Day 1, Part 2: Python Basics

Introduction to Python

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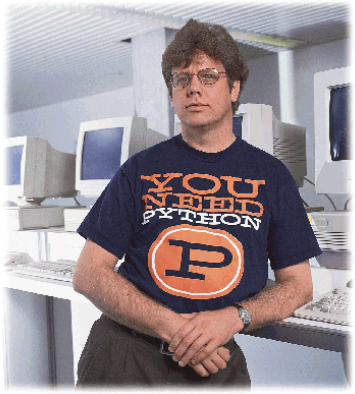
Python background



Source: Guido van Rossum, Python Software Foundation

- Started as a side-project in 1989 by Guido van Rossum, BDFL (benevolent dictator for life) until 2018.
- Python 3, first released in 2008, is the current major version
- Python 2 support stopped on 1 January 2020

The Zen of Python

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In [1]:
```
import this
```

```
The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.
Explicit is better than implicit.
Simple is better than complex.
Complex is better than complicated.
Flat is better than nested.
Sparse is better than dense.
Readability counts.
Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.
Although practicality beats purity.
Errors should never pass silently.
Unless explicitly silenced.
In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.
There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to d
o it.
Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutc
h.
Now is better than never.
Although never is often better than *right* now.
If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.
If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.
Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!
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In [2]:
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print("Hello World!")
```

```
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```

Python conceptual hierarchy

Python programs can be decomposed into modules, statements, expressions, and objects, as follows:

1. *Programs* are composed of *modules*
2. *Modules* contain *statements*
3. *Statements* contain *expressions*
4. *Expressions* create and process *objects*

Python objects

- Everything that Python operates on is an *object*
- This includes numbers, strings, data structures, functions, etc.
- Eact object has a *type* (e.g. string or function) and internal data
- Objects can be *mutable* (e.g. list) and *immutable* (e.g. string)

Operators

Objects and *operators* are combined to form *expressions*. Key *operators* are:

- Arithmetic (`+` , `-` , `*` , `**` , `/` , `//` , `%`)
- Boolean (`and` , `or` , `not`)
- Relational (`==` , `!=` , `>` , `>=` , `<` , `<=`)
- Assignment (`=` , `+=` , `-=` , `*=` , `/=`)
- Membership (`in`)

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Out[5]: 3.0

In [6]:
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```

Out[6]: 16

In [7]:
```
# Exponentiation <- Python comments start with #
2 ** 4
```

Out[7]: 16

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In [8]:
```
3 != 1 # Not equal
```

Out[8]:
```
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```
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Out[9]: False

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```
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```

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Out[10]: True

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Out[11]: True

In [12]:
```
3 > 3 or 3 >= 3 # Combining 3 Boolean expressions
```

Out[12]: True

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In [14]:
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Out[14]:
```
3
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In [16]:
```
x
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Out[16]:
```
5
```

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In [18]:
```
x
```

Out[18]:
```
3
```

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In [17]:
```
x = 3
```

In [18]:
```
x
```

Out[18]:
```
3
```

In [19]:
```
x == 3
```

Out[19]:
```
True
```

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True
```

In [21]:
```
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```

Out[21]:
```
False
```

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```
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Out[21]: False

In [22]:
```
4 not in [1, 2, 3]
```

Out[22]: True

Object types

Python objects can have *scalar* and *non-scalar* types. Scalar objects are indivisible.

4 main types of scalar objects in Python:

- Integer (`int`)
- Real number (`float`)
- Boolean (`bool`)
- Null value (`None`)

Scalar types

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In [23]:
```
type(7)
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Out[23]:
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```
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```

Out[26]:
```
NoneType
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```
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```

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```
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```

Out[26]:
```
NoneType
```

In [27]:
```
int(3.14) # Scalar type conversion (casting)
```

Out[27]:
```
3
```

Non-scalar types

In contrast to scalars, non-scalar objects, *sequences*, have some internal structure. This allows indexing, slicing and other interesting operations.

