

NPRG065: Programming in Python *Lecture 7*

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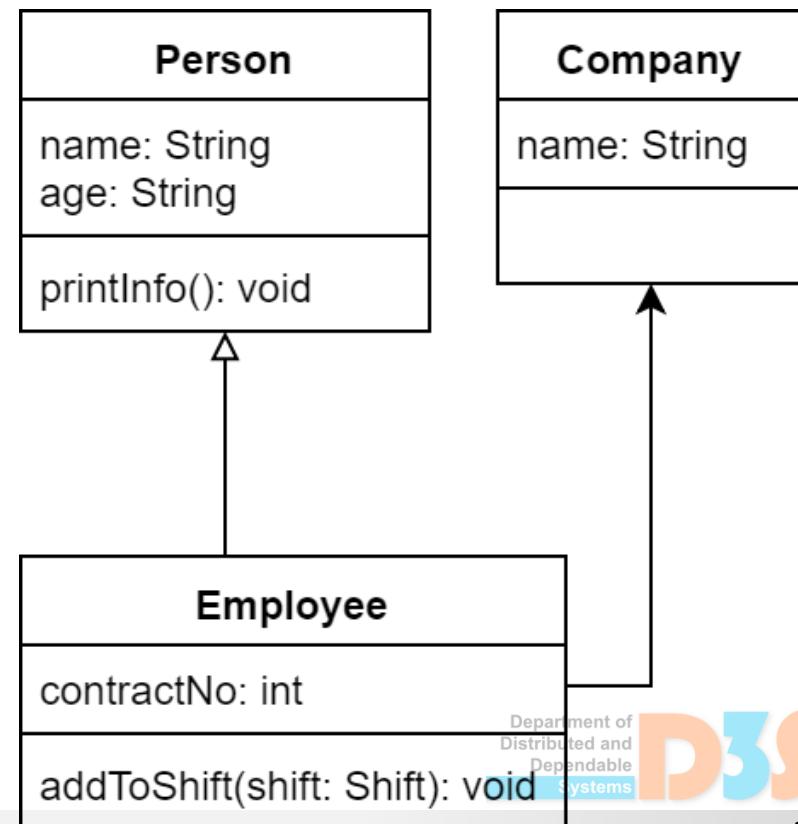


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faculty of mathematics and physics

