

Programming in Python

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COURSE 5

Modules

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Both files test.py and MyModule.py are located in the same folder.

After the execution of test.py the following things will happen:

- *MyModule.pyc* file will appear in the same folder (Python 2.x)
- A folder with the name `__pycache__` that contains a file called *MyModule.cpython-35.pyc* will appear in the same folder (Python 3.5) → the version will be different for different versions of Python 3

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Loading a module will automatically execute any code (main code) that resides in that module.

The main code of a module (code that is written directly and not within a function or a class) will only be executed once (the first time a module is loaded).

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Python 2.x / 3.x
File: test.py

```
import MyModule  
  
print (MyModule.Sum(10,20))  
import MyModule
```

What if MyModule is not located in the same folder as test.py file ?

Output

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "test.py", line 1, in <module>  
    import sys,MyModule  
ImportError: No module named 'MyModule'
```

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File: *MyModule.py*

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def Sum(x, y):  
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```

Python 2.x / 3.x
File: *test.py*

```
import sys  
  
sys.path += ["<folder>"]  
  
import MyModule  
  
print (MyModule.Sum(10, 20))  
import MyModule
```

In the above piece of code “<folder>” represents a path to the folder where the file *MyModule.py* resides.

Output

MyModule loaded
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Python 2.x / 3.x
File: test.py

```
import MyModule  
  
print (dir (MyModule))
```

Output

Python 2.x → ['Sum', '__builtins__', '__doc__', '__file__', '__name__', '__package__']

Python 3.x → ['Sum', '__builtins__', '__cached__', '__doc__', '__file__', '__loader__', '__name__', '__package__', '__spec__']

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Attributes:

- `__file__` → full path of the file that corresponds to the module (it could be a pyc file as well)
- `__name__` → name of the module (in this example : MyModule)
- `__package__` → name of the package (in this example empty string in Python 3.x and None in Python 2.x)

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<pre>def Sum(x, y): return x+y print (__name__)</pre>	<pre>import MyModule</pre>
<div>Output</div> <div>__main__</div>	<div>Output</div> <div>MyModule</div>

If a python script is executed directly, the value of `__name__` parameter will be `__main__`. If it is executed using import, the value of `__name__` parameter will be the name of the module.

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Python 2.x / 3.x
File: MyModule.py

```
def Sum(x, y):  
    return x+y  
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    print("Main code")  
    print("Testing sum(10,20) = ", Sum(10,20))  
else:  
    print("Module loaded")
```

Python 2.x / 3.x
File: test.py

```
import MyModule
```

Output

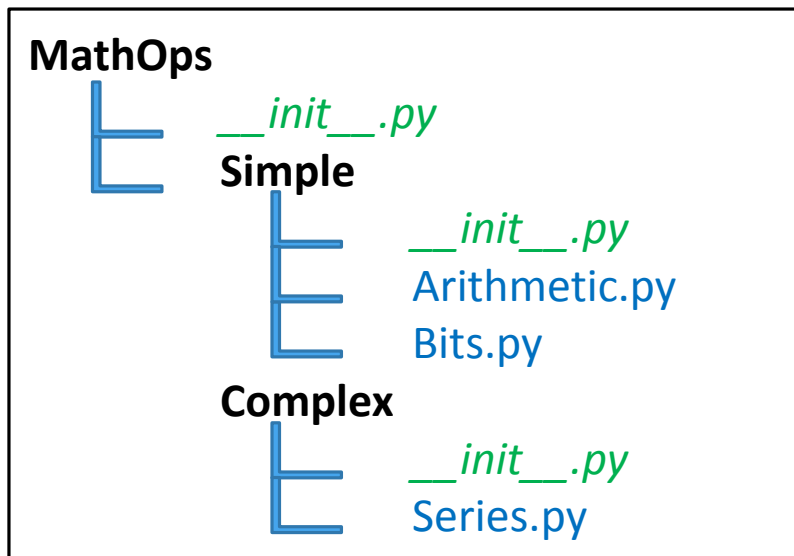
Main code
Testing sum(10,20) = 30

Output

Module loaded

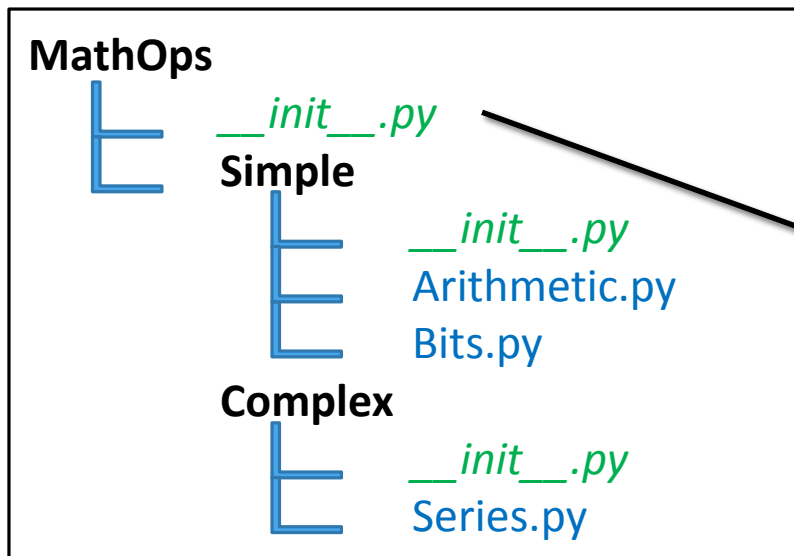
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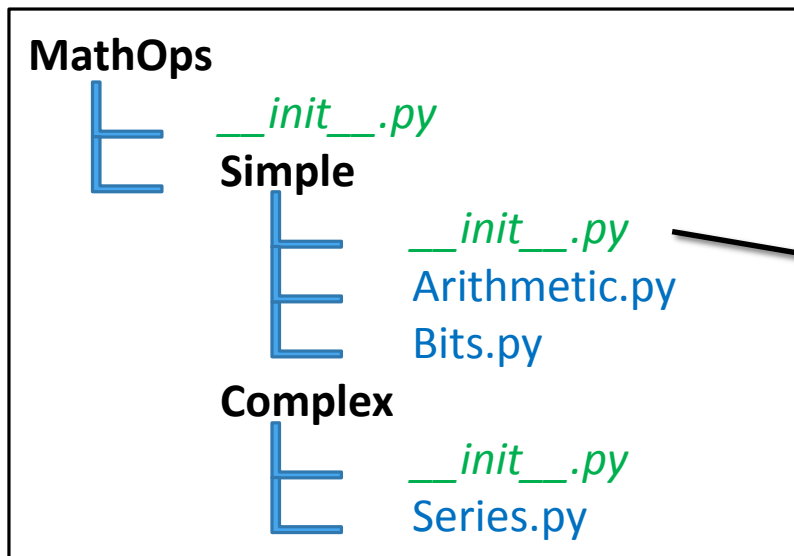
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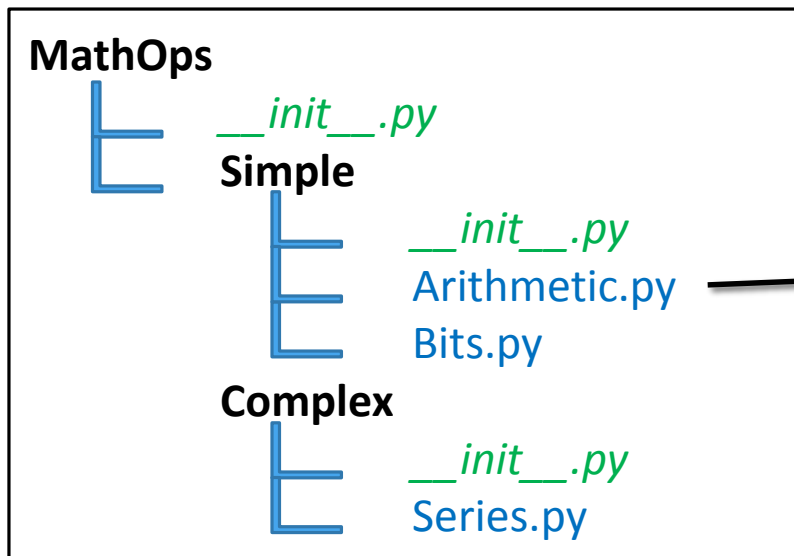
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print ("Package MathOps.Simple init")
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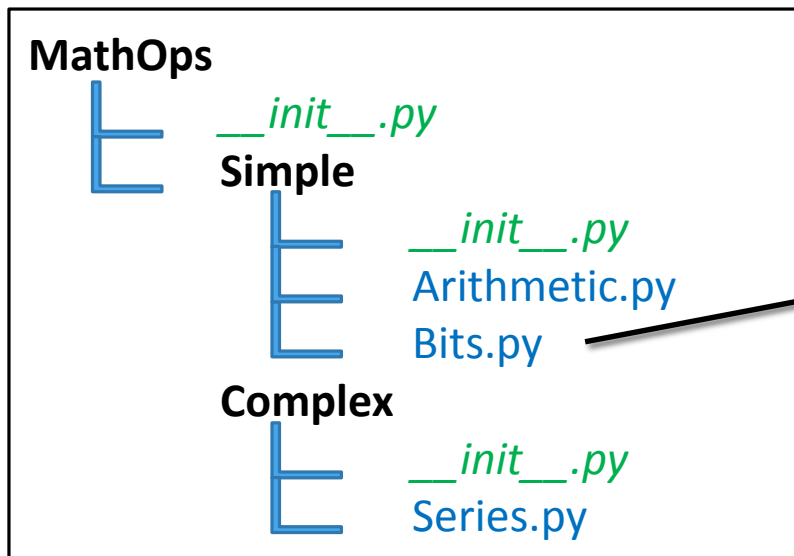


Python 2.x / 3.x
File: Arithmetic.py

