

# Python software engineering

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# Typographical conventions

- Inline code fragments and file names are rendered as, e.g.,  
`hello_world.py`
- Longer code fragments are rendered as

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
...
if __name__ == '__main__':
    print('hello world!')
```

- Data files are rendered as

```
case dim temp
1 1 -0.5
2 1 0.0
3 1 0.5
4 2 -0.5
...
```

fragment  
not shown

# **BEST PRACTICES**

# Code style matters

- Readability
- Coding conventions
- Exception handling
- Code organization
- Documentation
- Testing

Code must be maintained

- Over long periods of time
- By multiple people

# Coding == story telling

- Names should be descriptive
  - Variables are nouns
  - Functions are verbs
  - Boolean functions are questions
- Avoid long functions
  - Should fit on screen
- Don't try to be too clever
  - Others should understand it (including your future self)
  - Add comments and documentation

Python is easy to read,  
Take advantage of that!

# Coding conventions

- Be consistent!
  - Many conventions, choose one, stick to it
- PEP 8
  - Use tools to check: flake8, pylint
  - Consistent formatting: black
  - IDE hooks



# Use language idioms

- Don't

```
for i in range(len(my_list)):  
    print(my_list[i])
```

```
for i in range(len(my_list1)):  
    print(my_list1[i] + my_list2[i])
```

- Do

```
for item in my_list:  
    print(item)
```

```
for item1, item2 in zip(my_list1, my_list2):  
    print(item1 + item2)
```

# Further reading

- PEP 8  
<https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>
- Jef Knupp (2013) *Writing idiomatic Python 3*
- Mariano Anaya (2016) *Clean code in Python*, Packt>

<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/testing>

# **ERRORS: DEALING WITH EXCEPTIONS**

# Errors

```
...
def main():
    file_name = sys.argv[1]
    with open(file_name) as in_file:
        for line in in_file:
            print(f"|{line.rstrip('\r\n')}|")
    return 0
...
```

exception  
thrown



```
$ python quote.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "./quote.0.py", line 13, in <module>
    status = main()
  File "./quote.py", line 6, in main
    file_name = sys.argv[1]
IndexError: list index out of range
```

Either check length of sys.argv, or deal with error!

# Playing catch

```
...
def main():
    try:
        file_name = sys.argv[1]
    except IndexError as e:
        print('### error: no input file',
              file= sys.stderr)
        return 1
    with open(file_name) as in_file:
        for line in in_file:
            print(f"|{line.rstrip('\r\n')}|")
    return 0
...
```

```
$ python quote.py
### error: no input file
```

# More trouble

```
$ python quote.py bla
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "./quote.py", line 17, in <module>
    status = main()
  File "./quote.py", line 11, in main
    with open(file_name) as in_file:
IOError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'bla'
```

exception  
thrown

# Catching more

```
...
def main():
    try:
        file_name = sys.argv[1]
        in_file = open(file_name)
        with in_file:
            for line in in_file:
                print('|{0}|'.format(line.rstrip('\r\n')))
    except IndexError as e:
        sys.stderr.write('### error: no input file\n')
        return 1
    except IOError as e:
        print(f"### I/O error on '{e.filename}': {e.strerror}",
              file=sys.stderr)
        return 2
    return 0
...
```

# All handled!

- Now all exceptions are handled

```
$ python quote.py bla  
### I/O error on 'bla': No such file or directory
```

- Note that code size increased from 5 to 16 lines
  - Handling errors takes effort
  - Worthwhile if others are using your software!
- One can create own exceptions, derive class from `Exception`



# **CODE ORGANIZATION**

# Python modules & packages

- Code organization
  - Functions common to multiple scripts can be put in separate file = module
  - Modules can be organized hierarchically in directory structure = packages

Don't forget `__init__.py` in package directories!

- Python standard library is organized in packages

# Example module & use

- Module file:

```
from collections import namedtuple
Line_Data = namedtuple('Line_Data', ['case_nr', 'dim_nr', 'temp'])

def parse_line(line, sep=None):
    data = line.rstrip('\r\n').split(sep)
    return Line_Data(case_nr=int(data[0]), dim_nr=int(data[1]),
                     temp=float(data[2]))
```

data\_parsing.py

- Using the module in script:

```
import data_parsing
def main():
    ...
    for line in sys.stdin:
        line_data = data_parsing.parse_line(line)
    ...
```

counting.py

# Importing functions directly

- Importing function `parse_line` from module `data_parsing` in script `counting.py`:

```
...  
from data_parsing import parse_line  
  
def main():  
    ...  
    for line in sys.stdin:  
        data = parse_line(line)  
    ...
```

counting.py

**Never, ever**  
`from my_module import *`

More concise, but name  
clashes can occur!  
E.g., `math.sqrt` versus  
`cmath.sqrt`

```
from math import sqrt  
from cmath import sqrt as csqrt
```

# Double duty

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
```

data\_parsing.py

```
from collections import namedtuple
Line_Data = namedtuple('Line_Data',
                       ['case_nr', 'dim_nr', 'temp'])
```

```
def parse_line(line, sep=None):
    data = line.rstrip('\r\n').split(sep)
    return Line_Data(case_nr=int(data[0]),
                     dim_nr=int(data[1]),
                     temp=float(data[2]))
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    ...
    for line in sys.stdin:
        line_data = parse_line(line)
    ...
```

Only executed when  
run as script

# Package layout & use example

- weave.py
- vsc
  - \_\_init\_\_.py
  - util.py
  - parameter\_weaver
    - \_\_init\_\_.py
    - artifact.py
    - base\_formatter.py
    - c
      - \_\_init\_\_.py
      - formatter.py
      - ...
    - fortran
      - \_\_init\_\_.py
      - formatter.py
      - ...
  - ...

```
...  
from vsc.parameter_weaver.c.formatter import Formatter  
...
```

```
...  
from vsc.parameter_weaver.base_formatter import BaseFormatter  
...
```

<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/testing>

# **WRITING DOCUMENTATION & SIMPLE TESTING**

# Writing documentation

- Documentation is very important!  $\Rightarrow$  use DocString

```
def parse_line(line, sep=None):  
    '''Split a line into its fields, convert to the  
    appropriate types, and return as a tuple.  
    '''  
  
    # using \r, \n should work for Windows & *nix  
    data = line.rstrip('\r\n').split(sep)  
    return (int(data[0]), int(data[1]), float(data[2]))
```

```
>>> import data_parsing  
>>> help(data_parsing.parse_line)  
Help on function parse_line in module validator:  
  
parse_line(line)  
    Split a line into its fields, convert to the  
    appropriate types, and return as a tuple
```



# Formatting docstrings

```
def parse_line(line, sep=None):  
    '''Split line into fields,  
    converted to appropriate types  
  
    Parameters  
    -----  
    line: str  
        line of input to parse  
    sep: str  
        field separator, default  
        whitespace  
  
    Returns  
    -----  
    tuple[int, int, float]  
        data fields: case number,  
        dimension number, temperature  
    '''  
    ...
```

## Many options

- Google
- reStructured Text
- numpy/scipy

*numpy/scipy*

# What to document and how?

- DocString for
  - functions
  - classes
  - methods
  - modules
  - packages
- Comments
  - particular code fragments you had to think about

← see later

# Assertions

- Testing pre and post conditions
  - Programming by contract

```
def fac(n):  
    assert type(n) == int, 'argument must be integer'  
    assert n >= 0, 'argument must be positive'  
    if n < 2:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n*fac(n - 1)
```

Optional



```
$ python -c 'from fac import fac; print(fac(-1))'  
...  
assert n >= 0, 'argument must be positive'  
AssertionError: argument must be positive
```

# Assert use cases

- For development only, *not* production!
- *Not* a substitute for error handling, i.e., exception handling
- Run without assertions, run optimized: `-O`

```
$ python -O -c 'from fac import fac; print(fac(-1))'  
1
```

Useful feature, but don't abuse!

