Python Modules

- there are many Python modules available
- which cover many topics
  - networking modules
  - graphic modules, OpenGL, GUI, graphing
  - mail, http, telnet, pop3, imap modules
  - operating system modules
- html parsing modules
- examine the Python modules python online docs ⟨`http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/python/html/index.html`⟩

urllib

- used to download files from servers using
  - ftp, http and local file access

urllib example

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

from urllib.request import urlretrieve

urlretrieve("http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/index.html",
            "temp.html")
```

urllib example

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import os
import urllib.request, urllib.parse, urllib.error
Version = "3.7.4"
filename = "Python-%s.tgz" % Version
remoteaddr = "https://www.python.org/ftp/python/%s/" % Version

urllib.request.urlretrieve(remoteaddr + filename,
                           filename)
```

smtp module

- Simple Mail Transport Protocol is the most common protocol whereby email is transmitted across the Internet

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```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import smtplib, string, sys, time

mailserver = "localhost"

From = input("From: ").strip ()
To = input("To: ").strip ()
Subject = input("Subject: "). strip ()

Date = time.ctime(time.time())
Header = ("From: %s\nTo: %s\nDate: %s\nSubject: %s\n\n"
          % (From, To, Date, Subject))

Text = "my message"
server = smtplib.SMTP(mailserver)
failed = server.sendmail(From, To, Header + Text)
server.quit()
if failed:
    print("failed to send mail")
else:
    print("all done..")
```

Python Gotya's

- be careful to ensure that your code is indented correctly
- be very careful not to name your file to a name used by a library you are importing

Python Gotya's

- for example do **not** call this file `string.py`

- ```
  #!/usr/bin/python3

  import string

  words=string.split("hello world again")
  print words
  ```
  ```

Python Gotya's

- the python interpreter will read your file twice
  - one when you run the file
  - and again when it comes across the `import string` !

- name the file `teststring` and it will work fine
  - if you did call it `string.py` and run then you will need to remove `string.py` and also `string.pyc`

Python and file handling

- file manipulation primitives are by default available
  - no need to import library to, read, write files

Python and file handling

- creating a simple text file

- ```
  #!/usr/bin/python3

  file = open("newfile.txt", "w")
  file.write("hello world in the new file\n")
  file.write("and another line\n")
  file.close()
  ```
  ```

Python and file handling

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

file = open("newfile.txt", "w")
file.writelines(["hello world in the new file\n",
                 "and another line\n"])
file.close()
```

Python and file handling

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

file = open("newfile.txt", "r")
for line in file.readlines():
    print(line)
```

- many ways to read a file
  - `file.read()` returns a string containing all characters in the file
  - `file.read(N)` returns a string containing next N characters
  - `file.readline()` returns a string containing characters up to \n
  - `file.readlines()` returns the complete file as a list of strings each separated by \n

Further Python Networking

- many python modules which give access to application layer networking services
  - ftp, http, telnet, etc

Further Python Networking

- sometimes you may have to implement your own application layer protocol
- in which case you use `sockets` (a transport layer service)

server.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

from socket import *
myHost = ""
myPort = 2000

# create a TCP socket
s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)
# bind it to the server port number
s.bind((myHost, myPort))
# allow 5 pending connections
s.listen(5)

while True:
    # wait for next client to connect
    connection, address = s.accept()
    while True:
        data = connection.recv(1024)
        if data:
            connection.send("echo -> " + data)
        else:
            break
    connection.close()
```

client.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import sys
from socket import *
# serverHost = "localhost"
serverHost = "localhost"
serverPort = 2000

# create a TCP socket
s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)

s.connect((serverHost, serverPort))
s.send("Hello world")
data = s.recv(1024)
print(data)
```

To run the server client example

- open up another terminal and type this at the command line
- ```
  $ python3 server.py
  ```
- open up another terminal and type this:
- ```
  $ python3 client.py
  ```

IMAP library

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import getpass, imaplib, string

# m = imaplib.IMAP4_SSL("unimail.isd.glam.ac.uk")
m = imaplib.IMAP4_SSL("outlook.office365.com")
m.login(getpass.getuser(), getpass.getpass())
m.select ()
typ, data = m.search (None, "ALL")
for num in string.split (data[0]):
    typ, data = m.fetch (num, "(RFC822)")
    print("Message %s\n%s\n" % (num, data[0][1]))
m.logout()
```

Arguments in Python

- `getopts`, provides a useful method for handling arguments
  - in fact many languages have adopted getopts
  - C, C++, bash and python

Autoftp arguments in python

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import sys, getopt

def Usage ():
    print("autoftp [-v][-p][-h]")
    sys.exit(0)

optlist, list = getopt.getopt(sys.argv[1:], ":vphf:")
print("optlist =", optlist)
print("list =", list)
for opt in optlist:
    print(opt)
    if opt[0] == "-h":
        Usage()
    if opt[0] == "-f":
        print("file found")
    if opt[0] == "-v":
        print("verbose found")
    if opt[0] == "-p":
        print("probeonly found")
```

Autoftp arguments in python

- notice that the script fails if an unsupported option is issued

- ```
  ./autoftp2.py -x
  ...
  getopt.GetoptError: option -x not recognised
  ```
  ```

Better argument handling

- so we need a way to trap these errors
  - python uses an exception handler for this
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```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import sys, getopt

def Usage ():
    print("autoftp [-v][-p][-h]")
    sys.exit(0)

try:
    optlist, list = getopt.getopt(sys.argv[1:],
                                  ":vphf:")
except getopt.GetoptError:
    Usage()
    print("called exception")
    sys.exit(1)

for opt in optlist:
    print(opt)
    if opt[0] == "-h":
        Usage()
    if opt[0] == "-v":
        print("verbose found")
    if opt[0] == "-p":
        print("probeonly found")
    if opt[0] == "-f":
        print("file option found")
```

Better argument handling

- when run it yields the following

```
./autoftp3.py -x
autoftp [-v][-p][-h]
```