IntroductionToCourse

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1 The Python Programming Language: Functions

[1]:
```
x = 1
y = 2
x + y
```

[1]:
```
3
```

[2]:
```
y
```

[2]:
```
2
```

`add_numbers` is a function that takes two numbers and adds them together.

[3]:
```
def add_numbers(x, y):
    return x + y

add_numbers(1, 2)
```

[3]:
```
3
```

'add_numbers' updated to take an optional 3rd parameter. Using `print` allows printing of multiple expressions within a single cell.

[4]:
```
def add_numbers(x,y,z=None):
    if (z==None):
        return x+y
    else:
        return x+y+z

print(add_numbers(1, 2))
print(add_numbers(1, 2, 3))
```

```
3
6
```

add_numbers updated to take an optional flag parameter.

[5]:
```
def add_numbers(x, y, z=None, flag=False):
    if (flag):
        print('Flag is true!')
    if (z==None):
        return x + y
    else:
        return x + y + z

print(add_numbers(1, 2, flag=True))
```

```
Flag is true!
3
```

Assign function add_numbers to variable a.

[6]:
```
def add_numbers(x,y):
    return x+y

a = add_numbers
a(1,2)
```

[6]:
```
3
```

2 The Python Programming Language: Types and Sequences

Use type to return the object's type.

[7]:
```
type('This is a string')
```

[7]:
```
str
```

[8]:
```
type(None)
```

[8]:
```
NoneType
```

[9]:
```
type(1)
```

[9]:
```
int
```

[10]:
```
type(1.0)
```

[10]:
```
float
```

[11]:
```
type(add_numbers)
```

[11]:
```
function
```

Tuples are an immutable data structure (cannot be altered).

[12]:
```
x = (1, 'a', 2, 'b')
type(x)
```

[12]:
```
tuple
```

Lists are a mutable data structure.

[13]:
```
x = [1, 'a', 2, 'b']
type(x)
```

[13]:
```
list
```

Use append to append an object to a list.

[14]:
```
x.append(3.3)
print(x)
```

```
[1, 'a', 2, 'b', 3.3]
```

This is an example of how to loop through each item in the list.

[15]:
```
for item in x:
    print(item)
```

```
1
a
2
b
3.3
```

Or using the indexing operator:

[16]:
```
i=0
while( i != len(x) ):
    print(x[i])
    i = i + 1
```

```
1
a
2
b
3.3
```

Use + to concatenate lists.

[17]:
```
[1,2] + [3,4]
```

[17]:
```
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Use * to repeat lists.

[18]:
```
[1]*3
```

[18]:
```
[1, 1, 1]
```

Use the `in` operator to check if something is inside a list.

[19]:
```
1 in [1, 2, 3]
```

[19]:
```
True
```

Now let's look at strings. Use bracket notation to slice a string.

[20]:
```
x = 'This is a string'
print(x[0]) #first character
print(x[0:1]) #first character, but we have explicitly set the end character
print(x[0:2]) #first two characters
```

```
T
T
Th
```

This will return the last element of the string.

[21]:
```
x[-1]
```

[21]:
```
'g'
```

This will return the slice starting from the 4th element from the end and stopping before the 2nd element from the end.

[22]:
```
x[-4:-2]
```

[22]:
```
'ri'
```

This is a slice from the beginning of the string and stopping before the 3rd element.

[23]:
```
x[:3]
```

[23]:
```
'Thi'
```

And this is a slice starting from the 4th element of the string and going all the way to the end.

[24]:
```
x[3:]
```

[24]:
```
's is a string'
```

[25]:
```
firstname = 'Christopher'
lastname = 'Brooks'

print(firstname + ' ' + lastname)
print(firstname*3)
print('Chris' in firstname)
```

