

EE/CPE 551

Programming in Python

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Lecture 1

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About Me

- **Assistant Prof** at ECE department at **SIT** since *August 2018*
- **Machine Learning Scientist** at **Amazon** *2016 – 2018*
- **Data Scientist** at **JP Morgan** *2015-2016*
- **Postdoctoral Researcher** at **Columbia University** *2014 – 2015*
- **PhD Student** at Signal and Image Processing Institute of **University of Southern California** *2009 – 2014*
- **BS and MS student** at Electrical Engineering from **Bogazici University** *2002 - 2009*

My Interests

- Machine Learning
- Signal Processing
- Software Development
- Brain Imaging
- Teaching
- <http://www.sergulaydore.com/>

About the Course

- Will use canvas for communication and grades
- Everything will be shared in public Github repo:
<https://github.com/sergulaydore/EE-551-Fall-2019>
- Tools that students will learn how to use are:
 - Git, github, Pycharm, terminal
- Tools that I will be using to organize assignments are:
 - Github education: <https://classroom.github.com/>
 - Travis CI: <https://travis-ci.com/>

Survey

- Discuss the survey
- Students make groups of 4 and select a representative

General Information

- **Meeting Times:** Thursdays at 6.30pm-9.00pm
- **Classroom Location:** Main Campus, X 106
- **Contact Info:** Burchard Building 211, saydore@stevens.edu
- **Office Hours:** Thursdays at 1.00pm-3.00pm
- **Teaching Assistants:** @ TBA
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- **Cross-listed with:** CPE 551

Course Description

This course presents fundamentals of Python programming language for data intensive applications and decision making. The course formally introduces **industry level** tools for the best practices of software engineering using Python. Such tools find applicability in many engineering application areas, including data science, machine learning, communications systems, embedded systems, smart grids, robotics, Internet, and enterprise networks, or any network where information flows and alters decision making.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- After successful completion of this course, students will be able
 - Program basic algorithms in Python
 - Extract and analyze data in Python
 - Prepare for their future career in Technology related fields

FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

- The classes will include dynamic illustrations of the concepts. Students are expected to bring their laptops and run the programs in their own laptops.
- There will be weekly coding and hand-written assignments. The students will return coding assignments via github which will be tested using continuous integration tool Travis-CI.
- Final exam will be handwritten! **Because tech companies will interview you on a white board!**

Course Materials

- **Textbook(s):** Learning Python (5E) by Mark Lutz
- **Other Readings:** How to think like a Computer Scientist by Downey, Elkner, Meyers
- **YouTube Channel from Fall 2018:** Programming in Python
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw2_fYxQc0-cexP7TENSNLw

Course Requirements

- **Attendance:** Attendance is crucial for an effective learning but will not be graded.
- **Homework:** Coding assignments will be submitted via github and graded and tested in the cloud. Handwritten assignments will be returned at the beginning of a class.
- **Individual Project:** Students are expected to finish a project that is documented in their github repository.
- **Exams:** There will be a single final hand-written exam.

Grading Procedures

- Grades will be based on:
 - Assignments (30 %)
 - Individual Project (40 %)
 - Final Exam (30 %)
- Late Policy:
 - Assignments submitted after the deadline will not be graded.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for Project Proposals **11/01/2019 Friday at 5pm ET**
 - This includes creation of a github repository with READ.md file that contains the summary of the project.
 - Late submissions and repositories with empty READ.md will lose 30 points from their grade for the project.
- Deadline for Projects **12/02/2019 Monday at 5pm ET**
 - Projects will be graded based on
 - organization of the github repository (30 %)
 - organization of the code (20 %)
 - the quality of the code (20 %)
 - inclusion of test codes (20 %)
 - reproducibility (10 %)

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- See <https://github.com/sergulaydore/EE-551-Fall-2019> for the rest

Why Python?

- Software Quality
 - **Simple** and **readable** syntax; hence **reusable** and **maintainable**
 - Python seems to `**fit your brain**` - features of the language interact in consistent and limited ways and follow naturally from a small set of core concepts.
 - **Easier** to learn, understand and remember
 - Python adopts a somewhat **minimalist** approach. **Explicit** is better than implicit, and **simple** is better than complex.

Why Python?

- Developer Productivity
 - Python code is typically one-third to one-fifth the size of equivalent C++ or Java code.
 - **Less** to type, less to debug and less to maintain
 - Python programs **run immediately** without the lengthy compile steps.
 - Python allows programmers to get done with **less effort**.

Why Python?

- Program Portability
 - Most Python programs **run unchanged** on all major computer platforms.
 - Porting Python code between Linux and Windows, for example, is usually just a matter of copying scripts between machines.

Why Python?

- Support Libraries
 - Python comes with a large collection of prebuilt and portable functionality, known as the **standard library**.
 - In addition, **can be extended** with both homegrown libraries and a vast collection of third-party software.
 - e.g. **NumPy**: a third party extension is a free and more powerful equivalent to the Matlab numeric programming system.

Why Python?

- Component Integration
 - Python scripts can **easily communicate** with other parts of an application.
 - Python code can invoke C and C++ libraries, can be called from C and C++ programs, can integrate with Java components, etc.

Why Python?

- Enjoyment
 - Because of Python's **ease of use and built-in toolset**, it can make the act of programming more **pleasure** than chore.

Is Python a "Scripting language"?

- Python is a **general-purpose programming** language that is often applied in scripting roles.
- The term "scripting" often implies languages that **don't require an explicit compilation step**.
- Python is **often used without a compilation step** but can be compiled, too.
- So, in general, the term "scripting" is probably best used to describe the **rapid** and **flexible** mode of development that Python supports.

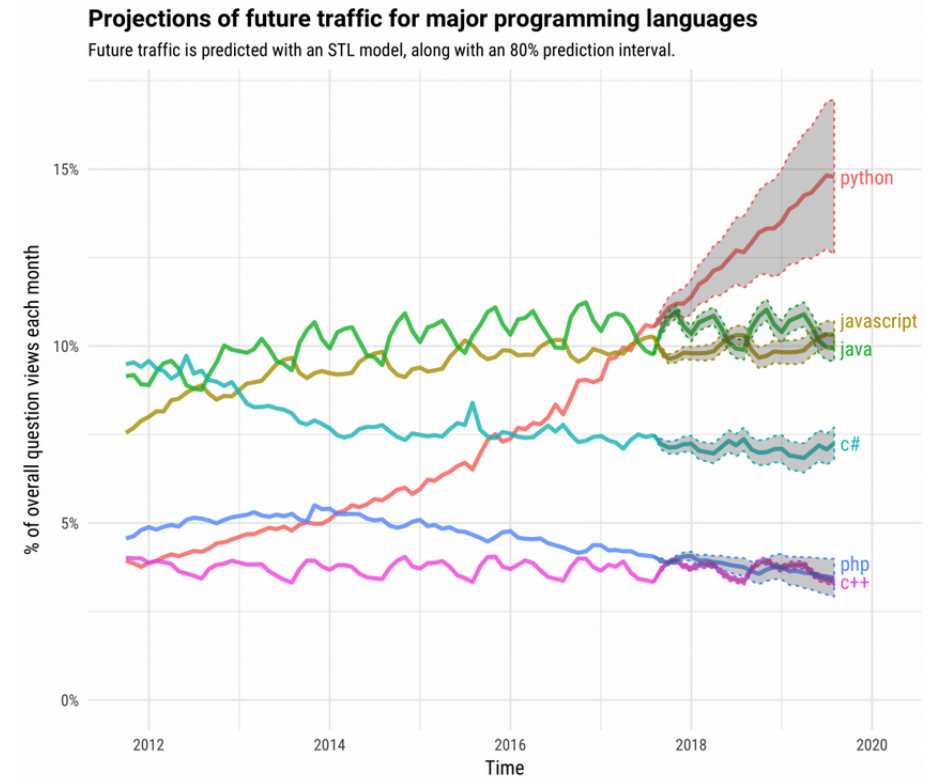
OK, but What's the Downside?