```
def Add(x, y) :  
    return x+y  
def Sub(x, y) :  
    return x-y
```

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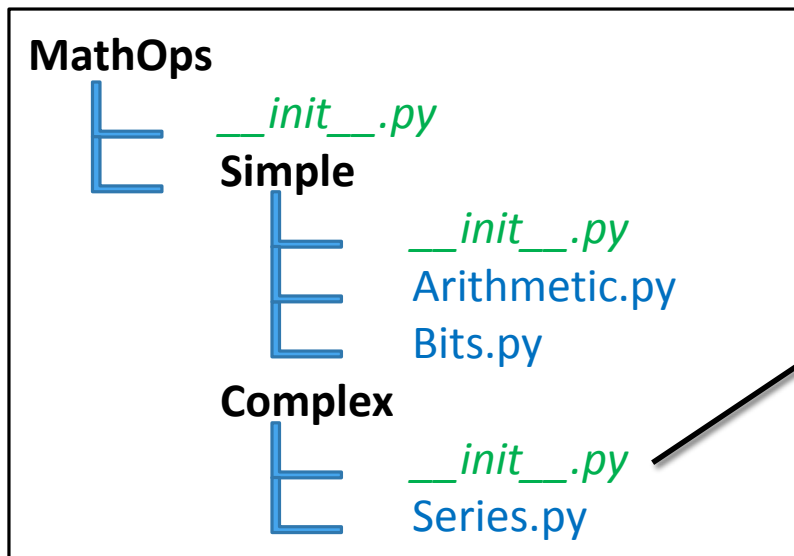
Python 2.x / 3.x

File: Bits.py

