

CONCEPTS OF PROGRAMMING

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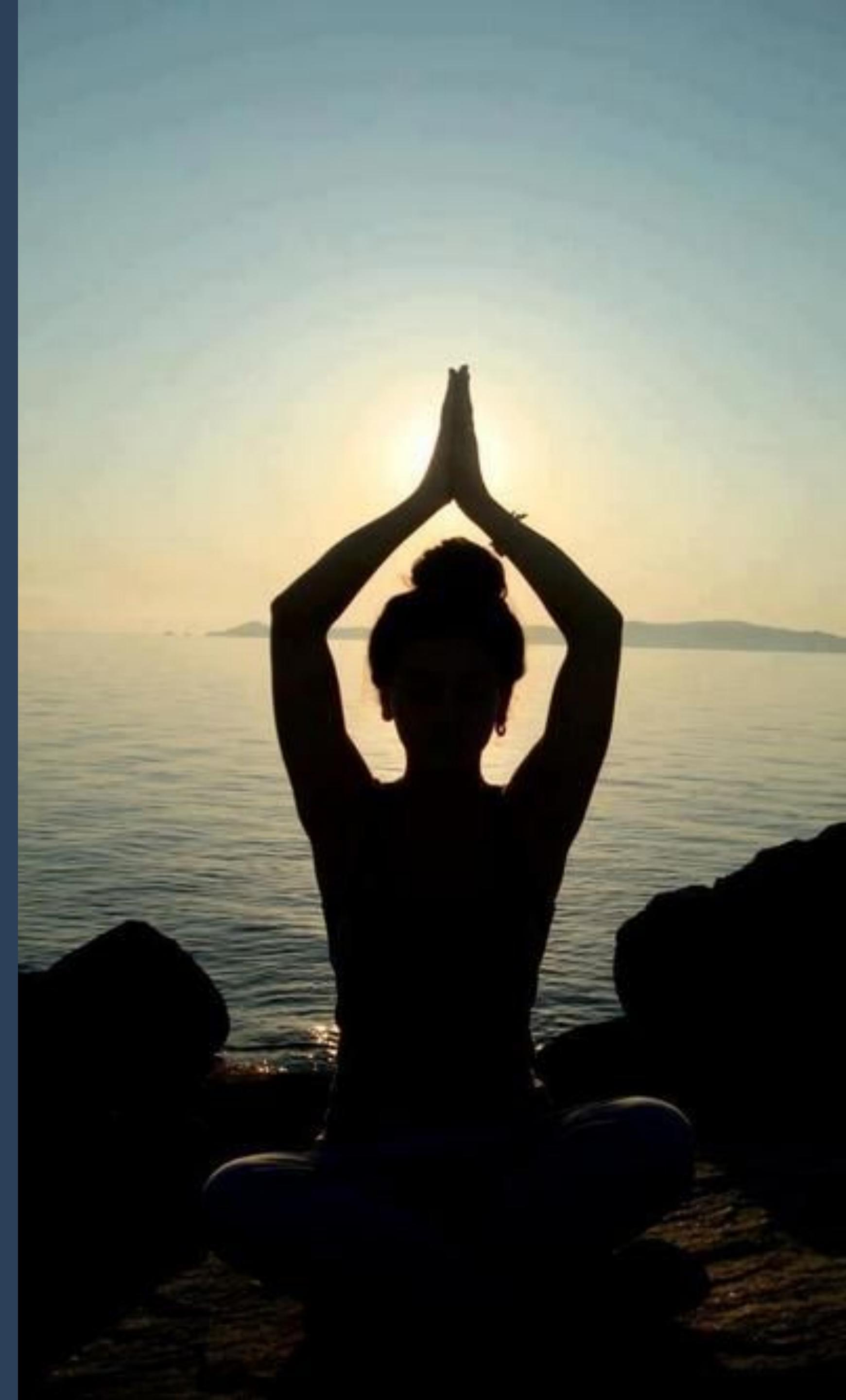
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MODULES

- Code bases can become big and unwieldy
- Need to work well with other code
 - You've written
 - Third-parties
- Require collaboration with many developers

MODULES

- Strategies to cope
 - Your own internal management of files 😜
 - Structured organization supported by language 😊



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SURPRISE!
YOU'VE BEEN USING
MODULES THIS WHOLE
TIME!

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MODULES

IMPORT ANOTHER MODULE
USING IMPORT

```
# Import the string module  
import string
```

CALL USING
MODULE.FUNCTION
SYNTAX

```
# Call the function using the module  
# name followed by the function name  
trans = string.maketrans('abegiloprstz', '463611092572')
```

```
s = 'The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.'
```

```
print(s.translate(trans))
```

```
# >>> Th3 qu1ck 620wn f0x jum93d 0v32 7h3 142y d06.
```

MODULES

- Let's make a module

```
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def say_hello():  
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```



MODULES

- Python files run in different ways using modules
- Before executing code, special variables defined
 - `__name__`

```
#  
# greeting.py  
#  
def say_hello():  
    print('Hello class')  
  
print("What is the name of this  
module?")  
print(__name__)
```

MODULES

- If Python interpreter is running the module (source file) as the main program it sets the `__name__` variable to `__main__`

```
#  
# greeting.py  
#  
def say_hello():  
    print('Hello class')  
  
say_hello()  
  
# __name__ is set __main__  
# when we run the program as  
#  
# % python ./greeting.py
```

MODULES

- If file is being imported from another module `__name__` is set to the module's name
 - File name

```
#  
# greeting.py  
#  
def say_hello():  
    print('Hello class')  
  
#  
# name.py  
#  
import greeting  
  
greeting.say_hello()
```

MODULES

```
#  
# greeting.py  
  
def say_hello():  
    print("Hello class from %s" % __name__)  
  
say_hello()  
  
# % python greeting.py  
# >>> Hello class from __main__
```

MODULES

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import greeting  
greeting.say_hello()  
  
# % python name.py  
# >>> Hello class from greeting
```

