Chapter 7, 8, 9

Modules, Testing, Exceptions

File structure

- ► EXPLORER ... ♣

 V FIBONACCI-ALGORITH... ♣ ♣ ♡ ♠

 > .github

 > config

 V fibonaccicreator

 > fibonaccicreator

 > tests
- Larger programs cannot be written in one script
- Modular programming: breaking large coding tasks into smaller, manageable subtasks.
- In python, multiple files can be connected using import
- e.g. Current Lab: Fibonacci Engineering Effort

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```

Terms

- Module: .py file
 - fibonacci.py
 - main.py
 - test_fibonacci.py
- symbol: anything that is defined or assigned in the global scope of a module
 - functions
 - **■ fibonacci_recursivelist** (function in fibonacci.py)
 - o classes
 - global variables
 - FIBONACCI FUNCTION BASE (global variable in main.py)
- namespace: refers to the name of the original module
- fully-qualified name:using a name that has the namespace and the symbol name separated with.
 - fibonacci.fibonacci_recursivelist
 - main.FIBONACCI_FUNCTION_BASE
- Package: directory
 - o any directory that will be used like a package must also contain a file named __init__.py
- Library: a package with subpackages

Imports

- from MODULE import SYMBOL
- import MODULE
- import MODULE as ALIAS
- import PACKAGE
- from PACKAGE import MODULE
- from PACKAGE import MODULE.SYMBOL
- import PACKAGE.SUBPACKAGE
- etc

Package vs Module Example

- fibonaccicreator: package
- fibonacci: **Module** in side the package
- Package is a fancy term for directory
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Chapter 8 - Testing and Debugging

"**Testing** is the process of running a program to try and ascertain whether it works as intended. **Debugging** is the process of trying to fix a program that you already know does not work as intended."

- Testing often refers to testing whether the specifications are met
- i.e. did the function is_prime actually return true for primes and false for non-primes?
- Black-box testing

Testing logic

If you want to test something based on specifications

- examine the inputs and outputs as stated in the specs
 - Docstrings usually contain the specifications
 - Make sure you write good docstrings
- partition the input/output space into all meaningful categories
- test simplest thing in each partitioned category
- if the test fails...then
- DEBUG!

Example

- spec: inputs are x,y
- spec: output true if x is less than y...
- Partitions:
 - \circ x less than y \rightarrow true
 - \circ y less than $x \rightarrow false$
 - \circ x == y \rightarrow false
- simple tests: x = 1, y = 0 | x = 0, y = 1 | x = 0, y = 0

def is_smaller(x, y):
 """Assumes x and y are ints
 Returns True if x is less than y and False
 otherwise."""

boundary condition!

Example

x positive, y positive, x < y x positive, y positive, y < x x negative, y negative, x < y x negative, y negative, y < x

x negative, y positive

```
x positive, y negative
 x = 0, y = 0
 x = 0, y \neq 0
 x \ne 0, y = 0
def is smaller (x, y):
      """Assumes x and y are ints
          Returns True if x is less than y and False
otherwise."""
```

Testing continued

 testing can also refer to testing the code - if you have knowledge and access to the implementation

glass-box testing

- ideal test is: "path-complete" meaning all possible branches and stack frame arrangements created while using the code will be tested
- o practical test is: as path-complete as possible

Glass-box

- spec says non-neg → 0 and up
- notice the branches of the implementation
 - o if else etc

```
def is_prime(x):
    """Assumes x is a nonnegative int
        Returns True if x is prime; False otherwise"""
    if x <= 2:
        return False
    for i in range(2, x):
        if x%i == 0:
            return False
    return True</pre>
```

"Rules of thumb are usually worth following:

- Exercise both branches of all if statements.
- Make sure that each except clause (see Chapter 9) is executed. For each for loop, have test cases in which
 - The loop is not entered (e.g., if the loop is iterating over the elements of a list, make sure that
 it is tested on the empty list).
 - The body of the loop is executed exactly once.
 - The body of the loop is executed more than once.
- For each while loop
 - Look at the same kinds of cases as when dealing with for loops.
 - Include test cases corresponding to all possible ways of exiting the loop. For example, for a loop starting with
 - while len(L) > 0 and not L[i] == e
 - o find cases where the loop exits because len(L) is greater than zero and cases where it exits because L[i] == e.
- For recursive functions, include test cases that cause the function to return with no recursive calls, exactly one recursive call, and more than one recursive call.