Most common sequences in Python are:

- String (`str`) - *immutable* ordered sequence of characters
- Tuple (`tuple`) - *immutable* ordered sequence of elements
- List (`list`) - *mutable* ordered sequence of elements
- Set (`set`) - *mutable* unordered collection of unique elements
- Dictionary (`dict`) - *mutable* unordered collection of key-value pairs

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Out[29]:
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type(t)
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Out[30]:
```
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In [33]:
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type(d)
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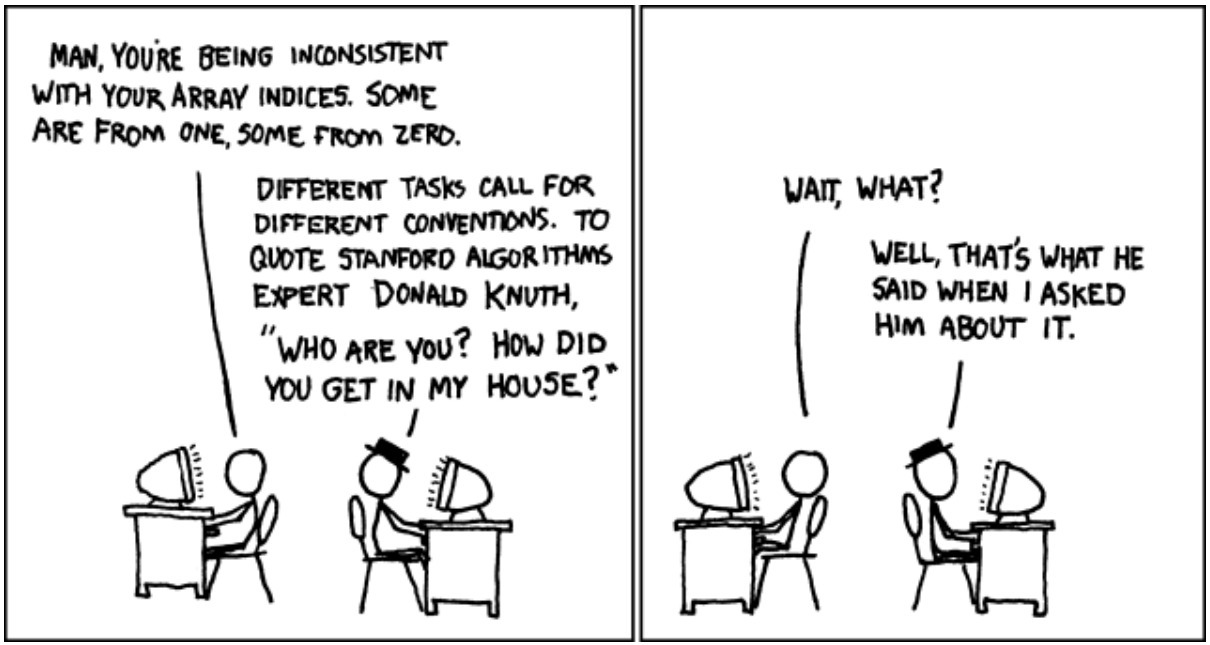
Out[33]:
```
dict
```

Indexing and subsetting in Python

- *Indexing* can be used to subset individual elements from a sequence
- *Slicing* can be used to extract sub-sequence of arbitrary length
- Use square brackets `[ ]` to supply the index (indices) of elements:

```
object[index]
```

Indexing in Python starts from 0



Source: xkcd
Extra: Why Python uses 0-based indexing by Guido van Rossum
Extra: Why numbering should start at zero by Edsger Dijkstra

Strings

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In [34]:
```
s
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Out[34]:
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Out[36]:
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In [37]:
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s[5:] # Subset all elements starting from 6th
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Out[37]:
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Out[37]:
```
'flies like a banana'
```

In [38]:
```
s + '!' # Strings can be concatenated together
```

Out[38]:
```
'time flies like a banana!'
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```
len(s) # Function
```

Out[39]:
```
24
```

In [40]:
```
s.upper() # Method (makes string upper-case)
```

Out[40]:
```
'TIME FLIES LIKE A BANANA'
```

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Out[43]:
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In [44]:
```
'-'.join(s.split(sep = ' ')) # Methods calls can be nested within each
```

