

# CS 5489 Machine Learning

## Lecture 1a: Python Tutorial

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### Why Python?

- General-purpose high-level programming language
- Design philosophy emphasizes programmer productivity and code readability
  - "executable pseudo-code"
- Supports multiple programming paradigms
  - object-oriented, imperative, functional
- Dynamic typing and automatic memory management

### What is special about Python?

- Object-oriented: everything is an object
- Clean: usually one way to do something, not a dozen
- Easy-to-learn: learn in 1-2 days
- Easy-to-read
- Powerful: full-fledged programming language

### Applications for Python

- Scientific Computing
  - numpy, scipy, ipython
- Data Science, Deep Learning
  - scikit-learn, matplotlib, pandas, keras, tensorflow
- Web & Internet Development
  - Django – complete web application framework
  - model-view-controller design pattern
  - templates, web server, object-relational mapper

### Disadvantages of Python

- Not as fast as Java or C
- However, you can call C-compiled libraries from Python (e.g. Boost C++)
- Alternatively, Python code can be compiled to improve speed
  - Cython and PyPy
  - requires type of variables to be declared

### Installing Python

- We will use Python 3
  - Python 3 is not backwards compatible with Python 2.7

- Anaconda (<https://www.anaconda.com/download>)
  - single bundle includes most scientific computing packages.
    - package manager for installing other libraries
  - make sure to pick version for **Python 3**.
  - easy install packages for Windows, Mac, Linux.
    - (single directory install)

## Running Python

- Interactive shell (ipython)
  - good for learning the language, experimenting with code, testing modules

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```
Nori:CS5489 abc$ ipython
Python 3.5.4 |Anaconda, Inc.| (default, Oct 5 2017, 02:58:14)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 4.2.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
?                -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref        -> Quick reference.
help             -> Python's own help system.
object?         -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]: print("Hello, World")
Hello, World

In [2]:
Do you really want to exit ([y]/n)? y
Nori:CS5489 abc$
```

- Script file (hello.py)

```
#!/usr/bin/python
print("Hello, World")
```

- Standalone script
  - explicitly using python interpreter

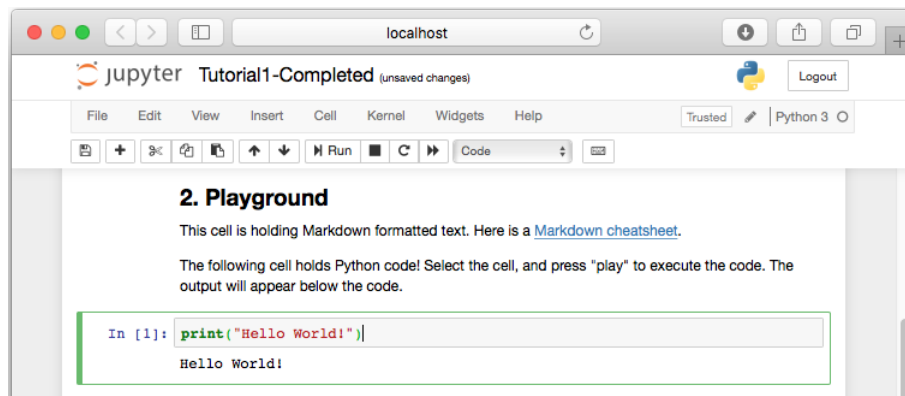
```
Nori:~ abc$ python hello.py
Hello, World
```

- using magic shebang (Linux, Mac OS X)

```
Nori:~ abc$ ./hello.py
Hello, World
```

## Jupyter (ipython notebooks)

- Launch from *Anaconda Navigator*
- browser-based interactive computing environment
  - development, documenting, executing code, viewing results (inline images)
  - whole session stored in notebook document (.ipynb)
  - (also made and presented these slides!)



## Jupyter tips

- Keyboard shortcuts
  - there are a lot of keyboard shortcuts for moving between cells, running cells, deleting and inserting cells.
- Starting directory
  - use the `--notebook-dir=mydir` option to start the notebook in a particular directory.
  - Windows: create a shortcut to run `jupyter-notebook.exe --notebook-dir=%userprofile%`.
- Problems viewing SVG images in ipynb
  - SVG images may not display due to the security model of Jupyter.
  - select "Trust Notebook" from the "File" menu to show the SVG images.
- View ipynb in slideshow mode in a web browser (like this presentation!)

