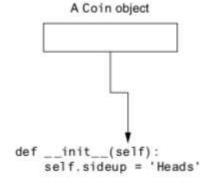
### Example:

```
In [ ]: ▶ import random
            # The Coin class simulates a coin that can
            # be flipped.
            class Coin:
                # The init method initializes the
                # sideup data attribute with 'Heads'.
                def __init__(self):
                    self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    # The toss method generates a random number
                    # in the range of 0 through 1. If the number
                    # is 0, then sideup is set to 'Heads'.
                    # Otherwise, sideup is set to 'Tails'.
                def toss(self):
                    if random.randint(0, 1) == 0:
                        self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    else:
                        self.sideup = 'Tails'
                    # The get_sideup method returns the value
                    # referenced by sideup.
                def get_sideup(self):
                    return self.sideup
```

```
In [ ]:

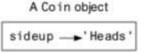
▶ | coin1.get_sideup()
In [ ]: ▶ import random
            # The Coin class simulates a coin that can
            # be flipped.
            class Coin:
                # The __init__ method initializes the
                # sideup data attribute with 'Heads'.
                def __init__(self):
                    self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    # The toss method generates a random number
                    # in the range of 0 through 1. If the number
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                def toss(self):
                    if random.randint(0, 1) == 0:
                        self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    else:
                        self.sideup = 'Tails'
                    # The get sideup method returns the value
                    # referenced by sideup.
                def get_sideup(self):
                    return self.sideup
            # The main function.
            def main():
                # Create an object from the Coin class.
                my_coin = Coin()
                # Display the side of the coin that is facing up.
                print('This side is up:', my_coin.get_sideup())
                # Toss the coin.
                print('I am tossing the coin ...')
                my_coin.toss()
                # Display the side of the coin that is facing up.
                print('This side is up:', my_coin.get_sideup())
            main()
```

An object is created in memory from the Co in class.



The Coin class's \_\_init\_\_
method is called, and the self
parameter is set to the newly
created object

After these steps take place, a Coin object will exist with its sideup attribute set to 'Heads'.



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In [ ]: ▶
            import random
            # The Coin class simulates a coin that can be flipped.
            class Coin:
                # The __init__ method initializes the
                # sideup data attribute with 'Heads'.
                def __init__(self, init_sideup = 'Heads'):
                    self.sideup = init_sideup
                    # The toss method generates a random number
                    # in the range of 0 through 1. If the number
                    # is 0, then sideup is set to 'Heads'.
                    # Otherwise, sideup is set to 'Tails'.
                def toss(self):
                    if random.randint(0, 1) == 0:
                        self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    else:
                        self.sideup = 'Tails'
                    # The get_sideup method returns the value
                    # referenced by sideup.
                def get_sideup(self):
                    return self.sideup
```

```
In []: M coin1 = Coin('Heads')
coin2 = Coin('Tails')
coin3 = Coin()
```

### 3.2. Hiding Attributes and Storing Classes in Modules

An object's data attributes should be private

- To make sure of this, place two underscores ( ) in front of attribute name
  - Example: \_\_current\_minute

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In []: ▶ import random
            # The Coin class simulates a coin that can
            # be flipped.
            class Coin:
                # The __init__ method initializes the
                # sideup data attribute with 'Heads'.
                def __init__(self):
                    self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    # The toss method generates a random number
                    # in the range of 0 through 1. If the number
                    # is 0, then sideup is set to 'Heads'.
                    # Otherwise, sideup is set to 'Tails'.
                def toss(self):
                    if random.randint(0, 1) == 0:
                        self.sideup = 'Heads'
                    else:
                        self.sideup = 'Tails'
                # The get_sideup method returns the value referenced by sideup.
                def get sideup(self):
                    return self.sideup
            def main():
                # Create an object from the Coin class.
                my_coin = Coin()
                # Display the side of the coin that is facing up.
                print('This side is up:', my coin.get sideup())
                # Toss the coin.
                print('I am tossing the coin ...')
                my_coin.toss()
                # But now I'm going to cheat! I'm going to
                # directly change the value of the object's
                # sideup attribute to 'Heads'.
                my_coin.sideup = 'Heads'
                # Display the side of the coin that is facing up.
                print('This side is up:', my_coin.get_sideup())
            main()
```

