

Lecture 19

# **Subclasses & Inheritance**

# Announcements for Today

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## Prelim 2

- **Prelim, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**
  - Once again in two rooms
  - Review session on Sunday
- **Material up to Nov. 4**
  - Study guide this week
  - Recursion + Loops + Classes
- **Conflict with Prelim?**
  - Prelim 2 Conflict on CMS
  - SDS students must submit!

## Assignments

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- A4 graded by end of week
  - Survey is still open
- A5 was posted **Thursday**
  - Shorter written assignment
  - Due Thursday at Midnight
- A6 was posted **Monday**
  - Due a **week after** prelim
  - Designed to take two weeks
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## Video Lessons

- **Lesson 22** for **today**

- **Videos 23.1-23.7** next time

- **Video 23.8** is *very* optional

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# An Application

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- **Goal:** Presentation program (e.g. PowerPoint)
- **Problem:** There are many types of content
  - **Examples:** text box, rectangle, image, etc.
  - Have to write code to display each one
- **Solution:** Use object oriented features
  - Define class for every type of content
  - Make sure each has a draw method:

```
for x in slide[i].contents:  
    x.draw(window)
```

# Sharing Work

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- These classes will have a lot in common
  - Drawing handles for selection
  - Background and foreground color
  - Current size and position
  - And more (see the formatting bar in PowerPoint)
- **Result:** A lot of repetitive code
- **Solution:** Create one class with shared code
  - All content are *subclasses* of the *parent* class

Abbreviate  
as SC to right

# Defining a Subclass

```
class SlideContent(object):  
    """Any object on a slide."""  
    def __init__(self, x, y, w, h): ...  
    def draw_frame(self): ...  
    def select(self): ...
```

Superclass  
Parent class  
Base class

SlideContent

Subclass  
Child class  
Derived class

TextBox

Image

```
class TextBox(SlideContent):  
    """An object containing text."""  
    def __init__(self, x, y, text): ...  
    def draw(self): ...
```

SC

```
__init__(self,x,y,w,h)  
draw_frame(self)  
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```