Out[44]:
```
'time-flies-like-a-banana'
```

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In [45]:
```
t # Tuples can contain elements of different types
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Out[45]:
```
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Out[45]:
```
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In [46]:
```
len(t)
```

Out[46]:
```
4
```

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Out[45]:
```
(0, 'one', 1, 2)
```

In [46]:
```
len(t)
```

Out[46]:
```
4
```

In [47]:
```
t[1:]
```

Out[47]:
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Out[45]:
```
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In [46]:
```
len(t)
```

Out[46]:
```
4
```

In [47]:
```
t[1:]
```

Out[47]:
```
('one', 1, 2)
```

In [48]:
```
t + ('three', 5) # Like strings tuples can be concatenated
```

Out[48]:
```
(0, 'one', 1, 2, 'three', 5)
```

Lists

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In [49]:
```
l # Like tuples lists can contain elements of different types
```

Out[49]:
```
[0, 'one', 1, 2]
```

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```
l # Like tuples lists can contain elements of different types
```

Out[49]:
```
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```

In [50]:
```
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```

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Out[49]:
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In [51]:
```
l
```

Out[51]:
```
[0, 1, 1, 2]
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```
l # Like tuples lists can contain elements of different types
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Out[49]:
```
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In [51]:
```
l
```

Out[51]:
```
[0, 1, 1, 2]
```

In [52]:
```
t[1] = 1 # Compare to tuple
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-52-4e4114da061e> in <module>
----> 1 t[1] = 1 # Compare to tuple

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

Indexing and slicing lists

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In [53]:
```
l
```

Out[53]:
```
[0, 1, 1, 2]
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In [53]:
```
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Out[53]:
```
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In [54]:
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l[1:] # Subset all elements starting from 2nd
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Out[54]:
```
[1, 1, 2]
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```
l
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Out[53]:
```
[0, 1, 1, 2]
```

In [54]:
```
l[1:] # Subset all elements starting from 2nd
```

Out[54]:
```
[1, 1, 2]
```

In [55]:
```
l[-1] # Subset the last element
```

Out[55]:
```
2
```

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```

Out[55]:
```
2
```

In [56]:
```
l[::2] # Subset every second element, list[start:stop:step]
```

Out[56]:
```
[0, 1]
```

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Out[55]:
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```

Out[56]:
```
[0, 1]
```

In [57]:
```
l[::-1] # Subset all elements in reverse order
```

Out[57]:
```
[2, 1, 1, 0]
```

Sets

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```
o
```

Out[58]:
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{'apple', 'banana', 'watermelon'}
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In [61]:
```
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call last)
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TypeError: 'set' object is not subscriptable
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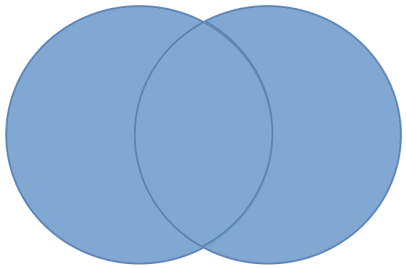
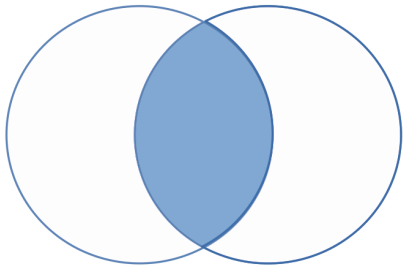
Set methods in Python

