

Virtual Training Session

October 2022 (Day2)

Python Fundamentals and Corresponding Examples & Exercises

Strings

Numbers

Lists

Conditionals

Loops

Dictionaries

Files



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Rebase GitHub Project

Your fork of the course repository (not mine)

A screenshot of a GitHub repository page for `ktbyers/pynet-ons-oct22`. The page shows a main branch and 15 commits behind the upstream repository. A tooltip message indicates that the branch is out-of-date and suggests syncing from the upstream repository. The 'Code' button in the top right is highlighted.



Click "Sync Fork"

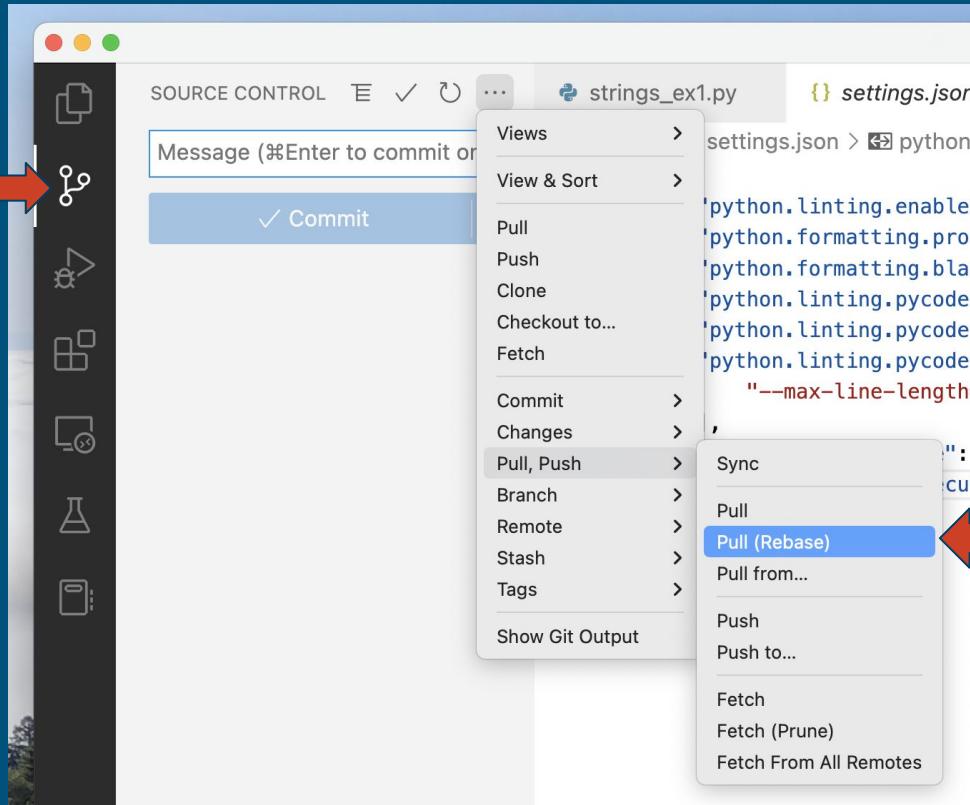
A screenshot of the tooltip expanded, showing the message: "This branch is out-of-date. Update branch to keep this branch up-to-date by syncing 15 commits from the upstream repository." Below the message are two buttons: "Compare" and "Update branch".



Click "Update branch"

