

# **Introduction to Programming (CSE100)**

## **Lecture 1 (Intro)**

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Labs will be conducted on [hackerrank](#)

There will be 12 labs

Short quizzes will be held on the ALT app

An alternate google form will also be provided

[GoogleForm](#)

## **Bonus Marks**

There will be a few bonus exercises

They will be of only 10% only if other exercises are completed with a score > 80%

## **Books**

Intro to computation and programming using python - John Guttag

## **Marks distribution**

- Marks distribution (exact % will depend on students' behavior and performance):
  - 5-10% for “in-class exercises” (depending on response)
  - 10-15% for 2 pre-announced quizzes
  - 20-30% for Labs
  - 20-30% for Assignments
  - ~20% for mid-semester exam
  - ~20% to end-semester exam

## Lecture 2 (Basic Python)

- Expressions
- `print()` Statement
- `input()` Statement

## Lecture 3 (Operations)

- Variable name assignment
- Variable and scalar Data Type
  - Data Type can be scalar and compound/structured
  - Simple scalar are - `int` , `float` , `bool` , `None`
- Arithmetic Operations
- Boolean Operations
- Operation Priorities (lowest to highest)
  - `or`
  - `and`
  - `not`
  - `==, !=, <=, >=, <, >`
  - `+, -`
  - `*, /, //, %`
  - `+x, -x`
  - `**`
  - `()`

# Lecture 4 (if-else blocks)

- if , elif and else statements
- **Blocks** of statements

# Lecture 5 (loops)

- pass statement
- for loop
- control flow (FlowCharts)

# Lecture 6 (More about loops)

- while loops
- iterable data structures
- break statement
  - Exits the innermost loop
- continue statement
  - Skips the code underneath and goes back to the top of the innermost loop to check the condition
- Nesting of loops

# Lecture 7 (Functions)

- Calling a function with def
- Declaration:

```
def fn_name(parameters):  
    <fn_body>
```

- Local and global variables
  - global statements

# Lecture 8 (More about functions)

- Importance of function
  - Divide and conquer
  - Abstraction
  - Reusable
  - Modular
- Docstring
- Top-Down Approach
  - make dummy function, work on the main function first, and write down the function later.

## Lecture 9 (Structured Datatype)

- Slicing  
`var[start:end:step]`
- `len()`
- `sum()`
- `list.append(a)` , `list.insert(index, a)` , `list.extend([a])`

## Lecture 10 (list)

- `list.sort()` sorts in ascending order
- `list.sort(reverse=True)` sorts in descending order
- `list.sort(key=len)` sorting of items is done as per the value `len(item)` of each item
- list comprehension

## Lecture 11

### Strings

- `ord("char")` to get the order of a character
- `chr(ord)` to get the character at the order
- `str.split()`
- `str.join(list)`

```
"",".join(["one", "two"])
# "one,two"
```

- Huge number of methods available - all methods return new values - do not change original string
- Some we have seen, some others are:
  - s.count("str") # returns how many times "str" occurs in s
  - s.find("str") # index from where str is found in s; -1 if not found
  - s.isalnum() # returns True if all are alpha numeric
  - s.isdigit() # True if all are digits, else false
  - s.capitalize() # capitalizes the first char and converts all other characters in the string to lowercase
  - s.title() # Capitalizes the first letter of every word in the string and converts the rest in lowercase
  - s.isupper() and s.islower(). # Returns true if s is an uppercase string and lowercase string respectively.
  - s.startswith(str) and s.endswith(str). # Used for checking suffixes and prefixes

## Sets

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Following operations are allowed on a set s (modifies the set s)

**s.add(item)** # will add item to s, if does not already exist

**s.remove(item)** # will remove item if it exists, error otherwise

**s.discard(item)** # no error if item does not exist

**s.clear()** # clears the set

**s.update(s2)** # s2 is a set, list, tuple: adds elts of s2 to s - duplicates dropped, i.e. does a union operation

**del s** # Completely deletes the set s

- **s1.union(s2)** # returns the union of s1 and s2
- Can also be done by `s1 | s2`
- Can have union of multiple sets, `s1.union(s2, s3); s1|s2|s3`
  
- **s1.intersection(s2)** # the intersection of s1 and s2
- Can also be done by: `s1 & s2`
- Can have intersection of multiple sets.
  