# Testing: meeting expectations

- Tests are important!
  - unittest: more features, but harder
  - **doctest**: simple

*A program that has not  
been tested does not work.*  
— Bjarne Stroustrup

Statement  
to execute

```
def parse_line(line):  
    '''Split a line into its fields, convert to the  
    appropriate types, and return as a tuple.  
    >>> parse_line('5 3 3.7')  
    (5, 3, 3.7)  
    '''  
    data = line.rstrip('\r\n').split()  
    return (int(data[0]), int(data[1]), float(data[2]))
```

Expected result

- Run tests

No output: hooray, all tests passed!

```
$ python -m doctest data_parsing.py  
$
```

# Failing tests

```
def parse_line(line):  
    '''Split a line into its fields, convert to the  
    appropriate types, and return as a tuple.  
    >>> parse_line('5 3 3.7')  
    (5, 3, 3.7)  
    >>> parse_line('5 3 3')  
    (5, 3, 3)  
    ''  
    data = line.rstrip('\r\n').split()  
    return (int(data[0]),  
            int(data[1]),  
            float(data[2]))
```

```
$ python -m doctest data_parsing.py  
*****  
File "./data_parsing.py", line 9, in __main__.parse_line  
Failed example:  
    parse_line('5 3 3')  
Expected:  
    (5, 3, 3)  
Got:  
    (5, 3, 3.0)  
*****  
1 items had failures:  
    1 of 2 in __main__.parse_line  
***Test Failed*** 1 failures.$
```

# Further reading: documentation

- Documenting Python: a complete guide  
<https://realpython.com/documenting-python-code/#docstring-formats>

<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/testing>

# UNIT TESTING



# Unit testing

- Key concepts
  - Implementation tested through API
  - Testing should be easy
  - Tests are independent of one another
- Find problems early/fast
- Facilitates change
  - Make small change, run tests
- TDD: Test Driven Development
  - Write tests first, then implement
- Programming framework, e.g., Python's unittest

*"How to test?" is a question that cannot be answered in general. "When to test?" however, does have a general answer: as early and as often as possible.*

— Bjarne Stroustrup

# Test case

- Subclass of `unittest.TestCase`
- Methods `test_<name>` are tests
- `unittest` provides driver for running tests

```
import unittest
from func_lib import fib
```

```
class FibTest(unittest.TestCase):
```

```
    def test_fib4(self):
        '''test for fib(4)'''
        self.assertEqual(3, fib(4))
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

Test case

Individual test

Result to test

Expected result

Test driver

fib\_test.py

# Running tests

- Run Python script

```
$ python ./fib_test.py
F
=====
FAIL: test_fib4 (__main__.FibTest)
test a number computations for small arguments
-----
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "./fibber.py", line 13, in test_fib4
    self.assertEqual(expected, fib(4))
AssertionError: 3 != 5

-----
Ran 1 test in 0.001s

FAILED (failures=1)
```

# Assert methods

- Many methods: provide accurate feedback
  - `assertEqual` **for** `int`, `str`
  - `assertAlmostEqual` **for** `float`, `complex`
  - `assertTrue`, `assertFalse` **for** `bool`
  - `assertListEqual`, `assertSetEqual`, `assertDictEqual`, `assertTupleEqual`
  - `assertIn`
  - `assertIsNone`
  - `assertIsInstance`
  - `assertRegex`

+ negations, e.g.,  
`assertNotEqual`, ...

# Checking for expected failure

- Exceptions

```
from func_lib import fib, InvalidArgumentException
...
def test_negative_values(self):
    '''test for call with negative argument'''
    with self.assertRaises(InvalidArgumentException):
        fib(-1)
...
```

- Also useful: `assertRaisesRegex`
- Warnings: `assertWarns`

# Subtests

- To check for a series of values

```
...
def test_low_values(self):
    '''test a number computations for small arguments'''
    expected = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13]
    for n in range(len(expected)):
        with self.subTest(i=n):
            self.assertEqual(expected[n], fib(n))
...
```

# Fixtures

- Prepare for test(s), clean up after test(s), e.g.,
  - Open/close a file
  - Open/close a database connection, initialize a cursor
  - Initialize data structures/objects
- Three levels
  - Before/after any test in module is run
    - `setUpModule()/tearDownModule()`
  - Before/after any test in test case class is run
    - `setUpClass(cls)/tearDownClass(cls)` (mark as `@classmethod`)
  - Before/after each individual test
    - `setUp(self)/tearDown(self)`

# Module-level

- setUpModule: create and fill database

```
import init_db
...
def setUpModule():
    '''create and fill the database'''
    conn = sqlite3.connect(master_name)
    init_db.execute_file(conn, 'create_db.sql')
    init_db.execute_file(conn, 'fill_db.sql')
```

- tearDownModule: remove database

```
def tearDownModule():
    '''remove database file once testing is done'''
    os.remove(master_name)
```



# Test case-level

- setUpClass: create copy of database

```
test_name = 'test.db'

@classmethod
def setUpClass(cls):
    '''copy original database'''
    shutil.copyfile(master_name, cls.test_name)
```

Test cases must  
be independent!

- tearDownClass: remove copy of database

```
@classmethod
def tearDownClass(cls):
    '''remove test database'''
    os.remove(cls.test_name)
```

# Test-level

- setUp: create connection & cursor

