



Day 01: Python Django

Python: Basics 1

*Summary: Today, we'll embark on a journey to discover basics of the syntactics and semantics of **Python**.*

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Chapter I

Preamble

The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.
Explicit is better than implicit.
Simple is better than complex.
Complex is better than complicated.
Flat is better than nested.
Sparse is better than dense.
Readability counts.
Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.
Although practicality beats purity.
Errors should never pass silently.
Unless explicitly silenced.
In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.
There should be one— and preferably only one —obvious way to do it.
Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.
Now is better than never.
Although never is often better than **right** now.
If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.
If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.
Namespaces are one honking great idea — let's do more of those!



`import this`

Chapter II

Instructions

Unless there is an explicit contradiction, the following instructions will be valid for all days of this Python Django Piscine.

- Only this page will serve as reference; do not trust rumors.
- Watch out! This document could potentially change up to an hour before submission.
- These exercises are carefully laid out by order of difficulty - from easiest to hardest. We **will not** take into account a successfully completed harder exercise if an easier one is not perfectly functional.
- Make sure you have the appropriate permissions on your files and directories.
- You have to follow the submission procedures for every exercise.
- Your exercises will be checked and graded by your fellow classmates.
- On top of that, your exercises will be checked and graded by a program called Moulinette. Moulinette is very meticulous and strict in its evaluation of your work. It is entirely automated and there is no way to negotiate with it. So if you want to avoid bad surprises, be as thorough as possible.
- Exercises in Shell must be executable with `/bin/sh`.
- You cannot leave any additional file in your directory than those specified in the subject.
- Got a question? Ask your peer on the right. Otherwise, try your peer on the left.
- Your reference guide is called `Google / man / the Internet /`
- Remember to discuss on the piscine forum of your Intra and on Slack!
- Examine the examples thoroughly. They could very well call for details that are not explicitly mentioned in the subject...

Chapter III

Today's specific rules


- No code in the global scope. We want functions!
- Each turned-in file must end with a function call in a condition identical to:

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    your_function( whatever, parameter, is, required )
```

- You can set an error management in this condition.
- No import will be authorized, except the ones explicitly mentioned in the 'Authorized functions' in each exercise's description.
- You won't have to manage the exceptions raised by the open function.
- You'll have to use the `python3` interpreter.

Chapter IV

Exercise 00 : my first variables

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex00/</i>	
Files to turn in : var.py	
Allowed functions : n/a	

Create a script named `var.py` in which you will define a `my_var` function. In this function, you will declare 9 variables of different types and print them on the standard output. You will reproduce this output exactly:


```
$> python3 var.py
42 has a type <class 'int'>
42 has a type <class 'str'>
quarante-deux has a type <class 'str'>
42.0 has a type <class 'float'>
True has a type <class 'bool'>
[42] has a type <class 'list'>
{42: 42} has a type <class 'dict'>
(42,) has a type <class 'tuple'>
set() has a type <class 'set'>
$>
```

Of course, explicitly writing your variable types in the prints of you code is strictly **prohibited**. Don't forget to call your function at the end of your script as required by the instructions:

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    my_var()
```

Chapter V

Exercise 01 : Numbers

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex01/</i>	
Files to turn in : numbers.py	
Allowed functions : n/a	


For this exercise, you're free to define as many function as you like and name them as you like also.

The `d01.tar.gz` tarball in the appendix of this subject contains a `ex01/` sub-folder that holds a `numbers.txt` file containing the numbers 1 to 100 separated by a coma.

Design a Python script named `numbers.py` which role is to open a `numbers.txt` file, read the numbers it contains and display them on the standard output, one per line, without any coma.

Chapter VI

Exercise 02: My first dictionary

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex02/</i>	
Files to turn in : <code>var_to_dict.py</code>	
Allowed functions : N.A.	

Once again, you're free to define as many functions as you like and name them as you like. We won't repeat this instruction, except if it has to be explicitly contradicted.

Create a script named `var_to_dict.py` in which you will copy the following list of `d` couples as is in one of your functions:

```
d = [
    ('Hendrix' , '1942'),
    ('Allman'  , '1946'),
    ('King'    , '1925'),
    ('Clapton' , '1945'),
    ('Johnson' , '1911'),
    ('Berry'   , '1926'),
    ('Vaughan' , '1954'),
    ('Cooder'  , '1947'),
    ('Page'    , '1944'),
    ('Richards' , '1943'),
    ('Hammett' , '1962'),
    ('Cobain'  , '1967'),
    ('Garcia'  , '1942'),
    ('Beck'    , '1944'),
    ('Santana' , '1947'),
    ('Ramone'  , '1948'),
    ('White'   , '1975'),
    ('Frusciante' , '1970'),
    ('Thompson' , '1949'),
    ('Burton'   , '1939')
]
```


Your script must turn this variable into a dictionary. The year will be the key, the name of the musician the value. It must then display this dictionary on the standard output following a clear format:


```
1970 : Frusciante  
1954 : Vaughan  
1948 : Ramone  
1944 : Page Beck  
1911 : Johnson  
...
```



The final order will not have to be the same as the example. This is a regular behavior. Do you know why?

