

SECTION 14: ADVANCED PYTHON MODULES, 2 hours 23 minutes, 13 sections

4/13 Python Datetime Module

- -> the datetime module
- -> creating objects which have information on timezone / operations between datetime objects -> e.g the number of seconds / days which have passed
- -> in the .ipynb file
 - import datetime
 - **mytime = datetime.time()** <- shift tab to see the arguments which it takes
 - mytime = datetime.time(2,20) <- 20 minutes past 2 am
 - mytime. <- shift tab and we can see the different methods (functions) which can be ran on it
 - mytime.hour <- this prints out the hour -> you can also print it and it puts it into a certain format
 - it can work in terms of microseconds
 - -> and then add these on in the arguments of mytime when it is defined
 - type(mytime)
 - datetime.time
 - another example
 - **today = datetime.date.today()**
 - **print(today)** <- this prints the date of today in the format 2023-10-12 (big to small)
 - you can also type today.month, today.year
 - **today.ctime()** <- this prints it out in a certain format
 - -> certain databases can store the time in that format
 - another example
 - from datetime import datetime
 - **datetime** <- then shift tab to see the arguments it takes
 - then datetime(2023,10,3,14,20,1)
 - -> then print(datetime)
 - -> and it prints the current date and time
 - the replace functionality
 - **mydatetime.replace(year=2020)** <- this replaces the date and time stored in the variable datetime with whatever stated year (in this example)
 - maths on date or datetime objects
 - with date information
 - from datetime import date
 - date1 = date(2021, 11, 3)
 - date2 = date(2020,11,3)
 - -> **taking away two dates to figure out the amount of time in between them**
 - -> **the result is a time delta object (and in this case its 365 days)**
 - -> **there can be problems with leap years**
 - -> datetime1 = datetime(2021,11,3,22,0)
 - -> datetime2 = datetime(2020,11,2,12,0)
 - -> then if you take them away, it returns the difference between them in terms of days and seconds
 - -> then you can convert the seconds into hours
 - -> **you can also variable_name. <- then tab shift to see the options for the attributes**

(the property of that datetime object, not called with brackets like methods which are functions acting on that object)