

CS61A Lecture 14

Object-Oriented Programming

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COMPUTER SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

Is that smile real or fake?
A computerized system developed at MIT can tell the difference between smiles of joy and smiles of frustration.

David L. Chandler, MIT News Office
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May 28, 2012

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<http://web.mit.edu/hrasouf/cis/2012/ smile-detector-0523.html>



TODAY

- Review: Object-Oriented Programming
- Inheritance



WHERE WE WERE: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Style of programming

One of many *programming paradigms* where **functions** are the central players.

Functions can work on data, which can sometimes be other functions.



WHERE WE WERE: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Key Feature: Composition

Functions can receive input from, and provide output to, other functions.

Many problems can be solved by “chaining” the outputs of one function to the inputs of the next.



WHERE WE WERE: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Key Feature: Composition

Example: Sum of all prime numbers from 2 to 100.

```

3. Sum the prime numbers up.
↓
reduce(add, ↓ 2. Filter out the prime numbers.
           filter(lambda num: is_prime(num),
                 range(2, 101)), ← 1. Generate all the numbers from 2 to 100.
           0)

```





WHERE WE WERE: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Key Feature: Statelessness

Functions always produce the *same outputs* for the *same inputs*.

This makes them incredibly useful for, for example, processing *a lot of data in parallel*.

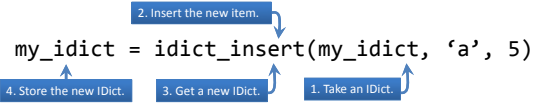


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WHERE WE WERE: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Key Feature: Statelessness

Because of statelessness, if we need to *update* a piece of data, we need to create a whole new piece of data.

```
my_idict = idict_insert(my_idict, 'a', 5)
```



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WHERE WE WERE: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Key Feature: Statelessness

Functional programming is clunky for data that *changes over time*, or that has *state*.

We need an easier way to work with stateful data.

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OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING



A new programming paradigm where **objects** are the central players.

Hence the term "object-oriented".

Objects are data structures that are combined with associated behaviors.

They are "smart bags" of data that have state and can interact.

Functions can do one thing; objects can do many related things.

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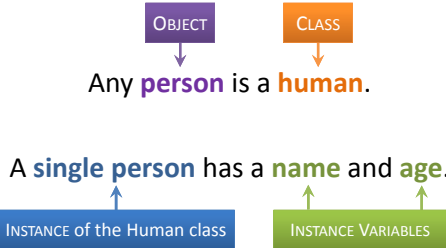


TERMINOLOGY

OBJECT CLASS

Any **person** is a **human**.

A **single person** has a **name** and **age**.

INSTANCE of the Human class INSTANCE VARIABLES



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TERMINOLOGY

An **object** is an **instance** of a **class**.

For example, a person is an instance of a human.

The class describes its objects: it is a *template*.

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TERMINOLOGY

Objects and instance variables have a “has-a” relationship.

An **instance variable** is an **attribute** specific to an instance.

An **object has an instance variable**.



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TERMINOLOGY

A single person can **eat** and **sleep**.

The **population** of the Earth is 7 billion.

CLASS VARIABLES



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TERMINOLOGY

Objects have certain behaviors, known as **methods**.

There are attributes for the class as a whole, not for specific instances: these are **class variables**.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: MIDTERM 1

- Grades are available through glookup.
- *Mean: 38.0, standard deviation: 8.6.*
- Your TA will distribute the graded midterms in lab today, in exchange for a completed survey.
- The average of the class improved by 1 point when scores on the group portion were considered.
- Midterm solutions will be released soon.
- Post-midterm destress potluck *tonight* from **6:30pm to 10pm** in the **Wozniak lounge (4th floor Soda)**.



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OOP IN PYTHON

CLASS

```
class Pokemon:
    __total_pokemon = 0 ← CLASS VARIABLE
    def __init__(self, name, owner, hit_pts):
        → self.__name = name
        → self.__owner = owner
        → self.__hp = hit_pts
        Pokemon.__total_pokemon += 1
```

INSTANCE VARIABLES



<http://jakehuckabachonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/2/06/pokemon-kgps.jpg>

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OOP IN PYTHON

```
class Pokemon:
    __total_pokemon = 0 ← self refers to the INSTANCE.
    def __init__(self, name, owner, hit_pts):
        ← CONSTRUCTOR
        self.__name = name
        self.__owner = owner
        self.__hp = hit_pts
        Pokemon.__total_pokemon += 1
```



Class variables are referenced using the *name of the class*, since they do not belong to a specific instance.