```
class Image(SlideContent):  
    """An image."""  
    def __init__(self, x, y, image_file): ...  
    def draw(self): ...
```

TextBox(SC)

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# Class Definition: Revisited

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**class** *<name>*(*<superclass>*):

"""Class specification"""

getters and setters

initializer (`__init__`)

definition of operators

definition of methods

anything else

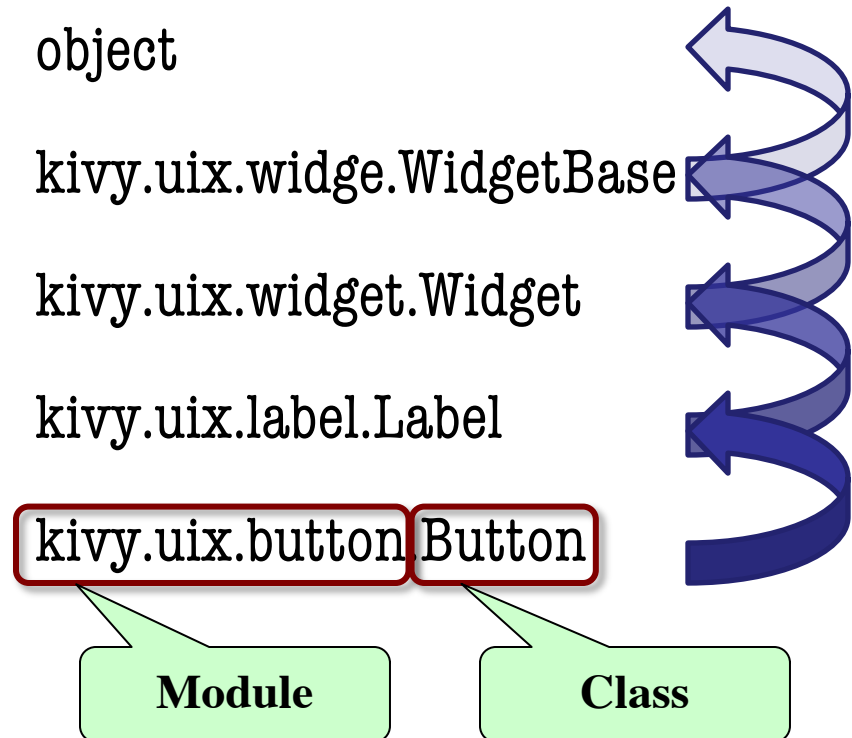
Class type to extend  
(may need module name)

- Every class must extend *something*
