

Oriented Object Programming in Python

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Program of this lecture

- Programation Style
- Definition of many concept
 - ➔ Object, instance, class, attribute, ...
- Dataclass
 - ➔ Equivalent of Fortran Structure
- Class
- Inheritance
- super function
- Multiple inheritance

Programming paradigm

Paradigm = style of computer programming

- Procedural languages:
 - ➔ Describe step by step the procedure that should be followed to solve a specific problem.
- Object-oriented programming:
 - ➔ Data and methods of manipulating data are kept as single unit called object
 - ➔ A user can access the data via the object's method
 - ➔ The internal working of an object maybe changed without affecting any code that uses the object

Procedural Example

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answer = input(question1)

if answer == "1":
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Better code:

- a function allows to avoid to repeat itself
- data are a bit more structured

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    score = 0
    if ask("What is the meaning of HPC", ["High Performance Computing",
                                         "Higgs Portal Channel",
                                         "High Portability Cluster",
                                         "Hello Peter Charles"]) == 1:
        score += 1
    if ask("What is the meaning of CECI", ["Centre des equipes de calcul interactifs",
                                           "Consortium des Equipements de calculs intensifs",
                                           "This is the french word for \"this\"",
                                           "Cool Equipe Connaissant Ipython"]) == 2:
        score += 1
    print("You have %d/2 correct answer" % score)
```

Issue:

- Data is not well structured... (correct answer check)
- still repetition for the score handling
(problematic if this move to a more complex handling)

Let's create a data structure

```
3 class Question:
4
5     def __init__(self, question, answers, correct):
6         self.question = question
7         self.answers = answers
8         self.correct = correct
9
```

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```
q = Question("what is my name?", ["Olivier", "Hal", "Damien", "Bernard"], correct=1)
```

[2] ✓ 0.1s

Python

```
q.correct
```

[3] ✓ 0.2s

Python

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[4] ✓ 0.2s Python
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```

Naming convention

```
3 class Question:
```

```
    q1 = QuestionC'
```

```
q.correct
```

```
self
```

- Question is called a **class**
- q is named **object** or **instance** of the class Question
- “correct” is an **attribute** of the class/object
- This is the current instance
 - ➔ Convention is to use self (but not enforced)

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Example code

creation of the data-structure (now ready to be read from external file/ database/...)

```
all_questions = []

q1 = Question("What is the meaning of HPC", ["High Performance Computing",
      "Higgs Portal Channel",
      "High Portability Cluster",
      "Hello Peter Charles"],
      correct=1)
q2 = Question("What is the meaning of CECI", ["Centre des equipes de calcul interactifs",
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      correct=2)

all_questions = [q1,q2]
```

Running the code

```
score = 0
for q in all_questions:
    if ask(q) == q.correct:
        score +=1
    else:
        print(f"No the correct answer was {q.correct}")
print("You have %d/2 correct answer" % score)
```

Quite nice encapsulation

Function and object

```
print(q.correct)
def change_correct(question, new_correct):
    question.correct = new_correct
change_correct(q, 3)
print(q.correct)
```

✓ 0.2s

1

3

- Remember that you can modify any attribute of an object within a function (python specific)

Dataclass

- Let assume, we want to avoid the issue and be sure that the data are untouched during the all program
 - ➔ This is a perfect example for using the “dataclass” of python

```
import dataclasses
from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass(frozen=True)
class Question:
    """Class for keeping track of one question"""
    question: str
    answers: list[str] = dataclasses.field(default_factory=list)
    correct: int = 1
```

@ is called a **decorator**, that allow to define “for you”, the `__init__`, `__str__`, `__repr__` of the class for you.

The `frozen=True` allows to ensure that data are readonly

Dataclass example

```
change_correct(q, 3)
```

⊗ 0.6s

```
-----  
FrozenInstanceError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
Cell In [19], line 1  
----> 1 change_correct(q, 3)  
  
Cell In [16], line 3, in change_correct(question, new_correct)  
      2 def change_correct(question, new_correct):  
----> 3     question.correct = new_correct  
  
File <string>:4, in __setattr__(self, name, value)  
FrozenInstanceError: cannot assign to field 'correct'
```

```
print(q)
```

✓ 0.2s

```
Question(question='what is my name?', answers=['Olivier', 'Hal', 'Damien', 'Bernard'], correct=1)
```

