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#### The History of Python

- Python is a general-purpose programming language in a similar vein to other programming languages that you might have heard of such as C++, JavaScript or Microsoft's C#.
- It has been originally conceived back in the 1980s by Guido van Rossum at Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI) in the Netherlands.
- The language is named after a BBC TV show (Guido's favorite program)
   "Monty Pythons Flying Circus".
- Python reached version 1.0 in January 1994. Python 2.0 was released on October 16, 2000.
- Python 3.0, backwards-incompatible, was released on 3 December 2008.

#### The Goods of Python

- Its flexibility and simplicity which makes it easy to learn.
- Its use by the Data Science community where it provides a more standard programming language than some rivals (such as R).
- Its suitability as a scripting language for those working in the DevOps field where it provides a higher level of abstraction than alternative languages traditionally used.
- Its ability to run on (almost) any operating system, but particularly the big three operating systems Windows, MacOS and Linux.
- The availability of a wide range of libraries (modules) that can be used to extend the basic features of the language.
- It is free!



#### How to Start Python

Download Python 3: https://www.python.org/downloads/

 You will need an editor to write your code. For this course, we'll use Jupyter Notebook (web-based).

 You can get Jupyter Notebook from Anaconda: https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual.

#### Python Code Using Jupyter Notebook

- After downloading Python 3, you can download Anaconda (which can provide you Jupyter Notebook, and R Studio also).
- After downloading Anaconda, double click on its icon (green color), then launch Jupyter Notebook, you will have a web link with "localhost:8888/notebooks/". (Number 8888 can be other number, like 8890)
- From this, you can start a new file of code.
- Why Jupyter Notebook? Because if you get used to R, then this will help you
  to see the output when running the code easier than PyCharm.

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#### To Create a Vector in Python (1)

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```
File
      Edit
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                                                Help
   In [1]: #To create a vector:
            x = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
            print(x)
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
    In [2]: print(x*2) #this will print vector 'x' two times
            [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
    In [3]: print(x[1])
    In [4]: name = ['Daisy', 'Julie', 'Sophie']
            print(name)
            ['Daisy', 'Julie', 'Sophie']
```

#### To Create a Vector in Python (2)

- The code line: x = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10] will create a vector "x" that has 10 strings/characters, not numbers.
- We'll need to convert this vector of strings into numeric. To do so, there are different ways, but they need some packages such as "pandas" or "numpy".
- The code should be:
   import numpy as np
   x = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
   x = np.array(x) # this will turn the vector 'x' above to a numeric vector.
   print(x\*2) # we'll get [ 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20]

#### Creating a Vector in Python: using "Numpy"

import numpy as np array = np.arange(20) # this will create a list of 20 numbers (from 0 to 19).

 Or, you can create a list then convert it to numeric by np.array like in the previous slide.

## Creating a Vector in Python: using "Pandas" (1)

• The code is
 import pandas as pd
 data = {'X': [1,2,3,4,5,6] }
 df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns =['X'])
 print(df)
 print(df/2)

• The out put of print(df/2) is

```
X
0 0.5
1 1.0
2 1.5
3 2.0
4 2.5
5 3.0
```

## Tuple vs List (1)

```
In [24]: t = (2,3,'abs'.5)
         t[0]
Out[24]: 2
In [27]: t = (2,3,'abs',5)
         t[0] = 1 # change the first element to '1'
         print(t)
         TypeError
                                                    Traceback (most recent call last)
         <ipython-input-27-722938644ac6> in <module>
               1 t = (2.3, 'abs'.5)
         ----> 2 t[0] = 1 # change the first element to '1'
               3 print(t)
         TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

```
In [26]: t = [2,3,'abs',5]
t[0] = 1 # change the first element to '1'
print(t)
```

[1, 3, 'abs', 5]

### Tuple vs List (2)

• Check the figure the the previous slide, you will notice the big difference caused by the signs: [] and ().

• t = () is a tuple, it is immutable while t = [] is a list and it is mutable.

• Tuple (the one uses the round brackets) does not allow us to change its elements while a list (the one uses the square brackets) does.

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### Creating a Matrix: Using numpy.array

#### Example 1: using np.array

```
import numpy as np
array1 = np.array([1,2,3,4,5])
array2 = np.array([6,7,8,9,10])
matrix = np.array([array1,array2])
print(matrix)

[[ 1 2 3 4 5]
  [ 6 7 8 9 10]]
```

#### Creating a Matrix: Using numpy.asmatrix

Example 2: using np.asmatrix

```
In [9]: row1 = [1,2,3]
         row2 = [4,5,6]
         row3 = [7,8,9]
         matrix2 = np.asmatrix([row1,row2,row3])
         print(matrix2)
         [[1 2 3]
          [4 5 6]
          [7 8 9]]
In [10]: print(matrix2*2)
         [[2 4 6]
          [ 8 10 12]
          [14 16 18]]
In [11]: print(matrix2.shape) #dimension
         (3, 3)
```

#### Creating a Matrix: Using numpy.asmatrix

Example 2 (cont): Transpose and inverse of a matrix.

```
print(matrix2.T) #transpose

[[1 4 7]
  [2 5 8]
  [3 6 9]]

print(matrix2.I) # Inverse

[[ 3.15251974e+15 -6.30503948e+15 3.15251974e+15]
  [-6.30503948e+15 1.26100790e+16 -6.30503948e+15]
  [ 3.15251974e+15 -6.30503948e+15 3.15251974e+15]]
```

## Creating a Matrix: Combining Rows or Columns

Example 3: using np.vstack and np.column\_stack

```
print(np.vstack((matrix, array1)) )
[[ 1 2 3 4 5]
[ 6 7 8 9 10]
[ 1 2 3 4 5]]
print(np.column_stack((array1, array2)) )
 [ 5 10]]
```

#### Creating a Matrix in Python: using "Pandas"

• The code is
 import pandas as pd
 data = {'X': [1,2,3,4,5,6], 'Y': [6,5,4,3,2,1]}
 df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns =['X', 'Y'])
 print(df\*\*2)

#### Output

```
X Y
0 1 36
1 4 25
2 9 16
3 16 9
4 25 4
5 36 1
```

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### Dataframe in Python (1)

• The form of a dataframe in Python is similar as in R: rows for the observations and columns for the variables.

• The first observation starts with index "0", not by "1" as in R.

• In R, once we have run the command attach(data) then you can assess every variable in this "data". Unlike in R, in Python, there is no command that is equivalent to the command attach in R, and we cannot assess a variable in a dataframe directly.

## Dataframe in Python (2)

Example: variable 'X' in dataframe "df" is not accessible directly.

```
In [6]: data = {'X': [1,2,3,4,5,6], 'Y': [6,5,4,3,2,1]}
        df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns =['X', 'Y'])
        print(df**2) # this has 2 columns
        print(X)
          9 16
        4 25 4
                                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
        NameError
        <ipvthon-input-6-f8f714ba7afe> in <module>
              3 df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns =['X', 'Y'])
              4 print(df**2) # this has 2 columns
        ----> 5 print(X)
        NameError: name 'X' is not defined
```

## Dataframe in Python (3)

Getting all variables' name in a data:

#### Changing column's name:

```
#df_new = df.rename({'X': 'NewX', 'Y': 'NewY'}, axis='columns')
df_new = df.rename({'X': 'NewX', 'Y': 'NewY'}, axis=1)
print(df_new)

NewX NewY
```

```
0 1 6
1 2 5
2 3 4
3 4 3
4 5 2
5 6 1
```

## Reading Data File (1)

#### Importing a CSV file, using "Pandas"

```
In [19]:
                                            TMPORTING DATA:
         ############################ CSV DATA
         import pandas as pd
         data = pd.read csv (r"C:\Data\Delivery Time.csv")
         print (data) # the given names of the columns are too long
              Observation
                           Delivery Time, y Number of Cases, x1 Distance, x2 (ft)
                                       16.68
                                                                                    560
                                       11.50
                                                                                    220
                                       12.03
                                                                                    340
                                       14.88
                                                                                     80
                                       13.75
                                                                                    150
                                       18.11
                                                                                    330
                                        8.00
                                                                                    110
                                       17.83
                                                                                    210
                                       79.24
                                                                 30
                                                                                   1460
                       10
                                       21.50
                                                                                    605
                                       40.33
         10
                       11
                                                                 16
                                                                                    688
         11
                       12
                                       21.00
                                                                 10
                                                                                    215
         12
                       13
                                       13.50
                                                                  4
                                                                                    255
```

#### Reading Data File (2)

Importing a Text file, using "Pandas" and assessing a particular column:

```
############################# ANOTHER DATA (TEXT data):
text = pd.read csv(r"C:\Data\ex 1 name.txt", header = 0, sep = " ")
print(text)
print(text['CA2'])
   Subject Gender
                   CA1
                        CA2 HW
        10
                          84
0
                    80
1
                    85
                          89 A
2
         4
                    90
                         86 B
3
                    82
                         85 B
        20
4
        25
                    94 94 A
5
        14
                    88
                         84 C
0
     84
     89
     86
     85
     94
     84
Name: CA2, dtype: int64
```

Other type of data (Excel, SPSS, SAS, Rdata...) also can be read by Python. Useful link:

https://www.listendata.com/2017/02/import-data-in-python.html.

