

# Python for JNTUK Students

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## **unit 1**

### **History of python**

Python was created by Guido van Rossum in 1991.

### **Need of python programming**

C, C++ are powerful languages. Languages that can be used to write a variety of software. They give you control of the machine and the very minute control the system. But, they are very low level. We need to specify very small detail. For example, we have to create and manage memory requirement, object destruction etc, when all we need to do is save a few objects.

C, C++ syntax makes writing code very lengthy. C, C++ focus on reducing memory, running programs fast etc. Python's focus is to reduce developer time-time taken by the programmer to create software. C's 20 line code would be 5 or less lines long.

### **Applications**

Python's concise code makes it real quick to write software. It's high level. Python's is used for the real software that we see often in our day-to-day life.

#### **web development**

Django is popular python framework(a big library is called a framework) that simplifies build websites like amazon or flipkart.

#### **Data science and machine learning**

Data science is different from the general programming. In general programming, finding out the average of subjects marks is a typical programming. Data science tries to predict the answer to question 'when will you come to college tomorrow?' It does it by observing previous data. Since you came on 8:30 everyday for the past 6 months, you will come tomorrow at 8:30. This is simple problem but typical problems in this field are like 'what is chance of getting cancer if you have a family history?' 'what will the weather be today?' etc. Two languages dominate this field - Python and R. Both of which are in your syllabus.

#### **Gaming and gui applications**

The famous game Civilization IV where you get build an empire was written in python.

## Internet of Things(IoT)

Our calculators are computers. Not as powerful as our laptops but still are computers. Iot is a technology where, small calculator sized but more powerful computers are attached everyday devices like TV, Fridge, AC to make them smart. The smart house where you can voice operate lights, doors, music is because of iot. And, python is the primary language of this field.

## Natural language processing

Did you try giving voice commands to your smart phone? Isn't it cool? the phone listens and finds out what you are talking out. It does this even if an accent is present. This field of find out what humans are saying is called natural language processing. Python has cool libraries for this too.

## REPL

Download python from here: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>. JNTUK does not specify which version to download. Python has two main versions. Python 2 and python 3. Download python 2. At the time of writing this book(July 2017), the latest version was 2.7.13. Once you download the exe file, just double click and install. This should be very easy.

```
2 + 3
45 + 21.1
45/9
```

```
Out: 5
Out: 66.1
Out: 5
```

## Keywords

Each language has a set of words that are reserved. They can't be used as variable names. The complete list is given here as reference. you don't need to know them by heart. This is just for your reference.

False	class	finally	is	return
None	continue	for	lambda	try
True	def	from	nonlocal	while
and	del	global	not	with
as	elif	if	or	yield
assert	else	import	pass	
break	except	in	raise	

## Input-output

```
print 'some-string'
print 23
# to print multiple variables on the same line:
print 'some-string', 23, 45.5
```

```
Out: some-string
Out: 23
Out: some-string 23 45.5
```

```
# Input
a = raw_input("enter a number:")
```

`raw_input()` always takes the input as string. Even if you type numbers, they would be taken as string. So, if you really want to input numbers, you need to convert them. We use the built-in python functions `int()` , `float()` for this.

```
a = raw_input("enter a number:")
print a
print type(a)
a = int(a)
print type(a)
```

Out: enter a number:23

Out: 23

Out: <type 'str'>

Out: <type 'int'>

Python programmers combine the input and conversion into one line like this:

```
age = int(raw_input('enter age'))
height = float(raw_input('enter height'))
```

## Indentation

covered in if section

```
print 'this line will be printed'
    print 'this will cause indentation error'
```

Out: File "<string>", line 2

Out: print 'this will cause indentation error'

Out: ^

Out: IndentationError: unexpected indent

We will talk about indentation more when we talk about if statements. But, for now remember to indent all the statements uniformly.

## unit 2

### Types

Python has 5 data types-Numbers, Strings, Lists, Tuple, Dictionary. In this chapter, we will discuss Numbers and Strings. We will see the other 3 in the next chapter.

### Numbers

Numbers are further divided into 4:int, long, float, complex. int and long are used to represent whole numbers. float is used for numbers that have a decimal part. Languages like C have double type for really big floating point numbers. But python only has float.

```
a = 12
print type(a)
#type is a built-in function that returns the type of a variable
```

```
b = 12.3
print type(b)
c = 2323231211142342424
print type(c)
d = complex(2,3)
print d
print type(d)
```

```
Out: <type 'int'>
Out: <type 'float'>
Out: <type 'long'>
Out: (2+3j)
Out: <type 'complex'>
```

The data type complex represent mathematical complex numbers that have a real and an imaginary part.

## Strings

Python doesn't differete between single quotes and double quotes. Unlike in C, the is not difference between char ans string-both are same.

```
name = "sreekanth"
occupation = 'software engineer'
print type(name)
quote = "I'am good" #observe that a single qoute can be used within double quotes
print "qoute:" + quote
quote = "qoute:" + 'He said "I am not going" to her'
print quote
```

```
Out: <type 'str'>
Out: qoute:I'am good
Out: qoute:He said "I am not going" to her
qoute = "He said "I am not going" to her" #this will not work.
```

## Booleans

Boolean variables can be assigned either True or False

```
flag = True
print flag
flag = False
print flag
```

```
Out: True
Out: False
```

## Operators

Variables are assigned values using the = operator. Variables are written when they are first assigned a value.

```
number = 10
```

The variable `number` is assigned 10. Note that the type of variable `number` is not declared. This is not required because of the python type inference. Based on the operations we do on a variable, the python will automatic guess its type.

```
#multiple assignments can be done in the same statement simultaneously.
a, b = 10,20
#a is assigned 10 and b is assigned 20.
print a,b
a,b = b,a
#a is assigned the value in b and b is assigned the value in a simultaneously.
#this is a popular way of swapping numbers in python.
print a,b
```

