

Ch03-5-NamespaceModulesRefactoring

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1 Namespace, Modules & Refactoring

1.1 Topics

- namespace
- modules
- scopes
- name lookup rule
- refactoring code

<http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/modules.html>

- a **namespace** is a collection of identifiers that belong to a module, or to a function, (and in classes too)
- Generally, we like a namespace to hold “related” things, e.g. all the math functions, or all the typical things we’d do with random numbers
- a **module** is a file containing Python definitions and statements intended for use in other Python programs
- standard library is an example of Python language provided modules
- each module has its own namespace, so we can use the same identifier name in multiple modules without causing an identification (name collision) problem

1.2 Various ways to import names into the current namespace

```
[1]: # import math module into the global namespace
import math
x = math.sqrt(100)
print(x)
```

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```
[2]: import random
print(random.choice(list(range(1, 21))))
```

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```
[3]: from random import choice
```

```
[4]: print(choice([1, 2, 3, 4]))
```

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```
[5]: help(math)
```

Help on module math:

NAME

math

MODULE REFERENCE

<https://docs.python.org/3.8/library/math>

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DESCRIPTION

This module provides access to the mathematical functions defined by the C standard.

FUNCTIONS

`acos(x, /)`

Return the arc cosine (measured in radians) of x.

`acosh(x, /)`

Return the inverse hyperbolic cosine of x.

`asin(x, /)`

Return the arc sine (measured in radians) of x.

`asinh(x, /)`

Return the inverse hyperbolic sine of x.

`atan(x, /)`

Return the arc tangent (measured in radians) of x.

`atan2(y, x, /)`

Return the arc tangent (measured in radians) of y/x.

Unlike `atan(y/x)`, the signs of both x and y are considered.

`atanh(x, /)`

Return the inverse hyperbolic tangent of x.

`ceil(x, /)`

Return the ceiling of x as an Integral.

This is the smallest integer $\geq x$.

`comb(n, k, /)`
 Number of ways to choose k items from n items without repetition and without order.

Evaluates to $n! / (k! * (n - k)!)$ when $k \leq n$ and evaluates to zero when $k > n$.

Also called the binomial coefficient because it is equivalent to the coefficient of k -th term in polynomial expansion of the expression $(1 + x)^n$.

Raises `TypeError` if either of the arguments are not integers.
 Raises `ValueError` if either of the arguments are negative.

`copysign(x, y, /)`
 Return a float with the magnitude (absolute value) of x but the sign of y .

On platforms that support signed zeros, `copysign(1.0, -0.0)` returns `-1.0`.

`cos(x, /)`
 Return the cosine of x (measured in radians).

`cosh(x, /)`
 Return the hyperbolic cosine of x .

`degrees(x, /)`
 Convert angle x from radians to degrees.

`dist(p, q, /)`
 Return the Euclidean distance between two points p and q .

The points should be specified as sequences (or iterables) of coordinates. Both inputs must have the same dimension.

Roughly equivalent to:
 $\text{sqrt}(\text{sum}((px - qx) ** 2.0 \text{ for } px, qx \text{ in } \text{zip}(p, q)))$

`erf(x, /)`
 Error function at x .

`erfc(x, /)`
 Complementary error function at x .

`exp(x, /)`
 Return e raised to the power of x .

`expm1(x, /)`
Return $\exp(x)-1$.

This function avoids the loss of precision involved in the direct evaluation of $\exp(x)-1$ for small x .

`fabs(x, /)`
Return the absolute value of the float x .

`factorial(x, /)`
Find $x!$.

Raise a `ValueError` if x is negative or non-integral.

`floor(x, /)`
Return the floor of x as an `Integral`.

This is the largest integer $\leq x$.

`fmod(x, y, /)`
Return `fmod(x, y)`, according to platform C.

 $x \% y$ may differ.

`frexp(x, /)`
Return the mantissa and exponent of x , as pair (m, e) .

 m is a float and e is an int, such that $x = m * 2.**e$.
If x is 0, m and e are both 0. Else $0.5 \leq \text{abs}(m) < 1.0$.

`fsum(seq, /)`
Return an accurate floating point sum of values in the iterable `seq`.

Assumes IEEE-754 floating point arithmetic.

`gamma(x, /)`
Gamma function at x .

`gcd(x, y, /)`
greatest common divisor of x and y

`hypot(...)`
`hypot(*coordinates) -> value`

Multidimensional Euclidean distance from the origin to a point.

Roughly equivalent to:

```
sqrt(sum(x**2 for x in coordinates))
```

For a two dimensional point (x, y), gives the hypotenuse using the Pythagorean theorem: `sqrt(x*x + y*y)`.

For example, the hypotenuse of a 3/4/5 right triangle is:

```
>>> hypot(3.0, 4.0)
5.0
```

```
isclose(a, b, *, rel_tol=1e-09, abs_tol=0.0)
```

Determine whether two floating point numbers are close in value.

`rel_tol`

maximum difference for being considered "close", relative to the magnitude of the input values

`abs_tol`

maximum difference for being considered "close", regardless of the magnitude of the input values

Return True if a is close in value to b, and False otherwise.

For the values to be considered close, the difference between them must be smaller than at least one of the tolerances.

-inf, inf and NaN behave similarly to the IEEE 754 Standard. That is, NaN is not close to anything, even itself. inf and -inf are only close to themselves.

