# PHP Classes and Objects

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High level



#### **Book class**

Defines properties such as: title, author, and number of pages

#### Objects (or instances of the Book class)

Each instance has its own title, author, and number of pages property values

Terminology

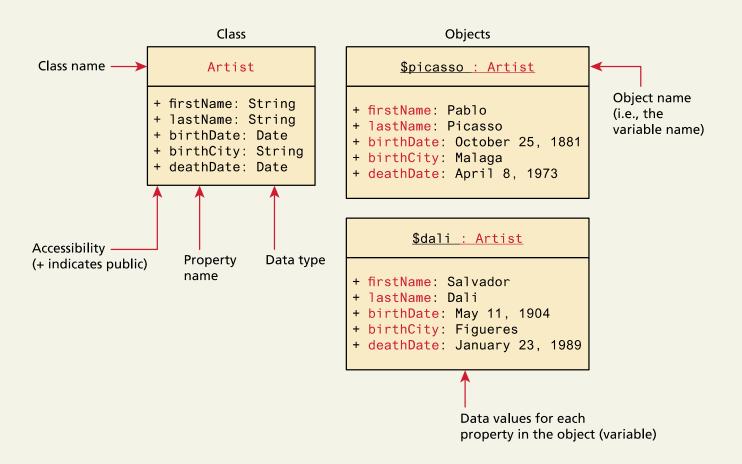
The notion of programming with **objects** allows the developer to think about an item with particular

- properties (also called attributes or data members)
   ) and
- methods (functions).

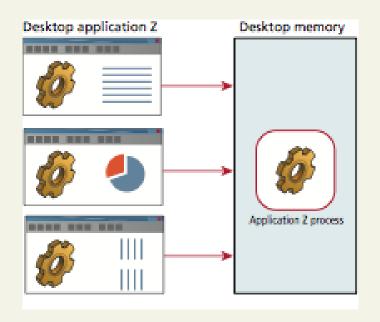
The structure of these object is defined by **classes**, which outline the properties and methods like a blueprint.

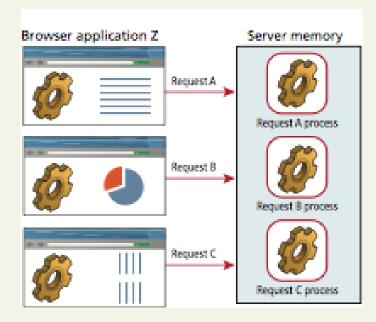
Each variable created from a class is called an **object** or **instance** 

The Unified Modeling Language



Differences between Server and Desktop Objects





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**Defining Classes** 

```
class Artist {
        public $firstName;
        public $lastName;
        public $birthDate;
        public $birthCity;
        public $deathDate;
```

**Instantiating Objects** 

Use the new keyword

```
$picasso = new Artist();
```

\$dali = new Artist();

**Properties** 

```
Once you have instances of an object, you can access
and modify the properties using the object's variable
name and an arrow (->)
$picasso = new Artist();
$dali = new Artist();
$picasso->firstName = "Pablo";
$picasso->lastName = "Picasso";
$picasso->birthCity = "Malaga";
$picasso->birthDate = "October 25 1881";
$picasso->deathDate = "April 8 1973";
```

Constructors

```
class Artist {
// variables from previous listing still go here
function construct($firstName, $lastName, $city, $birth,$death=null) {
          $this->firstName = $firstName;
          $this->lastName = $lastName;
          $this->birthCity = $city;
          $this->birthDate = $birth;
          $this->deathDate = $death;
```

Instantiating using constructors

```
$picasso = new Artist("Pablo","Picasso","Malaga","Oct 25,1881","Apr 8,1973");
$dali = new Artist("Salvador","Dali","Figures","May 11 1904", "Jan 23 1989");
```

Method

Methods define the tasks each instance of a class can perform and are useful since they associate behavior with objects

Updated UML (two ways to show constructor)

#### Artist

+ firstName: String
+ lastName: String
+ birthDate: Date
+ birthCity: String
+ deathDate: Date

Artist(string,string,string,string)

+ outputAsTable () : String

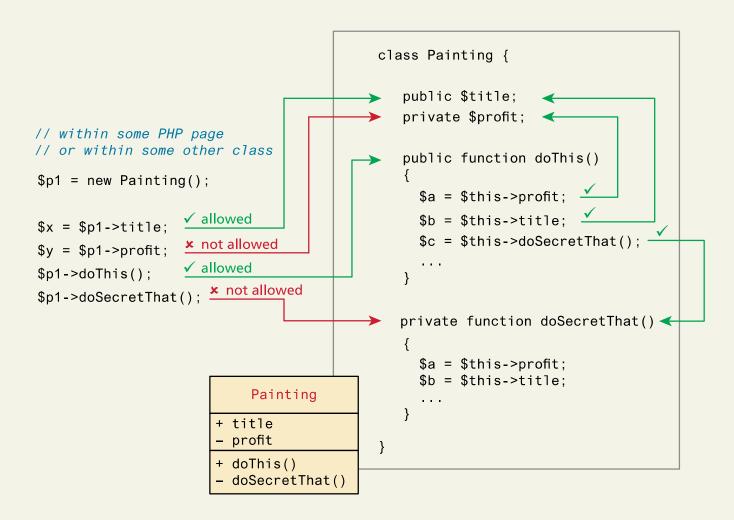
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Visibility

