

# INSTALLING THIRD-PARTY MODULES

Beyond the standard library of modules packaged with Python, other developers have written their own modules to extend

Python's capabilities even further. The primary way to install third-party modules is to use Python's pip tool. This tool securely downloads and installs

Python modules onto your computer from <a href="https://pypi.python.org/">https://pypi.python.org/</a>, the website of the Python Software Foundation. PyPI, or the Python Package Index, is a sort of free app store for Python modules.

#### The pip Tool

The executable file for the pip tool is called *pip* on Windows and *pip3* on OS X and Linux. On Windows, you can find pip at *C:\Python34\Scripts\pip.exe*. On OS X, it is in */Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.4/bin/pip3*. On Linux, it is in */usr/bin/pip3*.

While pip comes automatically installed with Python 3.4 on Windows and OS X, you must install it separately on Linux. To install pip3 on Ubuntu or Debian Linux, open a new Terminal window and enter sudo apt-get install python3-pip. To install pip3 on Fedora Linux, enter sudo yum install python3 -pip into a Terminal window. You will need to enter the administrator password for your computer in order to install this software.

#### **Installing Third-Party Modules**

The pip tool is meant to be run from the command line: You pass it the command install followed by the name of the module you want to install. For example, on Windows you would enter pip install ModuleName, where ModuleName is the name of the module. On OS X and Linux, you'll have to run pip3 with the sudo prefix to grant administrative privileges to install the module. You would need to type sudo pip3 install ModuleName.

If you already have the module installed but would like to upgrade it to the latest version available on PyPI, run pip install -U ModuleName (or pip3 install -U ModuleName on OS X and Linux).

After installing the module, you can test that it installed successfully by running import ModuleName in the interactive shell. If no error messages are displayed, you can assume the module was installed successfully.

You can install all of the modules covered in this book by running the commands listed next. (Remember to replace pip with pip3 if you're on OS X or Linux.)

- pip install send2trash
- pip install requests
- pip install beautifulsoup4
- pip install selenium
- pip install openpyxl
- pip install PyPDF2
- pip install python-docx (install python-docx, not docx)
- pip install imapclient
- pip install pyzmail
- pip install twilio
- pip install pillow
- pip install pyobjc-core (on OS X only)
- pip install pyobjc (on OS X only)
- pip install python3-xlib (on Linux only)
- pip install pyautogui

NOTE

For OS X users: The pyobjc module can take 20 minutes or longer to install, so don't be alarmed if it takes a while. You should also install the pyobjc-core module first, which will reduce the overall installation time.

# B

#### **RUNNING PROGRAMS**

If you have a program open in IDLE's file editor, running it is a simple matter of pressing F5 or selecting the Run ▶Run

Module menu item. This is an easy way to run programs while writing them, but opening IDLE to run your finished programs can be a burden. There are more convenient ways to execute Python scripts.

#### **Shebang Line**

The first line of all your Python programs should be a *shebang* line, which tells your computer that you want Python to execute this program. The shebang line begins with #!, but the rest depends on your operating system.

- On Windows, the shebang line is #! python3.
- On OS X, the shebang line is #! /usr/bin/env python3.
- On Linux, the shebang line is #! /usr/bin/python3.

You will be able to run Python scripts from IDLE without the shebang line, but the line is needed to run them from the command line.

#### **Running Python Programs on Windows**

On Windows, the Python 3.4 interpreter is located at *C:\Python34\python.exe*. Alternatively, the convenient *py.exe* program will read the shebang line at the top of the *.py* file's source code and run the appropriate version of Python for that script. The *py.exe* program will make sure to run the Python program with the correct version of Python if multiple versions are installed on your computer.

To make it convenient to run your Python program, create a .bat batch file for running the Python program with py.exe. To make a batch file, make a new text file containing a single line like the following:

@py.exe C:\path\to\your\pythonScript.py %\*

Replace this path with the absolute path to your own program, and save this file with a .bat file extension (for example, pythonScript.bat). This batch file will keep you from having to type the full absolute path for the Python program every time you want to run it. I recommend you place all your batch and .py files in a single folder, such as C:\MyPythonScripts or C:\Users\YourName\PythonScripts.