```
jupyter-nbconvert --to slides file.ipynb --post serve
```

- can also use the RISE plugin to present directly from the jupyter notebook.
- [info](#), [info](#)
- Convert to HTML to view statically in web browser

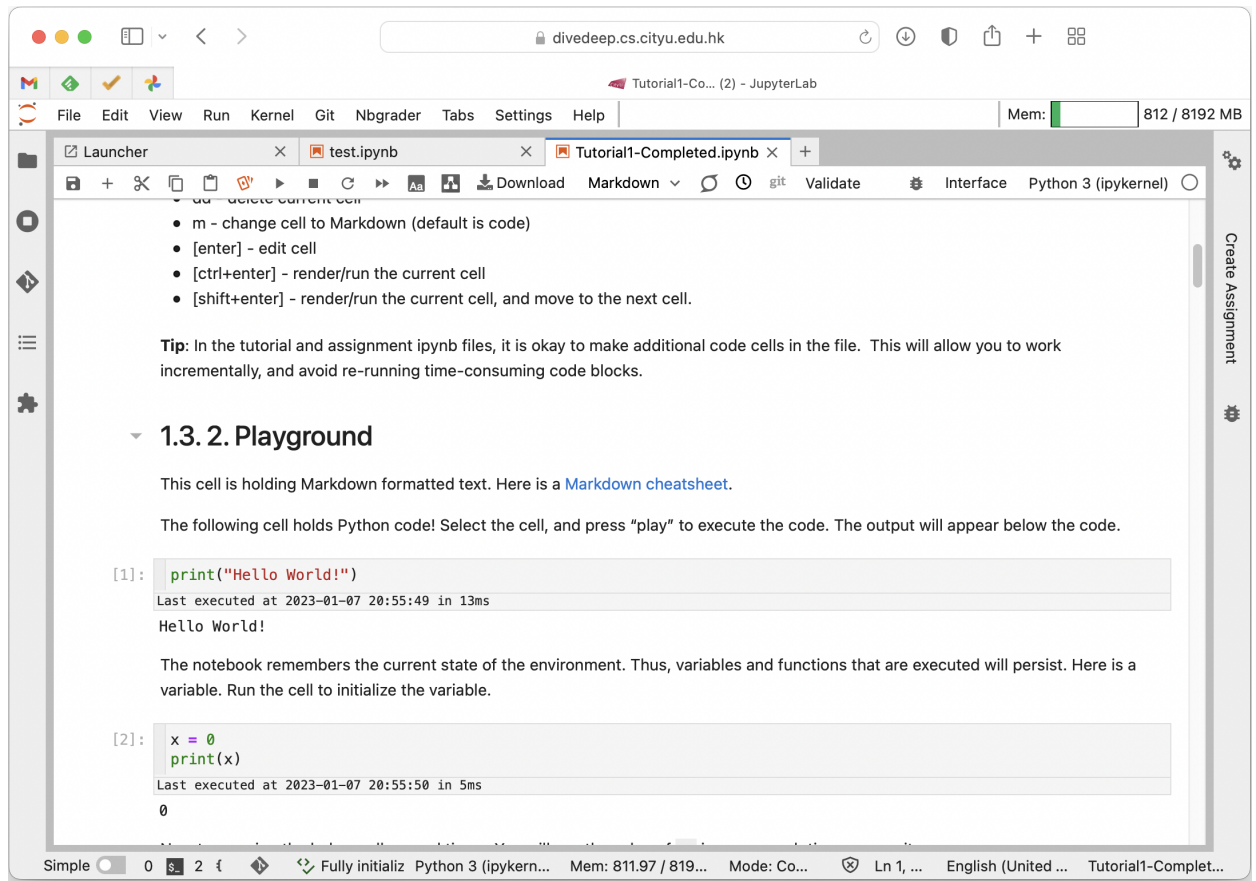
```
jupyter-nbconvert file.ipynb
```

- ValueError when using matplotlib in Jupyter
  - This mainly affects Mac where the OS locale is set to a non-English language. Open "Terminal" app and go to Preferences -> Profiles -> Terminal -> Environment. Deselect the option "Set locale variables automatically".
  - more info: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/15526996/ipython-notebook-locale-error>
- MacOS and Anaconda
  - MacOS has a builtin python distribution. If you are using anaconda, make sure that you use the correct command-line commands. You can add `"/anaconda3/bin/"` in front of the command to make sure you are using the anaconda version (or the appropriate base directory for anaconda3). Otherwise, it may default to the builtin python.

## CS Lab Resources

- JupyterHub
  - Jupyter notebooks run on a central server - shared CPU and GPU
  - JupyterLab (IDE): [https://divedeeep.cs.cityu.edu.hk/cs5489\\_22b](https://divedeeep.cs.cityu.edu.hk/cs5489_22b)
- Linux machines
  - there are several computing clusters in CS.
  - [High Throughput GPU Cluster 1 \(HTGC1\)](#)
  - [High Throughput GPU Cluster 2 \(HTGC2\)](#)
  - [High Throughput GPU Cluster 3 \(HTGC3\)](#)
- Windows machines

- MMW2462 in CS lab contains GPU workstations.
- Google colab: <https://colab.research.google.com/>
  - provided by Google. Some limitations on running time (12 hours) and memory usage.
- More details are on Canvas.



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## Python Basics

- Formatting
  - case-sensitive
  - statements end in **newline** (not semicolon)
    - use semicolon for multiple statements in one line.
  - **indentation** for code blocks (after a colon).

