# PV248 Python

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#### Disclaimer

- I am not a Python programmer
- please don't ask sneaky language-lawyer questions

#### Goals

- let's learn to use Python in practical situations
- have a look at existing packages and what they can do for us
- code up some cool stuff & have fun

# Organisation

- I'm in India next Monday, Mr. Kaplan will come instead
- starting 9th of Oct, we can start at 8:30 (let's have a vote)

# Stuff We Could Try

- working with text, regular expressions
- using the pdb debugger
- plotting stuff with bokeh (https://bokeh.pydata.org)
- talking to SQL databases
- talking to HTTP servers
- being an HTTP server
- implementing a JSON-based REST API
- parsing YAML and/or JSON data
- ... (suggestions welcome)

#### Some Resources

- https://docs.python.org/3/(obviously)
- https://github.com/VerosK/python-pv248
- https://msivak.fedorapeople.org/python/
- study materials in IS
- ...

# Part 1: Text & Regular Expressions

### Reading Input

- opening files: open('scorelib.txt', 'r')
- files can be iterated

```
f = open( 'scorelib.txt', 'r' )
for line in f:
    print line
```

# Regular Expressions

- compiling: r = re.compile( r"Composer: (.\*)" )
- matching: m = r.match( "Composer: Bach, J. S." )
- extracting captures: print m.group(1)
  - prints Bach, J. S.
- substitutions:  $s2 = re.sub(r"\s*$", '', s1)$ 
  - strips all trailing whitespace in s1

### Other String Operations

- better whitespace stripping: s2 = s1.strip()
- splitting: str.split(';')

#### **Dictionaries**

- associative arrays: map (e.g.) strings to numbers
- nice syntax: dict = { 'foo': 1, 'bar': 3 }
- nice & easy to work with
- can be iterated: for k, v in dict.items()

#### Counters

- from collections import Counter
- like a dictionary, but the default value is 0
- ctr = Counter()
- compare ctr['baz'] += 1 with dict

### Exercise 1: Input

- get yourself a git/mercurial/darcs repository
- grab input data (scorelib.txt) from study materials
- read and process the text file
- use regular expressions to extract data
- use dictionaries to collect stats
- beware! hand-written, somewhat irregular data

# Exercise 1: Output

- print some interesting statistics
  - how many pieces by each composer?
  - how many pieces composed in a given century?
  - how many in the key of c minor?
- bonus if you are bored: searching
  - list all pieces in a given key
  - list pieces featuring a given instrument (say, bassoon)

# Exercise 1: Example Output

- Telemann, G. P.: 68
- Bach, J. S.: 79
- Bach, J. C.: 6
- ...

#### For centuries:

- 16th century: 10
- 17th century: 33
- 18th century: 4

#### **Cheat Sheet**

```
for line in open('file', 'r')
dict = \{\}
dict[key] = value
r = re.compile(r"(.*):")
m = r.match("foo: bar")
if m is None: continue
print m.group(1)
for k, v in dict.items()
print "%d, %d" % (12, 1337)
```

read lines an empty dictionary set a value in a dictionary compile a regexp match a string match failed, loop again extract a capture iterate a dictionary print some numbers

Part 2: Databases & SQL

### **SQLite**

- lightweight in-process SQL engine
- the entire database is in a single file
- convenient python module, sqlite3
- stepping stone for a "real" database

#### Other Databases

- postgresql (psycopg2, ...)
- mysql / mariadb (mysql-python, mysql-connector, ...)
- big & expensive: Oracle (cx\_oracle), DB2 (pyDB2)

# More Resources & Stuff to Look Up

- SQL: https://www.w3schools.com/sql/
- https://docs.python.org/3/library/sqlite3.html
- Python Database API: PEP 249
- Object-Relational Mapping
- SQLAlchemy: constructing portable SQL
- SQL Injection

#### **Database Structure**

- defined in scorelib.sql (see study materials)
- import with: sqlite3 scorelib.dat < scorelib.sql</li>
- you can rm scorelib.dat any time to start over
- consult comments in scorelib.sql
- do not store duplicate rows

# Python Objects

- class Foo, with inheritance: class Bar(Foo)
- initialisation: \_\_init\_\_( self, ...)
- calling super-class methods: super().method( param )
- you can use super() to call parent's \_\_init\_\_
- object variables are created in \_\_init\_\_, not in class

# Python Objects (cont'd)

- don't forget self!
- self.variable = 3 sets the object variable
- different from variable = 3
- set up your variables in \_\_init\_\_
- methods take self as an explicit argument