Before (hand made data-structure) was:

```
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```
<__main__.Question object at 0x106605ff0>
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- the use of self
- the first attribute of ALL class function is the instance itself (self)

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    if not prefix:
        t= "T"
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    else:
        q.print_correct(prefix="No, ")
```

Advance possibility

- Allow to sum object

```
from __future__ import annotations

import dataclasses
from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass
class Color:
    """Class for keeping track of one question"""
    red: float = 0.
    green: float = 0.
    blue: float = 0.

    def __add__(self, other: Color) -> Color:
        r = (self.red+other.red)/2
        g = (self.green+other.green)/2
        b = (self.blue+other.blue)/2
        return Color(r,g,b)

blue = Color(blue=1)
red = Color(red=1)
print(blue+red)
```

- You can customise all python operator (assignment, addition, multiplication, ...)

Class inheritance

- Extend what a class can do by inheritance

```
class QuestionStatus(Question):
```

Mother

Child

- An object of type `QuestionStatus` is also of type `Question`
- By default all attributes/functions/method of the mother class are present in the child class.
 - The child can overwrite the mother behaviour

```
class QuestionStatus(Question):
```

```
def __init__(self, *args, **opts):
```

```
    Question.__init__(self, *args, **opts)
```

```
    self.attempt = 0
```

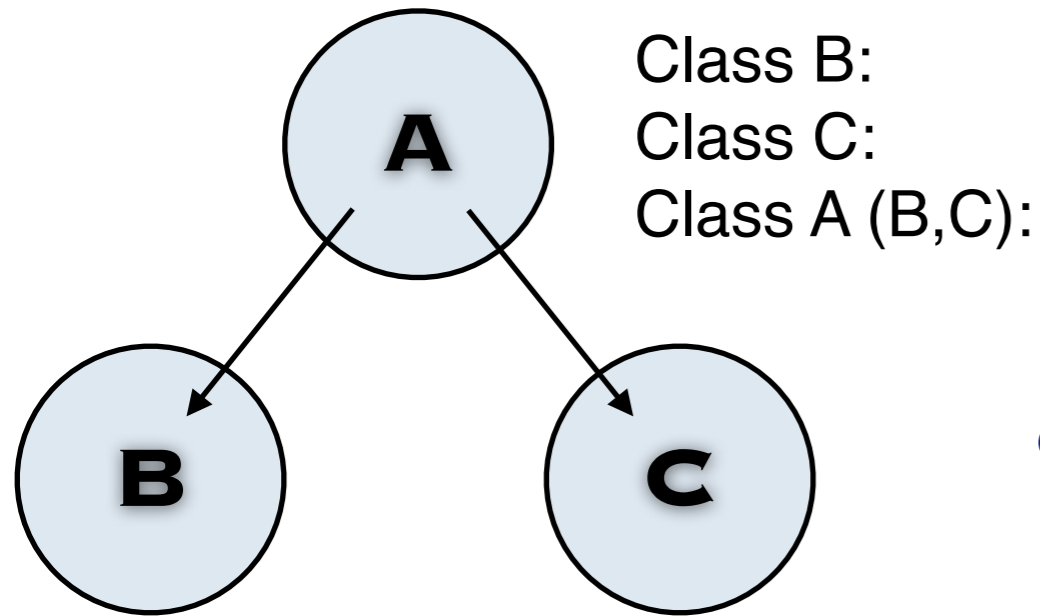
```
    self.success = 0
```

Overwrite the constructor ..

... But explicitly call the it to expand it

Multiple Class inheritance

- Multiple class inheritance possible



- If both B and C defines a function
 - Use the one in B
- Mainly use for cooperative feature
 - In that case do not use
 - `A.__init__(self, ...)`
 - But `super().__init__(—no self—)`

C

`super().xxx` with self of type A will call B.xxxx

B

`super().xxx` with self of type A will call A.xxxx

Conclusion

- Structuring your data is Essential
 - ➔ Both in procedural / object-oriented programming
- Dataclasses allows simple and powerful way to create data-structure (read-only, slots,...)
- A class is a data-structure with functions
 - ➔ A function is associated to the data-structure
- Inheritance allows to recycle code between different class
 - ➔ A class should do one (and only one) task
 - ➔ Then you can compose object