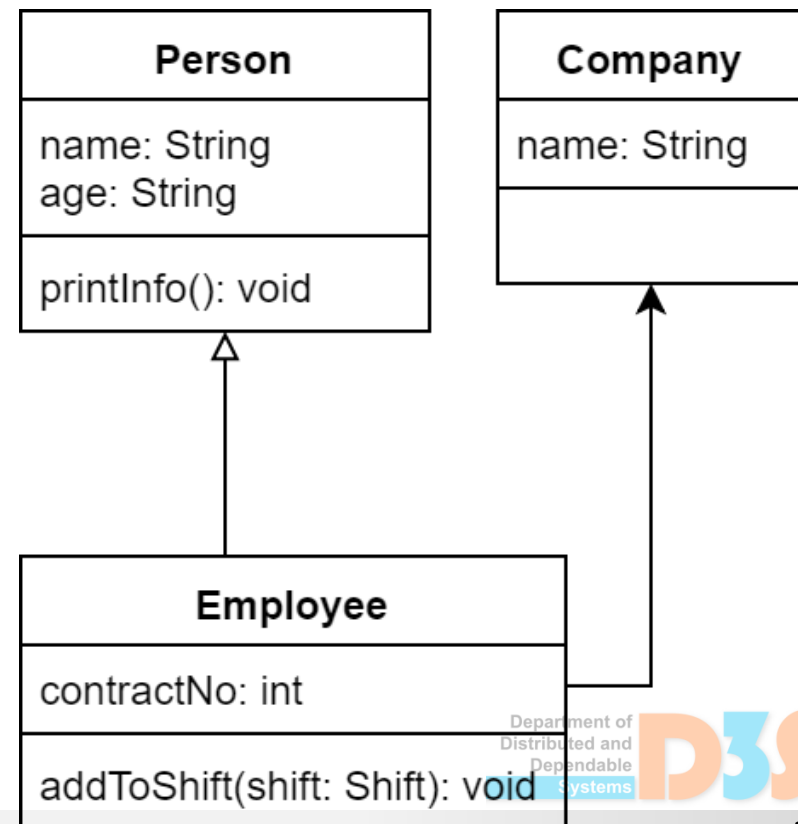
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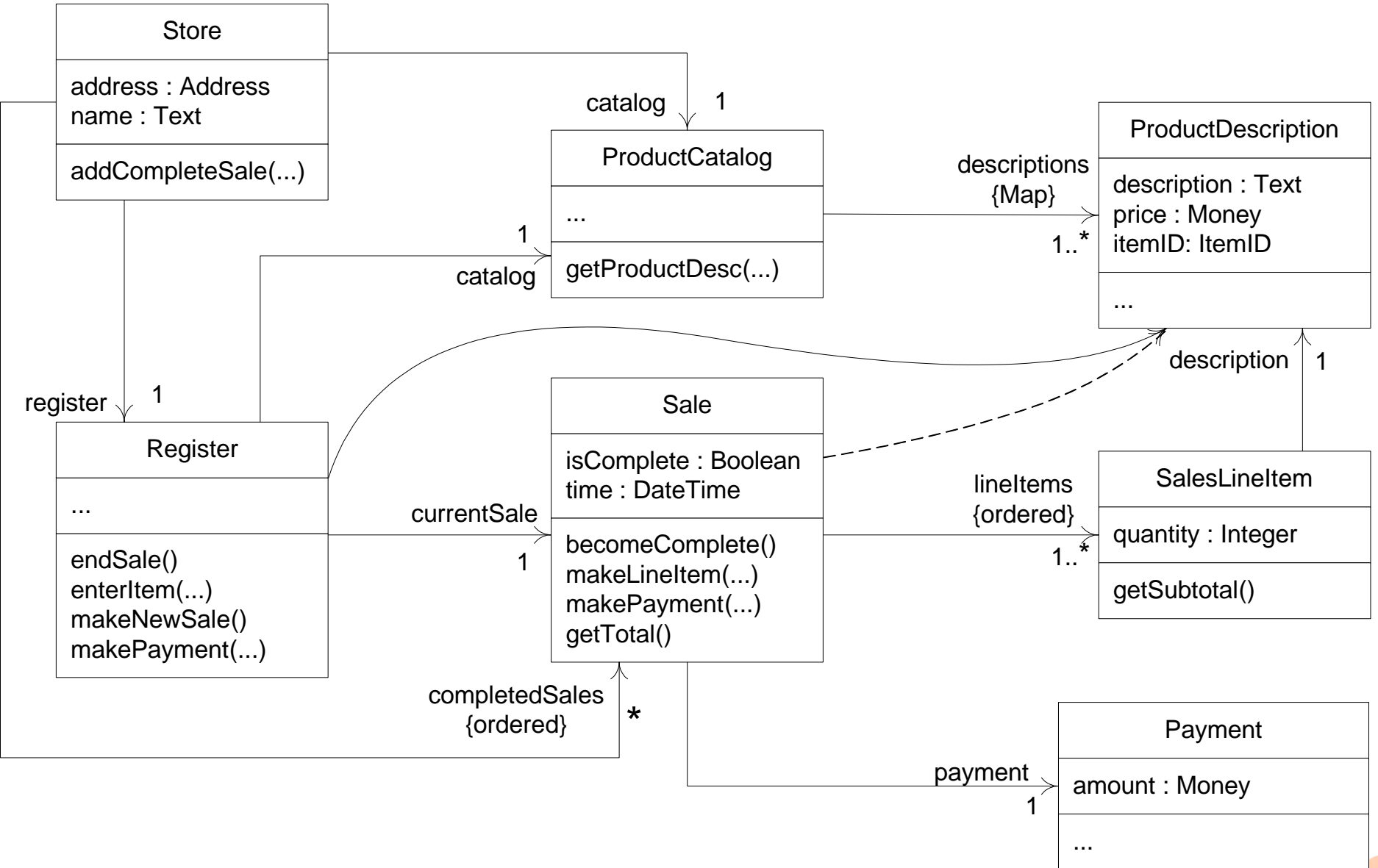
- A system consists of a set of objects that are send messages to each other.
- The reception of a message triggers an operation in the receiving object.
- An object is an individual entity with a unique identity.
- A class describes a set of objects with common characteristics:
 - Attributes
(e.g., name, age of a person)
 - Relationships to other objects
(e.g. a person is married to another person)
 - Operations that can be executed
(e.g. printInfo)