- **s1.difference(s2)** # items in s1 which are not in s2
- Can also be done by: `s1 - s2`
  
- `s1.symmetric_difference(s2) => (s1 | s2) - (s1 & s2)`
- `s1.isdisjoint(s2)` , True if the sets are disjointed
- `s1.issubset(s2)` , True if s1 is a sub-set of s2
- `s1.issuperset(s2)` , True if s1 is super-set of s2
- Relationship operation holds true for sets

## Lecture 12

- `frozenset()` - are immutable set
- tuple
  - `tuple.count()`
  - `tuple.index(ele)`
- `sorted(sequence)` return a sorted list irrespective of the data-type of the sequence
- Dictionary
  - `dict.get(key)` , return None if key doesn't exist
  - `dict.popitem()` removes the last element added to the dict
  - `dict.items()` return list of tuple of key and value
  - `dict.copy()`
  - `dict.fromkeys(<keys>, defValue)`

## Lecture 13

- Common function for iterables

There are some common functions which are useful - some apply to structured types, some to all objects

- `type(x)` # returns the type of x
  - `len(x)` # returns the no of items in x
  - `all(x)` # returns True if all elements of an iterable are true
    - `all([1,1,1]) -> True ; all([1,0,0]) -> False`
  - `any(x)` # returns True if any elements of an iterable are true
    - `any([1,0,0]) -> True ; any([0,0,0]) -> False`
  - `reversed(x)` # returns a reverse iterator
  - `sorted(x)` # returns a new sorted list from the items in iterable
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- `enumerate(iterable)` gives index and value simultaneously of an iterable object
  - Hashing

## Set Implementation



- Sets have unique values (no duplicates) - so can use hashing
- In hashing, a contiguous memory, much larger than the number of items, is assigned
- An item value is converted by a hash function to an index in this large memory - index is used to access the item (which is fast)
- For using hashing on a collection of items, each item must be unique so its hashing returns a unique index
- E.g. consider {12345, 45678, 90876, 6789}, suppose hash function is `item%100` (i.e. the last two digits)
- A contiguous memory for 100 items will be assigned (each item will have a flag - exists/not exists, and value)
- Item 12345, will be in 45th location, 45678 in 78th ..
- Hashing function is generally fast

- Membership checking for an item - hash the item to get index, check directly in the memory location - ***fast***
- Adding an item in set - check at index: hash(item) - if exists, then return, else, add the item in this - ***fast***
- Deleting an item - ***fast*** - just go to the index provided by hash
- So, set operations are fast - the cost is that it takes more memory (for a set of n items, the memory may be much larger than need for just keeping n items)

```
# Method 1
res1 = []
for i in tstd:
    if i not in res1:
        res1.append(i)
```

```
# Method 2
res2 = []
[res2.append(x) for x in tstd if x not in res2]

# Method 3
res3 = list(set(tstd))
```

Which of these is most efficient?  
 Run these for lists of 10K size  
 Times (sec): 0.6, 0.4, 0.0007  
**Method 3** is extremely efficient

## Lecture 14 (Encryption)

### Encryption

#### Caesar Cipher

A very simple cipher where each letter is replaced by a letter which is a fixed number of positions away from the current letter

## Lecture 15 (File I/O)

- to open a file `file = open(fileName, importMode)`
- `file.close()` to close the file
- File I/O modes
  - read: "r" ; Error if file doesn't exist
  - write: "w" ; Creates a new file if file doesn't exist
  - append: "a" ; Creates a new file if file doesn't exist
- reading a file
  - `file.read()` reads the entire file in string
  - `file.read(byte)` read the specified no. of bytes
  - `file.readline()` read a single line of a file
  - `file.readlines()` makes a list of all the lines in the file
- writing a file
  - `file.write(str)` writes a string to the file
  - `file.writelines([strs])` writes all the strings in the iterable
- `with` keyword, this helps the programmer to close the file

```
with open(<fname>, <importMode>) as f:
    <codeBlock>
```

- ***There might be spaces before or after a line***

use `strip()` to get rid of it

# File I/O (Dr Jalote)

## CSV

- We can use `csv` library
- `import csv`
- A csv file can be opened as a regular file
- `f = open("a.csv", "r")`
- Reading from csv

```
csv_r = csv.reader(f, delimiter=',')
# delimiter can be omitted
# csv_r is a list of rows
# a row is a list of strings
```

- DictReader

It assumes that the first row contains the names of the items and use those as keys for reading

other rows

```
with open("demo.csv", "r") as f:  
    for row in csv.DictReader(f):  
        print(row)
```

```
""" demo.csv
RNo, Name
1, a
2, b
"""
"""

output
[{"RNo": "1", "Name": "a"}, {"RNo": "2", "Name": "b"}]
"""
```

## Writing CSV : Method 1



```
import csv

header = ["Roll Number", "Name"]
data = [["r1", "abc"], ["r2", "pqr"], ["r3", "xyz"]]

with open("demo.csv", "w") as f:
    csv_writer = csv.writer(f) # Create the writer object
    csv_writer.writerow(header) # Write the header
    csv_writer.writerows(data) # Write the data
```

```
demo.csv  
Roll Number, Name  
r1, abc  
r2, pqr  
r3, xyz
```

## Writing CSV: Method 2

- Use DictWriter; methods available are
  - writeheader(DW)
  - writerow(DW, rowdict)
  - writerows(DW, rowdicts)

## JSON

- We need to import json library  

```
import json
```
- JSON file can be opened as regular file
- `json.load(file)` parses json data from file and return a dictionary
- Sometimes, JSON may be a string in your program, that can be converted to a dictionary object  

```
data = json.loads(str)
```
- writing to a str  

```
json_str = json.dumps(<dict>, indent=4)
```
- writing to a file  

```
json.dump(<dict>, file)
```

## Reading from Web using API

### HTTP

It is the protocol we use in the web browser and for humans and not for programs

### REST

REST is a framework made for programs to make requests

- REST: REpresentational State Transfer
- It is an architectural style for client-server interaction on the internet

### REST on HTTP

- Operations used on REST on HTTP:
  - GET- read/ retrieve
  - POST- create new resource
  - PUT- update existing resource
  - DELETE- delete a resource

### How to make an API request

- import request package
- Make a request to an API, save the response

```
import requests
resp = requests.get(<api-url>)
```

- We can also request with the parameter rather than typing it on the url

```
import requests
resp = requests.get(<api-url>, params=<dict>)
# dict is with parameter as specified keys
```

## Response attribute

- resp.status\_code # the status code of teh request
- resp.headers # headers of the response - dictionary in json
- resp.txt # the text returned- a string; often json in a string
- resp.request # information about the request - like headers, etc

## status\_code

- 200: OK, request successful
- 404: Bad request - request was incomplete
- 401: unauthorized - need credentials to access
- 404: Not found

## Response text

- we can directly extract the dictionary via  
  `resp.json()`
- We can also use `json.load(string)`

## Authentication

- API Key

# Lecture 16 (Recursion)

- A recursive function in python is a function which calls itself
- All recursive functions must contain:
  - A base case:  
In which there is no recursive call to the function, and returns a clear value
  - Recursive part:  
Where the function itself is called but with different parameters
- When a function is called, a space separator (called frame) is allocated to this call with local vars (including parameters)

## Functions: Global and local var



- Global vars - those declared in the main scope i.e. outside of any fn - they can be accessed anywhere
- Local vars - those created in the function - do not have existence outside the function
- In a python function, variables only referenced are considered global unless a local var exists; if a variable is assigned a value, it is treated as local unless declared global
  - Allows use of global names of functions, etc (and global values)
  - Disallows accidental changing of a global variable
- If we have a var pointing to a mutable object, then assigning to an element is not changing the var, hence it is allowed
  - So, we can pass a list to a function, and have the fn change items
  - But we cannot pass a string/int - and have its value changed by the function (a function can return a new string/int)
- Care must be taken during recursion as all the frames created during recursion takes up memory and can lead to a StackOverflow error. To stop this python stops the recursion at the 1000<sup>th</sup> recursion call.
- When a recursive function is called many times with the same values then we can use **Memoization** to save time and memory. Memoization is like creating your own cache.
- Cache is best implemented with python using dictionary

## Lecture 17 (Classes)

- Functions can be assigned to a variable
- When assigning the function the ( ) are not used
- That var can be used to call the function
- Functions can be passed as an argument of another function
- Function can be an element of a list

- Functions can be returned

```
def add(x,y):  
    return x+y  
def mult(x,y):  
    return x*y
```

```
def getfn(s):  
    if s == "+":  
        return add  
    if s == "*":  
        return mult
```

```
f = getfn("*")  
g = getfn["+"]  
print("Result of Operation: ",  
f(4,5) + g(4,5))
```

- Functions can be nested
- A function can also return a nested function
- Scope of nested functions

- With inner functions, we have nested scopes
  - Built-in: Those defined by python
  - Global scope: names defined in main - are accessible anywhere
  - Local scope: names declared in a function (incl the parm); accessible anywhere within the function
  - Enclosing scope: names declared in the enclosing function
- Python searches for a name (a var, fn, obj,...) in this order:
  - Local scope first - if a name found here, used
  - Enclosing scope: if not found in local, look for in enclosing scope
  - Global scope: if not found in local or enclosing (after this, built-in)
- Defining/Assigning to variables
  - To assign to a global var within a function, it must be declared "global"
  - To assign to a variable in scope of an outer function, but not global, it must be declared "non local"
- Closure
  - A function which has inner function can return the inner function to the main, which has access to the local vars of the outer function
  - And when the outer function returns its frame is removed, making its local variable disappear
  - But the main function has access to the inner function which can invoke the local vars of the outer function

## Lecture 18 (Module)

- A module refers to a file containing python definition and statements
- A module defines a namespace of its functions, global vars, ...
- Generally we access modules using .<fn\_name>
  - this allows different modules to have same names and making name conflict in importing module
- Main function

## `if __name__ == "__main__":`



- When we directly run a python file, then the built-in var "`__name__`" is set to "`__main__`"
- On import stmt, the executables of the imported module are executed (function definitions are noted), `__name__` is the name of the module
- So, when we run a program file, `__name__` is `__main__`, but when we import it, `__name__` is the module name
- We can use this to define a python program which can be run as a script when needed, and imported when desired:
  - For executable statements (which we want to run as a script), first check if `__name__ == "__main__"` and then execute them.
- Any code placed under this is only executed when the python program is run directly and is ignored when the python file is imported as a module.

## Lecture 19 (Error handling)

- **Compile time error** - Syntax error
- **Run time Error are Exceptions**

## Built-in exceptions

- **IndexError**: when index is out of bound
- **KeyError**: when key not found in dictionary
- **NameError**: when local var is used but no value is assigned
- **ZeroDivisionError**: Divide by 0 encountered
- **ValueError**: Operation receives a value when at is not appropriate
- **IOError**: wrong file name or path while reading
- **RuntimeError**: A general error when no other case fits

try-except block is used to handle errors

## Lecture 21 (OOP)

- We can create new data types using OOP
- A data type defines a collection of data objects and a set of predefined operations on those objects
- To support the operations, whatever information needed is maintained by implementation of the type

## Defining a class

```
class <className>:  
    <body>
```

we can declare object of a class by

```
object1 = <className>()
```

## Classes contains

- methods- functions which define the operations on this new type
- attributes- these are variables in its scope, accessed from within the class to implement the methods of the class
- attributes are defined in methods in the class, usually using the `__init__`

## `__init__` Method

- `__init__` typically will get some values as params and use them to define the state of the object being created, i.e., assign values to attributes for the object
- If no `__init__` provided, creation of an empty object (whose state can be defined with state by calling methods)

