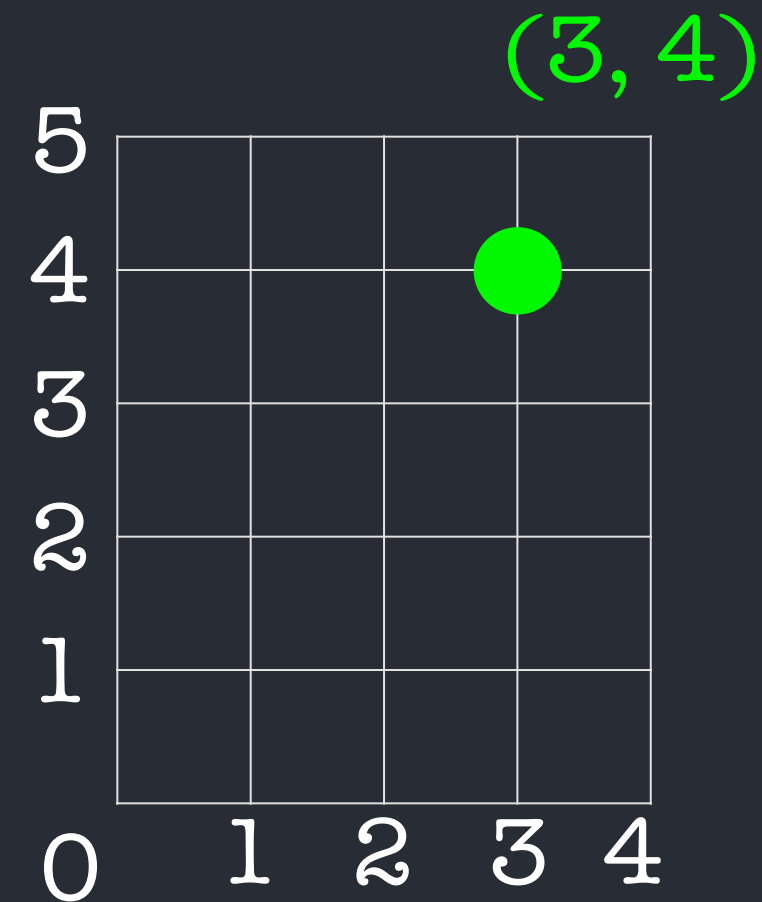




Classes and Objects

Programming (for biologists)
BIOL 7800

We can define a **class** to represent **points**



```
class Point():
```

```
    "A class to hold point data"
```

```
    # other stuff to do w/ class goes below
```

This **Point()** class allows us to
create **Point()** **objects** that have
their own

“methods” and **“attributes”**

where **methods** are
basically *functions* that
operate only on an object of
the **Point()** class