```
def setUp(self):  
    '''open connection, create cursor'''  
    self._conn = sqlite3.connect(self.__class__.test_name)  
    self._conn.row_factory = sqlite3.Row  
    self._cursor = self._conn.cursor()
```

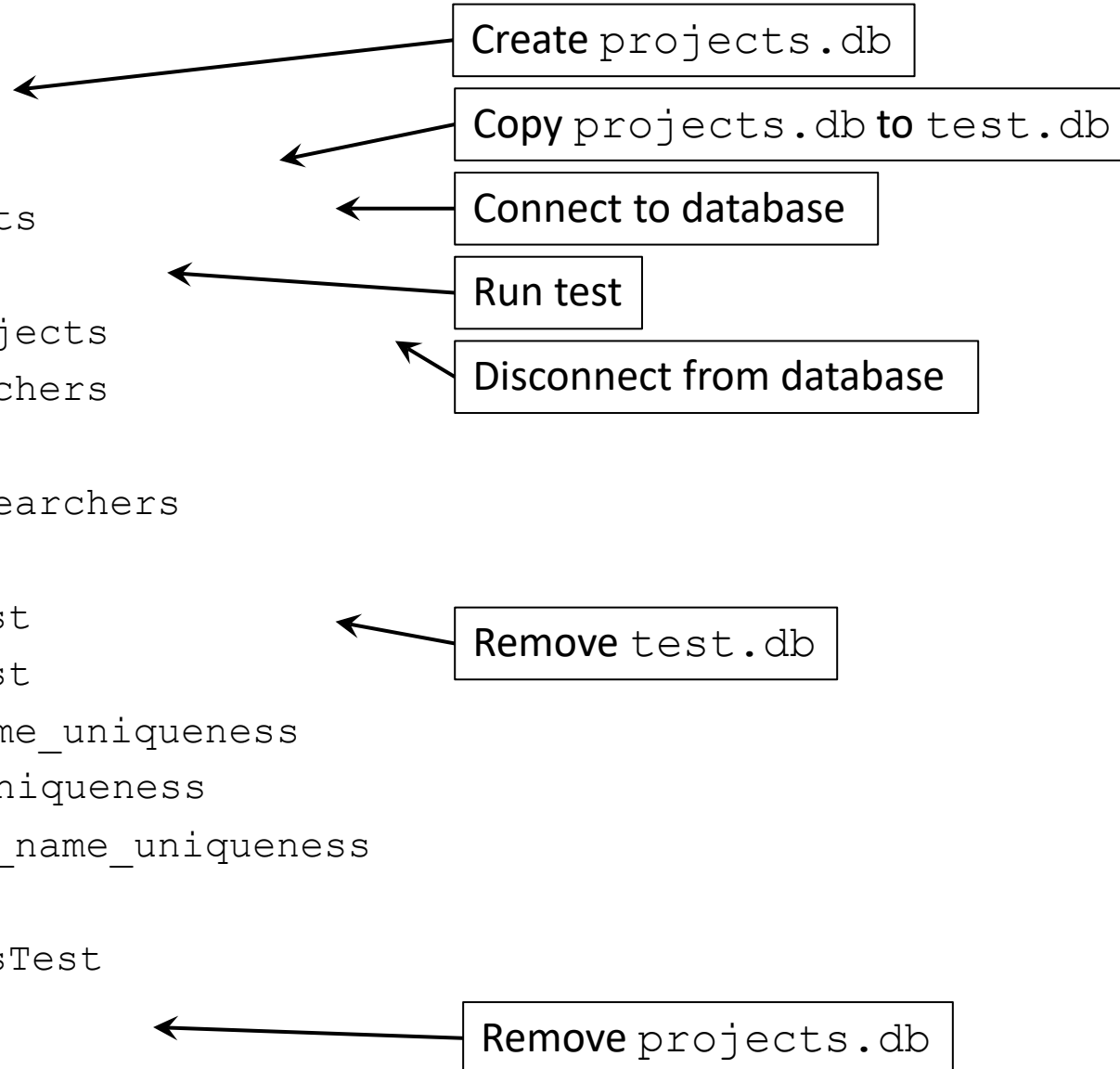
- tearDown: close connection

```
def tearDown(self):  
    '''close database connection'''  
    self._conn.close()
```

Tests must be  
independent!

# Flow for fixtures

- setUpModule **for** tests
  - setUpClass **for** ContentsTest
    - setUp **for** test\_num\_projects
      - test\_num\_projects
    - tearDown **for** test\_num\_projects
    - setUp **for** test\_num\_researchers
      - test\_num\_researchers
    - tearDown **for** test\_num\_researchers
    - ...
  - tearDownClass **for** ContentsTest
  - setUpClass **for** ConstraintsTest
    - setUp **for** test\_project\_name\_uniqueness
      - test\_project\_name\_uniqueness
    - tearDown **for** test\_project\_name\_uniqueness
    - ...
  - tearDownClass **for** ConstraintsTest
- tearDownModule **for** tests



# Running all tests

- In module

```
...  
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    unittest.main()
```

fib\_test.py

```
$ python ./fib_test.py
```

- In all modules

```
$ python -m unittest discover -p '*_test.py'
```

# Test coverage

- Easy to overlook
  - functions/methods
  - code paths
- Use code coverage tool  
<https://coverage.readthedocs.io/>
- Steps
  - run code using `coverage run`
  - create detailed report using `coverage annotate`
  - add tests until covered

*A program that has not  
been tested does not work.*  
— Bjarne Stroustrup

# Coverage usage

- Run code

```
$ coverage run ./prog.py
...
```

- Report

```
$ coverage report -m
coverage report -m
Name          Stmts  Miss  Cover   Missing
-----
functions.py    9      3    67%    2-5
prog.py        14      2    86%   17-18
-----
TOTAL          23      5    78%
```

show line numbers missed

line numbers missed

# Coverage usage

- Create annotated source code

```
$ coverage annotate -d coverage_report
```

directory for reports

```
...  
> if options.no_iter:  
>     n = options.max_n  
>     print(f'fac({n}) = {func(n)}')  
!  
!     else:  
!         for n in range(options.max_n + 1):  
!             print(f'fac({n}) = {func(n)}')  
...
```

run

not run

- Remove coverage data

```
$ coverage erase
```

# Further reading

- B. Kernighan & R. Pike (1999) *The practice of programming*, Addison-Wesley
- M. Fowler (1999) *Refactoring: improving the design of existing code*, Addison-Wesley

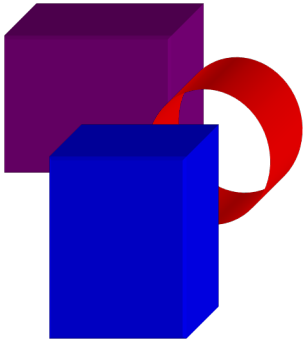


<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/object-orientation>

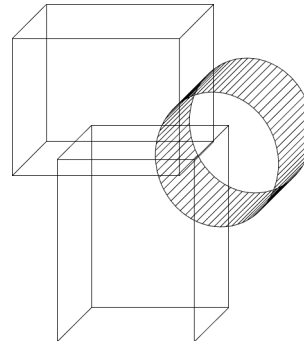
# OBJECT-ORIENTED PYTHON

# Motivation: what is programming?

Real world



Model



$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3y_1 + 2z_1 = c_1 \\ 3x_2 + 2y_2 + 2z_2 = c_2 \\ x_3 + 4y_3 - z_3 = c_3 \end{cases}$$

Implementation

```
def volume(object):  
    ...
```

Minimize discrepancies: real world  $\leftrightarrow$  model  $\leftrightarrow$  implementation

# Object-orientation

- Python types are classes
  - e.g., `(14).bit_length() == 4`
    - 14 is an object of class `int`
    - `bit_length` is object method defined in class `int`
- Objects of simple Python types are immutable
  - Operations/methods instantiate new objects

You are using objects all the time!

# Value versus object identity

- Simple Python types
  - Value identity: `(14 == 14) == True`
  - Object identity: `(14 is 14) == True`
    - However, Python version dependent!
- Other Python types, general classes
  - e.g., two set objects:  
`a = {'alpha'}, b = {'alpha'}`
    - Value identity: `(a == b) == True`
    - Object identity: `(a is b) == False`

# Defining your own classes

- Class definition:

```
class Point:
```

...

- Objects are instances of classes
  - instantiated by calling constructor
  - have
    - attributes
    - methods
- Classes have
  - attributes
  - methods

# A simple point...