MODULES

- Defining a main() function in your code allows you to use it as a standalone program and or module

```
def say_hello():
    print("Hello class")

# Define a main function to allows the
# program to run in both modes
def main():
    say_hello()

# Boilerplate pattern
if __name__ == '__main__':
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STANDALONE PROGRAM

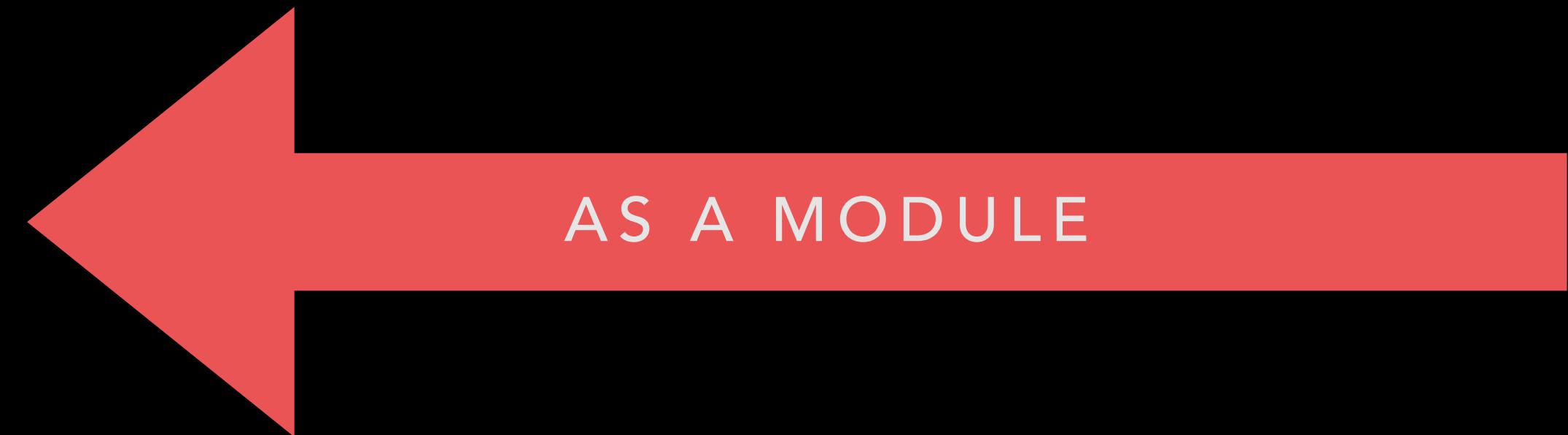
MODULES

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AS A MODULE

MODULES

- Different ways to import a module

```
# Import style 1  
import greeting
```

```
# Import style 2  
from greeting import say_hello  
from greeting import *
```

MODULES

- Pros
 - Imports all functions in the module
- Cons
 - Typing `module.function` is tedious and redundant
 - 

```
import greeting
```

```
# Call 'say_hello' from
# the `greeting` module
greeting.say_hello()
```

MODULES

- Pros

- Less typing
- Control over which functions are loaded

- Cons

- Loose context
- Potential name clash

```
from greeting import say_hello
```

```
# Call 'say_hello' from the `greeting`  
# module. No need to call using  
greeting.say_hello()
```

```
say_hello()
```

MODULES

```
from greeting import say_hello, func1, func2, func3

# Call the functions imported from `greeting` module
say_hello()
func1()
func2()
func3()
```

MODULES

```
from greeting import say_hello, func1, func2, func3  
  
# Call the functions imported from `greeting` module  
say_hello()  
func1()  
func2()  
func3()  
  
func4() # This is in the greeting.py file, but not imported
```

MODULES

```
# Import every function from the greeting module
from greeting import *

# Call functions
say_hello()
func1()
func2()
func3()
func4() # Here it is!
```

MODULES

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Showing results for **best practice for import statement in python**

Search instead for **best practice for import statement in python**

Importing modules in Python - best practice - Stack Overflow

[https://stackoverflow.com/questions/importing-modules-in-python-best... ▾](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/importing-modules-in-python-best-practices)

6 answers

Mar 22, 2015 - In my opinion the first is generally **best practice**, as it keeps the different ... module multiple times, repeatedly executing an **import statement** can ...

What are **good rules of thumb for Python imports?** 10 answers Oct 11, 2008

Python import good practice? 4 answers Jun 30, 2017

Good or bad practice in Python: import in the middle ... 9 answers Jul 27, 2009

Use 'import module' or 'from module import'? 16 answers May 16, 2018

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Absolute vs Relative Imports in Python – Real Python

[https://realpython.com/absolute-vs-relative-python-imports ▾](https://realpython.com/absolute-vs-relative-python-imports)

If you've worked on a **Python** project that has more than one file, chances are you've ...

imports but also learn about the **best practices** for writing **import statements**.

Quick Recap on Imports · Syntax of Import Statements · Styling of Import Statements

What are the "best practices" for using import in a module?

[effbot.org/pyfaq/what-are-the-best-practices-for-using-import-in-a-module... ▾](http://effbot.org/pyfaq/what-are-the-best-practices-for-using-import-in-a-module)

It's **good practice** if you **import** modules in the following order: standard library modules — e.g.

sys, os, getopt, re) third-party library modules (anything installed in **Python's** site-packages directory) — e.g. mx, DateTime, ZODB, PIL, Image, etc. locally-developed modules.

A "Best of the Best Practices" (BOBP) guide to developing in ...

[https://gist.github.com/sloria ▾](https://gist.github.com/sloria/gist:5449444)

The Best of the **Best Practices** (BOBP) Guide for **Python**. A "Best of the ... Import entire modules instead of individual symbols within a module. For example, for a ...

People also ask

What does import do python? ▾

Why is __ init __ PY module used in Python? ▾

What should __ init __ PY contain? ▾

BEST
PRACTICE?

THOSE ARE
FIGHTING
WORDS

MODULES

```
# Module fight
from greeting import say_hello
from another_file import say_hello
```



```
# Which 'say_hello' is being called?
say_hello()
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```

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MODULES

DIR() RETURNS LIST OF THE ATTRIBUTES AND METHODS OF ANY OBJECT (SAY FUNCTIONS , MODULES, STRINGS, LISTS, DICTIONARIES ETC.)

```
% python
Python 2.7.12 |Anaconda 4.1.1 (x86_64)| (default, Jul  2
2016, 17:43:17)

>>> import greeting
>>> dir(greeting)
['__builtins__', '__doc__', '__file__', '__name__',
'__package__', 'say_hello']
```

MODULES

```
>>> import greeting
>>> dir(greeting)
['__builtins__', '__cached__', '__doc__', '__file__',
'__loader__', '__name__', '__package__', '__spec__', 'argv',
'debugging_statement', 'say_goodbye', 'say_hello',
'say_hola']

>>> greeting.__doc__
>>> greeting.__file__
'/Users/2020-session-4/modules/greeting.py'

>>> greeting.__name__
'greeting'
```

MODULES

- .pyc file is created by the Python interpreter when it is imported
- "c"ompiled byte code that can be interpreted by the Python VM

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with a file tree on the left and a main editor pane on the right.