The *C:\MyPythonScripts* folder should be added to the system path on Windows so that you can run the batch files in it from the Run dialog. To do this, modify the PATH environment variable. Click the **Start** button and type **Edit environment variables for your account**. This option should auto-

complete after you've begun to type it. The Environment Variables window that appears will look like Figure B-1.

From System variables, select the Path variable and click Edit. In the Value text field, append a semicolon, type C:\MyPythonScripts, and then click **OK**. Now you can run any Python script in the *C:\MyPythonScripts* folder by simply pressing WIN-R and entering the script's name. Running pythonScript, for instance, will run pythonScript .bat, which in turn will save you from having to run the whole command py.exe C:\ MyPythonScripts\pythonScript.py from the Run dialog.

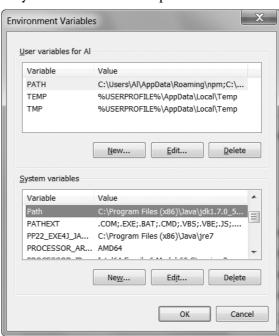


Figure B-1: The Environment Variables window on Windows

#### Running Python Programs on OS X and Linux

On OS X, selecting Applications > Utilities > Terminal will bring up a *Terminal* window. A Terminal window is a way to enter commands on your computer using only text, rather than clicking through a graphic interface. To bring up the Terminal window on Ubuntu Linux, press the WIN (or SUPER) key to bring up Dash and type in **Terminal**.

The Terminal window will begin in the home folder of your user account. If my username is *asweigart*, the home folder will be */Users/asweigart* on OS X and */home/asweigart* on Linux. The tilde (~) character is a shortcut for your home folder, so you can enter cd ~ to change to your home folder. You can also use the cd command to change the current working directory to any other directory. On both OS X and Linux, the pwd command will print the current working directory.

To run your Python programs, save your .py file to your home folder. Then, change the .py file's permissions to make it executable by running chmod +x pythonScript.py. File permissions are beyond the scope of this book, but you will need to run this command on your Python file if you want to run the program from the Terminal window. Once you do so, you will be able to run your script whenever you want by opening a Terminal window and entering ./pythonScript.py. The shebang line at the top of the script will tell the operating system where to locate the Python interpreter.

#### **Running Python Programs with Assertions Disabled**

You can disable the assert statements in your Python programs for a slight performance improvement. When running Python from the terminal, include the -0 switch after python or python3 and before the name of the .py file. This will run an optimized version of your program that skips the assertion checks.

# ANSWERS TO THE PRACTICE QUESTIONS

This appendix contains the answers to the practice problems at the end of each chapter. I highly recommend that you take the time to work through these problems. Programming is more than memorizing syntax and a list of function names. As when learning a foreign language, the more practice you put into it, the more you will get out of it. There are many websites with practice programming problems as well. You can find a list of these at <a href="http://nostarch.com/automatestuff/">http://nostarch.com/automatestuff/</a>.

- 1. The operators are +, -, \*, and /. The values are 'hello', -88.8, and 5.
- The string is 'spam'; the variable is spam. Strings always start and end with quotes.
- 3. The three data types introduced in this chapter are integers, floatingpoint numbers, and strings.
- An expression is a combination of values and operators. All expressions evaluate (that is, reduce) to a single value.
- 5. An expression evaluates to a single value. A statement does not.
- The bacon variable is set to 20. The bacon + 1 expression does not reassign the value in bacon (that would need an assignment statement: bacon = bacon + 1).
- 7. Both expressions evaluate to the string 'spamspamspam'.
- 8. Variable names cannot begin with a number.
- 9. The int(), float(), and str() functions will evaluate to the integer, floating-point number, and string versions of the value passed to them.
- 10. The expression causes an error because 99 is an integer, and only strings can be concatenated to other strings with the + operator. The correct way is I have eaten ' + str(99) + ' burritos.'.

#### **Chapter 2**

- True and False, using capital T and F, with the rest of the word in lowercase
- 2. and, or, and not
- 3. True and True is True.

True and False is False.

False and True is False.

False and False is False.

True or True is True.

True or False is True.

False or True is True.

False or False is False.

not True is False.

not False is True.

