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UNIT – I INTRODUCTION TO OOP

Topic:Classes



Class

1. Collection of objects is called class. It is a logical entity.
2. A class can also be defined as a blueprint from which you can create an individual object.
3. Class doesn't consume any space. A class is a user-defined blueprint or prototype from which objects are created.
4. It represents the set of properties or methods that are common to all objects of one type.
5. Using classes, you can create multiple objects with the same behavior instead of writing their code multiple times.
6. This includes classes for objects occurring more than once in your code.



Class

- In general, class declarations can include these components in order:
- **Modifiers:** A class can be public or have default access (Refer to this for details).
- **Class name:** The class name should begin with the initial letter capitalized by convention.
- **Superclass (if any):** The name of the class's parent (superclass), if any, preceded by the keyword `extends`. A class can only extend (subclass) one parent.
- **Interfaces (if any):** A comma-separated list of interfaces implemented by the class, if any, preceded by the keyword `implements`. A class can implement more than one interface.
- **Body:** The class body is surrounded by braces, `{ }`.



Class

A class is a user-defined data type.

It consists of data members and member functions, which can be accessed and used by creating an instance of that class.

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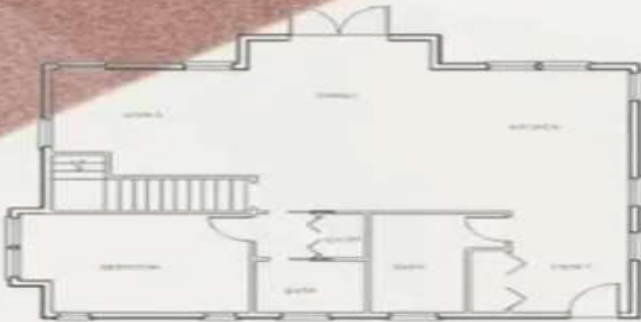
A class is like a blueprint for an object.

For Example:

Consider the Class of Cars. There may be many cars with different names and brands but all of them will share some common properties like all of them will have 4 wheels, Speed Limit, Mileage range, etc. So here, Car is the class, and wheels, speed limits, mileage are their properties.



Class



Blueprint

Class

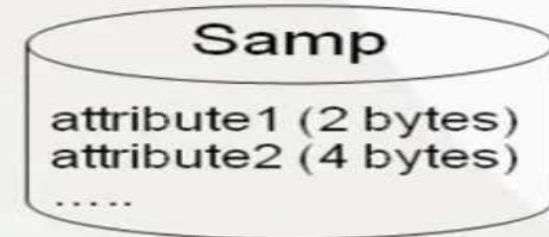
Sample(class name)
attribute1 attribute2
method1() method2()



Real house

Object

Heap





class

Car

objects

Volvo

Audi

Toyota



A class is a template for creating objects

Below diagram shows a **Circle** class which is a template to create three objects:

