Module 3. Lesson 3. The random and time modules

Brainstorm: The random module



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- The interpreter immediately recognizes and executes the simplest commands (e.g., input-output).
- Other commands (e.g., those for random numbers) are used less often, so they are stored in <u>separate library files</u> called **modules**.







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Many programmers like Python specifically because of this wide range of features in the standard library and modules.

The Python standard library

Built-in capabilities (executed immediately)

The random module (working with random numbers)

The time module (getting and calculating time)

The turtle module (graphic primitives)

The os module (interaction with PC system)





<u>Useful functions:</u>

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Step 2

number = random.randint(0, 9)

Connecting the whole module.

When using a command, we need to specify which module it is from.

Step 1

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number = randint(0, 9)

from random import randint

import random

Connecting one function from the module. When we call a function, only its name is specified.

number = randint(0, 9)

from random import *

Connecting all the functions of the module. When we call a function, only its name is specified.

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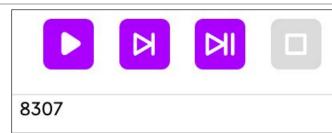
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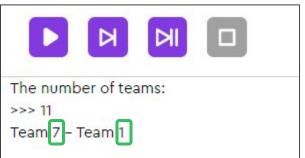
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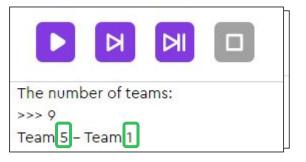
from random import randint
lottery_num = randint(1000, 9999)
print(lottery_num)



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from random import randint

total = int(input('The number of teams:'))
participant_1 = randint(1, total)

participant_2 = randint(1, total)

print('Team', participant 1, '-', 'Team', participant 2)
The number of teams:

>>> 11
Team[7-Team]

print('Team', participant 2)
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Let's go over one more task

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from random import randint

name = input('Athlete name (off - end):')

while name != 'off':
   team_num = randint(1, 2)
   print(name, ', team', team_num)
   name = input('Athlete name (off - end):')
```

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Athlete name (off - end):
>>> Kate
Kate, team 1
Athlete name (off - end):
>>> Mary
Mary, team 1
Athlete name (off - end):
>>> John
John, team 2
Athlete name (off - end):
>>> Robert
Robert, team 2
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>>> off
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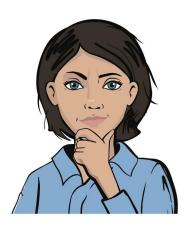




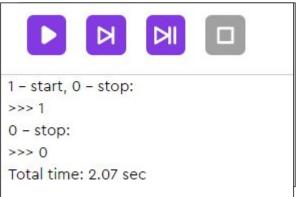
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It seems that we have not worked with this module yet...

Which standard library module would be useful?









The time module contains tools for working with time-related quantities

<u>Useful functions:</u>

Function	Purpose
time()	Return the number of seconds since the beginning of the epoch (for UNIX systems, this is January 1, 1970)
sleep(seconds)	Suspend the program for the number of seconds
round(number, digits)	Round the number to the number of digits after the decimal point Basic function (not from time)

Let's study how the functions work

A training program using the functions of the time module

Command	Value and result
from time import *	1601619244.56282
<pre>start = time() print(start)</pre>	Let's fix the start time of the program
sleep(5)	Pause the program for 5 seconds
<pre>end = time() total = round(end - start, 2) print(total)</pre>	6.31 Calculate the running time of the program and round it up to two digits after the decimal point

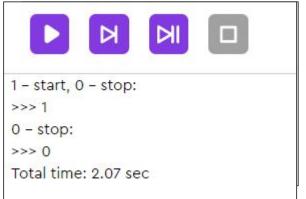


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How do we solve this task?







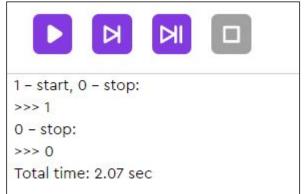




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```
from time import time
stopwatch = input('1 - start, 0 - stop:')
while stopwatch != '0':
  if stopwatch == '1':
      start = time()
  else:
      print('Action not found!')
  stopwatch = input('0 - stop:')
end = time()
total = end-start
print('Total time:', round(total, 2), 'sec')
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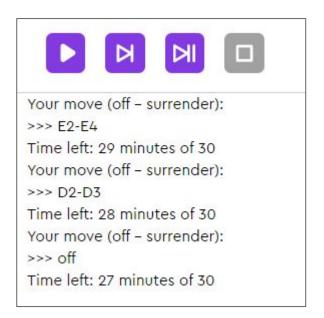






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- After receiving the move, print the remaining time in minutes.
- ☐ If 30 minutes are over or the player enters "off" exit.



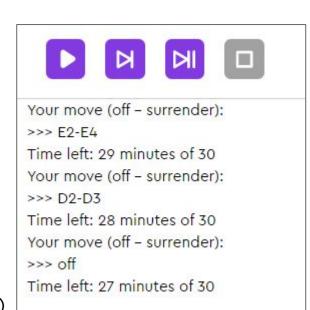




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from time import time
rest = 30
move =
beginning = time()
while rest > 0 and move != 'off':
  move = input('Your move (off - surrender):')
  end = time()
  rest = 30 - (end - beginning)/60
  print('Time left:', int(rest), 'minutes of 30')
```





Brainstorm

Before we continue:

- 1. How can I change the program to display the time not in minutes but in (whole) seconds?
- According to the new regulations, the time for thinking has increased from 30 minutes to 1 hour. How will the program change?

