CS21: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Outline Nov 27:

- Continue: writing classes
- Finish: RandomGene class
- Start: ScreenSaver class

Notes

•Lab 9 due tonight!!
•Lab 10 due Sunday (released today)
•Quiz 5 this Friday

Recap Classes

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- Using the Constructor: assign the new object to a variable, making the “self” placeholder a concrete instance

```
def main():
    # create 8-sided dice
    die1 = Die(8)
    die2 = Die(8)
```

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- Using Methods: instance.method(…), don’t use self

```
# roll both until we get the same value
same = False
while not same:
    die1.roll()
    die2.roll()
    print(die1)
    print(die2)
    print()
    # check if the values are the same
    same = (die1.getValue() == die2.getValue())
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- Using the __str__ method: simply call print(instance)!

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print(die1)
print(die2)
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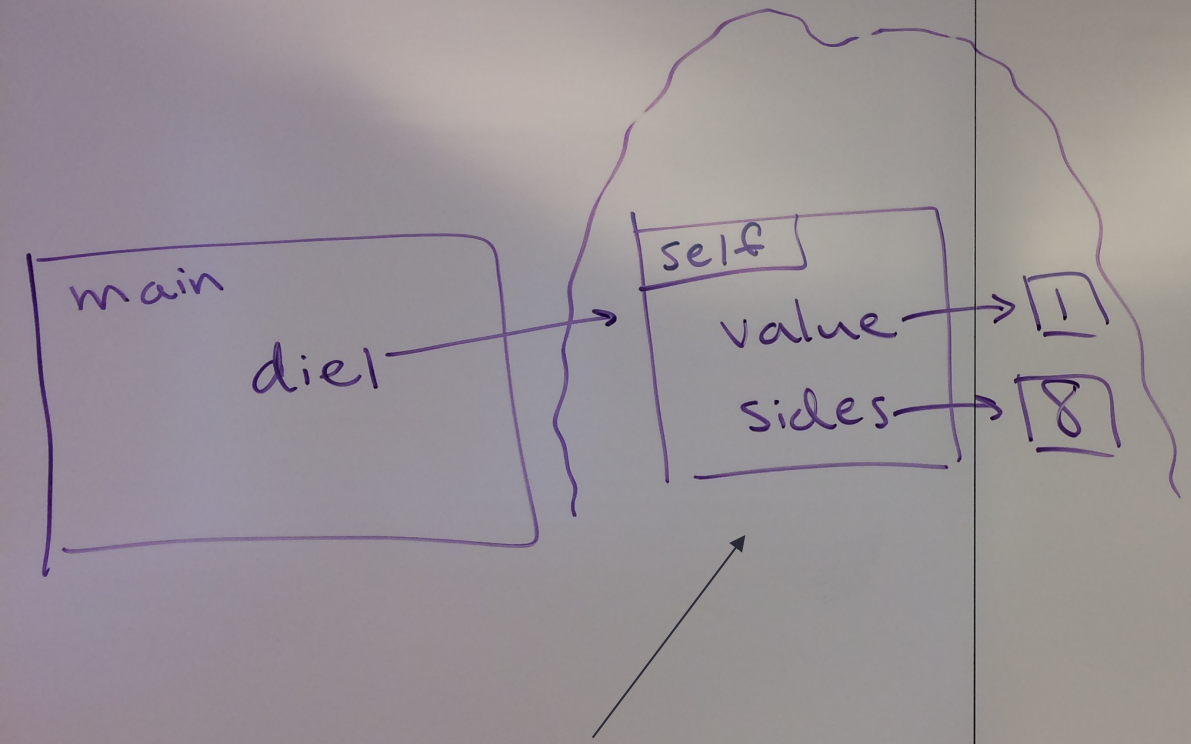
Screen saver image indices



Instances on the heap

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