

Today

■ File I/O continued

Help on file method?

import io
help(io.TextIOBase.read)

How to get data?

```
if age < 45:
    if bmi < 22.0:
        risk = 'low'
    else:
        risk = 'medium'
else:
    if bmi < 22.0:
        risk = 'medium'
    else:
        risk = 'high'</pre>
```

```
Body Mass Index (bmi) = \frac{\text{weight (kg)}}{\left(\text{height (m)}\right)^2}
```

Name: Mike Age: 24 Height: 172 Weight: 72

> Age: 51 Height: 160 Weight: 60

Name: Jason

Mike 24 172 72; Jane 51 160 60; Jason 35 180 80;

Mike, 24, 172, 72 Jane, 51, 160, 60 Jason, 35, 180, 80

> Mike, Jane, Jason; 24, 51, 35; 172, 160, 180; 72, 60, 80;

What kind of files are there?

- Text files
- Music files
- Videos
- Word processor (docx, hwp)
- Presentation documents (ppt)
- Spread sheets (excel)
- pdf

- Text files only contain characters
- Other file formats include formatting information that is specific to that particular file format
- Ex) You cannot open a ppt file using notepad
- Ex) Check the size of an empty file of various format

Text files

- Take up little disk space
- Easy to process
- Only letters in a file

- .py file is a text file
- With a particular syntax
- Python interpreter can read Python text files and follow the instructions

- Web browsers read and process HTML files
- Spreadsheets read and process comma-separated value files
- Calendar programs read and process calendar data files
- Other programming language applications read and process files written with a particular programming language syntax

Opening a file

Python assumes that the file you want to read is in the same directory as the current program

1) Make a directory, file_examples

First line of text
Second line of text
Third line of text

- 2) Open Notepad and type the following:
- 3) Save this file in your file_examples directory as file_example.txt
- 4) In IDLE, select File-> New Window and type this program:
- 6) Run

```
file = open('file_example.txt','r')
contents = file.read()
print(contents)
file.close()
```

Opening a file

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file cursor

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Second line of text
Third line of text
```

file mode

- Built-in function open opens a file and returns an object that knows...
 - How to get information from the file
 - How much you've read
 - Which part of the file you're about to read next

A file cursor is a marker that keeps track of the current location in the file.

The file cursor is initially at the beginning of the file.

As we read or write data, it moves to the end of what we just read or wrote.

The with statement

```
file = open('file_example.txt','r')
contents = file.read()
print(contents)
file.close()
```

```
with open('file_example.txt', 'r') as file:
    contents = file.read()
print(contents)
```

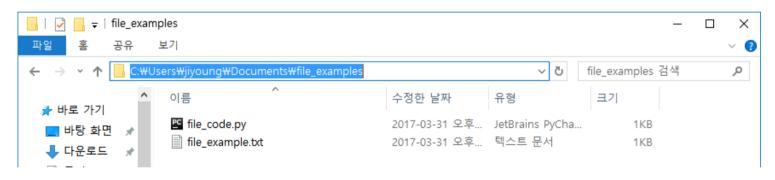
```
The general form of a with statement is as follows:

with open("filename", "mode") as "variable":
    "block"
```

- Automatically closes a file when the end of the block is reached
- Not recommended

How files are organized in your computer

- A file path specifies a location in your computer's file system.
- File path for file_example.txt:C:\Users\jiyoung\Documents\file_examples\file_example.txt



How files are organized in your computer

```
>>> path = "C:\Users\jiyoung\Documents\file examples\file example.txt"
SyntaxError: (unicode error) 'unicodeescape' codec can't decode bytes in positio
n 2-3: truncated \UXXXXXXX escape
>>> path = "C:\\Users\\jiyoung\\Documents\\file examples\\file example.txt"
>>> path
'C:\\Users\\jiyoung\\Documents\\file examples\\file example.txt'
>>> print (path)
C:\Users\jiyoung\Documents\file examples\file example.txt
>>> file = open(path,'r')
>>> c = file.read()
>>> file.close()
>>> c
'first line of text\nsecond line of text\nthird line of text'
>>> path2 = "C:/Users/jiyoung/Documents/file examples/file example.txt"
>>> file = open(path2,'r')
>>> c2 = file.read()
>>> file.close()
>>> print(c2)
first line of text
second line of text
third line of text
```

Specifying which file you want

- Current working directory
- The directory where Python looks for files
- The directory where the current program (.py file) is saved

```
>>> import os
>>> os.getcwd()
'C:\\Users\\jiyoung\\AppData\\Local\\Programs\\Python\\Python35'
```

An absolute path starts at the root directory of the file system

```
>>> import os
>>> os.chdir('F:\\course\\2017s_python\\scripts\\fileio')
>>> os.getcwd()
'F:\\course\\2017s python\\scripts\\fileio'
```

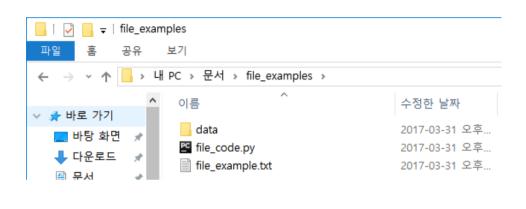
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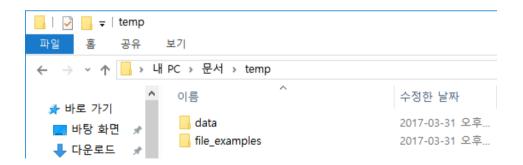
```
file = open('file_example.txt','r')
contents = file.read()
print(contents)
file.close()

file = open('data/data1.txt','r')

file = open('../data/data1.txt','r')
```

Relative path is relative to the current working directory





Techniques for reading files

read

