

Python's Odds and Ends (II)

Error Handling

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bacteria.py

```
class Bacterium(object):  
    ...  
    ...  
def simulate(...):  
    '''...'''  
    ...  
    ...
```

script.py

```
import bacteria  
  
population = [bacteria.Bacterium(...) ...]  
bacteria.simulate(...)
```

Namespaces

Namespaces are where names live.

Importing (II)

```
import bacteria
simulate = bacteria.simulate
Bacterium = bacteria.Bacterium
```

Importing (II)

```
import bacteria
simulate = bacteria.simulate
Bacterium = bacteria.Bacterium

from bacteria import simulate, Bacterium
```

Importing (III)

```
import bacteria
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```

Import All

```
from bacteria import *
```

Import As

```
import bacteria  
bac = bacteria
```

```
bac.simulate(...)
```

`bac` is another name for `bacteria` (modules are objects too!)

Import As

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bac = bacteria
```

```
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```
import bacteria as bac
```

Modules & Libraries

```
import math
```

```
math.exp(1)
```

Odds & Ends (II)

```
def enumerate(iterable):  
    '''...'''  
    i = 0  
    for val in iterable:  
        yield i, val  
        i += 1
```

```
buildings = ['Scaiffe', 'Wean', 'Mellon']  
for i, build in enumerate(buildings):  
    print i, build
```

Zip

```
names = ['Rita', 'Luis', 'Sabah']  
grades = ['A', 'B', 'A']  
  
for g,n in zip(names,grades):  
    print 'Student %s had grade %s' % (g,n)
```

File Reading

```
for line in file('filename.txt'):  
    print line
```

File Objects

```
input = file('myfile.data')
for line in input:
    ...

output = file('myoutput.txt', 'w')
print >>output, 'Hello World\n'
output.close()
```

File Objects

```
input = file('myfile.data','r')
for i in xrange(5):
    # First five lines are comments
    input.readline()

sixth = input.readline()
rest = input.readlines()
```


Errors

Errors happen.

Errors

- File doesn't exist.
- File is misformatted.
- Some data is not appropriate for the situation.
- You have a bug in your code.
- ...

Handling Errors

What should a function that reads a file do if the file doesn't exist?
What should the `log()` function return for negative numbers?

Exceptions

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Report errors for higher up.

Call Stack

```
def f(x):  
    return log(x)**2  
  
def g(x):  
    y = f(x)  
    return y+1  
  
def h(x):  
    return g(x+1) + g(4*x)  
  
print h(0)
```

Exceptions

```
def log(x):  
    if x <= 0.:  
        raise ValueError(  
            'log: argument must be greater than zero')  
    ...
```

Try-Except

```
try:  
    h(0)  
except:  
    print 'Ooops'
```

Try-Except

```
try:
    <line 1>
    <line 2>
    <line 3>
except:
    <line 1>
    <line 2>
```


Exceptions

Exceptions

- Exceptions are **objects**.
- Exceptions have **type** and **values**.

Exception Hierarchy

(Nothing here, folks, look at the blackboard)

Exception Handling

Exception Handling: Error Handling

```
try:
    <code 1>
    <code 2>
    <code 3>
except IOError, exc:
    print 'I/O Error', exc
except:
    print 'Unspecified error'
finally:
    <code 1>
    <code 2>
```

```

def f(x):
    if x <= 0.:
        raise ValueError(
            'f: argument must be greater than zero')
    return sqrt(x)+2

def g(x):
    y = f(x)
    print (y > 2)

try:
    g(1)
    g(-1)
except:
    print 'Exception'

```

This outputs:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
True	True	False	True
True	False	Exception	Exception