

Python for Videogames

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Objectives

1. Understand the relevance to use modules and packages.
2. Be able to install some widely used Python packages
3. Be able to apply some modules and packages of both Python Standard Library

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Introduction

Why modules?

- **Main function:** Organization.
- **Reuse:** To provide software solutions, that have been proven to work, to solve similar problems.

Using modules

Creation and Implementation

A module is just a Python script with .py extension

fibonacci.py

```
1 def fib(n):
2     """Print a Fibonacci series up to n """
3     a, b = 0, 1
4     while a < n:
5         print(a, end= ' ')
6         a, b = b, a+b
7     print()
8
9 def fib2(n):
10    """Print a Fibonacci series up to n """
11    result = [] # Declare a new list
12    a, b = 0, 1
13    while a < n:
14        result.append(a) # Add to the list
15        a, b = b, a+b
16    return result
```

Using modules

How do I use them? (I)

```
>>> import fibo
>>> fibo.fib(1000)
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987
>>> fibo.fib2(100)
[1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89]
>>> fibo.__name__
'fibo'
>>> fib = fibo.fib
>>> fib(100)
1 1 2 3 5 13 21 34 55 89
```

Using modules

How do I use them? (II)

A module can import other modules

- Name conflicts may arise: Each module has a symbol table
- It means you should invoke it as `modname.itemname`

It is possible to import items directly

- `from module import name1, name2`
- `from module import *`
- It uses the global symbol table (no need to use the `modname`)

```
>>> from fibo import fib, fib2
>>> fib(100)
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987
```

Using modules

How do I use them? (III)

List zip file contents (file.zip must exist. Open in read mode)

```
1 import zipfile
2
3 file = zipfile.ZipFile("file.zip", "r")
4
5 # list filenames
6 for name in file.namelist():
7     print(name)
8
9 # list file information
10 for info in file.infolist():
11     print(info.filename, info.date_time, info.file_size)
```

Several examples here: <http://pymotw.com/2/PyMOTW-1.132.pdf>

Executing modules

Modules as scripts (I)

When a module is imported, its statements are executed

- It declares functions, classes, variables ...
- ... and also executes code
- It serves to initialize the module

Very useful to use modules as programs and libraries

Executing modules

Modules as scripts (II)

fibonacci.py

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2     """Print a Fibonacci series up to n """
3     a, b = 0, 1
4     while a < n:
5         print(a, end= ' ')
6         a, b = b, a+b
7     print()
8
9 if __name__ == "__main__":
10     import sys
11     fib(int(sys.argv[1]))
```

(In Linux console)

```
$ python3 fibonacci.py 50
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34
```

(In Python interpreter)

```
>>> import fibonacci
>>> fibonacci.fib(50)
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34
```

Content of a module

The `dir()` function

Very usefull to get an insight to a module

- It returns the names defined in a module
- Without arguments, it returns your names

```
>>> import fibo, sys
>>> dir(fibo)
['__name__', 'fib', 'fib2']
>>> dir()
['__builtins__', ... , '__spec__']
>>> variable = 'Hello'
>>> dir()
['__builtins__', ... , '__spec__', 'variable']
```

Packages

Package concept (I)

If a module gets too big, many problems arise

- Name collisions
- It is good to organize modules in a bigger structure: Packages

Packages can be seen as “dotted module names”

- It is just a module that contains more modules
- Make life easier in big projects
- The name `A.B` designates a submodule `B` in a package named `A`

Must contain a `__init__.py` file in the root directory

- Executed when the package is imported for the first time

Packages

Package concept (II)

Sound module structure

```
sound /                                Top-level package
  __init__.py                          Initialize the sound package
  formats /                             Subpackage for format conversions
    __init__.py
    wavread.py
    wavwrite.py
    aiffread.py
    aiffwrite.py
    auread.py
    auwrite.py
    ...
  effects /                             Subpackage for sound effects
    __init__.py
    echo.py
    surround.py
    reverse.py
    ...
  filters /                             Subpackage for filters
    __init__.py
    equalizer.py
    vocoder.py
    karaoke.py
    ...
```

Packages

Importing a package (I)

Ways to use a package

Import an individual module

- `import sound.effects.echo`
- Use function as `sound.effects.echo.echofilter(input, output)`

Alternative way to import an individual module

- `from sound.effects import echo`
- Use function as `echo.echofilter(input, output)`

Alternative way to import an individual module

- `from sound.effects.echo import echofilter`
- Use function as `echofilter(input, output)`

Packages

Importing a package (II)

Imagine we run `from sound import *`

- In theory, it would import the whole package
- In practice, it would take too much time

There is a convention to avoid waste of resources

- There may be a variable `__all__` defined in `__init__`
- `__all__` contains modules to be imported

```
sounds/effects/__init__.py
```

```
__all__ = [ "echo", "surround", "reverse" ]
```

Packages

Installing packages (I)

Command-line automatic tool: `pip` (sometimes `pip3`)

- Very similar to `apt-get` in Linux

`pip` usage (from OS terminal)

