Python OS Module - Colab Notebook

The os module in Python provides a way of using operating system-dependent functionality. It lets us interact with files, directories, environment variables, and processes.

Importing the Module

```
import os
```

I. Current Working Directory

- (os.getcwd()) → Returns the current working directory.
- (os.chdir(path)) → Changes the current working directory.

```
print("Current Directory:", os.getcwd())

# Change directory example (use your own path in Colab/Local)
os.chdir("/content/sample_data")
print("After Change:", os.getcwd())
```

2. Listing Files & Directories

• (os.listdir(path)) → Lists all files and directories in the given path.

```
print("Files in current directory:", os.listdir())
```

3. Creating and Removing Directories

- (os.mkdir("folder")) → Creates a single directory.
- os.makedirs("a/b/c") → Creates nested directories.
- (os.rmdir("folder") → Removes empty directory.
- os.removedirs("a/b/c") → Removes nested empty directories.

```
# Create directory
# os.mkdir("demo_folder")
# print("After mkdir:", os.listdir())

# Remove directory
os.rmdir("demo_folder")
print("After rmdir:", os.listdir())
```

4. Working with Files

- (os.remove("file.txt") → Deletes a file.
- os.rename("old", "new") → Renames file/directory.

```
# Create file
with open("sample.txt", "w") as f:
    f.write("Hello OS Module!")

print("Before rename:", os.listdir())

# Rename file
os.rename("sample.txt", "renamed.txt")
print("After rename:", os.listdir())

# Remove file
os.remove("renamed.txt")
print("After remove:", os.listdir())
```

5. Environment Variables & System Info

- (os.name) → OS type (posix) for Linux/Mac, (nt) for Windows).
- (os.environ) → Access environment variables.
- os.getlogin() → Current logged user.
- (os.getpid()) → Process ID.
- os.cpu_count() → Number of CPUs.

```
print("OS Name:", os.name)
print("PATH variable:", os.environ.get("PATH"))
print("Process ID:", os.getpid())
print("CPU Count:", os.cpu_count())
```


- os.path.join() → Joins paths safely.
- os.path.exists() → Check if path exists.
- (os.path.isfile())/(os.path.isdir()) → Check file/dir.
- (os.path.abspath()) → Get absolute path.
- (os.path.basename()) / (os.path.dirname()) → File/Directory name.

```
file_path = "demo.txt"

# Create file for testing
with open(file_path, "w") as f:
    f.write("Testing os.path")

print("Join path:", os.path.join("/content",(file_path)))
print("Exists:", os.path.exists(file_path))
print("Is File:", os.path.isitile(file_path))
print("Absolute Path:", os.path.abspath(file_path))
print("Base Name:", os.path.basename("/content/demo.txt"))
print("Dir Name:", os.path.dirname("/content/demo.txt"))

# Clean up
os.remove(file_path)
```

Python sys Module

The sys module provides access to some variables and functions that interact with the **Python interpreter**. It lets you:

- · Get system info
- Handle command-line arguments
- Manage input/output streams
- · Work with recursion limits
- · Exit programs gracefully

1. sys.version & sys.version_info

Gives the Python version and build details.

```
import sys

print("Python Version:", sys.version)
print("Python Version Info:", sys.version_info)

Python Version: 3.12.11 (main, Jun 4 2025, 08:56:18) [GCC 11.4.0]
Python Version Info: sys.version_info(major=3, minor=12, micro=11, releaselevel='final', serial=0)
```

2. sys.path

• A list of directories Python searches for modules.

• You can also add your own paths.

```
print("System Path Directories:")
for p in sys.path:
    print(p)

# Add custom path
sys.path.append("/my/custom/path")
print("Updated Last Path:", sys.path[-1])
```

🗸 🔹 3. sys.argv

- Holds command-line arguments passed to the script.
- (sys.argv[0]) = script name
- sys.argv[1:] = actual arguments

```
print("Number of arguments:", len(sys.argv))
print("Argument List:", sys.argv[0])
print("Argument List:", sys.argv[1:])
```

4. sys.exit([arg])

- · Terminates the program.
- 0 → Successful exit, Non-zero → Error.

```
print("Before exit")
# sys.exit(0)  # Uncomment this line to stop execution
print("This will not run if sys.exit() is called")
```

5. sys.stdin, sys.stdout, sys.stderr

• Standard input, output, and error streams.

```
# Writing to stdout
sys.stdout.write("This is written using sys.stdout\n")

# Reading from stdin (works in terminal, not always in Colab)
name = sys.stdin.readline()
print("Hello", name)
```

→ 6. sys.getsizeof(object)

Returns the size of an object in bytes.

```
num = 1000
print("Size of integer:", sys.getsizeof(num))

text = "Python"
print("Size of string:", sys.getsizeof(text))
```

→ 7. sys.modules

Dictionary of all loaded modules.

```
print("Total modules loaded:", (sys.modules))
print("Is 'os' module loaded?", 'os' in sys.modules)
```

🗸 🔷 8. sys.platform

Gives the platform/OS name. Useful for writing OS-specific code.

```
print("Platform:", sys.platform)
```

9. sys.maxsize

Maximum size of an integer variable.

```
print("Max size of int:", sys.maxsize)
```

- 10. sys.getrecursionlimit() & sys.setrecursionlimit(n)
 - Gets/sets the maximum recursion depth.

```
print("Current recursion limit:", sys.getrecursionlimit())
sys.setrecursionlimit(2000)
print("Updated recursion limit:", sys.getrecursionlimit())

Current recursion limit: 1000
Updated recursion limit: 2000
```