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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

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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)

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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

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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