- The only significant universal downside to Python is that, as currently implemented, its execution speed **may not always be as fast** as that of fully compiled as lower-level languages such as C and C++.
- If your domain requires optimal execution speeds, you can still use Python – simply split off the parts of the application that require optimal speed into compiled extensions, and link those into your system for use in Python scripts.

Who uses Python today?

- Roughly 1 million users around the world
- Generally considered top 5 most widely used programming languages in the world.
- Companies: Google, Amazon, JP Morgan Chase, Netflix, Dropbox, NASA, Intel, Cisco, etc.

<https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/09/06/incredible-growth-python/>



What can I do with Python?

- System Programming
- GUIs
- Internet Scripting
- Component Integration
- Database Programming
- Data Mining
- Rapid Prototyping
- Numeric and Scientific Programming
- Data Science and Machine Learning
- Gaming, Robots, and more...

What are Python's Technical Strengths?

- It's Object-Oriented and Functional
- It's free
- It's portable
- It's powerful
 - Dynamic typing
 - Automatic memory management
 - Programming-in-the-large support
 - Built-in object types
 - Built-in tools
 - Library utilities
 - Third-party utilities
- It's mixable
- It's relatively easy to use
- It's relatively easy to learn

Know your Tools for Programming!

- Command Line:
 - Read this tutorial
<https://www.learnenough.com/command-line-tutorial/basics>
 - Windows users:
 - Cygwin to use linux command line
 - <https://cygwin.com>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTeH7vm8JZU>

Know your Tools for Programming!

- **Git** – version control
- **Github** - "Facebook" for coders

<https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/pull/10020>

- If you are not familiar with git and Github,
 - Watch **Git essential training course** by **Kevin Skoglund** at Lynda

classroom.github.com

https://classroom.github.com/classrooms/41169029-ee-551a-fall-2018

Search

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Assignments

New assignment

test

Individual assignment

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Individual assignment

https://classroom.github.com/a/hqi1w3kP

Copy invitation link

A private repository will be created for each student

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Repositories 4

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Settings

Search repositories...

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I can see all these!

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0 releases

1 contributor

Branch: master

New pull request

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Upload files

Find file

Clone or download

sergulyadore implemented

Latest commit efe16e8 11 days ago

src/mypkg	implemented	11 days ago
tests	mkdir mypkg	11 days ago
.travis.yml	edit yml	11 days ago
README.md	Initial commit	11 days ago
hello.py	add hello world	11 days ago
setup.py	add setup file	11 days ago