```
from math import sqrt
```

```
class Point:
```

```
    def __init__(self, x, y):  
        self.x = float(x)  
        self.y = float(y)
```

constructor for  
Point objects

```
    def distance(self, other):  
        return sqrt((self.x - other.x)**2 +  
                    (self.y - other.y)**2)
```

method to  
compute  
distance

```
    def __repr__(self):  
        return f'({self.x}, {self.y})'
```

creates string representation for Point object

# Making a point... or two

```
...  
def main():  
    p = Point(3, 4)  
    q = Point(-2, 5)  
    print(p.x, p.y)  
    print(p, q)  
    print(p.distance(q))  
    p.x = 12.3  
    print(p)...
```

create Point p at 3, 4

create Point q at -2, 5

access p's x- and y-coordinates

calls `__str__` method indirectly  
on p and q

compute distance from p to q

modifying p

```
$ python point_driver.py  
3.0 4.0  
(3.0, 4.0) (-2.0, 5.0)  
5.0990195136  
(12.3, 4.0)
```

distance method invoked on Point p, with Point q as argument

# More to the point...

- What if points should not be moved?

```
class Point:

    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.__x = float(x)
        self.__y = float(y)

    @property
    def x(self):
        return self.__x

    @property
    def y(self):
        return self.__y

    ...
```

constructor for  
Point objects

getter for object's  
\_\_x attribute


getter for object's  
\_\_y attribute




# Making a definite point

```
...  
def main():  
    p = Point(3, 4)  
    print(p.x, p.y)  
    p.x = 12.3  
...
```

create Point p at 3, 4



try to access p's x-coordinate



```
$ python point_driver.py
```

```
3.0 4.0
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
AttributeError: can't set attribute
```

# Object attributes

- Make object attributes "private" by hiding them, by convention, use `__` prefix  
`self.__x = x`
- Create getter/setter method to control access to object attributes

```
@property
```

```
def x(self):
```

```
    return self.__x
```

Determine object's state

Object attribute can not accidentally be modified, i.e., read-only

# Object attributes: control

- Getter, but no setter

```
...  
def main():  
    p = Point(3, 4)  
    print(p.x)  
    p.x = 4.4  
    print(p.x)  
...
```

Protects against modification  
of read-only attributes

```
$ python point_driver.py  
3.0  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
AttributeError: can't set attribute
```

# Object attribute: setter

- Implementing setters improves control, assignment to attribute is "intercepted" by setter method

```
class Point:
...
    @x.setter
    def x(self, value):
        self.__x = float(value)
...
```

E.g., ensures proper type conversion:

`p.x = 3` results in `float`, not `int` for `__x` attribute

# Non-trivial getter/setter

- Derived attribute: coordinates as 2-tuple


```
class Point:
...
    @property
    def coords(self):
        return (self.x, self.y)

    @coords.setter
    def coords(self, value):
        self.x = value[0]
        self.y = value[1]
...
# Use coords getter/setter
print(p.coords)
p.coords = (3.5, 7.1)
```

returns a 2-tuple

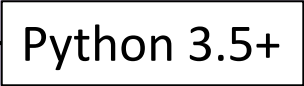


2-tuple as argument



# More object methods

```
from math import sqrt, isclose
class Point:
    ...
    def on_line(self, p, q, tol=1.0e-6):
        if not isclose(p.x, q.x, abs_tol=tol):
            a = (q.y - p.y)/(q.x - p.x)
            b = p.y - a*p.x
            return isclose(self.y, a*self.x + b, abs_tol=tol)
        else:
            return isclose(self.x, p.x, abs_tol=tol)
    ...
# check whether r is on line defined by p and q
if r.on_line(p, q):
    ...
```



`on_line` method invoked on `Point r`, with `Point p` and `q` as argument

# Object methods

- Used to
  - retrieve information on object
  - modify or manipulate object
  - derive information from object with respect to other objects
  - ...

Determine what objects can do, or can be done with

# Static methods

```
...
class Point:
    ...
    @staticmethod
    def all_on_line(p, q, *points):
        for r in points:
            if not r.on_line(p, q):
                return False
        return True
...
# check whether p, q, r, v and w are on a line
if Point.all_on_line(p, q, r, v, w):
    ...
```

all\_on\_line method invoked on Point class  
with Point p, q, r, v, w as arguments, class ignored



# Variable length argument lists

- Arbitrary positional arguments: `*argv`

```
@staticmethod
def all_on_line(p, q, *points):
    for r in points:
        if not r.on_line(p, q):
            return False
    return True
```

arguments

available as tuple

- Arbitrary keyword arguments: `**argv`
  - Available as dictionary

Note: not specific to object oriented programming

# More elegant solution

- Semantics: True if True for all elements in points

```
@staticmethod
def all_on_line(p, q, *points):
    for r in points:
        if not r.on_line(p, q):
            return False
    return True
```

- More elegant: all (...)

```
@staticmethod
def all_on_line(p, q, *points):
    return all(r.on_line(p, q) for r in points)
```

- Similar: any (...)

# Quick interlude

- What attributes/methods does a class have?

```
>>> from point import Point
>>> p = Point(3.7, 5.1)
>>> dir(p)
['__class__', '__delattr__', '__dict__', '__doc__',
 '__format__', '__getattribute__', '__hash__',
 '__init__', '__module__', '__new__', '__reduce__',
 '__reduce_ex__', '__repr__', '__setattr__',
 '__sizeof__', '__str__', '__subclasshook__',
 '__weakref__', '_Point_x', '_Point_y',
'all_on_line', 'coords',
'distance', 'on_line', 'x', 'y']
```

# Inheritance

- Class can extend other class
- For Python 2: make classes inherit from `object`, ensure they can be extended later:

```
class Point(object) :
```

- New class inherits attributes & methods from parent class
- New class can implement new methods, define new attributes
- New method can override methods of parent class
- New class can inherit from multiple parent classes

# Points with mass

```
class PointMass(Point):
```

```
    def __init__(self, x, y, mass):  
        super().__init__(x, y)  
        self.__mass = float(mass)
```

```
    @property  
    def mass(self):  
        return self.__mass
```

```
    def __repr__(self):  
        return '{0}: {1}'.format(  
            super().__repr__(),  
            self.mass)
```

} constructor  
of Point  
overridden

} new object  
method

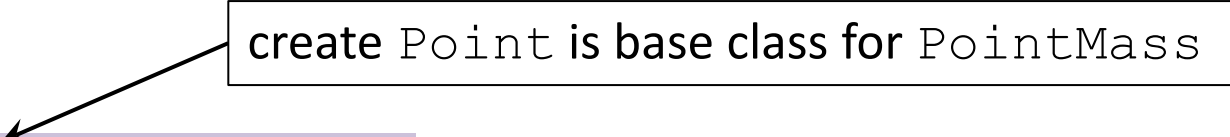
} \_\_repr\_\_ method  
of Point  
overridden

PointMass **objects** have x, y, distance, on\_line methods as well  
PointMass **class** has all\_on\_line methods

# Base classes & derivation

```
class PointMass(Point):  
  
    def __init__(self, x, y, mass):  
        super().__init__(x, y)  
        self.__mass = float(mass)
```

create Point is base class for PointMass



first call Point's `__init__` method



do PointMass-specific initialization



# Point with mass is still Point