Out: 10 20

Out: 20 10

## Arithmetic Operators

They are + - \* / % \*\*. `a%b` gives the remainder of when a is divided by b. `a**b` gives a to power of b.

operator	example	result
+	2 + 3	5
-	2.3 - 3.5	-1.2
*	2*1.5	3
/	5/2	2
%	5%2	1
**	5**2	25

## Relational Operators

operator	example	result
>	20 > 40	False
	20 > 20	False
>=	20 >= 20	True
<	20 < 40	True
	20 < 20	False
<=	20 <= 20	True
==	20 == 20	True
	20 == 40	False
!=	20 != 20	False
	20 != 40	True

## Logical Operators

There are three logical operators: not, or, and. Also, >, >=, <, <=, ==, !=

```
condition = True
print (not condition)
print (condition or False)
print (condition and False)
```

```
Out: False
Out: True
Out: False
```

`not a` evaluates to the opposite of what `a` is. `a and b` evaluates to True only if both `a`, `b` are True. `a or b` evaluates to False if both `a`, `b` are False. They behave exactly like `!`, `||`, `&&` operators in C.

a	not a
True	False
False	True

a	b	a and b
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	False

a	b	a or b
True	True	True
True	False	True
False	True	True
False	False	False

## Membership Operator

The `in` operator is used to determine variable consists of other.

```
isPresent = "sree" in "sreekanth"
print isPresent
```

```
Out: True
```

We will discuss this operator in more detail in unit-3 once we complete lists.

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "orange"]
print "apple" in fruits
#the 'in' operator can be used with the 'not' operator
#to find out if a variable is not present in another
print "banana" not in fruits
```

```
Out: True
Out: False
```

## Tertiary operator

a if condition else b

```
number = 24
print "odd" if number % 2 else "even"
```

```
Out: even
```

## Control flow

```
a,b = 3,2
if(a > b):
    print "a is greater than b" #Notice this print stmt is indented
    #this means that the print stmt is within the if block
```

Out: a is greater than b

Python separates blocks based on their indentation. Notice the print statement unlike other languages, python doesn't use curly brackets {} to block. The above if statement can also be written as if-else statement.

```
a,b = 10,20
if a > b:
    print "a is greater than b"
else:
    pass
```

pass is a keyword that represents an empty statement. It's like an empty ; in C.

```
a,b = 3,2
if a > b:
    print "this statement is within the if block"
    print "this statement aswell"
else:
    print "this statement is in the else block"
    print "this statement is also in the else block"
print "this statement is not in the if block. it's in the global block and will always print"
```

Out: this statement is within the if block

Out: this statement aswell

Out: this statement is not in the if block. it's in the global block and will always print

## Loops

### The for loop

```
numbers = range(1,10)
for number in numbers:
    print number
```

Out: 1

Out: 2

Out: 3

Out: 4

Out: 5

Out: 6

Out: 7

Out: 8

Out: 9

```
for alphabet in "sreekanth":
    print alphabet
```

Out: s

```
Out: r
Out: e
Out: e
Out: k
Out: a
Out: n
Out: t
Out: h
```

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "orange"]
while len(fruits) != 0:
    print fruits.pop()
print fruits
```

```
Out: orange
Out: banana
Out: apple
Out: []
```

```
numbers = range(0,10) #remember range() creates a list [0,1,2...,9]
#program to print even numbers
for i in numbers:
    if i%2 != 0:
        continue
    print i #remember indentation rules: this stmt is in for block but not in if block
print "program end"
```

```
Out: 0
Out: 2
Out: 4
Out: 6
Out: 8
Out: program end
```

Each time the keyword `continue` is hit, the remaining part of the for loop is not executed

```
numbers = range(0,10)
for i in numbers:
    if i%2 != 0:
        break
    print i
print "program end"
```

```
Out: 0
Out: program end
```

Notice that this program produces nothing. When `i=1`, the `if` condition is `True`, and `break` statement is hit. When a `break` statement is hit, the loop, the `break` statement is in, is immediately exited.

## Lists

Lists are similar to C arrays but more powerful. Lists store multiple values. Unlike C arrays, elements in a python list don't have to be of the same type. Lists are indexed from 0.

```
fruits = ['apple', 'mango', 'pineapple']
numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```



```
#elements in a list can be accessed using index.
print numbers[1]
#even negative index is allowed, in which case length of list is added
#to the index.
print numbers[-1]
fruitsandnumbers = ['apple', 'mango', 'pineapple', 10, 20, 30, True]
#mixing elements of different types is fine
print fruitsandnumbers
print len(numbers)
#len is a built-in function used to find the length of lists.
integers = range(1,10)
print integers
#range(start,last) is built-in function that creates a list [start, start+1, ..., last-1]
```

Out: 20

Out: 50

Out: ['apple', 'mango', 'pineapple', 10, 20, 30, True]

Out: 5

Out: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

## Slicing

Slicing is a simple way of creating a new list from (part of) an old list.

```
newList = oldList[start:end]
numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70]
sublist = numbers[1:4]
print sublist
print numbers[0:3]
print numbers[:3] #missing starting number, with replaced with 0
print numbers[4:7]
print numbers[4:] #missing ending number is replaced with length of the list.
#negative indices can also be given.
#In which case, the length of the list is added
print numbers[-2:7]
print numbers[:-1] #this will print all elements except the last one.
```

Out: [20, 30, 40]

Out: [10, 20, 30]

Out: [10, 20, 30]

Out: [50, 60, 70]

Out: [50, 60, 70]

Out: [60, 70]

Out: [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60]

As shown in the example, sublist is a new list consisting of elements 1 to 3(remember, ‘end’ is not inclusive) in the numbers list. you can also specify negative numbers for indexes in which case, the length of list is automatically added. For example `numbers[-2:7]` is equivalent to `numbers[5:7]`.

## List methods

Lists are not fixed in length. They increase and decrease when elements are added and removed.