### Example:

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In []: ▶ import random
            # The Coin class simulates a coin that can be flipped.
            class Coin:
                # The __init__ method initializes the
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                def __init__(self):
                    self.__sideup = 'Heads'
                # The toss method generates a random number
                # in the range of 0 through 1. If the number
                # is 0, then sideup is set to 'Heads'.
                # Otherwise, sideup is set to 'Tails'.
                def toss(self):
                    if random.randint(0, 1) == 0:
                        self. sideup = 'Heads'
                    else:
                        self. sideup = 'Tails'
                # The get_sideup method returns the value
                # referenced by sideup.
                def get sideup(self):
                    return self.__sideup
            def main():
                # Create an object from the Coin class.
                my_coin = Coin()
                # Display the side of the coin that is facing up.
                print('This side is up:', my_coin.get_sideup())
                # Toss the coin.
                print('I am going to toss the coin ten times:')
                for count in range(10):
                    my_coin.toss()
                    my_coin.__sideup = 'Tails'
                    print(my_coin.get_sideup())
            main()
```

# **Storing Classes in Modules**

- Filename for module must end in .py
- Module can be imported to programs that use the class

### Example:

```
In [ ]:
         import random
            # The Coin class simulates a coin that can be flipped.
            class Coin:
                # The __init__ method initializes the __sideup data attribute with 'Heads
                def __init__(self):
                    self. sideup = 'Heads'
                # The toss method generates a random number in the range of 0 through 1.
                #If the number is 0, then sideup is set to 'Heads'.
                # Otherwise, sideup is set to 'Tails'.
                def toss(self):
                    if random.randint(0, 1) == 0:
                        self.__sideup = 'Heads'
                    else:
                        self. _sideup = 'Tails'
                # The get_sideup method returns the value referenced by sideup.
                def get sideup(self):
                    return self.__sideup
            # This program imports the coin module and
            # creates an instance of the Coin class.
In [ ]: ▶ import coin
            def main():
                # Create an object from the Coin class.
               my_coin = coin.Coin()
                # Display the side of the coin that is facing up.
```

# print('This side is up:', my\_coin.get\_sideup()) # Toss the coin. print('I am going to toss the coin ten times:') for count in range(10): my\_coin.toss() print(my\_coin.get\_sideup()) main()

### 3.3. The BankAccount Class - More About Classes

Class methods can have multiple parameters in addition to self

- For <u>\_\_init\_\_</u>, parameters needed to create an instance of the class
  - Example: a BankAccount object is created with a balance
    - When called, the initializer method receives a value to be assigned to a \_\_balance attribute
- For other methods, parameters needed to perform required task
  - Example: deposit method amount to be deposited

```
In [ ]: ► | %%file bankaccount.py
            class BankAccount:
            # The __init__ method accepts an argument for # the account's balance. It is
            # the __balance attribute.
                def __init__(self, bal):
                    self.__balance = bal
            # The deposit method makes a deposit into the account.
                def deposit(self, amount):
                    self. balance += amount
            # The withdraw method withdraws an amount from the account.
                def withdraw(self, amount):
                    if self.__balance >= amount:
                        self.__balance -= amount
                    else:
                        print('Error: Insufficient funds')
                # The get balance method returns the account balance.
                def get_balance(self):
                    return self.__balance
```