File Tree:

- session4
- greeting.py
- greeting.pyc

Main Editor (greeting.py):

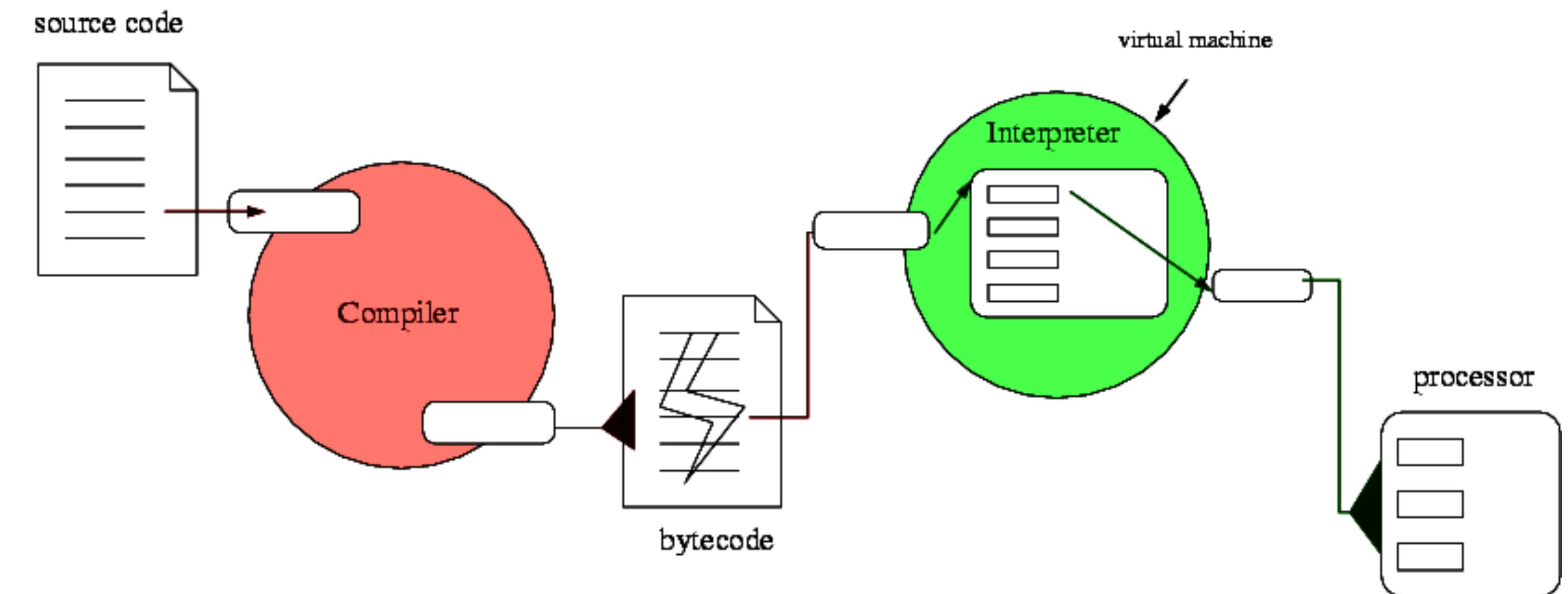
```
1 def main():  
2     say_hello()  
3  
4  
5 def say_hello():  
6     print "Hello class from %s"  
7  
8  
9 if __name__ == '__main__':  
10    main()  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17 ...
```

A large red arrow points from the 'greeting.pyc' file in the file tree towards the corresponding compiled code in the main editor pane.

At the bottom of the editor, it says "greeting.py 4:1".

MODULES

- So, is Python is compiled language or interpreted language?



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MODULES

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the title "MODULES". On the left, the "File Explorer" sidebar is visible, displaying a tree view of files and folders under the "2020-SESSION-4" workspace. The "modules" folder contains several Python files: __init__.py, __init__.pyc, chinese.py, chinese.pyc, english.py, english.pyc, spanish.py, spanish.pyc, greeting.py, greeting.py.bak, greeting.pyc, name.py, world_greeting.py, world_greeting2.py, and world_greeting3.py. Other folders like easy_math, gittest, recursion, unittesting, anatomy.py, c.py, data.txt, example_google.py, ez_math.py, fix.py, and inclass.py are also listed.

The main panel displays the "Settings" interface for the "files" section. It includes three sections: "Files: Exclude", "Files: Watcher Exclude", and "Search: Exclude".

Files: Exclude
Configure glob patterns for excluding files and folders. For example, the files explorer decides which files and folders to show or hide based on this setting. Read more about glob patterns [here](#).

```
**/.git  
**/.svn  
**/.hg  
**/CVS  
**/.DS_Store
```

Add Pattern

Files: Watcher Exclude
Configure glob patterns of file paths to exclude from file watching. Patterns must match on absolute paths (i.e. prefix with ** or the full path to match properly). Changing this setting requires a restart. When you experience Code consuming lots of cpu time on startup, you can exclude large folders to reduce the initial load.

```
**/.git/objects/**  
**/.git/subtree-cache/**  
**/node_modules/**
```

Add Pattern

Search: Exclude
Configure glob patterns for excluding files and folders in searches. Inherits all glob patterns from the [Files: Exclude](#) setting. Read more about glob patterns [here](#).

```
**/node_modules  
**/bower_components  
**/*.*.code-search
```

MODULES

The screenshot shows a dark-themed code editor interface with the following components:

- Left Sidebar (Explorer):** Shows a tree view of files and folders. Open editors include `_init_.py`, `world_greeting3.py`, and `Settings`. A session named `2020-SESSION-4` is expanded, showing files like `easy_math`, `gittest`, and a `modules` folder containing `international`, `chinese.py`, `english.py`, `spanish.py`, `greeting.py`, `greeting.py.bak`, `name.py`, `world_greeting.py`, `world_greeting2.py`, and `world_greeting3.py`.
- Search Bar:** Displays the word `exclude`.
- Search Results:** Shows 9 settings found, divided into `User` and `Workspace` sections.
- Terminal:** Displays terminal output from the `modules` directory:

```
(base) modules$ ls
__pycache__
greeting.py
greeting.py.bak
name.py
(base) modules$
```
- Exclude Settings (Files: Exclude):** Lists glob patterns for excluding files and folders:

```
**/.git
**/.svn
**/.hg
**/CVS
**/.DS_Store
**/__pycache__
**/*.*
```

A blue `Add Pattern` button is at the bottom.
- Exclude Settings (Files: Watcher Exclude):** Lists glob patterns for excluding file paths from file watching:

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**/node_modules/**
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- Search: Exclude:** Shows a placeholder message: "Search for exclude patterns in your workspace or global settings. You can also search for exclude patterns in the files pane."

ORGANIZING MODULAR CODE

ORGANIZING MODULES

- Reusing code may require you to organize your code in a less efficient manner
- Think about other benefits before refactoring

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```

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def compute_tax_and_tip(amount):
    return ((amount + \
             (amount*.0875)) * 1.20)

# Refactored for reusability and
# testing
def compute_tax_and_tip(amount):
    tax = compute_tax(amount)
    tip = compute_tip(amount + tax,20)
    return amount + tax + tip

def compute_tax(amount):
    pass

def compute_tip(amount):
    pass
```

ORGANIZING MODULES

- Module search path order
 - Python interpreter looks for a built-in module with that name
 - A file with the module_name.py
 - System path (sys.path, \$PYTHON_PATH)

```
Python 2.7.13 |Anaconda 4.4.0 (x86_64)| (default,
05:08)
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 6.0 (clang-600.0.
[Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" f
ion.

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org
>>> import sys
>>> print sys.path
[ '', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python27.zip', '/A
conda/lib/python2.7', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/
arwin', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/plat
tions/anaconda/lib/python2.7/plat-mac/lib-scriptpa
cations/anaconda/lib/python2.7/lib-tk', '/Applicat
b/python2.7/lib-old', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/
nload', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-
lications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-packages/S
.egg', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-
'/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-pac
.2.0-py2.7.egg' ]
```

ORGANIZING MODULES

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[Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.]
```

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FIRST ..