```
numbers = [10,20,30,40,50] #creating a list
numbers.append(60) #adds 60 at the end of the list
print numbers
numbers.insert(2, 25) #you can even add an element at a specific index
print numbers
```

Out: [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60]

Out: [10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60]

Notice how the list gets re-adjusted. All the elements after index 1 are moved 1 place right the new element is insert at index 2. you can delete an element from a list by using the keyword `del`.

```
numbers = [10,20,30,40,50]
del numbers[1] #this will remove element at index 1
print numbers
```

Out: [10, 30, 40, 50]

Notice how the list is re-adjusted. All the elements after index 1 are moved 1 place left to full the list. The length of list is also reduced by 1.

```
numbers = [10,20,30,40,50] #creating a list
print numbers.pop() #removes and returns the last element in the list
print numbers
# More methods
print numbers.index(40) #returns the index of the element 40 if present
numbers = [30,20,40,10,50]
numbers.sort() #sorts list
print numbers
```

Out: 50

Out: [10, 20, 30, 40]

Out: 3

Out: [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

## Strings as lists

In python, strings are lists. So, all the list operations can be done on strings.

```
name = "sreekanth"
print name[0]
print name[1:5] #slicing
print name + "kolamala" # concatenation
#personal note: concatenation does a shallow copy, use should use copy.deepcopy
a = range(10)
import copy
b = copy.deepcopy(a)
b.append(3)
print a
print b
```

Out: s

Out: reek

Out: sreekanthkolamala

Out: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

Out: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 3]

## Comprehensions

```
[expression(x) for x in some_list if condition]
```

expression(x) is the formula used for creating the elements. The elements of some\_list is are used in expression(x). The if condition is also optional used for filtering. Some examples will solidify these concepts.

```
squares = [x**2 for x in range(10)]
print squares
#squares of even numbers:
squares = [x**2 for x in range(10) if x % 2 == 0]
print squares
squares = [x**2 for x in range(10) if not x % 2]
print squares
```

Out: [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]

Out: [0, 4, 16, 36, 64]

Out: [0, 4, 16, 36, 64]

## Sets

Sets are like lists but duplicates are not allowed.

```
presentees = {1,5,6,7,10,1,6,6,5}
print presentees
presentees.add(10)
print presentees
```

Out: set([1, 10, 5, 6, 7])

Out: set([1, 10, 5, 6, 7])

Common mathematical set operations like union, intersection can be easily done.

```
setA = {1,2,3,4,5}
setB = {4,5,6,7,8}
print setA.union(setB)
print setA.intersection(setB)
```

Out: set([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8])

Out: set([4, 5])

## Dictionaries

Dictionaries(commonly shortened to dict) are {key,value} pair data structures. Each element in a dict is a pair of key and value. Keys have to be unique. Keys can be thought as indices with names. Dicts are similar to java maps.

```
wordFrequency = {'a':1, 'b':5, 'c':10, 'e':15}
#Here all the strings('a', 'b', 'c', 'e' are keys)
#all the numbers are values(1,5,10,15)
#each key has a associated value.
#For example, wordFrequency can be used to store frequency of alphabets in a string
print wordFrequency['a']
```

```
#key can be used like an index of a list.
del wordFrequency['a']
#deleting is similar to list.
print wordFrequency
print 'd' in wordFrequency #find out if a key exists in dict using the 'in' keyword
```

```
Out: 1
Out: {'c': 10, 'b': 5, 'e': 15}
Out: False
```

Accessing the key that isn't present in the dict can result in an exception. This can be avoided by checking if that key is present before accessing it.

```
wordFrequency = {'a':1, 'b':5, 'c':10, 'e':15}
if('d' in wordFrequency):
    print wordFrequency['d']
else:
    print "not present"
```

```
Out: not present
```

## Functions

Functions are small pieces of code that we can reuse by calling them instead of writing code multiple times. Their syntax:

```
def function_name(parameters):
    stmt
    stmt
    stmt
```

Few examples as usual will make things clear:

```
#function defination
def add(a,b):
    c = a + b
    print c
```

We define a function by using the keyword `def`. Notice that all the stmts after the first statement are indented. This is python's way to say that these statements are part of the function definition and not in the global context. Not indenting would throw an error. We can call this function like this:

```
#function calling
add(2,3)
add(2.3, 4.5)
add(a=2.3, b=4.5) #we can explicitly use the names of the parameter
                  #as defined in function definition
add(b=4.5, a=2.3) #we can also change the order of parameters.
```

```
Out: 5
Out: 6.8
Out: 6.8
Out: 6.8
```

Also notice that we were able to use the same `add()` function to add both ints and floats. Something we can't do in languages like C or Java.

## Default parameters

We could give default values to function parameters. In which case, if the function is called without the parameter, the default value is used. If an actual parameter is given then the default one is ignored.

```
def print_series(n=10):  
    for i in range(n):  
        print i  
print_series(5) #this will print till 5 #mental note: write this into 2 programs and eval, echo blocks  
print_series() #since no parameter is given, the default value 10 is assigned to n  
               #and 0 till n are printed.
```

```
Out: 0  
Out: 1  
Out: 2  
Out: 3  
Out: 4  
Out: 0  
Out: 1  
Out: 2  
Out: 3  
Out: 4  
Out: 5  
Out: 6  
Out: 7  
Out: 8  
Out: 9
```

## Fruitful Functions

Instead of printing, a function can also return a value.

```
#function that returns the square of its parameter  
def square(number):  
    return number**2  
#function calling  
a = square(4) #the value returned by the function can be assigned to a variable.  
print a
```

```
Out: 16
```

Functions can return multiple values too.