Tools - Pytest - `poetry run task test`

```
v tests
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                       def test first fibonacci singleton tuple():
 init .pv
                          """Ensure that the request for first Fibonacci number returns same number in a tuple."""
 test fibonacci.pv
graber ~/Documents/Teaching/S2024-CMPSC101/fibonacci-algorithms-starter/fibonaccicreator % 🐃 🐃 poetry run task test
platform darwin -- Python 3.12.2, pytest-7.4.4, pluggy-1.4.0
rootdir: /Users/egraber/Documents/Teaching/S2024-CMPSC101/fibonacci-algorithms-starter/fibonaccicreator
collected 0 items / 1 error
                 ERROR collecting tests/test fibonacci.py
tests/test fibonacci.py:13: in <module>
  from fibonaccicreator import fibonacci
fibonaccicreator/fibonacci.py:9: in <module>
  def fibonacci recursivelist(number: int) -> List[int];
  NameError: name 'List' is not defined
      ERROR tests/test fibonacci.py - NameError: name 'List' is not defined
egraber ~/Documents/Teaching/S2024-CMPSC101/fibonacci-algorithms-starter/fibonaccicreator % 🗢 🗪 🗪
```

After testing fails....

"**Debugging** starts when testing has demonstrated that the program behaves in undesirable ways. Debugging is the process of searching for an explanation of that behavior."

- be able to explain the test, and what failed
- take note if something was too big, too small, wrong type, too long etc
- look at the code and read it slowly to come up with a theory that would explain the test results

Build intuition

but also - you can peek into your code using breakpoints or print statements

- if you begin doing code surgery, use git to commit various versions (not push, just add, commit)
- write REAL commit messages that explain the progress or problem still existing
- these commit bookmarks will help you!

- Look for the usual suspects. Have you • Passed arguments to a function in the wrong order?
 - o Misspelled a name, e.g., typed a lowercase letter when you should have typed an uppercase one?
 - Failed to reinitialize a variable? ○ Tested that two-floating point values are equal (==) instead
 - of nearly equal (remember that floating-point arithmetic is not the same as the arithmetic you learned in school)? • Tested for value equality (e.g., compared two lists by writing
 - the expression L1 == L2) when you meant to test for object equality (e.g., id(L1) = id(L2))? • Forgotten that some built-in function has a side effect?
 - o Forgotten the () that turns a reference to an object of type
 - function into a function invocation?
 - Created an unintentional alias? • Made any other mistake that is typical for you?

Bisection approach

- Did the code break before or after this point?
 - decide if it was before or after
 - o "adjust" the search space, i.e. move your breakpoints or print statements

Explain the code/algorithm to someone else

Pretend you are teaching someone what you have done - don't necessarily explain the test failure, but what logic you MEANT to use.

Colab - testing

Chapter 9 - Exceptions

- ZeroDivisionError
- TypeError
- ValueError
- IndexError
- NameError
- UnboundLocalError
- https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html

All of these and many more are built in exception.

Python knows these names like they are global variables

```
try
    code block
except (list of exception names):
    code block
else:
    code block
```

Exceptions prevent crashes

but...this code does NOT crash!!!
it simply prints the string in msg, and then continues

Assert

The Python assert statement provides programmers with a simple way to confirm that the state of a computation is as expected. An **assert statement** can take one of two forms:

assert Boolean expression

or

assert Boolean expression, argument

When an assert statement is encountered, the Boolean expression is evaluated. If it evaluates to True, execution proceeds on its merry way. If it evaluates to False, an AssertionError exception is raised.

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