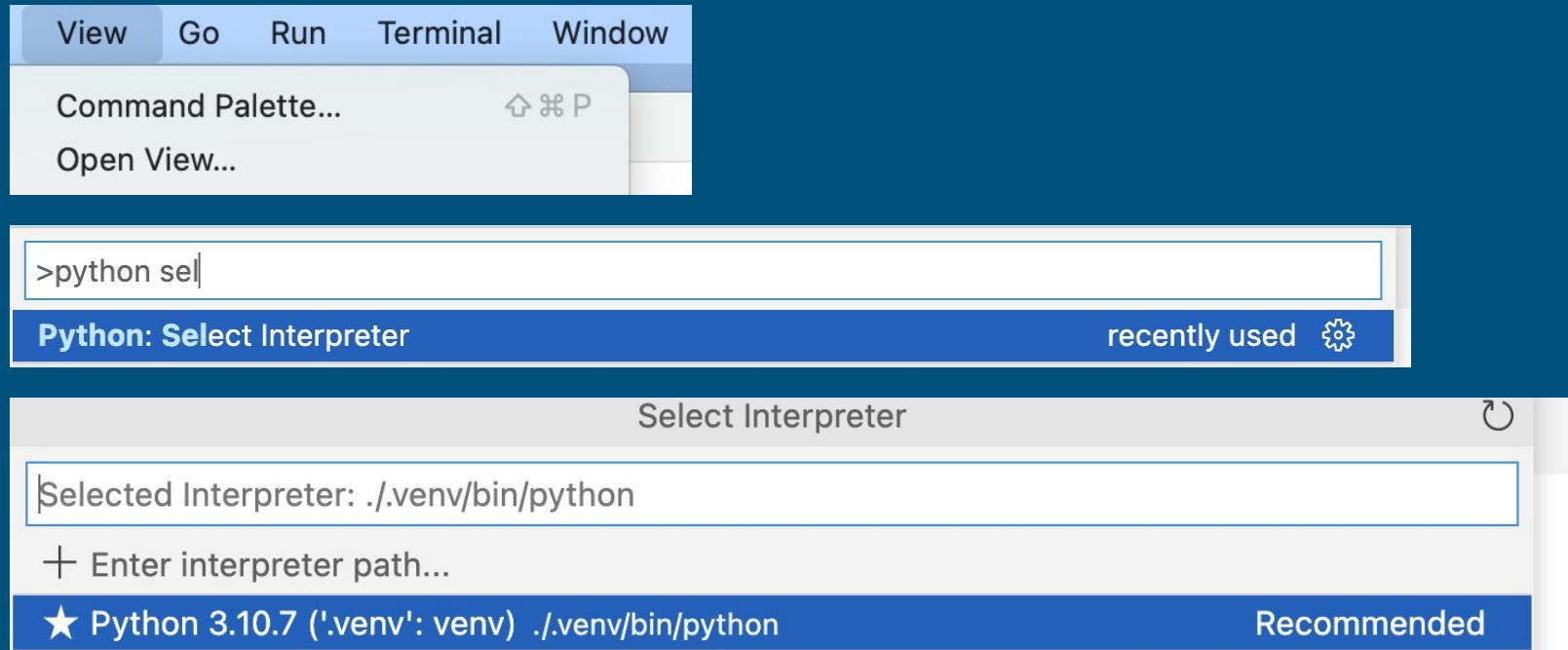
You need to pull the changes into your computer

Git Options



Pull (Rebase)

You might need to reselect your Python Interpreter



Virtual Environment Active



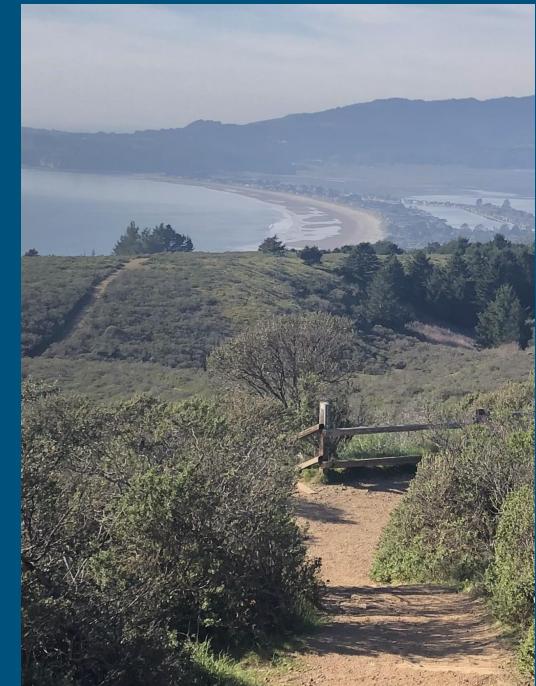
VS Code > Terminal > New Terminal

macOS: source .venv/bin/activate

Windows: ./venv/scripts/activate

Verify Python:

python -m pip list [macOS / Windows]





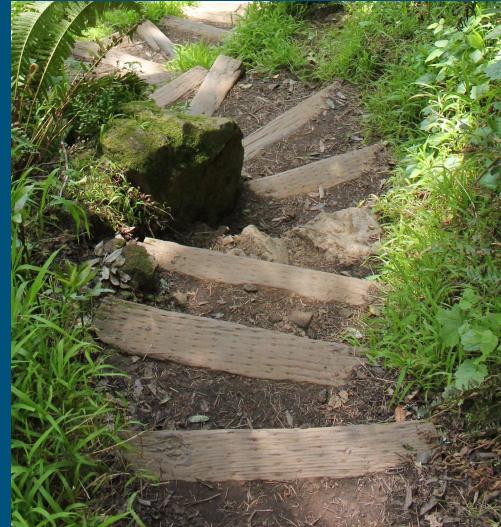
Python Characteristics

Indentation matters.