```
def main():  
    p = PointMass(3, 4, 1)  
    q = Point(-2, 5)  
    print(p.x, p.y, p.mass)  
    print(p.distance(q))
```

create PointMass p at 3, 4  
and mass 1

create Point q at -2, 5

p is a Point, so has distance method

```
$ python point_driver.py  
3.0 4.0 1.0  
5.09902
```

# Class attributes

```
class PointMass(Point):
```

```
    __default_mass = 1.0
```

```
    def __init__(self, x, y, mass=None):
```

```
        super().__init__(x, y)
```

```
        if mass is not None:
```

```
            self.__mass = float(mass)
```

```
        else:
```

```
            self.__mass = PointMass.__default_mass
```

```
    ...
```

```
    @classmethod
```

```
    def set_default_mass(cls, mass):
```

```
        cls.__default_mass = float(mass)
```

class variable

\_\_default\_mass

setter for class'

\_\_default\_mass  
attribute

Determine state of class



# All those methods

- Object methods
  - work on individual objects
  - take object as first argument (`self`)
- Class methods
  - `@classmethod`
    - work at class level
    - take class as first argument (`cls`)
  - `@staticmethod`
    - work at class level
    - ignores object or class it is called on

# One more point

- String representation
  - `__repr__()` : for development, debugging, unambiguous
    - called by `repr()`, `!r` conversion in f-strings
    - called on iPython/Jupyter command line
    - called by `str()` if no `__str__()` defined
    - called by debug f-string (Python 3.8+)
  - `__str__()` : for human consumption
    - called by `str()`, `!s` conversion in f-strings

# Alternatives

- (named) tuples
  - Lightweight ✓
  - No methods ✗
- `@dataclass` (Python 3.7+)
  - Methods ✓
  - No private attributes, no validation, no factories ✗
- `attrs`
  - Many features out of the box ✓
  - Third party ✗

# Further reading

- dataclasses:

<https://realpython.com/python-data-classes/#more-flexible-data-classes>

<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/design-patterns/finite-state-parser>

# **DATA REPRESENTATION: PYTHON CLASSES CASE STUDY**

# Going OO: data abstraction

```
begin block_1
    0.322617473156
    0.369558068115
    0.732467264353
    0.584389170786
end block_1
begin block_2
    0.0705959106085
    0.65856743041
    0.526762713499
    0.823193820644
end block_2
begin block_3
    0.476180897605
    0.783168943997
    0.0172156882251
    0.755582680088
end block_3
```

} block


- Data consists of multiple blocks
- Blocks have
  - Name
  - One or more data values
- How to represent?
  - Python class

# Class Block: attributes

Class is abstract definition: attributes represent data


```
1 class Block:
2     def __init__(self, name):
3         self.__name = name
4         self.__data = []
```

```
>>> block1 = Block('my block')
```

 object of type Block

```
>>> block1.__data.append(3.14)
>>> block1.__data.append(-7.18)
```

```
>>> block2 = Block('another')
```

 second object of type Block

- "abstract" Block has attributes
  - `__name`: string
  - `__data`: list
- Block instance `block1` has
  - 'my block' as `_name`
  - No values (yet) as `_data`
- Store some data, `block1` now has two data values: 3.14 and -7.18
- Create new block `block2`

Object is container for specific data: attribute values hold data

# Class Block: methods

- What do we want to do with a block?
  - Convert it to a string
  - Retrieve its name
  - Add data to it
  - Sort its data
  - Retrieve its data
- How?
  - Define methods for the class Block

Class is abstract definition: methods represent actions on objects



# Class Block: method implementations

```
1 class Block:
2     def __init__(self, name):
3         self.__name = name
4         self.__data = []
5
6     def __str__(self):
7         header = f'begin {self.name()}'
8         data = '\n\t'.join([str(item) for item in self.data()])
9         footer = f'end {self.name()}'
10        return f'{header}\n\t{data}\n{footer}'
11
12    def name(self):
13        return self.__name
14
15    def add_data(self, data):
16        self.__data.append(data)
17
18    def sort_data(self):
19        self.__data.sort()
20
21    def data(self):
22        return self.__data
```

```
>>> block1.add_data(12.5)
>>> print(block1.name())
my_block
>>> print(block1)
begin my_block
    3.14
   -7.18
    12.5
end my_block
```

<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/operators-functools>

<https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/tree/master/source-code/iterators>

# PYTHON FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

# Motivation

- Side effect free
  - Less bugs
  - Easier to reason on
- Natural
  - Resembles mathematics
- Promotes concurrency

# Sorting a simple list

- Two ways to sort

- Create new list: `sorted(...)`

```
>>> data = [3.1745, 18.14, -6.49043]
>>> sorted(data)
[-6.49043, 3.1745, 18.14]
```

- In-place sort `list.sort()` method

```
>>> data = [3.1745, 18.14, -6.49043]
>>> data.sort()
>>> print(data)
[-6.49043, 3.1745, 18.14]
```

- Sorts in ascending order, add `reverse=True` for descending

# Sorting a complex list: key function

- List of tuples, e.g., word counts

```
>>> data = [('table', 15), ('chair', 5), ('bed', 19)]
```

- Sort by

- Word:

```
>>> sorted(data, key=lambda x: x[0])  
[('bed', 19), ('chair', 5), ('table', 15)]
```

- Count:

```
>>> sorted(data, key=lambda x: x[1])  
[('chair', 5), ('table', 15), ('bed', 19)]
```

- Simpler using operator

```
>>> from operator import itemgetter  
>>> sorted(data, key=itemgetter(0))  
[('bed', 19), ('chair', 5), ('table', 15)]
```

# Going functional: mapping

- list comprehensions: construct list from elements of other list by applying function

– E.g., `[str(x) for x in [0.15, 3.145]]`  
    `== ['0.15', '3.145']`

```
>>> data = [3.1745, 18.14, -6.49043]
>>> print(','.join([str(number) for number in data]))
3.1745,18.14,-6.49043
```

```
>>> data = [3.1745, 18.14, -6.49043]
>>> print(','.join(map(str, data)))
3.1745,18.14,-6.49043
```

```
>>> data = [3.1745, 18.14, -6.49043]
>>> print(','.join([f'{number:.2f}' for number in data]))
3.17,18.14,-6.49
```

# Going functional: filtering

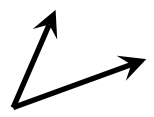
- list comprehensions: construct list from elements of other list for elements that pass test

– E.g., `[x for x in [0.15, -3.45, 1.3]  
          if x >= 0.0]`  
       $\equiv$  `[0.15, 1.3]`

– E.g., `[sqrt(x) for x in [4.0, -4.0, 9.0]  
          if x >= 0.0]`  
       $\equiv$  `[2.0, 3.0]`

– Alternative:

`list(map(sqrt,  
          filter(lambda x: x >= 0.0,  
                  [4, -4, 9])))`

iterators 

Don't forget `from math import sqrt`

# Going functional: aggregating

- Data in a list should be aggregated, e.g.,
  - Summation: use `sum (...)`
  - Minimum: use `min (...)`
  - Maximum: use `max (...)`
- More sophisticated, use `reduce (...)` and lambda functions

} work on `str`  
} have optional `key` argument

