

Advanced Python Modules





- Python has several built-in modules that we haven't fully explored yet!
- In this section we will dive deeper into some useful built-in modules, explore their use cases, and then give you a puzzle exercise to solve.





- Modules Covered
 - Collections
 - Os module and Datetime
 - Math and Random
 - Python Debugger
 - Timeit
 - Regular Expressions
 - Unzipping and Zipping Modules



Let's get started!





Collections Module





Shutil and OS Modules

Opening and Reading Files and Folders



- We already know how to open an individual file with Python, but we still don't know how to do a few things:
 - What if we have to open every file in a directory?
 - What if we want to actually move files around on our computer?





- Python's os module and shutil allow us to easily navigate files and directories on the computer and then perform actions on them, such as moving them or deleting them.
- Let's get started!



Datetime Module





Math and Random Modules





Python Debugger





- When trying to figure out what errors there are in your code, you've probably used print() to try to track down the error.
- Fortunately, Python comes with a built-in debugger tool that allows you to interactively explore variables within mid-operation of your Python code!





Part One





- We already know we can search for substrings within a larger string with the in operator:
 - "dog" in "my dog is great"
 - True



- This has severe limitations, we need to know the exact string, and need to perform additional operations to account for capitalization and punctuation.
- What if we only the pattern structure of the string we're looking for? Like an email or phone number?





- Regular Expressions (regex) allow us to search for general patterns in text data!
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- The re library allows us to create specialized pattern strings and then search for matches within text.
- The primary skill set for regex is understanding the special syntax for these pattern strings.

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 - o (555)-555-5555
- Regex Pattern
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- This series of lectures will first focus on how to use the re library to search for patterns within text.
- Afterwards we will focus on understanding the regex syntax codes.
- Let's get started!





Part Two





Timing Your Code





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Part Three





Timing Your Code





- As you learn more Python, you will discover multiple solutions for a single task and you may find yourself trying to figure out the most efficient approach.
- An easy way to do this is to time your code's performance.



- We will focus on 3 ways of doing this:
 - Simply tracking time elapsed
 - Using the timeit module
 - Special %%timeit "magic" for Jupyter Notebooks





Unzipping and Zipping Files





Advanced Modules Exercise Puzzle

SOLUTION