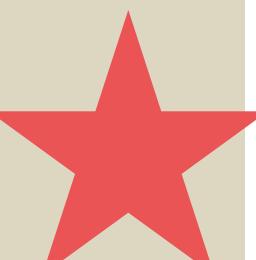
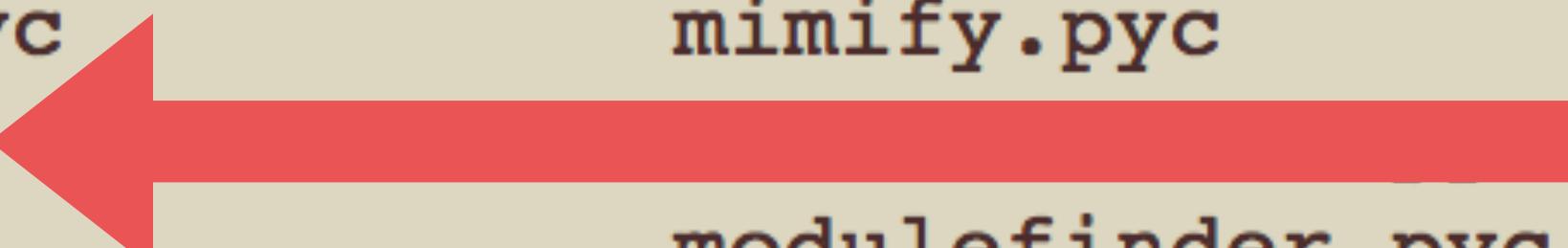
```
>>> import sys
```

```
>>> print sys.path
```

```
['', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python27.zip', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/plat-darwin', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/plat-mac', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/plat-mac/lib-scriptpackages', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/lib-tk', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/lib-old', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/lib-dynload', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-packages', '/Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-packages/Sphinx-1.5.6-py2.7']
```

ORGANIZING MODULES

```
502 % ls /Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/
BaseHTTPServer.py          config
BaseHTTPServer.pyc         contextlib.py
Bastion.py                 contextlib.pyc
Bastion.pyc                cookielib.py
CGIHTTPServer.py           cookielib.pyc
CGIHTTPServer.pyc          copy.py
ConfigParser.py             copy.pyc
ConfigParser.pyc            copy_reg.py
Cookie.py                  copy_reg.pyc
Cookie.pyc                 csv.py
DocXMLRPCServer.py          csv.pyc
DocXMLRPCServer.pyc         ctypes
HTMLParser.py               curses
HTMLParser.pyc              dbhash.py
LICENSE.txt                 dbhash.pyc
MimeWriter.py               decimal.py
MimeWriter.pyc              decimal.pyc
Queue.py                   difflib.py
Queue.pyc                  difflib.pyc
md
mh
m
mi
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mimify.py
mimify.pyc
modulefinder.pyc
multifile.py
multifile.pyc
multiprocessing
mutex.py
mutex.pyc
netrc.py
netrc.pyc
new.py
smtpd.py
smtpd.pyc
smtplib.py
smtplib.pyc
sndhdr.py
sndhdr.pyc
socket.py
socket.pyc
sqlite3
sre.py
sre.pyc
sre_compile.py
sre_compile.pyc
sre_constants.py
sre_constants.pyc
sre_parse.py
sre_parse.pyc
ssl.py
ssl.pyc
```



ORGANIZING MODULES

base64.pyc
CGIHTTPServer.py
CGIHTTPServer.pyc
ConfigParser.py
ConfigParser.pyc
Cookie.py
Cookie.pyc
DocXMLRPCServer.py
DocXMLRPCServer.pyc
HTMLParser.py
HTMLParser.pyc
LICENSE.txt
MimeWriter.py
MimeWriter.pyc
Queue.py
Queue.pyc
SimpleHTTPServer.py
SimpleHTTPServer.pyc
SimpleXMLRPCServer.py
SimpleXMLRPCServer.pyc
SocketServer.py

cookielib.py
copy.py
copy.pyc
copy_reg.py
copy_reg.pyc
csv.py
csv.pyc
ctypes
curses
dbhash.py
dbhash.pyc
decimal.py
decimal.pyc
difflib.py
difflib.pyc
dircache.py
dircache.pyc
dis.py
dis.pyc
distutils

mimetools.py
mimetools.pyc
mimetypes.py
mimify.py
mimify.pyc
modulefinder.py
modulefinder.pyc
multifile.py
multifile.pyc
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sre.py
sre.pyc
sre_compile.py
sre_compile.pyc
sre_constants.py
sre_constants.pyc
sre_parse.py
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ssl.py
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stat.py
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ANATOMY OF A FILE

- Best practices for Python files and modules

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
"""
Anatomy.py: Description of what this file does.
"""

__author__      = "Jane Smith"
__copyright__   = "Copyright 2017, Company"
__license__     = "GPL"
__version__     = "1.0.1"
__email__       = "j.smith@co.com"

# import modules used here
import sys
import greeting

# Declare global constants (in caps)
PI = 3.1415
TAX_RATE = 8.75

# A main function if the module will be used as a
# standalone script
def main():
    """
    Print a greeting to the console using input
    """
    print 'Hello there', sys.argv[1]
    # Command line args are in sys.argv[1], sys.argv[2] ...
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def func1():
    pass

def func2():
    pass

# Standard boilerplate to call the main() function to begin
# the program.
if __name__ == '__main__':
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ANATOMY OF A FILE

- Shebang #!
- Specify \$PATH for Python interpreter
- Used in other scripting languages

#!/USR/BIN/PERL

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ANATOMY OF A FILE

- Shebang
- Docstring
- Author information/metadata
- Imports
- Constants - in CAPITALS
- Code

```
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    sys.argv[0] is the script name itself and can be ignored
    """

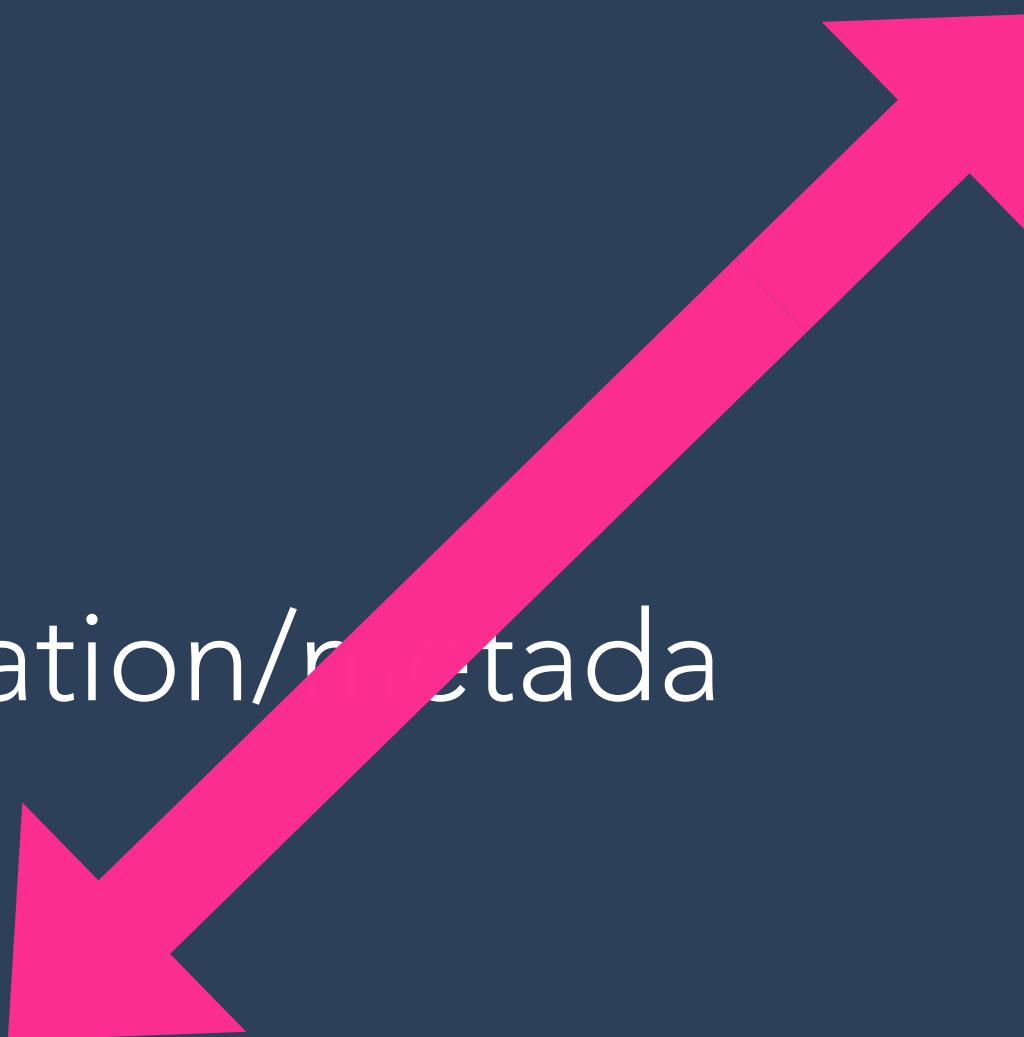
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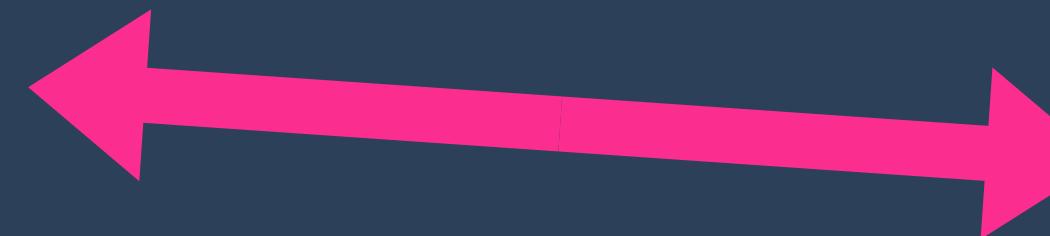
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ANATOMY OF A FILE

- Demo

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with a dark theme. At the top, there are three tabs: 'do_math.py' (marked with a red 'X'), 'world_greeting2.py', and 'add_subtract.py'. Below the tabs, the file path '1-modules > do_math.py > ...' is displayed. The code itself is as follows:

```
1  from ez_math import add_subtract
2
3
4  answer = add_subtract.add(3,3)
5  add_math = add_subtract.subtract(7,3)
6
7  print(answer)
8  print(add_math)
9
```

The line 'add_math = add_subtract.subtract(7,3)' is highlighted with a light gray background.

A FEW USEFUL MODULES

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USEFUL MODULES

- **Text**
 - `string` — Text Constants and Templates
 - `textwrap` — Formatting Text Paragraphs
 - `re` — Regular Expressions
 - `difflib` — Compare Sequences
- **Data Structures**
 - `enum` – Enumeration Type
 - `collections` – Container Data Types
 - `array` – Sequence of Fixed-type Data
 - `heapq` – Heap Sort Algorithm
 - `bisect` – Maintain Lists in Sorted Order
 - `queue` – Thread-safe FIFO Implementation
 - `struct` – Binary Data Structures
 - `weakref` – Impermanent References to Objects
 - `copy` – Duplicate Objects
 - `pprint` – Pretty-print Data Structures
- **Algorithms**
 - `functools` – Tools for Manipulating Functions
 - `itertools` – Iterator Functions

The Python
Standard Library
by Example

Developer's Library



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USEFUL MODULES

- sys provides access to system features

```
from sys import argv

# argv reads the command line and
# separates the values by space
script, first, second, third = argv

print("Argv: ", argv)
print("First: ", first)
print("Second: ", second)
```

```
# % python workspace.py 1 2
# ('Argv:', ['workspace.py', '1', '2'])
# ('First: ', '1')
# ('Second: ', '2')
```

USEFUL MODULES

- Alternative way of importing

```
import sys  
  
script, first, second, third = sys.argv  
  
print("Argv: ", sys.argv)  
print("First: ", first)  
print("Second: ", second)
```

```
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```

USEFUL MODULES

- **datetime** for date and time manipulation

↑ Dates and Times

datetime – Date and Time Value Manipulation

Purpose: The `datetime` module includes functions and classes for doing date and time parsing, formatting, and arithmetic.

`datetime` contains functions and classes for working with dates and times, separately and together.

Times

Time values are represented with the `time` class. A `time` instance has attributes for hour, minute, second, and microsecond and can also include time zone information.

```
# datetime_time.py

import datetime

t = datetime.time(1, 2, 3)
print(t)
print('hour      :', t.hour)
print('minute    :', t.minute)
print('second    :', t.second)
print('microsecond:', t.microsecond)
print('tzinfo    :', t.tzinfo)
```

The arguments to initialize a `time` instance are optional, but the default of 0 is unlikely to be correct.

```
$ python3 datetime_time.py
```

```
01:02:03
hour      : 1
minute    : 2
second    : 3
microsecond: 0
tzinfo    : None
```

Quick Links

- ▶ Times
- ▶ Dates
- ▶ timedeltas
- ▶ Date Arithmetic
- ▶ Comparing Values
- ▶ Combining Dates and Times
- ▶ Formatting and Parsing
- ▶ Time Zones

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- ⌚ [time — Clock Time](#)
- 📅 [calendar — Work with Dates](#)



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The output from all the example programs from PyMOTW-3 has been generated with Python 3.5.2, unless otherwise noted. Some of the features described here may not be available in earlier versions of Python.

