

Programming in Python



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The function `os.system()`

- It is possible, to run shell commands and external programs within the run-time of a Python program.
- This requires the function `os.system(...)` from module `os`.
- The function will wait until the process terminates and returns its exit status (Linux).

```
[2]: import os
```

```
[3]: os.system("makeblastdb -in alle.fasta -dbtype prot")
```

```
[3]: 0
```

```
[4]: os.system("blastp -query arabidopsis.fasta -db alle.fasta -out ara.blast")
```

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```
[5]: with open("ara.blast", "r") as fin:
      for zeile in fin:
          zeile = zeile.rstrip()
          print(zeile)
```

BLASTP 2.11.0+

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BLASTP 2.11.0+

Reference: Stephen F. Altschul, Thomas L. Madden, Alejandro A. Schaffer, Jinghui Zhang, Zheng Zhang, Webb Miller, and David J. Lipman (1997), "Gapped BLAST and PSI-BLAST: a new generation of protein database search programs", Nucleic Acids Res. 25:3389-3402.

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The function `os.popen()`

- The function `os.popen(...)` can be used to create a sequence object containing all output lines returned by a started process as items.

```
[2]: import os
```

```
[3]: for zeile in os.popen("ls -l /usr/sbin |head -4"):  
      print(zeile.rstrip())
```

```
total 7212  
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root          7 Apr 16  2020 addgroup -> adduser  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root        860 Dec  7  2019 add-shell  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root    37785 Apr 16  2020 adduser
```

Example for calling an external program

- In the following example, we want to create a pairwise alignment of two sequence files.
- The external program should be `needle` from the EMBOSS-package (pairwise global alignment according to Needleman & Wunsch).
- We use command line arguments to create an output file containing the alignment.

Example for calling an external program

```
[19]: import os
```

```
[20]: seq1 = "homo.fasta"
      seq2 = "arabidopsis.fasta"
      alignment = seq1 + "_vs_" + seq2 + ".needle"
```

```
[21]: print("Wir erstellen nun ein Alignment mit", seq1, "und", seq2, "...")
      aufruf = "needle -asequence " + seq1 + " -bsequence " + seq2 + " -outfile " +
      ↪alignment + " -auto"
      print("Aufruf: " + aufruf)
      os.system(aufruf)
      print("Fertig.")
```

Wir erstellen nun ein Alignment mit homo.fasta und arabidopsis.fasta ...
Aufruf: needle -asequence homo.fasta -bsequence arabidopsis.fasta -outfile
homo.fasta_vs_arabidopsis.fasta.needle -auto
Fertig.

Example for calling an external program

```
[22]: with open(alignment, "r") as fin:
      for zeile in fin:
          zeile = zeile.rstrip()
          print(zeile)
```

```
#####
# Program: needle
# Rundate: Fri 26 Mar 2021 09:37:48
# Commandline: needle
#   -asequence homo.fasta
#   -bsequence arabidopsis.fasta
#   -outfile homo.fasta_vs_arabidopsis.fasta.needle
#   -auto
# Align_format: srspair
# Report_file: homo.fasta_vs_arabidopsis.fasta.needle
#####
```

- There are several ways to format a character string.
- One variant uses the `format(...)` method of a string object.
- Within the character string, the placeholders `{` and `}` can be included together with optional format codes. The arguments of `format()` will then be inserted into the returned character string in place of the respective placeholders.

Insertion without formatting

- In the simplest case, curly brackets are used within a character string. They will be replaced by given arguments to the `format(...)` method in the order of appearance.

```
[1]: s = "Gegeben seien die Werte {},{} und {}.".format(3,8,6)  
     print(s)
```

Gegeben seien die Werte 3,8 und 6.

Insertion by number

- If a number is given within the curly brackets, the placeholder will be replaced by the respective argument according to the number.

```
[1]: s1 = "Hallo"  
      s2 = "Welt"  
      s = "{1} {0}".format(s2,s1)  
      print(s)
```

Hallo Welt

Insertion by keyword

- In contrast to the standard enumeration of arguments, it is also possible to use keyword arguments.

```
[1]: s = "Gegeben sei die Menge {{Wert1},{Wert2},{Wert3}}".  
      ↪format(Wert1=3,Wert2=8,Wert3=6)  
      print(s)
```

Gegeben sei die Menge {3,8,6}

Curly brackets in formatted strings

- To be able to contain the literal characters { and } in a formatted string, they have to be written twice.

```
[1]: s = "Gegeben sei die Menge {{Wert1},{Wert2},{Wert3}}".  
      ↪format(Wert1=3,Wert2=8,Wert3=6)  
      print(s)
```

Gegeben sei die Menge {3,8,6}

Formatting codes

- Following the keyword or position identifiers, a formatting code can be included.
- The formatting code can also stand alone.
- Formatting codes are similar to the formatting codes of the function `printf(...)`, which is known from other higher programming languages.

```
[1]: s = "Gegeben seien die Werte {:.2f},{:07.3f}. {:9s}.".format(3.14159265,80.  
      ↪6666666,"Test")  
      print(s)
```

Gegeben seien die Werte 3.14,080.667. Test .

Combining keywords and formatting codes

- Keywords and formatting codes can also be combined.

```
[1]: n = 5  
s = "Blätter: {leaves:5d}   Aeste: {branches:5d}".  
    ↪format(leaves=n,branches=2*n-3)  
print(s)
```

```
Blätter:      5   Aeste:      7
```


Left - and right-justification

- Starting the formatting code with the characters < and > is useful to justify the inserted text accordingly.