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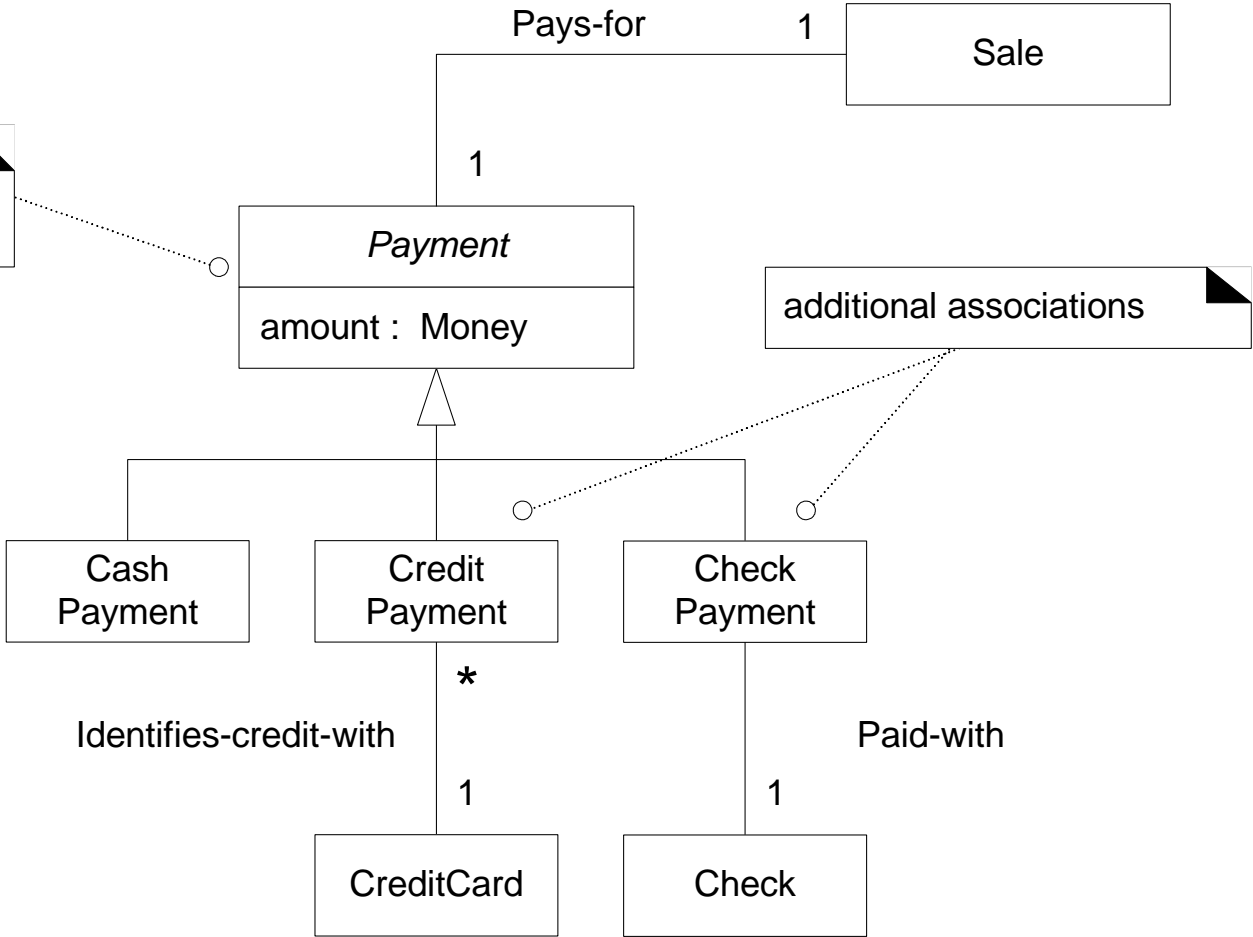
- The current attribute values (and relationships) at a time determines the object's state
- The current state of all existing objects at a time (and their relationships to other objects) determine the system's state
- Classes can be specialized – e.g., an employee is a person
- Fundamental OO concepts
 - Encapsulation
 - Hides particular details
 - Abstraction (inheritance)
 - An “employee” can be regarded as a “person”
 - Polymorphism
 - Behavior dependent on a particular instance