```
In [1]: print("Hello")
print("Hello"); print("World")
name = "Bob"
if name == "George":
    print("Hi George")
else:
    print("Who are you?")
```

```
Hello
Hello
World
Who are you?
```

- single-line comments with `#`
- multi-line statements continued with backslash (`\`)
  - not required inside `{}`, `()`, or `[]` for data types

```
In [2]: # this is a comment
a=1      # comments also can go after statements
b=2; c=3  # here too

# multiple line statement
x = a + \
    b + c

# backslash not needed when listing multi-line data
y = [1, 2,
     3, 4]
```

## Identifiers and Variables

- Identifiers
  - same as in C
- Naming convention:
  - `ClassName` -- a class name
  - `varName` -- other identifier
  - `_privateVar` -- private identifier
  - `__veryPrivate` -- strongly private identifier
  - `__special__` -- language-defined special name
- Variables
  - no declaration needed
  - no need for declaring data type (automatic type)
  - need to assign to initialize
    - use of uninitialized variable raises exception
  - automatic garbage collection (reference counts)

## Basic Types

- Integer number

```
In [3]: 4
        int(4)
```

```
Out[3]: 4
```

- Real number (float)

```
In [4]: 4.0
        float(4)
```

```
Out[4]: 4.0
```

- Boolean

```
In [5]: True
        False
```

```
Out[5]: False
```

- String literal

```
In [6]: "a string"
        'a string'
        "concatenate " "two string literals"
        """this is a multi-line string.
        it keeps the newline."""
        r'raw string\no escape chars'
```

```
Out[6]: 'raw string\\no escape chars'
```

## Lists

- Lists can hold anything (even other lists)

```
In [7]: myList = ['abcd', 786, 2.23]
        print(myList)      # print the list

        ['abcd', 786, 2.23]
```

```
In [8]: print(myList[0])  # print the first element (0-indexed)

        abcd
```

- Creating lists of numbers

```
In [9]: a = range(5)      # list of numbers from 0 to 4
        print(a)
        print(list(a))

        range(0, 5)
        [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
In [10]: b = range(2,12,3) # numbers from 2 to 11, count by 3
        print(b)
        print(list(b))

        range(2, 12, 3)
        [2, 5, 8, 11]
```

- append and pop

```
In [11]: a = list(range(0,5))
        a.append('blah')  # add item to end
        print(a)

        [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'blah']
```

```
In [12]: a.pop()         # remove last item and return it
```

```
Out[12]: 'blah'
```

- insert and delete

```
In [13]: a.insert(0,42)  # insert 42 at index 0
        print(a)