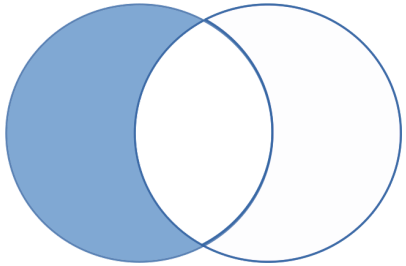
`union`



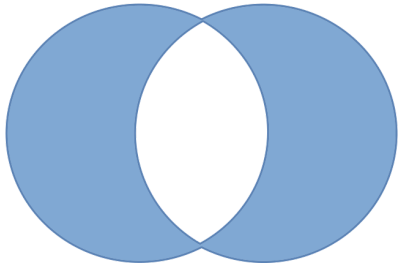
`intersection`



`difference`



`symmetric_difference`



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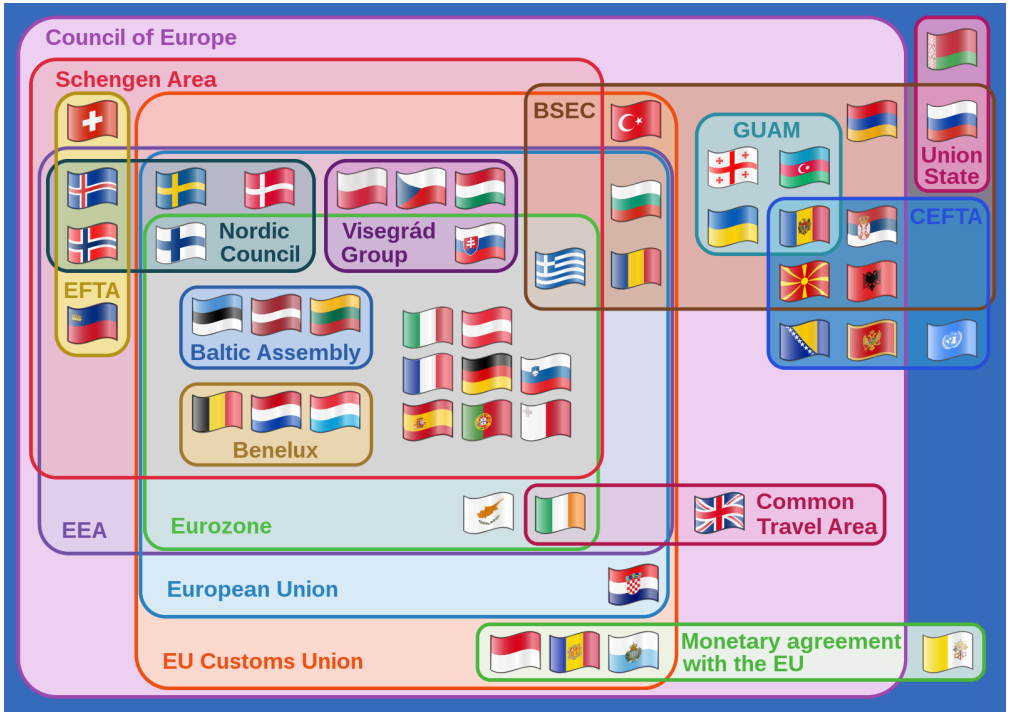

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```
d['strawberry'] = 12.0 # They are, however, mutable like lists and sets
d
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{'apple': 150.0, 'banana': 120.0, 'watermelon': 3000.0, 'strawb
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set([0, 1, 1, 2]) ## Conversion to set retains only unique values
```

Out[74]:
```
{0, 1, 2}
```

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None == None
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True
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Aliasing vs copying in Python

- Assignment binds the varible name on the left of `=` sign to the object of certain type on the right.
- But the same object can have different names.
- Operations on immutable types typically overwrite the object if it gets modified.
- But for mutable objects (lists, sets, dictionaries) this can create hard-to-track problems.

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```
d2
```

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```
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```

Summary of built-in object types in Python

Type	Description	Scalar	Mutability	Order
`int`	integer	scalar	immutable	
`float`	real number	scalar	immutable	
`bool`	Boolean	scalar	immutable	
`None`	Python 'Null'	scalar	immutable	
`str`	string	non-scalar	immutable	ordered
`tuple`	tuple	non-scalar	immutable	ordered
`list`	list	non-scalar	mutable	ordered
`set`	set	non-scalar	mutable	unordered
`dict`	dictionary	non-scalar	mutable	unordered

Extensive documentation on built-it types

Modules

- Python's power lies in its extensibility
- This is usually achieved by loading additional modules (libraries)
- Module can be just a `.py` file that you import into your program (script)
- However, often this refers to external libraries installed using `pip` or `conda`
- Standard Python installation also includes a number of modules (full list here)

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- E.g. for `pandas` : https://github.com/pandas-dev/pandas/issues
- Or, indeed, any search engine #LMDDGTFY

Next

- Pandas
- Data I/O