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OOP IN PYTHON

```

class Pokemon:
    __total_pokemon = 0
    def __init__(self, name, owner, hit_pts):
        self.__name = name
        self.__owner = owner
        self.__hp = hit_pts
        Pokemon.__total_pokemon += 1

```

"of" self.__name ← Name of the instance (self)

Total number of Pokémon



OOP IN PYTHON

```

class Pokemon:
    ...
    def increase_hp(self, amount):
        self.__hp += amount
    def decrease_hp(self, amount):
        self.__hp -= amount

```

METHODS



OOP IN PYTHON

```

class Pokemon:
    ...
    def increase_hp(self, amount):
        self.__hp += amount
    def decrease_hp(self, amount):
        self.__hp -= amount

```

Every method needs self as an argument.



OOP IN PYTHON

```

class Pokemon:
    ...
    def get_name(self):
        return self.__name
    def get_owner(self):
        return self.__owner
    def get_hit_pts(self):
        return self.__hp

```

SELECTORS



OOP IN PYTHON

```

>>> ash_pikachu = Pokemon('Pikachu', 'Ash', 300)
>>> mistys_togepi = Pokemon('Togepi', 'Misty', 245)
>>> mistys_togepi.get_owner()
'Misty'
>>> ash_pikachu.get_hit_pts()
300
>>> ash_pikachu.increase_hp(150)
>>> ash_pikachu.get_hit_pts()
450

```

We now have state! The same expression evaluates to different values.



OOP IN PYTHON

The statement `ash_pikachu = Pokemon('Pikachu', 'Ash', 300)` *instantiates* a new object.

The `__init__` method (the **constructor**) is called by this statement.

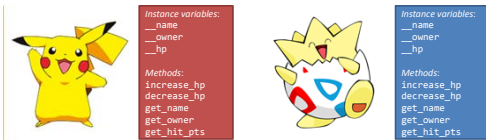
Objects can *only* be created by the constructor.



SMART BAGS OF DATA

```
ashes_pikachu = Pokemon('Pikachu', 'Ash', 300)
mistys_togepi = Pokemon('Togepi', 'Misty', 245)
```

The statements above create two new objects:



<http://www.contrib.andrew.cmu.edu/~rguents/images/pikachu.jpg>
<http://media.photobucket.com/Imagelocent/BrockanYell/Togepi.png>

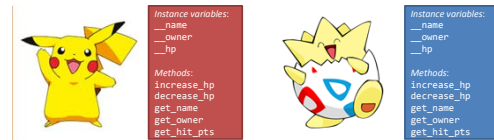
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SMART BAGS OF DATA

Each object gets its own set of instance variables and **bound** methods.

Each object is a “smart bag” of data: it has data and it can also manipulate the data.



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<http://media.photobucket.com/Imagelocent/BrockanYell/Togepi.png>

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BOUND METHODS

A method is *bound* to an instance.

```
Pokemon.increase_hp(ashes_pikachu, 150)
    evaluates to
ashes_pikachu.increase_hp(150)
```

self is implicitly the object itself.



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OBJECT IDENTITY

Every object has its own set of independent instance variables and bound methods.

```
>>> ashes_pikachu = Pokemon('Pikachu', 'Ash', 300)
>>> brocks_pikachu = ashes_pikachu
>>> brocks_pikachu is ashes_pikachu
True
>>> brocks_pikachu = Pokemon('Pikachu', 'Brock', 300)
>>> brocks_pikachu is ashes_pikachu
False
```

Assigning the same object to two different variables.

The is operator checks if the two variables evaluate to the same object.



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OOP IN PYTHON: PRACTICE

Which methods in the Pokemon class should be modified to ensure that the HP never goes down below zero? How should it be modified?

We modify the decrease_hp method:

```
def decrease_hp(self, amount):
    self.__hp -= amount
    if self.__hp < 0:
        self.__hp = 0
```



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OOP IN PYTHON: PRACTICE

Write the method attack that takes another Pokemon object as an argument. When this method is called on a Pokemon object, the object screams (= prints) its name and reduces the HP of the opposing Pokémon by 50.

```
>>> mistys_togepi.get_hp()
245
>>> ashes_pikachu.attack(mistys_togepi)
Pikachu!
>>> mistys_togepi.get_hp()
195
```



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OOP IN PYTHON: PRACTICE

Write the method `attack` that takes another Pokemon object as an argument. When this method is called on a Pokemon object, the object screams (= prints) its name and reduces the HP of the opposing Pokémon by 50.

```
def attack(self, other):
    print(self.get_name() + "!")
    other.decrease_hp(50)
```



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A NOTE ABOUT DOUBLE UNDERSCORES

All instance variables so far were preceded by double underscores. *This is not necessary!*

It is necessary for `__init__` though (which is not an instance variable)! We will see why tomorrow.

The double underscores tell Python, and other Python programmers, that this variable is not to be used *directly* outside the class.



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A NOTE ABOUT DOUBLE UNDERSCORES

Python will *modify* the name of the variable so that you cannot use it directly outside the class.

You *can* find out the new name (using `dir`), but if you need this extra effort, you are either debugging your code or doing something wrong.



