

PYTHON Introduction to the Basics

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What is Python?

Python: Dynamic programming language which supports several different programing paradigms:

- Procedural programming
- Object oriented programming
- Functional programming

Standard: Python byte code is executed in the Python interpreter (similar to Java)

 $\rightarrow \textbf{platform independent code}$



Why Python?

- Extremly versatile language
 - Website development, data analysis, server maintenance, numerical analysis, ...
- Syntax is clear, easy to read and learn (almost pseudo code)
- Common language
- Intuitive object oriented programming
- Full modularity, hierarchical packages
- Comprehensive standard library for many tasks
- Big community
- Simply extendable via C/C++, wrapping of C/C++ libraries
- Focus: Programming speed



History

- Start implementation in December 1989 by Guido van Rossum (CWI)
- 16.10.2000: Python 2.0
 - Unicode support
 - Garbage collector
 - Development process more community oriented
- **3.12.2008: Python 3.0**
 - Not 100% backwards compatible
- most popular programming language (TIOBE Index)
- Recommendation for scientific programming (Nature News, NPG, 2015)
- Current version: Python 3.10.8
- Python2 is out of support since 2020!¹



¹https://python3statement.org/

Zen of Python

- 20 software principles that influence the design of Python:
 - Beautiful is better than ugly.
 - 2 Explicit is better than implicit.
 - 3 Simple is better than complex.
 - 4 Complex is better than complicated.
 - 5 Flat is better than nested.
 - 6 Sparse is better than dense.
 - 7 Readability counts.
 - 8 Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.
 - 9 Although practicality beats purity.
 - 10 Errors should never pass silently.
 - 11 Unless explicitly silenced.
 - 12 ...



Is Python fast enough?

- For user programs: Python is fast enough!
- Most parts of Python are written in C
- For compute intensive algorithms: Fortran, C, C++ might be better
- Performance-critical parts can be re-implemented in C/C++ if necessary
- First analyse, then optimise!



Hello World!

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

# This is a commentary
print("Hello world!")
```

```
$ python3 hello_world.py
Hello world!
$
```

```
$ chmod 755 hello_world.py
$ ./hello_world.py
Hello world!
$
```



Hello User

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

name = input("What's your name? ")
print("Hello", name)
```

```
$ ./hello_user.py
What's your name? Rebecca
Hello Rebecca
$
```

Strong and Dynamic Typing

Strong Typing:

- Object is of exactly one type! A string is always a string, an integer always an integer
- Counterexamples: PHP, JavaScript, C: char can be interpreted as short, void * can be everything

Dynamic Typing:

- No variable declaration
- Variable names can be assigned to different data types in the course of a program
- An object's attributes are checked only at run time
- Duck typing (an object is defined by its methods and attributes)
 When I see a bird that walks like a duck and swims like a duck and quacks like a duck, I call that bird a duck.²



²James Whitcomb Riley

Example: Strong and Dynamic Typing

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
number = 3
print(number, type(number))
print(number + 42)
number = "3"
print(number, type(number))
print(number + 42)
```

```
3 <class 'int'>
45
3 <class 'str'>
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "types.py", line 7, in <module>
        print(number + 42)
TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str
```

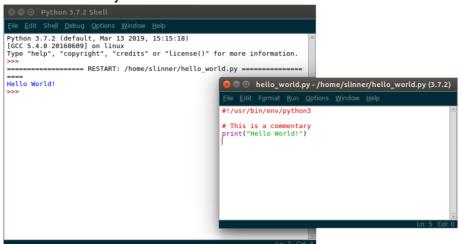
Interactive Mode

The interpreter can be started in interactive mode:

```
$ python3
Python 3.7.2 (default, Mar 13 2019, 15:15:18)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for
more information.
>>> print("hello world")
hello world
>>> a = 3 + 4
>>> print(a)
>>> 3 + 4
>>>
```

IDLE

- Integrated DeveLopment Environment
- Part of the Python installation



Documentation

Online help in the interpreter:

• help(): general Python help

• help(obj): help regarding an object, e.g. a function or a module

dir(): all used names

dir(obj): all attributes of an object

Official documentation: http://docs.python.org/



Documentation

```
>>> help(dir)
Help on built-in function dir:
...
>>> a = 3
>>> dir()
['__builtins__', '__doc__', '__file__', '__name__', 'a']
>>> help(a)
Help on int object:
...
```

Differences Python 2 – Python 3 (incomplete)

	Python 2	Python 3					
shebang ¹	#!/usr/bin/python	#!/usr/bin/python3					
IDLE cmd ¹	idle	idle3					
print cmd (syntax)	print	print()					
input cmd (syntax)	raw_input()	input()					
unicode	u""	all strings					
integer type	int/long	int (infinite)					
	hints in each chapter						

 \Rightarrow http://docs.python.org/3/whatsnew/3.0.html

¹linux specific



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Numerical Data Types

- int: integer numbers (infinite)
- float : corresponds to double in C
- complex : complex numbers (j is the imaginary unit)

```
a = 1
c = 1.0
c = 1e0
d = 1 + 0j
```

Operators on Numbers

- Basic arithmetics: +, -, *, / hint: Python $2 \Rightarrow 1/2 = 0$ Python $3 \Rightarrow 1/2 = 0.5$ ■ Div and modulo operator: //, %, divmod(x, y) ■ Absolute value: abs(x) ■ Rounding: round(x) ■ Conversion: int(x), float(x), complex(re [, im=0]) ■ Conjugate of a complex number: x.conjugate() ■ **Power**: x ** y , pow(x , y)
- Result of a composition of different data types is of the "bigger" data type.

Bitwise Operation on Integers

Operations:

■ **AND**: x & y

■ **OR**: x | y

exclusive OR (XOR) :

x ^ y

■ invert: ~x

shift right n bits: x >> n

shift left n bits: x << n</p>

Use bin(x) to get binary representation string of x.

```
>>> print(bin(6),bin(3))
0b110 0b11
>>> 6 & 3
>>> 6 | 3
>>> 6 ^ 3
>>> ~0
-1
>>> 1 << 3
>>> pow (2,3)
>>> 9 >> 1
>>> print(bin(9),bin(9>>1))
0b1001 0b100
```

Strings

```
Data type: str
    s = 'spam', s = "spam"

Multiline strings: s = """spam"""

No interpretation of escape sequences: s = r"sp\nam"
```

■ Generate strings from other data types: str(1.0)

```
>>> s = """hello
... world"""
>>> print(s)
hello
world
>>> print("sp\nam")
sp
am
>>> print(r"sp\nam") # or: print("sp\\nam")
sp\nam
```

String Methods

- Count appearance of substrings: s.count(sub [, start[, end]])
- Begins/ends with a substring? s.startswith(sub [, start[, end]]), s.endswith(sub[, start[, end]])
- All capital/lowercase letters: s.upper(), s.lower()
- Remove whitespace: s.strip([chars])
- Split at substring: s.split([sub [,maxsplit]])
- Find position of substring: s.index(sub[, start[, end]])
- Replace a substring: s.replace(old, new[, count])

More methods: help(str), dir(str)

Lists

```
Data type: list
```

- s = [1, "spam", 9.0, 42], s = []
- Append an element: s.append(x)
- Extend with a second list: s.extend(s2)
- Count appearance of an element: s.count(x)
- Position of an element: s.index(x[, min[, max]])
- Insert element at position: s.insert(i, x)
- Remove and return element at position: s.pop([i])
- Delete element: s.remove(x)
- Reverse list: s.reverse()
- **Sort**: s.sort([cmp[, key[, reverse]]])
- Sum of the elements: sum(s)

Tuple

Data type: tuple

```
s = 1, "spam", 9.0, 42
s = (1, "spam", 9.0, 42)
```

- Constant list
- Count appearance of an element: s.count(x)
- Position of an element: s.index(x[, min[, max]])
- Sum of the elements: sum(s)

Tuple

Data type: tuple

```
s = 1, "spam", 9.0, 42
s = (1, "spam", 9.0, 42)
```

- Constant list
- Count appearance of an element: s.count(x)
- Position of an element: s.index(x[, min[, max]])
- Sum of the elements: sum(s)

Multidimensional tuples and lists

List and tuple can be nested (mixed):

```
>>> A=([1,2,3],(1,2,3))
>>> A
([1, 2, 3], (1, 2, 3))
>>> A[0][2]=99
>>> A
([1, 2, 99], (1, 2, 3))
```

Lists, Strings and Tuples

- Lists are mutable
- Strings and tuples are immutable
 - No assignment s[i] = ...
 - No appending and removing of elements
 - Functions like x.upper() return a new string!