4. False

False

True

False

False

True

- 5. ==, !=, <, >, <=, and >=.
- 6. == is the equal to operator that compares two values and evaluates to a Boolean, while = is the assignment operator that stores a value in a variable.
- 7. A condition is an expression used in a flow control statement that evaluates to a Boolean value.
- 8. The three blocks are everything inside the if statement and the lines print('bacon') and print('ham').

```
print('eggs')
if spam > 5:
    print('bacon')
else:
    print('ham')
print('spam')
```

9. The code:

```
if spam == 1:
    print('Hello')
elif spam == 2:
    print('Howdy')
else:
    print('Greetings!')
```

- 10. Press CTRL-C to stop a program stuck in an infinite loop.
- 11. The break statement will move the execution outside and just after a loop. The continue statement will move the execution to the start of the loop.
- 12. They all do the same thing. The range(10) call ranges from 0 up to (but not including) 10, range(0, 10) explicitly tells the loop to start at 0, and range(0, 10, 1) explicitly tells the loop to increase the variable by 1 on each iteration.
- 13. The code:

14. This function can be called with spam.bacon().

- 1. Functions reduce the need for duplicate code. This makes programs shorter, easier to read, and easier to update.
- 2. The code in a function executes when the function is called, not when the function is defined.
- 3. The def statement defines (that is, creates) a function.
- 4. A function consists of the def statement and the code in its def clause. A function call is what moves the program execution into the function, and the function call evaluates to the function's return value.
- 5. There is one global scope, and a local scope is created whenever a function is called.
- 6. When a function returns, the local scope is destroyed, and all the variables in it are forgotten.
- 7. A return value is the value that a function call evaluates to. Like any value, a return value can be used as part of an expression.
- 8. If there is no return statement for a function, its return value is None.
- 9. A global statement will force a variable in a function to refer to the global variable.
- 10. The data type of None is NoneType.
- 11. That import statement imports a module named areallyourpetsnamederic. (This isn't a real Python module, by the way.)
- 12. This function can be called with spam.bacon().
- 13. Place the line of code that might cause an error in a try clause.
- 14. The code that could potentially cause an error goes in the try clause. The code that executes if an error happens goes in the except clause.

- 1. The empty list value, which is a list value that contains no items. This is similar to how '' is the empty string value.
- 2. spam[2] = 'hello' (Notice that the third value in a list is at index 2 because the first index is 0.)
- 3. 'd' (Note that '3' \* 2 is the string '33', which is passed to int() before being divided by 11. This eventually evaluates to 3. Expressions can be used wherever values are used.)
- 4. 'd' (Negative indexes count from the end.)
- 5. ['a', 'b']
- 6. 1
- 7. [3.14, 'cat', 11, 'cat', True, 99]
- 8. [3.14, 11, 'cat', True]

- 9. The operator for list concatenation is +, while the operator for replication is \*. (This is the same as for strings.)
- 10. While append() will add values only to the end of a list, insert() can add them anywhere in the list.
- 11. The del statement and the remove() list method are two ways to remove values from a list.
- 12. Both lists and strings can be passed to len(), have indexes and slices, be used in for loops, be concatenated or replicated, and be used with the in and not in operators.
- 13. Lists are mutable; they can have values added, removed, or changed. Tuples are immutable; they cannot be changed at all. Also, tuples are written using parentheses, ( and ), while lists use the square brackets, [ and ].
- 14. (42,) (The trailing comma is mandatory.)
- 15. The tuple() and list() functions, respectively
- 16. They contain references to list values.
- 17. The copy.copy() function will do a shallow copy of a list, while the copy.deepcopy() function will do a deep copy of a list. That is, only copy .deepcopy() will duplicate any lists inside the list.

- 1. Two curly brackets: {}
- 2. {'foo': 42}
- 3. The items stored in a dictionary are unordered, while the items in a list are ordered.
- 4. You get a KeyError error.
- 5. There is no difference. The in operator checks whether a value exists as a key in the dictionary.
- 6. 'cat' in spam checks whether there is a 'cat' key in the dictionary, while 'cat' in spam.values() checks whether there is a value 'cat' for one of the keys in spam.
- 7. spam.setdefault('color', 'black')
- 8. pprint.pprint()

- 1. Escape characters represent characters in string values that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to type into code.
- 2. \n is a newline; \t is a tab.
- 3. The \\ escape character will represent a backslash character.

