

#### Announcements

- Lecture tomorrow at 12, here (regular discussion time)
- Discussion Fri at 10, here (regular lecture time)





### Details

- Object-oriented program
- Program uses a bunch of datatypes that come from a module
- $\hfill\square$  Your job is to write the eiadata module

## Objects

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class Deck:

def \_\_init\_\_(self): self.cards = [] for num in range(1, 14): for suit in ["h","s","d","c"]: card = str(num)+suit

self.cards.append(card)



#### **Methods**

- Methods are functions that belong to a class
- □ Eg. string methods like split() work on strings, list methods like append() work on lists...
- $\hfill\square$  You can make up methods that work on the data in your class

#### attributes

- $\square$  A class includes some code, maybe a lot of code.
- □ Usually a class also contains some data (in this example, the list of cards). The data are called attributes.
- □ Access the attributes with the dot:

print D.cards

□ Not all the variables used in a class are attributes.

#### self

- □ The code inside the class has no idea what the object is called. There might be lots of objects of this class.
- □ The word self refers to the object itself.
- □ To access the object's own data using the code in the class, use self instead of the variable name.

self.cards.append(card)

### printing

- □ Printing out the class just gives nonsense
- □ Attributes might be lists or more complicated data structures
- □ Nice to have things print out pretty

def \_\_str\_(self): s = "" for card in self.cards: s += card+" "

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return s
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#### Local variables

- s is local to the function \_\_str\_\_
  Invisible outside the class
  - Invisible to other functions in the class
- $\hfill\square$  self.cards is global to the whole class
  - Visible to other functions in the class
  - Visible outside the class, with variable containing an object replacing "self"

### Classes in their own module

- $\hfill\square$  Tidier to put the classes into their own module.
- We could use these cards in a poker program, or in a bridge program, or for a magic trick...
- Only thing the main program has to know is the classes, attributes, and methods, not how they are implemented.

#### Project 1 program structure

- Project 1 is a common programming problem:
  get data in,
  - select, reformat, compute...
  - ∎ put data out
- Crucial design choice: how to store data within the program. Ask yourself two questions:
  What is the data?
  - What are the outputs going to be?

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- $\hfill\square$  .csv file data fields separated by commas
- First field name
- □ Second field meaning
- $\hfill\square$  In EIA data for Project 1, you have lots more fields.
- □ Output?
- $\hfill\square$  Need to report meaning when given name
- □ SO...DICTIONARY!

### Reading a file

- def \_\_init\_\_(self):
  - f = open("names.csv","rU") for line in f: words = line.split(",")
    - print words



# Get data out of dictionary

def define(self,name):

if name in self.nameD:

return self.nameD[name]

else:

return "nothing that I know of"