Announcements



- Friday is a public holiday and ALL LABS ON FRIDAY 29th MARCH HAVE BEEN MOVED TO A MAKE-UP TIME
 - Please remember to check your MyTimetable schedule and attend your make-up lab.
- If you have problems with your allocated time, please use MyTimetable to move to a different lab. Please don't email the course address - we will just ask you to use myTimetable
- Homework 4 is due at the end of this week
- Homework 5 is released in the first week back next term (week 7).
- The assignment will be released in week 8 and is due at the end of week 10
- The Drop-In session this week will be held in N113 CSIT Building on Thursday 1-2pm



On this page Assessment scheme

Submissions

Course assessment will be based on the following individual components (the link will appear at the latest on the release date):

Variation for COMP6730 (master)	appear at the latest on the release date):				
Final mark	Component/Link	Weight	Release date	Due date/Exam date	
Marks appeal and	Homework 1	3%	26/02/2024 (Wk 2)	03/03/2024, 23:55PM	
Late submissions and	Homework 2	3%	04/03/2024 (Wk 3)	10/03/2024, 23:55PM	
extensions Deferred exemination	Homework 3	3%	18/03/2024 (Wk 5)	24/03/2024, 23:55PM	
Special consideration	Homework 4	3%	25/03/2024 (Wk 6)	14/04/2024, 23:55PM	
Education Access Plan	Homework 5	3%	15/04/2024 (Wk 7)	21/04/2024, 23:55PM	
Cheating	Project Assignment	35%	22/04/2024 (Wk 8)	10/05/2024, 23:55PM (Fri Wk 10)	
	In-lab project assessment	Mandator date. If ab	y discussions with a tuto sent, your project mark	r in weeks 11 & 12 following the due will be zero.	
	Final Exam	50%	N/A	ТВА	

 All these assessment items are individual: no group work is permitted. You must read and accept the <u>Academic Integrity Rule 2021</u>, Breaching the Rule will be noted on your ANU reaceds and may have further consequences.
 Homework and project's deadlines are hard. No submissions after deadline are allowed without prior approved extension.

Persistence (Think Python, Ch14)



- When your program is executed, it has no memory of any previous time it may have been run. And nothing in memory will survive after the program exits.
- **Persistence** is the concept of retaining this information or memory between program execution instances
- This is commonly done by storing input and output files on disk
- Also, in databases (which are the subject of semester-long courses by themselves)
- And with python, can use pickle to create dumps of program memory that can be reread at another time
- But, importantly, reading files into your program provides access to data

Pickle files



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- Sometimes it is desirable to store the state of a variable or an object to reload in a later program run
 - Python does this with Pickle (or with Shelve)
- Pickle creates a string representation of an object, which can stored in a file or database – and later turned back into the original object:

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>>> pickle.dumps(t)
>>> t = [1, 2, 3]
>>> import pickle

- pickle.dump() strings can be re-loaded with pickle.loads():
 - >>> t1 = [1, 2, 3]
 >>> s = pickle.dumps(t1)
 >>> t2 = pickle.loads(s)
 >>> t2
 [1, 2, 3]

Modules

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Chapter 11 : Lubanovic, *Introducing Python*, 2nd Edition (2019) But only section: *Modules and the import statement*

Modules (Introducing Python Ch 11)



- Every python file (*.py) can be imported as a module
- To get modules, use the import statement
 This includes python programs you have written yourself
- Place your module python files in the current working directory
- Why do this?
 - Code reuse
 - Namespace partitioning
 - Avoidance of cut-and-paste code proliferation

Simple example

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• Say that this is a function frequently appears in all your programs:
Program: counter.py:

def count_letters (word):
    '''Counts the letters in a word and returns the tally as a dictionary
    of counts keyed by each letter present'''
    letter_counts = dict()
    for letter in word:
        try:
            letter_counts[letter] += 1
            except KeyError:
            letter_counts[letter] = 1 # initialize dict key
    return letter_counts
counts = count_letters('example')
for letter in counts:
        print('Letter: ' + letter + " Count: " + str(counts[letter]))
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import as a module • You could always cut-and-paste this function into your programs (please don't) • import this function as a module import counter example_counts = counter.count_letters('example') for letter in example_counts: print('Letter: ' + letter + " Count: " + str(counts[letter])) • Output: [strict: ecounts://wdire://docs/dm/)





import modules



• import file of counter function definitions:



• Output:



from keyword



- You can use the from keyword just what you need from a module
- Execute any code in <module_name> script (may not be what you want):

from counter import count_letters

example_counts = count_letters('example')

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for letter in example_counts:
    print('Letter: ' + letter + " Count: " + str(counts[letter]))
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as keyword short-hand

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• You can use the as keyword for short-hand:

from counter import count_letters as cl

example_counts = cl('example')

for letter in example_counts:
 print('Letter: ' + letter + " Count: " + str(counts[letter]))

Module search path

- Files (*.py) that you import as modules need to be in your search path
 - The current directory from which your program is executed is searched first

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- If python can't find your file in your current directory or in the search path, it will produce and error
- Have a look at what is in your search path:



• Temporarily append to your search path with:

>>> import sys
>>> sys.path.append('d:\\modules\\')

Good things about modules (use them!)