```
def mean_mode_median(numbers):  
    return 2,3,4  
  
mean, mode, median = mean_mode_median(range(5))  
print mean, mode, median
```

```
Out: 2 3 4
```

```
def square(number):  
    return number**2  
print map(square, range(10))
```

```
Out: [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

Instead of defining a function, we can use **anonymous function**. Anonymous function are like regular functions except they don't have a name. They defined using the keyword, `lambda`.

```
print map(lambda x: x**2, range(10))
```

Out: [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]

### Variable-length arguments

```
# program to take variable number of parameters
def max(*numbers):
    result = None
    for number in numbers:
        if number > result:
            result = number
    print result
#you can call max() with any number of parameters
max(30,20)
max(20,30,60,70,40,50)
max(20)
max()
```

Out: 30

Out: 70

Out: 20

Out: None

You can also mix normal parameters with variable number of parameters

```
def max(first, *numbers):
    result = first
    for number in numbers:
        if number > result:
            result = number
    print result
#you can call max() with atleast one parameter
max(30,20)
max(20,30,60,70,40,50)
max(20)
max() #this will throw an error
```

Out: 30

Out: 70

Out: 20

Out: Traceback (most recent call last):

Out: File "<string>", line 11, in <module>

Out: TypeError: max() takes at least 1 argument (0 given)

### Import statements

Often times, instead of writing code ourselves, we could use code written by others. This code is available in the form of libraries. We need to declare them before using them by writing an import statement. Its syntax:

```
import library_name
from library_name import class_or_function_name
```

Some examples: There is module called math that contains commonly used mathematical functions like square root{sqrt()} etc. To use them, we need to import the math module.

```
import math #you can call anything within math.
print math.sqrt(25) #the full name math.sqrt() is requeried.
print math.pi
print sqrt(25)
```

```
Out: 5.0
Out: 3.14159265359
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out:   File "<string>", line 4, in <module>
Out: NameError: name 'sqrt' is not defined
```

```
from math import sqrt #only importing sqrt and not the whole of math module.
print sqrt(25) #full name not required.
print pi #can't use anything else.
```

```
Out: 5.0
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out:   File "<string>", line 3, in <module>
Out: NameError: name 'pi' is not defined
```

We can also give alias(shortcut name) to the imported module. This way, we could use the shortcut instead of the full module name.

```
import math as m
print m.sqrt(25)
```

```
Out: 5.0
```

Some of these libraries are loaded along with python and hence need no import. Some examples:

## Object Oriented Programming OOP in Python

Classes are neat way to organize code. Consider we write code for a box. A box has 3 properties-height, width, bredth. We can use variable like box\_height, box\_width, box\_bredth to represent them. But doing this makes 3 seperate variables that seem to have no relation.

```
class Box(object):
    static_variable = 10
    def set_height(self, h):
        self.height = h

    def get_height(self):
        return self.height

    def __init__(self, h, w, b):
        self.height = h
        self.weight = w
        self.bredth = b

    def volume(self):
        return self.height*self.weight*self.bredth

    def __len__(self):
```

```

        return 10

box = Box(2,3,4)
print box.volume()
print len(box)

```

Out: 24

Out: 10

I know that's a lot of code. Don't worry. Before we We are creating a class called Box that has variable height

## Magic methods

The beauty of python is in its magic methods. Lets us that we are defining a class to represent a family.

```

class Family(object):
    def __init__(self, mems):
        self.members = mems
family = Family(['ram', 'priya', 'ravi'])
print family.members
# We can use the len() functin to find out how many family members are there.
print len(family.members)

```

Out: ['ram', 'priya', 'ravi']

Out: 3

But with magic methods, we could simplify this.

```

class Family(object):
    def __init__(self, mems):
        self.members = mems
    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.members)
family = Family(['ram', 'priya', 'ravi'])
print len(family) #notice the change

```

Out: 3

What we have achived here is: Family is type we build just now. The python language didn't know about this before now. len is built-in function. we defined our class to work seamlessly with python's built-in functions. **len(self)** is a magic method that gets called when len(family) is encountered.

```

class Family(object):
    def __init__(self, mems):
        self.members = mems
    def __repr__(self):
        return str(self.members)
    def __getitem__(self, name):
        return self.members[name]
family = Family(['ram', 'priya', 'ravi'])
print family
print family[1]

```

Out: ['ram', 'priya', 'ravi']

Out: priya



An excellent guide for magic methods(don't forget to check the table towards the end of the article):  
<http://minhhh.github.io/posts/a-guide-to-pythons-magic-methods>

self-note: discuss the keyword is

## Inheritance

Let's create a special kind of family: south indian family

```
class South_Indian_Family(Family):
    pass

southy = South_Indian_Family(['ram', 'priya', 'ravi'])
print southy.members
print southy
```

```
Out: ['ram', 'priya', 'ravi']
Out: ['ram', 'priya', 'ravi']
```

*#multiple inheritance*

```
class A(object):
    pass

class B(object):
    pass

class C(A,B):
    pass
```

## Overriding

Inheritance lets us use base class' methods in the derived class. That's very useful. However, sometimes, we might need a more specialized method instead of the default method.

```
class Animal(object):
    def make_sound(self):
        print 'animal sound'
    def eat(self):
        print 'animal eating'

class Dog(Animal):
    # this method is overriding the parent class' method
    def make_sound(self):
        print 'bow bow'
    def attack_visitor(self):
        print 'bak bak'

animal = Animal()
animal.make_sound()
animal.eat()
dog = Dog()
dog.eat() #the Animal class' eat() will be called, as Dog has not overridden this method.
dog.make_sound() #the Dog class' make_sound() will be called.
```

```
dog.attack_visitor()
animal.attack_visitor() #error: remember attack_visitor() is not defined in Animal.
```

```
Out: animal sound
Out: animal eating
Out: animal eating
Out: bow bow
Out: bak bak
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out:   File "<string>", line 21, in <module>
Out: AttributeError: 'Animal' object has no attribute 'attack_visitor'
```