```
$ python -m pip install SomePackage
```

or

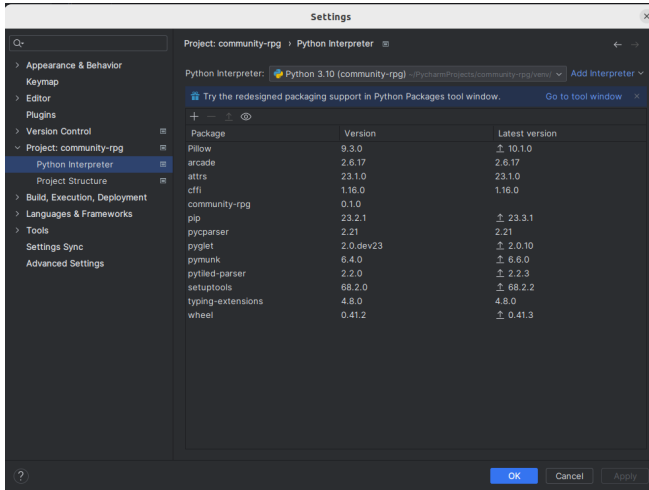
```
$ pip install SomePackage
```

```
$ pip install Pillow
```

List of dependences in `requirements.txt`

Packages

Installing packages (II)



Cool code examples

Example 1: Open a web browser

browser.py

```
import webbrowser

url = input('Give me an URL: ')

webbrowser.open(url)
```

Cool code examples

Example 2: Create a thumbnail

```
thumbnail.py
```

```
from PIL import Image
```

```
size = (128, 128)  
saved = "africa.jpg"
```

```
im = Image.open("africa.tif")  
im.thumbnail(size)  
im.save(saved)  
im.show()
```



(Source)

africa.jpg

Cool code examples

Example 4: Send an email with Gmail

gmail.py

```
"""The first step is to create an SMTP object ,
each object is used for connection
with one server."""
```

```
import smtplib
server = smtplib.SMTP( 'smtp.gmail.com' , 587)

# Next, log in to the server
server.login("youremailusername" , "password")

# Send the mail
msg = "\nHello!" # /n separates the message from the headers
server.sendmail("you@gmail.com" , "target@example.com" , msg)
```

(Source)

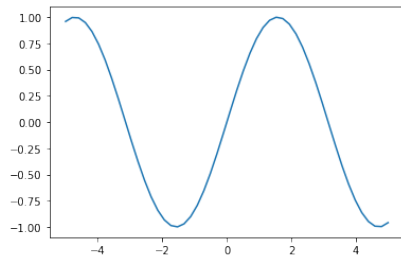
Modules

Example 4: Plot

plot.py

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
x = np.linspace(-5, 5)
plt.plot(x, np.sin(x))
```



Modules

Example 5: Arcade

arcade.py

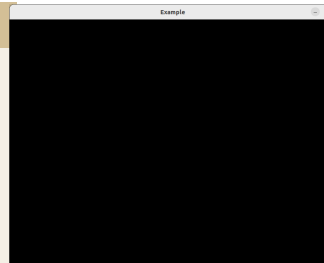
```
import arcade
```

```
WIDTH = 600
```

```
HEIGHT = 800
```

```
arcade.open_window(WIDTH, HEIGHT, "Example")
```

```
arcade.run()
```



- (API documentation)
- (Arcade source code)

Virtual environments

Versioning is problematic

- Python version (2.x vr. 3.x)
- Packages version

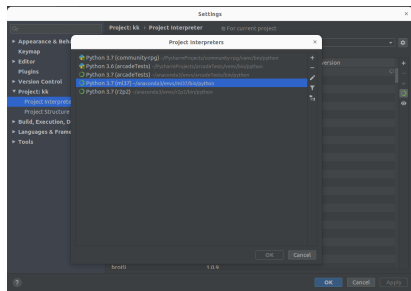
Solution: **virtual environment**

- Self-contained directory with a Python installation
- Particular version of Python and packages

Different solutions

- venv
- conda

Great tool with `requirements.txt`



Arcade

Introduction (I)

Arcade is an easy-to-use 2D motor engine

- Based on Python
- More or less painless game development
- Didactic
- Free software

Requires

- Python 3.6+
- OpenGL capable hardware

Dependences

- Pyglet - Multimedia library for Python



Arcade

Introduction (II)

(Arcade web site)

Arcade

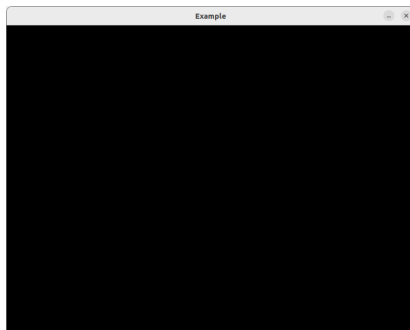
Open a Window (I)

arcade.py

```
1 import arcade
2
3 WIDTH = 600
4 HEIGHT = 800
5
6 arcade.open_window(WIDTH, HEIGHT, "Example")
7
8 arcade.run()
```

Arcade

Open a Window (II)



Arcade

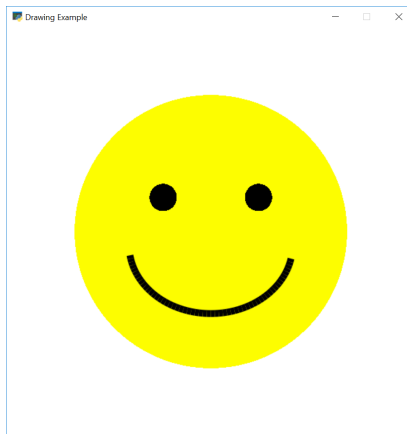
Open a Window (I)

drawing.py

```
1 import arcade
2
3 WIDTH = 600
4 HEIGHT = 800
5
6 arcade.open_window(WIDTH, HEIGHT, "Drawing Example")
7
8 arcade.set_background_color(arcade.color.WHITE)
9
10 arcade.start_render()
11
12 # Drawing here
13
14 arcade.finish_render()
15
16 arcade.run()
```

Arcade

Open a Window (II)



(Source code)