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Modules and packages

Libraries two important forms.

Modules

Simply .py file with multiple functions Importing a module imports the functions in the .py file

Packages

A package is a folder with relate modules inside it

The package must have a file called ___init___.py to tell python that a folder is a package

Importing a package imports all the modules in the folder

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Other syntaxes for imports

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Import numpy as np
i.e. np.zeros([10,10])
from numpy import *
zeros([10,10])
from numpy import zeros
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from numpy import zeros as z
z([10,10])
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Importing with * imports all functions/classes/variables from the module, with unintended consequeces.

Example:

From numpy import *

help(sum), see the difference before and after import * overwrites sum()



Instead of Import with *

When using from libraryname > import <modulename/s >, list out the specific modules you want to import

