

Lecture 24: Programming with Subclasses

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Introduction to Computing Using Python

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Put Me in the Zoo

- Classes: Animal, Bird, Fish, Penguin, Parrot
- Instances can swim, fly, and speak based on class membership
- Track:
 - # of animals created
 - name, tag #, weight for each animal (w/default weights)
- Methods:
 - print words if animal speaks
 - animal eats: print eating sounds and gain 1 pound

Questions to ask

- What does the class hierarchy look like?
- What are class attributes? What are instance attributes? What are constants?
- What does the __init__ function look like?
- How do we support default weights?
- How do we implement the class methods?
- What does a "*stringified*" Animal look like? **str(a)**

speak(words)



If **speak** is defined by the **Animal** Class like this:

def speak(self, words):
 if self.CAN_SPEAK:
 print(words)

Q2: Which subclasses need to provide their own version of this method?

- A: Bird, Fish, Penguin, and Parrot
- **B:** Bird and Parrot
- C: just Parrot
- D: none
- E: I don't know

If eat is defined by the Animal Class like this: def eat(self): print("NOM NOM NOM") self.weight += 1

Q3: We want Fish to say nothing and Birds to make a pecking sound. Which subclasses need to provide their own version of this method?

A: Bird, Fish, Penguin, and Parrot
B: Bird and Fish
C: just Bird
D: just Fish
E: I don't know