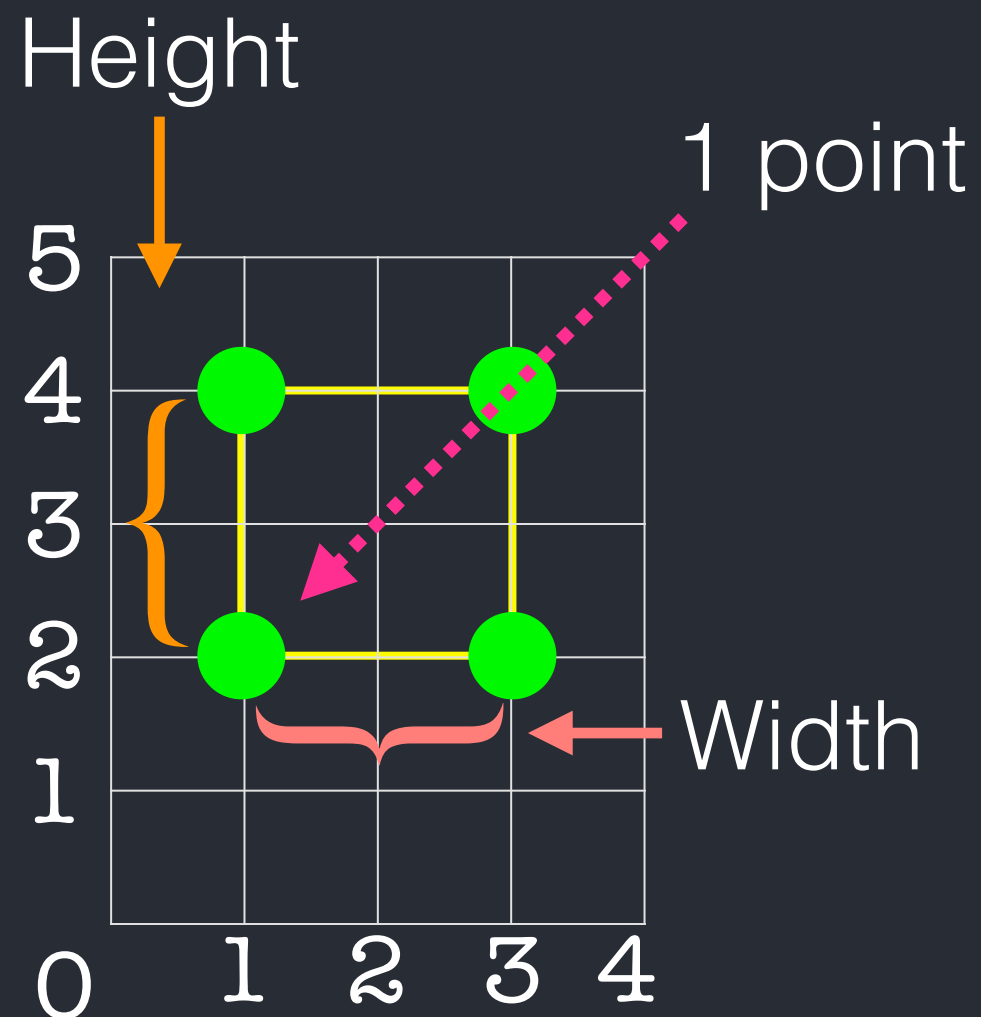
...and **attributes** are *values*
assoc. with *named elements*
of an object of the Point()
class

Rectangle Class

Let's also create a `Rectangle()` class

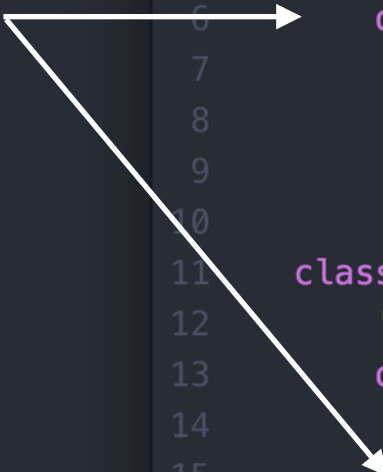
We make the **arbitrary** choice to use Approach 1

Approach #1



1. take control of object initialization

We can clean
this up by
adding
`__init__`
method to
`Point()` class



```
example2.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3
4  class Point():
5      '''A class to hold point data'''
6      def __init__(self, x, y):
7          self.x = x
8          self.y = y
9
10
11  class Rectangle():
12      '''Reps a rect. has width, height, corner'''
13      def __init__(self, width, height, x, y):
14          self.width = width
15          self.height = height
16          self.corner = Point(x, y)
17
18
19  def main():
20      my_rect = Rectangle(2, 2, 1, 2)
21      print(my_rect)
22      print("this is dir(my_rect)", dir(my_rect))
23      print("my_rect.width = {}, my_rect.height = {}".format(
24          my_rect.width, my_rect.height)
25      )
26
27
28  if __name__ == '__main__':
29      main()
30
```


This seems inefficient...

Let's return to our
center finding
exercise...

We've cleaned up
inefficient attribute
stuff

```
example2.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3
4  class Point():
5      '''A class to hold point data'''
6      def __init__(self, x, y):
7          self.x = x
8          self.y = y
9
10
11  class Rectangle():
12      '''Reps a rect. has width, height, corner'''
13      def __init__(self, width, height, x, y):
14          self.width = width
15          self.height = height
16          self.corner = Point(x, y)
17
18
19  def find_center(rect):
20      x = rect.corner.x + rect.width / 2
21      y = rect.corner.y + rect.height / 2
22      return Point(x, y)
23
24
25  def main():
26      my_rect = Rectangle(2, 2, 1, 2)
27      result = find_center(my_rect)
28      print(result)
29      print(result.x, result.y)
30
31
32  if __name__ == '__main__':
```

This seems inefficient...