- Previous classes all extended *object*

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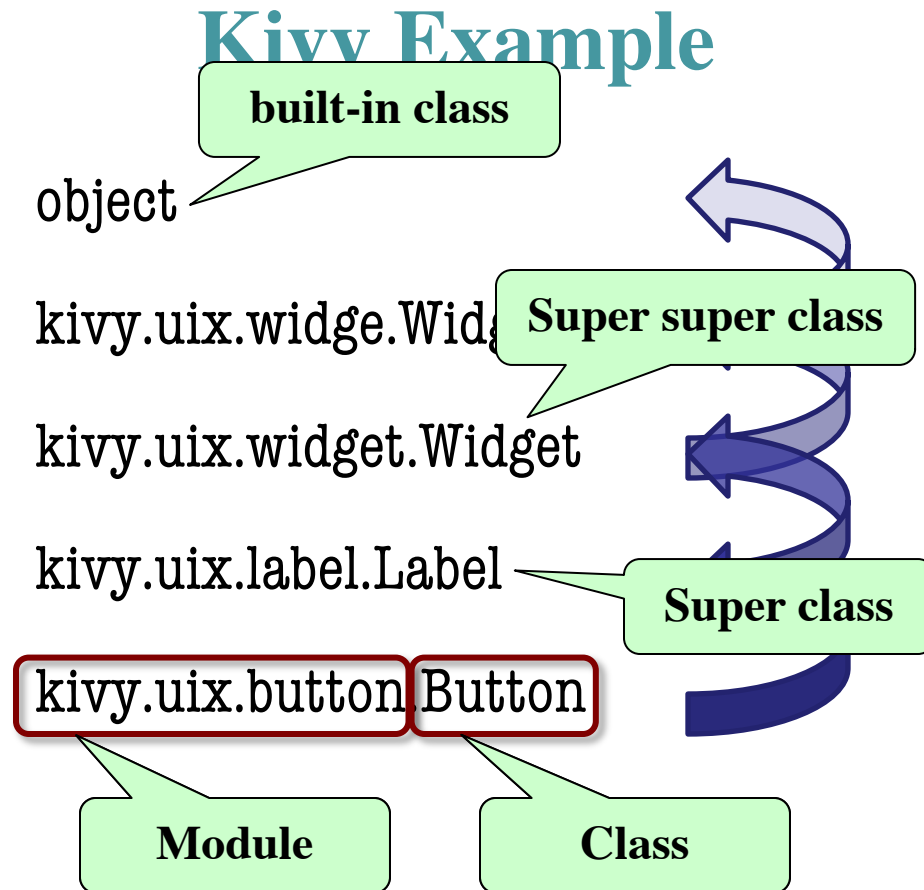
## Kivy Example





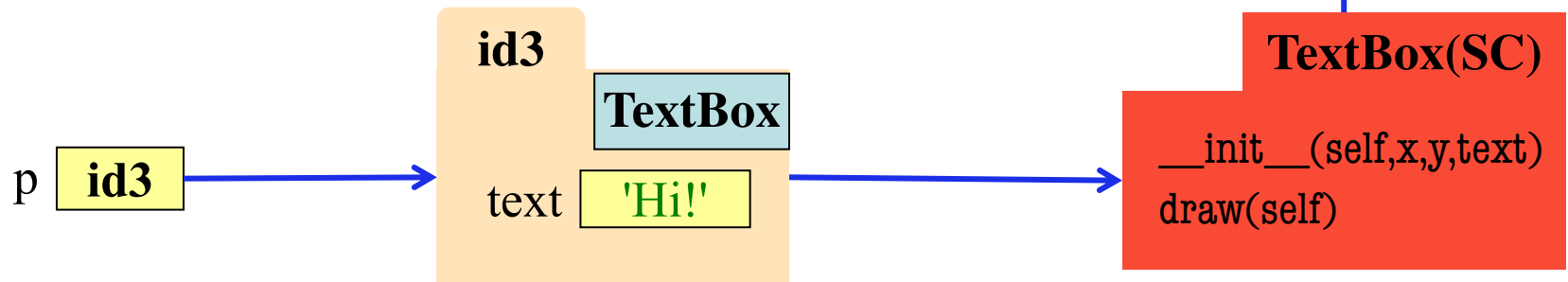
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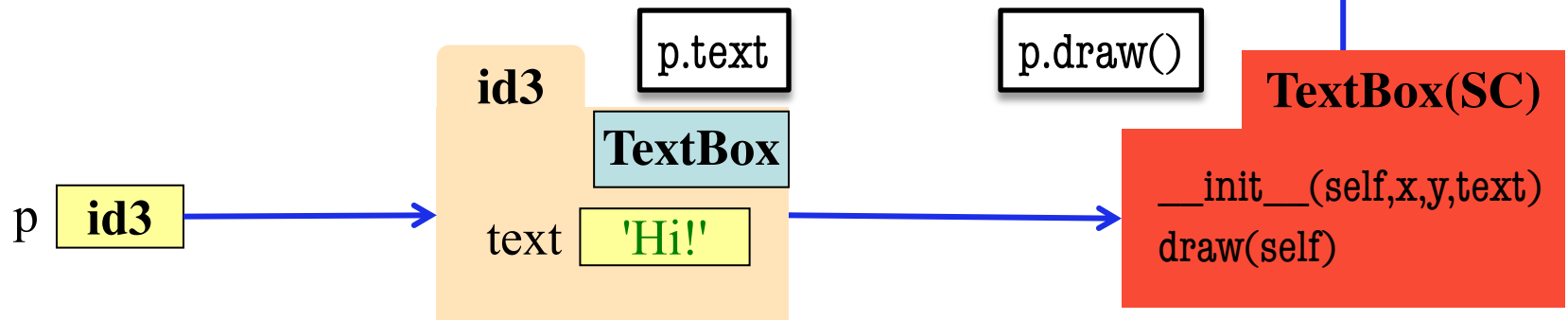
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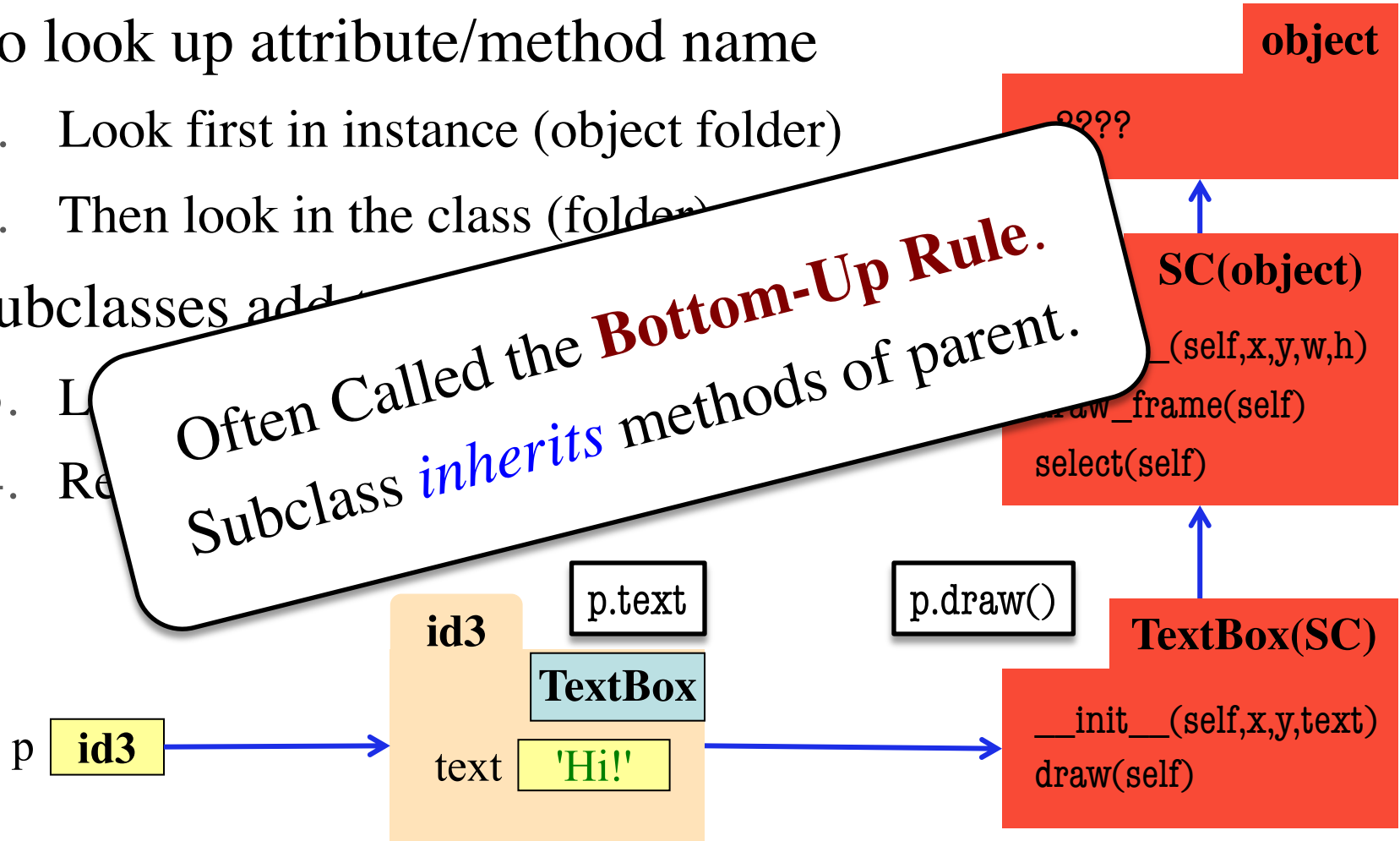
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Often Called the **Bottom-Up Rule**.  
Subclass *inherits* methods of parent.



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All double  
underscore  
methods are  
