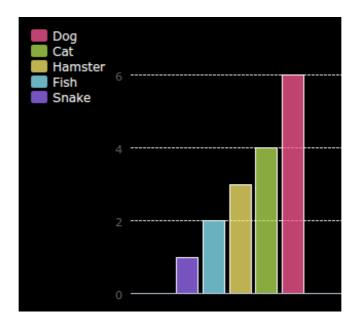
Popular Pets



Introduction

In this project you create pie charts and bar graphs from data that you collect from members of your Code Club.



Step 1: Create a Pie Chart

Pie Charts are are useful way of showing data. Let's do a survey of favourite pets in your Code Club and then present the data as a Pie Chart.

Activity Checklist

Ask your volunteer to help organise a survey. You could record the results on a computer connected to a projector or a whiteboard that everyone can see.

Write a list of pets and make sure everyone's favourite is included.

Then get everyone to vote for their favourite by putting their hand up when it gets called out. Only one vote each!

For example:

Dog 6 Cat 4 Hamster 3 Fish 2 Snake 1

- Open the blank Python template Trinket: jumpto.cc/python-new.
- Let's create a pie chart to show the results of your survey. You'll be using the PyGal library to do some of the hard work.

First import the Pygal library:

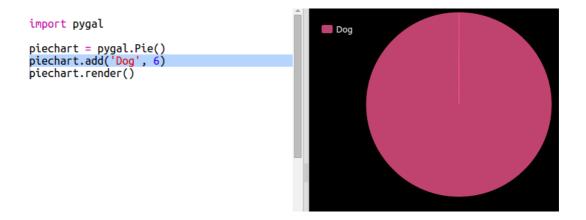
import pygal

Now let's create a Pie chart and render (display) it:

```
import pygal
piechart = pygal.Pie()
piechart.render()
```

Don't worry, it gets more interesting when you add data!

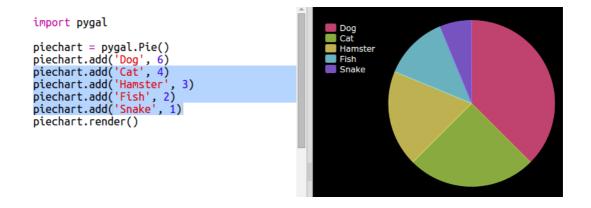
Let's add in the data for one of the pets. Use the data that you collected.



There's only one piece of data so it takes up the whole pie chart.

Now add the rest of the data in the same way.

For example:



And to finish off your chart, add a title:

```
piechart = pygal.Pie()
piechart.title = 'Favourite Pets'
piechart.add('Dog', 6)
piechart.add('Cat', 4)
piechart.add('Hamster', 3)
piechart.add('Fish', 2)
piechart.add('Snake', 1)
piechart.render()
Favourite Pets

Dog
Cat
Hamster
Fish
Snake
```

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Challenge: Create your own bar chart

You can create bar charts in a similar way. Just use barchart = pygal.Bar() to create a new barchart, and then add data and render in the same way as for a pie chart.

Collect data from your Code Club members to create your own bar graph.

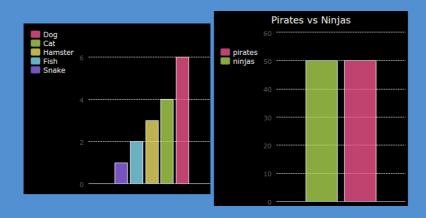
Make sure that you choose a topic that everyone will know about!

Here are some ideas:

- What is your favourite sport?
- What is your favourite ice cream flavour?
- How do you get to school?
- What month is your birthday?
- Do you play Minecraft? (yes/no)

Don't ask questions that give personal data such as where people live. Ask your club leader if you're not sure.

Examples:

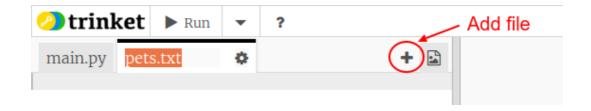


Step 2: Read data from a file

It's useful to be able to store data in a file rather than having to include it in your code.

Activity Checklist

Add a new file to your project and call it pets.txt:



Now add data to the file. You can use the favourite pets data that you collected or the example data.