        [42, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
In [14]: del a[2]      # delete item 2
print(a)
```

```
[42, 0, 2, 3, 4]
```

- more list operations

```
In [15]: a.reverse()  # reverse the entries
print(a)
```

```
[4, 3, 2, 0, 42]
```

```
In [16]: a.sort()     # sort the entries
print(a)
```

```
[0, 2, 3, 4, 42]
```

## Tuples

- Similar to a list
  - but immutable (read-only)
  - cannot change the contents (like a string constant)

```
In [17]: # make some tuples
x = (1,2,'three')
print(x)
```

```
(1, 2, 'three')
```

```
In [18]: y = 4,5,6      # parentheses not needed!
print(y)
```

```
(4, 5, 6)
```

```
In [19]: z = (1,)      # tuple with 1 element (the trailing comma is required)
print(z)
```

```
(1,)
```

## Operators on sequences

- Same operators for strings, lists, and tuples
- Slice a sublist with colon ( : )
  - **Note:** the 2nd argument is not inclusive!

```
In [20]: "hello"[0]    # the first element
```

```
Out[20]: 'h'
```

```
In [21]: "hello"[-1]   # the last element (index from end)
```

```
Out[21]: 'o'
```

```
In [22]: "hello"[1:4]  # the 2nd through 4th elements
```

```
Out[22]: 'ell'
```

```
In [23]: "hello"[2:]   # the 3rd through last elements
```

```
Out[23]: 'llo'
```

```
In [24]: "hello"[0:5:2] # indices 0,2,4 (by 2)
```

```
Out [24]: 'hlo'
```

- Other operators on string, list, tuple

```
In [25]: len("hello")    # length
```

```
Out [25]: 5
```

```
In [26]: "he" + "llo"    # concatenation
```

```
Out [26]: 'hello'
```

```
In [27]: "hello"*3       # repetition
```

```
Out [27]: 'hellohellohello'
```

## String methods

- Useful methods

```
In [28]: "112211".count("11")    # 2
         "this.com".endswith(".com") # True
         "wxyz".startswith("wx")   # True
         "abc".find("c")           # finds first: 2
         ", ".join(['a', 'b', 'c']) # join list: 'a,b,c'
         "aba".replace("a", "d")   # replace all: "dbd"
         "a,b,c".split(',')         # make list: ['a', 'b', 'c']
         " abc ".strip()           # "abc", also rstrip(), lstrip()
```

```
Out [28]: 'abc'
```

- String formatting: automatically fill in type

```
In [29]: "{} and {} and {}".format('string', 123, 1.6789)
```

```
Out [29]: 'string and 123 and 1.6789'
```

- String formatting: specify type (similar to C)

```
In [30]: "{:d} and {:f} and {:.2f}".format(False, 3, 1.234)
```

```
Out [30]: '0 and 3.000000 and 1.23'
```

## Dictionaries

- Stores key-value pairs (associative array or hash table)
  - key can be a string, number, or tuple

```
In [31]: mydict = {'name': 'john', 42: 'sales', ('hello', 'world'): 6734}
         print(mydict)
```

```
{'name': 'john', 42: 'sales', ('hello', 'world'): 6734}
```

- Access

```
In [32]: print(mydict['name'])    # get value for key 'name'
```

```
john
```

```
In [33]: mydict['name'] = 'jon'  # change value for key 'name'
         mydict[2] = 5           # insert a new key-value pair
```



```
print(mydict)

{'name': 'jon', 42: 'sales', ('hello', 'world'): 6734, 2: 5}
```

```
In [34]: del mydict[2]          # delete entry for key 2
print(mydict)

{'name': 'jon', 42: 'sales', ('hello', 'world'): 6734}
```

- Other operations:

```
In [35]: mydict.keys()         # iterator of all keys (no random access)
```

```
Out[35]: dict_keys(['name', 42, ('hello', 'world')])
```

```
In [36]: list(mydict.keys())   # convert to a list for random access
```

```
Out[36]: ['name', 42, ('hello', 'world')]
```

```
In [37]: mydict.values()      # iterator of all values
```

```
Out[37]: dict_values(['jon', 'sales', 6734])
```

```
In [38]: mydict.items()       # iterator of tuples (key, value)
```

```
Out[38]: dict_items([('name', 'jon'), (42, 'sales'), (('hello', 'world'), 6734)])
```

```
In [39]: 'name' in mydict     # check the presence of a key
```

```
Out[39]: True
```

## Operators

- Arithmetic: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%`, `**` (exponent), `//` (floor division)

```
In [40]: print(6/4)           # float division

1.5
```

```
In [41]: print(6//4)          # integer division

1
```

```
In [42]: print(6//4.0)        # floor division

1.0
```

- Assignment: `=`, `+=`, `-=`, `/=`, `%=`, `**=`, `//=`
- Equality: `==`, `!=`
- Compare: `>`, `>=`, `<`, `<=`
- Logical: `and`, `or`, `not`

- Membership: `in`, `not in`

```
In [43]: 2 in [2, 3, 4]
```

```
Out[43]: True
```

- Identity: `is`, `is not`
  - checks reference to the same object

```
In [44]: x = [1,2,3]
y = x
```

```
x is y    # same variable?
```

Out[44]: True

```
In [45]: z = x[:] # create a copy
```

```
In [46]: z is x    # same variable?
```

Out[46]: False

- Tuple packing and unpacking

```
In [47]: point = (1,2,3)
(x,y,z) = point
print(x)
print(y)
print(z)
```

```
1
2
3
```

## Sets

- a set is a collection of unique items

```
In [48]: a=[1, 2, 2, 2, 4, 5, 5]
sA = set(a)
sA
```

Out[48]: {1, 2, 4, 5}

- set operations

```
In [49]: sB = {4, 5, 6, 7}
print(sA - sB)    # set difference

{1, 2}
```

```
In [50]: print (sA | sB)    # set union

{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
In [51]: print (sA & sB)    # set intersect

{4, 5}
```

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## Conditional Statements

- indentation used for code blocks after colon (:)
- if-elif-else statement

```
In [52]: if x==2:
         print("foo")
         elif x==3:
             print("bar")
         else:
             print("baz")
```

baz

- nested if

```
In [53]: if x>1:
         if x==2:
             print("foo")
         else:
             print("bar")
         else:
             print("baz")
```

baz

- single-line

```
In [54]: if x==1: print("blah")
```

blah

- check existence using "if in"

```
In [55]: mydict = {'name': 'john', 42: 'sales'}
         if 'name' in mydict:
             print("mydict has name field")
```

mydict has name field

```
In [56]: if 'str' in 'this is a long string':
         print('str is inside')
```

str is inside

## Loops

- "for-in" loop over values in a list

```
In [57]: ns = range(1,6,2)    # list of numbers from 1 to 6, by 2
         for n in ns:
             print(n)
```

1  
3  
5

- loop over index-value pairs

```
In [58]: x = ['a', 'b', 'c']
         for i,n in enumerate(x):
             print(i, n)
```

0 a  
1 b  
2 c

- looping over two lists at the same time

```
In [59]: x = ['a', 'b', 'c']
y = ['A', 'B', 'C']
for i,j in zip(x,y):
    print(i,j)
```

```
a A
b B
c C
```

- `zip` creates pairs of items between the two lists
  - (actually creates an iterator over them)

```
In [60]: list(zip(x,y))    # convert to a list (for random access)
```

```
Out[60]: [('a', 'A'), ('b', 'B'), ('c', 'C')]
```

- looping over dictionary

```
In [61]: x = {'a':1, 'b':2, 'c':3}
for (key,val) in x.items():
    print(key, val)
```

```
a 1
b 2
c 3
```

- while loop

```
In [62]: x=0
while x<5:
    x += 1
print(x)
```

```
5
```

```
In [63]: # single line
while x<10: x += 1
print(x)
```

```
10
```

- loop control (same as C)
  - `break`, `continue`
- else clause
  - runs after list is exhausted
  - does *not* run if loop break

```
In [64]: for i in [0, 1, 6]:
    print(i)
else:
    print("end of list reached!")
```