- The single quote in Howl's is fine because you've used double quotes to mark the beginning and end of the string.
- Multiline strings allow you to use newlines in strings without the \n escape character.
- The expressions evaluate to the following:
  - 'e'
  - 'Hello'
  - 'Hello'
  - 'lo world!
- The expressions evaluate to the following:
  - 'HELLO'
  - True
  - 'hello'
- The expressions evaluate to the following:
  - ['Remember,', 'remember,', 'the', 'fifth', 'of', 'November.']
  - 'There-can-be-only-one.'
- The rjust(), ljust(), and center() string methods, respectively
- 10. The lstrip() and rstrip() methods remove whitespace from the left and right ends of a string, respectively.

- 1. The re.compile() function returns Regex objects.
- 2. Raw strings are used so that backslashes do not have to be escaped.
- 3. The search() method returns Match objects.
- The group() method returns strings of the matched text.
- Group 0 is the entire match, group 1 covers the first set of parentheses, and group 2 covers the second set of parentheses.
- Periods and parentheses can be escaped with a backslash: \., \(, and \).
- If the regex has no groups, a list of strings is returned. If the regex has groups, a list of tuples of strings is returned.
- The | character signifies matching "either, or" between two groups.
- The? character can either mean "match zero or one of the preceding group" or be used to signify nongreedy matching.
- 10. The + matches one or more. The \* matches zero or more.
- 11. The {3} matches exactly three instances of the preceding group. The {3,5} matches between three and five instances.
- 12. The \d, \w, and \s shorthand character classes match a single digit, word, or space character, respectively.
- 13. The \D, \W, and \S shorthand character classes match a single character that is not a digit, word, or space character, respectively.

- 14. Passing re.I or re.IGNORECASE as the second argument to re.compile() will make the matching case insensitive.
- 15. The . character normally matches any character except the newline character. If re.DOTALL is passed as the second argument to re.compile(), then the dot will also match newline characters.
- 16. The .\* performs a greedy match, and the .\*? performs a nongreedy match.
- 17. Either [0-9a-z] or [a-z0-9]
- 18. 'X drummers, X pipers, five rings, X hens'
- 19. The re.VERBOSE argument allows you to add whitespace and comments to the string passed to re.compile().
- 20. re.compile(r'^\d{1,3}(,\d{3})\*\$') will create this regex, but other regex strings can produce a similar regular expression.
- 21. re.compile(r'[A-Z][a-z]\*\sNakamoto')
- 22. re.compile(r'(Alice|Bob|Carol)\s(eats|pets|throws)\s(apples|cats|baseballs)\.', re.IGNORECASE)

- 1. Relative paths are relative to the current working directory.
- 2. Absolute paths start with the root folder, such as / or C:\.
- 3. The os.getcwd() function returns the current working directory. The os.chdir() function *changes* the current working directory.
- 4. The . folder is the current folder, and .. is the parent folder.
- 5. *C:\bacon\eggs* is the dir name, while *spam.txt* is the base name.
- 6. The string 'r' for read mode, 'w' for write mode, and 'a' for append mode
- 7. An existing file opened in write mode is erased and completely overwritten.
- 8. The read() method returns the file's entire contents as a single string value. The readlines() method returns a list of strings, where each string is a line from the file's contents.
- 9. A shelf value resembles a dictionary value; it has keys and values, along with keys() and values() methods that work similarly to the dictionary methods of the same names.

- 1. The shutil.copy() function will copy a single file, while shutil.copytree() will copy an entire folder, along with all its contents.
- 2. The shutil.move() function is used for renaming files, as well as moving them.

- The send2trash functions will move a file or folder to the recycle bin, while shutil functions will permanently delete files and folders.
- 4. The zipfile.ZipFile() function is equivalent to the open() function; the first argument is the filename, and the second argument is the mode to open the ZIP file in (read, write, or append).