<http://images.wikia.com/pokeshaveventure/images/2/2d/Truck.gif>

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A NOTE ABOUT DOUBLE UNDERSCORES

The code from before could have been

```
class Pokemon:
    total_pokemon = 0
    def __init__(self, name, owner, hit_pts):
        self.name = name
        self.owner = owner
        self.hp = hit_pts
        Pokemon.total_pokemon += 1
```



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A NOTE ABOUT DOUBLE UNDERSCORES

We can then obtain the attributes more directly.

```
>>> ash_pikachu = Pokemon('Pikachu', 'Ash', 300)
>>> mistys_togepi = Pokemon('Togepi', 'Misty', 245)
>>> mistys_togepi.owner
'Misty'
>>> ash_pikachu.hp
300
>>> ash_pikachu.increase_hp(150)
>>> ash_pikachu.hp
450
```



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PROPERTIES

Python allows us to create attributes that are computed from other attributes, but need not necessarily be instance variables.

Say we want each Pokemon object to say its complete name, constructed from its owner's name and its own name.



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PROPERTIES

One way is to define a new *method*.

```
class Pokemon:
    ...
    def complete_name(self):
        return self.owner + "'s " + \
            self.name
```

```
>>> ash_pikachu.complete_name()
'Ash's Pikachu'
```

However, this seems like it should be an attribute (something the data *is*), instead of a method (something the data *can do*).



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PROPERTIES

Another way is to use the property *decorator*.

```
class Pokemon:
    ...
    @property
    def complete_name(self):
        return self.owner + "'s " + \
            self.name
```

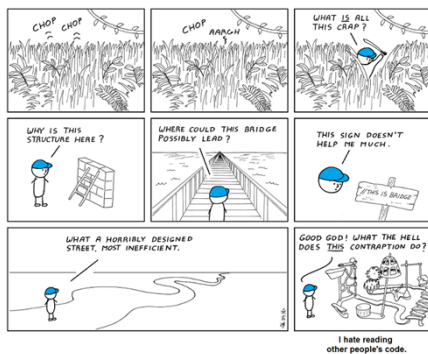
```
>>> ash_pikachu.complete_name()
'Ash's Pikachu'
```

A new attribute is calculated!



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BREAK



<http://idontknowgonna.com/432>



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INHERITANCE

Occasionally, we find that many abstract data types are related.

For example, there are many different kinds of people, but all of them have similar methods of eating and sleeping.



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INHERITANCE

We would like to have different kinds of Pokémon, which differ (among other things) in the amount of points lost by its opponent during an attack.

The only method that changes is attack. All the other methods *remain the same*. Can we avoid *duplicating code* for each of the different kinds?



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INHERITANCE

Key OOP Idea: Classes can inherit methods and instance variables from other classes

```
class WaterPokemon(Pokemon):
    def attack(self, other):
        other.decrease_hp(75)
```

```
class ElectricPokemon(Pokemon):
    def attack(self, other):
        other.decrease_hp(60)
```



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```

The Pokemon class is the *superclass* of the WaterPokemon class.

The WaterPokemon class is the *subclass* of the Pokemon class.



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INHERITANCE

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class ElectricPokemon(Pokemon):
    def attack(self, other):
        other.decrease_hp(60)
```

The attack method from the Pokemon class is *overridden* by the attack method from the WaterPokemon class.



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INHERITANCE

```
>>> ash_squirtle = WaterPokemon('Squirtle',
                                'Ash', 314)
>>> mistys_togepi = Pokemon('Togepi', 'Misty', 245)
>>> mistys_togepi.attack(ash_squirtle)
>>> ash_squirtle.get_hit_pts()
264
>>> ash_squirtle.attack(mistys_togepi)
>>> mistys_togepi.get_hit_pts()
170
```



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INHERITANCE

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mistys_togepi uses the attack method from the Pokemon class.



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INHERITANCE

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```

The WaterPokemon class does not have a get_hit_pts method, so it uses the method from its superclass.



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INHERITANCE: WHAT HAPPENS HERE?

```
class ElectricPokemon(Pokemon):
    def __init__(self, name, owner, hp, origin):
        self.__origin = origin

ashs_pikachu = ElectricPokemon('Pikachu', 'Ash',
                               300, 'Pallet Town')
ashs_pikachu.get_hit_pts()
```

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INHERITANCE: WHAT HAPPENS HERE?

One fix is to first call the constructor of the superclass. The constructor of the subclass overrode the constructor of the superclass, which is why the other instance variables were never assigned.

```
class ElectricPokemon(Pokemon):
    def __init__(self, name, owner, hp, origin):
        Pokemon.__init__(self, name, owner, hp)
        self.__origin = origin
```

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CONCLUSION

- Object-oriented programming is another paradigm that makes objects its central players, not functions.
- Objects are pieces of data and the associated behavior.
- Classes define an object, and can inherit methods and instance variables from each other.
- **Preview:** If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, is it a duck?

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