

DM561 / DM562  
Linear Algebra with Applications

## Introduction to Python - Part 1

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[Based on booklet [Python Essentials](#)]

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## Introductory Classes

Week	Date	Teacher	Topic	Suggested reading
45	05.11	Marco & Daniel	Python	App A, B and ch 1-3 of [HJ1]
	07.11	Marco & Daniel	Python	ch 4-6 of [HJ1]
46	14.11	Daniel	Graph Isomorphism and Molecules	
47	21.11	Marco	Linear Regression	
48	28.11	Daniel	From Random Polygon to Ellipse	
49	05.12	Marco	Page Rank	
50	12.12	Daniel	Eigenfaces	

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- Theoretical assignment  
(with Christian, 19/11 - 10/12)
- Weekly Python assignments  
(with us)

7 grade scale

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- Programming Assignment  
(with Luis)
- Weekly Python assignments  
(with us)

Pass/Fail

Weekly Python assignments from now on  labs

All scored from 0 to 100

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- You must achieve an average score  $> 50$  in the labs to be guaranteed to pass
- Final grade: is based on an overall impression. Indicatively, the grade of the labs can only improve by at most one grade the grade of the theoretical part.

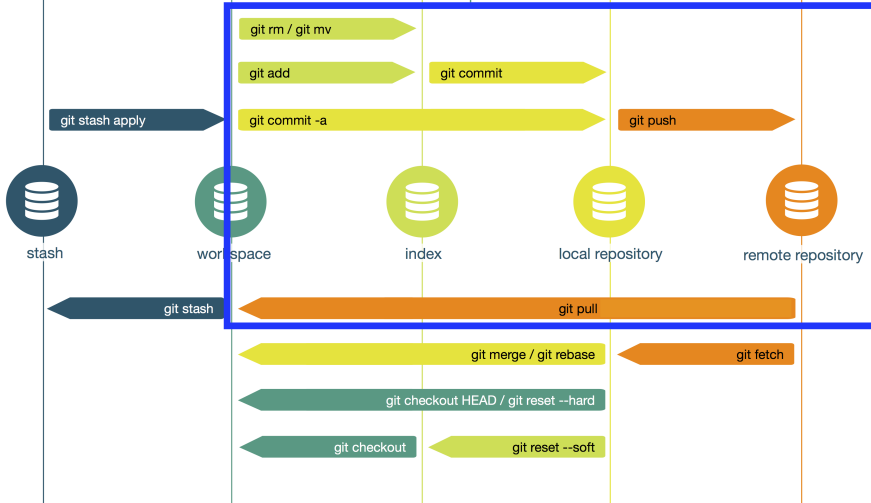
## DM562

- You must achieve an average score  $> 50$  in the labs to be guaranteed to pass
- Final decision: you must pass both the programming assignment and the labs

- Submissions via git
  - Read the Appendix A and B
  - Check that your repository exists <https://git.imada.sdu.dk>
- Specifications file with examples
- Automatic grading up to the deadline (everyday at noon)  
Only the last grading on the day of the deadline counts

# git data transport commands

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## A Python script

```
# python_intro.py
"""This is the file header.
The header contains basic information about the file.
"""

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("Hello, world!\n")    # indent with four spaces (not TAB)
```

- insert in a file with a text editor, for example, Atom, emacs, vim.
- execute from [command prompt](#) on [Terminal](#) on Linux or Mac and [Command Prompt](#) on Windows

# Running Python — Interactively

Python:

```
$ python                                # Start the Python interpreter.  
>>> print("This is plain Python.")    # Execute some code.  
This is plain Python.
```

IPython:

```
>>> exit()                             # Exit the Python interpreter.  
$ ipython                               # Start IPython.  
  
In [1]: print("This is IPython!")      # Execute some code.  
This is IPython!  
  
In [2]: %run python_intro.py           # Run a particular Python script.  
Hello, world!
```

