



Classes and Objects

CSE 160

Summer 2026

Questions?



Announcements

- [Homework Assignment 4](#) due tonight, August 3 at 11:59 PM
- [Programming Practice 6](#) due Sunday, August 9 at 11:59 PM
- [Resubmission Cycle 3](#) due Sunday, August 9th at 11:59pm
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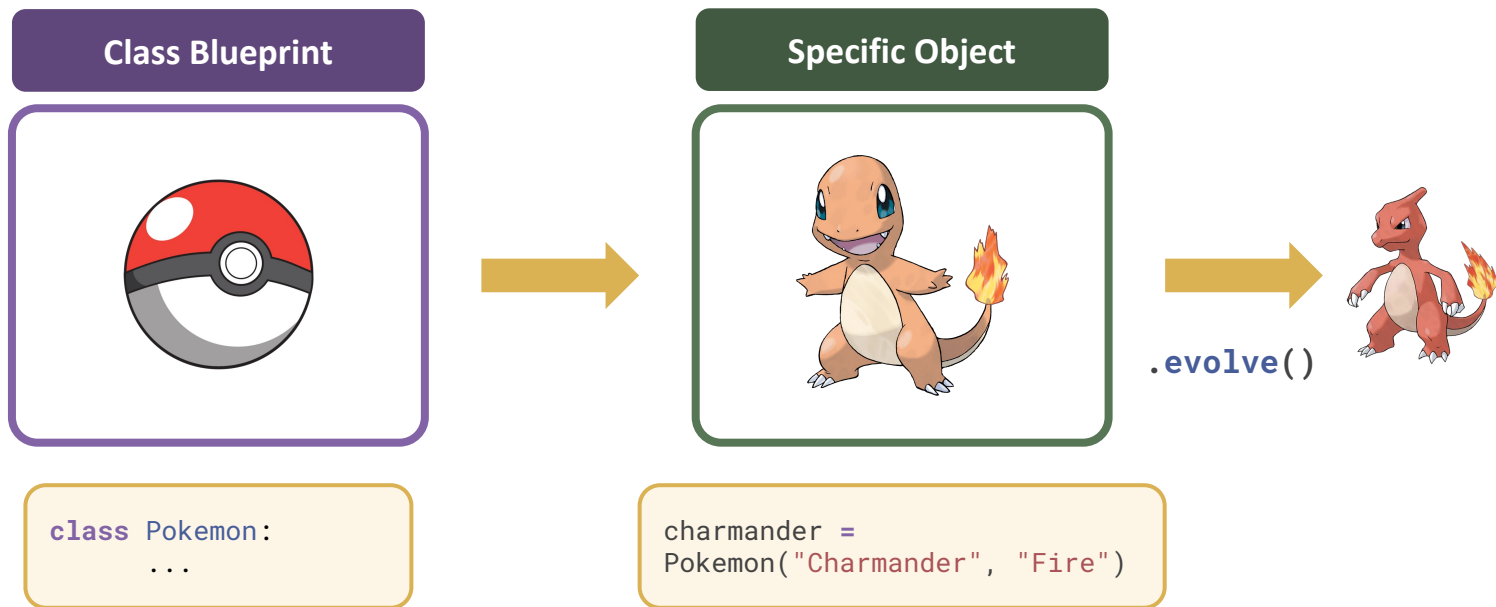
Today's Roadmap

1. Classes Recap
2. Warmup
3. Attributes
4. Examples

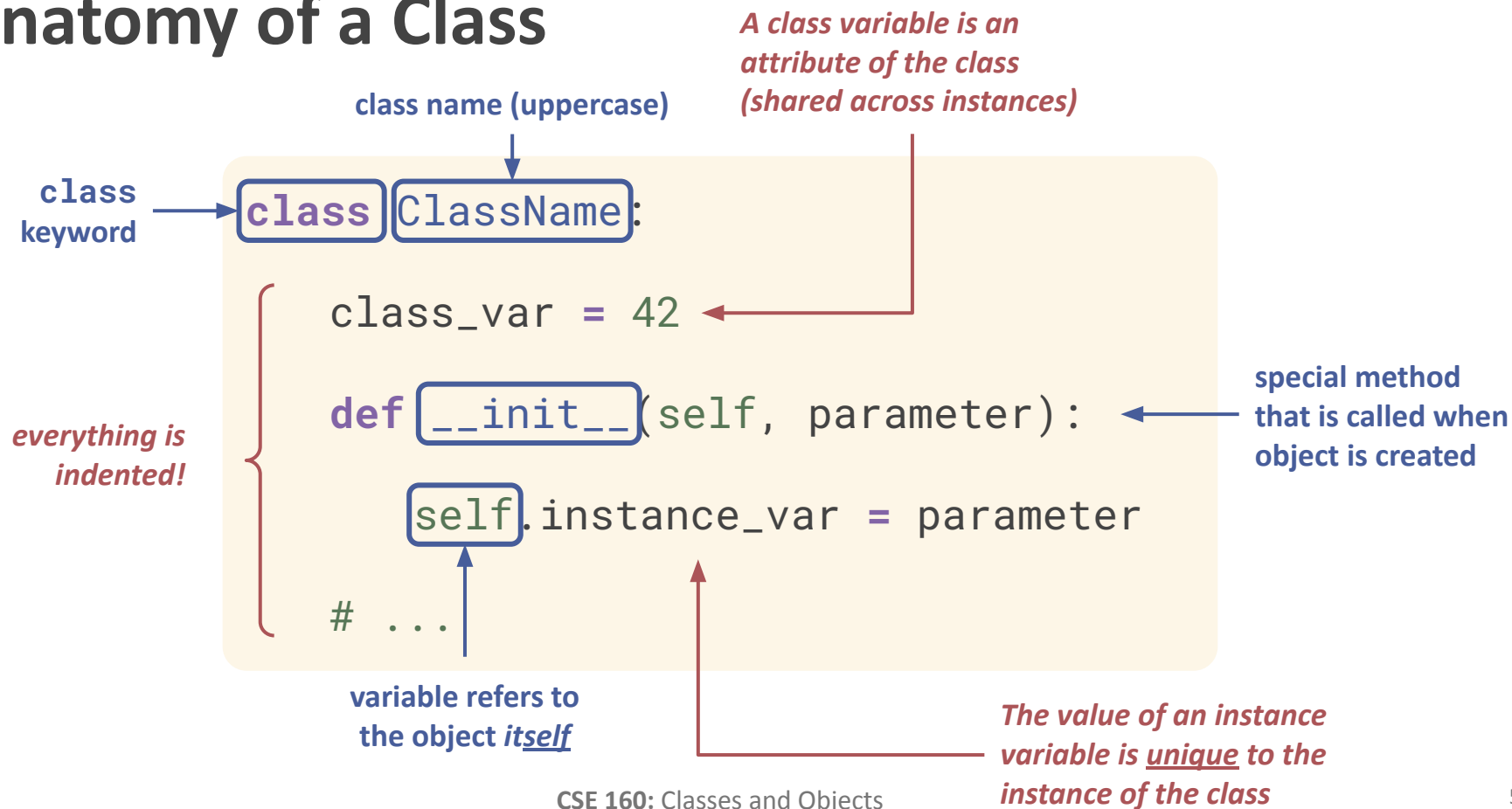
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Classes