## Polymorphism

Lets code up a class Doctor that heals the animal when it is sick. To keep this simple, lets assume htat the doctor checks for the animal's bp(blood pressure) and the sound that the animal makes.

```
class Doctor(object):
    def heal(self, animal):
        print animal.bp
        animal.make_sound()
```

This Doctor works great. All animal lovers are going to this doctor for medical help. Few years later, a cat is

```
class Cat(Animal):
    def make_sound(self):
        print 'meow meow'
```

```
cat = Cat()
doctor = Doctor()
doctor.heal(cat)
```

```
Out: 100
Out: meow meow
```

## Datahiding

Languages like C++, Java have public or private class variables. Python has none of them. All class variables are public. However, python programmers follow a naming convention to differentiate between public and private variables. **All variables that start with an underscore are deemed as private and should not be touched by outside code.**

```
class Example(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self._private_variable = "Don't touch me! I'm private"
        self.public_variable = "I am public"

example = Example()
print example.public_variable
print example._private_variable #works, but never do this
```

```
Out: I am public
Out: Don't touch me! I'm private
```

## Exception Handling

Let's write a program to for a simple calculator. Our calculator repeatedly asks 2 numbers and calculates their division.

```
while True:
    a = int(raw_input("enter numerator:"))
    b = int(raw_input("enter denominator:"))
    print a/b
```

```
Out: enter numerator:2.3
Out: enter denominator:4.5
Out: 0.511111111111
Out: enter numerator:5
Out: enter denominator:2
Out: 2
Out: enter numerator:
```

Looks good. This an never ending program(you can stop the program by pressing ctrl+z) lets see what happens when we give 0 for denominator

```
Out: enter numerator:4
Out: enter denominator:0
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out:   File "<string>", line 4, in <module>
Out: ZeroDivisionError: integer division or modulo by zero
```

The program stops with an error message. ... we can avoid this by using a try-except block

```
while True:
    try:
        a = int(raw_input("enter numerator:"))
        b = int(raw_input("enter denominator:"))
        print a/b
    except ZeroDivisionError as e:
        print 'Denominator cannot be zero. Try again'
```

```
Out: enter numerator:5
Out: enter denominator:0
Out: denominator cannot be zero. Try again
Out: enter numerator:42
Out: enter denominator:5
Out: 8
Out: enter numerator:
```

Looks good. let's break this again. this time we will give invalid input.

```
Out: enter numerator:e
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out:   File "<string>", line 3, in <module>
Out: ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'e'
```

Giving a string instead of a number crashed the program. We can see from the error output, there was a ValueError error. Let's handle that.

```
while True:
    try:
        a = int(raw_input("enter numerator:"))
        b = int(raw_input("enter denominator:"))
```

```

    print a/b
except ZeroDivisionError as e:
    print 'Denominator cannot be zero. Try again'
except ValueError as e:
    print 'Please enter numbers'

```

```

Out: enter numerator:string
Out: please enter numbers
Out: enter numerator:3
Out: enter denominator:0
Out: denominator cannot be zero. Try again
Out: enter numerator:

```

We can also combine both exceptions into a single block like this:

```

except (ZeroDivisionError, ValueError) as e:
    print 'Bad input. Please try again'

```

ZeroDivisionError and ValueError are two types of Exceptions. Infact there are derived from the class called Exception. A lot of exceptions are predefined by the language and all of them are derived from the class Exception. So, instead of using these, we can use the super class Exception.

```

while True:
    try:
        a = int(raw_input("enter numerator:"))
        b = int(raw_input("enter denominator:"))
        print a/b
    except Exception as e:
        print 'Bad input. Please try again'

```

However this is bad practice and should never be done. The reason being: this would mask exceptions which the programmer not intended to. Fyi, the above will run infinitely even if you press ctrl+z as that would also be caught as bad input.

## Raising exceptions

```

class Queue(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.elements = []

    def enqueue(self, elem):
        self.elements.append(elem)

    def deque(self):
        if not self.elements:
            raise Exception('Cannot deque: Empty queue')
        return self.elements.pop(0)

```

```

queue = Queue()
queue.enqueue(1)
print queue.deque()
print queue.deque()

```

```

Out: 1
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):

```

```
Out: File "<string>", line 16, in <module>
Out: File "<string>", line 10, in deque
Out: Exception: Cannot deque: Empty queue
```

Notice in the output, the message we coded was printed. We can also raise a more specific exception (like `IndexError`) instead of the generic superclass `Exception`. Or we could just create an exception. Let's create an exception called `EmptyQueueError`.

```
class EmptyQueueError(Exception): #notice instead of object, we are subclassing Exception
    pass

class Queue(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.elements = []

    def enqueue(self, elem):
        self.elements.append(elem)

    def deque(self):
        if not self.elements:
            raise EmptyQueueError('cannot deque: empty queue')
        return self.elements.pop(0)

queue = Queue()
queue.enqueue(1)
print queue.deque()
print queue.deque()
```

```
Out: 1
Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out: File "<string>", line 19, in <module>
Out: File "<string>", line 13, in deque
Out: __main__.EmptyQueueError: cannot deque: empty queue
```

Notice instead of object, we are subclassing `Exception` instead of the usual object. This is because we need the functionality of the `Exception` class.

## Testing

Consider the following program to print whether a number is even or not

```
def even(num):
    if num % 2 == 0:
        print num + ' is even'
    else:
        print str(num) + ' is odd'
```

Now let's call with an odd number

```
even(3)
```

```
Out: 3 is odd
```

Now, let's call this function with an even number.

```
even(4)
```

```

Out: Traceback (most recent call last):
Out:   File "<string>", line 7, in <module>
Out:   File "<string>", line 3, in even
Out: TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'

```

I purposefully placed an error on line 3 of the `even()` function. `num` is number and cannot be directly concatenated with a string. It should be converted into a string first. We did this on line 5. This is the reason that the program did not report error for the `even(3)`, because the program never hit line 3. The if condition failed and line 3 was never executed. Whereas `even(4)` was called, if condition passed and line 3 was hit. And then, the error came up.