```
>>> s1 = "spam"
>>> s2 = s1.upper()
>>> s1
'spam'
>>> s2
'SPAM'
```

Operations on Sequences

Strings, lists and tuples have much in common: They are **sequences**.

Does/doesn't s contain an element?

```
x in s, x not in s
```

- Concatenate sequences: s + t
- Multiply sequences: n * s , s * n
- i-th element: s[i], i-th to last element: s[-i]
- Subsequence (slice): s[i:j], with step size k: s[i:j:k]
- Subsequence (slice) from beginning/to end: s[:-i], s[i:], s[:]
- Length (number of elements): len(s)
- Smallest/largest element: min(s), max(s)
- Assignments: (a, b, c) = s $\rightarrow a = s[0], b = s[1], c = s[2]$

Indexing in Python

positive index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
element	Р	у	t	h	0	n		K	u	r	S
negative index	-11	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

```
>>> kurs = "Python Kurs"
>>> kurs[2:2]
>>> kurs[2:3]
t
>>> kurs[2]
t.
>>> kurs[-4:-1]
Kur
>>> kurs[-4:]
Kurs
>>> kurs[-6:-8:-1]
no
```



Boolean Values

Data type **bool**: True, False Values that are evaluated to False:

- None (data type NoneType)
- False
- (in every numerical data type)
- Empty strings, lists and tuples: ", [], ()
- Empty dictionaries: {}
- Empty sets set()

All other objects of built-in data types are evaluated to True!

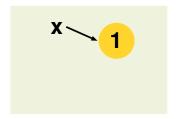
```
>>> bool([1, 2, 3])
True
>>> bool("")
False
```



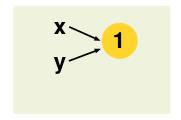
References

- Every object name is a reference to this object!
- An assignment to a new name creates an additional reference to this object.
 Hint: copy a list with s2 = s1[:] or s2 = list(s1)
- Operator is compares two references (identity),
 operator == compares the contents of two objects
- Assignment: different behavior depending on object type
 - Strings, numbers (simple data types): create a new object with new value
 - Lists, dictionaries, ...: the original object will be changed

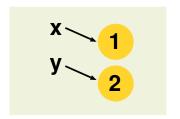
```
>>> x=1
>>> y=x
>>> x is y
True
>>> y=2
>>> x is y
False
```



```
>>> x=1
>>> y=x
>>> x is y
True
>>> y=2
>>> x is y
False
```



```
>>> x=1
>>> y=x
>>> x is y
True
>>> y=2
>>> x is y
False
```



```
>>> x=1
>>> y=x
>>> x is y
True
>>> y=2
>>> x is y
False
```

```
>>> s1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]

>>> s2 = s1

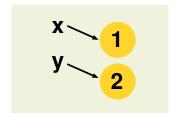
>>> s2[1] = 17

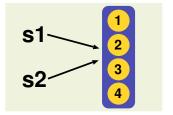
>>> s1

[1, 17, 3, 4]

>>> s2

[1, 17, 3, 4]
```





Reference - Example

```
>>> x=1
>>> y=x
>>> x is y
True
>>> y=2
>>> x is y
False
```

```
>>> s1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]

>>> s2 = s1

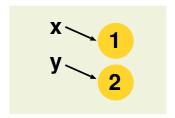
>>> s2[1] = 17

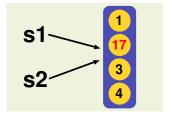
>>> s1

[1, 17, 3, 4]

>>> s2

[1, 17, 3, 4]
```





Groups

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16



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The If Statement

```
if a == 3:
    print("Aha!")
```

- Blocks are defined by indentation! ⇒ Style Guide for Python
- Standard: Indentation with four spaces

```
if a == 3:
    print("spam")
elif a == 10:
    print("eggs")
elif a == -3:
    print("bacon")
else:
    print("something else")
```

Relational Operators

- Comparison of content: == , < , > , <= , >= , !=
- Comparison of object identity: a is b, a is not b
- And/or operator: a and b, a or b
- Chained comparison: a <= x < b, a == b == c,...</p>
- Negation: not a

```
if not (a==b) and (c<3):
    pass
```

Hint: pass is a No Operation (NOOP) function

For Loops

```
for i in range(10):
    print(i) # 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 9

for i in range(3, 10):
    print(i) # 3, 4, 5, ..., 9

for i in range(0, 10, 2):
    print(i) # 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

else:
    print("Loop completed.")
```

- End loop prematurely: break
- Next iteration: continue
- else is executed when loop didn't end prematurely



For Loops (continued)

Iterating directly over sequences (without using an index):

```
for item in ["spam", "eggs", "bacon"]:
    print(item)
```

The range function can be used to create a list:

```
>>> list(range(0, 10, 2))
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

If indexes are necessary:

```
for (i, char) in enumerate("hello world"):
    print(i, char)
```

While Loops

```
i = 0
while i < 10:
    i += 1</pre>
```

break and continue work for while loops, too.

Substitute for do-while loop:

```
while True:
    # important code
if condition:
    break
```

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Functions

```
def add(a, b):
    """Returns the sum of a and b."""

mysum = a + b
    return mysum
```

```
>>> result = add(3, 5)
>>> print(result)
8
>>> help(add)
Help on function add in module __main__:
add(a, b)
    Returns the sum of a and b.
```

Return Values and Parameters

- Functions accept arbitrary objects as parameters and return values
- Types of parameters and return values are unspecified
- Functions without explicit return value return None

```
def hello_world():
    print("Hello World!")

a = hello_world()
print(a)
```

```
$ python3 my_program.py
Hello World!
None
```



Multiple Return Values

Multiple return values are realised using tuples or lists:

```
def foo():
    a = 17
    b = 42
    return (a, b)

ret = foo()
(x, y) = foo()
```

Optional Parameters – Default Values

Parameters can be defined with default values.

Hint: It is not allowed to define non-default parameters after default parameters

```
plot lines.py
def fline(x, m=1, b=0): # f(x) = m*x + b
    return m*x + b
for i in range (5):
    print(fline(i),end=" ")
#force newline
print()
for i in range(5):
    print(fline(i,-1,1),end=" ")
$ python3 plot_lines.py
0 1 2 3 4
1 \ 0 \ -1 \ -2 \ -3
```

Hint: end in print defines the last character, default is linebreak



Positional Parameters

Parameters can be passed to a function in a different order than specified:

```
def printContact(name,age,location):
    print("Person: ", name)
    print("Age: ", age, "years")
    print("Address: ", location)

printContact(name="Peter Pan", location="Neverland", age=10)
```

```
$ python3 displayPerson.py
Person: Peter Pan
Age: 10 years
Address: Neverland
```

Functions are Objects

Functions are objects and as such can be assigned and passed on:

```
>>> a = float
>>> a(22)
22.0
```

```
>>> def foo(fkt):
...     print(fkt(33))
...
>>> foo(float)
33.0
>>> foo(str)
33
>>> foo(complex)
(33+0j)
```

Online Help: Docstrings

- Can be used in function, modul, class and method definitions
- Is defined by a **string** as the first statement in the definition
- help(...) on python object returns the docstring
- Two types of docstrings: one-liners and multi-liners

```
def complex(real=0.0, imag=0.0):
    """Form a complex number.

Keyword arguments:
    real -- the real part (default 0.0)
    imag -- the imaginary part (default 0.0)

"""
...
```

Functions & Modules

- Functions thematically belonging together can be stored in a separate Python file.
 (Same for objects and classes)
- This file is called **module** and can be loaded in any Python script.
- Multiple modules available in the Python Standard Library (part of the Python installation)
- Command for loading a module: import <filename> (filename without ending .py)

```
import math
s = math.sin(math.pi)
```

More information for standard modules and how to create your own module see chapter Modules and Packages on slide 91



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String Formatting

- Format string + class method x.format()
- "replacement fields": curly braces around optional arg_name (default: 0,1,2,...)

```
print("The answer is {0:4d}".format(42))
'The answer is 42'
s = "{0}: {1:08.3f}".format("spam", 3.14)
'spam: 0003.140'
```

format	purpose	
	default: string	
m.n f	floating point: m filed size, n digits after the decimal point (6)	
m.n e	floating point (exponential): m filed size, 1 digit before and n digits behind the	
	decimal point (default: 6)	
m.n%	percentage: similar to format f, value * 100 with finalizing '%'	
m d	Integer number: m field size (0m ⇒leading "0")	
	format d can be replaced by b (binary), o (octal) or x (hexadecimal)	

Literal String Interpolation (f-strings)

- Provides a way to embed expressions inside string literals, using a minimal syntax
- Is a literal string, prefixed with 'f', which contains expressions inside braces
- Expressions are evaluated at runtime and replaced with their values.

```
>>> name = "Martin"
>>> age = 50
>>> f"My name is {name} and my age next year is {age+1}"
'My name is Martin and my age next year is 51'
>>> value = 12.345
>>> f"value={value:5.2f}"
'value=12.35'
```

Hint: Since Python 3.6!



String Formatting (deprecated, Python 2 only)

String formatting similar to C:

```
print "The answer is %4i." % 42
s = "%s: %08.3f" % ("spam", 3.14)
```

■ Integer decimal: d, i

Integer octal: o

■ Integer hexadecimal: x, X

■ Float: f, F

Float in exponential form: e, E, g, G

Single character: c

■ String: s

Use %% to output a single % character.



Command Line Input

User input in Python 3:

```
user_input = input("Type something: ")
```

User input in Python 2:

```
user_input = raw_input("Type something: ")
```

Command line parameters:

```
import sys
print(sys.argv)
```

```
$ python3 params.py spam
['params.py', 'spam']
```



Files

```
file1 = open("spam.txt", "r")
file2 = open("/tmp/eggs.json", "wb")
```

- Read mode: r
- Write mode (new file): w
- Write mode, appending to the end: a
- Handling binary files: e.g. rb
- Read and write (update): r+

```
for line in file1:
    print(line)
```

Operations on Files

file1.writelines(lines)

```
Read: f.read([size])

Read a line: f.readline()

Read multiple lines: f.readlines([sizehint])

Write: f.write(str)

Write multiple lines: f.writelines(sequence)

Close file: f.close()

file1 = open("test.txt", "w")
```

Python automatically converts \n into the correct line ending!

lines = ["spam\n", "eggs\n", "ham\n"]



file1.close()

The with statement

File handling (open/close) can be done by the context manager with . (\Rightarrow section Errors and Exceptions on slide 65).

```
with open("test.txt") as f:
   for line in f:
      print(line)
```

After finishing the with block the file object is closed, even if an exception occurred inside the block.

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Syntax Errors, Indentation Errors

Parsing errors: **Program will not be executed**.

- Mismatched or missing parenthesis
- Missing or misplaced semicolons, colons, commas
- Indentation errors

```
print("I'm running...")
def add(a, b)
   return a + b
```

```
$ python3 add.py
File "add.py", line 2
  def add(a, b)

SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```



Exceptions

Exceptions occur at **runtime**:

```
import math
print("I'm running...")
math.foo()
print("I'm still running...")
```

```
$ python3 error.py
I'm running...
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "error.py", line 3, in <module>
    math.foo()
AttributeError: module 'math' has no attribute 'foo'
```

Handling Exceptions (1)

```
try:
    s = input("Enter a number: ")
    number = float(s)
except ValueError:
    print("That's not a number!")
```

- except block is executed when the code in the try block throws an according exception
- Afterwards, the program continues normally
- Unhandled exceptions force the program to exit.

Handling different kinds of exceptions:

```
except (ValueError, TypeError, NameError):
```

Built-in exceptions: http://docs.python.org/library/exceptions.html



Handling Exceptions (2)

```
try:
    s = input("Enter a number: ")
    number = 1/float(s)
except ValueError:
    print("That's not a number!")
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("You can't divide by zero!")
except:
    print("Oops, what's happened?")
```

- Several except statements for different exceptions
- Last except can be used without specifying the kind of exception: Catches all remaining exceptions
 - Careful: Can mask unintended programming errors!



Handling Exceptions (3)

- else is executed if no exception occurred
- finally is executed in any case

```
try:
    f = open("spam")
except IOError:
    print("Cannot open file")
else:
    print(f.read())
    f.close()
finally:
    print("End of try.")
```

Exception Objects

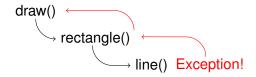
Access to exception objects:

- EnvironmentError (IOError, OSError):
 Exception object has 3 attributes (int, str, str)
- Otherwise: Exception object is a string

```
try:
    f = open("spam")
except IOError as e:
    print(e.errno, e.filename, e.strerror)
    print(e)
```

```
$ python3 spam_open.py
2 spam No such file or directory
[Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'spam'
```

Exceptions in Function Calls



- Function calls another function.
- That function raises an exception.
- Is exception handled?
- No: Pass exception to calling function.



Raising Exceptions

Passing exceptions on:

```
try:
    f = open("spam")
except IOError:
    print("Problem while opening file!")
    raise
```

Raising exceptions:

```
def gauss_solver(matrix):
    # Important code
    raise ValueError("Singular matrix")
```

Exceptions vs. Checking Values Beforehand

Exceptions are preferable!

```
def square(x):
    if type(x) == int or type(x) == float:
        return x ** 2
    else:
        return None
```

- What about other numerical data types (complex numbers, own data types)? Better: Try to compute the power and catch possible exceptions! → Duck-Typing
- Caller of a function might forget to check return values for validity. Better: Raise an exception!

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    else:
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def square(x):
   return x ** 2
try:
    result = square(value)
except TypeError:
    print("'{0}': Invalid type".format(value))
```

The with Statement

Some objects offer context management 3 , which provides a more convenient way to write $try \dots finally$ blocks:

```
with open("test.txt") as f:
    for line in f:
        print(line)
```

After the with block the file object is guaranteed to be closed properly, no matter what exceptions occurred within the block.

³Class method __enter__(self) will be executed at the beginning and class method __exit__(...)



