Module Management

dir()	list all objects in the programs namespace
import module	import module import module into its own namespace
import module as alt	import <i>module</i> into the namespace <i>alt</i>
from module import func	import the function func from module into the programs namespace
dir(module)	list all objects in the namespace module
reload module	reload module reinitialise module

Useful Modules (General)

Useful Modules (Data Handling/Plotting/Biology)

tools for working with numerical data	scientific computing	improved data handling	extensive machine learning module	working with very large datasets	powerful plotting library	simple interactive plotting	easy plotting for statistical data	plotting similar to ggplot2 in R	Biopython (see biopython.org)
numpy to	scipy sc	pandas im	sklearn ex	blaze wc	matplotlib po	bokeh sir	seaborn ea	ggplot pk	Bio Bi

Statements - Simple

Used in debugging to check expressions	Do nothing	Delete name or value	Output to STDOUT	Used in functions to return a value	Used in generator functions	Terminate inner-most enclosing loop	Skip to next iteration of enclosing loop	Raise an exception	Mark variable as globally available	Execute code contained in a string
assert	pass	del	print	return	yield	break	ontinue	raise	global	exec

Statements - Compound

Conditional execution of code blocks	Repeat code block while expression is true	loop through entries in a sequence	exception handling of risky code	define context for a block of code	define a new function object	define a new class
f:elif:else:	while:else:	for in:else:	try…except… finally	with	def	class

Logical Tests

is equal to	is not equal to	and	or	not	greater than	greater than or equal to	less than	less than or equal to	true if the operands refer to the same object	opposite of the above	true if first operand contained within the second operand (a sequence)	opposite of the above
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Assignment Operators

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Bitwise Operators

Bitwise AND	Bitwise OR	Bitwise XOR	Bitwise NOT	Shift bits of x left by n bits	Shift bits of x rightt by n bits
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returns the length of item	returns the maximum value contained in a list or tuple	returns the minimum value contained in a list or tuple	returns true if any element is true	returns true if all elements are true
len(item)	max(item)	min(item)	any()	all()

Dictionary Methods

remove all entries in the dictionary	create a 'shallow' copy of dictionary	returns value associated with key, or default if key is not in the dictionary	returns True if key exists in dictionary	returns list of key-value pairs as tuples	returns a list of the keys in the dictionary	removes entry for <i>key</i> & returns associated value or <i>default</i> if <i>key</i> is not in dictionary	returns value associated with <i>key</i> , or creates <i>key-default</i> entry & returns <i>default</i> if <i>key</i> is not in dictionary	adds entries of dct2 into dictionary	returns all values in a list
clear()	copy()	<pre>get(key [,default])</pre>	has_key(key)	items()	keys()	<pre>pop(key [,default])</pre>	setdefault(key[,default])	update(dct2)	values()

Indices, Slices, Ranges

a[N]	returns Nth item in sequence a
a[-1]	returns the last element in a
a[-4]	returns the 4th-from-last element of a
a[N:]	returns from Nth element to the end
a[:N]	returns from first to N-1th element
a[N:M]	returns from Nth to M-1th element
range(N)	returns list of integers from 0 - N-1
range(M,N)	returns list of integers from M - N -1
range(M,N,L)	returns list of integers from $\it M$ - $\it N$ -1 in steps of size $\it L$

List Methods

adds item to the end of the list	returns count of occurrences of value in list	adds elements in /st2 to end of list	returns index of 1st occurrence of value in list	inserts <i>item</i> into list at position <i>i</i>	removes and returns ith value	removes first occurence of item	reverses the order of the list	sorts list elements by value
append(item)	count(value)	extend(lst2)	index(value)	<pre>insert(i, item)</pre>	pop(i)	remove(item)	reverse()	sort()

String Methods (Formatting)

upper() converts all letters to uppercase	<pre>capitalize() center(width[, fillchar]) lower() rstrip() strip() swapcase()</pre>	capitalise the first letter of every word center-align string in a field of width characters, filled by fillchar or spaces by default convert all letters to lowercase removes whitespace from the righthand side of the string removes whitespace from both sides of the string swaps uppercase to lower and vice versa
	upper()	converts all letters to uppercase

String Methods (Searching)

<pre>count(sub[, start[,end]])</pre>	count the number of occurrences of <i>sub</i> in string, between <i>start</i> and <i>end</i> positions
find(sub[, start[,end]])	returns position of sub between start and end, or -1 if not found
<pre>index(sub[, start[,end]])</pre>	returns position of sub between start and end, raises error if not found
replace(old, new)	replace all instances of <i>old</i> in string with new
<pre>split(sep[, maxitems])</pre>	returns list of substrings split up by sep, optionally into maxitems items
join(seq)	returns a string of all entries in seq concatenated, with string between entries

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inserts the value of the next method argument	inserts value of the Nth method argument	inserts Nth value as a decimal integer	inserts Nth value as a floating point to 4 decimal places	splits large numbers into thousands by commas	inserts value represented as a percentage, to two decimal places	inserts a string, left-aligned in a field of width 10, with any remaining space filled with 'x' characters
{}	{N}	{ N:d }	{N:.4f}	<pre>{:;}</pre>	{:.2 %}	{N:x<10s}

String Methods (Testing)

true if string starts with substring sub	true if string ends with substring sub	true if all characters are alphanumeric	true if all characters are alphabetic	true if all characters are numeric	true if all characters are lowercase	true if all characters are whitespace	true if string is titlecase (all words are capitalised)	true if all characters are uppercase
startswith(sub)	endswith(sub)	isalnum()	isalpha()	isdigit()	islower()	isspace()	istitle()	isupper()

File Methods

close connection to file	read contents one line at a time	read the next line in the file	read size bytes from the file	returns the file number from the OS	truncate(size) delete file contents after size	write string to file	write strings in list as lines to file
close()	readlines()	readline()	read(size)	fileno()	truncate(size)	write(string)	writelines(list)

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