Ch12-Modules

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1 Modules

http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/modules.html - module is a file containing Python definitions and statements intended for use in other Python programs - many Python modules come with built-in standard library

1.1 Various ways to import names into the current namespace

```
[]: # import math module into the global namespace
     import math
     x = math.sqrt(100)
     print(x)
[]: import random
     print(random.choice(list(range(1, 21))))
[]: from random import choice
[]: print(choice([1, 2, 3, 4]))
[]: help(math)
[]: from math import * # Import all the identifiers from math
     print(sqrt(100))
     print(pi)
[]: from math import radians, sin
     rad = radians(90)
     print(rad)
     print(sin(rad))
```

1.2 names can be imported to local namespace

```
[]: def isUpper(letter):
    import string # string name is local
    return letter in string.ascii_uppercase
```

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False

[2]: # can we use string module outside isUpper function?
print(string.digits)

NameError

Vipython-input-2-1f51304bf154> in <module>()
1 # can we use string module outside isUpper function?
----> 2 print(string.digits)
```

1.3 scope and lookup rules

NameError: name 'string' is not defined

The scope of an identifier is the region of program code in which the identifier can be accessed, or used.

Three important scopes in Python: - Local scope refers to identifiers declared within a function - Global scope refers to all the identifiers declared within the current module, or file - Built-in scope refers to all the identifiers built into Python – those like range and min that are (almost) always available

Precedence rule:

innermost or local scope

global scope

built-in scope

```
[20]: test()
```

1.4 User-defined modules

use module1.py, module2.py inside modules folder to demonstrate user defined modules and importance of: if __name__ == '__main__': ...

2 Packages

- folder with module(s)
- must define $_init_.$ py empty module to initialize as package
- can't import package itself (in a useful way) but only module(s) or identifiers in the modules
- https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html#packages

2.1 use fibos package to demostrate user-defined package

```
[3]: import fibos

[4]: help(fibos)

Help on package fibos:

NAME
    fibos

PACKAGE CONTENTS
    fibo

FILE
    /Volumes/Storage/CMU/Sp2019/CSO/thinkpythonnotebooks/fibos/__init__.py
```