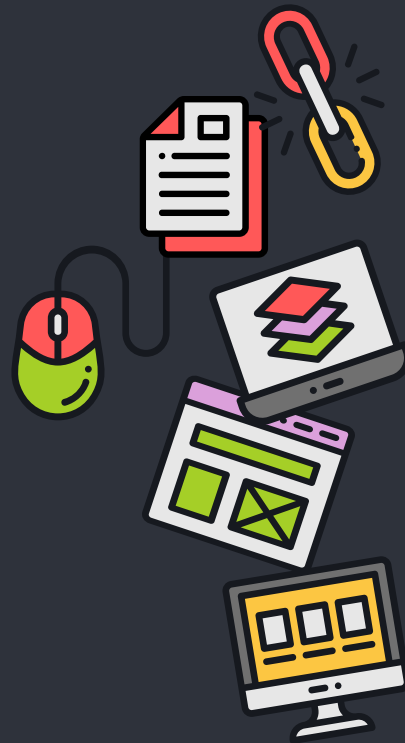


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5  import astropy  
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Contents of This Lesson:

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{  
  What is astropy  
  Subpackages  
  Units Quantities and Constants  
  Observation Planning  
  Inputs and Outputs  
  Q&A  
}
```

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6 class what_is_astropy:
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8     | def __init__(self):
9     |     | return definition
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Astropy is a Python package that offers tools and functions that are useful for various tasks in astronomy and astrophysics, including and not limited to planning an observation, reducing the data from the observation, analysing it, and other numerical and modeling tasks.

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6 class subpackages:
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8     def __init__(self):
9         | return list_of_possibilities
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```

```
1  from astropy import subpackage
2  import astropy.subpackage as s
3  from astropy.subpackage import class
4
5  """
6
7  Most of astropy's functionalities lie in
8  subpackages, that can be imported as above,
9  or using shortcuts, or a class alone can be
10 imported from a subpackage
11 """
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1 Coordinated and affiliated packages
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```
5 Packages within the Astropy Project Community.
```

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7 """
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10 Coordinated: Packages maintained by astropy
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12 Affiliated: Other packages for astronomy
```

Subpackages

units	Handles defining, converting between, and performing arithmetic with physical quantities
constants	Contains a number of physical constants useful in Astronomy
coordinates	Contains classes for celestial/spatial coordinates and their velocity components, and tools to uniformly convert between common coordinate systems.

Coordinated packages

astroquery	Tools for querying online astronomical data sources.
ccdproc	Package to do basic CCD data reduction.
photutils	Photometry and related image-processing tools.

Affiliated packages

astroML	Tools for machine learning and data mining in Astronomy.
astroplan	An open source Python package to help astronomers plan observations.
dust_extinction	Interstellar dust extinction curves

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6 class quantities:
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9         | return list_of_possibilities
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1  import astropy.units as u
2
3
4  """
5      Helpful when handling and calculating using
6      different quantities with different units
7      """
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```
1  import astropy.units as u
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3
4  q = 15.1 * u.meter / (32.0 * u.second)
5  print(q.value)
6  print(q.unit)
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0.471875
m / s
```

```
1  import astropy.units as u
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4  x = 1.0 * u.parsec
5  x.to(u.km)
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<Quantity 3.08567758e+13 km>
```



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1  import astropy.constants as c
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3
4  """
5
6  A library of the oft-used constants in
7  astronomy, to avoid having to create
8  variables
9  """
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4  print(c.G)
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Name      = Gravitational constant
Value     = 6.6743e-11
Uncertainty = 1.5e-15
Unit      = m3 / (kg s2)
Reference = CODATA 2018
```

```
1  import astropy.units as u
2  import astropy.constants as c
3
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5
6  Calculate the gravitational force between a 3
7  solar mass star and its 10 Jupiter mass planet
8  2 au away.
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codeastro.py

quantities.py

```
1 import astropy.units as u
2 import astropy.constants as c
3
4 m_star = 3 * c.M_sun
5 m_planet = 10 * c.M_jup
6 distance = 2 * u.au
7 F = c.G * m_star * m_planet / distance**2
8 print(F)
```

1.889285600523636e+48 kg m³ / (AU² s²)