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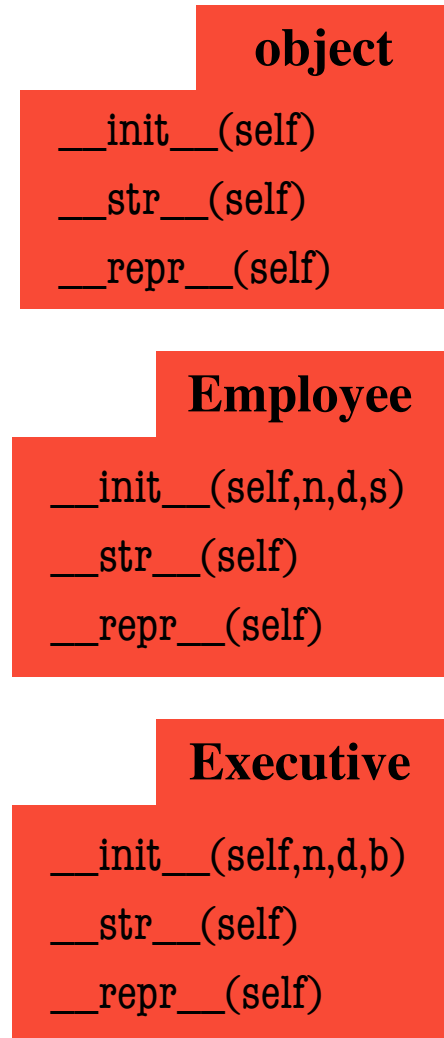
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# Method Overriding

- Which `__str__` do we use?
  - Start at bottom class folder
  - Find first method with name
  - Use that definition
- New method definitions **override** those of parent
  - Access to old version is **lost**
  - New version used instead
  - **Example:** `__init__`



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  - New method = **original**+**more**
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- **Example:**

