

Exploration Oriented Programming

REPL to Production

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LOGO



```
? forward 10  
? left 90  
? forward 10  
? █
```

GW-Basic

```
GW-BASIC 3.23
(C) Copyright Microsoft 1983,1984,1985,1986,1987,1988
60300 Bytes free
Ok

10 print "hello"
20 print "world"

run
hello
world
Ok
—

1LIST 2RUN← 3LOAD" 4SAVE" 5CONT← 6,"LPT1 7TRON← 8TROFF← 9KEY 0SCREEN
```

Python REPL

```
Python 3.6.4 (default, Mar 18 2018, 09:34:45)
[GCC 7.3.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> █
```

IPython REPL

Python 3.6.4 (default, Mar 18 2018, 09:34:45)

Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information

IPython 6.5.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.

```
In [1]: for x in range(6):
```

```
...:     print x
```

```
File "<ipython-input-1-edef559f42a>", line 2
```

```
    print x
```

```
    ^
```

SyntaxError: Missing parentheses in call to 'print'. Did you mean print(int x)?

```
In [2]: for x in range(6):
```

```
...:     print(x)
```

```
...:
```

```
0
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

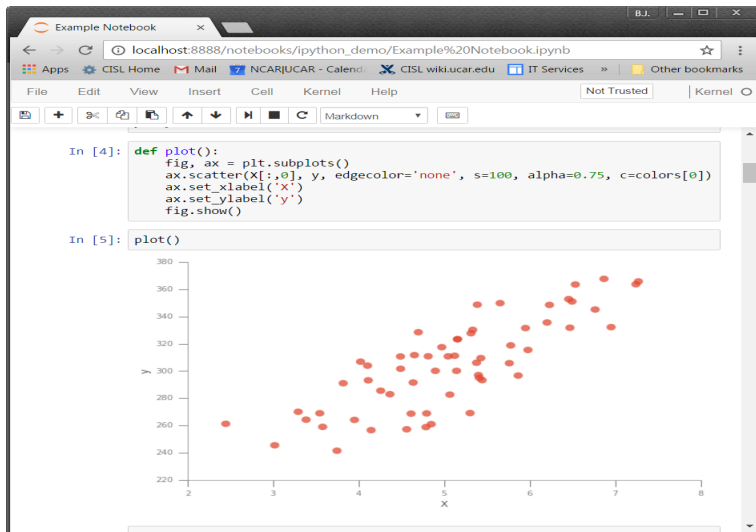
```
3
```

```
4
```

```
5
```

```
In [3]:
```

Jupyter



What is Jupyter?

- ▶ Web interface
- ▶ Kernel
- ▶ Persistent history
- ▶ Other goodies!

Kernel

- ▶ Handles snippets
- ▶ In-memory state
- ▶ Semi-disposable
- ▶ Tornado event loop

Magic

```
%%pdb
```

```
%% capture output
```

```
...
```

Server vs. Kernel

One Jupyter server, many kernels.

Adding a Kernel

```
def add_to(kernel_venv, jupyter_venv):
    cc = subprocess.check_call
    p = os.path
    python = p.join(kernel_venv, 'bin', 'python')
    name = p.basename(kernel_venv)
    cc([python, '-m',
        'pip', 'install', 'ipykernel'])
    cc([python, '-m',
        'ipykernel', 'install',
        '--name', name,
        '--display-name', name,
        '--prefix', venv])
    spec = p.join(kernel_venv,
                  'share/jupyter/kernels', name)
    jupyter = p.join(jupyter_venv, 'bin/jupyter')
    cc([jupyter, 'kernelspec', 'install', spec])
```

Security Model

- ▶ Opaque security token
- ▶ By default, listen only on localhost

Notebooks

- ▶ Editable history
- ▶ Inputs and outputs
- ▶ Code, not state

Notebooks from the Inside

```
{  
  "cells": [  
    { "cell_type": "code",  
      ...  
      "source": ["1 + 1"]  
    }  
  ]  
  "nbformat": 4,  
  "nbformat_minor": 1  
}
```

Global namespace

```
some_thing = 15
```

```
some_thing * 2
```

```
30
```

Redefining functions

```
def foo(a):  
    return 2 * a
```

```
foo(10)
```

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```
def foo(a):  
    return 3 * a
```

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Immutable data structures

```
a = v(1, 2, 3)
```

```
def increase_head(stuff):  
    return stuff.set(0, stuff[0] + 1)  
increase_head(a)
```

```
pvector([2, 2, 3])
```

```
def increase_tail(stuff):  
    return stuff.set(-1, stuff[-1] + 1)  
increase_tail(a)
```

```
pvector([1, 2, 4])
```

Verification as testing

```
# test
x = [1, 2, 3]
y = increase_tail(x)
assert_that(y[2], is_(5))
```

```
...
AssertionError:
Expected: <5>
      but: was <4>
```

Classes

```
@attr.s(frozen=True)
class Point:
    x = attr.ib()
    y = attr.ib()
```

Dispatching

```
@singledispatch
def abs(thing):
    raise NotImplementedError("No abs",
                               thing)
```

```
@abs.register(Point)
def abs(pt):
    return (pt.x**2 + pt.y**2) ** 0.5
```

Version control

```
"execution_count": 1,  
"outputs": [  
  {  
    "data": {  
      "text/plain": [  
        "2"  
      ]  
    },  
    "execution_count": 1,  
    "metadata": {},  
    "output_type": "execute_result"  
  }  
],
```

Cleaning outputs

```
with open("something.ipynb") as fpin:
    data = fpin.read()
    parsed = json.loads(data)
    for cell in parsed["cells"]:
        del cell["output"]
        del cell["execution_count"]
with open("something_cleaned.ipynb") as fpout:
    fpout.write(json.dumps(parsed))
```

Cleaning outputs

- ▶ Pre-commit hook
- ▶ Test in CI that re-cleaning gives same result
- ▶ Code review the cleaned file

Lint

```
% jupyter nbconvert --to=python something.ipynb  
% flake8 something.py
```


Test

```
with open("something.ipynb") as fpin:
    notebook = json.loads(fpin.read())
with open("something.py", "w") as fpout:
    for cell in notebook["cells"]:
        if ("# pragma: interactive-only" in
            cell["source"]):
            continue
        fpout.write(f"\n{cell['source']}\n")
subprocess.check_output(["pytest", "something.py"])
```

Custom diff

```
# Suitable for use as "git difftool"
def to_lines(fname):
    with open(fname) as fpin:
        contents = json.loads(fpin.read())
        for i, cell in enumerate(contents["cells"]):
            yield f'Cell {i}'
            yield from cell["source"].splitlines()
sys.stdout.writelines(difflib.contextdiff(
    to_lines(os.environ['LOCAL']),
    to_lines(os.environ['REMOTE']),
    'a/' + os.environ['MERGED'],
    'b/' + os.environ['MERGED'],
))
```

Custom merge

- ▶ Clean
- ▶ Merge
- ▶ Add dummy output
- ▶ (Beyond current scope)

Importing Notebooks

```
@attr.s(frozen=True)
class NotebookLoader:
    contents = attr.ib()
    def create_module(self, spec):
        util = importlib.util
        return util.module_from_spec(spec)
    def exec_module(self, module):
        cells = json.loads(contents)["cells"]
        for cell in cells:
            if cell.starts_with("#pragma: module"):
                exec(cell, module.__dict__)
```

Finding Notebooks

```
class NotebookFinder(object):

    def find_module(self, fullname, path=None):
        if path is None:
            return None
        name = fullname.split('.')[-1] + '.ipynb'
        if not resources.is_resource(path, name):
            return None
        text = resources.read_text(path, name)
        return NotebookLoader(text)

import sys
sys.meta_path.append(NotebookFinder())
```

Integrating with packages

```
somepackage/  
    __init__.py  
        import sys  
        sys.meta_path.append(NotebookFinder())  
module.ipynb
```

Producing documentation

```
.. automodule package.module
   :members:
```

Producing documentation

```
with open("something.ipynb") as fpin:  
    notebook = json.loads(fpin)  
with open("something.md", "w") as mdout:  
    for cell in notebook["cells"]:  
        if cell["cell_type"] != "markdown":  
            continue  
        mdout.write(cell["source"])
```


Building wheels

```
MANIFEST.in  
include *.ipynb
```

Exporting API

```
INTERACTIVE = False
```

```
# pragma: interactive-only  
INTERACTIVE = True
```

```
from publication import publish  
__all__ = ['some_function',  
           'SomeClass']  
if not INTERACTIVE:  
    publish()
```

Code as Successive Approximation

Are we ever "done"?

REPL as IDE

- ▶ Still nascent...
- ▶ ...getting better

Proud tradition

Lisp, Smalltalk, Logo, GW-Basic.