# generators, context managers, decorators

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# generators

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no good, because readlines reads the whole file into a list (i.e. into memory)

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now we are good, because we always only have one line in memory (because f provides a generator)

## generators perform lazy evaluation

- only retrieve the data / compute what is needed right now

# generators produce iterators

- you can use them in a *for* or *while* loop just like a list

## function to produce squares - list version

```
def squares_list(n):
    result = []
    for i in range(n):
        result.append(i*i)
    print("Finished producing squares")
    return result
```

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    for i in range(n):
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    return result
using function to print squares of numbers from 0 to 4
for square in squares_list(5):
    print(square)
# Finished producing squares
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# 9
```

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## function to produce squares - generator version

```
def squares_gen(n):
    for i in range(n):
        yield i*i
    print("Finished producing squares")
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# Finished producing squares

# your task - what happens if you do?

```
print(squares_gen(5))
print(list(squares_gen(5)))
```

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print(squares_gen(5))
# <generator object squares at 0x7f7ccb14e4c0>
print(list(squares_gen(5)))
# Finished producing squares
# [0, 1, 4, 9, 16]
```

**your task**: write your own zip function (list version and generator version)

```
# take two lists with same number of elements
list1 = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
list2 = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']
for pair in myzip(list1, list2):
    print(pair)
# expected output
(0, 'a')
(1, 'b')
(2, 'c')
(3, 'd')
(4, 'e')
```

#### list version

```
def myzip_list(list1, list2):
    results = []
    for i in range(len(list1)):
        results.append((list1[i], list2[i]))
    return results
generator version
def myzip_gen(list1, list2):
    for i in range(len(list1)):
        yield list1[i], list2[i]
```

# your task generator in generator in generator

## write three generators:

- 1. myrange(n) counts from zero to n
- triple(numbers) multiplies every number in the *numbers* iterator with 3
- 3. even(numbers) keeps only those numbers in the *numbers* iterator that can be divided by 2 (if number % 2 == 0)

#### and stack them like this

```
for i in even(triple(myrange(10))):
    print(i)
```

reason about the memory usage of stacking the generators like this

one possible implementation for generator in generator in generator

```
def myrange(n):
    i = 0
    while i < n:
        yield i
        i += 1
def triple(numbers):
    for i in numbers:
        yield i*3
def even(numbers):
    for i in numbers:
        if i % 2 == 0:
            yield i
```

# the infinite generator

```
def count_endlessly():
    i = 0
    while True:
        yield i
        i += 1
```

how do we get out of there?

# the infinite generator

```
def count_endlessly():
    i = 0
    while True:
        yield i
        i += 1
how do we get out of there?
for counter in count_endlessly():
    if counter > 100:
        break
```

# generator slicing

```
squares = squares gen(100000)
# this will give us an error:
# TypeError: 'qenerator' object is not subscriptable
print(squares[0:10])
# this works but we have to put all squares into a list
# which is what we wanted to avoid in the first place
print(list(squares)[0:10])
# need to use islice
from itertools import islice
slice = islice(squares, 5)
# slice is again a generator, hooray lazyness!
print(list(slice))
```

#### generator length

```
# this will give an error
# TypeError: object of type 'generator' has no len()
print(len(squares_gen(10000)))
# this works but again we have to make a list
print(len(list(squares_gen(10000))))
# there is no way to get the length
# without consuming the whole generator
```

## unexpected differences between python2 and python3

# python2

```
print(range(10))
# produces a list: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

python3

print(range(10))
# produces a generator: range(0, 10)
```

since generators add minimal memory overhead (lazy evaluation!), I like to use them to structure my code

```
f = open('data.csv')
for line in f:
    # remove comments
    if line.startswith('#'):
        continue
    print(line.upper())
f.close()
```

# same functionality using a remove\_comments generator

```
def remove_comments(lines):
    for line in lines:
        if not line.startswith('#'):
            yield line

f = open('data.csv')
for line in remove_comments(f):
        print(line.upper())
f.close()
```

## generators in python

- enable lazy evaluation
- are a good tool when dealing with large files, large database results, endless data streams, etc
- can be used for structuring code into functions without introducing memory overhead

# context managers

# let's write some pairs to a file

```
# lists are not same length so myzip will fail!
list1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
list2 = ['a', 'b']
f = open('pairs.txt', 'w')
# uuuhoooh when getting third pair we get an:
# IndexError: list index out of range
for pair in myzip gen(list1, list2):
    f.write(str(pair))
# will never reach f.close() -> never close the file handler
# might lose what we have written to the file so far
# plus operating system might be sad
f.close()
```

# have to wrap pair generation into a try/finally

```
list1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
list2 = ['a', 'b']

f = open('pairs.txt', 'w')
try:
    for pair in myzip_gen(list1, list2):
        f.write(str(pair))

finally:
    # we will get here in success and in error case!
    f.close()
```

let a context manager do the try/finally/close for you!