- Separates namespace between a program and imported functions
- Very easy, low overhead way to re-use your code
 - The alternative is to cut-and-paste your functions from one program to the next (or worse, cut-and-pasting blocks of code)
 - This is how genes evolve in genomes copy and diverge. Even evolution knows that this is how to introduce errors!
- Encourages code development as functions
- When code is implemented as functions, then it can also be easily tested
- We all have files of our favorite custom functions
 - It is as easy as placing this in the same directory where your program



- Modules can be filled with anything
- Remember that the code in main is executed when a file is imported
- Calling a function from a module executes code, but it has no real concept of 'instance'
 - Functions code blocks can contain internal data and use this during a function call, but you aren't able to easily obtain this and/or modify it
- A module doesn't have the extra features of a Class
 - · And a lot of the time this doesn't matter (much)

Exercises

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None

Reading

• Lubanovic, Introducing Python Ch 11 (section: Modules and the import statement)

Classes

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Chapter 10 : Lubanovic, Introducing Python, 2nd Edition (2019) But only sections: What are objects?, Simple Objects, In self defense, Attribute access. Data classes

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Python is object-oriented



- You may hear repeatedly that everything in python is an object
 The handling of lot of these objects is hidden by python syntax
- What is an object?
 - An object is a data structure that contains:
 - a value (or multiple values sometimes called attributes)
 - code (functions called methods in classes)
 - An object is defined by a **class**

• Why should you care?

- In python, a lot of the time, you don't really need to care
- Objects and the classes that define them can be a powerful way to organize code
- The code libraries that make python particularly useful are implemented as classes
- instantiate classes as objects when you use them
- Code that is large and/or complex is best implemented with classes

Classes (Introducing Python Ch10)



- You have seen modules and importing useful code from these
- At an introductory level, classes are just an extra formalism that makes things neater and more elegant.
- \bullet Object oriented coding is built on the <code>class</code>, but beyond the scope of this course
- But knowing what a class is, and maybe how to write some simple ones for yourself, will make it <u>easier to understand what</u> <u>external software libraries</u> are all about.

Class vs module?

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- When to use which?
 - Do you just need to import a function? Use modules
 - Do you need functions to operate in the context of some data? Use a class
- Instances: modules only allow a singleton. Classes can have multiple instances, that can all hold different attributes
- A class:
 - Can be instantiated with specific parameters
 - Is easily instantiated as many times as necessary
 - Contains methods that run on the particular instance of that class
 - Supports inheritance, polymorphism and all the object oriented stuff
- Modules become annoying if you:
 - Need to pass lots of data arguments to the function
 - Need to call many functions on the same parameter data

class definition syntax



• class keyword and a class name followed by a code block of a single line is the bare minimum (this does nothing, of course):

·>>	class	Cat():
	pa	ISS

• Then you instantiate an object of this class with:

>>> a_cat = Cat()
>>> another_cat = Cat()

Lubanovic (2019) Introducing Python, Ch. 10

• These are distinct objects, from each instantiation. They have separate memory addresses

A class with one attribute - initialisation



• A class is often initialized at creation (instantiation). This is done by a special function named __init__ :



Lubanovic (2019) Introducing Python, Ch. 10

 The __init__ function is optional, but may be defined to internally assign class attributes from parameter values (and many other things).



• You could the use instances of this class to access this information in your programs:

>>> hunter = Quote('Elmer Fudd', "I'm hunting wabbits")
>>> print(hunter.who(), 'says:', hunter.says())
Elmer Fudd says: I'm hunting wabbits.

Lubanovic (2019) Introducing Python, Ch. 10

self

• What is self?