- **Object introspection**: quickly reveals all methods and attributes associated with an object.
- `help()` provides interactive help.

```
# A list is a basic Python data structure. To see the methods associated with  
# a list, type the object name (list), followed by a period, and press tab.
```

```
In [1]: list.    # Press 'tab'.
```

```
append()  count()  insert()  remove()  
clear()   extend() mro()    reverse()  
copy()    index()  pop()    sort()
```

```
# To learn more about a specific method, use a '?' and hit 'Enter'.
```

```
In [1]: list.append?
```

```
Docstring: L.append(object) -> None -- append object to end
```

```
Type:      method_descriptor
```

```
In [2]: help()                                # Start IPython's interactive help utility.
```

```
help> list                                    # Get documentation on the list class.
```

```
Help on class list in module __builtin__:
```

```
...
```

```
<<help> quit                                # End the interactive help session.
```

- Use IPython side-by-side with a text editor to test syntax and small code snippets quickly.
- Spyder3
- Consult the internet with questions; [stackoverflow.com](http://stackoverflow.com)
- The official Python tutorial:  
<http://docs.python.org/3.6/tutorial/introduction.html>
- PEP8 - Python style guide: <http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>

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- +, -, \*, and / operators.
- \*\* exponentiation; % modular division.
- underscore character \_ is a variable with the value of the previous command's output

```
>>> 12 * 3
36
>>> _ / 4
9.0
```

- Data comparisons like < and > act as expected.
- == operator checks for numerical equality and the <= and >= operators correspond to  $\leq$  and  $\geq$
- Operators **and**, **or**, and **not** (no need for parenthesis)

```
>>> 3 > 2.99
True
>>> 1.0 <= 1 or 2 > 3
True
>>> 7 == 7 and not 4 < 4
True
```

Dynamically typed language: does not require to specify data type

```
>>> x = 12                                # Initialize x with the integer 12.
>>> y = 2 * 6                             # Initialize y with the integer 2*6 = 12.
>>> x == y                                # Compare the two variable values.
True

>>> x, y = 2, 4                           # Give both x and y new values in one line.
>>> x == y
False
```



# Functions: Syntax

```
>>> def add(x, y):  
...     return x + y           # Indent with four spaces.
```

- mixing tabs and spaces confuses the interpreter and causes problems.
- most text editors set the indentation type to spaces ([soft tabs](#))

Functions are defined with [parameters](#) and called with [arguments](#),

```
>>> def area(width, height):    # Define the function.  
...     return width * height  
...  
>>> area(2, 5)                 # Call the function.  
10
```

```
>>> def arithmetic(a, b):  
...     return a - b, a * b    # Separate return values with commas.  
...  
>>> x, y = arithmetic(5, 2)    # Unpack the returns into two variables.  
>>> print(x, y)  
3 10
```

The keyword `lambda` is a shortcut for creating one-line functions.

```
# Define the polynomials the usual way using 'def'.
>>> def g(x, y, z):
...     return x + y**2 - z**3

# Equivalently, define the polynomials quickly using 'lambda'.
>>> g = lambda x, y, z: x + y**2 - z**3
```

# Functions: Docstrings

```
>>> def add(x, y):  
...     """Return the sum of the two inputs."""  
...     return x + y  
  
>>> def area(width, height):  
...     """Return the area of the rectangle with the specified width  
...     and height.  
...     """  
...     return width * height  
...  
>>> def arithmetic(a, b):  
...     """Return the difference and the product of the two inputs."""  
...     return a - b, a * b
```

# Functions: Returned Values

```
>>> def oops(i):  
...     """Increment i (but forget to return anything)."""  
...     print(i + 1)  
...  
>>> def increment(i):  
...     """Increment i."""  
...     return i + 1  
...  
>>> x = oops(1999)           # x contains 'None' since oops()  
2000                        # doesn't have a return statement.  
>>> y = increment(1999)     # However, y contains a value.  
>>> print(x, y)  
None 2000
```

