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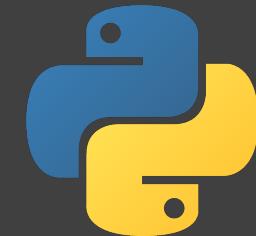
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Brain Activation

Basic Function



- Write a function that greets a user by name.

```
def greet(name):  
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")
```

```
greet("Ali")
```

Working with Lists



- Create a list of three favorite fruits and print each one in a loop.

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
for fruit in fruits:
    print(fruit)
```

Using Dictionaries



- Create a small dictionary representing a student and print a message using its values.

```
student = {"name": "Lina", "major": "Software Engineering"}  
print(f"{student['name']} studies {student['major']}")
```

Conditionals & Input



- Ask the user for a number and print whether it's even or odd.

```
number = int(input("Enter a number: "))

if number % 2 == 0:
    print("Even number!")

else:
    print("Odd number!")
```

Simple Function Challenge

- Write a function that takes two numbers and returns the larger one.



Review

Python Indentation



Python Indentation

- Script flow logic in Python is determined by indentation
- Indent can be done by spaces or tabs (must always be the same number)



Python Indentation

```
print("Hello world!")
```

```
print("Hello world again!")
```



Python Indentation

```
print("Hello world!")

if 2 > 1:
    print("Hello world again!")
```



Python Indentation

```
if True:  
    if 2 > 1:  
        print("Hello world again!")  
    print("Goodbye world!")
```



Python Indentation

```
class Student:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name=name
        self.age=age

    def print_info(self):
        print("Name:", self.name, "Age:", self.age)
```



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From Code to Models



- Programming is not just writing instructions; it's building **models of reality**. We use variables and lists for data, but when data and behavior belong together, we need something more structured.
- Example:
 - A student has a name, major, and GPA.
 - A bank account has an owner, balance, and actions (deposit, withdraw).
 - This combination of data + actions is what a **class** represents.

The Core Idea of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)



- In OOP, we describe things – not just actions. Each object in code mirrors an object in the real world.
- Concepts:
 - **Class**: the blueprint (defines what all objects of that kind know and do)
 - **Object** (instance): one specific example of that class
 - **Attributes**: data values inside each object
 - **Methods**: actions that object can perform

Thinking Like a Designer



- When designing a class:
 - Identify the entity (noun) you want to represent.
 - Decide which details are important (attributes).
 - Define the actions (methods) that belong to it.
- Example: Modeling a book. What do we need?

Defining a Class



- `class` keyword starts a class definition.
- `__init__()` initializes new objects.
- `self` refers to this particular instance.

```
class Dog:  
    def __init__(self, name, age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age
```

Creating an Object



- We can create instances of the Dog class by calling it.

```
my_dog = Dog('Willie', 6)
```

- Python calls `__init__()` automatically.
- `my_dog` is now an object with data inside.

Adding Behavior (Methods)



- We can add methods to a class.

```
class Dog:  
    def __init__(self, name, age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age  
  
    def sit(self):  
        print(f"{self.name} is now sitting.")  
  
    def roll_over(self):  
        print(f"{self.name} rolled over!")
```

- Each method must include self.

Using Methods

- The methods of the instance are called in this way:

```
my_dog = Dog('Willie', 6)
my_dog.sit() # Willie is now sitting.
my_dog.roll_over() # Willie rolled over!
```



Multiple Instances

- Once a class has been defined, we can create as many instances as we want.

```
my_dog = Dog('Willie', 6)
your_dog = Dog('Lucy', 3)

my_dog.sit() # Willie is now sitting.
your_dog.roll_over() # Lucy rolled over!
```



Adding Default Attributes



- Every student starts with 0 credits

```
class Student:  
    def __init__(self, name, major):  
        self.name = name  
        self.major = major  
        self.credits = 0 # default value
```

Modifying Attributes Directly



- We can change values manually:

```
student1 = Student('James', 2)
student1.credits = 20
student1.show_info() # James studies 2 and has 20 credits.
```

- This works, but there is no control over the data added for the attribute (negative values, strings, ...).

Updating Attributes Safely



- Better to add a method that updates credits but protects against invalid data.

```
def update_credits(self, new_value):  
    if new_value >= 0:  
        self.credits = new_value  
    else:  
        print("Credits cannot be negative!")
```

```
student1.update_credits(-20)
```

Inheritance

Why Inheritance?

- Sometimes we have several classes that share the same structure or behavior. Instead of rewriting code, we can reuse it.
- Example:
 - Vehicle → common properties: make, model, year.
 - ElectricVehicle → adds battery or charging behavior.
- Inheritance saves time and avoids duplication.

The Parent Class

- Start with a general class.

