

Context Managers

The with statement

- Sometimes you don't want to catch/silence exceptions, but want to be sure some cleanup is done regardless of what happens

In []:

```
def count_lines(filename):  
    """Count the number of lines in a file"""  
    file = open(filename, 'r')  
    try:  
        s = 1  
        return(len(file.readline()) + s)  
    finally:  
        print('finally')  
        file.close()
```

*# if file fails to open, exception will be thrown before try/finally block, and
anything else that can go wrong will go wrong inside the block, so the file
will be open by the time we get to the finally block...so what's the problem?*

The with statment (cont'd)

- **with** introduces a new block, like try, but with a very different purpose in mind!
 - **with** statement sets up a temporary context and reliably tears it down, under the control of a context manager object

In []:

```
with open('myfile', 'w') as file:  
    file.write('Now is the time')  
    print('inside with block, file.closed =', file.closed)  
  
print('outside with block, file.closed =', file.closed)
```

- **with** statement designed to simplify **try/finally** pattern
- prevents errors
- reduces boilerplate code

- makes APIs safer

Context Managers

- the context manager runs some code before the with clause is executed and runs some cleanup code afterwards
 - in the case of `open()`, the file is opened prior to the with block being entered, and closed at the end of the block
 - in this case, the context revolves around an open file object, which is made available to the block via the name given in the as clause
 - in other words, all operations inside the with clause are said to be executed within the context of the open file
 - in other words, there need not be such an object, and in that case, the as clause is optional
- context manager protocol consists of the `__enter__()` and `__exit__()` methods

In []:

```
# A context manager to suppress exceptions
class SuppressErrors():
    def __init__(self, *exceptions):
        """Populate list of exceptions to suppress.

        If list is empty, suppress ALL exceptions because all exceptions
        inherit from the base class Exception.
        """

        # Add some instrumentation so we can see how this works
        print('in __init__() method')
        if not exceptions:
            exceptions = (Exception,)
        self.exceptions = exceptions

    # __enter__() called just prior to execution of code inside with block
    def __enter__(self):
        """Nothing to do here. Exception handling occurs in __exit__()."""
        return 'test'

    # Takes 3 args and is called when code block finishes
    def __exit__(self, exc_class, exc_instance, tb):
        """This method "suppresses" exceptions.

        Exception suppression is performed by way of the return value.
        If it completes without a return value, the original exception
        will be re-raised. Returning True catches the exception and
        suppresses it.
        """
```

```
print("in __exit__() method")
if isinstance(exc_instance, self.exceptions):
    import traceback
    traceback.print_tb(tb)
    return True
return False
```

```
In [ ]: with SuppressErrors(DivideByZeroException) as something:
        print(f'something is "{something}"')
        3 / 0
        print('all is well')
```

A Frivolous but Fun Example from Fluent Python

```
In [ ]: class LookingGlass:
        def __enter__(self):
            import sys
            self.original_write = sys.stdout.write
            sys.stdout.write = self.reverse_write
            return 'JABBERWOCKY'

        def reverse_write(self, text):
            self.original_write(text[::-1])

        def __exit__(self, exc_type, exc_value, traceback):
            import sys
            sys.stdout.write = self.original_write
            if exc_type is ZeroDivisionError:
                print('Please DO NOT divide by zero!')
                return True

        with LookingGlass() as what:
            print('Lewis Carroll')
            print(what)
            3 / 0

        print('back to normal')
```

```
In [ ]: manager = LookingGlass()
        print(manager)
        monster = manager.__enter__()
```

```
print(monster == 'JABBERWOCKY')
print(monster)
print(manager)
manager.__exit__(None, None, None)
print(monster)
```

Context Manager Logging

```
In [ ]: import logging

class LogBlock:
    def __init__(self, logger, level=logging.INFO):
        self._logger = logger
        self._level = level

    def __enter__(self):
        self._logger.log(self._level, 'Enter')

    def __exit__(self, ex_type, ex_value, ex_tb):
        if ex_type is None:
            self._logger.log(self._level, 'Exit (no exception)')
        else:
            self._logger.log(self._level, 'Exit (with exception %s)', ex_type)
        return True

print('This is before the with statement')

with LogBlock(logging.getLogger('mylogger'), logging.ERROR):
    print('Now inside the block')
    print('still inside block')

with LogBlock(logging.getLogger('mylogger'), logging.ERROR):
    print('Now inside the 2nd block')
    print('still inside 2nd block')
    raise ValueError
```

Lab: Context Managers

- Write a context manager that prints out balanced HTML nodes. Use the test code below.

Test code:

```
with Node('html'):
    with Node('body'):
        with Node('h1'):
            print('Page Title')
```

You should see the following result:

```
<html>
<body>
<h1>
Page Title
</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

contextlib

- This module provides utilities for common tasks involving the with statement, e.g.,
 - printing to stderr
 - closing something upon completion of block

```
In [ ]: import sys

from contextlib import redirect_stdout

print("before with statement")

with redirect_stdout(sys.stderr):
    print("NOTE! the output of help goes to stderr")
    help(pow)

print("after with statement")
```

```
In [ ]: import contextlib

class Something():
    def __init__(self):
        print('initialize!')

    def close(self):
```

```
        print('closing!')  
  
with contextlib.closing(Something()) as foo:  
    print('foo is', foo)
```

In []: