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INFT1004 Introduction to Programming

Module 6.1 Introduction to Lists

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Introducing Lists

Lists are a type of data structure

They allow you to store a number of elements together

listNames "John" "Peter" "Keith" "Bob" "Trevor" "Mick"

A list of strings.

(Strings are one type of data used in python – they act like simple types)

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Introducing Lists

Lets look at this simple code that uses a list.

```
def listExampleSimple():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]
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```

Example – List of Names

It contains 6 elements - all strings

The strings are separated by commas.

I could make it longer or shorter

```
def listExampleSimple():
    listNames = ["John","Peter","Keith","Bob","Trevor","Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]
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```

List of Names

I called my list - listNames

JES doesn't much care what I call it – but this is good for me as I'm going to use it to hold a list of names.

```
def listExampleSimple():
    listNames = ["John","Peter","Keith","Bob","Trevor","Mick"]
print listNames
print listNames[3]
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```

Example – List of Names

We can print the list.

```
def listExampleSimple():
    listNames = ["John","Peter","Keith","Bob","Trevor","Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]
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```

Example – List of Names

We can print one of the list elements

Try it

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Which string does it print?

```
def listExampleSimple():
  listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
  print listNames
  print listNames[3]
```

Another Example – More Lists

numberElements is a variable – variables can change in value. I made this name up because it makes sense to me - I'm going to use this variable to store the number of elements in the list.

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]
    # get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))
    #try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)
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```

Another Example – More Lists

Lets change the program to add some extra bits

```
listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
     print listNames
     print listNames[3]
     # get the number of elements in the list - print this out
     numberElements = len(listNames)
     print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))
     #try this special function with the list
     specialMessage(listNames)
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```

Another Example – More Lists

This statement uses the "len" function (declared in Python) to find out how many elements are in the list.

```
def listExampleMore():
     listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
     print listNames
     print listNames[3]
     # get the number of elements in the list - print this out
     numberElements = len(listNames)
     print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))
     #try this special function with the list
     specialMessage(listNames)
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```

Another Example – More Lists

numberElements is an integer.

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)

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```

Another Example – More Lists

The len function returns an integer. This is important because you need to have both sides of the assignment with the same type. (More theory next week).

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John","Peter","Keith","Bob","Trevor","Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    integer
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)
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```

Another Example – More Lists

The len function returns an integer. This is important because you need to have both sides of the assignment with the same type.

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)
```

Another Example – More Lists

The len function requires one argument – which needs to be a list. (Because whoever wrote the function decided that's what they wanted).

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)

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```

Another Example – More Lists

This line prints the number of items by first concatenating two strings.

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)

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```

Another Example – More Lists

print, len and str are all functions that come with JES / Python.

The last line calls a function that I wrote!

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)

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```

Another Example – More Lists

But because numberElements is an integer we need to turn it into a string first. The **str** function does this.

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)
```

Another Example – More Lists

My function has a name – specialMessage (I made this name up)

It has one argument (listNames)

```
def listExampleMore():
    listNames = ["John", "Peter", "Keith", "Bob", "Trevor", "Mick"]
    print listNames
    print listNames[3]

# get the number of elements in the list - print this out
    numberElements = len(listNames)
    print ("number of items = " + str(numberElements))

#try this special function with the list
    specialMessage(listNames)

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```

Another Example – More Lists

Here is my function – it has one parameter – I decided to called this parameter - aNameList

```
def specialMessage(aNameList):
    #This function looks for a particular string in a list of a names
    #If it finds that name it prints a special message

for item in aNameList:  #process each item in the list - iteratio
    if item == "Keith":  #only print the special case - selection
        print "Happy Birthday " + item + " - you are a legend!"
```

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Another Example – More Lists

It uses iteration – Processing every element in the list using a for loop

```
def specialMessage(aNameList):
    #This function looks for a particular string in a list of a names
    #If it finds that name it prints a special message

for item in aNameList: #process each item in the list- iteration
    if item == "Keith": #only print the special case- selection
        print "Happy Birthday" + item + " - you are a legend!"
```

This is just one way of doing iteration – we can also use while loops etc.

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Another Example – More Lists

Here is my function – it has one parameter – I decided to called this parameter - aNameList

```
def specialMessage(aNameList):

#This function looks for a particular string in a list of a names

#If it finds that name it prints a special message

for item in aNameList: #process each item in the list - iteration

if item == "Keith": #only print the special case - selection

print "Happy Birthday " + item + " - you are a legend!"

specialMessage(listNames)

When I call the function the number and type of
arguments needs to match the number and type of
parameters (the names don't need to be the same)
```

Another Example – More Lists

It uses selection – if it finds an element in the list that has the value, "Keith" it will print the special message.