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Sets

Set: unordered, no duplicated elements

- s = {"a", "b", "c"}
 alternative s = set([sequence]), required for empty sets.
- constant set: s = frozenset([sequence])
 e.g. empty set: empty = frozenset()
- Subset: s.issubset(t), s <= t, strict subset: s < t
- Superset: s.issuperset(t), s >= t, strict superset: s > t
- Union: s.union(t), s | t
- Intersection: s.intersection(t), s & t
- Difference: s.difference(t), s t
- Symmetric Difference: s.symmetric_difference(t), s ^ t
- Copy: s.copy()

As with sequences, the following works:

```
x in s, len(s), for x in s, s.add(x), s.remove(x)
```

Dictionaries

- Other names: Hash, Map, Associative Array
- Mapping of key → value
- Keys are unordered

```
>>> store = { "spam": 1, "eggs": 17}
>>> store["eggs"]
17
>>> store["bacon"] = 42
>>> store
{'eggs': 17, 'bacon': 42, 'spam': 1}
```

Iterating over dictionaries:

```
for key in store:
    print(key, store[key])
```

Compare two dictionaries: store == pool

```
Not allowed: > , >= , < , <=
```



Operations on Dictionaries

- Delete an entry: del(store[key])
- Delete all entries: store.clear()
- Copy: store.copy()
- Does it contain a key? key in store
- **Get an entry**: store.get(key[, default])
- Remove and return entry: store.pop(key[, default])
- Remove and return arbitrary entry: store.popitem()

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Views on Dictionaries

- Create a view: items(), keys() and values()
 - List of all (key, value) tuples: store.items()
 - List of all keys: store.keys()
 - List all values: store.values()
- Caution: Dynamical since Python 3



Views Behavior: Python 2.X versus Python 3.X

Python 2 (static)

```
>>> mdict={"a":2, "d":5}
>>> mdict
{'a': 2, 'd': 5}
>>> s=mdict.items()
>>> for i in s:
        print(i)
('a', 2)
('d', 5)
>>> mdict['a']=-1
>>> mdict
{'a': -1, 'd': 5}
>>> for i in s:
        print(i)
('a', 2)
('d', 5)
```

Python 3 (dynamic)

```
>>> mdict={"a":2, "d":5}
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>>> s=mdict.items()
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        print(i)
('a', 2)
('d', 5)
>>> mdict['a']=-1
>>> mdict
{'a': -1, 'd': 5}
>>> for i in s:
        print(i)
('a', -1)
('d', 5)
```

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Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

- So far: procedural programming
 - Data (values, variables, parameters, ...)
 - Functions taking data as parameters and returning results
- Alternative: Group data and functions belonging together to form custom data types
- → Extensions of structures in C/Fortran



Using Simple Classes as Structs

```
class Point:
    pass

p = Point()
p.x = 2.0
p.y = 3.3
```

- Class: Custom date type (here: Point)
- Object: Instance of a class (here: p)
- Attributes (here x, y) can be added dynamically

Hint: pass is a No Operation (NOOP) function



Classes - Constructor

```
class Point:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

p = Point(2.0, 3.0)
print(p.x, p.y)
p.x = 2.5
p.z = 42
```

__init__ : Is called automatically after creating an object

Methods on Objects

```
my_point.py
import math
class Point:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def norm(self):
        n = math.sqrt(self.x ** 2 + self.y ** 2)
        return n
p = Point(2.0, 3.0)
print(p.x, p.y, p.norm())
```

- Method call: automatically sets the object as first parameter
- → traditionally called self
- Careful: Overloading of methods not possible!



Converting Objects to Strings

Default return value of str(...) for objects of custom classes:

```
>>> p = Point(2.0, 3.0)
>>> print(p) # --> print(str(p))
<__main__.Point object at 0x402d7a8c>
```

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<__main__.Point object at 0x402d7a8c>
```

This behaviour can be overwritten:

```
class Point:
   [...]
   def __str__(self):
      return f"({self.x}, {self.y})"
```

```
>>> print(p)
(2.0, 3.0)
```

Comparing Objects

Default: == checks for object identity of custom objects.

```
>>> p1 = Point(2.0, 3.0)
>>> p2 = Point(2.0, 3.0)
>>> p1 == p2
False
```

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>>> p1 == p2
False
```

This behaviour can be overwritten:

```
class Point:
    [...]
    def __eq__(self, other):
        return (self.x == other.x) and (self.y == other.y)
```

```
>>> p1 == p2 # Check the content
True
>>> p1 is p2 # Check the identity
False
```

Operator overloading

More relational operators:

- < : __lt__(self, other)</pre>
- <= : __le__(self, other)</pre>
- != : __ne__(self, other)
- > : __gt__(self, other)
- >= : __ge__(self, other)

Numeric operators:

- + : __add__(self, other)
- : __sub__(self, other)
- * : __mul__(self, other)
- · ...

Emulating Existing Data Types

Classes can emulate built-in data types:

```
■ Numbers: arithmetics, int(myobj), float(myobj),...
```

```
■ Functions: myobj(...)
```

```
■ Sequences: len(myobj), myobj[...], x in myobj,...
```

```
Iteratores: for i in myobj
```

See documentation: http://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html

Class Variables

Have the same value for all instances of a class:

```
class Point:
    count = 0  # Count all point objects
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        Point.count += 1  #self.__class__.count += 1
        [...]
```

```
>>> p1 = Point(2, 3); p2 = Point(3, 4)
>>> p1.count
2
>>> p2.count
2
>>> Point.count
2
```

Class Methods and Static Methods

```
spam.py
class Spam:
    spam = "I don't like spam."
    Oclassmethod
    def class_method(cls):
        print(cls.spam)
    @staticmethod
    def static_method():
        print("Blah blah.")
Spam.class_method()
Spam.static_method()
s = Spam()
s.class_method()
s.static_method()
```



Inheritance (1)

There are often classes that are very similar to each other.

Inheritance allows for:

- Hierarchical class structure (is-a-relationship)
- Reusing of similar code

Example: Different types of phones

- Phone
- Mobile phone (is a phone with additional functionality)
- Smart phone (is a mobile phone with additional functionality)

Inheritance (2)

```
class Phone:
    def call(self):
        pass

class MobilePhone(Phone):
    def send_text(self):
        pass
```

MobilePhone now inherits methods and attributes from Phone.

```
h = MobilePhone()
h.call() # inherited from Phone
h.send_text() # own method
```

Overwriting Methods

Methods of the parent class can be overwritten in the child class:

```
class MobilePhone(Phone):
    def call(self):
        self.find_signal()
        super().call() # or Phone.call(self)
```

Multiple Inheritance

Classes can inherit from multiple parent classes. Example:

- SmartPhone is a mobile phone
- SmartPhone is a camera

```
class SmartPhone(MobilePhone, Camera):
    pass

h = SmartPhone()
h.call() # inherited from MobilePhone
h.take_photo() # inherited from Camera
```

Attributes are searched for in the following order:

```
SmartPhone, MobilePhone, Camera, parent classes of MobilePhone, parent classes of Camera, ...
```

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C3_linearization



Private Attributes / Private Class Variables

- There are no private variables or private methods in Python.
- **Convention:** Mark attributes that shouldn't be accessed from outside with an underscore: _foo .
- To avoid name conflicts during inheritance: Names of the form __foo are replaced with _classname_foo:

```
class Spam:
   __eggs = 3
   _bacon = 1
   beans = 5
```

```
>>> dir(Spam)
>>> ['_Spam__eggs', ... , '_bacon', 'beans']
```



Classic (old Style) Classes

- The only class type until Python 2.1
- In Python 2 default class

New Style Classes

- Unified class model (user-defined and build-in)
- Descriptores (getter, setter)
- The only class type in Python 3
- Available as basic class in Python 2: object

Properties (1)

If certain actions (checks, conversions) are to be executed while accessing attributes, use **getter** and **setter**:

```
class Spam:
    def __init__(self):
        self. value = 0
    def get_value(self):
        return self._value
    def set_value(self, value):
        if value < 0.
            raise ValueError(f'Value must be positive: {value=}')
        else:
            self. value = value
    value = property(get_value, set_value)
```

