Introduction to Python 2

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- ▶ Python's built-in data structures include:
 - ⊳ List
- ▶ We will also briefly talk about:
 - Class



- ▶ Ordered (indexed) collection of arbitrary objects.
- ► Mutable may be changed in place.

Ordered collection of arbitrary objects.

```
1 L = []
                         # a new empty list
2 L = list()
                         # ditto
3
   L = [1, 2.5, "abc", [56.7, 78.9]]
5
   print len(L)
                  # 4
   print L[1] # 2.5 (zero-based)
   print L[3][0] #56.7
8
   for x in L:
   print x
10
11 #1
12 # 2.5
13 # "abc"
14
   # [56.7, 78.9]
15
   print "abc" in L, L.count("abc"), L.index("abc")
16
   # True 1 2
17
```

▶ Mutable – may be changed in place.

```
L = []
   L.append(5)
2
3
    print L
                        #[5]
    L[0] = 23
6
    print L
                       #[23]
   M = [87, 999]
    L.extend(M)
                     \# or L += M
    print L
                       #[23, 87, 999]
10
11
    del L[2]
12
    print L
                       #[23, 87]
13
```

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```
1  def squares(a_list):
2     s = []
3     for el in a_list:
4         s.append(el ** 2)
5     return s
6
7  sq = squares([1,2,3,4])
8  print sq, sum(sq)
9  #[1,4,9,16] 30
```

Aliasing vs copying

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

2 M = L  # aliasing

3 L[0] = 87

4 print M  # [87,2,3,4]

5 6 L = [1,2,3,4]

7 M = list(L)  # (shallow) copying. M = L[:] also works

8 L[0] = 87

9 print M  # [1,2,3,4]
```

Given a list,

```
1 L = [1, 2, [3, 4], 5, "xyz"]
```

evaluate the following expressions:

```
1 L[1] == 1
2 len(L) == 5
3 L[2] == 3, 4
4
5 [3] in L
6 L.index("xyz") == 4
7 L[-1] == "xyz"
8 L[-1][-1] == "z"
9
10 any([1, 2, 3]) == True
11 L[9] == None
12 len([0,1,2,]) == 3
```

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- An answer.

```
def only_odd(a_list):
    L = []
    for el in a_list:
        if el % 2 == 1:
            L.append(el)
    return L

print only_odd([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
# [1, 3]
```

Quiz (cont.)

► (tricky) Write a function similar to the previous one. This time, however, do not return a new list. Just modify the given list so that it has only the odd numbers. (Hint:

del L[0] removes the first element of the list, L)

```
def odd only(a list):
        i = 0
        length = len(a list)
        while i < length:
            if (n \% 2) == 0:
6
                del a list[i]
                 i -= 1
                 lenath = 1
             i += 1
    L = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4] # check
10
    odd only(L)
11
    print L
12
```

Slice index

- ► Applies to any sequence types, including list, str, tuple,
- ► Has three (optional) parts separated by a colon (:), start : end : step, indicating start through but not past end, by step; Indices point *in-between* the elements.

► Examples:

```
1  L = ["p", "y", "t", "h", "o", "n"]
2  print L[:2]  # ["p", "y"] first two
3  print L[1:3]  # ["y", "t"]
4  print L[0:5:2]  # ["p", "t", "o"]
5  print L[-1]  # n the last element
6  print L[:]  # ["p", "y", "t", "h", "o", "n"] a (shallow) copy
7  print L[3:]  # ["h", "o", "n"]
8  print L[-2:]  # ["o", "n"] last two
9  print L[::-1]  # ["n", "o", "h", "t", "y", "p"] reversed
```

➤ Suppose that you collect friendship network data among six children, each of whom we identify with a number: 0, 1,..., 5. The data are represented as a list of lists, where each element list represents the element child's friends.

```
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```
total = 0.0  # make total a float type
for el in L:
total += len(el)
avg = total / len(L)
print avg
# 2.1666
```

Quiz (cont.)