USEFUL MODULES

```
import datetime
```

```
today = datetime.date.today()  
print('Today      :', today)
```

```
one_day = datetime.timedelta(days=1)  
print('One day    :', one_day)
```

```
yesterday = today - one_day  
print('Yesterday:', yesterday)
```

```
# Today      : 2017-01-22  
# One day    : 1 day, 0:00:00  
# Yesterday: 2017-01-21
```

USEFUL MODULES

- random for pseudorandom number generation
- Deterministic - same inputs will give same outputs every time

random – Pseudorandom Number Generators

Purpose: Implements several types of pseudorandom number generators.

The `random` module provides a fast pseudorandom number generator based on the *Mersenne Twister* algorithm. Originally developed to produce inputs for Monte Carlo simulations, Mersenne Twister generates numbers with nearly uniform distribution and a large period, making it suited for a wide range of applications.

Generating Random Numbers

The `random()` function returns the next random floating point value from the generated sequence. All of the return values fall within the range $0 \leq n < 1.0$.

```
# random_random.py

import random

for i in range(5):
    print('%04.3f' % random.random(), end=' ')
print()
```

Running the program repeatedly produces different sequences of numbers.

```
$ python3 random_random.py
0.859 0.297 0.554 0.985 0.452
$ python3 random_random.py
0.797 0.658 0.170 0.297 0.593
```

To generate numbers in a specific numerical range, use `uniform()` instead.

```
# random_uniform.py
```

-
- #### Quick Links
- ▶ Generating Random Numbers
 - ▶ Seeding
 - ▶ Saving State
 - ▶ Random Integers
 - ▶ Picking Random Items
 - ▶ Permutations
 - ▶ Sampling
 - ▶ Multiple Simultaneous Generators
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- ◀ fractions — Rational Numbers
- ◀ math — Mathematical Functions



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USEFUL MODULES

- Since someone wrote an algorithm for `random` it isn't truly random
- pseudorandom

```
import random

for x in range(10):
    x = random.random()
    print x

# 0.852928792625
# 0.724121900095
# 0.571978696988
# 0.156635427665
# 0.529135673911
```

USEFUL MODULES

- Many ways to get and format a random value

```
>>> random.randint(0,100)
```

```
94
```

```
>>> random.randint(0,50)
```

```
49
```

```
>>> t = [1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
>>> random.choice(t)
```

```
3
```

ITERTOOLS

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ITERTOOLS

- Module to perform efficient looping

```
from itertools import count

for i in count(10):
    if i > 20:
        break
    else:
        print(i)

# 10
# 11
# 12 and so on
```

ITERTOOLS

- Perform combination and permutations of items

```
items = ['a', 'b', 'c']
from itertools import permutations

for p in permutations(items):
    print

# ('a', 'b', 'c')
# ('a', 'c', 'b')
# ('b', 'a', 'c')
# ('b', 'c', 'a')
# ('c', 'a', 'b')
# ('c', 'b', 'a')
```

ITERTOOLS

```
from itertools import combinations
```

```
print list(combinations('WXYZ', 1))  
#[('W',), ('X',), ('Y',), ('Z',)]
```

```
print list(combinations('WXYZ', 2))  
#[('W', 'X'), ('W', 'Y'), ('W', 'Z'), ('X', 'Y'), ('X', 'Z'),  
('Y', 'Z')]
```

```
print list(combinations('WXYZ', 3))  
#[('W', 'X', 'Y'), ('W', 'X', 'Z'), ('W', 'Y', 'Z'), ('X', 'Y',  
'Z')]
```

```
print list(combinations('WXYZ', 4))  
#[('W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z')]
```

WITH

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WITH

- `with` statement is used in exception handling to make the code cleaner and readable

```
# With statement
with open('file_path', 'w') as file:
    file.write('hello world !')
```

WITH

```
# File handling
```

```
file = open('file_path', 'w')  
file.write('hello world !')  
file.close()
```



IDIOMATIC PYTHON

EXCEPTION BEFORE F.CLOSE()
COULD LEAVE YOUR PROGRAM
IN AN UNKNOWN STATE

WITH

```
# File handling  
# Using a try/finally block  
  
file = open('file_path', 'w')  
  
try:  
    file.write('hello world')  
finally:  
    file.close()
```

LOOKS A LITTLE BETTER

CATCHES EXCEPTION DURING
FILE WRITE

WITH

```
# File handling  
# Using with statement
```

```
with open('file_path', 'w') as file:  
    file.write('hello world !')
```

NOW WE'RE TALKING 😱

CAPTURES AND RELEASES THE FILE
HANDLE WHEN THE CODE USING IT
IS DONE

NO F.CLOSE() NEEDED

WITH

- Pattern used in methods that open/close resources
 - locks, sockets, subprocesses, telnets, etc.

```
# File handling
# Using with statement

with open('file_path', 'w') as file:
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```

PACKAGES

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PACKAGES

- Packages are namespaces which contain
 - Modules
 - Other packages

```
[502 % ls /Applications/anaconda/lib/python2.7/
BaseHTTPServer.py           config
BaseHTTPServer.pyc          contextlib.py
Bastion.py                  contextlib.pyc
Bastion.pyc                 cookielib.py
CGIHTTPServer.py            cookielib.pyc
CGIHTTPServer.pyc           copy.py
ConfigParser.py              copy.pyc
ConfigParser.pyc             copy_reg.py
Cookie.py                   copy_reg.pyc
Cookie.pyc                  csv.py
DocXMLRPCServer.py          csv.pyc
DocXMLRPCServer.pyc         ctypes
HTMLParser.py                curses
HTMLParser.pyc               dbhash.py
LICENSE.txt                 dbhash.pyc
MimeWriter.py                decimal.py
MimeWriter.pyc               decimal.pyc
Queue.py                     difflib.py
Queue.pyc                   difflib.pyc
SimpleHTTPServer.py          dircache.py
SimpleHTTPServer.pyc         dircache.pyc
SimpleXMLRPCServer.py       dis.py
SimpleXMLRPCServer.pyc      dis.pyc
SocketServer.py              distutils
SocketServer.pyc             doctest.py
StringIO.py                  doctest.pyc
StringIO.pyc                 dumbdbm.py
UserDict.py                  dumbdbm.pyc

```

PACKAGES

- Namespaces is a system to clearly define scope in a program
 - Which functions and variables belong to which module
 - Prevents clash
- Python modules namespace by "Dotted module names"

```
import sys  
inputs = sys.argv
```

```
import greeting  
greeting.say_hello()
```

PACKAGES

- Package is a directory that contains
 - Module files (*.py)
- The package `international` has 3 modules
 - English.py
 - Chinese.py
 - Spanish.py