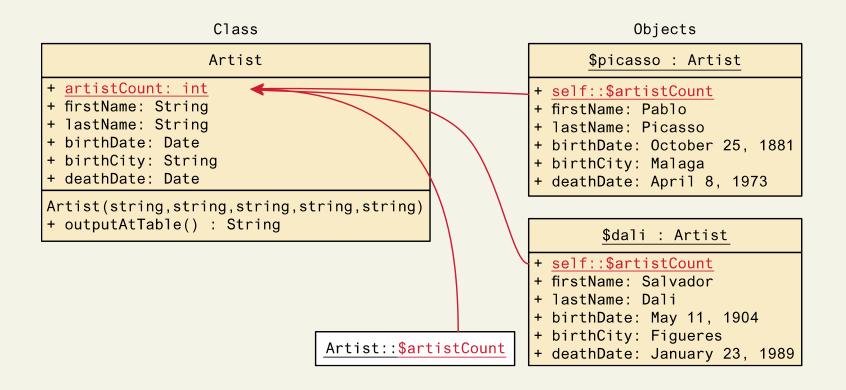


Static Members

A **static member** is a property or method that all instances of a class share.

Unlike an instance property, where each object gets its own value for that property, there is only one value for a class's static property, shared across all instances.

Static Members



Class Constants

constant values can be stored more efficiently as class constants so long as they are not calculated or updated

const EARLIEST\_DATE = 'January 1, 1200';

They can be accessed both inside and outside the class using self::EARLIEST\_DATE in the class and classReference::EARLIEST\_DATE

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Data Encapsulation

**Encapsulation** generally refers to restricting access to an object's internal components. Another way of understanding encapsulation is: it is the hiding of an object's implementation details.

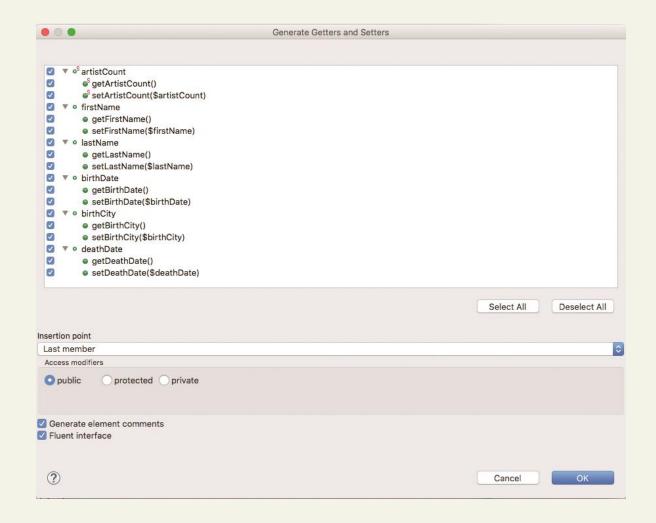
A properly encapsulated class will define an interface to the world in the form of its public methods, and leave its data, that is, its properties, hidden (i.e., private). This allows the class to control exactly how its data will be used.

The typical approach is to write methods for accessing and modifying properties rather than allowing them to be accessed directly. These methods are commonly called **getters and setters** (or accessors and mutators).

**Data Encapsulation** 

```
Artist
- artistCount: int
- firstName: String
- lastName: String
- birthDate: Date
- deathDate: Date
birthCity: String
Artist(string, string, string, string)
+ outputAsTable () : String
+ getFirstName() : String
+ getLastName() : String
+ getBirthCity() : String
+ getDeathCity() : String
+ getBirthDate() : Date
+ getDeathDate() : Date
+ getEarliestAllowedDate() : Date
+ getArtistCount(): int
+ setLastName($lastname) : void
+ setFirstName($firstname) : void
+ setBirthCity($birthCity) : void
+ setBirthDate($deathdate) : void
+ setDeathDate($deathdate) : void
```

Generating Getters and Setters through an IDE



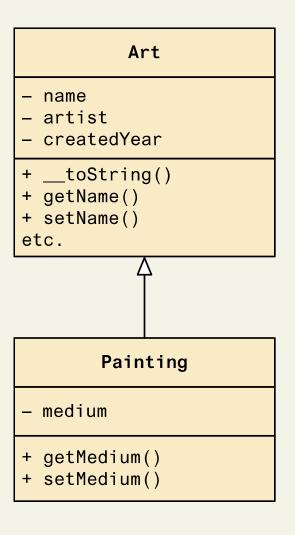
Inheritance

**Inheritance** enables you to create new PHP classes that reuse, extend, and modify the behavior that is defined in another PHP class.