Let's return to our
center finding
exercise...

But we still have a
function here that
really applies only to
Rectangle() objects

```
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example2.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
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4  class Point():
5      '''A class to hold point data'''
6      def __init__(self, x, y):
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9
10
11  class Rectangle():
12      '''Reps a rect. has width, height, corner'''
13      def __init__(self, width, height, x, y):
14          self.width = width
15          self.height = height
16          self.corner = Point(x, y)
17
18
19  def find_center(rect):
20      x = rect.corner.x + rect.width / 2
21      y = rect.corner.y + rect.height / 2
22      return Point(x, y)
23
24
25  def main():
26      my_rect = Rectangle(2, 2, 1, 2)
27      result = find_center(my_rect)
28      print(result)
29      print(result.x, result.y)
30
31
32  if __name__ == '__main__':
```


2. take control of object methods

We can make this function a **method** of all **Rectangle()** objects

```
example2.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3
4  class Point():
5      '''A class to hold point data'''
6      def __init__(self, x, y):
7          self.x = x
8          self.y = y
9
10
11  class Rectangle():
12      '''Reps a rect. has width, height, corner'''
13      def __init__(self, width, height, x, y):
14          self.width = width
15          self.height = height
16          self.corner = Point(x, y)
17
18      def find_center(self):
19          x = self.corner.x + self.width / 2
20          y = self.corner.y + self.height / 2
21          return Point(x, y)
22
23
24  def main():
25      my_rect = Rectangle(2, 2, 1, 2)
26      result = my_rect.find_center()
27      print(result)
28      print(result.x, result.y)
29
30
31  if __name__ == '__main__':
32      main()
```

2. take control of object methods

And we can **call** that **method** whenever we want
(after we instantiate the object)

```
example2.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example2.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3
4  class Point():
5      '''A class to hold point data'''
6      def __init__(self, x, y):
7          self.x = x
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11  class Rectangle():
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13      def __init__(self, width, height, x, y):
14          self.width = width
15          self.height = height
16          self.corner = Point(x, y)
17
18      def find_center(self):
19          x = self.corner.x + self.width / 2
20          y = self.corner.y + self.height / 2
21          return Point(x, y)
22
23
24  def main():
25      my_rect = Rectangle(2, 2, 1, 2)
26      result = my_rect.find_center()
27      print(result)
28      print(result.x, result.y)
29
30
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32      main()
```


Another example: Time()

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3
4  class Time():
5      '''A class for time-related data'''
6      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
7          self.hour = hour
8          self.minute = minute
9          self.second = second
10
11
12  def main():
13      start = Time(9, 45)
14      print(start)
15
16
17  if __name__ == '__main__':
18      main()
19
```

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As far as you know*,
there is no **class** for
representing **Time** in
Python


So let's make one...

*(**datetime** is the standard python module for classes dealing w/ times & dates)

Printing Time()

We can create a `print_time` function to pretty print the time of each `Time()` instance

```
$ python example12.py  
09:45:00
```



```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp  
1  #!/usr/bin/env python  
2  
3  
4  class Time():  
5      '''A class for time-related data'''  
6      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):  
7          self.hour = hour  
8          self.minute = minute  
9          self.second = second  
10  
11  
12  def print_time(time):  
13      print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(  
14          time.hour,  
15          time.minute,  
16          time.second)  
17      )  
18  
19  
20  def main():  
21      start = Time(9, 45)  
22      print_time(start)  
23  
24  
25  if __name__ == '__main__':  
26      main()  
27
```


Printing Time()

We can create a `print_time` function to pretty print the time of each instance

What is a **better way** to implement this function?

```
$ python example12.py
09:45:00
```

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3
4  class Time():
5      '''A class for time-related data'''
6      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
7          self.hour = hour
8          self.minute = minute
9          self.second = second
10
11
12  def print_time(time):
13      print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(
14          time.hour,
15          time.minute,
16          time.second)
17      )
18
19
20  def main():
21      start = Time(9, 45)
22      print_time(start)
23
24
25  if __name__ == '__main__':
26      main()
27
```

Printing Time()

What is a **better way** to implement this function?

