

Programming 2: OOP Revision (Lecture 2)

Inheritance & Polymorphism

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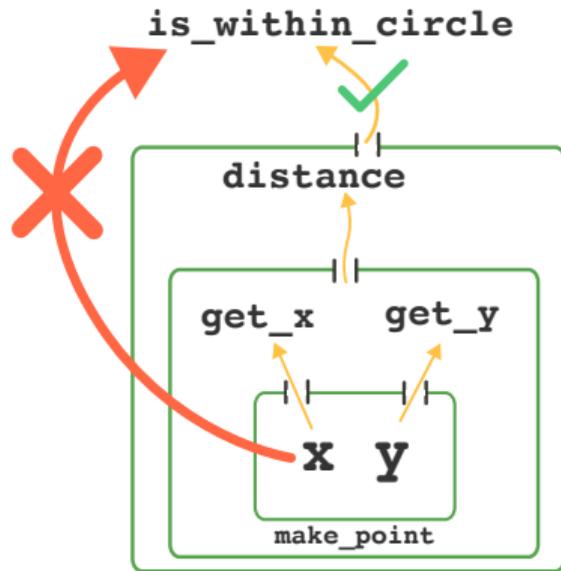
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Today's Agenda

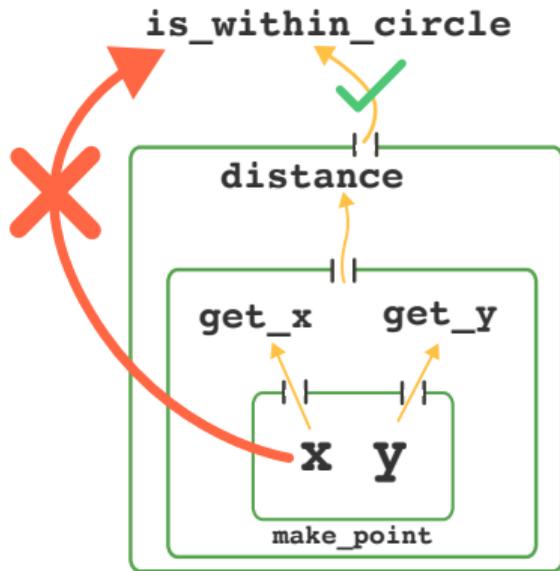
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Quick Recap

