

Representation

Announcements

Inheritance

Inheritance Example

A `CheckingAccount` is a specialized type of `Account`

```
>>> ch = CheckingAccount('Tom')
>>> ch.interest      # Lower interest rate for checking accounts
0.01
>>> ch.deposit(20)   # Deposits are the same
20
>>> ch.withdraw(5)   # Withdrawals incur a $1 fee
14
```

Most behavior is shared with the base class `Account`

```
class CheckingAccount(Account):
    """A bank account that charges for withdrawals."""
    withdraw_fee = 1
    interest = 0.01
    def withdraw(self, amount):
        return Account.withdraw(self, amount + self.withdraw_fee)
        or
        return super().withdraw(amount + self.withdraw_fee)
```

Looking Up Attribute Names on Classes

Base class attributes *aren't* copied into subclasses!

To look up a name in a class:

1. If it names an attribute in the class, return the attribute value.
2. Otherwise, look up the name in the base class, if there is one.

```
>>> ch = CheckingAccount('Tom') # Calls Account.__init__
>>> ch.interest # Found in CheckingAccount
0.01
>>> ch.deposit(20) # Found in Account
20
>>> ch.withdraw(5) # Found in CheckingAccount
14
```

Example: Three Attributes

```
class A:  
    x, y, z = 0, 1, 2  
  
    def f(self):  
        return [self.x, self.y, self.z]
```

```
class B(A):  
    """What would Python Do?
```

```
>>> A().f()
```

```
[0, 1, 2]
```

```
>>> B().f()
```

```
[6, 1, 'A']
```

```
.....
```

```
x = 6
```

```
def __init__(self):  
    self.z = 'A'
```

A class

```
x: 0  
y: 1  
z: 2
```

B class

```
x: 6
```

A instance

B instance

```
z: 'A'
```

String Representations

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In Python, all objects produce two string representations:

- The `str` is legible to humans
- The `repr` is legible to the Python interpreter

The `str` and `repr` strings are often the same, but not always

```
>>> from fractions import Fraction
>>> half = Fraction(1, 2)
>>> str(half)
'1/2'
>>> repr(half)
'Fraction(1, 2)'
```


Class Practice

Spring 2023 Midterm 2 Question 2(a)

```
class Letter:
    def __init__(self, contents):
        self.contents = contents
        self.sent = False

    def send(self):
        if self.sent:
            print(self, 'was already sent.')
        else:
            print(self, 'has been sent.')
            self.sent = True
            return Letter(self.contents.upper())

    def __repr__(self):
        return self.contents
```

Implement the **Letter** class. A **Letter** has two instance attributes: **contents** (a **str**) and **sent** (a **bool**). Each **Letter** can only be sent once. The **send** method prints whether the letter was sent, and if it was, returns the reply, which is a new **Letter** instance with the same contents, but in all caps.
Hint: 'hi'.upper() evaluates to 'HI'.

```
"""A letter receives an all-caps reply.

>>> hi = Letter('Hello, World!')
>>> hi.send()
Hello, World! has been sent.
HELLO, WORLD!
>>> hi.send()
Hello, World! was already sent.
>>> Letter('Hey').send().send()
Hey has been sent.
HEY has been sent.
HEY
"""
```

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```
class Numbered(Letter):
    number = 0

    def __init__(self, contents):
        super().__init__(contents)
        self.number = Numbered.number
        Numbered.number += 1

    def __repr__(self):
        return '#' + str(self.number)
```

Implement the **Numbered** class. A **Numbered** letter has a **number** attribute equal to how many numbered letters have previously been constructed. This **number** appears in its **repr** string. Assume **Letter** is implemented correctly.

```
"""A numbered letter has a different
repr method that shows its number.

>>> hey = Numbered('Hello, World!')
>>> hey.send()
#0 has been sent.
HELLO, WORLD!
>>> Numbered('Hi!').send()
#1 has been sent.
HI!
>>> hey
#0
"""
```