```
>>> from functools import reduce
>>> data = [3, 12, 7]
>>> reduce(lambda x, y: x*y, data, 1)
252
```

lambda function

list

initializer

Lambda functions: very small functions (expression) used once,  
not worth giving a name



# Going functional: zip it

- Two (or more) lists should be processed element wise
  - E.g., `[x*y for x, y in zip(a, b)]`

```
>>> a = [3.5, 7.3, 5.7]
>>> b = [2.0, 1.5]
>>> [x*y for x, y in zip(a, b)]
[7.0, 10.95]
```

iterator produces tuples

- As many tuples as length of shortest list

# Primes version 1.0: iterator

- Function to check whether n is prime

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, int(math.sqrt(n)) + 1):  
        if n % i == 0:  
            return False  
    return n > 1
```

- Work with all primes up to  $10^6$ ? Simple...

```
for n in (i for i in range(1000000) if is_prime(i)):  
    ...
```

# List comprehensions vs. generators

- List comprehension

```
[i for i in range(1000000) if is_prime(i)]
```

- all prime numbers up to 1000000 ( $\approx 78,500$ )

- Generator

```
(i for i in range(1000000) if is_prime(i))
```

- get next prime number when needed, much more memory efficient

# Primes version 2.0: `yield`

- What if we want the first  $10^6$  prime numbers?
  - Guess range?
- Function that returns next prime at each call?
  - use `yield`

```
def all_primes():  
    i = 2  
    while True:  
        if is_prime(i):  
            yield i  
        i += 1
```

- Iterator: first call yields 2, second 3, third 5, ...

```
for n in all_primes():  
    ...
```

# yield statement

- Somewhat like `return`
  - returns control to the calling function
  - returns a value
- However, callee function state is retained
  - on next call, continues at the point it was when it yielded

Allows to build your own iterators

# Primes version 3.0: `filter`

- Standard library package `itertools` provides a lot of useful iterators, check it out!
  - `itertools.count()`: iterator over integers

```
import itertools
...
nr_primes = 0
for n in filter(is_prime, itertools.count()):
    if nr_primes > 1000000:
        break
    nr_primes += 1
...
```

# Other useful functions in `itertools`

- Permutations of an iterable:  
`itertools.permutations(...)`
- Combinations `r` out of an iterable:
  - Without replacement:  
`itertools.combinations(..., r)`
  - With replacement:  
`itertools.combinations_with_replacement(..., r)`
- Cartesian product of two (or more) iterables:  
`itertools.product(..., ...)`
- Take while boolean predicate `pred` is true:  
`itertools.takewhile(pred, ...)`
- Cycle through values of iterable:  
`itertools.cycle(...)`

# Generating data (again)

```
from itertools import product as iproduct
...
print('case', 'condition', 'temperature')
for i, data in enumerate(iproduct(range(1, 4),
                                  map(lambda x: 0.5*x,
                                      range(-1, 2)))):
    print(i + 1, *data)
```

```
case dim temp
1 1 -0.5
2 1 0.0
3 1 0.5
4 2 -0.5
5 2 0.0
...
9 3 0.5
```



# Further reading: functional style

- Sorting how-to  
<http://docs.python.org/3.7/howto/sorting.html>
- Functional programming how-to  
<http://docs.python.org/3.7/howto/functional.html>
- Luciano Ramalho (2015) *Fluent Python*, O'Reilly

[https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/blob/master/source-code/design-patters/factory\\_design\\_pattern.ipynb](https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/blob/master/source-code/design-patters/factory_design_pattern.ipynb)  
[https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/blob/master/source-code/design-patters/decorator\\_design\\_pattern.ipynb](https://github.com/gjbex/Python-software-engineering/blob/master/source-code/design-patters/decorator_design_pattern.ipynb)  
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# DESIGN PATTERNS

# Motivation

- Observation: patterns in problems to solve
- Design pattern = recipe for software design
  - Don't reinvent the wheel

# Patterns

- Quite a lot (23 originally)
  - Creational patterns
    - E.g., builder, factory
  - Structural patterns
    - E.g., decorator
  - Behavioral patterns
    - E.g., state
  - Parallel patterns

# Builder

- Configure, i.e., “build” an object step by step
  - E.g., implemented for scipy’s ODE solver algorithm

```
from scipy.integrate import ode
...
ode_sys = ode(func, jac).set_integrator('dopri5') \
                        .set_initial_value([theta0, omega0], t0) \
                        .set_f_params(g, l, q, F_D, Omega_D) \
                        .set_jac_params(g, l, q, F_D, Omega_D)

while ode_sys.successful() and ode_sys.t < t_max:
    ode_sys.integrate(ode_sys.t + delta_t)
    print(ode_sys.t, ode_sys.y[0], ode_sys.y[1])
```

Solver is built step by step  
=  
Reduces risk of mistakes

# Factory

- Create factory objects
  - Encapsulate configuration in factory objects
  - Create new objects using factory object

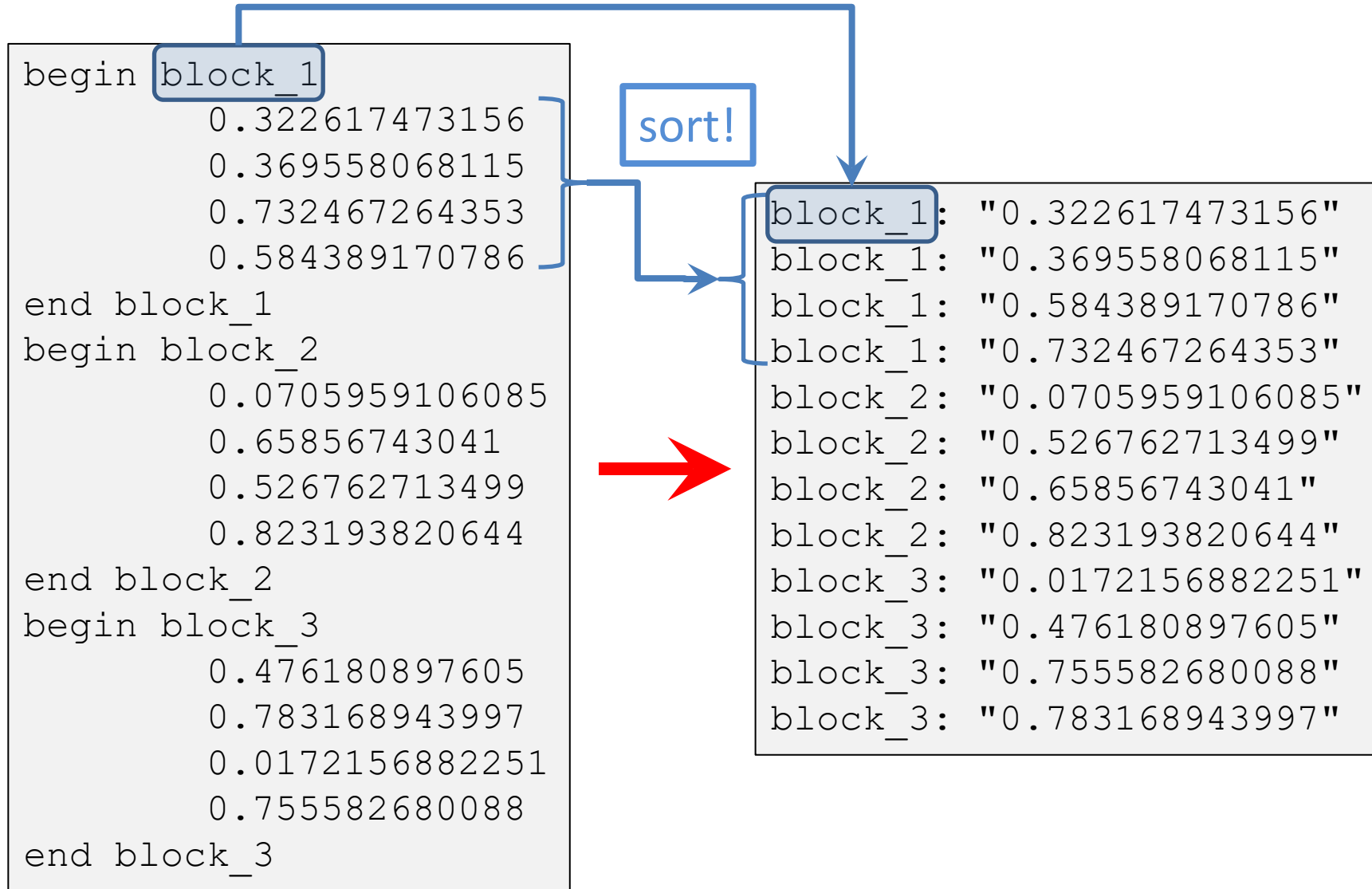
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# Decorator