Chapter VII

Exercise 03: Key search

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex03/</i>	
Files to turn in : <code>capital_city.py</code>	
Allowed functions : <code>import sys</code>	

Here are dictionaries you have to copy unaltered in one of your script's functions:

```
states = {
    "Oregon" : "OR",
    "Alabama" : "AL",
    "New Jersey": "NJ",
    "Colorado" : "CO"
}


capital_cities = {
    "OR": "Salem",
    "AL": "Montgomery",
    "NJ": "Trenton",
    "CO": "Denver"
}
```

Write a program that takes a state as an argument (ex: Oregon) and displays its capital city (ex: Salem) on the standard output. If the argument doesn't give any result, your script must display: **Unknown state**. If there is no argument - or too many - your script must do nothing and quit.

```
$> python3 capital_city.py Oregon
Salem
$> python3 capital_city.py Ile-De-France
Unknown state
$> python3 capital_city.py
$> python3 capital_city.py Oregon Alabama
$> python3 capital_city.py Oregon Alabama Ile-De-France
$>
```

Chapter VIII

Exercise 04: Search by value

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex04/</i>	
Files to turn in : state.py	
Allowed functions : import sys	


You get the same dictionaries as in the previous exercise. You have to copy them unaltered again in one of the functions of your script.

Create a program that takes the capital city for argument and displays the matching state this time. The rest of your program's behaviors must remain the same as in the previous exercise.

```
$> python3 state.py Salem
Oregon
$> python3 state.py Paris
Unknown capital city
$> python3 state.py
$>
```

Chapter IX

Exercise 05: Search by key or value

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex05/</i>	
Files to turn in : all_in.py	
Allowed functions : import sys	


Starting with the same dictionaries, you must copy then unaltered again in one of your script functions, and write a program that behaves as follows:

- The program must take for argument a string containing as many expressions as we search for, separated by a coma.
- For each expression in this string, the program must detect if it's a capital, a state or none of them.
- The program must not be case-sensitive. It must not take multiple spaces in consideration either.
- If there is no parameter or too many parameters, the program doesn't display anything.
- When there are two successive comas in the string, the program doesn't display anything.
- The program must display results separated by a carriage return and strictly use the following format:

```
$> python3 all_in.py "New jersey, Tren ton, NewJersey, Trenton, toto, , sAlem"
Trenton is the capital of New Jersey
Tren ton is neither a capital city nor a state
NewJersey is neither a capital city nor a state
Trenton is the capital of New Jersey
toto is neither a capital city nor a state
Salem is the capital of Oregon
$>
```

Chapter X

Exercise 06: Dictionary sorting

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Turn-in directory : <i>ex06/</i>	
Files to turn in : <i>my_sort.py</i>	
Allowed functions : N.A.	


Integrate this dictionary in either function of yours as:

```
d = {
    'Hendrix' : '1942',
    'Allman' : '1946',
    'King' : '1925',
    'Clapton' : '1945',
    'Johnson' : '1911',
    'Berry' : '1926',
    'Vaughan' : '1954',
    'Cooder' : '1947',
    'Page' : '1944',
    'Richards' : '1943',
    'Hammett' : '1962',
    'Cobain' : '1967',
    'Garcia' : '1942',
    'Beck' : '1944',
    'Santana' : '1947',
    'Ramone' : '1948',
    'White' : '1975',
    'Frusciante' : '1970',
    'Thompson' : '1949',
    'Burton' : '1939',
}
```

Write a program that displays the names of the musicians sorted by year in ascending order, then in alphabetic order for similar years. One per line, without showing the year.

Chapter XI

Exercise 07: Periodic table of the elements

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Turn-in directory : <code>ex07/</code>	
Files to turn in : <code>periodic_table.py</code>	
Allowed functions : <code>import sys</code>	

The `d01.tar.gz` tarball in the appendix of this subject contains the `ex07/` sub-folder in which you'll find the `periodic_table.txt` file, that describes a periodic table of the elements in a format made for programmers.

Create a program that uses the file to write a HTML page representing the periodic table of the elements in a proper format.

- Each element must be in a 'box' of a HTML table.
- The name of an element must be in a level 4 title tag.
- The attributes of an element must appear as a list. The lists must state at least the atomic numbers, the symbol and the atomic mass.
- You must at least abide to the layout of the Mendeleiev's Table as it appears on Google. There must be empty boxes where there should, as well as carriage return where it should.

Your program must create the result file `periodic_table.html`. Of course, this HTML file must be readable in any browser and must be W3C valid.

You're free to design you program as you like. Don't hesitate to fragment your code in specific functionalities you may reuse. You can customize the tags with a CSS "inline" style to make your turn-in prettier (think of the table's borders' colors). You can even

generate `periodic_table.css` file if you prefer.

Here is an excerpt of an output example that will give you an idea:

```
[...]
<table>
  <tr>
    <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding:10px">
      <h4>Hydrogen</h4>
      <ul>
        <li>No 42</li>
        <li>H</li>
        <li>1.00794</li>
        <li>1 electron</li>
      </ul>
    </td>
  </tr>
</table>
[...]
```