```
In [ ]:
       def main():
               # Get the starting balance.
               start_bal = float(input('Enter your starting balance: '))
               # Create a BankAccount object.
               savings = bankaccount.BankAccount(start_bal)
               # Deposit the user's paycheck.
               pay = float(input('How much were you paid this week? '))
               print('I will deposit that into your account.')
               savings.deposit(pay)
               # Display the balance.
               print('Your account balance is $', savings.get_balance())
               # Get the amount to withdraw.
               cash = float(input('How much would you like to withdraw? '))
               print('I will withdraw that from your account.')
               savings.withdraw(cash)
               # Display the balance.
               print('Your account balance is $',savings.get_balance())
            main()
```

### 3.4. The - -str-- method

- Object's state: the values of the object's attribute at a given moment
- \_\_str\_\_ method: displays the object's state
  - Automatically called when the object is passed as an argument to the print function
  - Automatically called when the object is passed as an argument to the str function

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In [ ]:
         class BankAccount:
               # The __init__ method accepts an argument for the account's balance. It i
               def __init__(self, bal):
                   self.__balance = bal
               # The deposit method makes a deposit into the account.
               def deposit(self, amount):
                   self.__balance += amount
               # The withdraw method withdraws an amount from the account.
               def withdraw(self, amount):
                   if self.__balance >= amount:
                       self.__balance -= amount
                   else:
                       print('Error: Insufficient funds')
               # The get_balance method returns the account balance.
               def get_balance(self):
                   return self.__balance
               # The __str__ method returns a string indicating the object's state.
               def __str__(self):
                   return 'The balance is $' + format(self.__balance, ',.2f')
```

```
In [ ]:
           import bankaccount2
           def main():
               # Get the starting balance.
               start_bal = float(input('Enter your starting balance: '))
               # Create a BankAccount object.
               savings = bankaccount2.BankAccount(start_bal)
               # Deposit the user's paycheck.
               pay = float(input('How much were you paid this week? '))
               print('I will deposit that into your account.')
               savings.deposit(pay)
               # Display the balance.
               print(savings)
               # Get the amount to withdraw.
               cash = float(input('How much would you like to withdraw? '))
               print('I will withdraw that from your account.')
               savings.withdraw(cash)
               # Display the balance.
               print(savings)
           main()
message = str(account)
           print(message)
```

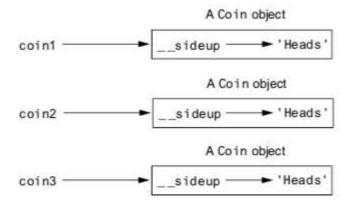
# 4. Working With Instances

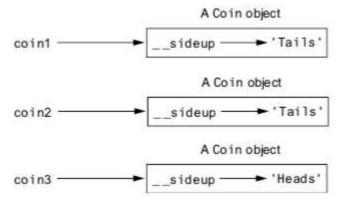
Instance attribute: belongs to a specific instance of a class

Created when a method uses the self parameter to create an attribute

If many instances of a class are created, each would have its own set of attributes

```
In [ ]:
        ⋈ import coin
            def main():
                # Create three objects from the Coin class.
                coin1 = coin.Coin()
                coin2 = coin.Coin()
                coin3 = coin.Coin()
                # Display the side of each coin that is facing up.
                print('I have three coins with these sides up:')
                print(coin1.get_sideup())
                print(coin2.get_sideup())
                print(coin3.get_sideup())
                print()
                # Toss the coin.
                print('I am tossing all three coins ...')
                print()
                coin1.toss()
                coin2.toss()
                coin3.toss()
                # Display the side of each coin that is facing up.
                print('Now here are the sides that are up:')
                print(coin1.get_sideup())
                print(coin2.get_sideup())
                print(coin3.get_sideup())
                print()
            main()
```





```
In [ ]:
         N %%file cellphone.py
            class CellPhone:
                # The init method initializes the attributes.
                def __init__(self, manufact, model, price):
                    self.__manufact = manufact
                    self. model = model
                    self.__retail_price = price
                # The set manufact method accepts an argument for # the phone's manufactu
                def set manufact(self, manufact):
                    self.__manufact = manufact
                # The set model method accepts an argument for the phone's model number.
                def set_model(self, model):
                    self. model = model
                # The set_retail_price method accepts an argument for the phone's retail
                def set_retail_price(self, price):
                    self.__retail_price = price
                # The get manufact method returns the phone's manufacturer.
                def get_manufact(self):
                    return self.__manufact
                # The get_model method returns the phone's model number.
                def get_model(self):
                    return self.__model
                # The get_retail_price method returns the phone's retail price.
                def get retail price(self):
                    return self.__retail_price
```

```
In []: | import cellphone

def main():
    # Get the phone data.
    man = input('Enter the manufacturer: ')
    mod = input('Enter the model number: ')
    retail = float(input('Enter the retail price: '))

# Create an instance of the CellPhone class.
    phone = cellphone.CellPhone(man, mod, retail)

# Display the data that was entered.
    print('Here is the data that you entered:')
    print('Manufacturer:', phone.get_manufact())
    print('Model Number:', phone.get_model())
    print('Retail Price: $', format(phone.get_retail_price(), ',.2f'), sep=''

main()
```