In statically typed languages like C and java, this error would have been a compile time error. In python, it's a runtime error. Hence, we can't be sure that our code is error-free till we all the lines in our code are executed. This is where testing comes. No piece of software can be written in python without a thorough testing. Luckily, Testing in python is easy.

Let's say we want to test the function `reverse_string()`.

```

def reverse_string(sentence):
    return ''.join(reversed(sentence))

```

What this function does is important but not how it does. This function reverses a string passed to it. We could have 3 test cases:

- 1) a random non-zero length string as input
- 2) a random non-zero length string with special symbols as input
- 3) an empty string

let's write the first test case and run it. We use the module `unittest`-a testing framework. We write test code separate from our actual code. We create a class to hold all our test cases. you can name it everything but it should inherit from the `TestCase` class. Here, we name it `ReverseStringTestCase`.

```

from unittest import TestCase, main

class ReverseStringTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_reverse_string_random_string(self):
        self.assertEqual('random', reverse_string('modnar'))

```

Each test case is written as a method. `test_reverse_string_random_string()` will test the first test case. Remember our class inherited from the class `TestCase`. The cool thing about this class is it has few helper functions like `assertEqual(a,b)` that throws an error if `a` and `b` are not equal.

In our test case, we call `assertEqual('random', reverse_string('modnar'))`. If `reverse_string()` works correct, it should return 'random' which would be equal to the first argument of `assertEqual()`. Else, it throws an error and the test case will fail.

We run the test cases by calling `main()`. This is not a function we wrote, but is imported from `unittest`.

```

main()

```

```

Out: .
Out: -----
Out: Ran 1 test in 0.000s
Out:
Out: OK

```

The output says 'ran 1 test' and gives the status 'OK'. This means all the test cases were successful. Our code has no bugs. Let's add the other two test cases as two methods and run them.

```

from unittest import TestCase, main

class ReverseStringTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_reverse_string_empty_string(self):
        self.assertEqual('', reverse_string(''))

    def test_reverse_string_random_string(self):
        self.assertEqual('random', reverse_string('modnar'))

    def test_reverse_string_random_string_not_equal(self):
        self.assertNotEqual('ranmod', reverse_string('modnar'))

main()

```

Out: ...

Out: -----

Out: Ran 3 tests in 0.000s

Out:

Out: OK

We get an 'OK' status. All tests are passed. Now, Let's break things: Let's modify the reverse\_string() method to give an incorrect result and see how the tests run.

```

def reverse_string(sentence):
    return ''

```

To run the tests we call main():

```
main()
```

Out: .F.

Out: =====

Out: FAIL: test\_reverse\_string\_random\_string (\_\_main\_\_.ReverseStringTestCase)

Out: -----

Out: Traceback (most recent call last):

Out: File "<string>", line 10, in test\_reverse\_string\_random\_string

Out: AssertionError: 'random' != ''

Out:

Out: -----

Out: Ran 3 tests in 0.000s

Out:

Out: FAILED (failures=1)

As expected, one of the test cases failed.

## Lab programs

### Exercise 1 Basics

a) Running instructions in Interactive interpreter and a Python Script

```

2 + 3
45 - 21.1
45/9 + 2*1.2

```

Out: 5

Out: 23.9

Out: 7.4

Write the above lines in file named script.py and that file with the following command.

```
run script.py
# output omitted as it would be the same as above
```

b) Write a program to purposefully raise Indentation Error and Correct it

```
#with error
print 42
    print 'some-string'
print True
```

Out: File "<string>", line 3

Out: print 'some-string'

Out: ^

Out: IndentationError: unexpected indent

```
#with correction
print 42
print 'some-string'
print True
```

Out: 42

Out: some-string

Out: True

## Exercise 2 Operations

a) Write a program to compute distance between two points taking input from the user (Pythagorean Theorem)

```
import math
x1 = int(raw_input("enter x1:"))
y1 = int(raw_input("enter y1:"))
x2 = int(raw_input("enter x2:"))
y2 = int(raw_input("enter y2:"))
distance = math.sqrt(math.pow(x2-x1, 2) + math.pow(y2-y1, 2))
print distance
```

b) Write a program add.py that takes 2 numbers as command line arguments and prints its sum.

## Exercise 3 Control Flow

a) Write a Program for checking whether the given number is a even number or not.

```
number = int(raw_input("enter a number:"))
print "odd" if number % 2 else "even"
```

Out: enter a number:24

Out: even

b) Using a for loop, write a program that prints out the decimal equivalents of  $1/2$ ,  $1/3$ ,  $1/4$ , . . . ,  $1/10$

```
for i in range(2, 11):
    print 1.0/i
```



```
Out: 0.5
Out: 0.333333333333
Out: 0.25
Out: 0.2
Out: 0.166666666667
Out: 0.142857142857
Out: 0.125
Out: 0.111111111111
Out: 0.1
```

c) Write a program using a for loop that loops over a sequence. What is sequence ?

```
numbers = [2,3,4,5]
for i in numbers:
    print i
```

```
Out: 2
Out: 3
Out: 4
Out: 5
```

```
numbers = (2,3,4,5)
for i in numbers:
    print i
```

```
Out: 2
Out: 3
Out: 4
Out: 5
```

d) Write a program using a while loop that asks the user for a number, and prints a countdown from that number to zero.

```
number = int(raw_input("enter any number:"))
for i in range(number, -1, -1):
    print i
```

```
Out: enter any number:5
Out: 5
Out: 4
Out: 3
Out: 2
Out: 1
Out: 0
```