*Classes provide the blueprint for creating an **object***



Anatomy of a Class



Think Pair Share

Consider the **Pokemon** class:

```
class Pokemon:

    hp = 20

    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name

    def evolve(self):
        self.hp *= 2

    def evolve_all(self):
        Pokemon.hp *= 3
```



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```
eevee = Pokemon("Eevee")
bulbasaur = Pokemon("Bulbasaur")

eevee.evolve()
eevee.evolve_all()
```

What is the value of `bulbasaur.hp` after the above code is executed?

A 20

C 60

B 40

D 80

What's Going On Here??

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Python Tutor

Attributes

Attributes are (just) variables!

Evaluation

When looking for an attribute, Python starts with instance variables.



(in the case of bulbasaur, there is no instance variable named hp)

If no instance variable exists, look for a class variable.

```
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Assignment

`self.attribute =`

Creates an instance variable (if it doesn't already exist)

`Class.attribute =`

Modifies the class variable (for everyone!)

Think Pair Share

The **University** class has the following **attributes**:

- **name**, a string
- **mascot**, a string
- **enrollment**, an int
- **depts**, a list of strings

Implement the following methods:

- **welcome()**, that prints:
"[mascot] welcomes you to [name]"
- **add_dept(new_dept)**, that adds
new_dept to the depts list

```
class University:
```

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

```
        self.name = name  
        self.mascot = mascot  
        self.enrollment = enrollment  
        self.depts = []
```



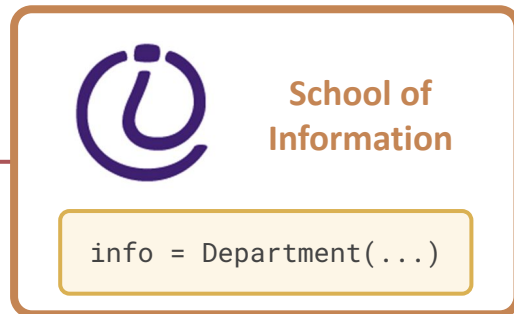
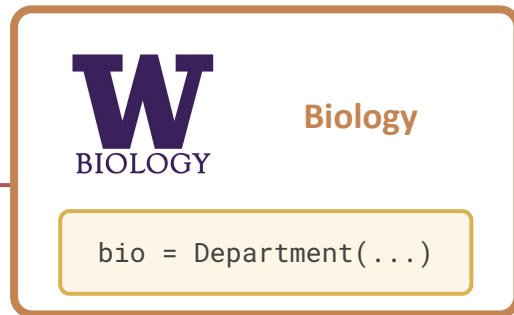
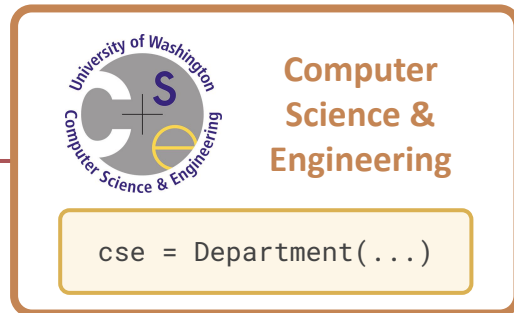
University of
Washington

```
uw = University(  
    "University of Washington",  
    "Dubs",  
    63736)
```

Modelling a University



uw.depts



Objects containing objects?

Why not!

Dunder Methods

Double underscore (*d-under*) methods serve special purposes in Python:

`__init__()`

Called when an instance of a class (an object) is created. Used to **initialize** the instance.

`__str__()`

Called by the `str()` and `print()` functions. Used to provide a **readable string** representing the object.

`__repr__()`

Helpful for debugging. Used to provide the **official string representation** of the object.