# Functions: Arguments

Arguments are passed to functions based on **position** or **name**  
Positional arguments must be defined before named arguments.

```
# Correctly define pad() with the named argument after positional arguments.
>>> def pad(a, b, c=0):
...     """Print the arguments, plus an zero if c is not specified."""
...     print(a, b, c)
# Call pad() with 3 positional arguments.
>>> pad(2, 4, 6)
2 4 6
# Call pad() with 3 named arguments. Note the change in order.
>>> pad(b=3, c=5, a=7)
7 3 5
# Call pad() with 2 named arguments, excluding c.
>>> pad(b=1, a=2)
2 1 0
# Call pad() with 1 positional argument and 2 named arguments.
>>> pad(1, c=2, b=3)
1 3 2
```

# Functions: Generalized Input

- `*args` is a list of the positional arguments
- `**kwargs` is a dictionary mapping the keywords to their argument.

```
>>> def report(*args, **kwargs):  
...     for i, arg in enumerate(args):  
...         print("Argument " + str(i) + ":", arg)  
...     for key in kwargs:  
...         print("Keyword", key, "-->", kwargs[key])  
...  
>>> report("TK", 421, exceptional=False, missing=True)  
Argument 0: TK  
Argument 1: 421  
Keyword missing --> True  
Keyword exceptional --> False
```

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# Numericla types

Python has four numerical data types: `int`, `long`, `float`, and `complex`.

```
>>> type(3)                                     # Numbers without periods are integers.
int

>>> type(3.0)                                   # Floats have periods (3. is also a float).
float
```

Division:

```
>>> 15 / 4                                       # Float division performs as expected. (but not ↩
      in Py 2.7!)
3.75

>>> 15 // 4                                     # Integer division rounds the result down.
3

>>> 15. // 4
3.0
```



Strings are created with To concatenate two or more strings, use the + operator between string variables or literals.

```
>>> str1 = "Hello" # either single or double quotes.
>>> str2 = 'world'
>>> my_string = str1 + " " + str2 + '!' # concatenation
>>> my_string
'Hello world!'
```

# Slicing

- Strings are arrays of characters. [Indexing begins at 0!](#)
- Slicing syntax is [start:stop:step]. Defaults: [0:len():1].

```
>>> my_string = "Hello world!"
>>> my_string[4]                # Indexing begins at 0.
'o'
>>> my_string[-1]               # Negative indices count backward from the end.
'!'
# Slice from the 0th to the 5th character (not including the 5th character).
>>> my_string[:5]
'Hello'
# Slice from the 6th character to the end.
>>> my_string[6:]
'world!'
# Slice from the 3rd to the 8th character (not including the 8th character).
>>> my_string[3:8]
'lo wo'
# Get every other character in the string.
>>> my_string[::2]
'Hlowrd'
```

The built-in data structures:

- tuple, list, set, dict
- `collections` module
- Various built in operations

These are always available:

- all versions of Python
- all operating systems
- all distributions of Python
- you do not need to install any package

Fast development:

- exploring ideas
- building prototypes
- solving one-off problems

If you need performance need to optimize or change language

- aka, record, structure, a row in a database: ordered collection of elements
- packing and unpacking values.

## # Basic usage

```
record = (val1, val2, val3)
a, b, c = record
val = record[n]
```

```
>>> row = ("Mike", "John", "Mads")
>>> row[1]
"John"
>>> both = arithmetic(5,2) # or get them both as a ←
    tuple.
>>> print(both)
(3, 10)
```

- Mutable sequence, array
- Enforcing order

```
# Basic usage
items = [ val1, val2, ..., ↵
          val3 ]
x = items[n]
items[n] = x
del items[n]
items.append(value)
items.sort()
items.insert(n, value)
items.remove(value)
items.pop()
```

```
>>> my_list = ["Hello", 93.8, "world", 10]
>>> my_list[0]
'Hello'
>>> my_list[-2]
'world'
>>> my_list[:2]
['Hello', 93.8]
```

```
>>> my_list = [1, 2]           # Create a simple list of two integers.
>>> my_list.append(4)          # Append the integer 4 to the end.
>>> my_list.insert(2, 3)       # Insert 3 at location 2.
>>> my_list
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> my_list.remove(3)          # Remove 3 from the list.
>>> my_list.pop()              # Remove (and return) the last entry.
4
>>> my_list
[1, 2]
```