```
def specialMessage(aNameList):

#This function looks for a particular string in a list of a names

#If it finds that name it prints a special message

for item in aNameList: #process each item in the list - iteratio

if item == "Keith": #only print the special case - selection

print "Happy Birthday" + item + " - you are a legend!"

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```

Even More Lists (and Files)

Lets get some data from a file – we will use lists again

We read some names from a file, store them in a list (and then print them from the list.)

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```
Cheryl
     file
                             Abigail
      "GirlNames.txt"
                             Louise
                             Cvnthia
                             Debbie
nameList = ["Kylie","Cheryl","Abigail","Louise","Cynthia","Debbie"]
                                                                     25
```

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```
def readPrintFile():
   #This is a function that allows the user to pick a text file that
   #contains a lot of names (one name on each line).
   #It places the names into a list. It then prints each element of the list.
   #1. Pick a text file that contains names - one name on each line
   filename = pickAFile()
   #2. Open the file for reading
   file = open(filename, "r")
   #3. Copy all the names into the list
   nameList =[] #start with an empty list
   for line in file:
     nameList.append(line)
   print("nameList = " + str(nameList)) #print the list just to check
   #4. Print all the names in the list - one at a time
   for name in nameList:
     print name
   #5. Close your file at the end
   file.close()
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```

A file example

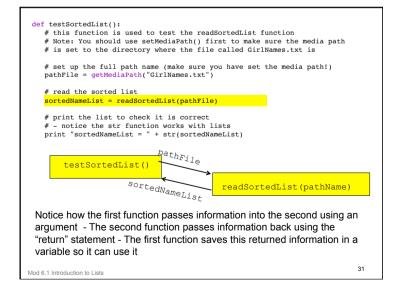
Files are one way to get information in and out of your program – in this case we will use a text file – you can create your own in a text editor or even excel.

I've made one called "GirlNames.txt" you can try

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```
def readSortedList(pathName):
   #1. Open the file for reading
   file = open(pathName, "r")
   #2. Copy all the names into the list
   nameList =[] #start with an empty list
   # process each line in the file - one at a time
   for line in file:
      characters = len(line) # work out how many characters in the line - the length
      # check the last character in the string in case it is a newline "\n"
      if line[characters-1] == "\n":
         removedNewline = line[0:characters-1] #don't use the last character ("/
         removedNewline = line[0:characters] #keep the last character ("/n")
      nameList.append(removedNewline) # add the item to the end of the list
   #print the list just to check what it looks like before sorting
   print("nameList = " + str(nameList))
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```

