Introduction to Python - Continued

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Modules – To be continued

- Collection of stuff in *foo*.py file
  - functions, classes, variables
- Importing modules:
  - import re; print re.match("[a-z]+", s)
  - from re import match; print match("[a-z]+", s)
- Import with rename:
  - import re as regex
  - from re import match as m
  - Before Python 2.0:
    - import re; regex = re; del re

Packages

- Collection of modules in directory
- Must have __init__.py file
- May contain subpackages
- Import syntax:
  - from P.Q.M import foo; print foo()
  - from P.Q import M; print M.foo()
  - import P.Q.M; print P.Q.M.foo()
  - import P.Q.M as M; print M.foo()   # new

Catching Exceptions

```
def foo(x):
    return 1/x

def bar(x):
    try:
        print foo(x)
    except ZeroDivisionError, message:
        print "Can’t divide by zero:", message

bar(0)
```

Try-finally: Cleanup

```
f = open(file)
try:
    process_file(f)
finally:
    f.close()   # always executed
print "OK"  # executed on success only
```

Raising Exceptions

- raise IndexError
- raise IndexError("k out of range")
- raise IndexError, "k out of range"

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  ```
  try:
     something
  except:   # catch everything
     print "Oops"
     raise    # reraise
  ```

More on Exceptions

- User-defined exceptions
  - subclass Exception or any other standard exception
- Old Python: exceptions can be strings
  - WATCH OUT: compared by object identity, not ==
- Last caught exception info:
  - sys.exc_info() == (exc_type, exc_value, exc_traceback)
- Last uncaught exception (traceback printed):
  - sys.last_type, sys.last_value, sys.last_traceback
- Printing exceptions: traceback module

File Objects

- f = open(*filename*[, *mode*[, *buffersize*])
  - mode can be "r", "w", "a" (like C stdio); default "r"
  - append "b" for text translation mode
  - append "+" for read/write open
  - buffersize: 0=unbuffered; 1=line-buffered; buffered
- methods:
  - read([*nbytes*]), readline(), readlines()
  - write(*string*), writelines(*list*)
  - seek(*pos*[, *how*]), tell()
  - flush(), close()
  - fileno()

Standard Library

- Core:
  - os, sys, string, getopt, StringIO, struct, pickle, ...
- Regular expressions:
  - re module; Perl-5 style patterns and matching rules
- Internet:
  - socket, rfc822, httplib, htmllib, ftplib, smtplib, ...
- Miscellaneous:
  - pdb (debugger), profile+pstats
  - Tkinter (Tcl/Tk interface), audio, *dbm, ...

URLs

- official python site
- Think python
- Automate the boring stuff