Slicing is also very useful for replacing values in a list.

```
>>> my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
>>> my_list[0] = -1
>>> my_list[3:] = [8, 9]
>>> print(my_list)
[-1, 20, 30, 8, 9]
```

The `in` operator quickly checks if a given value is in a list (or another [iterable](#), including strings).

```
>>> my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> 2 in my_list
True
>>> 6 in my_list
False
>>> 'a' in "xylophone"           # 'in' also works on strings.
False
```

- unordered sequence
- uniqueness, membership test

## # Basic usage

```
s = {val1, val2, ..., valn}
s.add(val)
s.remove(val)
s.discard(val)
val in s
s.union({val})
s.intersection({val})
s.difference({val})
s.symmetric_difference({val} ←
    })
```

## # Initialize some sets. Repeats are not added.

```
>>> gym_members = {"John", "John", "Jane", "Bob"}
>>> print(gym_members)
{'John', 'Bob', 'Jane'}

>>> gym_members.add("Josh")
>>> gym_members.discard("John")
>>> print(gym_members)
{'Josh', 'Bob', 'Jane'}

>>> gym_members.intersection({"Josh", "Ian", "Jared" ←
    })
{'Josh'}

>>> gym_members.difference({"Bob", "Sarah"})
{'Josh', 'Jane'}
```



- mapping, associative array
- unordered
- lookup table, indices, key values need to be [immutable](#)

## # Basic usage

```
d = { key1: val1, key2: val2, ↵  
      key3: val3 }  
val = d[key]  
d[key] = val  
del d[key]  
key in d  
d.keys()  
d.values()  
d.pop(key)
```

```
>>> my_dictionary = {"business": 4121, "math": 2061, ↵  
                    "visual arts": 7321}  
>>> print(my_dictionary["math"])  
2061  
  
>>> my_dictionary["science"] = 6284  
>>> my_dictionary.pop("business")  
4121  
>>> print(my_dictionary)  
{'math': 2061, 'visual arts': 7321, 'science': 6284}  
  
>>> my_dictionary.keys()  
dict_keys(['math', 'visual arts', 'science'])  
>>> my_dictionary.values()  
dict_values([2061, 7321, 6284])
```

```
>>> from collections import namedtuple
>>> Person = namedtuple('Person', ['first', 'last', 'address'])
>>> row = Person('Marco', 'Chiarandini', 'Campusvej')
>>> row.first
'Marco'
```

```
>>> from collections import Counter # histograms
>>> c = Counter('xyzzzy')
>>> c
Counter({'z': 2, 'x': 1, 'y': 1})
```

```
>>> from collections import defaultdict # multidict, one-many relationships
>>> d = defaultdict(list)
>>> d['spam'].append(42)
>>> d['blah'].append(13)
>>> d['spam'].append(10)
>>> d
{'blah': [42], 'spam': [13, 10]}
```

```
>>> from collections import OrderedDict # remembers the order entries were added
>>> # regular unsorted dictionary
>>> d = {'banana': 3, 'apple': 4, 'pear': 1, 'orange': 2}

>>> # dictionary sorted by key
>>> OrderedDict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda t: t[0]))
OrderedDict([('apple', 4), ('banana', 3), ('orange', 2), ('pear', 1)])

>>> # dictionary sorted by value
>>> OrderedDict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda t: t[1]))
OrderedDict([('pear', 1), ('orange', 2), ('banana', 3), ('apple', 4)])

>>> # dictionary sorted by length of the key string
>>> OrderedDict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda t: len(t[0])))
OrderedDict([('pear', 1), ('apple', 4), ('orange', 2), ('banana', 3)])
```

```
# Cast numerical values as different kinds of numerical values.
```

```
>>> x = int(3.0)
```

```
>>> y = float(3)
```

```
# Cast a list as a set and vice versa.
```

```
>>> set([1, 2, 3, 4, 4])
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
>>> list({'a', 'a', 'b', 'b', 'c'})
```

```
['a', 'c', 'b']
```

```
# Cast other objects as strings.
```

```
>>> str(['a', str(1), 'b', float(2)])
```

```
"['a', '1', 'b', 2.0]"
```