```
0
1
6
end of list reached!
```

## List Comprehension

- build a new list with a "for" loop

```
In [65]: myList = [1, 2, 2, 2, 4, 5, 5]
myList4 = [4*item for item in myList]    # multiply each item by 4
myList4
```

```
Out[65]: [4, 8, 8, 8, 16, 20, 20]
```

```
In [66]: # equivalent code
myList4=[]
for item in myList:
    myList4.append(4*item)
myList4
```

```
Out[66]: [4, 8, 8, 8, 16, 20, 20]
```

```
In [67]: # can also use conditional to select items
[4*item*4 for item in myList if item>2]
```

```
Out[67]: [64, 80, 80]
```

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## Functions

- Defining a function
  - *required* and *optional* inputs (similar to C++)
  - "docstring" for optional documentation

```
In [68]: def sum3(a, b=1, c=2):
        "sum a few values"
        mysum = a+b+c
        print("{}+{}+{}={}".format(a,b,c,mysum))
        return mysum
```

- Calling a function

```
In [69]: sum3(2,3,4)    # call function: 2+3+4

2+3+4=9
```

```
Out[69]: 9
```

```
In [70]: sum3(0)        # use default inputs: 0+1+2

0+1+2=3
```

```
Out[70]: 3
```

```
In [71]: sum3(b=1, a=5, c=2) # use keyword arguments: 5+1+2

5+1+2=8
```

```
Out[71]: 8
```

- unpacking a list as function arguments

```
In [72]: args = [1, 5, 2]
         sum3(*args)
```

1+5+2=8

```
Out[72]: 8
```

- unpacking a dictionary as function keyword arguments

```
In [73]: argsd = {'b':1, 'a':5, 'c':2}
         sum3(**argsd)
```

5+1+2=8

```
Out[73]: 8
```

```
In [74]: help(sum3)    # show documentation
```

Help on function sum3 in module \_\_main\_\_:

```
sum3(a, b=1, c=2)
    sum a few values
```

```
In [75]: # ipython magic -- shows a help window about the function
         ? sum3
```

## Classes

- Defining a class
  - `self` is a reference to the object instance (passed *implicitly*)

```
In [76]: class MyList:
         "class documentation string"
         num = 0           # a class variable
         def __init__(self, b): # constructor
             self.x = [b]    # an instance variable
             MyList.num += 1  # modify class variable
         def appendx(self, b):  # a class method
             self.x.append(b)  # modify an instance variable
             self.app = 1      # create new instance variable
```

- Using the class

```
In [77]: c = MyList(0)      # create an instance of MyList
         print(c.x)
```

[0]

```
In [78]: c.appendx(1)       # c.x = [0, 1]
         print(c.x)
```

[0, 1]

```
In [79]: c.appendx(2)       # c.x = [0, 1, 2]
         print(c.x)
```

[0, 1, 2]

```
In [80]: print(MyList.num)  # access class variable (same as c.num)
```

1

# More on Classes

- There are *no* "private" members
  - everything is accessible
  - convention to indicate *private*:
    - `_variable` means private method or variable (but still accessible)
  - convention for *very private*:
    - `__variable` is not directly visible
    - actually it is renamed to `_classname__variable`
- Instance variable rules
  - On *use* via instance ( `self.x` ), scope search order is:
    - (1) instance, (2) class, (3) base classes
    - also the same for method lookup
  - On *assignment* via instance ( `self.x=...` ):
    - always makes an instance variable
  - Class variables "default" for instance variables
    - *class* variable: one copy *shared* by all
    - *instance* variable: each instance has its own

## Inheritance

- Child class inherits attributes from parents

```
In [81]: class MyListAll(MyList):
        def __init__(self, a):    # overrides MyList
            self.allx = [a]
            MyList.__init__(self, a)    # call base class constructor
        def popx(self):
            return self.x.pop()
        def appendx(self, a):      # overrides MyList
            self.allx.append(a)
            MyList.appendx(self, a)    # "super" method call
```

- Multiple inheritance
  - `class ChildClass(Parent1, Parent2, ...)`
  - calling method in parent
    - `super(ChildClass, self).method(args)`

## Class methods & Built-in Attributes

- Useful methods to override in class