- It isn't strictly a python keyword
- This is a concept broader than python

Some experimenting:

>>> class WhatIsSelf(): def __init__(self, name): self.name = name self.self id = id(self) . . . >>> wis = WhatIsSelf('A Name') >>> type(wis) <class ' main .WhatIsSelf'> >>> id(wis) 140614751849392 >>> wis.self id 140614751849392

self

- Australian National University • When an object is referring to itself, the self variable name is commonly used. Don't use self as a variable name elsewhere in your code.
- The self variable is always the first (silent) argument in all function calls (including init)
 - but it is automatic and implicit
 - You don't need to ever specify
 - It is included in method parameters and will therefore be a local variable to your function/method >>> class Quote():



Attributes



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- Attributes are the data or values that an object of a class holds
 - Can be parameters copied at initialisation
 - Can be default values
 - Can be derived values computed with class methods
- There is an open door to access attributes in python
 - · All object attribute values can be accessed using the dot notation
 - Assumes programmers have discipline (or know what they are doing) Parameters

ass Quote():	
<pre>definit(self, person, words):</pre>	
self.person = person	 Class Attributes
self.words = words	
<pre>def who(self):</pre>	
return self.person	
<pre>def says(self):</pre>	
return self.words + '.'	
	<pre>ss Quote(): definit(self, person, words): self.person = person self.words = words def who(self): return self.person def says(self): return self.words + '.'</pre>

method The init Australian National University ۲ • init is called when a class is instantiated Initialises class data and can perform checks Can call class methods at initialization



Class methods



• Along with the data a class object contains, the benefit is also that class methods can be called to do tasks with this information



An example class: PatientMutations



- The best reason to implement a class is to hide some complexity, to allow your client code to be simpler and easier to read and write
- This example is a class that imports data (personal genome information from a patient) and allows some filtering/retrieval of mutations
- patient_mutations class metadata: patient id
- Genetic variation data table: gene_name, coordinate, mutant, homozygous, essential_gene, damage_score
- This data allows filtering of genetic variation data to find the diseasecausing mutation
- With lots of patients with the same disease, we commonly look for common mutations in the same gene



scan_mutations.py	Australian National University
from Genomics import PatientMutations	
<pre>patient1 = PatientMutations(193862, 'mutations_193864.csv') patient2 = PatientMutations(283745, 'mutations_283745.csv') patient3 = PatientMutations(947631, 'mutations_347631.csv') patient4 = PatientMutations(539872, 'mutations_258922.csv') patient5 = PatientMutations(558192, 'mutations_258192.csv')</pre>	
<pre>patients = [patient1, patient2, patient3, patient4, patient5] mutation_tally = dict()</pre>	
<pre>for patient in patients: candidate_mutations = patient.candidate_disease_mutations()</pre>	
<pre>for candidate_mutation in candidate_mutations: gene_name = candidate_mutation[0] if gene_name in mutation_tally: mutation_tally[gene_name] += 1 else: mutation_tally[gene_name] = 1 TNRFSF4: 5 PDF668: 2 PDF668: 2 </pre>	ations.py' , wdir= '/Users/dan')
for mutant_gene in mutation_tally: print(mutant_gene + '2 ' + str(mutation_ GG022; 1 MMCO5: 2 AMPO3: 1 SLCAA1: 1	

Classes written by other people



- This is really what libraries are (mainly) composed of. You have all used one already:
 - robot.py contains several classes
 - You imported the robot module:



etc

• Then some magic detected if the robot was plugged in (or the simulation is used):

In [1]: robot.init()

- Initialising the robot (without a robot) instantiated the SimRobot class from robot.py. If you have the robot, the RPCRobot class is instantiated.
- With either of these objects, you could use class methods to:
 - lift_gripper() In [2]: robot.drive_right()
 - move_right() In [3]: robot.lift_up()
 - In [4]: robot.gripper_to_open() In [5]: robot.lift_down()

A look at a Robot class:

- This is the RPCRobot class that can be found in robot.py from the labs
- Class RPCRobot
- Global attribute defaults
- __init__ method
- Methods:
 - lift_up
 - lift_down
 - drive_right
 - Etc...



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Things you can ignore: underscore '__' names

- There is A LOT of syntax that is very specific to python classes.
 You can write good classes with only a minimum of this
- If interested, see Lubanovic (2019) *Introducing Python* Ch 10: *Magic Methods*

• For example:	Table 10-3. Other, miscellaneous magic methods		
· For example.	Method	Description	
	str(self)	<pre>str(self)</pre>	
	repr(self)	repr(self)	
	len(self)	len(self)	

• There are default methods for these, but you can implement your own too

Things you can ignore:



- Object-oriented coding is beyond the scope of this course
- Introducing classes is a starting point into object-oriented coding
- Further topics that WILL NOT be in the exam:
 - Magic methods
 - Inheritance
 - Polymorphism
 - Operator overloading
- But you are encouraged to read more about them, if you are interested!

Exercises



• Exercises 10.4, 10.5 & 10.6, *Introducing Python* Ch. 10 • If you have time

Reading

• Lubanovic (2019) Introducing Python Ch 10 (but only sub-sections: What are objects?, Simple Objects, In self defense, Attribute access, Data classes)