Use spaces not tabs.

Python programmers are particular.

Python3



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Review



Executing a Python program

From VS Code:

Pick the file > upper right, select “run triangle”

From Terminal:

```
(.venv) $ python simple.py
```

Hello

Review





Review Exercise:

Exercises:

`./day2/exercise_show_ver/for_cond_show_ver_ex1.txt`

Show Version Exercise

- a. Read a show version output from a router (in a file named, "show_version.txt").

- b. Find the router serial number in the output.

- c. Parse the serial number and return it as a variable. Use `.split()` and `substr` in `str` to accomplish this.

Some Parts of This: Strings

```
_ , serial_number = line.split("Processor board ID")
```

What does `.split()` return?

```
In [5]: line
```

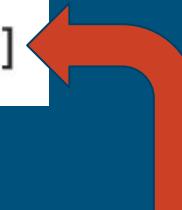
```
Out[5]: 'This is a line of text'
```

```
In [6]: line.split("This is")
```

```
Out[6]: ['', ' a line of text']
```

What does `.split()` return?

```
In [7]: line.split(" ")
Out[7]: ['This', 'is', 'a', 'line', 'of', 'text']
```



```
In [12]: line = "This is a line of    text"
```

```
In [13]: line.split()
Out[13]: ['This', 'is', 'a', 'line', 'of', 'text']
```

```
In [14]: line.split(" ")
Out[14]: ['This', 'is', 'a', 'line', 'of', '', '', 'text']
```

Returns a list.

What the heck happens here: Unpacking

```
_ , serial_number = line.split("Processor board ID")
```

```
>>> line  
'Processor board ID FTX1512038X'  
>>> line.split("Processor board ID")  
['', ' FTX1512038X']
```

line.split returns a
two-element List

```
>>> var1, var2 = line.split("Processor board ID")  
>>> var1  
''  
>>> var2  
' FTX1512038X'
```

Immediately unpack into two
variables

Some Parts of This: f-strings



```
print(f"\nSerial Number is {serial_number}\n")
```

String interpolation: embedding
variables in strings



VS Code and Execution Location

```
 9     ],
10    "editor.formatOnSave": true,
11+   "python.terminal.executeInFileDir": true
12 }
```

VS Code file location issue



VS Code and Debug Location

```
{  
    // Use IntelliSense to learn about possible attributes.  
    // Hover to view descriptions of existing attributes.  
    // For more information, visit: https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=830387  
    "version": "0.2.0",  
    "configurations": [  
        {  
            "name": "Python: Current File",  
            "type": "python",  
            "request": "launch",  
            "program": "${file}",  
            "console": "integratedTerminal",  
            "justMyCode": true,  
            "cwd": "${fileDirname}"  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

Create a
launch.json file in
.vscode folder

Specify

VS Code file location issue

Strings

Exercises:

[./day2/py_strings/strings_ex1.txt](#)

Read in the “aruba_show_ap_database.txt” file.

Process the data such that all of the header and footer information is excluded.

In other words, only print out the tabular data from the file.
Your output should look as follows:

library-1	sjc	225	10.10.10.13	Up 8m:29s	Rc2	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0
library-1	sjc	225	10.10.10.10	Down	Rc2	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0
library-2	sjc	225	10.10.10.12	Down	Rc2	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0
rm135-1	sjc	135	10.10.10.9	Down	Rc2	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0
rm135-2	sjc	135	10.10.10.11	Down	Rc2	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0
rm137-1	sjc	225	192.168.1.1	Up 1h:2m:05s	R	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0
rm137-2	sjc	225	10.10.10.8	Down	Rc2	10.5.200.21	0.0.0.0

Strings and Dictionaries

Expand on exercise 1, except now process the tabular data to extract the AP name, the AP IP address, and the AP status.

Create a new dictionary where the key is the AP name and the corresponding value is the AP status.

Normalize both the AP name and the AP status to be all lower case.

Use rich to print out this new dictionary.



Exercises:

[`./day2/py_strings/strings_ex2.txt`](#)

Writing to a file/reading from a file:

```
with open(file_name, "w") as f:  
    f.write(output)
```

Exercise

```
with open(file_name) as f:  
    output = f.read()
```

Exercises:
./day2/py_files/files_ex1.txt



Review



But what about lists?

- a. Create a list with five strings
- b. Use append to add two strings to the list
- c. Use pop to remove the first element
- d. Find the length of the list
- e. Sort the list
- f. Loop over the list and print both the index and the value. For printing use f-strings and make the index a 3-character width field; the value should use a 15-character width field (right aligned).

Exercises:

`./day2/py_lists/files_ex1.txt`

*JavaScript and Ruby
refers to this data
structure as an Array*

How to access list indexes?



```
In [5]: my_list = ["It", "was", "the", "best", "of"]
```

```
In [6]: my_list[3]  
Out[6]: 'best'
```

Zero-based indices

```
In [7]: my_string = "This is some sentence"
```

```
In [8]: len(my_string)  
Out[8]: 21
```

```
In [9]: my_string[0]  
Out[9]: 'T'
```

Review

Both lists and strings are sequences. They have an inherent order and you can access them using indices.

List Exercise

- a. Read the file "show_version.txt" (in the current directory). Remember the VS Code file location issue.

- b. Read in the contents of the file using the `readlines()` method. This will create a list.

- c. Print the length of the list. This will give you the number of lines in that file.

- d. Print out line number 1 and line number 35 respectively. Remember indices are zero-based.

- e. Split line number 1 into fields using a comma as the field separator. One of these fields should be the OS Version. Print this to standard output.



Exercises:
[./day2/py_lists/files_ex2.txt](#)



Another Example Exercise



Process the 'show_ip_int_brief.txt' file and create a data structure from it.

1. Create a dictionary where the keys are the interface names
2. The corresponding values should be the “Protocol” field.
3. Use rich.print to print out your data structure.



Exercises:
[/day2/review_exercises/review_ex1.txt](#)

How about those booleans?

```
In [2]: print(line)
```

Interface

IP-Address

OK? Method Status

Protocol

```
In [3]: "Interface" in line
```

Out[3]: True



Membership check

Boolean Result

```
In [4]: "Interface" in line and "Protocol" in line
```

Out[4]: True



Boolean Logic: and, or, not

Review

And Dictionaries?

```
In [9]: my_ds = {}
```

```
In [10]: my_ds['FastEthernet0'] = 'up'
```

```
In [11]: my_ds
```

```
Out[11]: {'FastEthernet0': 'up'}
```

Blank dictionary: curly braces

Adding a key-value pair

Review

Looping over Dictionaries?

```
In [1]: my_ds
Out[1]:
{'FastEthernet0': 'down',
 'FastEthernet1': 'down',
 'FastEthernet2': 'down',
 'FastEthernet3': 'down',
 'FastEthernet4': 'up',
 'Vlan1': 'down'}
```



```
In [2]: for k, v in my_ds.items():
...:     print(f"{k} -> {v}")
...
FastEthernet0 -> down
FastEthernet1 -> down
FastEthernet2 -> down
FastEthernet3 -> down
FastEthernet4 -> up
Vlan1 -> down
```

.items() returns both
the key and the value



Dictionary Exercise

Process the 'show_arp.txt' file and create a data structure from it.

1. Create a dictionary where the keys are the ip addresses and the corresponding values are the mac-addresses.
2. Create a second dictionary where the keys are the mac-addresses and the corresponding values are the ip addresses.
3. Use rich.print to print these two data structures to the screen.

Exercises:

[./day2/review_exercises/review_ex2.txt](#)

Another Example Exercise



Read the 'show_ip_bgp.txt' file.

Strip out the BGP header information so you are just left with the route table.

Parse each BGP line such that you retrieve the prefix and the as_path.

Save the prefix and as_path to a file.

Exercises:

`./day2/review_exercises/review_ex2.txt`



A bit loopy

Exercise

You can record a timestamp using Python's time library:

```
import time  
now = time.time()
```

You can then track elapsed time as:

```
elapsed_time = time.time() - now
```

Finally, you can sleep a number of seconds using:

```
time.sleep(sleep_time)
```



A bit loopy

Exercise

1. Take a timestamp using `time.time()`.
2. Enter into a while loop. Stay in this while loop until 15 seconds have passed (relative to your timestamp).
3. Inside the while loop, sleep for 1 second. Additionally, print out the elapsed time since your timestamp.
4. You should exit your while loop after 15 seconds have passed.
5. Outside of the while loop. Print the total elapsed time (one last time).



Exercises:
[/day2/py_loops/loops_ex2.txt](#)

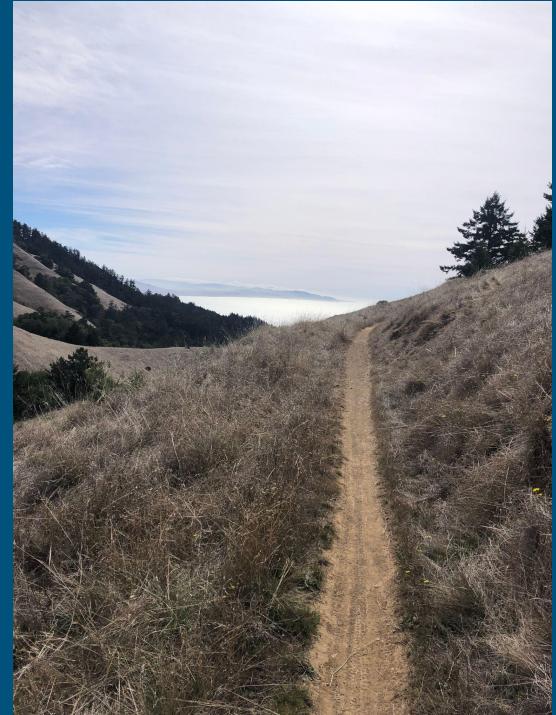
Loops

- for
- while
- break
- continue
- enumerate

Remember your syntax

*Remember break and
continue*

Remember enumerate



Strings

- String methods
- Chaining
- split()
- strip()
- substr in string
- unicode
- raw strings
- format() method
- f-strings

Remember some of your string methods



Membership

Escaping special characters

String interpolation



Numbers

Integers

Floats

Math Operators (+, -, *, /, **, %)

```
In [1]: var1 = 22.7
```

```
In [2]: type(var1)  
Out[2]: float
```

```
In [3]: round(var1)  
Out[3]: 23
```



```
In [4]: import math
```

```
In [5]: math.pi
```

```
Out[5]: 3.141592653589793
```

```
In [6]: var2 = math.pi
```

```
In [7]: round(var2, 2)
```

```
Out[7]: 3.14
```

```
In [8]: var3 = "88"
```

```
In [9]: type(var3)  
Out[9]: str
```

```
In [10]: int(var3)  
Out[10]: 88
```

Conditionals

```
a = 22
if a == 15:
    print("Hello")
elif a >= 7: ←
    print("Something")
else: ←
    print("Nada")
```

Remember your syntax



Expressions evaluate to True or False

Final catchall



Exercise

*This ends up being
challenging*

1. Prompt a user to enter an IP address.
2. Check that the IP address has four octets and that each octet ranges between 0 and 255. If the check fails, re-prompt the user for a valid IP address.
3. Continue prompting until a valid IP address is returned (using the very simple IP check specified above).
4. Print out the IP address that was entered.
5. Test that your code works properly.

Exercises:
`./day2/eod_exercises/exercise1.txt`

Exercise



1. Read the contents of "show_vlan.txt". This is from an Arista vEOS switch.
2. Using either `readlines()` or `splitlines()` loop over the contents of this file. Skip the header information.
3. Create a new dictionary where the key is the `vlan_id`. The corresponding value should be a dictionary containing the following key-value pairs: `vlan_name`, `vlan_status`, and `ports`. The `ports` key should refer to a list of ports.
4. Use `rich.print` to print out your final data structure. Your final data structure should be similar to the following:

```
{  
    '1': {'vlan_name': 'default', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Cpu', 'Et1']},  
    '2': {'vlan_name': 'VLAN0002', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Et2']},  
    '3': {'vlan_name': 'VLAN0003', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Et3']},  
    '4': {'vlan_name': 'VLAN0004', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Et4']},  
    '5': {'vlan_name': 'VLAN0005', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Et5']},  
    '6': {'vlan_name': 'VLAN0006', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Et6']},  
    '7': {'vlan_name': 'VLAN0007', 'vlan_status': 'active', 'ports': ['Et7']}
```

Exercises:

[./day2/eod_exercises/exercise2.txt](#)