```
isfinite(x, /)
```

Return True if x is neither an infinity nor a NaN, and False otherwise.

```
isinf(x, /)
```

Return True if x is a positive or negative infinity, and False otherwise.

```
isnan(x, /)
```

Return True if x is a NaN (not a number), and False otherwise.

```
isqrt(n, /)
```

Return the integer part of the square root of the input.

```
ldexp(x, i, /)
```

Return $x * (2^i)$.

This is essentially the inverse of `frexp()`.

```
lgamma(x, /)
```

Natural logarithm of absolute value of Gamma function at x.

`log(...)`

`log(x, [base=math.e])`

Return the logarithm of x to the given base.

If the base not specified, returns the natural logarithm (base e) of x.

`log10(x, /)`

Return the base 10 logarithm of x.

`log1p(x, /)`

Return the natural logarithm of 1+x (base e).

The result is computed in a way which is accurate for x near zero.

`log2(x, /)`

Return the base 2 logarithm of x.

`modf(x, /)`

Return the fractional and integer parts of x.

Both results carry the sign of x and are floats.

`perm(n, k=None, /)`

Number of ways to choose k items from n items without repetition and with order.

Evaluates to $n! / (n - k)!$ when $k \leq n$ and evaluates to zero when $k > n$.

If k is not specified or is None, then k defaults to n and the function returns n!.

Raises `TypeError` if either of the arguments are not integers.

Raises `ValueError` if either of the arguments are negative.

`pow(x, y, /)`

Return $x**y$ (x to the power of y).

`prod(iterable, /, *, start=1)`

Calculate the product of all the elements in the input iterable.

The default start value for the product is 1.

When the iterable is empty, return the start value. This function is intended specifically for use with numeric values and may reject non-numeric types.

`radians(x, /)`
 Convert angle x from degrees to radians.

`remainder(x, y, /)`
 Difference between x and the closest integer multiple of y.

Return x - n*y where n*y is the closest integer multiple of y.
 In the case where x is exactly halfway between two multiples of y, the nearest even value of n is used. The result is always exact.

`sin(x, /)`
 Return the sine of x (measured in radians).

`sinh(x, /)`
 Return the hyperbolic sine of x.

`sqrt(x, /)`
 Return the square root of x.

`tan(x, /)`
 Return the tangent of x (measured in radians).

`tanh(x, /)`
 Return the hyperbolic tangent of x.

`trunc(x, /)`
 Truncates the Real x to the nearest Integral toward 0.

Uses the `__trunc__` magic method.

DATA

```
e = 2.718281828459045
inf = inf
nan = nan
pi = 3.141592653589793
tau = 6.283185307179586
```

FILE

```
/Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/lib/python3.8/lib-
dynload/math.cpython-38-darwin.so
```

```
[6]: from math import * # Import all the identifiers from math
print(sqrt(100))
print(pi)
```

10.0
3.141592653589793

```
[7]: from math import radians, sin
rad = radians(90)
print(rad)
print(sin(rad))
```

1.5707963267948966
1.0

1.3 Variable scopes and lookup rules

- the **scope** of an identifier is the region of program code in which the identifier can be accessed, or used
- three important scopes in Python:
 - **Local scope** - refers to identifiers declared within a function
 - **Global scope** - refers to all the identifiers declared within the current module, or file
 - **Built-in scope** - refers to all the identifiers built into Python – those like *print* and *input* that are always available

1.4 Scope of variables

- variable scope tells Python where the variables are visible and can be used
- not all the variables can be used everywhere after they're declared
- Python provides two types of variables or scopes: global and local scopes

1.4.1 global scope

- global variables
- any variables/identifiers defined outside functions
- can be readily accessed/used from within the functions
- must use **global** keyword to update the global variables

1.4.2 local scope

- local variables
- the variables defined in a function have local scope
- can be used/accessed only from within a function after it has been declared
- parameter is also a local variable to the function

1.4.3 Precedence rule for lookup

1. innermost or local scope
2. global scope
3. built-in scope

1.4.4 global and local scopes demo

Visualize it with [PythonTutor.com](https://pythontutor.com)