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# The If Statement

```
>>> food = "bagel"
>>> if food == "apple":           # As with functions, the colon denotes
...     print("72 calories")      # the start of each code block.
... elif food == "banana" or food == "carrot":
...     print("105 calories")
... else:
...     print("calorie count unavailable")
...
calorie count unavailable
```

# The While Loop

```
>>> i = 0
>>> while True: # i < 10
...     print(i, end=' ')
...     i += 1
...     if i >= 10:
...         break # Exit the loop.
...
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

>>> i = 0
>>> while i < 10:
...     i += 1
...     if i % 3 == 0:
...         continue # Skip multiples of 3.
...     print(i, end=' ')
1 2 4 5 7 8 10
```

# The For Loop

A `for` loop iterates over the items in any `iterable`. Iterables include (but are not limited to) strings, lists, sets, and dictionaries.

```
>>> colors = ["red", "green", "blue", "yellow"]
>>> for entry in colors:
...     print(entry + "!")
...
red!
green!
blue!
yellow!
```

The `break` and `continue` statements also work in for loops, but a `continue` in a for loop will automatically increment the index or item,



1. `range(start, stop, step)`: Produces a sequence of integers, following slicing syntax.
2. `zip()`: Joins multiple sequences so they can be iterated over simultaneously.
3. `enumerate()`: Yields both a count and a value from the sequence. Typically used to get both the index of an item and the actual item simultaneously.
4. `reversed()`: Reverses the order of the iteration.
5. `sorted()`: Returns a new list of sorted items that can then be used for iteration.

```
# Iterate through the list in sorted (alphabetical) order.  
>>> for item in sorted(colors):  
...     print(item, end=' ')  
...  
blue purple red white yellow
```

They (except for `sorted()`) are `generators` and return an `iterator`.

To put the items of the sequence in a collection, use `list()`, `set()`, or `tuple()`.

# List Comprehension

```
>>> loop_output = []
>>> for i in range(5):
...     loop_output.append(i**2)
...
>>> list_output = [i**2 for i in range(5)]
```

```
[ expression for x in iterable if conditions ] # list
{ expression for x in iterable if conditions } # set
{ key: val for key, val in iterable if conditions } # dict
```

```
>>> colors = ["red", "blue", "yellow"]
>>> {"bright " + c for c in colors}
{'bright blue', 'bright red', 'bright yellow'}

>>> {c[0]:c for c in colors}
{'y': 'yellow', 'r': 'red', 'b': 'blue'}
```

```
( expression for x in iterable if condition )
```

```
>>> nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
>>> squares = (i*i for i in nums)
>>> squares
<generator object <genexpr> at 0x110468200>
>>> for n in squares:
    print(n)
1
4
9
16
25
36
```

# Decorators — Function Wrappers

```
>>> def typewriter(func):  
...     """Decorator for printing the type of output a function returns"""  
...     def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):  
...         output = func(*args, **kwargs)      # Call the decorated function.  
...         print("output type:", type(output)) # Process before finishing.  
...         return output                       # Return the function output.  
...     return wrapper
```

```
>>> @typewriter  
... def combine(a, b, c):  
...     return a*b // c
```

```
>>> combine = typewriter(combine)
```

Now calling `combine()` actually calls `wrapper()`, which then calls the original `combine()`.

```
>>> combine(3, 4, 6)  
output type: <class 'int'>  
2  
>>> combine(3.0, 4, 6)  
output type: <class 'float'>  
2.0
```