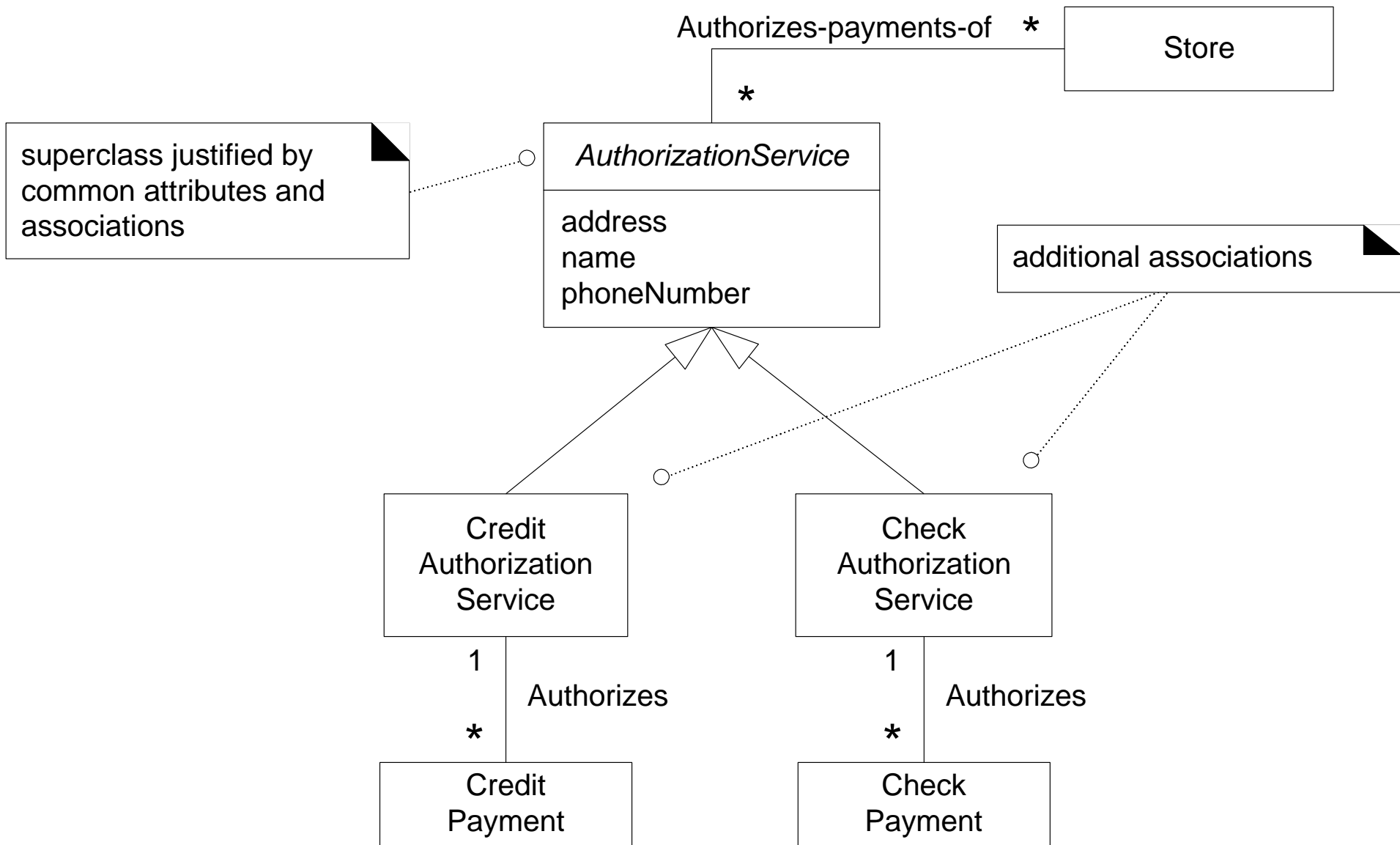


superclass justified by common attributes and associations

each payment subclass is handled differently



additional associations



Classes and objects

- Class ~ (in broad view) a template for creating objects
- Object ~ an instance of a class
- In Python
 - class defined as a set of statements

```
class ClassName:  
    <statement-1>  
    .  
    .  
    <statement-N>
```

- Note – in Python, a class definition is also an object
 - will be later in more details

Basics of classes

```
class Dog:
```

```
    kind = 'canine'
```

Class variable (similar to static field in Java)

```
    def __init__(self, name):
```

```
        self.name = name
```

Initialization method (like a constructor)

```
    def bark(self):
```

```
        print(f'{self.name} says: Woof woof')
```

Explicit reference to objects (like `this` in Java)

```
print(Dog.kind)
```

```
# -> canine
```

```
d = Dog('Fido')
```

```
# instantiating new objects
```

```
e = Dog('Buddy')
```

```
print(d.kind)
```

```
# -> canine
```

```
print(e.kind)
```

```
# -> canine
```

```
print(d.name)
```

```
# -> Fido
```

```
print(e.name)
```

```
# -> Buddy
```

```
d.bark()
```

```
# Fido says: Woof woof
```

```
e.bark()
```

```
# Buddy says: Woof woof
```

No "new" for instantiating

Examine and run
[basics_classes.py](#)

self is set automatically

Basics of classes

- Method calls

```
d = Dog('Fido')
Dog.bark(d)           # equivalent to d.bark()
```

- Calling methods like functions

```
dbark = d.bark
dbark()
```

- Class variables – shared among all instances
- Object variables defined in `__init__()`
 - but can be defined in any method
 - or even outside of any method

Examine and run
methods_variables.py

Basics of classes