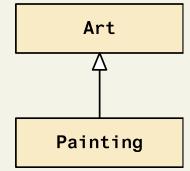
A class that is inheriting from another class is said to be a **subclass** or a **derived class**. The class that is being inherited from is typically called a **superclass** or a **base class**.

When a class inherits from another class, it inherits all of its public and protected methods and properties.

Inheritance



class Painting extends Art { . . . }



#### Inheritance

```
Art
name
original
+ getName()
+ setName()
# getOriginal()
# setOriginal()
- init()
       Painting
// in some page or other class
$p = new Painting();
```

```
class Painting extends Art {
                                    private function foo() {
                                      // these are allowed
                                      $w = parent::getName();
                                      $x = parent::getOriginal();
                                      // this is not allowed
                                 X
                                      $y = parent::init();
// neither of these references are allowed
```

a = new Art();

 $\times$  \$w = \$p->getOriginal(); x \$y = a->getOriginal();

Polymorphism

**Polymorphism** is the notion that an object can in fact be multiple things at the same time.

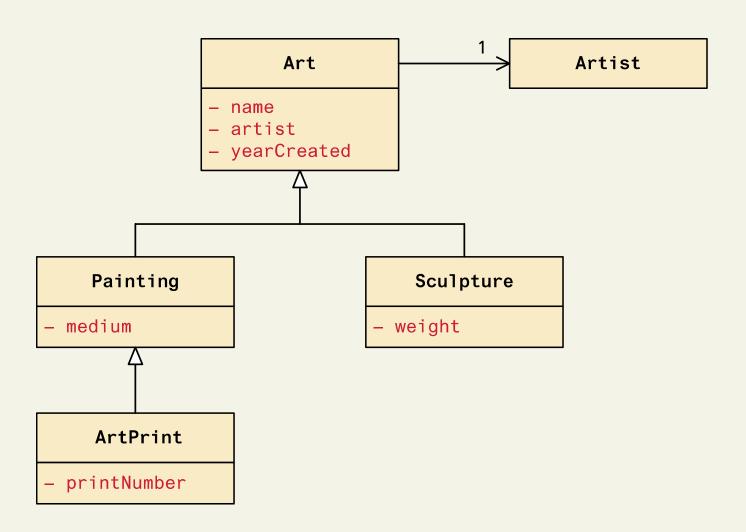
Conceptually, a sculpture is a work of art and a painting is a work of art.

\$guernica = new Painting("1937",\$picasso,"Guernica","Oil on canvas");

The variable \$guernica is both a Painting object and an Art object due to its inheritance.

We can manage a list of Art objects, and call the same (overridden) method on each

Polymorphism



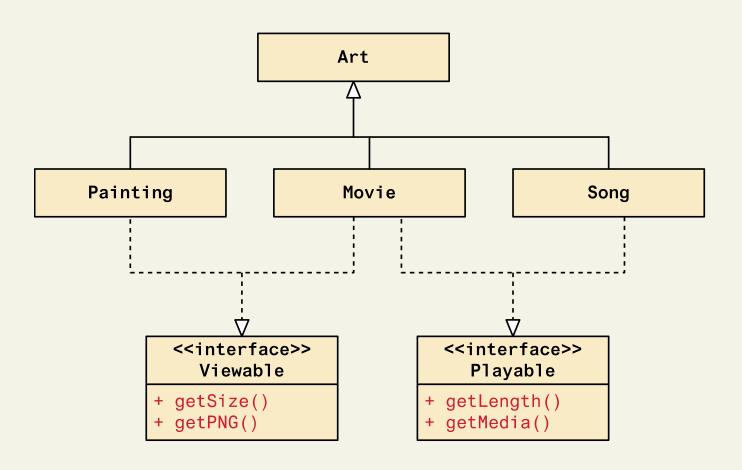
**Object Interfaces** 

An object **interface** is a way of defining a formal list of methods that a class must implement without specifying their implementation.

```
interface Viewable {
    public function getSize();
    public function getPNG();
}
```

class Painting extends Art implements Viewable { . . . }

Interfaces in class diagram



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**Key Terms** 

base class

class

class member

constructor

data members

derived class

dynamic

dispatching

encapsulation

getters and setters

inheritance

instance

instantiate

Integrated

Development

Environment (IDE)

interface

magic methods

methods

naming

conventions

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polymorphism

properties

refactoring

skeleton

static

subclass

superclass

UML (Unified

Modeling

Language)

visibility

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Questions?