```
In [82]: class MyList2:
        ...
        def __str__(self):      # string representation
        ...
        def __cmp__(self, x):   # object comparison
        ...
        def __del__(self):      # destructor
        ...
```

- Built-in attributes

```
In [83]: print(c.__dict__)    # Dictionary with the namespace.
        print(c.__doc__)     # Class documentation string
```

```
print(c.__module__) # Module which defines the class

{'x': [0, 1, 2], 'app': 1}
class documentation string
__main__
```

```
In [84]: print(MyList.__name__) # Class name
print(MyList.__bases__) # tuple of base classes

MyList
(<class 'object'>,)

```

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## File I/O

- Write a file

```
In [85]: with open("myfile.txt", "w") as f:
          f.write("blah\n")
          f.writelines(['line1\n', 'line2\n', 'line3\n'])

# NOTE: using "with" will automatically close the file

```

- Read a whole file

```
In [86]: with open("myfile.txt", "r") as f:
          contents = f.read() # read the whole file as a string
          print(contents)

blah
line1
line2
line3

```

- Read line or remaining lines

```
In [87]: f = open("myfile.txt", 'r')
print(f.readline()) # read a single line.

blah

```

```
In [88]: print(f.readlines()) # read remaining lines in a list.
f.close()

['line1\n', 'line2\n', 'line3\n']

```

- Read line by line with a loop

```
In [89]: with open("myfile.txt", 'r') as f:
          for line in f:
```



```
print(line)    # still contains newline char

blah

line1

line2

line3
```

## Saving Objects with Pickle

- Turns almost **any** Python **object** into a string representation for saving into a file.

```
In [90]: import pickle                # load the pickle library
mylist = MyList(0)                  # an object
# open file to save object (write bytes)
with open('alist.pickle', 'wb') as file:
    pickle.dump(mylist, file)        # save the object using pickle
```

- Load object from file

```
In [91]: with open('alist.pickle', 'rb') as file: # (read bytes)
    mylist2 = pickle.load(file)          # load pickled object from file
print(mylist2)
print(mylist2.x)

<__main__.MyList object at 0x104330310>
[0]
```

- cPickle is a faster version (1,000 times faster!)

## Exception Handling

- Catching an exception
  - `except` block catches exceptions
  - `else` block executes if no exception occurs
  - `finally` block always executes at end

```
In [92]: try:
    file = open('blah.pickle', 'r')
    blah = pickle.load(file)
    file.close()
except:                # catch everything
    print("No file!")
else:                  # executes if no exception occurred
    print("No exception!")
finally:
    print("Bye!")      # always executes
```

```
No file!
Bye!
```

## pandas

- pandas is a Python library for data wrangling and analysis.
- `DataFrame` is a table of entries (like an Excel spreadsheet).
  - each column does not need to be the same type
  - operations to modify and operate on the table

```
In [93]: # setup pandas and display
import pandas as pd
```

```
In [94]: # read CSV file
df = pd.read_csv('mycsv.csv')

# print the dataframe
df
```

```
Out[94]:
```

	Name	Location	Age
0	John	New York	24
1	Anna	Paris	13
2	Peter	Berlin	53
3	Linda	London	33

- select a column

```
In [95]: df['Name']
```

```
Out[95]:
```

0	John
1	Anna
2	Peter
3	Linda

Name: Name, dtype: object

- query the table

```
In [96]: # select Age greater than 30
df[df.Age > 30]
```

```
Out[96]:
```

	Name	Location	Age
2	Peter	Berlin	53
3	Linda	London	33

- compute statistics

```
In [97]: df.mean()
```

```
/var/folders/d8/20tc63h54bgcpjl90_dt4bh80000gp/T/ipykernel_12428/3698961737.py:1:
FutureWarning: Dropping of nuisance columns in DataFrame reductions (with 'numeric
_only=None') is deprecated; in a future version this will raise TypeError.  Select
only valid columns before calling the reduction.
  df.mean()
```

```
Out[97]:
```

Age	30.75
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dtype: float64