```
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6 class input_out:
7
8     def __init__(self):
9         return i/o
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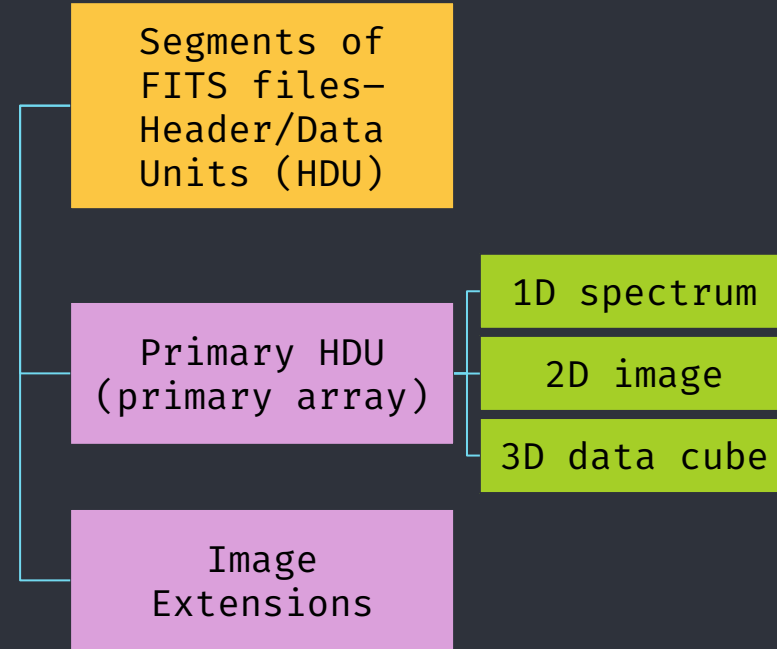
A unified interface for
reading and writing
data in different
formats

```
1  from astropy.table import Table
2
3
4  t = Table.read('photometry.dat', format='ascii.daophot')
5  filename = 'photometry_latex.tex'
6  t.write(filename, format='latex')
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1  FITS (Flexible Image Transport
2  System) is the data format most
3  widely used within astronomy for
4  transporting, analyzing, and
5  archiving scientific data files.
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7  another image format (such as JPG
8  or GIF) and is primarily designed
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Segments of
FITS files–
Header/Data
Units (HDU)

Header Unit

a sequence of
fixed-length 80-character
keyword records

Data Unit

if present, immediately
follows the last 2880-byte
block in the header unit
as is a value or comment
for the keyword

```
1  from astropy.io import fits
2  fits_img_fn =
3  fits.util.get_testdata_filepath('test0.fits')
4  # Data that came with astropy installation
5  hdul = fits.open(fits_img_fn) # header data unit (HDU)
6  list
7  hdul.info()
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Filename:

/Users/mariavincent/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/astropy/io/fits/t
ests/data/test0.fits

No.	Name	Ver	Type	Cards	Dimensions	Format
0	PRIMARY	1	PrimaryHDU	138	()	
1	SCI	1	ImageHDU	61	(40, 40)	int16
2	SCI	2	ImageHDU	61	(40, 40)	int16
3	SCI	3	ImageHDU	61	(40, 40)	int16
4	SCI	4	ImageHDU	61	(40, 40)	int16

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What do we get from generating the data in the file?

File:

Python3.11/site-packages/astropy/io/fits/t

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4	SCI	4 ImageHDU	61	(40, 40)	int16

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6 class observations:
7
8     def __init__(self):
9         return planning_observations
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5     Plan observations
6     taking into account the
7     targets, dates and
8     times, location of
9     observing, moon
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```
1 from astropy.coordinates import SkyCoord, EarthLocation,  
2 AltAz  
3 from astroplan import Observer
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4  
5 You have to plan an observation of Fomalhaut  
6 from Subaru. The first step is to generate the  
7 coordinates of the star and the observing site.  
8 The packages here are a hint  
9
```

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codeastro.py

observations.py

```

1  from astropy.coordinates import SkyCoord, EarthLocation,
2  AltAz
3  from astropplan import Observer
4  fomalhaut = SkyCoord.from_name('Fomalhaut')
5  subaru = Observer.at_site('Subaru', timezone='US/Hawaii')
6  subaru_loc = EarthLocation(lat=subaru.latitude,
7  lon=subaru.longitude)
8  print(f'Sky Coords of Fomalhaut: {fomalhaut} and Geocentric
9  Coords of Subaru: {subaru_loc}')
```

```

Sky Coords of Fomalhaut: <SkyCoord (ICRS): (ra, dec) in deg
(344.41269272, -29.62223703)> and Geocentric Coords of
Subaru: (-5460925.6854608, -2491437.49064199, 2149539.83199706)
m
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4 *Optional exercise for the
5 attendees*: There are other
6 tools you need like
7 `astropy.time` and
8 `astropy.visualization` to
9 plot and visualize the
10 night-time observability
11

12
13 *Because the presenter may have been tired...
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6 class questions:
7
8     def __init__(self):
9         return answers
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References:

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- <https://fits.gsfc.nasa.gov/fitsprimer.html>

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What I hope you learnt:

- The existence of astropy
- Some of the tools available in astropy for astronomical math, observation planning, and data analysis
- How to wield these tools