#### Exercise 2

- create an empty scorelib.dat from scorelib.sql
- fetch scorelib-import.py as a starting point
- part 1: import composers & editors into the database
  - use the pre-made class Person for this
  - finish the implementation of its \_\_init\_\_\_
  - use regular expressions (cf. Exercise 1)
  - string.split() may come in handy

# Exercise 2 (cont'd)

- part 2: import scores
  - implement a Score class similar to Person
  - authors should be stored as a list of Person objects
  - also fill in the score\_author table
  - think about how would you de-duplicate score rows
- part 3: the rest of the import
  - details in scorelib.sql
  - finish at home (you might need this later)

### SQL Cheat Sheet

- INSERT INTO table (c1, c2) VALUES (v1, v2)
- SELECT (c1, c2) FROM table WHERE c1 = "foo"

### sqlite3 Cheats

- conn = sqlite3.connect( "scorelib.dat" )
- cur = conn.cursor()
- cur.execute( "... values (?, ?)", (foo, bar) )
- conn.commit() (don't forget to do this)

Part 3: SQL Redux & JSON

### JSON

- structured data format
- atoms: integers, strings, booleans
- objects (dictionaries), arrays (lists)
- widely used around the web &c.
- simple (compared to XML or YAML)

```
JSON: Example
{
    "composer": [ "Bach, Johann Sebastian" ],
    "key": "g",
    "voices": {
        "1": "oboe",
        "2": "bassoon"
    }
}
```

# JSON: Writing

- printing JSON seems straightforward enough
- but: double quotes in strings
- strings must be properly \-escaped during output
- also pesky commas
- keeping track of indentation for human readability
- better use an existing library: import json

# JSON in Python

- json.dumps = short for dump to string
- python dict/list/str/... data comes in
- a string with valid JSON comes out

#### Workflow

- just convert everything to dict's and lists
- run json.dumps or json.dump( data, file )

# Python Example

```
d = {}
d["composer"] = ["Bach, Johann Sebastian"]
d["key"] = "g"
d["voices"] = { 1: "oboe", 2: "bassoon" }
json.dump( d, sys.stdout, indent=4 )
```

Beware: keys are always strings in JSON

#### Exercise 3: Preliminaries

- pull data from scorelib.dat using SQL
- print the results as (nicely formatted) JSON
- get input from sys.argv (you need to import sys)
  - note that sys.argv[0] is the program name
- run as, for instance: python search.py Bach

#### Exercise 3: Part 1

- write a script getprint.py
- the input is a print number
- the output is a list of composers
- you will need to use SQL joins
- select ... from person join score\_authors on person.id = score\_author.composer ... where print.id = ?
- hint: the result of cursor, execute is iterable

#### Exercise 3: Part 2

- write a script search.py
- the input is a composer name (substring)
- the output is a list of all matching composers
- along with all their scores in the database
- optionally also with print numbers
- ... where person.name like "%Bach%"

Part 4: Plotting with Bokeh

# Preliminaries: Parsing JSON

- import json
- json.load is the counterpart to json.dump from last time
  - de-serialise data from an open file
  - builds lists, dictionaries, etc.
- json.loads corresponds to json.dumps

#### Bokeh

- a library for plotting data in python
- not included in the default python install
- (in shell) \$ pip3 install --user bokeh
- from bokeh.plotting import figure, show

# A Simple Bar Plot

```
from bokeh.plotting import figure, show
p = figure( x_range = (-1,10) )
p.vbar( x = [0, 1], top = [25, 50], width = 0.7 )
show( p )
```

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# A Simple Pie Chart

### **Creating Data Sources**

```
from bokeh.models import ColumnDataSource
src = ColumnDataSource( data = {
    'start': [ 1/4 * pi, 6/4 * pi ],
    'end': [ 6/4 * pi, 1/4 * pi ],
    'color': [ "purple", "darkblue" ],
    'label': [ "mlem", "purr" ] } )
```

Notice the label column – this will become the legend.

### **Using Data Sources**

#### Exercise 4

- grab election.json from study materials
- part 1: load the data and create a bar plot
  - bigger parties have a 'color' key in the JSON
  - they also have a 'short' key for the acronym
  - set up fallbacks for both (either may be missing)

# Exercise 4 (cont'd)

- part 2: summarise the below-one-percent parties
  - only create a single bar for those
  - add a legend using the short names
- part 3: make a pie chart with the results
- optional: count the share of those who abstained
  - include them as a separate slice in the pie chart