### 4.1. Passing Objects as Arguments

- · Methods and functions often need to accept objects as arguments
- · When you pass an object as an argument, you are actually passing a reference to the object
  - The receiving method or function has access to the actual object
    - Methods of the object can be called within the receiving function or method, and data

```
In []: N import coin

def main():
    my_coin = coin.Coin()

# This will display 'Heads'.
    print(my_coin.get_sideup())

# Pass the object to the flip function.
    flip(my_coin)

# This might display 'Heads', or it might display 'Tails'.
    print(my_coin.get_sideup())

# The flip function flips a coin.
    def flip(coin_obj):
        coin_obj.toss()

main()
```

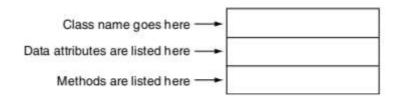
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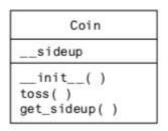
```
In [ ]:
        import cellphone
            # Constant for the filename.
            FILENAME = 'cellphones.dat'
            def main():
            # Initialize a variable to control the loop.
                again = 'y'
            # Open a file.
                output_file = open(FILENAME, 'wb')
            # Get data from the user.
                while again.lower() == 'y':
                    # Get cell phone data.
                    man = input('Enter the manufacturer: ')
                    mod = input('Enter the model number: ')
                    retail = float(input('Enter the retail price: '))
            # Create a CellPhone object.
                    phone = cellphone.CellPhone(man, mod, retail)
            # Pickle the object and write it to the file.
                    pickle.dump(phone, output_file)
            # Get more cell phone data?
                    again = input('Enter more phone data? (y/n): ')
            # Close the file.
                output file.close()
                print('The data was written to', FILENAME)
            main()
```

```
In [ ]:
            import pickle
            import cellphone
            # Constant for the filename.
            FILENAME = 'cellphones.dat'
            def main():
                end_of_file = False
            # To indicate end of file
            # Open the file.
                input_file = open(FILENAME, 'rb')
            # Read to the end of the file.
                while not end_of_file:
                    try:
            # Unpickle the next object.
                        phone = pickle.load(input_file)
            # Display the cell phone data.
                        display_data(phone)
                    except EOFError:
            # Set the flag to indicate the end of the file has been reached.
                        end_of_file = True
            # Close the file.
                input_file.close()
            # The display_data function displays the data from the CellPhone object passe
            def display data(phone):
                print('Manufacturer:', phone.get_manufact())
                print('Model Number:', phone.get_model())
                print('Retail Price: $',phone.get_retail_price())
                print()
            main()
```

# 5. Techniques for Designing Classes

- UML diagram: standard diagrams for graphically depicting object-oriented systems
  - Stands for Unified Modeling Language
- General layout: box divided into three sections:
  - Top section: name of the class
  - · Middle section: list of data attributes
  - · Bottom section: list of class methods





```
CellPhone

__manufact
__model
__retail_price

__init__(manufact, model, price)
set_manufact(manufact)
set_model(model)
set_retail_price(price)
get_manufact()
get_model()
get_retail_price()
```

### 5.1. Finding the Classes in a Problem

- When developing object oriented program, first goal is to identify classes
  - · Typically involves identifying the real-world objects that are in the problem
  - Technique for identifying classes:
    - 1. Get written description of the problem domain
    - 2. Identify all nouns in the description, each of which is a potential class
    - 3. Refine the list to include only classes that are relevant to the problem
- 1.Get written description of the problem domain
  - May be written by you or by an expert
  - Should include any or all of the following:
    - Physical objects simulated by the program
    - The role played by a person
    - The result of a business event
    - Recordkeeping items
- 2.Identify all nouns in the description, each of which is a potential class
  - Should include noun phrases and pronouns
  - Some nouns may appear twice

- 3. Refine the list to include only classes that are relevant to the problem
  - · Remove nouns that mean the same thing
  - · Remove nouns that represent items that the program does not need to be concerned with
  - Remove nouns that represent objects, not classes
  - Remove nouns that represent simple values that can be assigned to a variable

# 5.2. Identifying a Class's Responsibilities

A classes responsibilities are:

- The things the class is responsible for knowing
  - Identifying these helps identify the class's data attributes
- · The actions the class is responsible for doing
  - Identifying these helps identify the class's methods

To find out a class's responsibilities look at the problem domain

• Deduce required information and actions