- Wrapper objects that modify behavior of encapsulated objects
  - Intercept method calls to modify
  - Pass through all else

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# State pattern: convert data





# State pattern: model the data

```
begin block_1
    0.322617473156
    0.369558068115
    0.732467264353
    0.584389170786
end block_1
begin block_2
    0.0705959106085
    0.65856743041
    0.526762713499
    0.823193820644
end block_2
begin block_3
    0.476180897605
    0.783168943997
    0.0172156882251
    0.755582680088
end block_3
```

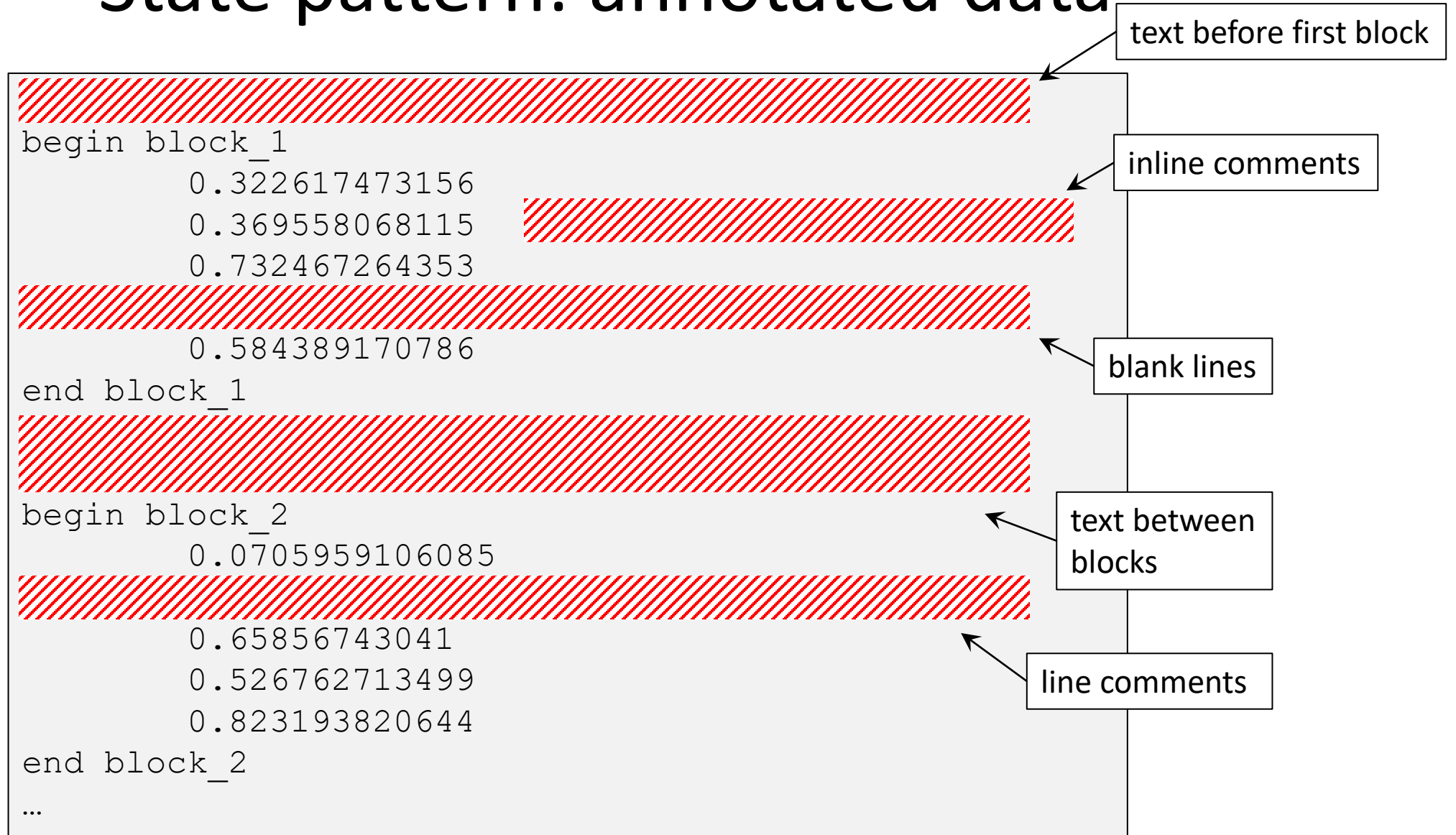
*file* := *block...*

*block* := begin *name*  
          *data*  
          ...  
          end *name*

*name* := string

*data* := real

# State pattern: annotated data



# State pattern: improved model

*file* := *junk\** (*block junk\**)<sup>+</sup>

*block* := begin *name comment?*  
          (*comment* | *empty line*)\*  
          *data comment?*  
          (*comment* | *empty line*)\*  
          ...  
          end *name comment?*

