

Q1. Is it permissible to use several import statements to import the same module? What would the goal be? Can you think of a situation where it would be beneficial?

Ans: - Yes, it is permissible to use several import statements to import the same module in Python¹. However, if a module has already been imported, it's not loaded again. You will simply get a reference to the module that has already been imported¹. This could be beneficial in cases where the same module is being used in different parts of the code for clarity and organization.

Q2. What are some of a module's characteristics? (Name at least one.)

Ans: - A Python module is a file containing Python definitions and statements. A module can define functions, classes, and variables. It can also include runnable code. Grouping related code into a module makes the code easier to understand and use and also makes the code logically organized.

Q3. Circular importing, such as when two modules import each other, can lead to dependencies and bugs that aren't visible. How can you go about creating a program that avoids mutual importing?

Ans: - To avoid circular imports in Python, you can follow these steps:

- Identify the modules involved in the circular import.
- Move any common code or dependencies to a separate module.
- Use forward declarations or lazy imports to break the direct import dependency.
- Refactor the code to eliminate the circular import.

Q4. Why is `__all__` in Python?

Ans: - The `__all__` variable in Python is a list of strings that define what symbols in a module will be exported when from `<module> import *` is used on the module. It overrides the default of hiding everything that begins with an underscore.

Q5. In what situation is it useful to refer to the `__name__` attribute or the string `'__main__'`?

Ans: - The `__name__` attribute in Python is used to determine whether a module is being run directly or being imported by another module¹³¹⁴¹⁵¹⁶¹⁷. When a script is run directly, `__name__` is set to `"__main__"`. This is useful for allowing or preventing certain code from being run depending on whether the module is being run as a script or imported as a module.

Q6. What are some of the benefits of attaching a program counter to the RPN interpreter application, which interprets an RPN script line by line?

Ans: - Attaching a program counter to the RPN interpreter application can have several benefits:

- It facilitates faster execution of the instructions.
- It provides tracking of the execution points while the CPU executes the instructions.
- It helps in managing the sequence of instruction execution, ensuring that the instructions are executed in the correct order.

Q7. What are the minimum expressions or statements (or both) that you'd need to render a basic programming language like RPN primitive but complete— that is, capable of carrying out any computerised task theoretically possible?

Ans: - To make a basic programming language like RPN primitive but complete, you would need at least the following expressions or statements:

- **Variables:** To store and manipulate data.
- **Operators:** To perform operations on the data.
- **Control structures:** To control the flow of the program (e.g., conditional statements, loops).
- **Functions:** To group code into reusable blocks.
- **Input/Output operations:** To interact with the user or system. These are the fundamental building blocks that would allow the language to carry out any computerized task theoretically possible.