Properties (2)

Properties can be accessed like any other attributes:

```
>>> s = Spam()
>>> s.value = 6  # set_value(6)
>>> s.value  # get_value()
6
>>> s.value = -6  # set_value(-6)
[...]
ValueError: Value must be positive: value=-6
>>> s.value  # get_value()
6
>>> s._value  # get_value()
6
>>> s._value  # get_value()
6
>>> s._value  # get_value()
-6
```

- Getter and setter can be added later without changing the API
- Access to _value still possible

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Importing Modules

Reminder: Functions, classes and object thematically belonging together are grouped in modules.

```
import math
s = math.sin(math.pi)
import math as m
s = m.sin(m.pi)
from math import pi as PI, sin
s = sin(PI)
from math import *
s = sin(pi)
```

Online help: dir(math), help(math)



Creating a Module (1)

Every Python script can be imported as a module.

```
"""My first module: my_module.py"""

def add(a, b):
    """Add a and b."""
    return a + b

print(add(2, 3))
```

```
>>> import my_module
5
>>> my_module.add(17, 42)
59
```

Top level instructions are executed during import!



Creating a Module (2)

If instructions should only be executed when running as a script, not importing it:

```
def add(a, b):
    return a + b

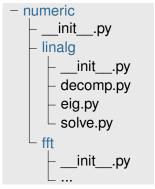
def main():
    print(add(2, 3))

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Useful e.g. for testing parts of the module.

Creating a Package

Modules can be grouped into hierarchically structured packages.



- Packages are subdirectories
- In each package directory:
 __init__.py (may be empty)

```
import numeric
numeric.foo() # from __init__.py
numeric.linalg.eig.foo()

from numeric.linalg import eig
eig.foo()
```

Modules Search Path

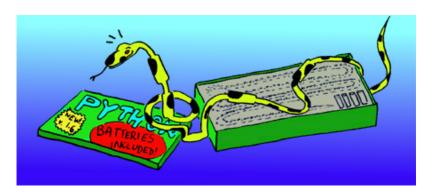
Modules are searched for in (see sys.path):

- The directory of the running script
- Directories in the environment variable PYTHONPATH
- Installation-dependent directories

```
>>> import sys
>>> sys.path
['', '/usr/lib/python37.zip',
'/usr/lib64/python3.7',
'/usr/lib64/python3.7/plat-linux', ...]
```

Python's Standard Library

"Batteries included": comprehensive standard library for various tasks





Mathematics: math

- Constants: e , pi
 Round up/down: floor(x) , ceil(x)
 Exponential function: exp(x)
- Logarithm: log(x[, base]), log10(x)
- Power and square root: pow(x, y), sqrt(x)
- Trigonometric functions: sin(x), cos(x), tan(x)
- Conversion degree ↔ radiant: degrees(x), radians(x)

```
>>> import math

>>> math.sin(math.pi)

1.2246063538223773e-16

>>> math.cos(math.radians(30))

0.86602540378443871
```



Random Numbers: random

Random integers:

```
randint(a, b) , randrange([start,] stop[, step])
```

- Random floats (uniform distr.): random(), uniform(a, b)
- Other distibutions: expovariate(lambd), gammavariate(alpha, beta), gauss(mu, sigma),...
- Random element of a sequence: choice(seq)
- Several unique, random elements of a sequence: sample(population, k)
- Shuffled sequence: shuffle(seq[, random])

```
>>> import random
>>> s = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> random.shuffle(s)
>>> s
[2, 5, 4, 3, 1]
>>> random.choice("Hello world!")
'e'
```

Time Access and Conversion: time

- Classical time() functionality
- Time class type is a 9-tuple of int values (struct_time)
- Time starts at epoch (for UNIX: 1.1.1970, 00:00:00)
- Popular functions:
 - Seconds since epoch (as a float): time.time()
 - Convert time in seconds (float) to struct_time: time.localtime([seconds]) If seconds is None the actual time is returned.
 - Convert struct_time in seconds (float): time.mktime(t)
 - Convert struct_time in formatted string: time.strftime(format[, t])
 - Suspend execution of current thread for secs seconds: time.sleep(secs)

Date and Time: datetime

Date and time objects:

```
d1 = datetime.date(2008, 3, 21)
d2 = datetime.date(2008, 6, 22)
dt = datetime.datetime(2011, 8, 26, 12, 30)
t = datetime.time(12, 30)
```

Calculating with date and time:

```
print(d1 < d2)
delta = d2 - d1
print(delta.days)
print(d2 + datetime.timedelta(days=44))</pre>
```

Operations on Path Names: os.path

- Paths: abspath(path), basename(path), normpath(path), realpath(path)
- Construct paths: join(path1[, path2[, ...]])
- Split paths: split(path), splitext(path)
- File information: isfile(path), isdir(path), islink(path), getsize(path),
- Expand home directory: expanduser(path)
- Expand environment variables: expandvars(path)

```
>>> os.path.join("spam", "eggs", "ham.txt")
'spam/eggs/ham.txt'
>>> os.path.splitext("spam/eggs.py")
('spam/eggs', '.py')
>>> os.path.expanduser("~/spam")
'/home/rbreu/spam'
>>> os.path.expandvars("/mydir/$TEST")
'/mydir/test.py'
```

Files and Directories: os

- Working directory: getcwd(), chdir(path)
- Changing file permissions: chmod(path, mode)
- Changing owner: chown(path, uid, gid)
- Creating directories: mkdir(path[, mode]), makedirs(path[, mode])
- Removing files: remove(path), removedirs(path)
- Renaming files: rename(src, dst), renames(old, new)
- List of files in a directory: listdir(path)

Files and Directories: shutil

Higher level operations on files and directories. Mighty wrapper functions for os module.

- Copying files: copyfile(src, dst), copy(src, dst)
- Recursive copy: copytree(src, dst[, symlinks])
- Recursive removal:
 rmtree(path[, ignore_errors[, onerror]])
- Recursive move: move(src, dst)

Directory Listing: glob

List of files in a directory with Unix-like extension of wildcards: glob(path)

```
>>> glob.glob("python/[a-c]*.py")
['python/confitest.py',
    'python/basics.py',
    'python/curses_test2.py',
    'python/curses_keys.py',
    'python/cmp.py',
    'python/button_test.py',
    'python/argument.py',
    'python/curses_test.py']
```

Run Processes: subprocess

Simple execution of a program:

```
p = subprocess.Popen(["ls", "-l", "mydir"])
returncode = p.wait() # wait for p to end
```

Access to the program's output:

```
p = Popen(["ls"], stdout=PIPE, stderr=STDOUT)
p.wait()
output = p.stdout.read()
```

Pipes between processes (ls -1 | grep txt)

```
p1 = Popen(["ls", "-l"], stdout=PIPE)
p2 = Popen(["grep", "txt"], stdin=p1.stdout)
```

Access to Command Line Parameters: argparse (1)

Python program with standard command line option handling:

```
$ python3 argumentParse.py -f newfile.txt -v
newfile.txt
True
```



Access to Command Line Parameters: argparse (2)

- Simple list of parameters: → sys.argv
- More convenient for handling several options: argparse
- Deprecated module optparse (since Python 2.7/3.2)

```
argumentParse.py
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description = 'Example how to use argparse')
parser.add_argument("-f", "--file",
                    dest="filename".
                    default="out.txt".
                    help="output file")
parser.add_argument("-v","--verbosity",
                    action="store_true",
                    help="increase output verbosity")
args = parser.parse_args()
print(args.filename)
print(args.verbosity)
```

CSV Files: csv (1)

CSV: Comma Seperated Values

- Data tables in ASCII format
- Import/Export by MS Excel ®
- Columns are delimited by a predefined character (most often comma)

```
f = open("test.csv", "r")
reader = csv.reader(f)
for row in reader:
    for item in row:
        print(item)
f.close()
```

```
f = open(outfile, "w")
writer = csv.writer(f)
writer.writerow([1, 2, 3, 4])
```

CSV Files: csv (2)

Handling different kinds of formats (dialects):

```
csv.reader(csvfile, dialect='excel') # Default
csv.writer(csvfile, dialect='excel_tab')
```

Specifying individual format parameters:

```
csv.reader(csvfile, delimiter=";")
```

Further format parameters: lineterminator, quotechar, skipinitialspace,...



Lightweight Database: sqlite3 (1)

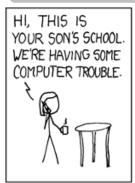
Database in a file or in memory; in Python's stdlib since 2.5.

