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Who am I?

Who are you?

- UML class diagrams
- Corresponding implementations
- Using Python as a vehicle

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Talking to Python

```
>>> 2 + 2
4
>>> 50 - 5*6
20
>>> (50 - 5.0*6) / 4
5.0
>>> 8 / 5.0
1.6
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>>> 'Monty Python'[4]            # index starts at 0
'y'
```

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```
>>> width = 42
>>> width
42
>>> width * 2
84
>>> height
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'height' is not defined
```

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>>> primes = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
>>> primes
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
>>> primes[3]
7
>>> primes + [13, 17, 19]
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19]
```


Functions

Define your own functions



Double the input

```
>>> def double(n):    # define function named 'double'
...     return 2*n    # return value of expression
...
>>> double(21)
42
>>> double("la")     # oops
'lala'
```

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Python implementation

```
>>> def coffee_drinkable(temp):  
...     return 50 <= temp <= 60  
...     # returns a boolean, True or False  
...  
>>> coffee_drinkable(10)  
False  
>>> coffee_drinkable(100)  
False  
>>> coffee_drinkable(55)  
True
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Conditional

Solving this task requires a conditional.

Conditional for coffee judgment

```
>>> def coffee_judgment(temp):  
...     if temp < 50:  
...         return "too cold"  
...     if temp < 60:  
...         return "just right"  
...     else:  
...         return "too hot"  
...  
>>> coffee_judgment(45)  
'too cold'  
>>> coffee_judgment(55)  
'just right'  
>>> coffee_judgment(65)  
'too hot'
```

Functions

Solving a quadratic equation



Task: solve $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ using the quadratic formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Implementation of quadratic formula

```
>>> import math
>>> def midnight(a, b, c):
...     return (-b + math.sqrt(b*b - 4*a*c))/2/a
...
>>> midnight(1,0,-1)
1.0
```

Looks good! 1.0 is a root of $x^2 - 1 = (x + 1)(x - 1)$

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...             (-b - math.sqrt(d))/2/a]  
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```

- Ok, got both now ... are we done?

Two further tests: $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$ and $x^2 + 1 = 0$

Testing the implementation

```
>>> midnight2(1,2,1)
[-1.0, -1.0]
>>> # unsatisfactory. should return one value

>>> midnight2(1,0,1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "<stdin>", line 3, in midnight2
ValueError: math domain error
>>> # oops! this one has no real roots!
```

Consider equation E :

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Let $d = b^2 - 4ac$

- E has two distinct real solutions if $d > 0$
- E has one real solution if $d = 0$
- E has no real solutions if $d < 0$

We need to model this case distinction in the `midnight` function using a conditional `if, else`.

Case distinction: if-else

Final implementation of quadratic formula

```
>>> def midnight3(a, b, c):  
...     d = b*b - 4*a*c  
...     if d < 0:  
...         return []  
...     elif d == 0:  
...         return [-b/2/a]  
...     else:  
...         return [(-b + math.sqrt(d))/2/a,  
...                 (-b - math.sqrt(d))/2/a]  
...  
>>> midnight3(1,0,-1)  
[1.0, -1.0]  
>>> midnight3(1,2,1)  
[-1]  
>>> midnight3(1,0,1)  
[]
```

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```
>>> def check_first(str, ch):  
...     return str[0] == ch  
...  
>>> check_first('Larynx', 'L')  
True  
>>> check_first('atama', 'x')  
False  
>>> check_first([2,3,5], 2) # works for lists!  
True
```


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```
>>> def count_element(str, ch):  
...     count = 0  
...     for c in str:  
...         if c == ch:  
...             count = count+1  
...     return count  
...  
>>> count_element('atama', 'a')  
3  
>>> count_element('atama', 'x')  
0
```

```
for c in str:  
    body  
    :
```

- `c` must be a variable name
- `str` stands for a list or a string (for example)
- `body` and subsequent lines aligned with it are executed once for each element (character) of `str`
- the variable `c` contains the current character

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Talking to Python

```
>>> tel = { "gl": 8121, "cs": 8181 }
>>> tel["pt"] = 8051
>>> tel['cs']
8181
>>> del tel['cs']
>>> tel
{'gl': 8121, 'pt': 8051}
>>> tel['cs']
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
KeyError: 'cs'
```

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    d = dict(); # empty dictionary  
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        d[c] = d[c] + 1 if c in d else 1  
    return d
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Example uses