```
def readSortedList(pathName):
   #3. Create the sorted list - we first need to copy the original list
   # I want to avoid changing this original list - the python sort() function'
   # has this side effect - so first make a copy in a new list
   sortedList = [] # start with an empty list
   # now copy every name into this new list -
   # if this is confusing try printing the list on each loop
   for name in nameList:
      sortedList.append(name)
      # print sortedList
   # now sort it - this is easy as python has a function that works with lists
   # and does some sorting - for strings it sorts based on the first character of
   sortedList.sort()
   #4. Close your file at the end
   file.close()
   #5 return the sorted List
   return sortedList
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```



```
def testSortedList():
    # this function is used to test the readSortedList function
    # Note: You should use setMediaPath() first to make sure the media path
    # is set to the directory where the file called GirlNames.txt is

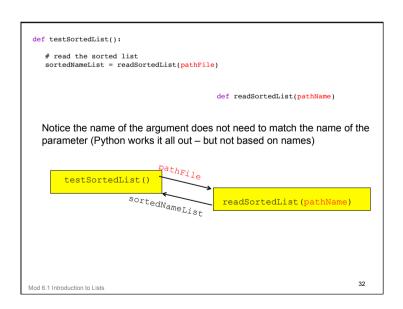
# set up the full path name (make sure you have set the media path!)
pathFile = getMediaPath("GirlNames.txt")

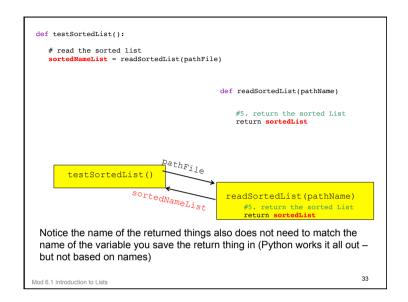
# read the sorted list
sortedNameList = readSortedList(pathFile)

# print the list to check it is correct
# - notice the str function works with lists
print "sortedNameList = " + str(sortedNameList)

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```





Revision

Strings

A string is a sequence of characters

We've denoted literal strings by enclosing the characters in quotation marks:

"This is a string"

We can also use apostrophes:

'Another string'

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Special characters in strings

Strings can include invisible characters such as tab, backspace, and enter/return

To include these in a literal string, we can use the special symbols \t, \b, and \n

"A string with \ttab and \n\n\nline breaks"

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Revision

Special characters in strings

A backslash tells Python that the next character is to be treated as a special code

If we want a backslash to be taken literally, we write \mathbf{r} in front of the string . . .

filePath = r"C:\uni\Inft1004\PythonPrograms"

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Strings and Lists are alike

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

A substring can be extracted using a range of indexes:

response[2:6] is "stri"
response[:6] is "A stri"
response[6:] is "ng"

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Revision

Strings and Lists are alike

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

A string is stored like an array of characters, with each character having its own index

response[0] is "A"

response[5] is "i"

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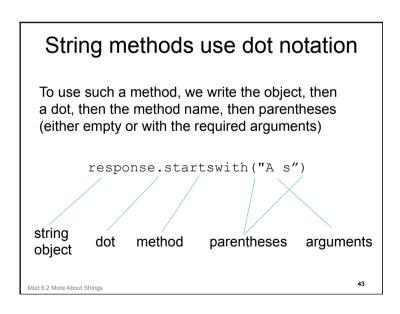
Revision

Concatenating +

"Good" + "Day" "GoodDay"

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Revision Length of a string or list - len(..) len (response) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ... response A s t r i n g



More about String methods

Many of the string functions that come with python use dot notation

Dot notation is a common notation in object-oriented programming – (string is actually a class)

This will mean that you call these functions slightly differently.

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startswith() and endswith()

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

startswith(str) returns true if the string
starts with str and false if it doesn't

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startswith() and endswith()

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

startswith (str) returns true if the string starts with str and false if it doesn't

print response.startswith("A s")
will print 1 (true)

print response.startswith("As")
will print 0 (false)

(remember Python uses 1 for true and 0 for false)

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startswith() and endswith()

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

endswith(str)returns true if the string ends
with str and false if it doesn't

print response.endswith("bing")
will print 0 (false)

print response.endswith("ring")
will print 1 (true)

(remember Python uses 1 for true and 0 for false)

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startswith() and endswith()

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

endswith (str) returns true if the string ends
with str and false if it doesn't

Mod 6.2 More About Strings

Splitting a String

Splits a string into a list of strings - based on a separation string

```
data = "1.2|2.3|4.3|8.1"

dataList = data.split("|")

# dataList will be a list of
# the following strings
# ["1.2", "2.3", "4.3", "8.1"]
```

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Splitting a String

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data = "1.2|2.3|4.3|8.1"

dataList = data.split("|")

# dataList will be a list of
# the following strings
# ["1.2", "2.3", "4.3", "8.1"]
```

Handy function for breaking up a comma delimited string – or even a space delimited string ;-)

