

Day 6: Useful Libraries

- datetime, random, math, os, sys
 - itertools, functools
 - Intro to pandas, numpy if interested in data work
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Part 1: Built-in Standard Libraries

1. datetime – Work with Dates and Times

```
import datetime
```

```
now = datetime.datetime.now()
print("Current date & time:", now)
```

```
today = datetime.date.today()
print("Today's date:", today)
```

```
# Create specific date
d = datetime.date(2023, 5, 21)
print("Custom date:", d)
```

2. random – Generate Random Numbers

```
import random
```

```
print(random.randint(1, 10)) # Random integer
print(random.choice(["A", "B", "C"])) # Random choice from list
random.shuffle([1, 2, 3, 4]) # Shuffle a list
```

3. math – Math Functions

```
import math
```

Note: Solution for the exercises will be on GitHub.

```
print(math.sqrt(16)) # 4.0
print(math.factorial(5)) # 120
print(math.pi) # 3.14159...
```

4. os – Operating System Interaction

```
import os
print(os.getcwd()) # Current working directory
os.mkdir("new_folder") # Create new folder
os.rename("old.txt", "new.txt") # Rename files
```

5. sys – System-Specific Parameters

```
import sys
print(sys.version) # Python version
print(sys.argv) # Command-line arguments
```

Part 2: Functional Tools

6. itertools – Advanced Iteration Tools

```
import itertools
for i in itertools.permutations([1, 2, 3]):
    print(i) # All possible arrangements
# Infinite counting
from itertools import count
for i in count(10):
    if i > 13:
        break
    print(i)
```

7. functools – Functional Programming Tools

```
from functools import reduce
```

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Sum of list

```
nums = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
total = reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, nums)
```

```
print(total) # 10
```

```
from functools import lru_cache
```

```
@lru_cache
```

```
def fib(n):
```

```
    if n < 2:
```

```
        return n
```

```
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
```

```
print(fib(10)) # Uses caching for faster results
```

✅ Part 3: Popular External Libraries (Intro Only)

8. pandas – Data Manipulation (For Data Analysis)

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
data = {'Name': ['A', 'B'], 'Age': [21, 22]}
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
```

```
print(df)
```

9. numpy – Fast Numerical Computing

```
import numpy as np
```

```
a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
```

```
print(a * 2) # [2 4 6]
```

🧠 Mini Practice:

1. Print today's date and time using datetime.
2. Generate 3 random integers between 5 and 15.
3. Use math to calculate the square root and factorial.
4. Use os to create a folder and list all files in it.
5. Use itertools to print combinations of ['A', 'B', 'C'], 2 at a time.
6. Use functools.reduce to multiply all items in a list.