```
conn = sqlite3.connect("bla.db")
c = conn.cursor()
c.execute("""CREATE TABLE Friends
             (firstname TEXT, lastname TEXT)""")
c.execute("""INSERT INTO Friends
             VALUES ("Jane", "Doe")""")
conn.commit()
c.execute("""SELECT * FROM Friends""")
for row in c:
    print(row)
c.close():
conn.close()
```

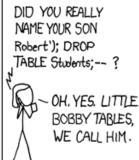
Lightweight Database: sqlite3 (2)

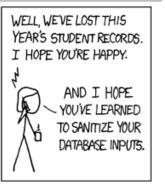
String formatting is insecure since it allows injection of arbitrary SQL code!

```
# Never do this!
symbol = "Jane"
c.execute("... WHERE firstname='{0}''.format(symbol))
```











Lightweight Database: sqlite3 (3)

Instead: Use the placeholder the database API provides:

```
c.execute("... WHERE name = ?", symbol)
```

⇒ Python module cx_Oracle to access Oracle database Web page: http://cx-oracle.sourceforge.net/

XML based Client-Server Communication: xmlrpc (1)

- XML-RPC: Remote Procedure Call uses XML via HTTP
- Independent of platform and programming language
- For the client use xmlrpc.client

```
import xmlrpc.client
s = xmlrpc.client.Server("http://localhost:8000")
# print list of available methods
print(s.system.listMethods())
# use methods
print(s.add(2,3))
print(s.sub(5,2))
```

Automatic type conversion for the standard data types: boolean, integer, floats, strings, tuple, list, dictionarys (strings as keys), ...



XML based Client-Server Communication: xmlrpc (2)

■ For the server use xmlrpc.server

```
from xmlrpc.server import SimpleXMLRPCServer
# methods which are to be offered by the server:
class MyFuncs:
    def add(self, x, y):
        return x + y
    def sub(self, x, y):
        return x - v
# create and start the server:
server = SimpleXMLRPCServer(("localhost", 8000))
server.register_instance(MyFuncs())
server.serve_forever()
```

More Modules

- readline: Functionality for command line history and auto-completion
- tempfile: Generate temporary files and directories
- numpy: Numeric Python package
 - N-dimensional arrays
 - Supports linear algebra, Fourier transform and random number capabilities
 - Part of the SciPy stack
- mathplotlib: 2D plotting library, part of the SciPy stack
- ..



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Conditional Expressions

A conditional assignment as

```
if value < 0:
    s = "negative"
else:
    s = "positive"</pre>
```

can be realized in abbreviated form

```
s = "negative" if value < 0 else "positive"
```



List Comprehension

Allows sequences to be build by sequences. Instead of using for:

```
a = []
for i in range(10):
    a.append(i**2)
```

List comprehension can be used:

```
a = [i**2 for i in range(10)]
```

Conditional values in list comprehension:

```
a = [i**2 for i in range(10) if i != 4]
```

Since Python 2.7: set and dictionary comprehension

```
s = {i*2 for i in range(3)}
d = {i: i*2 for i in range(3)}
```

Dynamic Attributes

Remember: Attributes can be added to python objects at runtime:

```
class Empty:
   pass
a = Empty()
a.spam = 42
a.eggs = 17
```

Also the attributes can be deleted at runtime:

```
del(a.spam)
```

getattr, setattr, hasattr

Attributes of an object can be accessed by name (string):

```
import math
f = getattr(math, "sin")
print(f(x)) # sin(x)
```

```
a = Empty()
setattr(a, "spam", 42)
print(a.spam)
```

Useful if depending on user or data input.

Check if attribute is defined:

```
if not hasattr(a, "spam"):
    setattr(a, "spam", 42)
print(a.spam)
```



Anonymous Function Lambda

Also known as lambda expression and lambda form

```
>>> f = lambda x, y: x + y
>>> f(2, 3)
5
>>> (lambda x: x**2)(3)
9
```

Useful if only a simple function is required as an parameter in a function call:

```
>>> friends = ["alice", "Bob"]
>>> friends.sort()
>>> friends
['Bob', 'alice']
>>> friends.sort(key = lambda a: a.upper())
>>> friends
['alice', 'Bob']
```

Functions Parameters from Lists and Dictionaries

```
def spam(a, b, c, d):
    print(a, b, c, d)
```

Positional parameters can be created by lists:

```
>>> args = [3, 6, 2, 3]
>>> spam(*args)
3 6 2 3
```

Keyword parameters can be created by dictionaries:

```
>>> kwargs = {"c": 5, "a": 2, "b": 4, "d":1}
>>> spam(**kwargs)
2 4 5 1
```

Variable Number of Parameters in Functions

```
def spam(*args, **kwargs):
    for i in args:
        print(i)
    for i in kwargs:
        print(i, kwargs[i])
```

```
>>> spam(1, 2, c=3, d=4)

1

2

c 3

d 4
```

Global and Static Variables in Functions

- global links the given name to a global variabile
- Static variable can be defined as an attribute of the function

```
>>> max_size = 222
>>> myfunc()
1. call
max size is 222
```

Map

Apply specific function on each list element:

```
>>> li = [1, 4, 81, 9]
>>> mapli = map(math.sqrt, li)
>>> mapli
<map object at 0x7f5748240b90>
>>> list(mapli)
[1.0, 2.0, 9.0, 3.0]
>>> list(map(lambda x: x * 2, li))
[2, 8, 162, 18]
```

Functions with more than one parameter requires an additional list per parameter:

```
>>> list(map(math.pow, li, [1, 2, 3, 4]))
[1.0, 16.0, 531441.0, 6561.0]
```



Filter

Similar to map, but the result is a filter object, which contains only list elements, where the function returns True.

```
filter example.py
1i = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
liOdd = filter(lambda x: x % 2, li)
print("li =", li)
print("li0dd =", li0dd)
print("list(li0dd) =", list(li0dd))
$ python3 filter_example.py
1i = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
liOdd = <filter object at 0x7fe4ccdcb7c0>
```

```
list(li0dd) = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
```

Zip

Join multiple sequences to one list of tuples:
 Useful when iterating on multiple sequences in parallel

```
>>> list(zip("ABC", "123"))
[('A', '1'), ('B', '2'), ('C', '3')]
>>> list(zip([1, 2, 3], "ABC", "XYZ"))
[(1, 'A', 'X'), (2, 'B', 'Y'), (3, 'C', 'Z')]
```

Example: How to create a dictionary by two sequences

```
>>> dict(zip(("apple", "peach"), (2,0)))
{'apple': 2, 'peach': 0}
```

Iterators (1)

What happens, if for is applied on an object?