```
Christopher Brooks
ChristopherChristopherChristopher
True
```

`split` returns a list of all the words in a string, or a list split on a specific character.

[26]:
```
firstname = 'Christopher Arthur Hansen Brooks'.split(' ')[0] # [0] selects the␣
 ↪first element of the list
lastname = 'Christopher Arthur Hansen Brooks'.split(' ')[-1] # [-1] selects the␣
 ↪last element of the list
print(firstname)
print(lastname)
```

```
Christopher
Brooks
```

Make sure you convert objects to strings before concatenating.

[27]:
```
'Chris' + 2
```

```
␣
↪---------------------------------------------------------------------------

TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call␣
↪last)

<ipython-input-27-9d01956b24db> in <module>
----> 1 'Chris' + 2


TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str
```

[ ]:
```
'Chris' + str(2)
```

Dictionaries associate keys with values.

[ ]:
```
x = {'Christopher Brooks': 'brooksch@umich.edu', 'Bill Gates': 'billg@microsoft.
↪com'}
x['Christopher Brooks'] # Retrieve a value by using the indexing operator
```

[ ]:
```
x['Kevyn Collins-Thompson'] = None
x['Kevyn Collins-Thompson']
```

Iterate over all of the keys:

[ ]:
```
for name in x:
    print(x[name])
```

Iterate over all of the values:

[ ]:
```
for email in x.values():
    print(email)
```

Iterate over all of the items in the list:

[ ]:
```
for name, email in x.items():
    print(name)
    print(email)
```

You can unpack a sequence into different variables:

[ ]:
```
x = ('Christopher', 'Brooks', 'brooksch@umich.edu')
fname, lname, email = x
```

[ ]:
```
fname
```

[ ]:
```
lname
```

Make sure the number of values you are unpacking matches the number of variables being assigned.

[ ]:
```
x = ('Christopher', 'Brooks', 'brooksch@umich.edu', 'Ann Arbor')
fname, lname, email = x
```

3 The Python Programming Language: More on Strings

[ ]:
```
print('Chris' + 2)
```

[ ]:
```
print('Chris' + str(2))
```

Python has a built in method for convenient string formatting.

[ ]:
```
sales_record = {
'price': 3.24,
'num_items': 4,
'person': 'Chris'}

sales_statement = '{} bought {} item(s) at a price of {} each for a total of {}'

print(sales_statement.format(sales_record['person'],
                             sales_record['num_items'],
                             sales_record['price'],
                             sales_record['num_items']*sales_record['price']))
```

4 Reading and Writing CSV files

Let's import our datafile mpg.csv, which contains fuel economy data for 234 cars.

- mpg : miles per gallon
- class : car classification
- cty : city mpg
- cyl : # of cylinders
- displ : engine displacement in liters
- drv : f = front-wheel drive, r = rear wheel drive, 4 = 4wd
- fl : fuel (e = ethanol E85, d = diesel, r = regular, p = premium, c = CNG)
- hwy : highway mpg
- manufacturer : automobile manufacturer
- model : model of car
- trans : type of transmission
- year : model year

[ ]:
```
import csv

%precision 2

with open('mpg.csv') as csvfile:
    mpg = list(csv.DictReader(csvfile))
```

```
mpg[:3] # The first three dictionaries in our list.
```

`csv.Dictreader` has read in each row of our csv file as a dictionary. `len` shows that our list is comprised of 234 dictionaries.

[ ]:
```
len(mpg)
```

`keys` gives us the column names of our csv.

[ ]:
```
mpg[0].keys()
```

This is how to find the average cty fuel economy across all cars. All values in the dictionaries are strings, so we need to convert to float.

[ ]:
```
sum(float(d['cty']) for d in mpg) / len(mpg)
```

Similarly this is how to find the average hwy fuel economy across all cars.

[ ]:
```
sum(float(d['hwy']) for d in mpg) / len(mpg)
```

Use `set` to return the unique values for the number of cylinders the cars in our dataset have.

[ ]:
```
cylinders = set(d['cyl'] for d in mpg)
cylinders
```

Here's a more complex example where we are grouping the cars by number of cylinder, and finding the average cty mpg for each group.

[ ]:
```
CtyMpgByCyl = []

for c in cylinders: # iterate over all the cylinder levels
    summpg = 0
    cyltypecount = 0
    for d in mpg: # iterate over all dictionaries
        if d['cyl'] == c: # if the cylinder level type matches,
            summpg += float(d['cty']) # add the cty mpg
            cyltypecount += 1 # increment the count
    CtyMpgByCyl.append((c, summpg / cyltypecount)) # append the tuple␣
↪('cylinder', 'avg mpg')