Switch back to main.py and comment out the lines that render (display) charts and graphs (so that they aren't displayed):

```
piechart.add('Snake', 1)
#piechart.render()

barchart = pygal.Bar()
barchart.title = 'Favourite Pets'
barchart.add('Dog', 6)
barchart.add('Cat', 4)
barchart.add('Hamster', 3)
barchart.add('Fish', 2)
barchart.add('Snake', 5)
#barchart.render()
```

Now let's read the data from the file.

```
file = open('pets.txt', 'r')
for line in file.read().splitlines():
    print(line)

file.close()

Powered by Irinket
Dog 6
Cat 4
Hamster 3
Fish 2
Snake 1
```

The for loop will loop over the lines in the file. splitlines() removes the newline character from the end of the line as you don't want that.

Each line needs to be separated into a label and a value:

```
file = open('pets.txt', 'r')
for line in file.read().splitlines():
    label, value = line.split(' ')
    print(label, value)

file.close()
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Dog 6
Cat 4
Hamster 3
Fish 2
Snake 1
```

This will split the line at the spaces so don't include spaces in the labels. (You can add support for spaces in labels later.)

You might get an error like this:

```
file = open('pets.txt', 'r')
for line in file.read().splitlines():
    label, value = line.split(' ')
    print(label, value)

file.close()

ValueError: need more than 1 values to unpack on line 30 in main.py
```

This happens if you have an empty line at the end of your file.

You can fix the error by only getting the label and value if the line isn't empty.

To do this, indent the code inside your for loop and add the code if line: above it:

```
file = open('pets.txt', 'r')

for line in file.read().splitlines():
    if line:
        label, value = line.split(' ')
        print(label, value)

file.close()
```

- You can remove the print(label, value) line now everything is working.
- Now let's add the label and value to a new Pie Chart and render it:

```
piechart2 = pygal.Pie()

file = open('pets.txt', 'r')

for line in file.read().splitlines():
    if line:
        label, value = line.split(' ')
        piechart2.add(label, int(value))

file.close()

piechart2.render()
```

Note that add expects the value to be a number, int(value) turns the value from a string into an integer.

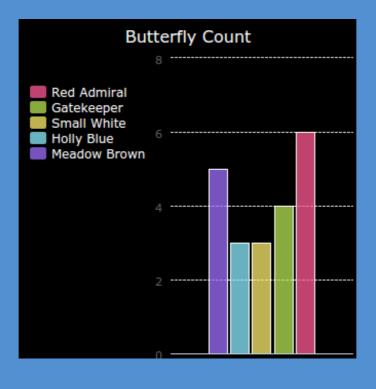
If you wanted to use decimals such as 3.5 (floating point numbers) you could use float(value) instead.

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Challenge: Create a new chart from a file

Can you create a new bar graph or pie chart from data in a file? You'll need to create a new .txt file.

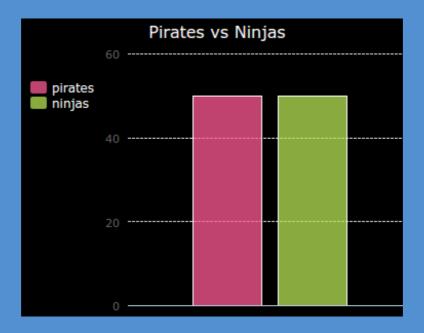
Tip: If you want to have spaces in the labels then use line.split(':') and add colons to your data file, e.g. 'Red Admiral: 6'

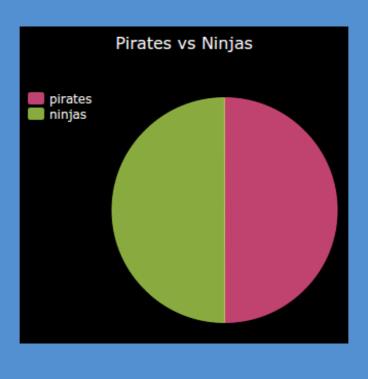


Challenge: More charts and graphs!

Can you create a pie chart and a bar chart from the same file?

You can either use the data you collected earlier or collect some new data.





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