# Decorators — Function Wrappers

```
>>> def repeat(times):
...     """Decorator for calling a function several times."""
...     def decorator(func):
...         def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
...             for _ in range(times):
...                 output = func(*args, **kwargs)
...                 return output
...         return wrapper
...     return decorator
...
>>> @repeat(3)
... def hello_world():
...     print("Hello, world!")
...
>>> hello_world()
Hello, world!
Hello, world!
Hello, world!
```

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Common built-in functions for numerical calculations:

Function	Returns
<code>input</code>	Gets input from console
<code>abs()</code>	The absolute value of a real number, or the magnitude of a complex number.
<code>min()</code>	The smallest element of a single iterable, or the smallest of several arguments. Strings are compared based on lexicographical order: numerical characters first, then upper-case letters, then lower-case letters.
<code>max()</code>	The largest element of a single iterable, or the largest of several arguments.
<code>len()</code>	The number of items of a sequence or collection.
<code>round()</code>	A float rounded to a given precision in decimal digits.
<code>sum()</code>	The sum of a sequence of numbers.

See <https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html> for more detailed documentation on all of Python's built-in functions.

Function	Description
<code>all()</code>	Return <code>True</code> if <code>bool(entry)</code> evaluates to <code>True</code> for <code>every</code> entry in the input iterable.
<code>any()</code>	Return <code>True</code> if <code>bool(entry)</code> evaluates to <code>True</code> for <code>any</code> entry in the input iterable.
<code>bool()</code>	Evaluate a single input object as <code>True</code> or <code>False</code> .
<code>eval()</code>	Execute a string as Python code and return the output.
<code>map()</code>	Apply a function to every item of the input iterable and return an iterable of the results.
<code>filter()</code>	Apply a filter to the elements of the input iterable and return an set.



# Mutable vs Immutable Objects

- a mutable object can be changed after it is created, and an immutable object can't.
- Objects of built-in types like (int, float, bool, str, tuple, unicode) are **immutable**
- Objects of built-in types like (list, set, dict) are **mutable**

```
>>> x = "Holberton"
>>> y = "Holberton"
>>> id(x)
140135852055856
>>> id(y)
140135852055856
>>> print(x is y)  '''comparing the types'''
True

>>> a = 50
>>> type(a)
<class: 'int'>
>>> b = "Holberton"
>>> type(b)
<class: 'string'>
```

# Mutable vs Immutable Objects

```
>>> holy = {"moly": 1.99, "hand_grenade": 3, "grail": 1975.41}
>>> tax_prices = holy                # Try to make a copy for processing.
>>> for item, price in tax_prices.items():
...     # Add a 7 percent tax, rounded to the nearest cent.
...     tax_prices[item] = round(1.07 * price, 2)
...
# Now the base prices have been updated to the total price.
>>> print(tax_prices)
{'moly': 2.13, 'hand_grenade': 3.21, 'grail': 2113.69}

# However, dictionaries are mutable, so 'holy' and 'tax_prices' actually
# refer to the same object. The original base prices have been lost.
>>> print(holy)
{'moly': 2.13, 'hand_grenade': 3.21, 'grail': 2113.69}
```

To avoid this problem, explicitly create a copy of the object by casting it as a new structure.

```
>>> tax_prices = dict(holy)
```

- A [pointer](#) refers to a variable by storing the address in memory where the corresponding object is stored.
- Python names are essentially pointers, and traditional pointer operations and cleanup are done automatically.
- Python automatically deletes objects in memory that have no names assigned to them (no pointers referring to them). This feature is called [garbage collection](#).
- All objects that arguments of functions are [passed by reference](#)

- A **module** is a Python file containing code that is meant to be used in some other setting
- All **import** statements should occur at the top of the file, below the header but before any other code.