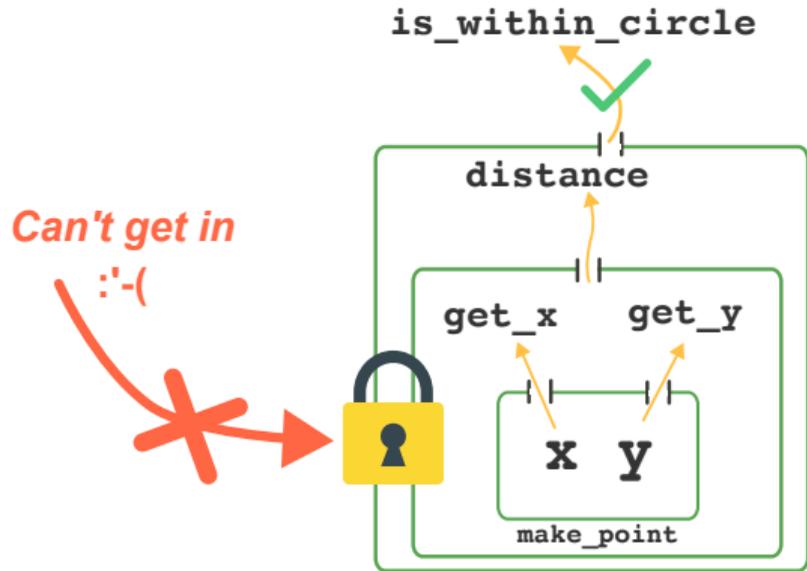
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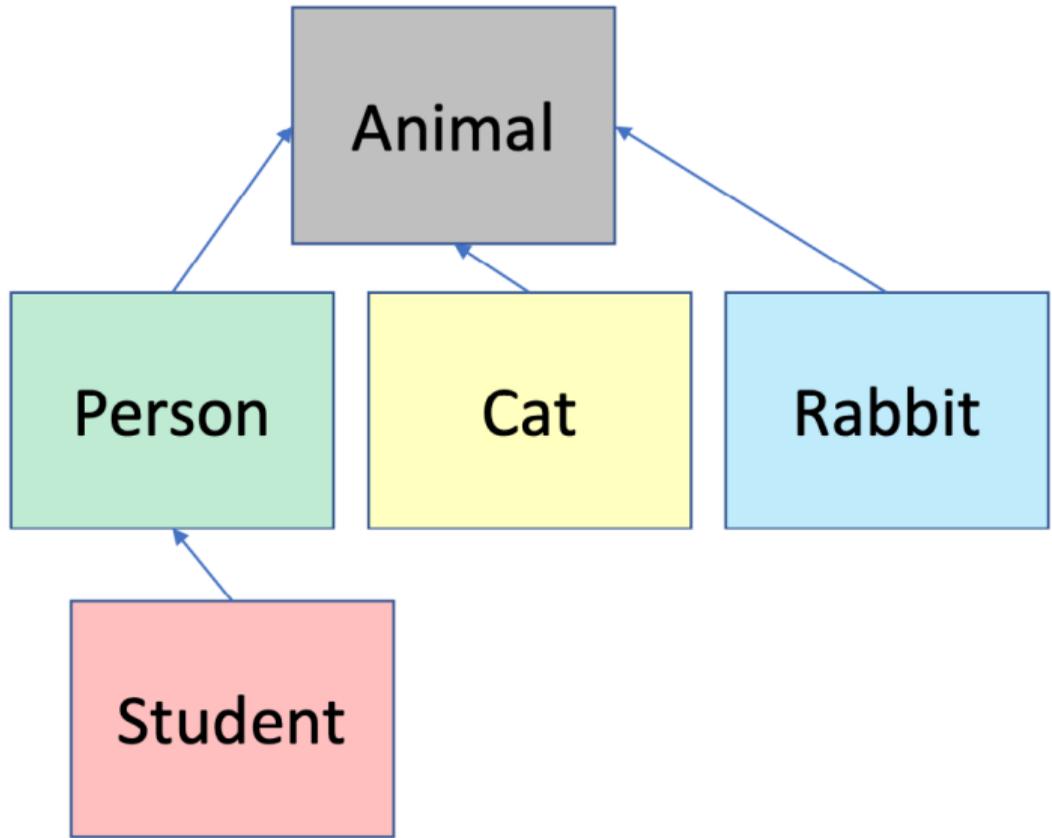


Inheritance

▪ **Parent class**
(superclass)

▪ **Child class**
(subclass)

- **Inherits** all data and behaviors of parent class
- **Add** more **info**
- **Add** more **behavior**
- **Override** behavior



Inheritance: Parent Class

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3         self.age = age
4         self.name = None
5     def get_age(self):
6         return self.age
7     def get_name(self):
8         return self.name
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object is the parent class of all classes in Python

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Add new functionality.
Not present in the parent class

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"Override" `__str__`, replacing parent's method

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`__init__` is not missing, uses the `Animal` version

Big Idea

Override a method: Create a **new method** in the child class but with **same name** as in the parent class.

Can't use child class Methods

```
1 a = Animal(1)
2 c = Cat(2)    # Child CAN use parent's methods:
3              #   (__init__)
4 c.speak()    # meow
5 a.speak()    # ERROR: parent can NOT use
6              #   child's methods or attributes
```

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Note: Person class
overrides __init__
method

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Due to overriding, Animal's `__init__` method will **not** be called automatically

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Person class **overrides**
`__str__` method

You Try!

