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)



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

urllib example

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smtp module

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

```
#!/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

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

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()
```

```
#!/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

```
#!/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]
```