```
super().__str__()
```

In Python 2  
**self** goes here

```
object  
__init__(self)  
__str__(self)  
__eq__(self)
```

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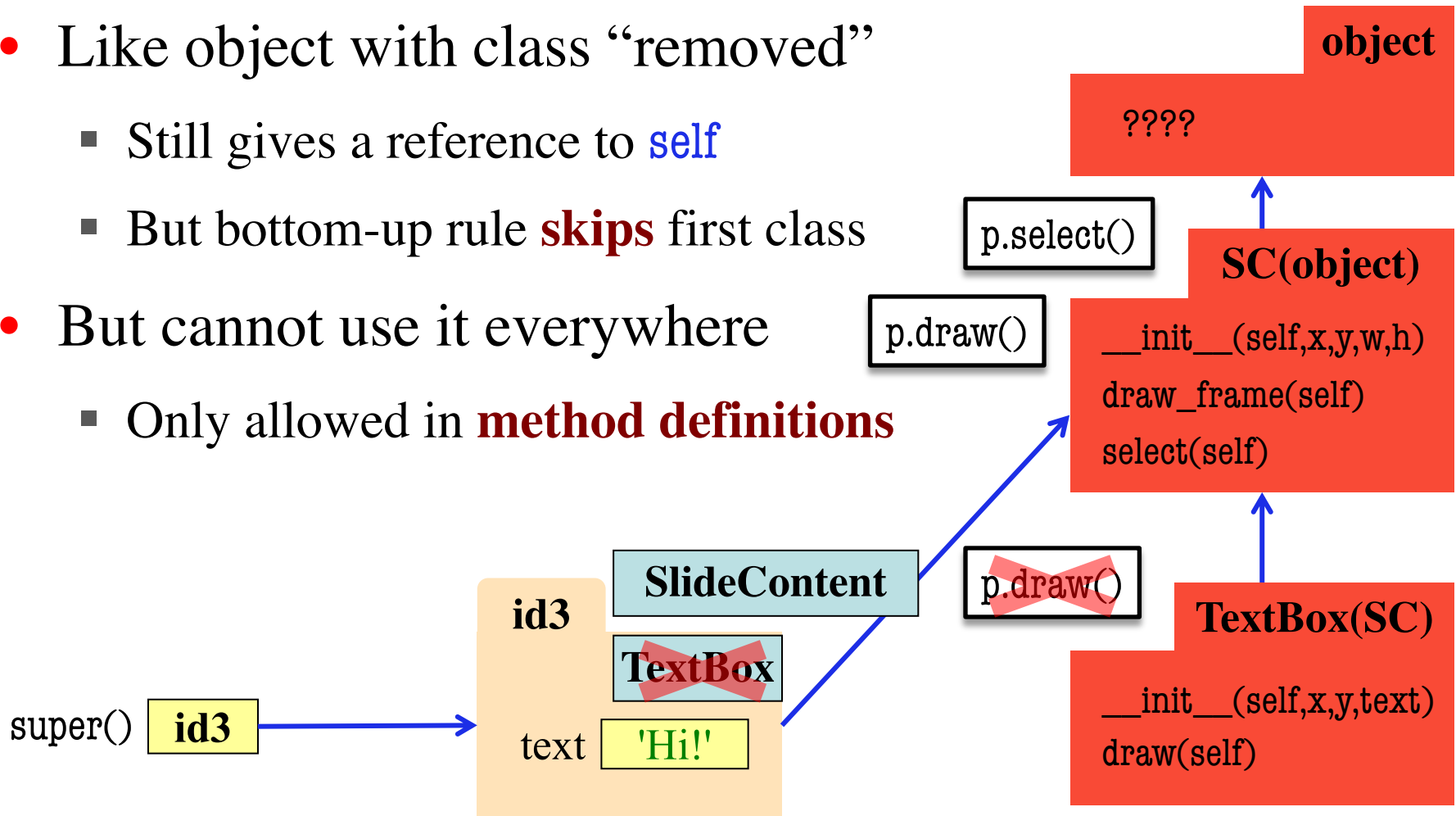
**self is implied**

```
class Employee(object):  
    """An Employee with a salary"""  
    ...  
    def __str__(self):  
        return (self._name +  
                ', year ' + str(self._start) +  
                ', salary ' + str(self._salary))
```