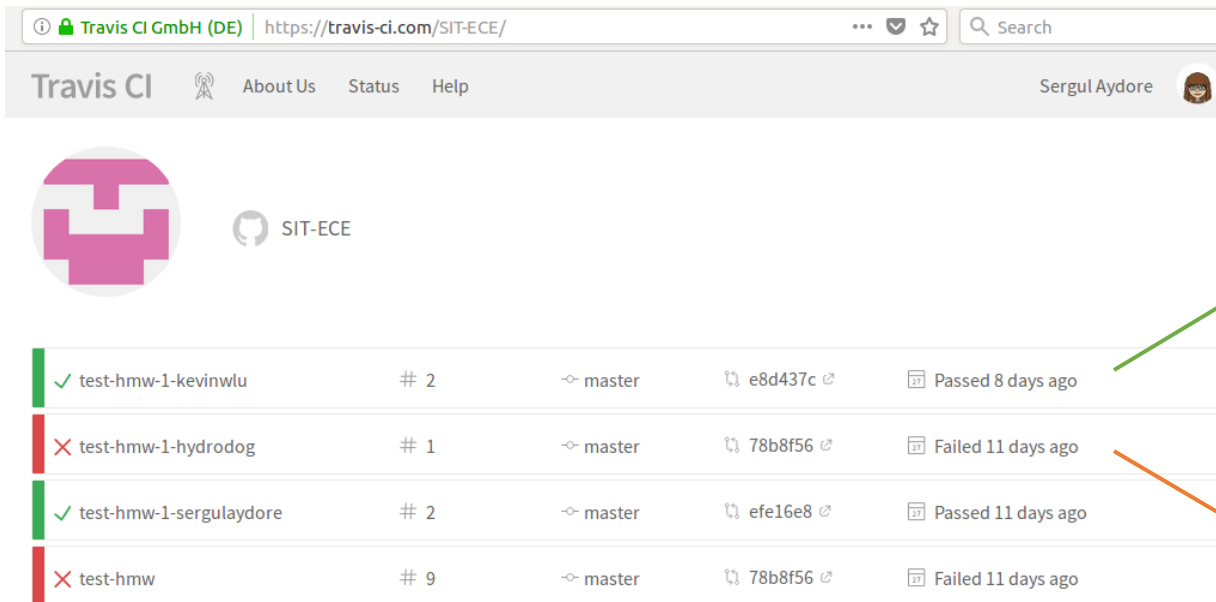
README.md

test-hmw

This is what you see (student's github id is sergulyadore).

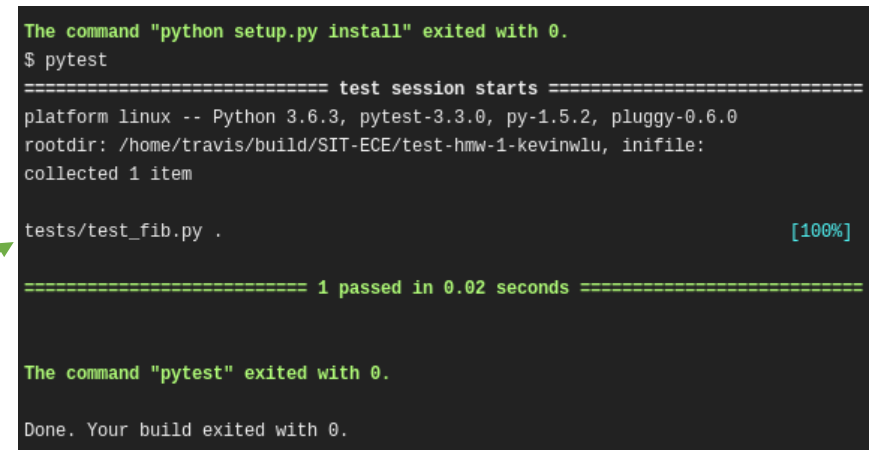
Travis CI

- Travis CI is a hosted, distributed continuous integration service used to build and test software projects hosted at GitHub. (wikipedia)



The screenshot shows the Travis CI web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Travis CI logo, links for About Us, Status, and Help, and a user profile for Sergul Aydore. Below the navigation bar, there's a section for the repository 'SIT-ECE'. A table lists recent build jobs:

Build Status	Job Name	Job Number	Branch	Commit	Result
✓	test-hmw-1-kevinwlu	# 2	master	e8d437c	Passed 8 days ago
✗	test-hmw-1-hydrodog	# 1	master	78b8f56	Failed 11 days ago
✓	test-hmw-1-sergulaydore	# 2	master	efe16e8	Passed 11 days ago
✗	test-hmw	# 9	master	78b8f56	Failed 11 days ago