Write a function according to the following specification:

```
1  def make_pets(d):
2      ''' Input: d is a dict mapping a Person obj to a Cat obj
3          Prints: on each line, the name of a person, a colon, and the
4          name of that person's cat
5          Output: None '''
6      pass
7
8  p1 = Person("zaid", 54)
9  p2 = Person("ahmed", 38)
10 c1 = Cat(1)
11 c1.set_name("simba")
12 c2 = Cat(1)
13 c2.set_name("tom")
14 d = {p1:c1, p2:c2}
15 make_pets(d) # prints zaid:simba
16             #         ahmed:tom
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Big Idea

A subclass can **use** a parent's attributes, **override** a parent's attributes, or **define new** attributes.

Attributes are either data or methods.

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1 import random
2 class Student(Person):
3     def __init__(self, name, age, major=None):
4         Person.__init__(self, name, age)
5         self.major = major
6     def change_major(self, major):
7         self.major = major
8     def speak(self):
9         r = random.random()
10        if r < 0.25:
11            print("i have homework")
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Person's `__init__` creates
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Student speaks differently than **Person** (*behavior override*)

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Modifying class variable changes it for **all** instances that may reference it

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- **tag** used to give **unique id** to each new rabbit instance

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Rabbit.tag

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```

Rabbit.tag 2

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r1 = Rabbit(8)
r2 = Rabbit(6)
```

Rabbit.tag **3**

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r2

Age: 6
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r3 = Rabbit(10)
```

Rabbit.tag 4

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Age: 6
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Age: 10
Parent1: None
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Rid: 3

Rabbit Getter Methods

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9     #-----#
10    def get_rid(self):                                #
11        return str(self.rid).zfill(5)                # Getter Methods
12    def get_parent1(self):                            # specific to the
13        return self.parent1                          # Rabbit class
14    def get_parent2(self):                            #
15        return self.parent2                          #
16    #-----#
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Working with Your Own Types

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3     return Rabbit(0, self, other)
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- r4 has **self** as one parent and **other** as the other parent
- In `__init__`, **parent1** and **parent2** are of type **Rabbit**

Special Method to Compare Two Rabbits

- Decide that two rabbits are equal if they have the **same two parents**

```
1 def __eq__(self, other):
2     parents_same = (self.p1.rid == other.p1.rid and
3                     self.p2.rid == other.p2.rid)
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Booleans checking

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- Note:** you **CAN'T** compare objects directly (*recursive if __eq__*)
Also, can't call on None (*AttributeError when None.parent1*)

Big Idea

Class Variables are **shared** between all instances

If one instance changes it, it's changed for every instance.

Polymorphism

Quick Recap: Class Hierarchy

```
1 class Animal(object):
2     def __init__(self, age):
3         self.age = age
4     def speak(self):
5         print("some sound")
6
7 class Cat(Animal):
8     def meo(self):
9         print("meow")
10
11 class Dog(Animal):
12     def bark(self):
13         print("woof")
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2
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7     elif isinstance(animal, Dog):
8         animal.bark()
9     elif isinstance(animal, Rabbit):
10        animal.squeak()
11 # Need to add elif for EVERY new animal type!
```

Must check type of each animal manually - tedious!

This is tedious and doesn't scale!

The Solution

Polymorphism

"Many forms"

The ability to use objects of different types through a uniform interface

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- Python **automatically** determines which `speak()` to call
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Same function, different behaviors!

Example 2: Processing Collections

```
1 def morning_routine(animals):
2     """Make all animals speak in the morning"""
3     for animal in animals:
4         animal.speak()
5
6 # Mix of different animal types
7 zoo = [Cat(2), Dog(3), Rabbit(1),
8         Cat(1), Dog(5)]
9
10 morning_routine(zoo)
11 # Output: meow, woof, squeak, meow, woof
```

Example 3: More Complex Behavior

```
1 class Animal:
2     def __init__(self, age, name):
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4         self.name = name
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Parent method calls polymorphic method

You Try! Exercise 1

Create a Shape hierarchy with polymorphic area() method:

```
1 class Shape:
2     def area(self):
3         pass # To be overridden
4
5 class Rectangle(Shape):
6     def __init__(self, width, height):
7         # Your code here
8     def area(self):
9         # Your code here
10
11 class Circle(Shape):
12     def __init__(self, radius):
13         # Your code here
14     def area(self):
15         # Your code here (use 3.14 for pi)
```

You Try! Exercise 1 (continued)

Write a function that uses polymorphism:

```
1  def total_area(shapes):
2      """
3      Input: shapes is a list of Shape objects
4      Returns: total area of all shapes
5      """
6      # Your code here
7      pass
8
9  # Test your code:
10 shapes = [Rectangle(4, 5),
11           Circle(3),
12           Rectangle(2, 3)]
13 print(total_area(shapes)) # Should print: 54.26
```

You Try! Exercise 2

Create an Employee hierarchy:

```
1 class Employee:
2     def __init__(self, name, base_salary):
3         self.name = name
4         self.base_salary = base_salary
5     def calculate_pay(self):
6         return self.base_salary
7
8 class Manager(Employee):
9     def __init__(self, name, base_salary, bonus):
10        # Your code: call parent __init__ and store bonus
11    def calculate_pay(self):
12        # Your code: return base_salary + bonus
13
14 class Salesperson(Employee):
15    def __init__(self, name, base_salary, commission):
16        # Your code: call parent __init__ and store commission
17    def calculate_pay(self):
18        # Your code: return base_salary + commission
```

You Try! Exercise 2 (continued)

```
1 def print_payroll(employees):
2     """
3     Input: employees is a list of Employee objects
4     Prints: name and pay for each employee
5     Returns: total payroll
6     """
7     # Your code here
8     pass
9
10 # Test:
11 employees = [ Employee("Alice", 50000), Manager("Bob", 60000, 10000),
12              Salesperson("Charlie", 40000, 15000) ]
13
14 total = print_payroll(employees)
15 # Should print:
16 # Alice: \ $50000
17 # Bob: \ $70000
18 # Charlie: \ $55000
19 # Total: \ $175000
```

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Solution

Abstract Base Class (ABC)

A class that:

- Cannot be instantiated directly
- Forces subclasses to implement certain methods
- Defines a **contract** for subclasses

Creating an Abstract Base Class

```
1 from abc import ABC, abstractmethod
2
3 class Animal(ABC):
4     def __init__(self, age, name):
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6         self.name = name
7
8     @abstractmethod
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Inherit from ABC

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Python prevents creating Animal objects!

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3         print("meow")
4
5 class Dog(Animal):
6     def speak(self):
7         print("woof")
8
9 # Now these work fine:
10 c = Cat(2, "Fluffy")
11 d = Dog(3, "Buddy")
12 c.speak() # meow
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Subclass implements
the abstract method

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```
1 class Rabbit(Animal):
2     def hop(self):
3         print("hopping")
4         # Forgot to implement speak()!
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8
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Python catches the error immediately!

Why Use Abstract Classes?

- 1 **Enforce consistency** - all subclasses have required methods
- 2 **Catch errors early** - at instantiation, not when method is called
- 3 **Document intent** - clearly shows which methods subclasses need
- 4 **Prevent misuse** - can't create incomplete objects

Common Pitfalls

Pitfall 1: Forgetting to Override

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4
5 class Cat(Animal):
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Must use **same name** as parent method!

Pitfall 2: Wrong Method Signature

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4
5 class Cat(Animal):
6     def speak(self, volume): # Extra parameter!
7         print(f"meow at volume {volume}")
8
9 def make_sound(animal):
10     animal.speak() # Error! Missing argument
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Signatures must match!

Key Principles

- 1 Use the **same method name** in parent and child
- 2 Keep the **same parameters** (method signature)
- 3 Write functions that accept **parent type** but work with **any subclass**
- 4 Python handles the rest **automatically!**

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12
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Works with **any** object with a `speak()` method

Summary

Summary: Key Takeaways

- 1 **Polymorphism** = “many forms”
- 2 Write code that works with **parent class**, automatically works with **all subclasses**
- 3 Same **method name**, different **implementations**
- 4 Python uses **duck typing** - only cares about methods, not types
- 5 Makes code more **flexible**, **extensible**, and **reusable**

Remember

Polymorphism allows you to write functions that work with **many different types** of objects through a **common interface**

This is one of the most powerful features of OOP!

Why OOP over Procedural?

- **Modularity** – Code organized into self-contained objects
- **Reusability** – Inheritance allows code reuse
- **Maintainability** – Changes isolated to specific classes
- **Flexibility** – Polymorphism enables extensible design

Questions?