```
.
├── greeting.py
├── greeting.pyc
└── international
    ├── __init__.py
    ├── chinese.py
    ├── english.py
    └── spanish.py
└── name.py
└── world_greeting.py
```

PACKAGES

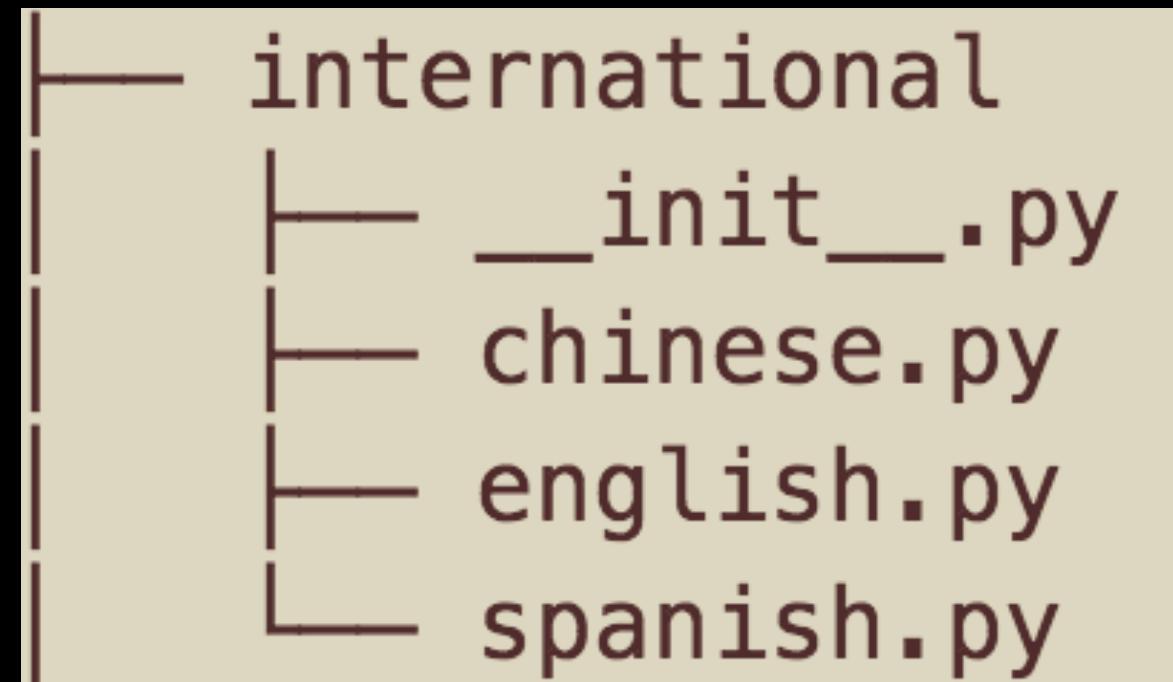
- Package require an `__init__.py` file
- File that indicates that the directory is a package
 - Optionally define modules to import

```
international
├── __init__.py
├── chinese.py
├── english.py
└── spanish.py
```

PACKAGES

```
import international.chinese  
import international.english  
import international.spanish
```

```
international.chinese.say_hi()  
international.english.say_hi()  
international.spanish.say_hi()
```



PACKAGES

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from international import chinese  
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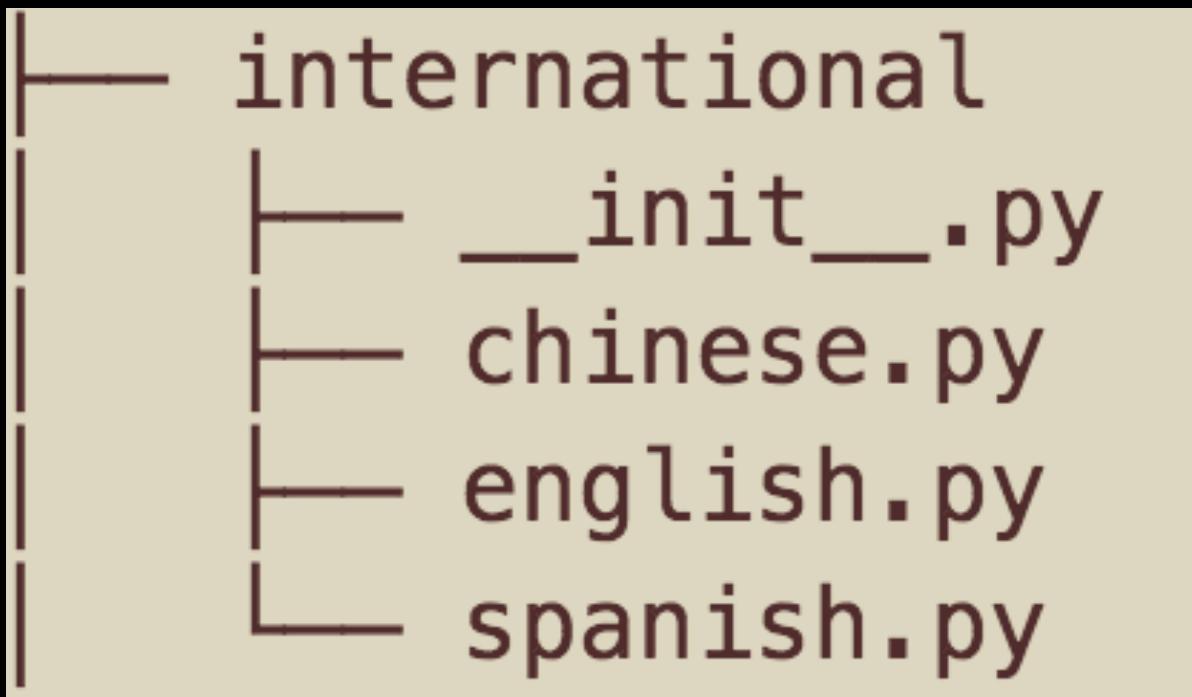
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    ├── __init__.py  
    ├── chinese.py  
    ├── english.py  
    └── spanish.py
```