```
def SHL(x, y) :
    return x << y
def SHR(x, y) :
    return x >> y
```

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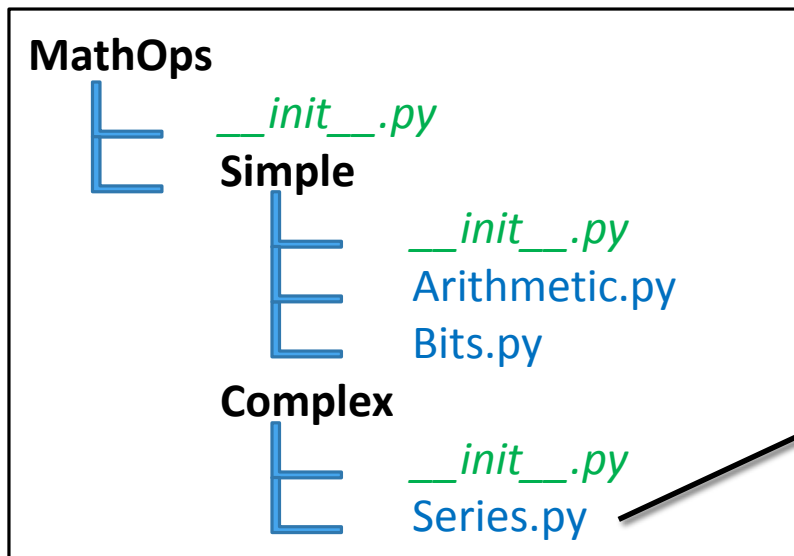
Python 2.x / 3.x

File: `__init__.py`

```
print ("Package MathOps.Complex init")
```

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Python 2.x / 3.x

File: Series.py

```
def Sum(*p):
    c = 0
    for i in p:
        c += i
    return c

def Product(*p):
    c = 1
    for i in p:
        c *= i
    return c
```


Packages

Usage:

Python 2.x / 3.x

```
import MathOps.Simple.Arithmetic
```

```
print (MathOps.Simple.Arithmetic.Add(2,3))
```

```
from MathOps.Simple import Arithmetic as a
```

```
print (a.Add(2,3))
```

Output

```
Package MathOps init
```

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Package MathOps.Simple init
```

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Packages

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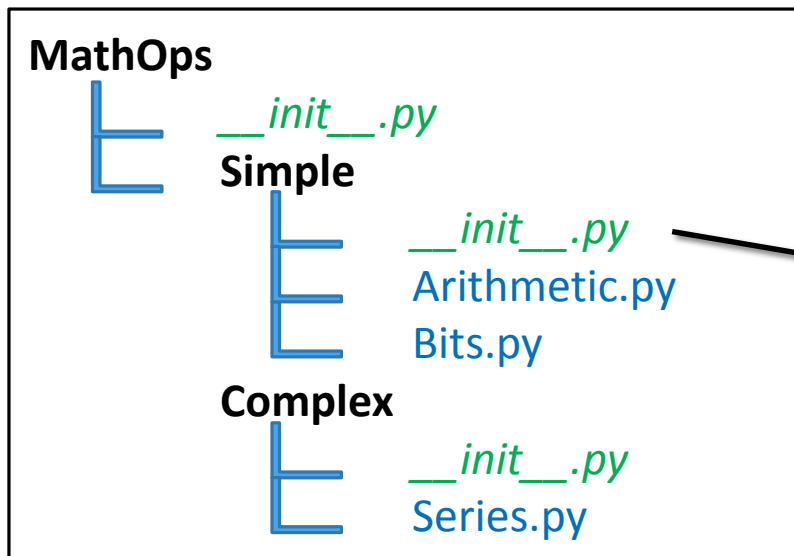
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from MathOps.Simple import *  
  
print (Arithmetic.Add(2,3))  
print (Bits.SHL(2,3))
```

Output

```
Package MathOps init  
Package MathOps.Simple init  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "test.py", line 3, in <module>  
    print (Arithmetic.Add(2,3))  
NameError: name 'Arithmetic' is not defined
```

Packages

To be able to use a syntax similar to “`from <module> import *`” a module variable “`__all__`” must be defined. That variable will hold a list of all modules that belongs to that package.



Python 2.x / 3.x

File: `__init__.py`

