

Unit 3: Core tools

Resource Referencing

Lesson 28

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Overview of unit

Objectives:

- Understanding how data science activities necessitate certain kinds of tools
- Fundamentals with core data science tools

1. Why core tools?
2. Project organization
3. Python
4. Best practice: write CLI tools
5. Best practice: write unit tests
6. Best practice: resource referencing
7. Github
8. Jupyter notebooks
9. Jupyter & statefulness
10. Bokeh
11. Advanced bokeh
12. HW 3

Lesson overview

Objectives

- Use platform and location agnostic ways of building paths.

Outline

- Path separators
- Relative paths

Don't EVER use explicit paths

Build paths from

- Input arguments
- Current script location = `os.path.dirname(__file__)`
- Path separators = `os.path.sep`
- Path combination functions: `os.path.join(...)`

eg don't use:
`filepath = "data/comp.json"`

} old world

from `pathlib` import `Path`

↳ `("data", "comp.json")`

`file_path = Path(__file__).parent / "data" / "comp.json"`

wherever
you are

Lesson wrap-up

Takeaways

- Doing resource referencing cleanly will save you and others a lot of pain.

Up next

- HW3