PACKAGES

```
# __init__.py  
__all__ = ["chinese", "english", "spanish"]
```

```
# greeting.py  
from international import *
```

```
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english.say_hi()  
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RECURSION

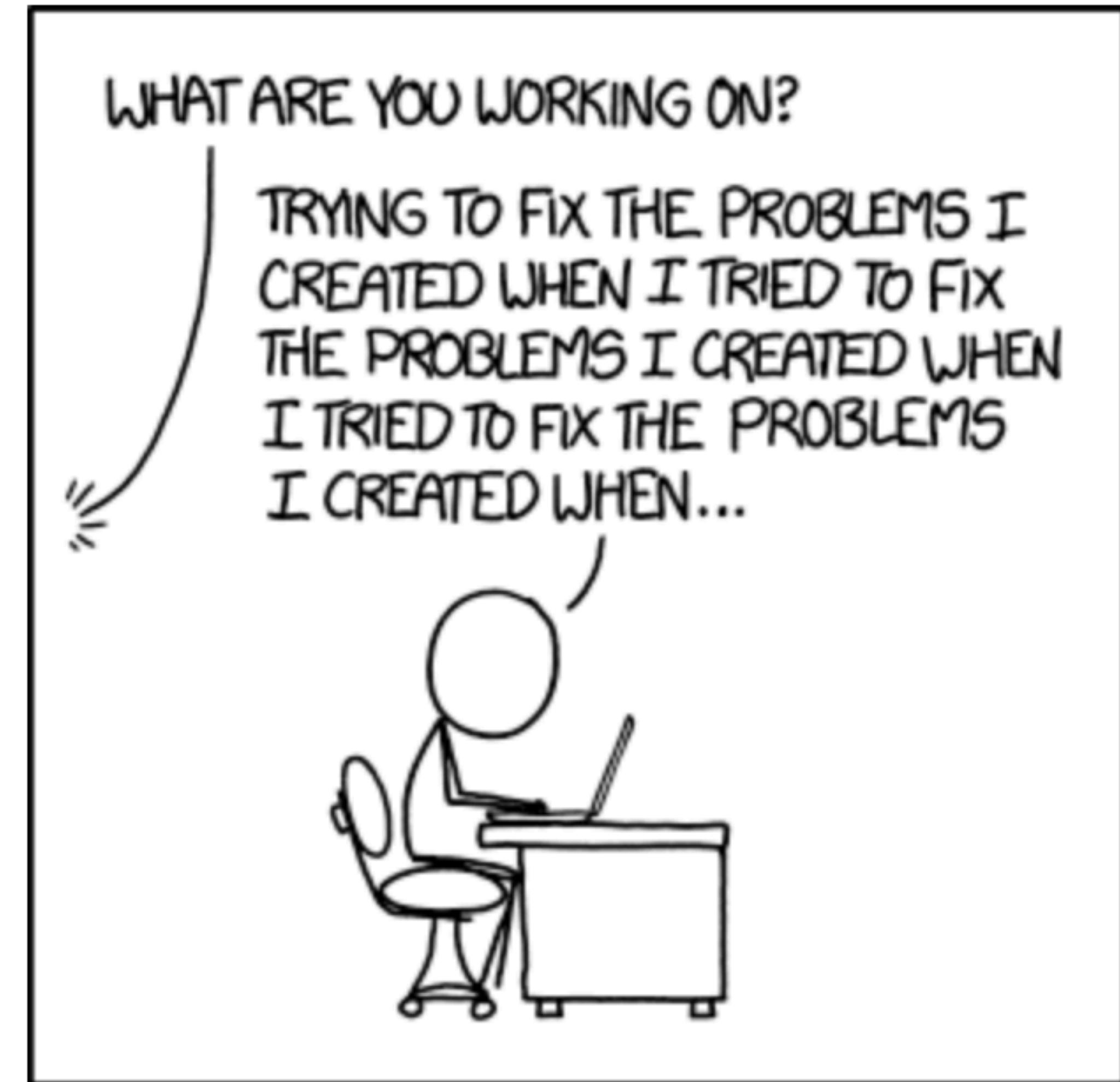
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RECURSION



RECURSION

- Recursion is the process when a function calls itself
- Recursive function

```
def countdown(n):  
    # Test the current value of `n`  
    if n < 0:  
        print('Blastoff!')  
    else:  
        print("n = %s" % n)  
        # Call countdown again  
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countdown(5)  
  
# >>> 5 4 3 2 1 0 Blastoff!
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RECURSIVE FUNCTION

CALLS ITSELF

RECURSION

BASE CONDITION

- Define a "base condition" that escapes the recursion

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```

```
countdown(5)
```

```
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```

RECURSION

```
# Factorial  
# 0! = 1  
# 5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1  
# n! = n(n-1)!
```

```
def fact(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 1  
    return n * fact(n - 1)
```

```
print(fact(0)) # 1  
print(fact(5)) # 120  
print(fact(10)) # 3628800
```



RECUSION

- If the base condition is not met the memory will become exhausted
- "Stack overflow" error

```
# Stack overflow  
  
def fact(n):  
    if n == 1000:  
        return 1  
    return n * fact(n-1)
```

RECURSION

- If the base case is not reached, the memory will eventually exhaust itself.
- "Stack overflow"

```
(base) 1-modules$ /Users/tabinkowski/anaconda3/bin/python "/Users/tabinkowski/Google Drive/g-Teaching/uchicago.codes/uchicago.codes-courses/mpcs50101/mpcs50101-2020-winter/mpcs50101-2020-winter-sessions/2020-session-4/2-recursion/scratch.py"
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/Users/tabinkowski/Google Drive/g-Teaching/uchicago.codes/uchicago.codes-courses/mpcs50101/mpcs50101-2020-winter/mpcs50101-2020-winter-sessions/2020-session-4/2-recursion/scratch.py", line 8, in <module>
    print(fact(10)) # 1
  File "/Users/tabinkowski/Google Drive/g-Teaching/uchicago.codes/uchicago.codes-courses/mpcs50101/mpcs50101-2020-winter/mpcs50101-2020-winter-sessions/2020-session-4/2-recursion/scratch.py", line 6, in fact
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    return n * fact(n-1)
[Previous line repeated 995 more times]
  File "/Users/tabinkowski/Google Drive/g-Teaching/uchicago.codes/uchicago.codes-courses/mpcs50101/mpcs50101-2020-winter/mpcs50101-2020-winter-sessions/2020-session-4/2-recursion/scratch.py", line 4, in fact
    if n == 1000:
RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded in comparison
```

:
act (n-1)

RECURSION

- Advantages
 - Don't repeat yourself
 - Simple way to write code
 - Some problems lend themselves to recursive solutions (traversing a tree)

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```

RECURSION

- Disadvantages

- Takes more memory (everything is held until base condition is met)
- Takes longer (calling and returning from functions)

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    # Test the current value of `n`  
    if n < 0:  
        print('Blastoff!')  
    else:  
        print("n = %s" % n)  
        # Call countdown again  
        countdown(n-1)
```

```
countdown(5)
```

```
# >>> 5 4 3 2 1 0 Blastoff!
```

RECURSION

- All recursive programs can be written iteratively and vice versa

```
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    # Test the current value of `n`  
    if n < 0:  
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        countdown(n-1)
```

```
countdown(5)
```

```
# >>> 5 4 3 2 1 0 Blastoff!
```

RECURSION

```
def draw_triangle(dot, star):  
    if dot == 0:  
        return 0  
  
    else:  
        left_space = dot + 1  
        print('.' * left_space, end=' ')  
        asterixs = star * 2 + 1  
        print('*' * asterixs)  
  
        draw_triangle( dot - 1, star + 1 )
```

...*
. . ***
. ****

RECURSION

```
def draw_triangle(i, t=0):
    if i == 0:
        return 0
    else:
        left_space = i + 1
        asterixs = t * 2 + 1
        print '*' * asterixs
        return draw_triangle(i - 1, t + 1)
```

```
draw_triangle(10)
```

The diagram illustrates the recursive drawing of a triangle. It shows four stages of the recursion for $i=4$.

- Stage 1:** A single yellow asterisk ($*$).
- Stage 2:** Four red dots (\bullet) followed by three yellow asterisks ($***$).
- Stage 3:** Six red dots (\bullet) followed by four yellow asterisks ($****$).
- Stage 4:** Eight red dots (\bullet) followed by five yellow asterisks ($*****$).

THE END

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