1. **import** <module> makes the specified module available under the alias of its own name.

```
>>> import math                # The name 'math' now gives
>>> math.sqrt(2)              # access to the math module.
1.4142135623730951
```

2. **import** <module> **as** <name> creates an alias for an imported module. The alias is added to the current namespace, but the module name itself is not.

```
>>> import numpy as np         # The name 'np' gives access to the numpy
>>> np.sqrt(2)                 # module, but the name 'numpy' does not.
1.4142135623730951
>>> numpy.sqrt(2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'numpy' is not defined
```

3. `from <module> import <object>` loads the specified object into the namespace without loading anything else in the module or the module name itself. This is used most often to access specific functions from a module. The `as` statement can also be tacked on to create an alias.

```
>>> from random import randint # The name 'randint' gives access to the
>>> r = randint(0, 10000)      # randint() function, but the rest of
>>> random.seed(r)             # the random module is unavailable.
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'random' is not defined
```

# Running and Importing

```
# example1.py

data = list(range(4))
def display():
    print("Data:", data)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    display()
    print("This file was executed from the command line or an interpreter.")
else:
    print("This file was imported.")
```

```
$ python example1.py
Data: [0, 1, 2, 3]
This file was executed from the command line or an interpreter.
```

# The Python Standard Library

Module	Description
<code>cmath</code>	Mathematical functions for complex numbers.
<code>csv</code>	Comma Separated Value (CSV) file parsing and writing.
<code>itertools</code>	Tools for iterating through sequences in useful ways.
<code>math</code>	Standard mathematical functions and constants.
<code>os</code>	Tools for interacting with the operating system.
<code>random</code>	Random variable generators.
<code>string</code>	Common string literals.
<code>sys</code>	Tools for interacting with the interpreter.
<code>time</code>	Time value generation and manipulation.
<code>timeit</code>	Measuring execution time of small code snippets.

Explore the documentation in IPython

- A package is simply a folder that contains a file called `__init__.py`.
- This file is always executed first whenever the package is used.
- A package must also have a file called `__main__.py` in order to be executable.
- Executing the package will run `__init__.py` and then `__main__.py`
- Importing the package will only run `__init__.py`
- Use `from <subpackage.module> import <object>` to load a module within a subpackage.
- Once a name has been loaded into a package's `__init__.py`, other files in the same package can load the same name with `from . import <object>`.

To execute a package, run Python from the shell with the flag `-m` (for “module-name”) and exclude the extension `.py`.

```
$ python -m package_name
```

See <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html#packages> for examples and more details.



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A `class` is a blueprint for an object that binds together specified variables and routines.

```
class Backpack:
    """A Backpack object class. Has a name and a list of contents.

    Attributes:
        name (str): the name of the backpack's owner.
        contents (list): the contents of the backpack.
    """
    def __init__(self, name):          # This function is the constructor.
        """Set the name and initialize an empty list of contents.

        Parameters:
            name (str): the name of the backpack's owner.
        """
        self.name = name               # Initialize some attributes.
        self.contents = []
```

```
# Import the Backpack class and instantiate an object called 'my_backpack'.
>>> from object_oriented import Backpack
>>> my_backpack = Backpack("Fred")
>>> type(my_backpack)
<class 'object_oriented.Backpack'>

# Access the object's attributes with a period and the attribute name.
>>> print(my_backpack.name, my_backpack.contents)
Fred []

# The object's attributes can be modified after instantiation.
>>> my_backpack.name = "George"
>>> print(my_backpack.name, my_backpack.contents)
George []
```

```
class Backpack:
    # ...
    def put(self, item):
        """Add an item to the backpack's list of contents."""
        self.contents.append(item) # Use 'self.contents', not just 'contents'.

    def take(self, item):
        """Remove an item from the backpack's list of contents."""
        self.contents.remove(item)
```

```
>>> my_backpack.put("notebook")           # my_backpack is passed implicitly to
>>> my_backpack.put("pencils")             # Backpack.put() as the first argument.
>>> my_backpack.contents
['notebook', 'pencils']

# Remove an item from the backpack.         # This is equivalent to
>>> my_backpack.take("pencils")            # Backpack.take(my_backpack, "pencils")
>>> my_backpack.contents
['notebook']
```

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