Alternate method

```
number = int(raw_input("enter any number:"))
for i in reversed(range(number + 1)):
    print i
```

## Exercise 4 Control Flow - Continued

a) Find the sum of all the primes below two million.

```
def primes_till(limit):
    primes = {2}
    primes.update(set(range(3, limit, 2)))
    for i in range(3, limit/2):
        primes.difference_update(range(2*i, limit, i))
    return primes

print sum(primes_till(2000000))
```

Each new term in the Fibonacci sequence is generated by adding the previous two terms. By starting with 1 and 2, the first 10 terms will be: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

- b) By considering the terms in the Fibonacci sequence whose values do not exceed four million, find the sum of the even-valued terms.

```
def fibonacci(limit):
    series, one, two = [], 1, 2
    while one <= limit:
        series.append(one)
        one, two = two, one + two
    return series

print sum(filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, fibonacci(4000000)))
```

## Exercise 5 DS

- a) Write a program to count the numbers of characters in the string and store them in a dictionary data structure

```
name = raw_input("enter a string:")
def countWordFrequency(name):
    wordFrequency = {}
    for char in name:
        if char in wordFrequency:
            wordFrequency[char] += 1
        else:
            wordFrequency[char] = 1
    return wordFrequency
print countWordFrequency(name)
```

Out: enter a string:sreekanth kolamala

Out: {'a': 4, ' ': 1, 'e': 2, 'h': 1, 'k': 2, 'm': 1, 'l': 2, 'o': 1, 'n': 1, 's': 1, 'r': 1, 't': 1}

Alternate solution

```
import collections
def countFrequency(name):
    wordFrequency = collections.defaultdict(int)
    for char in name:
        wordFrequency[char] += 1
    return dict(wordFrequency)
```

Alternate solution

```
import collections
name = raw_input("enter a string:")
```

```
print dict(collections.Counter(name))
```

Out: enter a string:sreekanth kolamala

Out: {'a': 4, ' ': 1, 'e': 2, 'h': 1, 'k': 2, 'm': 1, 'l': 2, 'o': 1, 'n': 1, 's': 1, 'r': 1, 't': 1}

- b) Write a program to use split and join methods in the string and trace a birthday with a dictionary data structure.

## Exercise 7 Files

- a) Write a program to print each line of a file in reverse order.

```
text_file = open('sample.txt', 'r')
fileContent = text_file.readlines()
for line in reversed(fileContent):
    print line
text_file.close()
```

Out: eight end

Out: four 5 \$\$ seven

Out:

Out: one two three

### Alternate solution

```
with open('sample.txt', 'r') as text_file:
    fileContent = text_file.readlines()
    while fileContent:
        print fileContent.pop()
```

Out: eight end

Out: four 5 \$\$ seven

Out:

Out: one two three

- b) Write a program to compute the number of characters, words and lines in a file.

```
with open('sample.txt', 'r') as text_file:
    lines = text_file.readlines()
    number_of_lines = len(lines)
    words = ''.join(lines).split()
    number_of_words = len(words)
    chars = ''.join(lines)
    number_of_chars = len(chars)
    print number_of_lines, number_of_words, number_of_chars
```

Out: 3 9 39

## Exercise 8 Functions

- a) Write a function ball\_collide that takes two balls as parameters and computes if they are colliding. Your function should return a Boolean representing whether or not the balls are colliding. Hint: Represent a ball on a plane as a tuple of (x, y, r), r being the radius. If (distance between two balls centers)  $\leq$  (sum of their radii) then (they are colliding)

- b) Find mean, median, mode for the given set of numbers in a list.

```
def mean(numbers):
    return float(sum(numbers)) / max(len(numbers), 1)

def median(numbers):
    if not numbers:
        return 0
    sortedNumbers = sorted(numbers)
    length = len(sortedNumbers)
    return (sortedNumbers[length/2] + sortedNumbers[(length-1)/2])/2.0

#if you are going to sort numbers, there is simpler way to find mode
def mode(numbers):
    frequencies = countWordFrequency(numbers)
    maximum = None
    result = None
    for number, frequency in frequencies.items():
        if maximum < frequency:
            maximum = frequency
            result = number
    return result

numbers = [2,3,5,2,10,25]
print mean(numbers), median(numbers), mode(numbers)
```

## Exercise 9 Functions - Continued

- a) Write a function `nearly_equal` to test whether two strings are nearly equal. Two strings `a` and `b` are nearly equal when `a` can be generated by a single mutation on `b`.

```
def nearlyEqual(a,b):
    if len(a) != len(b):
        return False
    difference = False
    for chara, charb in zip(a, b):
        if chara is not charb:
            if difference:
                return False
            else:
                difference = True
    return True

print nearlyEqual("sree", "srek")
print nearlyEqual("sree", "sek")
print nearlyEqual("sree", "serk")
```

```
Out: True
Out: False
Out: False
```

- b) Write a function `dups` to find all duplicates in the list.

```
def dups(array):
    import collections
```

```
frequencies = collections.Counter(array)
return [key for key, value in frequencies.items() if value > 1]

print dups([2,3,1,2,5,8,9,8])
```

Out: [2, 8]

c) Write a function unique to find all the unique elements of a list.

```
def unique(array):
    import collections
    frequencies = collections.Counter(array)
    return [key for key, value in frequencies.items() if value == 1]

print unique([2,3,1,2,5,8,9,8])
```

Out: [1, 3, 5, 9]

## Exercise 10 Functions - Problem Solving

a) Write a function cumulative\_product to compute cumulative product of a list of numbers.

```
def cumulative_product(numbers):
    result = 1
    for number in numbers:
        result *= number
    return result

print cumulative_product(range(1,5))
```