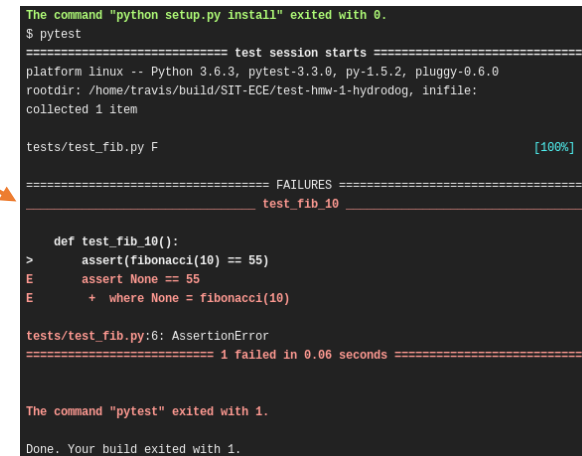
```
The command "python setup.py install" exited with 0.
$ pytest
===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.6.3, pytest-3.3.0, py-1.5.2, pluggy-0.6.0
rootdir: /home/travis/build/SIT-ECE/test-hmw-1-kevinwlu, inifile:
collected 1 item

tests/test_fib.py .                                     [100%]

===== 1 passed in 0.02 seconds =====

The command "pytest" exited with 0.

Done. Your build exited with 0.
```



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The command "python setup.py install" exited with 0.
$ pytest
===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.6.3, pytest-3.3.0, py-1.5.2, pluggy-0.6.0
rootdir: /home/travis/build/SIT-ECE/test-hmw-1-hydrodog, inifile:
collected 1 item

tests/test_fib.py F                                     [100%]

===== FAILURES =====
test_fib_10

def test_fib_10():
> assert(fibonacci(10) == 55)
E       assert None == 55
E       + where None = fibonacci(10)

tests/test_fib.py:6: AssertionError
===== 1 failed in 0.06 seconds =====

The command "pytest" exited with 1.

Done. Your build exited with 1.
```

When you "push" your code, it will automatically run the test I wrote for you. And I can see whose code passed the tests or not

Local Testing

- You can test your code locally before pushing it to github.

```
e$ pytest
===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.5.2, pytest-3.4.0, py-1.5.2, pluggy-0.6.0
rootdir: /home/sergul/Documents/courses/EE 551A Fall 2018/github/test-hmw-1-sergulaydore, inifile:
plugins: rerunfailures-4.1
collected 1 item

tests/test_fib.py . [100%]

===== 1 passed in 0.01 seconds =====
```

Introducing the Python Interpreter

- An interpreter is a kind of program that executes other programs.
- To enable that, you must install a Python interpreter to your computer.
- Make sure to have Python 3.4 or later installed in your system by typing `python3 -V` in your shell.
- If you don't have it, install the recent version from <https://www.python.org/getit/> for your platform.

Setting Up a Virtual Environment

- pip is a tool for installing Python packages. It comes with Python 3.x installation but make sure you have upgraded it <https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/installing>
- A Virtual Environment enables us to keep the dependencies required by different projects in separate places, by creating virtual Python environments.
- virtualenvwrapper is a set of extensions to virtualenv tool. The extensions include wrappers for creating and deleting virtual environments and otherwise managing our development workflow, making it easier to work on more than one project at a time without introducing conflicts in their dependencies.
- Setup an environment with virtual environment wrapper based on your system: <http://virtualenvwrapper.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Interactive Prompt

- Activate your Python environment
- Type `python` in the shell
- Type `print("Hello world!")`
- Type `print(2 ** 8)`
- Install even more sophisticated interactive shell `ipython` by running `pip install ipython`
- Type `ipython`
- Type `exit()` to exit
- Type `jupyter notebook` in the shell to start a browser based environment.

Setting up a Text Editor

- Interactive environments are useful for fast prototyping but a better text editor is required for more professional development.
- You can write your Python code in any text editor.
- There are special editors designed for Python software development: IDE (Integrated Development Environment)
- One of the most popular IDEs for Python is PyCharm
- Download PyCharm

<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm-edu/download>

Configure PyCharm

- Change the appearances in Settings to Dracula
- Change the interpreter to the location where your virtual Environment is located.

Summary

- We learned the reasons for popularity of Python
- We set up our environment for our Python software development including
 - The interpreter
 - Virtual Environment
 - PyCharm as an IDE
- We wrote our first Python program

Next

- Review git/github
- Python Object Types