► (tricky)Write a function to check if all the friendship choices are reciprocated. It should take a list like previous one and return either True or False. (Hint: You may want to use a utility function below.)

```
def mutual(a_list, ego, alter):
    return alter in a_list[ego] and ego in a_list[alter]

def all_reciprocated(a_list):
    for ego in range(len(a_list)):
        alters = a_list[ego]
    for alter in alters:
        if not mutual(a_list, ego, alter):
        return False

return True
```

List Comprehension

▶ A concise way to create a list. An example:

```
1 [x for x in range(5) if x \% 2 == 1] #[1, 3]
```

► An equivalent code using the for loop:

```
1 L = []
2 for x in range(5):
3    if x % 2 == 1:
4         L.append(x)  #[1, 3]
```

▶ More examples.

```
1 [x - 5 for x in range(6)] #[-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0]

2 [abs(x) for x in [-2,-1,0,1]] #[2, 1, 0, 1]

3 [x for x in range(6) if x == x**2] #[0, 1]

4 [1 for x in [87, 999, "xyz"]] #[1, 1, 1]

5 [x - y for x in range(2) for y in [7, 8]] #[-7, -8, -6, -7]
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- ▶ Also known as associative array, map, symbol table, ...
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```
# an empty dictionary. D=dict() also works
    D = \{\}
2
    D["one"] = 1
                                     # {"one": 1}
3
    D["two"] = 2
5
    print D
                                     # {"one": 1, "two": 2}
6
    print D.kevs()
                                 # ["two", "one"] arbitrary order!
7
    print "three" in D.keys() # False. "three" in D also works
8
9
    D = {\text{"Apple"}: 116, "Big Mac"}: 550}
10
11
    for key in ["Apple", "Orange", "Big Mac"]:
12
         if key in D:
13
             value = D[key]
14
             print "{0} has {1} calories".format(key, value)
15
        else:
16
             print "{0} is not found in the dictionary".format(key)
17
   # Apple has 116 calories
18
    # Orange is not found in the dictionary
19
    # Big Mac has 550 calories
20
```

▶ More Dictionary examples.

```
D = {"China": 1350, "India":1221, "US":317}
   for key in D.keys():
2
        print "Pop of {0}: {1} mil".format(key, D[key])
3
4 # Pop of India: 1221 mil
   # Pop of China: 1350 mil
   # Pop of US: 317 mil
   D = \{[1,2]: 23\}
   # TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'
10
    D = \{2: [2, 3], 200: [3, 4], 95: [4, 5]\} # OK
11
   print D[2] #[2,3]
12
   print D[200] #[3,4]
13
```

A Data Structure

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You can take SAT exams more than once.

More Complicated Data Structure

▶ Hypothetical SAT data for two people: Jane and Mary.

```
SAT = {"Jane": {"lastname": "Thompson",
                    "test": [{"cr": 700, "m": 690, "w":710}] },
2
           "Mary": {"lastname": "Smith",
                    "test": [{"cr": 780, "m": 790, "w":760},
4
                             {"cr": 800, "m": 740, "w":790}] }}
5
6
    print SAT["Jane"]
   # {"test": ["cr": 700, "m": 690, "w": 710], "lastname": "Thompson"}
9
    print SAT["Jane"]["lastname"] # Thompson
10
    print SAT["Jane"]["test"] #[{"cr": 700, "m": 690, "w":710}]
11
   print SAT["Jane"]["test"][0] # {"cr": 700, "m": 690, "w": 710}
12
    print SAT["Jane"]["test"][0]["cr"] #700
13
14
    mary1 = SAT["Mary"]["test"][1]
15
   print mary1["cr"]
16
                                       #800
```

Make a dictionary of 2012 SAT percentile ranks for the scores from 680 to 700 and for all three subsections. The full table is available at http://tinyurl.com/k38xve8. Given this dictionary, say D, a lookup, D[680]["cr"] should be evaluated to 93.

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- An answer.

```
1 D = {700: {"cr": 95, "m": 93, "w": 96},
2 690: {"cr": 94, "m": 92, "w": 95},
3 680: {"cr": 93, "m": 90, "w": 94}}
4
5 print D[680]["cr"] #93
```

Quiz (cont.)

► (tricky) Write a new dictionary DD such that we look up the subsection first and then the score. That is, DD["cr"][680] should be evaluated to 93.