As a method of the
Time() class

Create **Time()**
instance

Call **pretty_print()**
method

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1  class Time():
2      '''A class for time-related data'''
3      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4          self.hour = hour
5          self.minute = minute
6          self.second = second
7
8      def pretty_print(self):
9          print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(
10              self.hour,
11              self.minute,
12              self.second)
13          )
14
15
16  def main():
17      start = Time(9, 45)
18      start.pretty_print()
19
20
21  if __name__ == '__main__':
```


Adding Time()

We want to add **two** time objects...

add_time() is a method
of the **Time()** class



```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8     def pretty_print(self):
9         print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(self.hour, self.minute, self.second))
10
11    def add_time(self, t2):
12        hour = self.hour + t2.hour
13        minute = self.minute + t2.minute
14        second = self.second + t2.second
15        if second >= 60:
16            second -= 60
17            minute += 1
18        if minute >= 60:
19            minute -= 60
20            hour += 1
21        return Time(hour, minute, second)
22
23
24    def main():
25        start = Time(9, 45)
26        start.pretty_print()
27        another_time = Time(1, 10)
28        new_time = start.add_time(another_time)
29        start.pretty_print()
30        new_time.pretty_print()
31
32
33    if __name__ == '__main__':
```

\$ python example12.py

09:45:00



09:45:00



10:55:00



Adding Time()

We want to add

`add_time()`
of the

Notice that this method does not change
the `start` instance of `Time()`

You might call this a "**pure**" method
(it does not modify object attributes)

```
$ python example12.py
```

09:45:00

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```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8     def pretty_print(self):
9         print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(self.hour, self.minute, self.second))
10
11    def add_time(self, t2):
12        hour = self.hour + t2.hour
13        minute = self.minute + t2.minute
14        second = self.second + t2.second
15        if second >= 60:
16            second -= 60
17            minute += 1
18        if minute >= 60:
19            minute -= 60
20            hour += 1
21        return Time(hour, minute, second)
22
23
24    def main():
25        start = Time(9, 45)
26        start.pretty_print()
27        another_time = Time(1, 10)
28        new_time = start.add_time(another_time)
29        start.pretty_print()
30        new_time.pretty_print()
31
32
33    if __name__ == '__main__':
```

Adding Time()

We want to add **some amount of** time to an object...

`increment_time()` is a
method of the `Time()`
class



```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1  class Time():
2      '''A class for time-related data'''
3      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4          self.hour = hour
5          self.minute = minute
6          self.second = second
7
8  > • def pretty_print(self):
9
10
11 > def add_time(self, t2):
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23 def increment_time(self, seconds):
24     self.second += seconds
25     if self.second >= 60:
26         self.second -= 60
27         self.minute += 1
28     if self.minute >= 60:
29         self.minute -= 60
30         self.hour += 1
31
32
33 def main():
34     start = Time(9, 45)
35     start.pretty_print()
36     start.increment_time(60)
37     start.pretty_print()
38
39
40 if __name__ == '__main__':
41     main()
```

\$ python example12.py

09:45:00 ←

09:46:00 ←

Adding Time()

We want to add **some amount of** time to an object...

`increment_time()`

method of the

class

Notice that this method changes the **start** instance of `Time()`

You might call this a "**modifier**" method (it **does** modify object attributes)

```
$ python example12.py
```

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09:4**6**:00 ←

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
1  class Time():
2      '''A class for time-related data'''
3      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4          self.hour = hour
5          self.minute = minute
6          self.second = second
7
8  > • def pretty_print(self):
9
10
11  def increment_time(self, seconds):
12      self.second += seconds
13      if self.second >= 60:
14          self.second -= 60
15          self.minute += 1
16      if self.minute >= 60:
17          self.minute -= 60
18          self.hour += 1
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33  def main():
34      start = Time(9, 45)
35      start.pretty_print()
36      start.increment_time(60)
37      start.pretty_print()
38
39
40  if __name__ == '__main__':
41      main()
```

Adding Time()

What's a remaining problem with both of these methods?
How might we fix them?

add_time()



example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp

```
example12.py
1 class Time():
2     '''A class for time-related data'''
3     def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4         self.hour = hour
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8 > • def pretty_print(self):
```

```
10
11 → def add_time(self, t2):
12     hour = self.hour + t2.hour
13     minute = self.minute + t2.minute
14     second = self.second + t2.second
15     if second >= 60:
16         second -= 60
17         minute += 1
18     if minute >= 60:
19         minute -= 60
20         hour += 1
21     return Time(hour, minute, second)
22
```

increment_time()



```
23 → def increment_time(self, seconds):
24     self.second += seconds
25     if self.second >= 60:
26         self.second -= 60
27         self.minute += 1
```

Adding Time()

Method to convert time to seconds

Method to convert seconds to time

Method to add seconds to time

```
$ python example12.py
```

09:45:01

09:46:31

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1 class Time():
2     '''A class for time-related data'''
3     def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4         self.hour = hour
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8     def pretty_print(self):
9
10
11
12
13
14
15     def time_to_int(self):
16         minutes = self.hour * 60 + self.minute
17         seconds = minutes * 60 + self.second
18         return seconds
19
20     def int_to_time(self, seconds):
21         minutes, second = divmod(seconds, 60)
22         hour, minute = divmod(minutes, 60)
23         return Time(hour, minute, second)
24
25     def increment_time(self, seconds):
26         new_time = self.time_to_int() + seconds
27         temp = self.int_to_time(new_time)
28         self.hour = temp.hour
29         self.minute = temp.minute
30         self.second = temp.second
31
32
33     def main():
34         start = Time(9, 45, 1)
35         start.pretty_print()
36         start.increment_time(90)
37         start.pretty_print()
38
39 if __name__ == '__main__':
```

Checking Time()

Method to **check our time**

We can **check_time** after any method that alters it

```
$ python example12.py
```

09:45:01

09:46:31

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1  class Time():
2      '''A class for time-related data'''
3      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4          self.hour = hour
5          self.minute = minute
6          self.second = second
7
8      def check_time(self):
9          if self.hour < 0 or self.minute < 0 or self.second < 0:
10             return False
11             if self.minute >= 60 or self.second >= 60:
12                 return False
13             return True
14
15  > def pretty_print(self):
21
22  > def time_to_int(self):
26
27  > def int_to_time(self, seconds):
31
32  def increment_time(self, seconds):
33      new_time = self.time_to_int() + seconds
34      temp = self.int_to_time(new_time)
35      self.hour = temp.hour
36      self.minute = temp.minute
37      self.second = temp.second
38      self.check_time()
39
40
41  def main():
42      start = Time(9, 45, 1)
43      start.pretty_print()
44      start.increment_time(90)
45      start.pretty_print()
46
```


__str__ method of Time()

We have to call `pretty_print` to see anything about objects of this class



```
$ python example12.py
```

09:45:01



09:46:31



```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1 class Time():
2     '''A class for time-related data'''
3     def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4         self.hour = hour
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8     def check_time(self):
9
10
11
12
13
14
15     def pretty_print(self):
16         print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(
17             self.hour,
18             self.minute,
19             self.second)
20         )
21
22     def time_to_int(self):
23
24
25
26
27     def int_to_time(self, seconds):
28
29
30
31
32     def increment_time(self, seconds):
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41     def main():
42         start = Time(9, 45, 1)
43         start.pretty_print()
44         start.increment_time(90)
45         start.pretty_print()
46
47     if __name__ == '__main__':
48         main()
49
```

__str__ method of Time()

We have to call
see anything about objects of
this class

Wouldn't it be **easier** to get this information by **default**?

```
$ python example12.py
```

```
09:4
```

```
09:4
```

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1  class Time():
2      '''A class for time-related data'''
3      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4          self.hour = hour
5          self.minute = minute
6          self.second = second
7
8  >  def check_time(self):=
14
15  |  def pretty_print(self):
16      print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(
17          self.hour,
18          self.minute,
19          self.second)
20
21
22 >  def time_to_int(self):=
26
27 >  def int_to_time(self, seconds):=
31
32 >  def increment_time(self, seconds):=
39
40
41  def main():
42      start = Time(9, 45, 1)
43      start.pretty_print()
44      start.increment_time(90)
45      start.pretty_print()
46
47  if __name__ == '__main__':
48      main()
49
```

__str__ method of Time()

We convert `pretty_print` to the special `__str__` method, and change `print()` to `return`.