## Reading Data File (3)

One of easy way to ask Python to read a data file is using function "open" which does not require any module (like "pandas"), however be careful with this "open" function:

```
In [61]: f = open("ex 1 name.txt", "r")
In [62]: f = open("ex 1 name.txt", "r")
                                                        f = f.read()
         f = f.read()
                                                        print(f)
         print(f)
                                                        print(f[6:19])
         print(f[0:7])
                                                        Subject Gender CA1 CA2 HW
         Subject Gender CA1 CA2 HW
                                                        10 M 80 84 A
         10 M 80 84 A
                                                        7 M 85 89 A
         7 M 85 89 A
                                                        4 F 90 86 B
         4 F 90 86 B
                                                        20 M 82 85 B
         20 M 82 85 B
                                                        25 F 94 94 A
         25 F 94 94 A
                                                        14 F 88 84 C
         14 F 88 84 C
                                                        t Gender CA1
         Subject
```

#### Reading Data File (4)

```
In [63]: f = open("ex 1 name.txt", "r")
         f = f.read()
         print(f)
         print(f['Subject'])
         Subject Gender CA1 CA2 HW
         10 M 80 84 A
         7 M 85 89 A
         4 F 90 86 B
         20 M 82 85 B
         25 F 94 94 A
         14 F 88 84 C
                                                    Traceback (most recent call last)
         TypeError
         <ipython-input-63-0a81e6c8a89a> in <module>
               2 f = f.read()
               3 print(f)
         ----> 4 print(f['Subject'])
         TypeError: string indices must be integers
```

## Reading Data File (5)

#### Adding a new column/variable to an existing data:

```
text = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Data\ex_1_name.txt", header = 0, sep = " ")
#print(text)
#print(text['CA2'])
CA3 = [1,2,3,4,5,6] #creating a new vector

text['CA3'] = CA3 # adding the new vector to the existing data as a new column
print(text)
```

```
Subject Gender
                CA1
                     CA2 HW
                            CA3
       10
                 80
                      84 A
0
1
                 85
                      89 A
                 90
                     86 B
       4
       20
              M 82
                     85 B
       25
                 94
                     94 A
5
       14
                 88
                      84 C
```

# Reading Data File (5)

Adding a new column/variable from another dataframe to an existing dataframe (merging by column when using "axis = 1"):

```
text = pd.read csv(r"C:\Data\ex 1 name.txt", header = 0, sep = " ")
#print(text)
new= pd.read csv(r"C:\Data\ex 1 IQ.txt", header = 0, sep = " ")
print(new['IO'])
frames = [text, new['IQ']]
result = pd.concat(frames, axis=1)
print(result)
     106
     112
     119
     102
     125
     101
Name: IQ, dtype: int64
   Subject Gender CA1
                       CA2 HW IQ
        10
                    80
                         84 A 106
                   85
                         89 A
                               112
1
         4
                   90
                        86 B 119
        20
                   82
                         85 B 102
        25
                    94
                        94 A 125
        14
                    88
                         84
                               101
```

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## Logical Tests in Python (1)

## Logical Tests in Python (2)

```
In [1]: x= 1
        v = 2
         print('x > y is',x>y)
         print('x < y is',x<y)</pre>
         print('x == y is', x==y)
         print('x != y is',x!=y)
         print('x >= y is',x>=y)
         print('x <=y is', x<=y)</pre>
         x > y is False
         x < y is True
         x == y is False
         x != y is True
         x >= y is False
         x <=y is True
```

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## If () else in Python (1)

Generally, it has format as:

```
if
       <condition>:
       <expression>
   if
       <condition>:
       <expression>
 else:
       <expression>
   if
       <condition>:
       <expression>
elif: <condition>:
       <expression>
 else:
       <expression>
```

## If () else in Python (2)

```
In [7]: x = 1
y = 2

if x<y:
    print('x is less than y')
else:
    print('x is not less than y')

x is less than y</pre>
In [6]: x = 1
y = 0

if x<y:
    print('x is less than y')
else:
    print('x is not less than y')

x is not less than y

x is not less than y
```

• The statement in <condition> a must produce a True or a False value.

• The indentation is very important! After the colon of the "if", all the statements that are indented are under the "if' condition.