```
>>> count_all_letters("atama")  
{ 'a': 3, 'm': 1, 't': 1 }  
>>> count_all_letters("einnegermitgazellezagtimregennie")  
{ 'a': 2, 'e': 8, 'g': 4, 'i': 4, 'm': 2, 'l': 2, 'n': 4,
```


Classes and Class Diagrams

A **class** is similar to an entity. It describes compound data that consists of subsidiary data (called **attributes**) collected in an **instance** of the class. Additionally, it can describe **operations** on that data (later).

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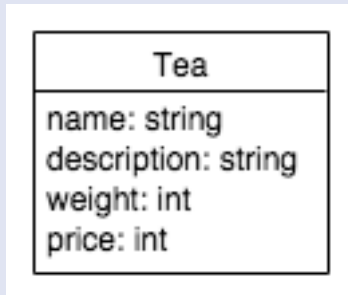


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Class diagram for Tea



A class diagram can be mapped line-by-line to (Python) code.

Class declaration

```
>>> class Tea:
...     def __init__(self, name, desc, wgt, price):
...         self.name = name
...         self.description = desc
...         self.weight = wgt
...         self.price = price
... 
```

- `__init__` is a function that is called, when a new `Tea` instance is created. The `self` parameter is the new instance, `name`, `desc`, `wgt`, and `price` are used to initialize the respective attributes as shown.

Creating and examining tea

```
>>> earl_grey = Tea("Earl Grey",  
                    "Flavored black tea",  
                    10000, 4335)  
  
>>> earl_grey  
<__main__.Tea instance at 0x1051dd950>  
>>> earl_grey.name      # get name attribute  
'Earl Grey'  
>>> earl_grey.price     # get price attribute  
4335
```

- `Tea()` creates a new `Tea` instance and calls its `__init__` method
- Access attributes using *instance.attribute*

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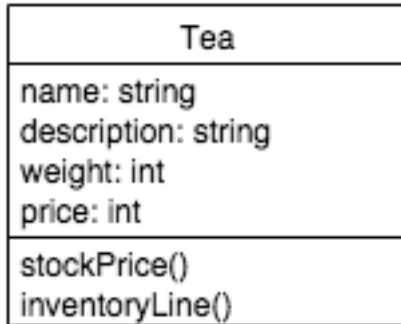
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Two operations

- `stockPrice()`: no parameters, return total value of the tea brand in stock
- `inventoryLine()`: no parameters, return a string for printing the tea as an inventory item



- The implementation of `stockPrice` and `inventoryLine` belongs to the class declaration.
- Their first parameter is `self` and they can access all attributes.

Revised class declaration

```
class Tea:
    # __init__ omitted (same as before)
    def stockPrice(self):
        return self.weight * self.price / 1000
    def inventoryLine(self):
        return (self.name + '. ' +
                self.description + '. ' +
                str(self.weight) + 'g. ' +
                str(self.price) + ' c/kg.')
```

Remarks

- `str()` converts a number to a string

Meter Readings



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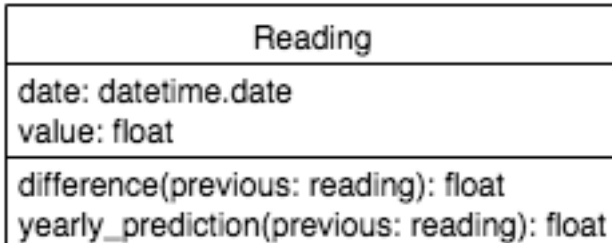
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Class diagram



Explanation

- `datetime` is a **module** that contains utilities for manipulating dates
- made available using
`import datetime`

Implementation

```
import datetime

class Reading:
    def __init__(self, date, value):
        self.date = date      # datetime.date
        self.value = value    # float
    def difference(self, previous):
        return self.value - previous.value
    def yearly_prediction(self, previous):
        value_diff = self.value - previous.value
        date_diff = self.date - previous.date
        factor = 365.25 / date_diff.days
        return value_diff * factor
```

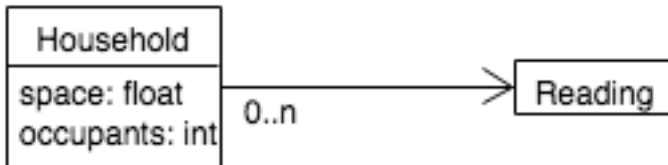
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- The connection between Household and Reading in the class diagram is an **association**.
- It comes with a direction (arrow) that indicates the direction in which it can be traversed.
- We (choose to) represent the association with a list of readings stored in the Household instance.
- Requires a “housekeeping” method to add new readings.

Implementing Household

```
class Household:
    def __init__(self, space, occupants):
        self.space      = space
        self.occupants  = occupants
        self.readings   = []
    def add_reading(self, reading):
        self.readings   = [reading] + self.readings
```

Further Household Methods

Requirements

For a household, we want to be able to determine the number of readings taken. If there are multiple readings, we want to give a statistical yearly prediction.

Implementation

```
class Household:      # __init__ ... as before
    def nr_readings(self):
        return len(self.readings)
    def yearly_average(self):
        if len(self.readings) < 2:
            return None # more than one reading
        first_reading = self.readings[-1]
        last_reading  = self.readings[0]
        return last_reading.yearly_prediction(
            first_reading)
```

End Part I