CtyMpgByCyl.sort(key=lambda x: x[0])
CtyMpgByCyl
```

Use `set` to return the unique values for the class types in our dataset.

[ ]:
```
vehicleclass = set(d['class'] for d in mpg) # what are the class types
vehicleclass
```

And here's an example of how to find the average hwy mpg for each class of vehicle in our dataset.

[ ]:
```
HwyMpgByClass = []

for t in vehicleclass: # iterate over all the vehicle classes
    summpg = 0
    vclasscount = 0
    for d in mpg: # iterate over all dictionaries
```

```
        if d['class'] == t: # if the cylinder amount type matches,
            summpg += float(d['hwy']) # add the hwy mpg
            vclasscount += 1 # increment the count
    HwyMpgByClass.append((t, summpg / vclasscount)) # append the tuple␣
 ↪('class', 'avg mpg')

HwyMpgByClass.sort(key=lambda x: x[1])
HwyMpgByClass
```

5 The Python Programming Language: Dates and Times

[ ]:
```
import datetime as dt
import time as tm
```

`time` returns the current time in seconds since the Epoch. (January 1st, 1970)

[ ]:
```
tm.time()
```

Convert the timestamp to datetime.

[ ]:
```
dtnow = dt.datetime.fromtimestamp(tm.time())
dtnow
```

Handy datetime attributes:

[ ]:
```
dtnow.year, dtnow.month, dtnow.day, dtnow.hour, dtnow.minute, dtnow.second #␣
 ↪get year, month, day, etc.from a datetime
```

`timedelta` is a duration expressing the difference between two dates.

[ ]:
```
delta = dt.timedelta(days = 100) # create a timedelta of 100 days
delta
```

`date.today` returns the current local date.

[ ]:
```
today = dt.date.today()
```

[ ]:
```
today - delta # the date 100 days ago
```

[ ]:
```
today > today-delta # compare dates
```

6 The Python Programming Language: Objects and map()

An example of a class in python:

[ ]:
```
class Person:
    department = 'School of Information' #a class variable

    def set_name(self, new_name): #a method
        self.name = new_name
    def set_location(self, new_location):
        self.location = new_location
```

[ ]:
```
person = Person()
person.set_name('Christopher Brooks')
person.set_location('Ann Arbor, MI, USA')
print('{} live in {} and works in the department {}'.format(person.name, person.
 ↪location, person.department))
```

Here's an example of mapping the `min` function between two lists.

[ ]:
```
store1 = [10.00, 11.00, 12.34, 2.34]
store2 = [9.00, 11.10, 12.34, 2.01]
cheapest = map(min, store1, store2)
cheapest
```

Now let's iterate through the map object to see the values.

[ ]:
```
for item in cheapest:
    print(item)
```

7 The Python Programming Language: Lambda and List Comprehensions

Here's an example of lambda that takes in three parameters and adds the first two.

[ ]:
```
my_function = lambda a, b, c : a + b
```

[ ]:
```
my_function(1, 2, 3)
```

Let's iterate from 0 to 999 and return the even numbers.

[ ]:
```
my_list = []
for number in range(0, 1000):
    if number % 2 == 0:
        my_list.append(number)
my_list
```

Now the same thing but with list comprehension.

[ ]:
```
my_list = [number for number in range(0,1000) if number % 2 == 0]
my_list
```