```
class Executive(Employee):  
    """An Employee with a bonus."""  
    ...  
    def __str__(self):  
        return (super().__str__()  
                + ', bonus ' + str(self._bonus) )
```

# What is super()?

- Like object with class “removed”
  - Still gives a reference to `self`
  - But bottom-up rule **skips** first class
- But cannot use it everywhere
  - Only allowed in **method definitions**



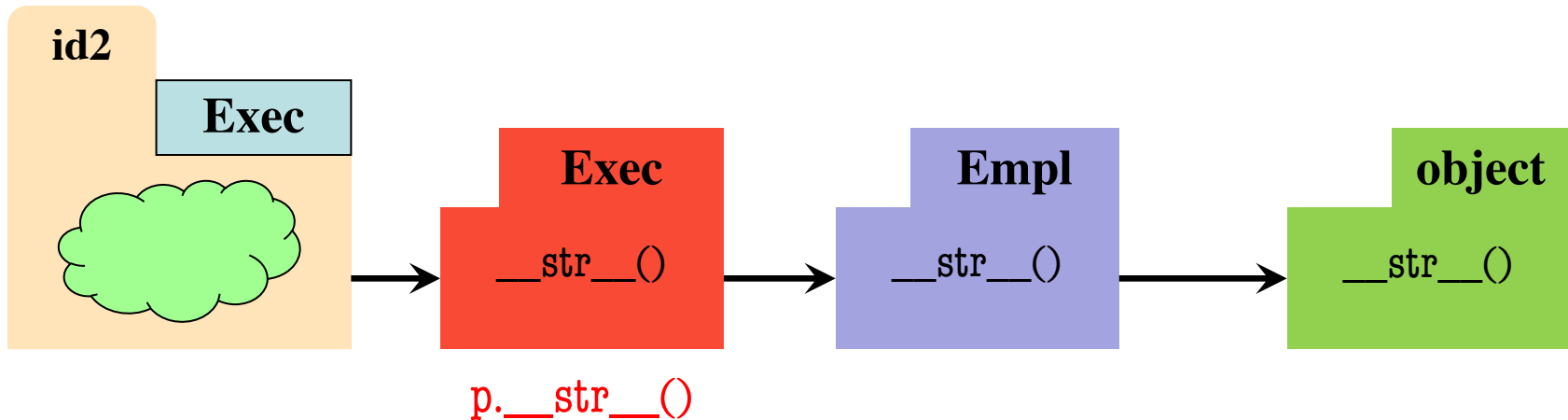
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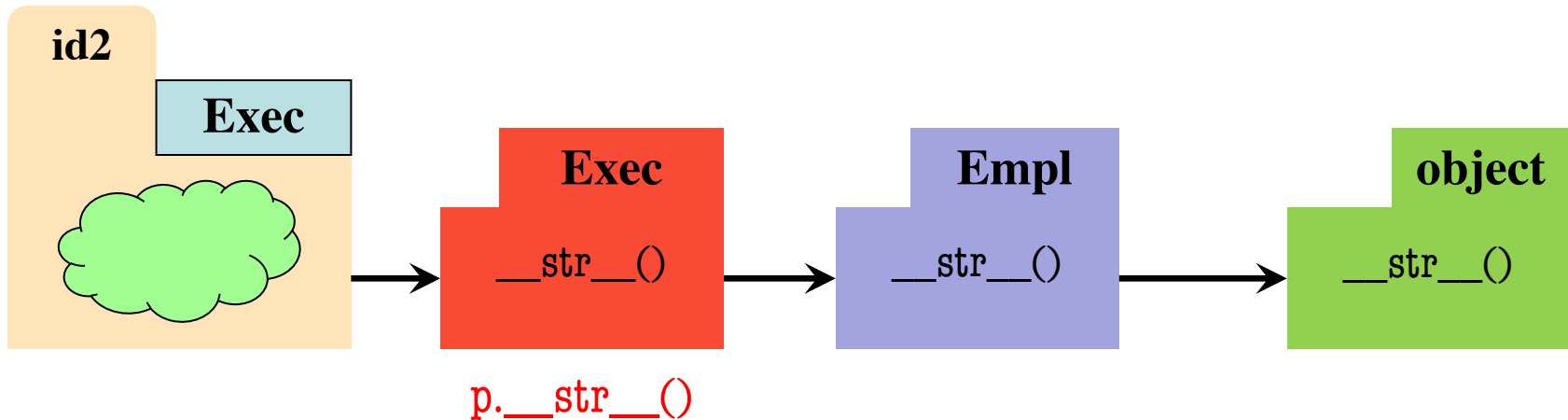
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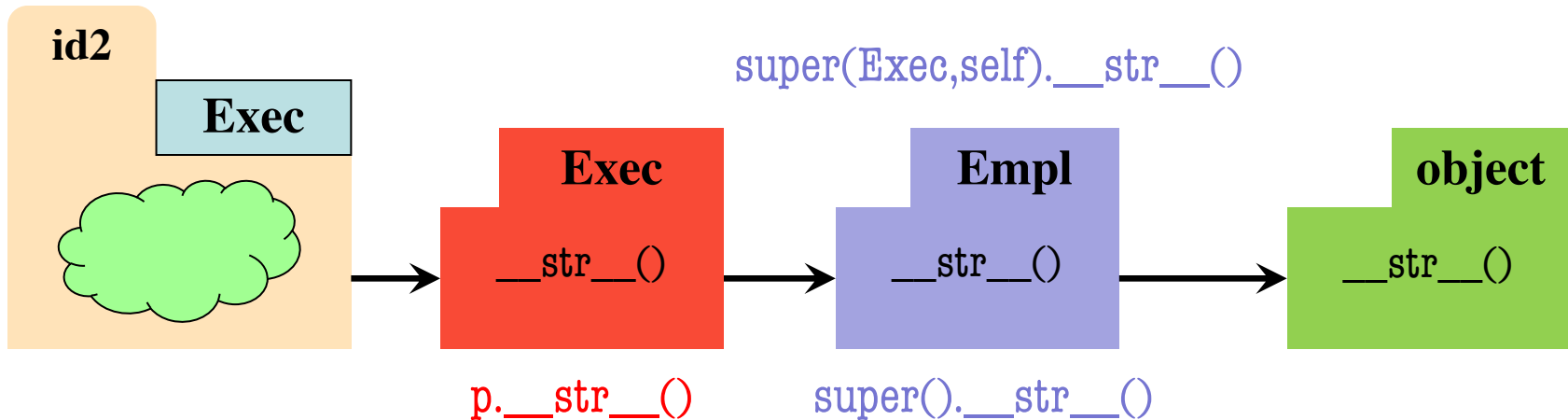
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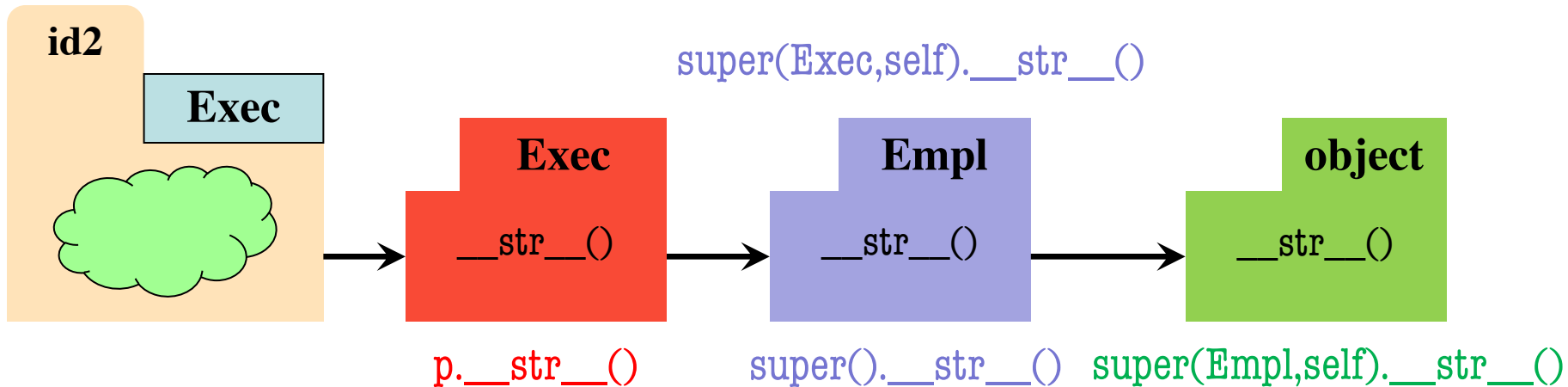
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# Primary Application: Initializers