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More string methods

```
response.find(str)

return the index at which str starts in response,
or —1 if str isn't found in response

response.find(str, start)

similar, but looks only from index start onward

response.find(str, start, finish)

similar, but looks only between indexes
start and finish

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```

More string methods

response.find(str)

return the index at which str starts in response, or -1 if str isn't found in response

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
response A s t r i n g

print response.find("ri") #prints 4
print response.find("XX") #prints -1

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More string methods

response.upper()

return response all in upper case

response.lower()

return response all in lower case

response.title()

return response all in title case

(capital letter at the start of each word)

response.swapcase()

return response with the case of all letters swapped

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Still more string methods

response.isalpha()

returns true if response consists only of letters, false otherwise

response.isdigit()

returns true if response consists only of digits, false otherwise

response.replace(oldStr, newStr)

returns response with all instances of oldStr replaced with newStr

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Input and Output

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Still more string methods

There are more string functions.

If you need one and it's not listed here or in the book, take a look online and see if you can find it.

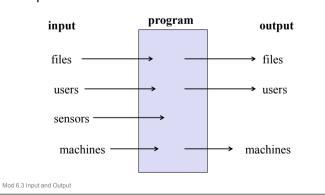
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Input and Output

Many programs allow for some kind of input and output of data/information



Input and Output - Files

JES provides us with some quite powerful tools for working with files – both for input and output

We will work with quite a few different types of files in this course. These include:

pictures (png, jpg) sounds (wav) text files (.txt, .csv) movies (.avi)

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Input and Output - Files

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```
pictures (png, jpg)
sounds (wav)
text files (.txt, .csv)
movies (.avi)

Assignment
```

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Input and Output - Files

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We will work with quite a few different types of files in this course. These include:

pictures (png, jpg) sounds (wav) text files (.txt, .csv) movies (.avi)

With JES this is the easiest and most powerful way we have of doing input and output

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Input – Text Files

Sometimes working with text files you get some strange characters.

For example, newlines "\n" and carriage returns "\r" – even extra spaces that might be annoying

You may even find differences between files created on Macs and Windows – so it can be a bit tricky

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Input – Text Files

These string functions can be useful...

```
# remove newlines
newString = aString.replace("\n"," ")

# remove carriage returns - sometimes in windows
newString = aString.replace("\r"," ")

# remove tabs
newString = aString.replace("\t"," ")

# remove trailing and leading white space
newString = aString.strip()

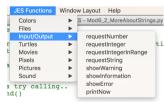
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```

Input and Output - User

We will work with some simple user interfaces that take some basic text input from the user and produce basic output – again as text.

We will use predefined JES functions like:

requestString requestInteger requestNumber showInformation print printNow



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Input and Output - User

Many programs provide sophisticated user interfaces that allow the user to complete complex tasks using a purpose built visual interface.

This is possible with python and JES using java – but it is not a simple task – and beyond what you will learn in this course

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Input - requestString()

requestString() returns a string value

It takes one argument – a string message

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Help about requestString()

Check JES for more help about JES functions!

requestString(message): message: the message to display to the user in the dialog returns: the input string

This will allow the user to input any string.

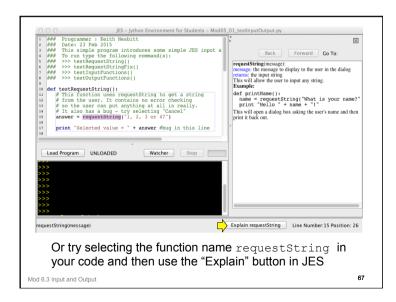
Example:

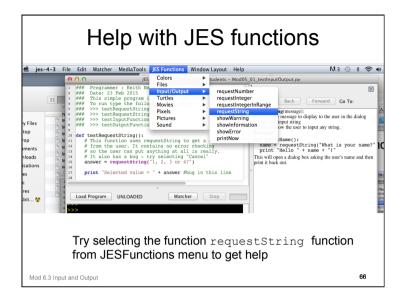
def printName():
 name = requestString("What is

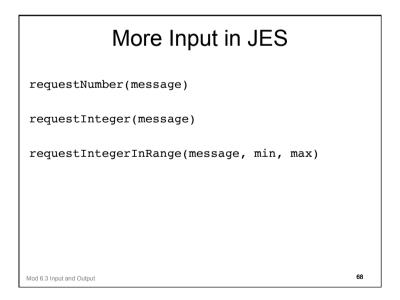
name = requestString("What is your name?")
print "Hello " + name + "!"

This will open a dialog box asking the user's name and then print it back out.

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More Input in JES

