### **Python Summer Course**

Course 3: Files, Data & Practice

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# **Installing Python Packages**

Most functionality in Python comes from external packages (libraries).

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Install with pip (Python's package installer)

```
!pip install numpy
```

#### Run this in:

- Jupyter notebooks (with !)
- Google Colab
- Terminal/command line (without !)







# Importing a Package or Module

Once installed, use import to load the package in your code.







## **Import with Alias**

```
Python Code Start Over

1 import numpy as np
2
3 # We will see this next course!
4 print(np.array([1, 2, 3]) * 2)
```







### **Import Specific Functions**

```
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1 from math import pi, sin
2
3 print(sin(pi / 2)) # 1.0
```

#### **Best Practice:**

- Use standard aliases: np for numpy, pd for pandas, plt for matplotlib
- Only import what you need to keep code clean







# Reading and Writing Files in Python

Python can read from and write to files using the built-in open () function.







## Reading from a Text File

```
▶ Run Code
1 with open ("example.txt", "r") as f:
      content = f.read()
  print(content)
```



#### Notes:

- "w" mode = write (overwrites file)
- "r" mode = read
- "a" mode = append
- Always use with so auto closes the file
- More functionalities (e.g. line by line) but we focus on fc formats here





# **JSON: Storing Structured Data**

**JSON** (JavaScript Object Notation) is a text format for storing **structured data**, like Python dictionaries and lists.

It's widely used in APIs, configs, and data exchange.

```
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1 import json
2
3 # this is our dict
4
5 data = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30, "skills": ["Python", "Data"]}
```







#### Save to JSON File







#### **Load JSON File**







### **JSON** ↔ **Dictionary**

- json.dump() → save to file
- json.load() → read from file
- json.dumps() / json.loads() → convert to/from string

#### ⚠ JSON uses:

- {} for objects (dicts)
- [] for arrays (lists)
- Keys must be strings







# Study Case: Modeling Bacterial Colony Growth

We will work with simulated growth data of bacterial colonies under different conditions.

Download the dataset is <u>here</u>

#### Objectives:

- 1. Load and inspect the dataset (JSON)
- 2. Create a Colonie class to represent each colony
- 3. Implement a method to predict growth at a given time
- 4. Create and test colony objects from data



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5. Compare predicted vs actual growth data

# Step 1: Load Dataset from JSON

- Open and parse the JSON file using json.load()
- Check structure: list of colonies, each with conditions + growth







## Solution

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# Step 2: Define a Colonie

#### Attributes:

• name, temperature, ph, sugar

#### Method

- predict\_growth(time)
- math package for exp, log functions







#### Using formula:

$$G(t) = S \cdot e^{-rac{(T-37)^2}{20}} \cdot (1 - 0.3 \cdot | ext{pH} - 7|) \cdot \ln(t+1)$$

S: Sugar, T: temperature, pH: pH level, t: time (h)







## **Solution**

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# Step 3: Create Objects and Compare Predictions

- Loop over data entries
- Create a Colonie object for each
- Predict growth at fixed times (e.g. 3, 5, 8)
- Compare with actual values in the dataset







## Solution

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## More references

Python course for data analysis

The Python tutorial