- assert(spam >= 10, 'The spam variable is less than 10.')
- 2. assert(eggs.lower() != bacon.lower(), 'The eggs and bacon variables are the same!') or assert(eggs.upper() != bacon.upper(), 'The eggs and bacon variables are the same!')
- 3. assert(False, 'This assertion always triggers.')
- 4. To be able to call logging.debug(), you must have these two lines at the start of your program:

```
import logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.DEBUG, format=' %(asctime)s -
%(levelname)s - %(message)s')
```

5. To be able to send logging messages to a file named programLog.txt with logging.debug(), you must have these two lines at the start of your program:

```
import logging
>>> logging.basicConfig(filename='programLog.txt', level=logging.DEBUG,
format=' %(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s')
```

- 6. DEBUG, INFO, WARNING, ERROR, and CRITICAL
- 7. logging.disable(logging.CRITICAL)
- 8. You can disable logging messages without removing the logging function calls. You can selectively disable lower-level logging messages. You can create logging messages. Logging messages provides a timestamp.
- The Step button will move the debugger into a function call. The Over button will quickly execute the function call without stepping into it. The Out button will quickly execute the rest of the code until it steps out of the function it currently is in.
- 10. After you click Go, the debugger will stop when it has reached the end of the program or a line with a breakpoint.
- 11. A breakpoint is a setting on a line of code that causes the debugger to pause when the program execution reaches the line.
- 12. To set a breakpoint in IDLE, right-click the line and select **Set Breakpoint** from the context menu.

- 1. The webbrowser module has an open() method that will launch a web browser to a specific URL, and that's it. The requests module can download files and pages from the Web. The BeautifulSoup module parses HTML. Finally, the selenium module can launch and control a browser.
- 2. The requests.get() function returns a Response object, which has a text attribute that contains the downloaded content as a string.
- 3. The raise\_for\_status() method raises an exception if the download had problems and does nothing if the download succeeded.
- 4. The status\_code attribute of the Response object contains the HTTP status code.
- 5. After opening the new file on your computer in 'wb' "write binary" mode, use a for loop that iterates over the Response object's iter\_content() method to write out chunks to the file. Here's an example:

```
saveFile = open('filename.html', 'wb')
for chunk in res.iter_content(100000):
    saveFile.write(chunk)
```

- 6. F12 brings up the developer tools in Chrome. Pressing CTRL-SHIFT-C (on Windows and Linux) or \( \mathbb{H}\--OPTION\-C (on OS X) \) brings up the developer tools in Firefox.
- 7. Right-click the element in the page, and select **Inspect Element** from the menu.
- 8. '#main'
- 9. '.highlight'
- 10. 'div div'
- 11. 'button[value="favorite"]'
- 12. spam.getText()
- 13. linkElem.attrs
- 14. The selenium module is imported with from selenium import webdriver.
- 15. The find\_element\_\* methods return the first matching element as a WebElement object. The find\_elements\_\* methods return a list of all matching elements as WebElement objects.
- 16. The click() and send\_keys() methods simulate mouse clicks and keyboard keys, respectively.
- 17. Calling the submit() method on any element within a form submits the form.
- 18. The forward(), back(), and refresh() WebDriver object methods simulate these browser buttons.

- 1. The openpyxl.load workbook() function returns a Workbook object.
- The get sheet names() method returns a Worksheet object.
- 3. Call wb.get\_sheet\_by\_name('Sheet1').
- 4. Call wb.get active sheet().
- 5. sheet['C5'].value or sheet.cell(row=5, column=3).value
- 6. sheet['C5'] = 'Hello' or sheet.cell(row=5, column=3).value = 'Hello'
- 7. cell.row and cell.column
- 8. They return the highest column and row with values in the sheet, respectively, as integer values.
- 9. openpyxl.cell.column\_index\_from\_string('M')
- 10. openpyxl.cell.get\_column\_letter(14)
- 11. sheet['A1':'F1']
- 12. wb.save('example.xlsx')
- 13. A formula is set the same way as any value. Set the cell's value attribute to a string of the formula text. Remember that formulas begin with the = sign.
- 14. When calling load workbook(), pass True for the data only keyword argument.
- 15. sheet.row dimensions[5].height = 100
- 16. sheet.column\_dimensions['C'].hidden = True
- 17. OpenPyXL 2.0.5 does not load freeze panes, print titles, images, or
- 18. Freeze panes are rows and columns that will always appear on the screen. They are useful for headers.
- 19. openpyxl.charts.Reference(), openpyxl.charts.Series(), openpyxl.charts. BarChart(), chartObj.append(seriesObj), and add chart()

- 1. A File object returned from open()
- Read-binary ('rb') for PdfFileReader() and write-binary ('wb') for PdfFileWriter()
- 3. Calling getPage(4) will return a Page object for page 5, since page 0 is the first page.
- 4. The numPages variable stores an integer of the number of pages in the PdfFileReader object.
- 5. Call decrypt('swordfish').
- The rotateClockwise() and rotateCounterClockwise() methods. The degrees to rotate is passed as an integer argument.

