Review. Future

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Review



Course Content: Python

- Basic types: int, float, list, dict, set
- Control flow: for, while, if, elif, else...
- Defining types: class, _ _init_ _,...
- Errors (Exceptions): try, except, raise,...
- Modules & Standard Library: import

Course Content: Numeric Representations



Memory & Numeric Representations

- It's bits all the way down
- Binary representation of signed & unsigned integers
- Floating point numbers
- When handling a lot of data, think of memory usage

Course Content: Parsing files



Parsing files

- Files are just Bytes (sequence of small numbers)
- It is all in how you interpret them
- There are standard character assignments for text files
- ASCII (English only), Latin-15 (used in Portugal), UTF-8 (usable for everything).

Course Content: Open Source



Open Source

- Free as in beer, free as in speech (gratis/freedom distinction)
- Copyleft vs. liberal licenses
- It is not about price

Course Content: Testing



Testing

 \bullet Testing is good and you should do it

What Was Not in The Course



Missing

- Some more advanced programming details
- Version Control
- Unix & Shell & Interacting with Other Programmes
- More specific tools

Case Study



Next Generation Sequencing

HTSeq



- Third-party libraries are hit & miss
- HTSeq is good
- http:

//www-huber.embl.de/users/anders/HTSeq/doc/overview.html

Examples of HTSeq Usage



```
maxq = 0
for seq in HTSeq.FastqReader('hw-HeLa.fq.gz', 'solexa'):
    maxq = max(maxq, seq.qual.max())
print 'Maximum quality found was {0}.'.format(maxq)
```

Continuing...



Calling System Programmes



- Now, you want to align the sequences.
- Just use bowtie2

Calling External Programmes



More HTSeq



- Parses GFF/GTF files
- Basis of htseq-count

Links for Learning More



- How to Think Like a Computer Scientist http: //interactivepython.org/courselib/static/thinkcspy/index.html
- Stack Overflow for asking questions
- Python.org & numpy.scipy.org for documentation

Any Other Questions...



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