```
class Employee(object):  
    ...  
    def __init__(self,n,d,s=50000.0):  
        self._name = n  
        self._start = d  
        self._salary = s
```

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    def __init__(self,n,d,b=0.0):  
        super().__init__(n,d)  
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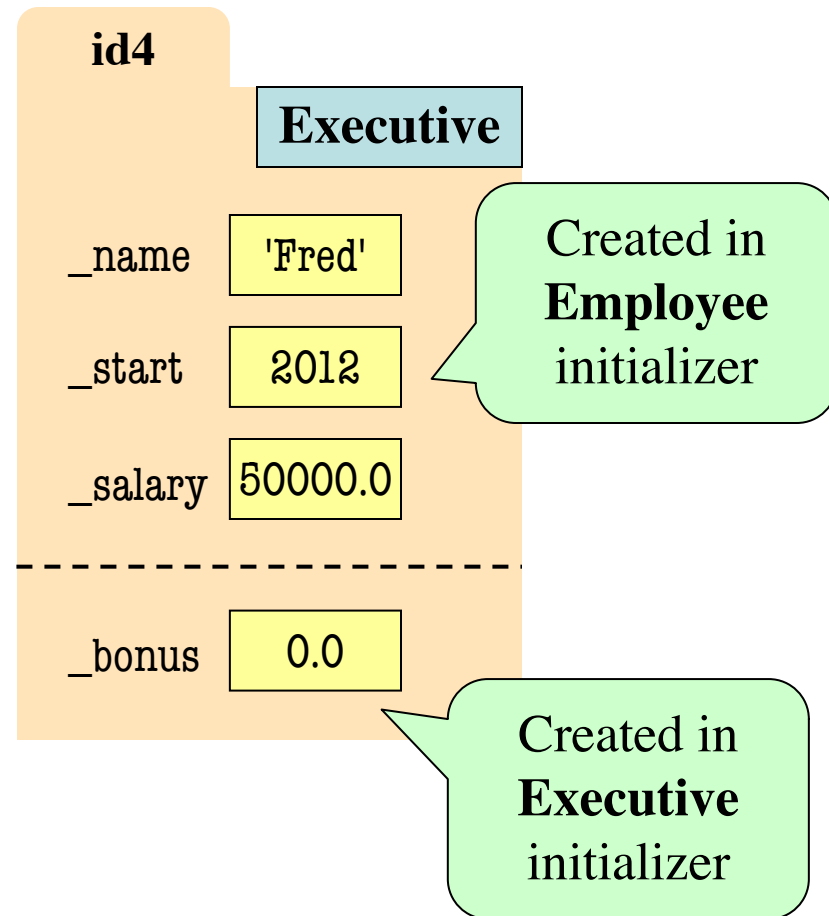
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# Instance Attributes are (Often) Inherited

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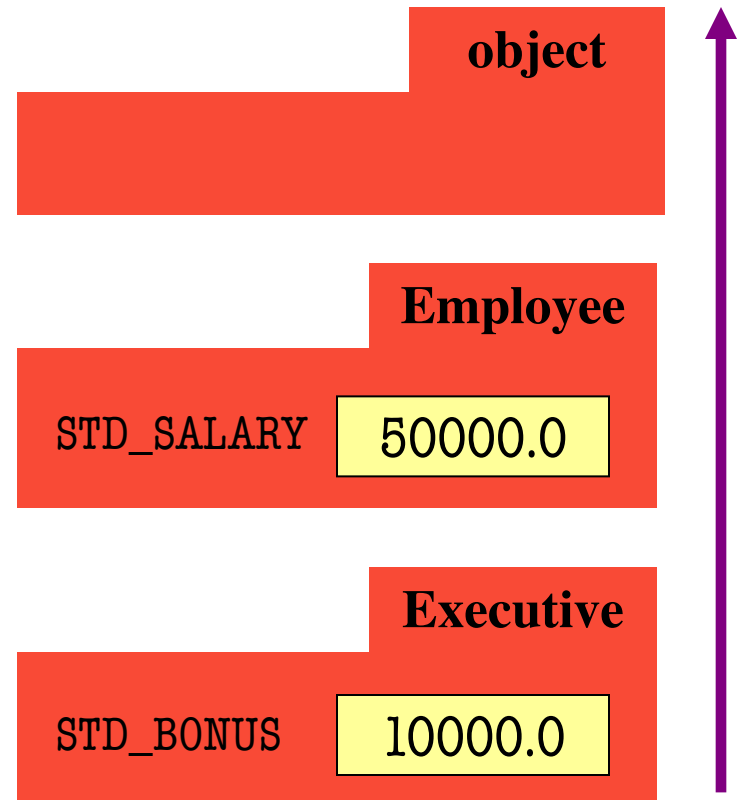


# Also Works With Class Attributes

**Class Attribute:** Assigned outside of any method definition

```
class Employee(object):  
    """Instance is salaried worker"""  
    # Class Attribute  
    STD_SALARY = 50000.0
```

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