

CS 1340 Introduction to Computing Concepts

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Agenda

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 - Lab 2
 - Review concepts about file handling
 - Exceptions
 - Object Oriented Programming

Python File Handling

- The key function for working with files is the open() function.
- The open() function takes two parameters: filename and mode
- There are four different modes for opening a file
 - "r" Read-Default value. Opens a file for reading, error if the file does not exist
 - "a" Append- Opens a file for appending, creates the file if it does not exist
 - "w"- Write- Opens a file for writing, create the file if it does not exist
 - "x" Create -Creates the specified file, returns an error if the file exists

Python File Handling

- With Statement
 - The keyword with closes the file once access to it is no longer needed
 - with syntax:

First line with less indentation is considered to be outside of the with code block

- When an error occurs, or exception as we call it,
 Python will normally stop and generate an error message
- We could handle these errors gracefully using tryexcept block
- Use try-except to prevent crash(crash is very bad and not user friendly)

An example, pay attention to the exit code

```
print(x)
print("This line will not print, because an error occurred")

exceptions ×
/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "/Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py", line 1, in <module>
print(x)
NameError: name 'x' is not defined

Process finished with exit code 1
```

```
try:
print(x)

except:
print("An exception occurred")
print("We could do something else")

print("This line will print")

exceptions ×
/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
An exception occurred
We could do something else
This line will print

Process finished with exit code 0
```

- Python has a lot of built in Errors
 - NameError
 - ZeroDivisionError
 - FileNotFoundError

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```
try:
    print(x)

except NameError:
    print("An exception occurred")
print("We could do something else")

print("This line will print")

exceptions ×
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An exception occurred
We could do something else
This line will print

Process finished with exit code 0
```

ZeroDivisionError

FileNotFoundError

```
filename = "program.txt"
 2
 3
        try:
            with open(filename) as the_file:
 4
 5
                contents = the_file.read()
 6
                print(contents)
 7
        except FileNotFoundError:
            print("File not found, please check your filename is correct")
 8
 9
        print("This line will print")
10
exceptions ×
 /Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
File not found, please check your filename is correct
 This line will print
 Process finished with exit code 0
```

- Use the wrong Error will not catch the exception (when you are not sure what error may raise, just leave it empty)
- FileNotFoundError will not catch a NameError

```
try:
    print(x)
print("An exception occurred")
print("We could do something else")

print("This line will NOT print")

exceptions ×

/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "/Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py", line 2, in <module>
    print(x)
NameError: name 'x' is not defined

Process finished with exit code 1
```

Many exceptions

```
try:
            print(x)
3
        except FileNotFoundError:
4
            print("An exception occurred")
5
6
            print("We could do something else")
        except NameError:
            print("There is a name error ")
7
8
        print("This line will print")
9
10
exceptions ×
/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
There is a name error
This line will print
Process finished with exit code 0
```

- Else
 - You can use else keyword to define a block of code to be executed if no errors were raised

```
try:
    print("Hello")

except:
    print("Something went wrong")

else:
    print("Nothing went wrong")

print("This line will print")

else

exceptions ×

/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
Hello
Nothing went wrong
This line will print

Process finished with exit code 0
```

- finally block
 - The finally block, if specified, will be executed regardless if the try block raise an error or not.

```
try:
    print(x)
    except:
    print("Something went wrong")
finally:
    print("The 'try except' is finished")

exceptions ×
/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week4/exceptions.py
Something went wrong
The 'try except' is finished
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Demo



- Object-oriented programming (OOP) is one of the most effective approaches to writing software
- In OOP, you write classes that represent real-world things and situations
- You create objects based on these classes
- When you write a class, you define the general behavior that a whole category of objects can have

- Procedural Oriented Programming
 - program is divided into small parts called functions
 - follows top down approach
 - no access specifier
- Object Oriented Programming
 - program is divided into small parts called objects
 - follows bottom up approach
 - have access specifiers like private, public, protected etc.
- Understanding object-oriented programming will help you see the world as a programmer does

- Python is an object oriented programming language
- Almost everything in Python is an object, with its properties (attributes) and methods.
 - int, string, file_object, etc
- A Class is like an object constructor, or a "blueprint" for creating objects
- Making an object from a class is called instantiation, and you work with instances of a class (one class definition, multiple instances)

Creating and Using a Class

```
class Dog():
            """ A simple attempt to model a dog"""
3
            def __init__(self, name, age):
                """Initialize name and age attributes. """
5
6
                self.name = name
7
                self.age = age
8
9
            def sit(self):
10
                """Simulating a dog sitting in response to a command"""
                print(self.name.title() + "is now sitting")
11
12
13
            def roll over(self):
                """Simulating rolling over in response to a command"""
14
                print(self.name.title() + "rolled over!")
```

- Use the keyword class to define a class
- A function that is part of a class is called method
 - Everything you learnt about function apply to method

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- ___init___ method
 - The __init__ method is a special method Python runs automatically whenever we create a new instance based on the Dog class