```
[12]: # Global and local scope demo
name = "Alice" # global variable

def someFunc(a, b):
    print(f'{name = }') # Access global variable, name
    name1 = "John" # Declare local variable
    print(f'{a=} and {b=}') # a and b are local variables
    print(f'Hello {name1}') # Access local variable, name1

someFunc(1, 'Apple')
print(name) # Access global variable name
print(name1) # Can you access name1 which is local to someFunc function?
```

```
name = 'Alice'
a=1 and b='Apple'
Hello John
Alice
```

```
-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[12], line 12
     10 someFunc(1, 'Apple')
     11 print(name) # Access global variable name
--> 12 print(name1)

NameError: name 'name1' is not defined
```

```
[9]: def testLocalScope():
    outer = 5
    def innerFunction(): # only available insed testLocalScope
        inner = 10
        print('innerFunction called:')
        print(f'{outer=}')
        print(f'{inner=}')
        # print(f'{inner=}') # inner variable is ONLY available inside innerFunction
        print(f'{outer=}')
        innerFunction()

    innerFunction()
```

```
[10]: testLocalScope()
```

```
outer=5
innerFunction called:
outer=5
inner=10
```

```
[6]: # this throws NameError!
innerFunction()
```

```

-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[6], line 1
----> 1 innerFunction()

NameError: name 'innerFunction' is not defined

```

```
[11]: # can't access `outer` outside the testLocalScope function
print(outer)
```

```

-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[11], line 2
      1 # can't access `outer` outside the testLocalScope function
----> 2 print(outer)

NameError: name 'outer' is not defined

```

1.4.5 modify global variables from within a function

```
[ ]: # How to modify global variable inside function
var1 = "Alice" # global

def myFunc(arg1, arg2):
    global var1 # Tell myFunc that var1 is global
    var1 = "Bob" # global or local? How can we access global var1?
    var2 = "John"
    print(f'{var1=}')
    print('var2 = ', var2)
    print('arg1 = ', arg1)
    print('arg2 = ', arg2)

myFunc(1, 'Apple')
print(var1)
```

1.5 names can be imported into the local namespace

```
[8]: def isUpper(letter):
      import string # string name is local
      return letter in string.ascii_uppercase
```

```
[9]: print(isUpper('a'))
```

False

```
[10]: # can we use string module outside isUpper function?
print(string.digits)
```

```
-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-10-1f51304bf154> in <module>
      1 # can we use string module outside isUpper function?
----> 2 print(string.digits)

NameError: name 'string' is not defined
```

2 Refactoring

- refactoring in coding is the process of restructuring existing computer code without changing its external behavior
- it aims to improve the code's structure, readability, and maintainability.
- this can involve:

2.0.1 Improving Code Readability

- Making the code easier to read and understand by renaming variables, methods, and classes to more descriptive names

2.0.2 Simplifying Code Structure

- Breaking down complex functions or classes into smaller, more manageable pieces.

2.0.3 Removing Redundancies

- Eliminating duplicate code to avoid repetition and reduce the potential for bugs.

2.0.4 Optimizing Performance

- Making the code run more efficiently without altering its external behavior.

2.0.5 Enhancing Maintainability

- Making the code easier to modify and extend in the future.

2.1 User-defined modules

- see `modules` folder
- see `main.py` and `module2.py` inside `modules` folder
- demonstrates user defined modules and importance of import guard
- run each module, but `main.py` depends on `module2.py`

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    ...
```

2.2 Refactor test code into test module

- move all test functions to a separate test module
- see demos/test_main.py

```
[13]: %pwd
```

```
[13]: '/Users/rbasnet/projects/Python-Fundamentals'
```

```
[14]: %cd demos/function_unittest/
```

```
/Users/rbasnet/projects/Python-Fundamentals/demos/function_unittest
```

```
[15]: ! pytest -v test_main.py
```

```
===== test session starts
=====
platform darwin -- Python 3.10.8, pytest-8.3.2, pluggy-1.5.0 --
/opt/anaconda3/envs/py/bin/python
cachedir: .pytest_cache
hypothesis profile 'default' ->
database=DirectoryBasedExampleDatabase('/Users/rbasnet/projects/Python-
Fundamentals/demos/function_unittest/.hypothesis/examples')
rootdir: /Users/rbasnet/projects/Python-Fundamentals/demos/function_unittest
plugins: anyio-4.0.0, cov-4.1.0, hypothesis-6.62.1
collected 4 items
```

```
test_main.py::test_answer PASSED
```

```
[ 25%]
```

```
test_main.py::test_add PASSED
```

```
[ 50%]
```

```
test_main.py::test_add2 PASSED
```

```
[ 75%]
```

```
test_main.py::test_add3 PASSED
```

```
[100%]
```

```
===== 4 passed in 0.35s
```

```
=====
```

```
[ ]:
```