(Hint: Start with a dictionary below.):

```
DD = {"cr": {700: 95, 690: 94, 680: 93},
"m": {700: 93, 690: 92, 680: 90},
"w": {700: 96, 690: 95, 680: 94}}
```

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```
1  T = tuple()  # empty tuple. T = () works also
2  N = (1)  # not a tuple
3  T = (1, 2, "abc")  # a tuple (1, 2, "abc")
4  print T[0]  # 1
5  T[0] = 9  # TypeError. immutable
```

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Class

- class defines a (user-defined) type, a grouping of some data (properties) and functions that work on the data (methods).
- ► An object is an *instance* of a type.
- ▶ Examples:

 - ▷ "word document file" a type; "my_diary.docx" is an object

Examples of Built-in Types

► The str type has a bunch of methods.

• open() function returns a file object (representing an opened file).

```
with open("test.txt", "w") as my_file:
my_file.write("first line\n")
my_file.write("second line\n")
my_file.write("third line")

print type(my_file)  # <type "file">
print dir(my_file)  # properties and methods

my_file.write("something")  # error. I/O on closed file
```

Class

▶ Let's create a bank account type.

```
class BankAccount:

def __init__(self, initial_balance=0):
    self.balance = initial_balance

def deposit(self, amount):
    self.balance += amount

def withdraw(self, amount):
    self.balance -= amount
```

Usage examples.

```
my_account = BankAccount(100)
my_account.withdraw(5)
print my_account.balance #95

your_account = BankAccount()
your_account.deposit(100)
your_account.deposit(10)
print your_account.balance #110
```

► Implement a Person type(or class) which has three properties (first_name, last_name, and birth_year); and two methods: full_name() and age(). The age() method should take the current year as an argument. You may use the template below.

```
class Person:
        def __init__(self, first, last, year):
            self.first name = first name
            self.last name = last name
            self.birth year = birth year
5
        def full name(self):
            return self.first name + " " + self.last name
8
9
10
        def age(self, current year):
            return current year — self.birth year
11
12
13
   # check
   mr park = Person("Jae-sang", "Park", 1977)
14
   print mr park.full name()
15
                                            # lae-sang Park
16
    print mr park.age(2014)
                                            #37
```

Inheritance

- ► A mechanism for code reuse in object-oriented programming (OOP).
- ► A subtype is a specialized basetype.

```
import webbrowser
2
3
    class CoolPerson(Person):
        def __init__(self, name, birth_year, video):
4
            Person. init (self, name, None, birth year)
            self.video = video
6
        def full name(self):
            return self.first name
        def show off(self):
9
            url = "http://www.youtube.com/watch?v={0}"
10
            webbrowser.open(url.format(self.video))
11
12
   # check
13
    psy = CoolPerson("PSY", 1977, "9bZkp7q19f0")
14
   print psy.full name()
                                          # PSY
15
   print psy.age(2012)
                                          #35
16
17
   psy.show off()
                                          # show off the style
```

Exception Handling

► An exception is raised when a (run-time) error occurs. By default, the script stops running immediately.

```
    L = [0, 1, 2, 3]
    print L[5]
    #IndexError: list index out of range
```

▶ try: ... except: ... let us catch the exception and handle it.

```
1 L = [0, 1, 2, 3]
2 try:
3    print L[5]
4
5 except IndexError:
6    print "no such element"
7
8 print "next"
9 #no such element
10 #next
```

Throwing Exception

▶ We can raise (or throw) an exception as well.

```
def fetch(a_list, index):
    if index >= len(a_list):
        raise IndexError("Uh, oh!")
    return a_list[index]

print fetch(L, 5)
#IndexError: Uh, oh!
```

Script can keep going if you catch and handle the exception.

```
1 L = [0, 1, 2, 3]
2 try:
3     print fetch(L, 5) # this raises an exception
4 except IndexError:
5     print "an exception occurred"
6 print "next"
7 # an exception occurred
8 # next
```

An Example

urlopen() in urllib2 module raises an exception when the web page is not found.

```
import urllib2
1
2
3
    L = ["http://google.com"]
          "http://google.com/somethingfantastic",
4
          "http://yahoo.com"]
5
6
    # we want to open each page in turn
7
    for url in 1:
9
         trv:
             page = urllib2.urlopen(url)
10
             print page.getcode()
11
12
        except urllib2.HTTPError:
             print "failed to open: {0}".format(url)
13
14
15
    # 200 (a return code of 200 means OK)
    # failed to open: http://google.com/somethingfantastic
16
    # 200
17
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- Class Defines a type, a grouping of properties and methods.
- ▶ try: ... except: ... Catch and handle exceptions.