```
list1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
list2 = ['a', 'b']
with open('pairs.txt', 'w') as f:
    for pair in myzip_gen(list1, list2):
        f.write(str(pair))
```

#### from contextlib import contextmanager

```
@contextmanager
def open_for_writing(filename):
    fh = open(filename, 'w')
    try:
        yield fh
    finally:
        fh.close()
list1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
list2 = ['a', 'b']
with open_for_writing('pairs.txt') as f:
    for pair in myzip_gen(list1, list2):
        f.write(str(pair))
```

#### from contextlib import contextmanager

```
@contextmanager
def open for writing(filename):
    fh = open(filename, 'w')
    try:
        yield fh
    except:
        print("Some error occured")
        raise
    finally:
        fh.close()
list1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
list2 = ['a', 'b']
with open for writing('pairs.txt') as f:
    for pair in myzip_gen(list1, list2):
        f.write(str(pair))
```

#### your task: database connection manager

- 0. take a look at fakedb.py
- 1. in the code below, which errors can happen and where?
- rewrite code below to use built-in context manager 'open' for handling meetups.txt file
- write your own context manager called 'connect' for handling the database connection
- 4. rewrite code below to use your context manager from (3)

```
conn = FakeDatabase("meetups.db")
try:
    f = open('meetups.txt', 'w')
    try:
        for row in conn.query("SELECT * FROM meetups"):
            f.write(row)
    finally:
        f.close()
finally:
    conn.close()
```

#### your task database connection manager

2. rewrite code to use built-in context manager 'open' for handling meetups.txt file

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    with open('meetups.txt', 'w') as f:
        for row in conn.query("SELECT * FROM meetups"):
            f.write(row)
finally:
    conn.close()
```

#### your task database connection manager

3. write your own context manager called 'connect' for handling the database connection

from contextlib import contextmanager

```
@contextmanager
def connect(db_name):
    db_conn = FakeDatabase("meetups.db")
    try:
        yield db_conn
    finally:
        db_conn.close()
```

#### your task database connection manager

4. rewrite code to use your context manager from (3)

```
with connect('meetups.db') as conn:
    with open('meetups.txt', 'w') as f:
        for row in conn.query("SELECT * FROM meetups"):
            f.write(row)
```

### your task database connection manager

4. rewrite code to use your context manager from (3)

with connect('meetups.db') as conn:
 with open('meetups.txt', 'w') as f:
 for row in conn.query("SELECT \* FROM meetups"):
 f.write(row)

with connect('meetups.db') as c, open('meets.txt', 'w') as f:
 for row in c.query("SELECT \* FROM meetups"):
 f.write(row)

```
built-in context managers: closing
calls the close method of whatever you give it
from contextlib import closing
with closing(FakeDatabase("meetups.db")) as conn:
    for row in conn.query("SELECT * FROM meetups"):
        print(row)
@contextmanager
def closing(thing_to_close):
    try:
        vield thing_to_close
    finally:
        thing_to_close.close()
```

built-in context managers: tempfiles
makes a temporary file and removes it when is not needed anymore
from tempfile import TemporaryFile
with TemporaryFile(mode="w") as f:
 f.write('writing some stuff into my tempfile')

#### context managers

- ensures that resources are properly managed (in particular that stuff is closed even if errors happen)
- help you separate resource handling from your actual logic

# decorators

## timing how long execution of a function took

```
from datetime import datetime
from time import sleep

def my_slow_function():
    sleep(10)

start = datetime.now()
my_slow_function()
spent = datetime.now() - start
print("Execution took {}".format(spent))
```

#### re-usable timer

```
from datetime import datetime
from time import sleep
def timed(function to time):
    start = datetime.now()
   result = function to time() # actual execution
    spent = datetime.now() - start
   print("Execution took {}".format(spent))
   return result
def my_slow_function():
   sleep(10)
timed(my_slow_function)
```

# re-usable timer as a decorator from datetime import datetime from time import sleep def timed(function\_to\_time): def execute\_and\_log\_time(): start = datetime.now() result = function to time() # actual execution spent = datetime.now() - start print("Execution took {}".format(spent)) return result return execute\_and\_log\_time @timed def my\_slow\_function(): sleep(10)

my\_slow\_function()

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#### decorator order

```
@logging("out.log")
@timed
def my_slow_function():
    sleep(10)

my_slow_function()
# timed is executed first
# (because it wraps my_slow_function)
# logging is executed second
# (because it wraps the wrapped my_slow_function)
```

#### some useful decorators

```
# give warning to user that function will be removed soon
@deprecated
# you can put this on any class method to mark it static
@staticmethod
# pip install profilehooks
# profiling where in the function you spend your time
@profile
# pip install nose-parameterized
# runs same unit test with different parameters
Oparameterized(["DE", "UK", "SP"])
def test_load_csv(country):
    data = load_csv(country)
    assert_data_correct(data)
```

## subjective: use decorators lightly

- do not use them to change functionality majorly
- better as markers e.g. @deprecated
- avoid using more than one because order is somewhat counter-intuitive

the end

thank you