Out: 24

### Alternate solution

```
def cumulative_product(numbers):
    import operator
    return reduce(operator.mul, numbers, 1)

print cumulative_product(range(1,5))
```

Out: 24

b) Write a function reverse to reverse a list. Without using the reverse function.

```
def reverse(elements):
    result = []
    length = len(elements)
    for i in range(length):
        result.append(elements[length-1-i])
    return result

print reverse([1,2,3,4,5])
```

Out: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

#### Alternate solution

```
def reverse(elements):
    length = len(elements)
    return [elements[length-1-i] for i in range(length)]

print reverse([1,2,3,4,5])
```

Out: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

c) Write function to compute gcd, lcm of two numbers. Each function shouldn't exceed one line.

```
def gcd(a,b):
    return [x for x in range(1, max(a, b)) if a % x == 0 and b % x == 0].pop()

def lcm(a,b):
    return [x for x in range(max(a, b), a*b+1) if x % a == 0 and x % b == 0].pop(0)

print gcd(5, 7)
print gcd(5, 25)
print lcm(20, 30)
print lcm(3, 5)
```

Out: 1

Out: 5

Out: 60

Out: 15

## Exercise 11 Multi-D Lists

a) Write a program that defines a matrix and prints

```
matA = [[1,2,3],
        [4,5,6],
        [7,8,9]]

matB = [[3,2,1],
        [6,5,4],
        [9,8,7]]

print matA
print matB
```

Out: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]

Out: [[3, 2, 1], [6, 5, 4], [9, 8, 7]]

b) Write a program to perform addition of two square matrices

```
def addMatrix(a,b):
    import operator
    return [map(operator.add, rowA, rowB) for rowA, rowB in zip(a, b)]

matA = [[1,2,3],
        [4,5,6],
```

```
        [7,8,9]]

matB = [[3,2,1],
        [6,5,4],
        [9,8,7]]

print addMatrix(matA, matB)
```

Out: [[4, 4, 4], [10, 10, 10], [16, 16, 16]]

c) Write a program to perform multiplication of two square matrices

```
def multiply_matrix(mat_a, mat_b):
    a = len(mat_a)
    b = len(mat_b[0])
    result = [[0 for _ in range(b)] for _ in range(a)]
    for i in range(a):
        for j in range(b):
            for k in range(len(mat_a[0])):
                result[i][j] += mat_a[i][k]*mat_b[k][j]
    return result

matA = [[1,2,3],
        [4,5,6],
        [7,8,9]]

matB = [[3,2,1],
        [6,5,4],
        [9,8,7]]

print multiply_matrix(matA, matB)
```

Out: [[42, 36, 30], [96, 81, 66], [150, 126, 102]]

### Alternate solution

```
def tranpose(a):
    no_of_rows = len(a)
    no_of_columns = len(a[0])
    return [[a[i][j] for i in range(no_of_rows)] for j in range(no_of_columns)]

def multiply_matrix(mat_a, mat_b):
    import operator
    trans_b = tranpose(mat_b)
    return [[sum(map(operator.mul, mat_a[i], trans_b[j]))
              for j in range(len(trans_b))] for i in range(len(mat_a))]

matA = [[1,2,3],
        [4,5,6],
        [7,8,9]]

matB = [[3,2,1],
        [6,5,4],
        [9,8,7]]
```

```
print multiply_matrix(matA, matB)
```

```
Out: [[42, 36, 30], [96, 81, 66], [150, 126, 102]]
```

## Exercise 15 Testing

- a) Write a test-case to check the function even-numbers which return True on passing a list of all even numbers

```
from unittest import TestCase, main

def even_numbers(numbers):
    numbers = map(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, numbers)
    return all(numbers)

class EvenTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_even_numbers_empty_list(self):
        self.assertEqual(True, even_numbers([]))

    def test_even_numbers_all_even_numbers(self):
        self.assertTrue(even_numbers(range(0,25,2)))

    def test_even_numbers_all_one_odd_number(self):
        self.assertFalse(even_numbers([2,4,7,2,10]))

main()
```

```
Out: ...
```

```
Out: -----
```

```
Out: Ran 3 tests in 0.000s
```

```
Out:
```

```
Out: OK
```

Ideally, actual code and test code shouldn't be written in the same file. The test code should be in a separate file. We will use this approach in the next exercise.

- b) Write a test-case to check the function reverse\_string which returns the reversed string

```
#write this code in a file named rever.py
def reverse_string(sentence):
    return ''.join(reversed(sentence))

#write this code in a file named test_rever.py
#and then run this file on the python interpreter: run test_rever.py
from unittest import TestCase, main
from rever import reverse_string

class ReverseStringTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_reverse_string_empty_string(self):
        self.assertEqual('', reverse_string(''))

    def test_reverse_string_random_string(self):
        self.assertEqual('random', reverse_string('modnar'))

    def test_reverse_string_random_string_not_equal(self):
```



```

        self.assertNotEqual('ranmod', reverse_string('modnar'))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

```

Out: ...

Out: -----

Out: Ran 3 tests in 0.000s

Out:

Out: OK

## Exercise 16 Advanced

a) Build any one classical data

```

class Queue(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.elements = []

    def enqueue(self, elem):
        self.elements.append(elem)

    def deque(self):
        return self.elements.pop(0)

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.elements)

    def __repr__(self):
        return str(self.elements)

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queue = Queue()
queue.enqueue(1)
queue.enqueue(2)
queue.enqueue(3)
queue.enqueue(4)
print 'elements in the queue are' , queue
print queue.deque()
print queue
print 'queue has', len(queue), 'elements'

```

Out: elements in the queue are [1, 2, 3, 4]

Out: 1

Out: [2, 3, 4]

Out: queue has 3 elements

b) Write a program to solve knapsack

My text!

## Appendix

<https://powerfulpython.com/store/p/restful-api-server/>