*name* := *string*

*data* := *real*

*comment* := # *string*

*junk* := *string* |  
          *empty line*

## Notation:

? : zero or one

\* : zero or more

+ : one or more

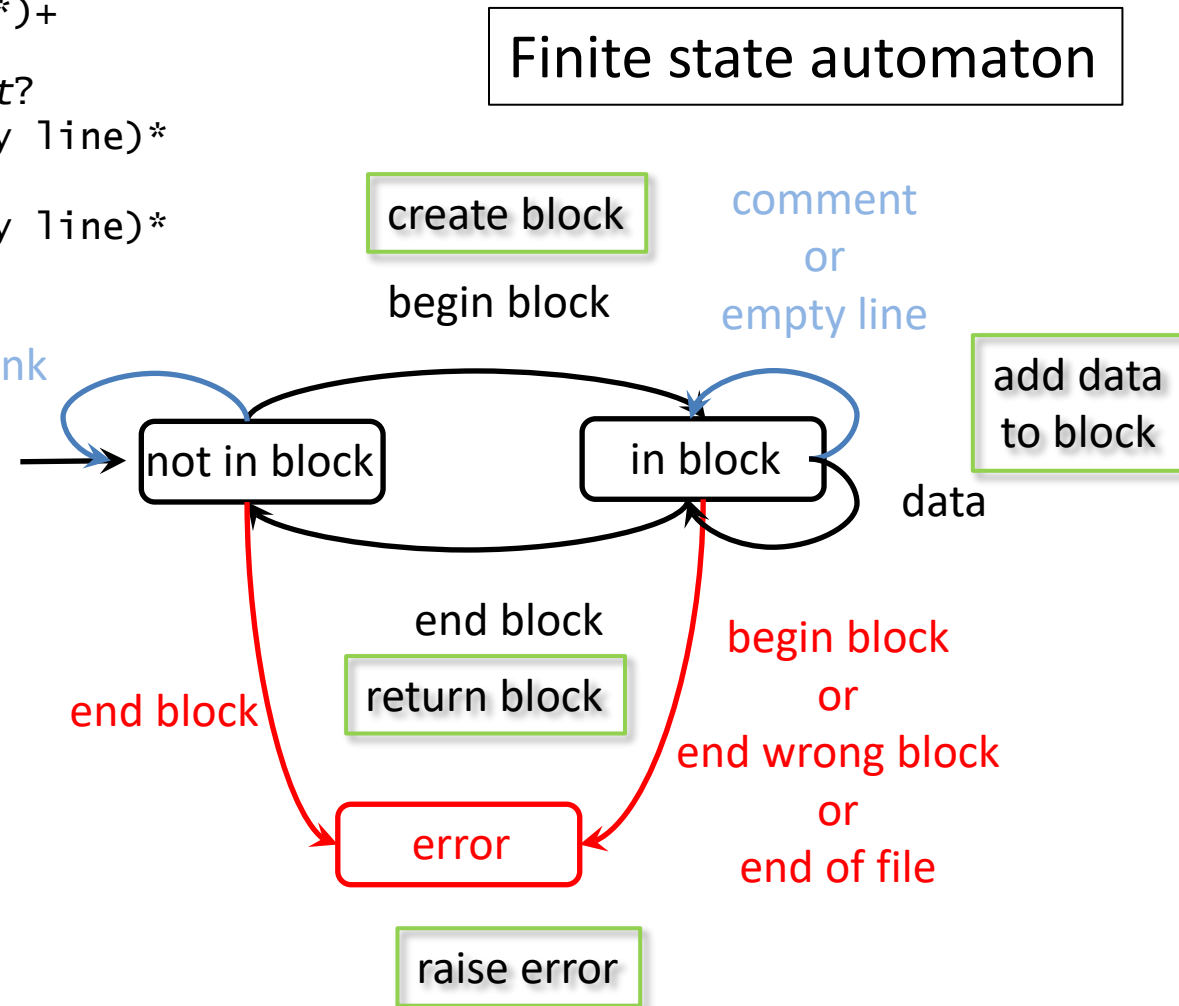
| : either, or (choice)

```
This data was produced using SomeSoftware™
begin block_1
    0.322617473156
    0.369558068115    # this value is suspicious
    0.732467264353

    0.584389170786
end block_1
There can be anything between blocks,
all kind of useful information or inane chatter.
begin block_2
    0.0705959106085
# this is a comment about all values below
    0.65856743041
    0.526762713499
    0.823193820644
end block_2
...
```

# State pattern: computable model

```
file    := junk* (block junk*)+
block   := begin name comment?
           (comment | empty line)*
           data comment?
           (comment | empty line)*
           ...
           end name comment?
name     := string
data     := real
comment  := # string
junk     := string |
           empty line
```



# State pattern: class BlockParser

```
class BlockParser:

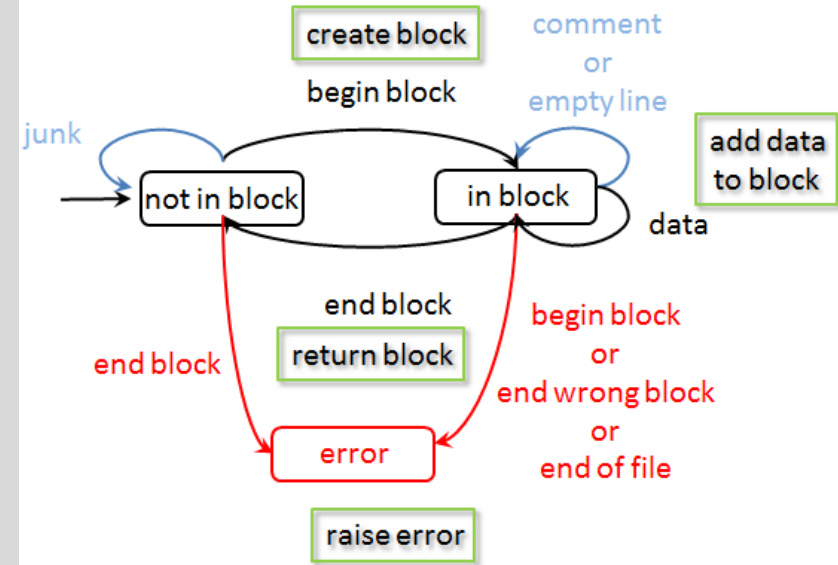
    1 def __init__(self):
    2     self.__states = ['in_block', 'not_in_block', 'error']
    3     self.__comment_pattern = re.compile(r'#. *')
    4     self.__block_begin_pattern = re.compile(r'begin\s+(\w+)')
    5     self.__block_end_pattern = re.compile(r'end\s+(\w+)')
    6     self.__state = None
    7     self.__current_block = None
    8     self.__blocks = None
    9     self.__match = None
    10    self.__reset()
```

```
    1 def __reset(self):
    2     self.__set_state('not_in_block')
    3     self.__current_block = None
    4     self.__blocks = []
    5     self.__match = None
```

Must be called before parsing a new file

# State pattern: from model to code

```
1 for line in block_file:
2     line = self.__preprocess(line)
3     if self.__is_in_state('not_in_block'):
4         if self.__is_begin_block(line):
5             self.__init_block()
5             self.__set_state('in_block')
6         elif self.__is_end_block(line):
7             raise DanglingEndBlockError(self)
8     elif self.__is_in_state('in_block'):
9         if self.__is_begin_block(line):
10            raise NestedBlocksError(self)
11        elif self.__is_end_block(line):
12            if self.__end_matches_begin():
13                self.__finish_block()
14                self.__set_state('not_in_block')
15        else:
16            raise NonMatchingBlockDelimitersError(self)
17        elif self.__is_data(line):
18            self.__add_data(line)
19    else:
20        raise UnknownStateError(self.get_state())
21 if self.__s_in_state('in_block'):
22     raise NonClosedBlockError(self)
```



# Further reading: design patterns

- Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson and John Vlissides (1994) *Design patterns: elements of reusable object-oriented software*, Addison-Wesley
- Kamon Ayeva and Sakis Kesampalis (2018) *Mastering Python Design patterns*, Packt>