```
for i in obj:

pass
```

- The __iter__ method for obj is called, return an iterator.
- On each loop cycle the iterator.__next__() method will be called.
- The exception StopIteration is raised when there are no more elements.
- Advantage: Memory efficient (access time)

Iterators (2)

```
class Reverse:
    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data
        self.index = len(data)
    def __iter__(self):
        return self
    def __next__(self):
        if self.index == 0:
            self.index = len(self.data)
            raise StopIteration
        self.index = self.index = 1
        return self.data[self.index]
```

```
>>> for char in Reverse("spam"):
... print(char, end=" ")
...
m a p s
```

Generators

Simple way to create iterators:

■ Methods uses the yield statement
 ⇒ breaks at this point, returns element and continues there on the next iterator.__next__() call.

```
def reverse(data):
   for element in data[::-1]:
     yield element
```

```
>>> for char in reverse("spam"):
... print(char, end=" ")
...
m a p s
```

Generator Expressions

Similar to the list comprehension an iterator can be created using a generator expression:

```
>>> data = "spam"
>>> for c in (elem for elem in data[::-1]):
... print(c, end=" ")
...
m a p s
```

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IPython (I)

- Enhanced interactive Python shell
- Numbered input/output prompts
- Object introspection

System shell access

```
In [1]: a = !ls
In [2]: print(a)
['example01.py', 'example02.py', 'example03.py']
```

IPython (II)

- Tab-completion
- Command history retrieval across session
- User-extensible 'magic' commands
 - %timeit ⇒Time execution of a Python statement or expression using the timeit module
 - %cd ⇒Change the current working directory
 - %edit ⇒Bring up an editor and execute the resulting code
 - %run ⇒Run the named file inside IPython as a program
 - ⇒more 'magic' commands
- ⇒IPython documentation



PIP Installs Python/Packages (I)

- Command pip
- A tool for installing Python packages
- Python 2.7.9 and later (on the python2 series), and Python 3.4 and later include pip by default
- Installing Packages

```
$ pip3 install SomePackage
$ pip3 install --user SomePackage #user install
```

Uninstall Packages

```
$ pip3 uninstall SomePackage
```

PIP Installs Python/Packages (II)

Listing Packages

```
$ pip3 list
docutils (0.9.1)
Jinja2 (2.10)
Pygments (2.3.1)
Sphinx (1.1.2)
$ pip3 list --outdated
docutils (Current: 0.9.1 Latest: 0.14)
Sphinx (Current: 1.1.2 Latest: 2.10)
```

Searching for Packages

```
$ pip3 search "query"
```

■ ⇒pip documentation



pyenv - Simple Python Version Management (I)

- Easily switch between multiple versions of Python
- Doesn't depend on Python itself
- Inserts directory of *shims*⁴ at the front of your PATH
- Easy Installation:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/yyuu/pyenv.git ~/.pyenv
$ echo 'export PYENV_ROOT=" $ HOME/.pyenv"' >> ~/.bashrc
$ echo 'export PATH=" $ PYENV_ROOT/bin: $ PATH"' >> ~/.bashrc
$ echo 'eval " $ (pyenv init -)"' >> ~/.bashrc
```

■ ⇒pyenv repository



⁴kind of infrastructure to redirect system/function calls metaphor: A *shim* is a piece of wood or metal to make two things fit together

pyenv - Simple Python Version Management (II)

• Install Python versions into \$PYENV_ROOT/versions

```
$ pyenv install --list # available Python versions
$ pyenv install 3.7.4 # install Python 3.7.4
```

Change the Python version

```
$ pyenv global 3.7.4  # global Python
$ pyenv local 3.7.4  # per-project Python
$ pyenv shell 3.7.4  # shell-specific Python
```

List all installed Python versions (asterisk shows the active)

```
$ pyenv versions
system
2.7.16
* 3.7.4 (set by PYENV_VERSION environment variable)
```



Virtual Environments

- Allow Python packages to be installed in an isolated location
- Use cases
 - Two applications need different versions of a library
 - Install an application and leave it be
 - Can't install packages into the global site-packages directory
- Virtual environments have their own installation directories
- Virtual environments don't share libraries with other virtual environments
- Available implementations:
 - virtualenv (Python 2 and Python 3)
 - venv (Python 3.3 and later)

venv

- Create virtual environment
- \$ python3 -m venv /path/to/env
 - Activate
- \$ source /path/to/env/bin/activate
 - Deactivate
- \$ deactivate
 - ⇒venv documentation



Pylint (I)

- pylint is the lint implementation for python code
- Checks for errors in Python code
- Tries to enforce a coding standard
- Looks for bad code smells
- Displays classified messages under various categories such as errors and warnings
- Displays statistics about the number of warnings and errors found in different files

Pylint (II)

■ The code is given an overall mark

■ ⇒Pylint documentation



Software testing

- Part of quality management
- Point out the defects and errors that were made during the development phases
- It always ensures the users or customers satisfaction and reliability of the application
- The cost of fixing the bug is larger if testing is not done ⇒testing saves time
- Python testing tools
 - pytest
 - unittest
 -



pytest

- Easy to get started
- test_ prefixed test functions or methods are test items
- Asserting with the assert statement
- pytest will run all files in the current directory and its subdirectories of the form test_*.py or *_test.py
- Usage:

```
$ python3 -m pytest
...
$ python3 -m pytest example.py
...
```

■ ⇒pytest documentation



pytest Example: Check Function Return Value

```
def incr(x):
    return x + 11

def test_incr():
    assert incr(3) == 4
```

pytest Example: Check for expected Exception

```
import pytest

def f():
    raise SystemExit(1)

def test_error():
    with pytest.raises(SystemExit): #passes
    f()
```

pytest Example: Check for expected Exception

```
import pytest

def f():
    raise SystemExit(1)

def test_error():
    with pytest.raises(SystemExit): #passes
    f()
```

pytest Example: Comparing Two Data Object

```
def test_list_comparison():
    list1 = [1,3,0,8]
    list2 = [1,3,3,8]
    assert list1 == list2 #fails
```

pytest Example: Parameterize Test Function

```
def incr(x):
    return x + 1

@pytest.mark.parametrize("test_input, expected", [
          (1, 2),
          (2, 3),
          (3, 4),
])

def test_incr(test_input, expected):
    assert incr(test_input) == expected
```

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Regular Expressions – Introduction

- Regular expression (RegExp):
 Formal language for pattern matching in strings
- Motivation: Analyze various text files:
 - Log files
 - Data files (e.g. experimental data, system configuration, ...)
 - Command output
 -
- Python module: import re

```
>>> re.findall(r"a.c", "abc aac aa abb a c")
['abc', 'aac', 'a c']
```

Remember:

 $r'' \dots " \Rightarrow$ raw string (escape sequences are not interpreted)



Regular Expressions – Character Classes

- Class/set of possible characters: [!?:.,;a-z]
- at the beginning negates the class.

```
e.g.: [\hat{a}eiou] \Rightarrow all characters besides the vocals
```

- Character class in pattern tests for one character
- The represents any (one) character
- Predefined character classes:

```
name character Acr. negated whitespace [ \t\n\r\f] \s \S word character [a-zA-Z_0-9] \w \W digit [0-9] \d \D
```

```
>>> re.findall(r"\s\d\s", "1 22 4 22 1 a b c")
[' 4 ', ' 1 ']
>>> re.findall(r"[^aeiou]", "Python Kurs")
['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'n', ' ', 'K', 'r', 's']
```



Regular Expressions – Quantifiers

- Quantifier can be defined in ranges (min, max):
 \d{5,7} matches sequences of 5-7 digits
- Acronym:

```
>>> re.findall(r"[ab]{1,2}", "a aa ab ba bb b")
['a', 'aa', 'ab', 'bb', 'b']
>>> re.findall(r"\d+", "1. Python Kurs 2012")
['1', '2012']
```