- 7. docx.Document('demo.docx')
- 8. A document contains multiple paragraphs. A paragraph begins on a new line and contains multiple runs. Runs are contiguous groups of characters within a paragraph.
- 9. Use doc.paragraphs.
- 10. A Run object has these variables (*not* a Paragraph).
- 11. True always makes the Run object bolded and False makes it always not bolded, no matter what the style's bold setting is. None will make the Run object just use the style's bold setting.
- 12. Call the docx.Document() function.
- 13. doc.add\_paragraph('Hello there!')
- 14. The integers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4

- 1. In Excel, spreadsheets can have values of data types other than strings; cells can have different fonts, sizes, or color settings; cells can have varying widths and heights; adjacent cells can be merged; and you can embed images and charts.
- 2. You pass a File object, obtained from a call to open().
- 3. File objects need to be opened in read-binary ('rb') for Reader objects and write-binary ('wb') for Writer objects.
- 4. The writerow() method
- 5. The delimiter argument changes the string used to separate cells in a row. The lineterminator argument changes the string used to separate rows.
- 6. json.loads()
- 7. json.dumps()

- 1. A reference moment that many date and time programs use. The moment is January 1st, 1970, UTC.
- 2. time.time()
- 3. time.sleep(5)
- 4. It returns the closest integer to the argument passed. For example, round(2.4) returns 2.
- 5. A datetime object represents a specific moment in time. A timedelta object represents a duration of time.
- 6. threadObj = threading.Thread(target=spam)
- 7. threadObj.start()

- Make sure that code running in one thread does not read or write the same variables as code running in another thread.
- subprocess.Popen('c:\\Windows\\System32\\calc.exe')

- 1. SMTP and IMAP, respectively
- smtplib.SMTP(), smtpObj.ehlo(), smptObj.starttls(), and smtpObj.login()
- imapclient.IMAPClient() and imapObj.login()
- 4. A list of strings of IMAP keywords, such as 'BEFORE <date>', 'FROM <string>', or 'SEEN'
- 5. Assign the variable imaplib. MAXLINE a large integer value, such as 10000000.
- The pyzmail module reads downloaded emails.
- You will need the Twilio account SID number, the authentication token number, and your Twilio phone number.

#### Chapter 17

- An RGBA value is a tuple of 4 integers, each ranging from 0 to 255. The four integers correspond to the amount of red, green, blue, and alpha (transparency) in the color.
- A function call to ImageColor.getcolor('CornflowerBlue', 'RGBA') will return (100, 149, 237, 255), the RGBA value for that color.
- A box tuple is a tuple value of four integers: the left edge x-coordinate, the top edge y-coordinate, the width, and the height, respectively.
- Image.open('zophie.png') 4.
- imageObj.size is a tuple of two integers, the width and the height.
- imageObj.crop((0, 50, 50, 50)). Notice that you are passing a box tuple to crop(), not four separate integer arguments.
- 7. Call the imageObj.save('new filename.png') method of the Image object.
- The ImageDraw module contains code to draw on images.
- ImageDraw objects have shape-drawing methods such as point(), line(), or rectangle(). They are returned by passing the Image object to the ImageDraw.Draw() function.

- Move the mouse to the top-left corner of the screen, that is, the (0, 0)coordinates.
- pyautogui.size() returns a tuple with two integers for the width and height of the screen.

- 3. pyautogui.position() returns a tuple with two integers for the x- and y-coordinates of the mouse cursor.
- 4. The moveTo() function moves the mouse to absolute coordinates on the screen, while the moveRel() function moves the mouse relative to the mouse's current position.
- 5. pyautogui.dragTo() and pyautogui.dragRel()
- 6. pyautogui.typewrite('Hello world!')
- 7. Either pass a list of keyboard key strings to pyautogui.typewrite() (such as 'left') or pass a single keyboard key string to pyautogui.press().
- 8. pyautogui.screenshot('screenshot.png')
- 9. pyautogui.PAUSE = 2

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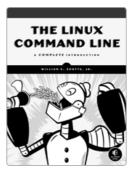
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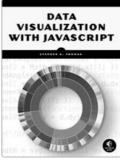
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