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# Modules

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past, present and emerging.



# Today

- Modules
- Packages
- Modular Design



# Recall Modules

*Import keyword*

*The module we  
want to use*

**import random**

**random.choice([1,2,3])**

*Call the choice()  
function from the  
random module*

# Recall Convenience

*Import keyword*

*Module*

*'as' keyword followed  
by an alias*


`import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`

`plt.plot([1,3,5,7,9], [1,9,25,49.81])`

*Alias, followed by dot,  
followed by function*

# Specific Import

*from keyword*      *Module*      *import keyword*      *function*



```
from datetime import time  
X = time(hour=15)
```

# Module

- A file containing Python code
- Typically functions, variables and classes
- Logically organise your code





# Creating a Module

- Define the function(s)
- Save to file
- Import file
- Python script
- For notebooks:

*import margo\_loader*

*import notebook*

- *Sometimes: %run*

# Create the module (file: hello.py)

```
# Define a function
```

```
def greeting():
```

```
    print("Hello, World!")
```

```
#Define variable
```

```
Name = "Steve"
```

# Use Module

```
# Import the modules
```

```
import hello
```

```
# call the function
```

```
hello.greeting()
```

```
# Print variable
```

```
print(hello.name)
```



# Package

- Collection of Python files
- Directory structure
- `__init__.py`
- Bundled together uploaded to PyPi



# Modules and Packages

- Conceptually One Think
- Encapsulation (Hide internal workings)
- Provide Application Programmers Interface (API)
- Also called a library
- Must be in Python Path
- Name Space
- Code Reuse
- Distribution

# Appending Paths

```
import sys
```

```
sys.path.append( '/user/steve/' )
```

```
import hello
```

```
...
```



# Modular design

- use to manages complexity
- break large problem into small problems
- small problems become functions
- group related functions into a module
- group related modules into a package



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