The `__str__` method returns an objects "string representation"

Now, every time we simply `print()` an instance of the `Time()` class, we see its "string representation"

```
$ python example12.py
```

```
09:45:01
```

```
09:46:31
```

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
class Time():
    '''A class for time-related data'''
    def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
        self.hour = hour
        self.minute = minute
        self.second = second

    def __str__(self):
        return "{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(
            self.hour,
            self.minute,
            self.second
        )

    def check_time(self):
        ...

    def time_to_int(self):
        ...

    def int_to_time(self, seconds):
        ...


    def increment_time(self, seconds):
        ...

def main():
    start = Time(9, 45, 1)
    print(start)
    start.increment_time(90)
    print(start)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

__str__ method of Time()

We can make the special
__str__ method say whatever
we want



```
$ python example12.py  
The time is: 09:45:01
```

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp  
example12.py  
1 class Time():  
2     '''A class for time-related data'''  
3     def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):  
4         self.hour = hour  
5         self.minute = minute  
6         self.second = second  
7  
8     def __str__(self):  
9         return "The time is: {:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(  
10             self.hour,  
11             self.minute,  
12             self.second  
13         )  
14  
15     def check_time(self):  
21  
22     def time_to_int(self):  
26  
27     def int_to_time(self, seconds):  
31  
32     def increment_time(self, seconds):  
39  
40  
41 def main():  
42     start = Time(9, 45, 1)  
43     print(start)  
44  
45 if __name__ == '__main__':  
46     main()  
47
```


__add__ method of Time()

Here, we define `__add__` special method, which let's us use the `+` operator with our class

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example12.py
1 class Time():
2     '''A class for time-related data'''
3     def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4         self.hour = hour
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8     def __str__(self):
9
14
15     def __add__(self, other):
16         seconds = self.time_to_int() + other.time_to_int()
17         return self.int_to_time(seconds)
18
19     def check_time(self):
20
25
26     def time_to_int(self):
27
30
31     def int_to_time(self, seconds):
32
35
36     def increment_time(self, seconds):
37
43
44
45 def main():
46     start = Time(9, 45)
47     print("Start time is {}".format(start))
48     duration = Time(1, 45)
49     print("End time is {}".format(start + duration))
50
51 if __name__ == '__main__':
52     main()
53
```

\$ python example12.py
Start time is 09:45:00

End time is 11:30:00

instance 1

instance 2

instance 1 + instance 2

__add__ method of Time()

Here, we define `__add__` special method, which let's us use the `+` operator with our class

Changing the behavior of `+` to work with our new `Time()` type is called **operator overloading**.

For *every* operator in Python, there is a corresponding special method.

```
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7
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50
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53
```

instance 1

instance 2

instance 1 + instance 2

Type-based Dispatch

Here, we use `isinstance()` function to see if we are adding a `Time()` object or some other object, then we return one answer or another based on that result.

We we can use `+` to add (1) another `Time()` object or (2) a bunch of seconds

Because computation is based on argument type, this is an example of **type-based dispatch** to diff methods

```
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example12.py
1  class Time():
2      '''A class for time-related data'''
3      def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4          self.hour = hour
5          self.minute = minute
6          self.second = second
7
8  >  def __str__(self):
14
15  def __add__(self, other):
16      if isinstance(other, Time):
17          return self.add_time(other)
18      else:
19          return self.increment(other)
20
21  def add_time(self, other):
22      seconds = self.time_to_int() + other.time_to_int()
23      return self.int_to_time(seconds)
24
25  def increment(self, seconds):
26      seconds += self.time_to_int()
27      return self.int_to_time(seconds)
28
29  >  def check_time(self):
35
36  >  def time_to_int(self):
40
41  >  def int_to_time(self, seconds):
45
46
47  def main():
48      start = Time(9, 45)
49      duration = Time(1, 45)
50      print("End time is {}".format(start + duration))
51      print("----")
52      print("Incremented time is {}".format(start + 1000))
53
54  if __name__ == '__main__':
```

