Forritunarmálið Python
Day 10
Scripts

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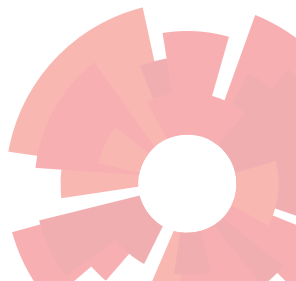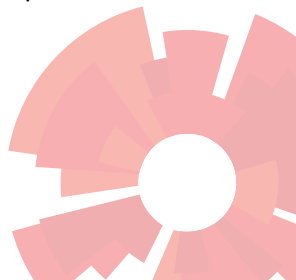
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Scripts

Running Python code

- Up to now we have just been writing functions in Python
- Real worlds programs are run either in a
    - command line, then called a script
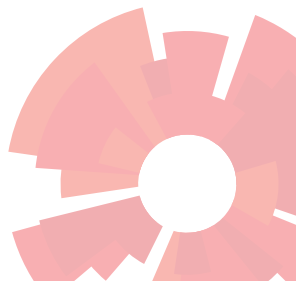   - graphical user interface (GUI)

Interacting with the user

- Two common ways of interacting with the user
  - Prompting the user and reading from standard input
  - Command line parameters
- Python has good support for command line parameters
  - `argparse`

- Traditionally Python uses Unix style command line arguments
- Programs have
    - Arguments (can be optional)
    - Options
        - Optional arguments
        - Usually have "sane" defaults

Options

- Options are usually denoted with $-$o (short form) or $--$**long**$-$option (long form)
- Options can take no parameters
  - In which case they are called flags
- Options can also take parameters
  - In short form:
    $-$o param another_param "param with spaces"
  - In short form: $--$**long**$-$option param
    another_param "param with spaces"

An example

```
git [−−version] [−−help] [−C <path>]
    [−c <name>=<value>] [−−exec−path[=<path>]]
    [−−html−path] [−−man−path] [−−info−path]
    [−p|−−paginate|−−no−pager]
    [−−no−replace−objects] [−−bare]
    [−−git−dir=<path>] [−−work−tree=<path>]
    [−−namespace=<name>] [−−super−prefix=<path>]
    <command> [<args>]
```

CSV program that can

- Print out a CSV file
- Limit columns and rows
- Reverse the rows
- Number rows
- Sum columns
- Aggregate rows