```
[1]: s = "{s:>10s}: {leaves:>5d}".format(s="Blaetter",leaves=5)  
     print(s)
```

```
Blaetter:      5
```

```
[2]: s = "{s:<10s}: {leaves: 5d}".format(s="Blaetter",leaves=5)  
     print(s)
```

```
Blaetter  :      5
```

Formatting code: Flags

- Shape of the formatting code:
`[Flags][Width][.Precision]Type`

Flag	Meaning
#	Prefix for octal or hexadecimal numbers
0	Padding with 0
-	left-justified
	Leading space character, if numerical value is unsigned
+	Always print sign of numerical value (+ or -)

Formatting code: Width

- Shape of the formatting code:
`[Flags][Width][.Precision]Type`
- The width defines how many positions are reserved for the value.
- The value is fully inserted, if it is larger than the reserved space.
- The value is padded by space characters or 0, depending on the flags, if it is smaller than the reserved space.

Formatting code: Precision

- Shape of the formatting code:
[Flags][Width][.Precision]Type
- The precision defines the number of significant post decimal positions to be shown.
- The value will be rounded to the last significant post decimal position displayed.

```
[2]: import math  
      print("pi =",math.pi)
```

```
pi = 3.141592653589793
```

```
[3]: s = "pi = {:.3f}".format(math.pi)  
      print(s)
```

```
pi = 3.142
```

Formatting code: Type

- Shape of the formatting code:
[Flags][Width][.Precision]Type

Typ	Meaning
d	Signed integer
u	Unsigned integer (decimal)
o	Unsigned integer (octal)
x	Unsigned integer (hexadecimal)
e	Floating point number in exponential format
f	Floating point number
s	character string

Compact list definition

- List comprehensions are a compact way to define a list.
- They consist of:
 - An input sequence
 - A variable, representing the elements in the input sequence.
 - An optional dependency
 - A destination expression, which is applied to the elements in the input sequence, which fulfill the optional dependency, and transfers the results to the output list.

Compact list definition

- In most cases, we could also use the function `map(...)`.
- `[i**2 for i in range(10) if i % 2 == 0]`

Output expression

Variable

Input sequence

Optional dependency

Compact list definition

```
[ ]: import random
```

```
[1]: l = []  
     for i in range(10):  
         if i % 2 == 0:  
             l.append(i**2)  
     print(l)
```

[0, 4, 16, 36, 64]

Die Liste kann auch mit Hilfe einer List-Comprehension erzeugt werden.

```
[3]: l = [i**2 for i in range(10) if i % 2 == 0]  
     print(l)
```

[0, 4, 16, 36, 64]

Compact list definition with nested loops

- List comprehensions may contain nested loops

```
[1]: l = [i+j for i in range(2) for j in range(3)]  
      print(l)
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3]
```

Various object types in the destination expression

- The output expression may be expression, also a tuple for example, leading to a list of tuples.

```
[1]: liste = [(i,j) for i in range(6) for j in range(4) if i != j and i < j]  
      print(liste)
```

```
[(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)]
```

Using a list comprehension to create a matrix

- Nested list comprehensions are an easy way to define a matrix as a list of lists.

```
[1]: import random
```

Eine 3 x 2 Matrix mit Zufallszahlen generieren.

```
[2]: l = [[random.randrange(1,11) for spalte in range(2)] for zeile in range(3)]  
      print(l)
```

```
[[8, 1], [1, 4], [9, 10]]
```

List comprehensions

Examples

- Create a list comprehension that returns a list with 10 zeros.

Examples

- Create a list comprehension that returns a list of lists containing 10 rows and 5 columns that represents the matrix in the example:

```
[[0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]]
```

Examples

- Create a list comprehension that returns a list of lists representing the matrix in the example:

```
[[0, 1, 2, 3, 4],  
 [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]]
```

Compact set definition

- Analogous to list comprehensions, we can also define sets in a compact manner.
- In contrast to list comprehensions, every element in the output set will be unique.

```
[1]: set1 = {s**2 for s in [-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4]}  
      print(set1)
```

```
{0, 1, 4, 9, 16}
```

Examples

- Create a set comprehension that returns a set of the following tuples:
 $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

Sieve of Eratosthenes

```
[1]: import math
```

```
[2]: n = 100  
     sqrt_n = int(math.sqrt(n))  
     nonprime = set()
```

```
[3]: # Mark all multiples of a prime number as non-prime,  
     # starting with 2.  
     for i in range(2, sqrt_n + 1):  
         if i not in nonprime:  
             # Multiples of i are non-prime:  
             # We can begin with i * i, because k * i with k < i  
             # had been stroke out by multiples of k.  
             for j in range(i * i, n + 1, i):  
                 nonprime.add(j)
```

Sieve of Eratosthenes

```
[4]: # Print out prime numbers:  
prime = set(range(2, n + 1)) - nonprime  
print(prime)
```

```
{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73,  
79, 83, 89, 97}
```

Sieve of Eratosthenes using set comprehension

```
[1]: import math

[2]: n = 100
      sqrtn = int(math.sqrt(n))

[3]: # Mark all multiples of a prime number as non-prime,
      # starting with 2.
      nonprime = {j for i in range(2, sqrtn + 1) for j in range(i * i, n + 1, i)}

[4]: # Print out prime numbers:
      prime = set(range(2, n + 1)) - nonprime
      print(prime)
```

{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97}

Dictionary comprehensions

We can use the same construction for a compact dictionary definition

```
[1]: dic = {i: 0 for i in range(10)}
```

```
[2]: print(dic)
```

```
{0: 0, 1: 0, 2: 0, 3: 0, 4: 0, 5: 0, 6: 0, 7: 0, 8: 0, 9: 0}
```