```
def testInputFunctions():
    #This functions tests some useful JES input functions
    decimalValue = requestNumber("Enter a decimal number Will")
    printNow(decimalValue)

integerValue = requestIntegerInRange("Enter an integer 1-5", 1, 5)
    printNow(integerValue)

integerValue = requestInteger("Enter an integer Will")
    printNow(integerValue)

Mod6_3_testInputOutput.py

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```

Some Output in JES

Some Output in JES

showWarning("Help")
showInformation(message)
showError(message)



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Getting user input

So far all of our programs have run without input from the user

The text-based adventure game in chapter 10 of the textbook illustrates the use of requestString() to get user input

This chapter als0 goes a lot more into string processing

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Guzdial & Ericson - Fourth (Global) Edition – chapter 11

Text files

Text files are easily interpreted as strings

We can process them with the string methods that we've now learnt

For example, we can read the text from a file, convert it all to title case, and write it back to the file

Or we can read the text from a file, substitute one string for another wherever it occurs, and write the file back

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Processing Files

Files are the basic unit of storage on computers

Some of the things stored in files are:

- word-processing documents (eg .doc)
- text files (eg .txt)
- web pages (eg .htm)
- spreadsheets (eg .xls)
- comma-separated values files (eg .csv)
- program files (eg .py)
- pictures (eg .jpg)
- sounds (eg .wav)

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Opening a file

Opening a file

```
open(filename, "rt") - open a file to read as text
open(filename, "wt") - open a file to write as text
open(filename, "at") - open a file to append text
open(filename, "rb") - open a file to read as bytes
open(filename, "wb") - open a file to write as bytes
```

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Opening a file

In each case, filename can be . . .

A full path and filename

getMediaPath(filename)

A variable with the filename and path in it For example obtained from

filename = pickAFile()

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Text file operations

file.write(string)

- adds the string to the end of the file

Note that when you open a file for writing, it's considered empty, so anything you add to it is added to an initially empty file

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Text file operations

file.read()
Read the whole file as a

single string

file.readline() Read the next line from the

file as a string

file.readlines() Read the file as a list of strings,

one for each line

Note that reading a file consumes it; what you've read from the file is removed from the file object – though the file from which it was opened is still untouched

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Closing a file

It's very important to close a file when you've finished the current operations on it

file.close()

When writing a file, the content is buffered: it's actually written to the file not whenever the program says write, but when there's enough to be worth writing

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Closing a file

If your program finishes while files are still open, the last buffer might not be written

Closing the file ensures that the last buffer will be written

This is easy to overlook because it's not always obvious: you can sometimes get away with forgetting.

Be alert!

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Common mistakes with files

- 1. Trying to read a file that's opened for write
- 2. Trying to write a file that's opened for read
- 3. Trying to read/write a file that you've closed
- 4. Forgetting to close a file when you've finished with it
- 5. Failing to close a read file before opening it to write

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reading a text file as a string

```
def readFileText():
    # This function reads a file of text from
    # a file as a single string and prints it

# pick a file for opening
    filename = pickAFile()

# open the text file for reading
    file = open(filename, "rt")

# read the text as a single string
    stringText = file.read()

file.close()  # always close the file
    print stringText  # print the string
```

Common mistakes with files

- 6. Forgetting that reading consumes a file
- 7. Opening a file to write when you meant to open it to append
- 8. Failing to specify the right directory for the file
- 9. Overwriting an existing file Python doesn't automatically warn you before doing this

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What to do this week				
Check the Lab for Week 6 (this might help with assignment)				
Do the Practical Test for Week 6				
Mark the Practical Exam (or get a peer to do it)				
Problems with your Practical test – next weeks tutorial!				
No quiz this week				
Keep reading the textbook				
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