## Methods

# Class and Objects – calling Methods



- A class has no state, it is just a definition - the state is within objects, just like list itself has no state - only a list object we create has state
- An object can be created and initialized through the method `__init__()`
- On an object of a class, the methods that are defined in the class are the set of operations that can be performed - like on sets we can perform the operations defined on sets
- Operations defined in a class can be invoked on an object using  
`object_variable.operation (args)`
- When a method is invoked on an object, the function defined in class executes on the state of the object on which it is invoked



## Method Calls and self



- There can be many objects of a class - each has its own state
- To execute the methods defined in class, we need to identify which object to perform them on
- When a method is invoked on an object, the reference to the object is passed implicitly to the method as an argument
- In the method, it is the first parameter **self** - the ref to the object
- All attributes of an object are accessed as `self.attribute`
- In methods, those variables associated with `self` define the class attributes - other variables defined method are local
- All objects have these attributes - each attribute has its own state
- In a method on an object - must access attributes through "self"



## Execution with classes

- When a program is executed, the class definition is noted by the interpreter, but no method is looked at
- When an object is created, then `__init__()` method is visited and executed

# Lecture 22 (OOP)

## Example: Postfix Expression Evaluation using Stack



- Stack is a common type - used in many applications
- Arithmetic expressions can also be written in postfix (also called reverse polish) notation - no parenthesis is required
  - The operator is mentioned after the two operands
  - The result of the operation replaces the two operands and op  
 $(a+b)*c \Rightarrow ab+c*$  ;  $a/b+c/d \Rightarrow ab/cd/+$ ;  $(a+b)*(c+d) \Rightarrow ab+cd+*$
- Evaluating postfix notation is efficient - best way is to use a stack
  - If operand -> push it on a stack*
  - If operator -> pop last two values, apply operator, push result on stack*
  - When expression ended -> the only value on stack is the answer*
- We need to create a stack data type for this
- Evaluating a postfix operation using stack

## Postfix eval using stack...



```
class Stack:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.top = 0  
        self.data = [None]*20  
    def push(self, item):  
        self.data[self.top] = item  
        self.top += 1  
    def pop(self):  
        if self.top < 1:  
            print("Error - popping empty stack")  
        item = self.data[self.top-1]  
        self.top -= 1  
        return(item)  
    def isempty(self):  
        return self.top <= 0
```

```
def postfix(l):  
    estk = Stack()  
    for i in l:  
        if isinstance(i, float) or isinstance(i, int):  
            estk.push(i)  
        if isinstance(i, str):  
            x = estk.pop()  
            y = estk.pop()  
            if i == "*":  
                estk.push(x*y)  
            elif i == "+":  
                estk.push(x+y)  
            elif ...  
l = [2, 3, 1, "*", "+", 9, "-"]  
print(postfix(l))
```

## Dunder method

- With predefined objects we can perform standard operations, i.e., `print()`, `len()`
- Dunder method provides a way to make standard ops available for custom objects.
- these functions name start with `__`

# The `__str__` method



- How do we print an object - for lists, sets, etc - the `print()` prints it in some format (we can also do `str(list/set/..)` to get a string equivalent)
- For a class object `o`, if you `print(o)`, you will get the type of the object and a memory location where it is. For example,  
`#<__main__.Complex object at 0x7fbfb42ae4c0>`
- To print an object we can provide suitable method to print relevant info - and then invoke it on the object
- Or we can provide a method `__str__(self)` to return a string - containing info about the state of the object. With `__str__()`, when `print(o)` is called, `__str__()` is invoked, which returns a string that gets printed
- `__str__()` is also called when `str(obj)` is called

- Similarly, for `__len__`

## Some std fns that work on Class Objects



- There is a function `is` - which takes two vars and returns True if both vars point to the same object
    - This will work for user defined classes also - as it just needs to check the value of the two vars
  - There is another function `isinstance(obj, type)` - this returns True if the object `obj` is of the type `type`
    - This will also work on class type objects
  - These operations works for user defined class objects also
- 
- For some operations