- Functions can be “transformed” to methods

```
def f1(self, x, y):  
    return x + y  
  
class C:  
    f = f1  
  
    def g(self):  
        return 'hello world'  
  
    h = g  
  
    # now, all f, g, and h are methods
```

- functions and methods are objects too
 - will be later in more detail

Examine and run
[functions_methods.py](#)

Inheritance

```
class DerivedClassName (BaseClassName) :  
    <statement-1>  
    .  
    .  
    .  
    <statement-N>
```

- Methods can be overridden
 - effectively, all the methods are virtual (like in Java)
 - calling a method from the parent in the overridden method
`BaseClassName.methodname(self, arguments)`
 - or (and better)
`super().methodname(arguments)`
- Builtin functions
 - `isinstance(obj, clazz)`
 - `issubclass(clazz, parent_class)`

Multiple inheritance

```
class DerivedClassName(Base1, Base2, Base3):  
    <statement-1>  
    .  
    .  
    .  
    <statement-N>
```

Examine and run
[multiple_inheritance_basics.py](#)

- Searching a method/variable in parents
 - generally depth-first, left-to-right

Not completely true ...
details will follow

Inheritance

- All classes inherit (directly or indirectly) from **object**
- Good practice (especially with multiple inheritance)
 - Always call inherited `__init__()` method
 - all of them
 - `super().__init__()`

Examine and run
multiple_inheritance_bad.py
And
multiple_inheritance_ok.py

Linearization

- Searching a method/variable in parents
 - uses C3-linearization (aka Method Resolution Order – MRO)
 - ordering of ancestors such that:
 - ancestor never comes before a child (local precedence order)
 - an ancestor is not visited twice
 - within those rule it builds the MRO depth-first, left-to-right

Examine and run
linearization.py



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