Regular Expressions – Anchors

Anchors define special restrictions to the pattern matching:

```
\b word boundary, switch between \w and \W
\B negate \b
^ start of the string
$ end of the string
```

```
>>> re.findall(r"^\d+", "1. Python Course 2015")
['1']
```

- Look-around anchors (context):
 - Lookahead

```
ab(?=c) matches "ab" if it's part of "abc"
ab(?!c) matches "ab" if not followed by a "c"
```

Lookbehind

```
(?<=c)ab matches "ab" if it's part of "cab" (?<!c)ab matches "ab" if not behind a "c"
```

Regular Expression – Rules for Pattern Matching

- Pattern analysis will start at the beginning of the string.
- If pattern matches, analysis will continue as long as the pattern is still matching (greedy).
- Pattern matching behavior can be changed to non-greedy by using the "?" behind the quantifier.
 - ⇒ the pattern analysis stops at the first (minimal) matching

```
>>> re.findall(r"Py.*on", "Python ... Python")
['Python ... Python']
>>> re.findall(r"Py.*?on", "Python ... Python")
['Python', 'Python']
```



Regular Expressions – Groups

- () brackets in a pattern create a group
- Group name is numbered serially (starting with 1)
- The first 99 groups (\1 \99) can be referenced in the same pattern
- Patterns can be combined with logical or (|) inside a group

```
>>> re.findall(r"(\w+) \1", "Py Py abc Test Test")
['Py', 'Test']
>>>
>>> re.findall(r"([A-Za-z]+|\d+)", "uid=2765(zdv124)")
['uid', '2765', 'zdv', '124']
>>>
>>> re.findall(r"(\[.*?\]|<.*?>)", "[hi]s<b>sd<hal>")
['[hi]', '<b>', '<hal>']
```

Regular Expressions – Group Usage

■ Some re.* methods return a re.MatchObject

⇒ contain captured groups

```
text="adm06:x:706:1000:St.Graf:/home/adm06:/bin/bash"
grp=re.match(r"^([a-z0-9]+):x:[0-9]+:[0-9]+:(.+):.+:.+$", text)
if (grp):
    print("found:", grp.groups())
    print(" user ID=",grp.group(1))
    print(" name=",grp.group(2))
```

```
$ python3 re_groups.py
found: ('adm06', 'St.Graf')
user ID= adm06
name= St.Graf
```



Regular Expressions – Matching Flags

- Special flags can change behavior of the pattern matching
 - re.I : Case insensitive pattern matching
 - re.M: ^ or. \$ will match at beginning/end of each line (not only at the beginning/end of string)
 - re.S: . also matches newline (\n)

```
>>> re.findall("^abc", "Abc\nabc")
[]
>>> re.findall("^abc", "Abc\nabc", re.I)
['Abc']
>>> re.findall("^abc", "Abc\nabc", re.I | re.M)
['Abc', 'abc']
>>> re.findall("^Abc.", "Abc\nabc")
[]
>>> re.findall("^Abc.", "Abc\nabc", re.S)
['Abc\n']
```

Regular Expressions – Methods (I)

findall: Simple pattern matching

⇒ list of strings (hits)

```
>>> re.findall(r"\[.*?\]", "a[bc]g[hal]def")
['[bc]', '[hal]']
```

sub: Query replace ⇒ new (replaced) string

```
>>> re.sub(r"\[.*?\]", "!", "a[bc]g[hal]def")
'a!g!def'
```

search: Find first match of the pattern

⇒ returns re.MatchObject or None

```
if re.search(r"\[.*?\]", "a[bc]g[hal]def"):
    print("pattern matched!")
```



Regular Expressions – Methods (II)

match: Starts pattern matching at beginning of the string

```
⇒ returns re.MatchObject or None
```

```
text="adm06:x:706:1000:St.Graf:/home/adm06:/bin/bash"
grp=re.match("([a-z0-9]+):x:[0-9]+:[0-9]+:(.+):.+:.+$", text)
```

compile: Regular expressions can be pre-compiled

⇒ gain performance on reusing these RegExp multiple times (e.g. in loops)

```
>>> pattern = re.compile(r"\[.*?\]")
>>> pattern.findall("a[bc]g[hal]def")
['[bc]', '[hal]']
```

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Summary

We have learned:

- Multiple data types (e.g. "high level")
- Common statements
- Declaration and usage of functions
- Modules and packages
- Errors and Exceptions, exception handling
- Object oriented programming
- Some of the often used standard modules
- Popular tools for Python developers

Not covered yet

- Closures, decorators (function wrappers)
- Meta classes
- More standard modules: mail, WWW, XML, ...
 - → https://docs.python.org/3/library
- Profiling, debugging, unit-testing
- Extending and embedding: Python & C/C++ → https://docs.python.org/3/extending
- Third Party-Modules: Graphic, web programming, data bases, ... → http://pypi.python.org/pypi



Web Programming

- CGI scripts: Module cgi (standard lib)
- Web frameworks: Django, Flask, Pylons, ...
- Template systems: Cheetah, Genshi, Jinja, . . .
- Content Management Systems (CMS): Zope, Plone, Skeletonz, . . .
- Wikis: MoinMoin, ...



The MoinMoin Wiki Engine

Overview

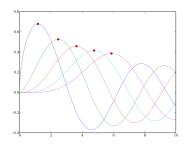
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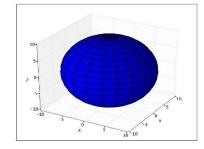
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- . MoinMoinFeatures documents why you really want to use MoinMoin rather than another wiki engine.
- . MoinMoinScreenShots shows how it looks like. You can also browse this wiki or visit some other MoinMoinWikis.



NumPy + SciPy + Matplotlib = Pylab

Alternative to MatLab: Matrix algebra, numeric functions, plotting, ...





And more ...

- jupyter Notebook (interactive computational environment)
- Python IDEs
 - PyCharm
 - Eclipse (PyDev)
 - ...
- Python and other languages:
 - Jython: Python code in Java VM
 - Ctypes: Access C-libraries in Python (since 2.5 in standard lib)
 - SWIG: Access C- and C++ -libraries in Python
- PIL: Python Imaging Library for image manipulation
- SQLAlchemy: ORM-Framework
 - Abstraction: Object oriented access to database



Interactive High-Performance Computing with Jupyter

PRACE-Trainingskurs, online (05.04, - 07.04.2022)

- Introduction to Jupyter
- Parallel computing using Jupyter
- Coupling and control of simulations
- Interactive and in-situ visualization
- Simulation dashboards
- https://www.fz-juelich.de/SharedDocs/Termine/IAS/JSC/DE/Kurse/2022/ ptc-interactive-hpc-2022.html

Data Analysis and Plotting in Python with Pandas

Trainingskurs, online (12.05.2022)

- Introduction to Pandas
- Simple examples
- Hands-on exercises
- https://www.fz-juelich.de/SharedDocs/Termine/IAS/JSC/DE/Kurse/2022/pandas-2022.html

High-performance computing with Python

PRACE-Trainingskurs, online tha

- Introduces Matlab programmers to the usage of Python
 - Interactive parallel programming with IPython
 - Profiling and optimization
 - 3 High-performance NumPy
 - Just-in-time compilation with numba
 - 5 Distributed-memory parallel programming with Python and MPI
 - 6 Bindings to other programming languages and HPC libraries
 - 7 Interfaces to GPUs
 - 8 https://www.fz-juelich.de/SharedDocs/Termine/IAS/JSC/DE/Kurse/2021/ptc-hpc-python-2021.html?nn=717802

PyCologne



PyCologne: Python User Group Köln

- Meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month at Chaos-Computer-Club Cologne
- URL: http://pycologne.de



Enjoy