```
class Vehicle:  
    def __init__(self, make, model, year):  
        self.make = make  
        self.model = model  
        self.year = year  
  
    def describe(self):  
        print(f"{self.year} {self.make} {self.model}")
```

The Child Class

- A subclass inherits from the parent.

```
# Child class
class ElectricVehicle(Vehicle):
    def __init__(self, make, model, year, battery_capacity):
        super().__init__(make, model, year)
        self.battery_capacity = battery_capacity
```

- `super()` calls the parent's `__init__()` to reuse setup code. Add only what's specific to this subclass.

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        super().__init__(make, model, year)
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my_ev = ElectricVehicle("whatever", "Stellaria", "1999", 20000)
my_ev.describe()
```

Mini Task 1

- Extend `Vehicle` to create `GasolineVehicle` with one extra attribute `tank_size` (you can copy the `Vehicle` class from `CheatSheet_08.py`).
 - Use `super()` to initialize shared attributes.



Using Inherited Methods

- Child classes automatically get all methods from the parent.

```
# Child class
class ElectricVehicle(Vehicle):
    def __init__(self, make, model, year, battery_capacity):
        super().__init__(make, model, year)
        self.battery_capacity = battery_capacity

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my_ev.describe()
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Overriding Methods

- A child class can redefine a parent's method.

```
# Child class with method overwrite
class ElectricVehicle(Vehicle):
    def __init__(self, make, model, year, battery_capacity):
        super().__init__(make, model, year)
        self.battery_capacity = battery_capacity

    def describe(self):
        print(f"{self.year} {self.make} {self.model} with {self.battery_capacity} kWh battery")
```

Mini Task 2

- In GasolineVehicle, override describe() so it also shows tank size.
- Create one Vehicle, one ElectricVehicle (copy ElectricVehicle from the CheatSheet), and one GasolineVehicle.
- Call describe() on each.



Mini Task 3

- Add a method `charge()` to `ElectricVehicle` and `refuel()` to `GasolineVehicle`.
- Call both on respective objects.



Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Forgetting `super().__init__()` → attributes from parent won't exist.
- Misaligned indentation → methods not actually inside the class.
- Reusing parent names incorrectly → shadowing variables.
- Always check that your subclass runs the parent's setup first.

Wrap-up

- Inheritance connects related classes.
- `super()` lets you reuse parent initialization.
- Overriding allows customization.

Composition and Object Interaction

Why Composition?

- Not everything fits into inheritance. Sometimes one class should use another, not become another.
- Example: A Car has a Battery – not the same thing.
- Composition = building larger structures from smaller classes.

The Contained Class

- We define the contained class first.

```
class Battery:  
    def __init__(self, capacity):  
        self.capacity = capacity  
  
    def describe_battery(self):  
        print(f"Battery capacity: {self.capacity} kWh")
```

The Container Class

- Include a class as an attribute inside another.

```
class ElectricVehicle:  
    def __init__(self, make, model, year, capacity):  
        self.make = make  
        self.model = model  
        self.year = year  
        self.battery = Battery(capacity) #here is the contained class  
  
    def describe(self):  
        print(f"{self.year} {self.make} {self.model}")  
        self.battery.describe_battery()
```

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    def describe(self):  
        print(f"{self.year} {self.make} {self.model}")  
        self.battery.describe_battery()
```

Mini Task 4

- Use your existing ElectricVehicle class and add a Battery class to it.
 - Each EV should automatically create a Battery when initialized.
 - Add a method `show_range()` inside Battery that prints the driving range.



Object Interaction

- Objects can communicate by calling each other's methods.

Example:

```
ev = ElectricVehicle('Tesla', 'Model 3', 2024, 75)
ev.battery.describe_battery()
```

Extending Composition

- Composition allows complex relationships:
 - A Zoo has Animals.
 - A Library has Books.
 - A School has Students and Teachers. Each object keeps its own logic but can interact with others.

Mini Task 5

- Create a new class Fleet that stores multiple vehicles.
- Use show_all() of your Fleet object.

```
class Fleet:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.vehicles = []  
  
    def add_vehicle(self, vehicle):  
        self.vehicles.append(vehicle)  
  
    def show_all(self):  
        for v in self.vehicles:  
            v.describe()
```



Common Mistakes

- Forgetting to initialize the contained class (e.g., `self.battery = Battery(capacity)`).
- Trying to access attributes that belong to another object directly.
- Forgetting to prefix with the correct object (`self.battery.range`, not just `range`).
- Always use dot notation to move through layers.

Wrap-up

- Composition = “has-a” relationship.
- Enables objects to collaborate.
- Builds modular, realistic programs.

Exercises

Zoo

- We are building a zoo that grows with each task.
- You can find the task list in the `CheatSheet_08.py` file on the server.
- Try to finish as many tasks as possible!