```
file = open('file_example.txt','r')
contents = file.read()
file.close()
print(contents)

file = open('file_example.txt','r')
first_ten_characters = file.read(10)
the_rest = file.read()
file.close()
print("first:", first_ten_characters)
print("the rest:", the rest)
```

readlines

```
file = open('file_example.txt','r')
contents = file.readlines()
file.close()
print(contents)
```

readlines

```
file = open('planets.txt','r')
                                             planets.txt
planets = file.readlines()
                                             Mercury
file.close()
                                             Venus
                                             Earth
                                             Mars
==== RESTART: C:\Users\jiyoung\Documents\temp\
                                                    >>> for p in reversed(planets):
file examples\file code.py ====
                                                             print(p.strip())
>>> planets
['Mercury\n', 'Venus\n', 'Earth\n', 'Mars\n']
                                                    Mars
                                                    Earth
                                                    Venus
>>> for p in planets:
                                                    Mercury
        print(p.strip())
                                                    >>> for p in sorted(planets):
                                                            print(p.strip())
Mercury
Venus
Earth
                                                    Earth
Mars
                                                    Mars
                                                    Mercury
                                                    Venus
```

for line in file

```
file = open('planets.txt','r')
for line in file:
    print(len(line))
file.close()

file = open('planets.txt','r')
for line in file:
    print(len(line.strip()))
file.close()
```

```
planets.txt

Mercury

Venus

Earth

Mars
```

```
==== RESTART: C:\Users\jiyoung\Documents\temp\
file_examples\file_code.py ====
8
6
6
5
==== RESTART: C:\Users\jiyoung\Documents\temp\
file_examples\file_code.py ====
7
5
5
4
```

Skipping the header

Skip the first line in the file
Skip over the comment lines
For each of the remaining lines:
Process the data on that line

Skip the first line in the file

Find and process the first line of data

For each of the remaining lines:

Process the data on that line

readline

```
hopedale.txt
Coloured fox fur production, HOPEDALE, Labrador, 1834-1842
#Source: C. Elton (1942) "Voles, Mice and Lemmings", Oxford Univ. Press
#Table 17, p.265--266
22
                                          hopedale_file = open('hopedale.txt', 'r')
29
                                          hopedale_file.readline() # header
2
16
                                          data = hopedale file.readline().strip()
12
                                          while data.startswith('#'):
35
                                               data = hopedale file.readline().strip()
8
83
                                          for data in hopedale file:
166
                                               print (data)
                                          hopedale file.close()
```

readline

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35
8
                                    total pelts = int(data)
83
166
                                    for data in hopedale file:
                                        total pelts = total pelts + int(data.strip())
                                    hopedale file.close()
                                    print("Total number of pelts:", total pelts)
```

Local file

```
hopedale.txt
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                                                hopedale file = open('hopedale.txt', 'r')
16
12
                                                line = hopedale_file.readline()
                                                                                      # header
35
                                               >>> type(hopedale file)
8
                                               <class ' io.TextIOWrapper'>
83
                                               >>> type(line)
166
                                               <class 'str'>
```

Files over the internet

http://robjhyndman.com/tsdldata/ecology1/hopedale.dat

```
>>> type(webpage)
<class 'http.client.HTTPResponse'>
>>> type(line)
<class 'bytes'>
```

```
Coloured fox fur production, HOPEDALE, Labrado r,, 1834-1925
```

Writing files

```
outfile = open('topics.txt','w')
outfile.write('Computer Science')
outfile.close()

outfile = open('topics.txt','w')
word = outfile.write('Computer Science')
outfile.close()

outfile = open('topics.txt','a')
outfile.write('Software Engineering')
outfile.close()
```

Computer ScienceSoftware Engineering

Reading and writing files

total.py

```
def sum_number_pairs(input_file, output_filename):
    """(file open for reading, str) -> NoneType

    Read the data from input_file, which contains two floats
    per line separated by a space. Open file named output_file
    and, for each line in input_file, write a line to the output
    file that contains the two floats from the corresponding
    line of input_file plus a space and the sum of the two floats.
    """
    output_file = open(output_filename,'w')
    for number_pair in input_file:
        number_pair = number_pair.strip()
        operands = number_pair.split()
        total = float(operands[0]) + float(operands[1])
        new_line = '{0} {1}\n'.format(number_pair, total)
        output_file.write(new_line)
    output_file.close()
```

number_pairs.txt

```
1.3 3.4
2 4.2
-1 1
```

out.txt

```
1.3 3.4 4.7
2 4.2 6.2
-1 1 0.0
```

```
>>> import total
>>> total.sum number pairs(open('number pairs.txt','r'),'out.txt')
```

Summary

- When files are opened and read, their contents are commonly stored in lists of strings.
- Data stored in files is usually formatted in one of a small number of ways, from one value per line to multiline records with explicit end-of-record markers. Each format can be processed in a stereotypical way.
- Data processing programs should be broken into input, processing, and output stages so that each can be reused independently.
- Files can be read (content retrieved), written to (content replaced), and added to (new content appended). When a file is opened in writing mode and it doesn't exist, a new file is created.

Summary 2

- Data files come in many different formats, so custom code is often required, but we can reuse as much as possible by writing helper functions
- To make the functions usable by different types of readers, the reader (for a file or web page) is opened outside the function, passed as an argument to the function, and then closed outside the function.