Inheritance

Our original `Time()` class

```
example12.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
1 class Time():
2     '''A class for time-related data'''
3     def __init__(self, hour=0, minute=0, second=0):
4         self.hour = hour
5         self.minute = minute
6         self.second = second
7
8     def __str__(self):
9
10
11
12
13
14
15     def __add__(self, other):
16         if isinstance(other, Time):
17             return self.add_time(other)
18         else:
19             return self.increment(other)
20
21     def add_time(self, other):
22         seconds = self.time_to_int() + other.time_to_int()
23         return self.int_to_time(seconds)
24
25     def increment(self, seconds):
26         seconds += self.time_to_int()
27         return self.int_to_time(seconds)
28
29     def check_time(self):
30
31
32
33
34
35
36     def time_to_int(self):
37
38
39
40
41     def int_to_time(self, seconds):
42
43
44
45
```

Our new `MyTime()` class

```
example13.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
1 from example12 import Time
2
3
4 class MyTime(Time):
5     pass
6
7
8 def main():
9     time = MyTime(9, 45, 15)
10    print(dir(time))
11    print("----")
12    print(time)
13
14 if __name__ == '__main__':
15     main()
16
```

Where did all this come from?

```
$ python example13.py
['__add__', '__class__', ..., 'add_time',
'check_time', 'hour', 'increment',
'int_to_time', 'minute', 'second',
'time_to_int']
```

09:45:15

Inheritance

Where did all this come from?

Our new **MyTime()** class

example13.py

```
1  from example12 import Time
2
3
4  class MyTime(Time):
5      pass
6
7
8  def main():
9      time = MyTime(9, 45, 15)
10     print(dir(time))
11     print("___")
12     print(time)
13
14 if __name__ == '__main__':
15     main()
16
```

← Imported our old **Time()** class

← Subclassed our old **Time()** class, as part of our new **MyTime()** class

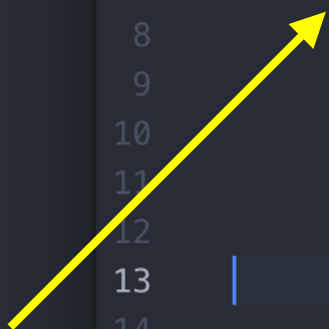
So we get all the attributes and methods of **Time()**

Inheritance

Our new `MyTime()` class

Let's say we **don't like the way** that `Time()` displayed the objects string representation (`__str__`)

We can **"override"** that method by defining a new `__str__` method for our `MyTime()` object



```
example13.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example13.py
1  from example12 import Time
2
3
4  class MyTime(Time):
5      def __str__(self):
6          s = "The hour is {:0=2d}\n" + \
7              "The minutes are {:0=2d}\n" + \
8              "The seconds are {:0=2d}"
9          return s.format(
10             self.hour,
11             self.minute,
12             self.second)
13
14
15  def main():
16      time = MyTime(9, 45, 15)
17      print(time)
18
19  if __name__ == '__main__':
20      main()
21
```

```
$ python example13.py
The hour is 09
The minutes are 45
The seconds are 15
```

Inheritance

Our new `MyTime()` class

Or, we can define entirely new functions for our `MyTime()` class.

```
example13.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example13.py
1  from example12 import Time
2
3
4  class MyTime(Time):
5      def print_time_backwards(self):
6          print("{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}:{:0=2d}".format(
7              self.second,
8              self.minute,
9              self.hour
10         ))
11
12
13  def main():
14      time = MyTime(9, 45, 15)
15      print(dir(time))
16      print("___")
17      time.print_time_backwards()
18      print("___")
19      print(time)
20
21  if __name__ == '__main__':
22      main()
23
```

```
$ python example13.py
```

```
['__add__', '__class__', ..., 'add_time', 'check_time', 'hour', 'increment', 'int_to_time', 'minute',
'print_time_backwards', 'second', 'time_to_int']
```

```
---
```

```
15:45:09
```

```
---
```

```
09:45:15
```

Homework #13...