# Dunder methods for some common ops

Operation	Dunder method
+	object.__add__(self, other)
-	object.__sub__(self, other)
*	object.__mul__(self, other)
==	object.__eq__(self, other)
!=	object.__ne__(self, other)
>=	object.__ge__(self, other)

- Example

```
def __add__(self, b):  
    return self.sum + b.sum
```

## Copying objects

- Class objects are mutable
- => o2 = o1 will make the pointer of both the objects same so the changes in one will be reflected in both of them
- We can copy objects by using copy module

```
import copy
```

```
o2 = o1.copy # For creating a shallow copy (doesn't copy nested objects)  
o2 = o1.deepcopy # For creating deep copy (created full copy rather than pointer for nested objects)
```

# Composition of classes

- Composition of classes require properly defining classes, so that it can be easily used in other classes
- We need to know about the attributes of composing classes but not how it functions

# Searching

- For a set or dictionary, they internally use hashing, therefore searching is fast as it just directly check if the element is present

## Searching for an item in list

- If list is not sorted then we will have to compare all the items in the list - slow up to  $\text{len}(\text{list})$  comparisons
- if the list is sorted then the search is faster, using [Binary search algorithm](#)

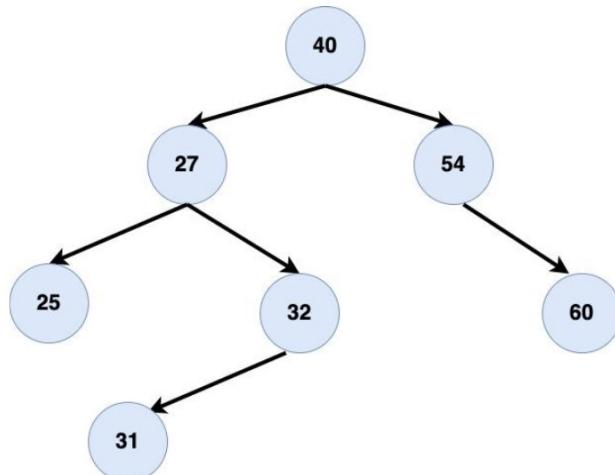
# Sorting

- Bubble algorithm
  - Check a list and push the biggest item to the end
    - By checking two elements in the list and the bigger item is swapped to be the right one
    - make the list 1 element shorter and do the same
- Note: Use inbuilt sort function as it is way more efficient
- When there is too many search and appending and removing then use binary tree
  - **Binary Tree**

# Example – Binary Search Tree



- Binary search tree - a root with value, and links to a tree on left and right
- Left sub-tree has values smaller than the root
- Right subtree has values greater than the root
- Searching for an element with binary search tree is very efficient - recursion is natural here
- Printing sorted items is easy



## Lecture 24 (Inheritance)

- In this a new class borrows attributes and methods of an existing class and add some more features to it
- With inheritance we define a new class using an existing class definition and specifying some modifications/enhancements to it
- The new class is called derived class, child class or subclass and the one which it inherits is called the base class or parent/super class
- Syntax

```
class BaseClass:  
    <body of baseClass>  
    # Attributes and methods  
  
class DerivedClass (BaseClass):  
    <body of derivedClass>
```

- On inheriting, all the attributes and methods of BaseClass are available to this class
- Derived class is said to extend the base class
- When an attribute is called from the derived class then python first searches the derived class and if not found then it goes to the base class
- Liskov's substitution principle says that objects of superclass can be replaced by objects of a subclass without breaking the application

- This requires the objects of subclass to behave in the same way as the objects of the superclass
- In subclass code we can use super() to refer to the parent class
- super() provides a proxy object through which all the methods of base class can be called

## Converting objects of base type to derived type

- Derived class are "specialized" version of base class
- We can change a base class object to derived class object by using `__class__` attribute
- it is best to avoid this type of conversions

## Abstract class / Interfaces

- A base class can define some abstract methods: they define the interface but there is no body to execute it
- An abstract class is one which has some abstract methods
- Abstract classes require subclasses to redefine the abstract method with actual implementation
- Often used for the purpose of defining standard API/ interfaces
-