```
print ("Package MathOps.Simple init
      with __all__ set")
__all__ = ["Arithmetic", "Bits"]
```

Packages

Usage:

Python 2.x / 3.x

```
from MathOps.Simple import *  
  
print (Arithmetic.Add(2,3))  
print (Bits.SHL(2,3))
```

Output

```
Package MathOps init  
Package MathOps.Simple init with __all__ set  
5  
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```

Modules/Packages

If you want a module and/or package to be available to all the scripts that are executed on that system just copy the module or the entire package folder on the Python search path and you will be able to access it directly. These paths are:

- **Windows:** <PythonFolder>\Lib (Exemple: C:\Python27\Lib or C:\Python35\Lib)
- **Linux:** /usr/lib/<PythonVersion> (Example: /usr/lib/python2.7 or /usr/lib/python3.5)

Python 2.x

File: C:\Python27\Lib\MyModule.py

```
def Sum(x, y) :  
    return x+y  
print ("MyModule loaded")
```

Python 2.x

File: test.py

```
import MyModule  
print (MyModule.Sum(10, 20))  
import MyModule
```

Output

MyModule loaded
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Modules/Packages

Python also has a special library (importlib) that can be use to dynamically import a module.

- **importlib.import_module** (moduleName,package=None) → to import a module
- **importlib.reload** (module) → to reload a module that was already loaded

Python 2.x

File: C:\Python27\Lib\MyModule.py

```
def Sum(x, y):  
    return x+y  
print ("MyModule loaded")
```

Python 2.x

File: test.py

```
import importlib  
  
m = importlib.import_module("MyModule")  
print (m.Sum(10,20))
```

Output

```
MyModule loaded  
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```

Dynamic code

Python has a keyword (`exec`) that can be used to dynamically compile and execute python code.

The format is `exec (code, [global],[local])` where `[global]` and `[local]` represents a list of global and local definition that should be used when executing the code.

Python 2.x / 3.x

```
exec ("x=100")  
print(x)
```

```
exec ("def num_sum(x,y): return x+y")  
print(num_sum(10,20))
```

```
s = "abcdefg"  
exec ("s2=s.upper()")  
print(s2)
```

Output

100

Output

30

Output

ABCDEFG

Dynamic code

Because of this keyword, python can obfuscate or modify itself during runtime.

Python 2.x / 3.x

```
data = [0x65, 0x66, 0x67, 0x21, 0x54, 0x76, 0x6E, 0x62, 0x29, 0x79,  
        0x2D, 0x7A, 0x2D, 0x7B, 0x2A, 0x3B, 0x0E, 0x0B, 0x0A, 0x73,  
        0x66, 0x75, 0x76, 0x73, 0x6F, 0x21, 0x79, 0x2C, 0x7A, 0x2C,  
        0x7B]  
  
s = ""  
for i in data:  
    s += chr(i-1)  
exec(s)  
print(Suma(1,2,3))
```

Output

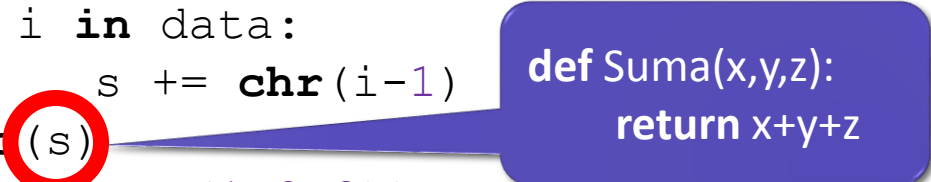
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exec(s)  
print(Suma(1,2,3))
```



Output

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