

# pathlib

The pathlib module, available since Python 3.4, allows you to create Path objects that can be interpreted by different operating systems and have a number of useful properties.

```
from pathlib import Path
```

```
my_dir = Path("C:/Users/Username/Desktop")
```

From simple semantics, it returns a path that the system can understand.  
For example, on Windows, it will return: C:\Users\Username\Desktop  
and on Mac: C:/Users/Username/Desktop

## Browsing

```
my_dir = Path("C:/Users/Username/Desktop") / "file.txt"
```

It is possible to concatenate Path objects and strings with the "/" delimiter to build full paths.

## Some useful methods and properties on Path objects

**read\_text()**: read the contents of the file without opening and closing it

**name**: returns the name and extension of the file

**suffix**: returns the file extension

**stem**: returns the name of the file without its extension

**exists()**: checks if the directory or file referenced by the Path object exists and returns a boolean according to the result (True/False)