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class Dog():
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                print(self.name.title() + "rolled over!")
```

- The self parameter is required in the method definition, and it must come first before other parameters
- self is a reference to the instance itself.
- self is passed automatically, so we don't need to pass it
- variables prefixed with self is available to every method in the class

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```

- The Dog class has two other methods: sit() and roll_over()
 - don't need additional information like __init__()
 - only one parameter self

Creating and Using a Class

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 2
 3
            def __init__(self, name, age):
    """Initialize name and age attributes. """
 6
                 self.name = name
                 self.age = age
 8
             def sit(self):
                 """Simulating a dog sitting in response to a command"""
10
11
                 print(self.name.title() + "is now sitting")
12
13
             def roll_over(self):
14
                 """Simulating rolling over in response to a command"""
15
                 print(self.name.title() + "rolled over!")
16
17
        my_dog = Dog("shadow", 6)
        my_dog.sit()
18
19
        my_dog.roll_over()
20
21
classes ×
/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week5/classes.py
 Shadowis now sitting
Shadowrolled over!
Process finished with exit code 0
```

- Access attributes and methods
 - Use Dot notation
 - my_dog.name
 this is accessing the name
 - my_dog.age <- this is accessing the age
 - my_dog.sit()
 this is accessing the sit() method

Creating multiple instances

```
class Dog():
 2
            """ A simple attempt to model a dog"""
 3
            def __init__(self, name, age):
 4
                """Initialize name and age attributes. """
 5
 6
                self.name = name
 7
                self.age = age
 8
 9
            def sit(self):
                """Simulating a dog sitting in response to a command"""
10
                print(self.name.title() + " is now sitting")
11
12
13
            def roll_over(self):
                """Simulating rolling over in response to a command"""
14
                print(self.name.title() + " rolled over!")
15
16
        my_dog = Dog("shadow", 6)
17
18
        my_dog.sit()
        my_dog.roll_over()
19
20
21
        your_dog = Dog("lucy", 3)
22
        your dog.sit()
23
        your_dog.roll_over()
24
25
classes ×
/Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week5/classes.py
Shadow is now sitting
Shadow rolled over!
Lucy is now sitting
Lucy rolled over!
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Another example

```
class Car():
             """A simple attempt to represent a car."""
 2
 3
             def __init__(self, make, model, year):
    """Initialize attributes to describe a car."""
 6
                 self.make = make
                 self.model = model
 8
                 self.year = year
 9
10
11
             def get_descriptive_name(self):
                 """Return a neatly formatted descriptive name."""
12
                 long_name = str(self.year) + " " + self.make + " " + self.model
13
14
                 return long_name.title()
15
16
17
        my_new_car = Car("bmw", "m3", 2016)
18
        print(my_new_car.get_descriptive_name())
19
         Car > get_descriptive_name()
 /Users/xinyi/anaconda/envs/mlearn/bin/python /Users/xinyi/Courses/cs1340/week5/classes.py
 2016 Bmw M3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

- The objects we have encountered so far
 - string objects, "hello".upper()
 - list objects, [3, 4, 5,10].append(11)
 - dictionaries, a_dict = {"name": "cart", "age": 18},a dict.keys()

Demo



- Working with the classes and Instances (objects)
- Add a new attribute and method to our Car class

```
class Car():
            """A simple attempt to represent a car."""
 2
 3
            def __init__(self, make, model, year):
 5
6
                """Initialize attributes to describe a car."""
                 self.make = make
 7
8
                self.model = model
                 self.year = year
 9
10
11
            def get descriptive name(self):
12
                 """Return a neatly formatted descriptive name."""
                 long_name = str(self.year) + " " + self.make + " " + self.model
13
14
                 return long name.title()
15
16
17
        my_new_car = Car("bmw", "m3", 2016)
18
        print(my_new_car.get_descriptive_name())
19
         Car > get_descriptive_name()
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```

Setting a Default value for an attribute

```
class Car():
            """A simple attempt to represent a car."""
 2
 3
            def __init__(self, make, model, year):
 4
                """Initialize attributes to describe a car."""
 5
 6
                self.make = make
 7
                self.model = model
                self.year = year
 8
                self.odometer_reading = 0
 9
10
11
12
            def get_descriptive_name(self):
                """Return a neatly formatted descriptive name."""
13
                long_name = str(self.year) + " " + self.make + " " + self.model
14
                return long_name.title()
15
16
            def read odometer(self):
17
                """Print a statement showing the car's mileage"""
18
                print("This car has " + str(self.odometer_reading) + " miles on it.")
19
20
        my_new_car = Car("bmw", "m3", 2016)
21
        print(my_new_car.get_descriptive_name())
22
23
        my new car.read odometer()
```

- Modifying an Attribute's Value Directly
 - Use the Dot operation to access the attribute directly and then modify its value

```
my_new_car = Car("bmw", "m3", 2016)
print(my_new_car.get_descriptive_name())
my_new_car.read_odometer()

my_new_car.odometer_reading = 23
my_new_car.read_odometer()
```

- Modifying an Attribute's Value Through a Method (preferred way)
 - You can do some validations about the incoming new value.

```
def update_odometer(self, mileage):
    """
    Set the odometer reading to the given value.
    Reject the change if it attempts to roll the odometer back.
    :param mileage: <int> - the new value of mileage
    :return: None
    """
    if mileage >= self.odometer_reading:
        self.odometer_reading = mileage
    else:
        print("You can't roll back an odometer!")
```