

# INTRO.TO OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING IN PYTHON

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Check out *PythonOOIntro* from SVN



# TODAY'S PLAN

- Some notes on *scope*
- Brief introduction to syntax for objects in Python
- Remember:
  - Milestone I due tomorrow night
    - Don't forget Team/Language survey
  - Project Friday tomorrow, no class

# PREPARATION

- In Eclipse, check out the *PythonOOIntro* project from your individual repository for the course
- Open the file *scope.py*





# SCOPE IN PYTHON

- See code and comments in *scope.py* to answer quiz questions 1 and 2

# BUT I WANT TO ASSIGN TO THE TOP-LEVEL VARIABLE!

- You can prevent Python from creating a shadowing, local variable using *global*

- Example: 

```
def fn3():  
    global x  
    print("x in fn3:", x)  
    x = 15  
    print("x in fn3:", x)
```



# MUTATION != ASSIGNMENT



- Look at *fn4* and quiz question 4



# IMPORT AND ALIASING

- See *scope\_user.py*
- Quiz questions 5 and 6



# BUILT-IN SCOPE

- Python doesn't keep you from assigning to built-in names
- Try this:
  - Add this code to *scope.py*:

```
print(str(1))
def str(n):
    return 'boo'
print(str(1))
```
  - Run *scope.py*
  - Add `print(str(1))` to *scope\_user.py* and run it
- Definition of *str* in *scope.py* **shadows** the built-in!



# SCOPE SUMMARY

```
def scope_test():
    def do_local():
        spam = "local spam"
    def do_nonlocal():
        nonlocal spam
        spam = "nonlocal spam"
    def do_global():
        global spam
        spam = "global spam"
    spam = "test spam"
    do_local()
    print("After local assignment:", spam)
    do_nonlocal()
    print("After nonlocal assignment:", spam)
    do_global()
    print("After global assignment:", spam)

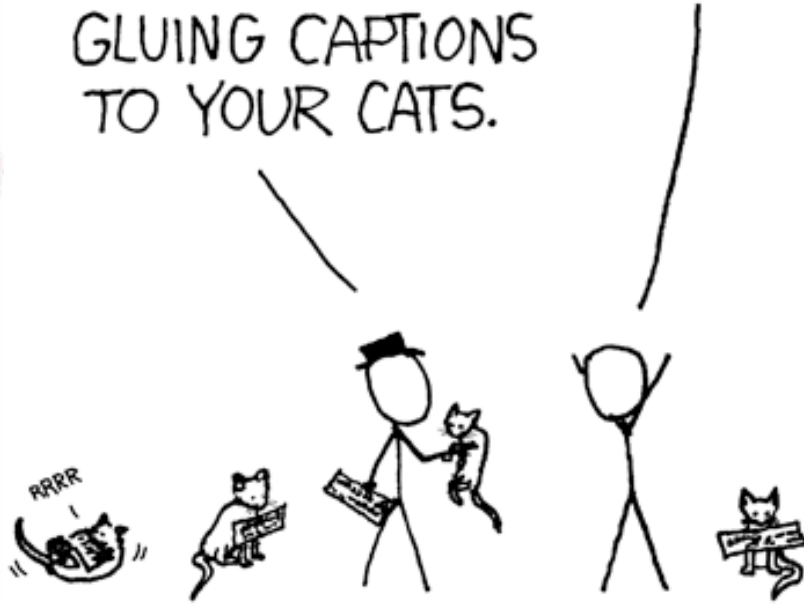
scope_test()
print("In global scope:", spam)
```



OH, HI; I'M HERE  
FROM THE INTERNET.

\ WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

GLUING CAPTIONS  
TO YOUR CATS.



<http://xkcd.com/262/>

# IN UR REALITY

HEY, AT LEAST I RAN OUT OF STAPLES.



# OBJECTS IN PYTHON

- Class definitions
- Class attributes
- Instantiation
- “Fields” and “methods”
- Code for coming examples is in *class\_examples.py*



# CLASS DEFINITIONS

```
class ClassName:  
    """Doc string."""  
    # 0 or more additional statements
```



# CLASS INSTANTIATION

```
class MakeMe:
    """Example for instantiation."""
    def __init__(self, x):
        self._x = x

one = MakeMe(1)
two = MakeMe(2)
print("One-two punch:", one._x, two._x)
```

# FIELDS AND METHODS

- Fields
  - Like local variables, they're created by assignment
- Methods
  - Functions that “belong to” objects

```
class Countdown:  
    def __init__(self, n):  
        self._n = n  
    def tick(self, count=1):  
        self._n -= count  
        if self._n <= 0:  
            print('BOOM!')
```

```
counter = Countdown(5)  
for i in range(8):  
    counter.tick()
```



# CLASSES ARE NAMESPACES

```
class Attrib:  
    """Example of class attributes."""  
    x, y = 2, 13  
  
print("Attrib:", Attrib.x, Attrib.y)
```

# WATCH FOR COLLISIONS

```
class Point:
    def __init__(self, x=0, y=0):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def x(self):
        return self.x
    def y(self):
        return self.y
```

```
p = Point(5,6)
print('p.x() = {}'.format(p.x()))
```

Error!  
Why?



# STATIC, CLASS, AND INSTANCE METHODS

```
class MyClass:
    """Sample class with static and class methods."""
    def __init__(self, label):
        self._label = label
    @staticmethod
    def staticFoo():
        return "static method"
    @classmethod
    def classFoo(cls):
        return "class method bound to {}".format(cls)
    def instanceFoo(self):
        return "instance method bound to {}".format(self)
    def __str__(self):
        return 'MyClass({!s})'.format(self._label)
```