# If () else in Python (3)

```
In [8]: x = 1
y = 2

if x>0:
    print('x is positive')
elif x>100:
    print('x is greater than 100')

x is positive
In [9]: x = 1
y = 2

if x<=0:
    print('x is negative')
elif x<5:
    print('x is positive but less than 5')

x is positive but less than 5
```

```
if x<=0:
    print('x is negative')
elif x<=5:
    print('x is positive but less than 5')
else:
    print('x is greater than 5')</pre>
x is greater than 5
```

#### while Loop (1)

Format:

```
while <condition>:
     <expression>
```

- The idea of while loop (and for loop also) is similar as in R.
- The while loop can be stopped even when the condition of the loop is met; or we can skip some iterations in between the loop (see next slide).
- A significant difference from the while loop in R is the **indentation** when writing the code.

# while Loop (2)

 With the break statement we can stop the loop even if the condition of while is true

```
In [13]: i = 1
while i<=100:
    print('i = ',i,' less than 5')
    if i == 3:
        break
    i = i+1

i = 1 less than 5
    i = 2 less than 5
    i = 3 less than 5</pre>
```

#### while Loop (3)

 With the continue statement we can stop the current iteration and continue with the next one.

```
In [21]: i = 0
s = 0
while i < 6:
    s = s + i
    i += 1
    if i == 3:
        print('skip')
        continue
    print(s)</pre>
```

```
0
1
skip
6
10
15
```

# while Loop (4)

An example of while loop and if statement (equivalent to the example in slide 43 in Topic 1: print all the squares of integers from 1 to 5)

```
In [22]: x = 0
         test = True
         while test == True:
              x = x+1
              if x<6:
                  test = True
              else:
                  test = False
              print(x**2, test)
          1 True
          4 True
          9 True
          16 True
          25 True
          36 False
```

# for Loop (1)

- Similar idea as the for loop in R.
- Similar as the while loop, we have the break to stop the loop and continue to skip some iterations in the loop.
- Form:

```
for <variable> in range(<some_num>):
     <expression>
```

• The indentation really matters.

```
In [30]: S = 0
    for i in range(10): # i from 0 to 9
        S = S+i
    print(S)
```

#### for Loop (2)

- The range(start, stop, step)
- range (10) means start = 0, step = 1 and stop = 9.

```
In [32]: S = 0
         for i in range(10): # i from 0 to 9
             S = S+i
             print('The sum of the first ',i, 'numbers =',S)
         The sum of the first 0 numbers = 0
         The sum of the first 1 numbers = 1
         The sum of the first 2 numbers = 3
         The sum of the first 3 numbers = 6
         The sum of the first 4 numbers = 10
         The sum of the first 5 numbers = 15
         The sum of the first 6 numbers = 21
         The sum of the first 7 numbers = 28
         The sum of the first 8 numbers = 36
         The sum of the first 9 numbers = 45
In [88]: S = 0
        for i in range(1,10,2):
            S = S+i
            #print(S)
        print('sum of all the odd numbers less than 10 is ', S)
        sum of all the odd numbers less than 10 is 25
```

#### for Loop (3)

```
In [38]: S = 0
         for i in range(11):
             S = S + i
             if i == 6:
                 break
             print(S)
         print('sum of first',i, 'integers is ',S)
         0
         10
         15
         sum of first 6 integers is 21
```

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#### Built-in or Existing Functions in Python

```
import numpy as np
from statistics import mean
from statistics import variance
x = [20,3,4,5,8,12,1]
y = [5,6,3,2,80,10,9]
    max(x): maximum value of x
```

- min(x): minimum value of x
- len(x): number of elements in x
- sum(x): total of all the values in x
- mean(x): arithmetic average values in x
- median(x): median value of x
- var(x): sample variance of x, with degrees of freedom = length(x) 1
- np.corrcoef(x, y): correlation matrix of x and y



### User-define Functions (1)

• Similar as in R, in Python, a function has a name, parameters (0 or more), a body and returns something.

• How to write/define:

```
def name(parameters):
    <function body>
```

 At the end of the function body, some command to ask for evaluation and return should be included.

### User-define Functions: Examples (1)

• A function to find sum of all the values in a list:

```
def f_sum(x):
    return(sum(x))
x = [20,3,4,5,8,12,1]
print(f_sum(x))
```

• A function to find the standard error of the mean of a vector (SE of  $\bar{x}$ ): import math

```
from statistics import mean
from statistics import variance
def f_se(x):
    se = math.sqrt(variance(x)/len(x))
    return(se)
x = [20,3,4,5,8,12,1]
print(f_se(x))
```

# User-define Functions: Examples (2)

```
import math
from statistics import variance
import pandas as pd

def f_se(x):
    se = math.sqrt(variance(x)/len(x))
    return(se)

text = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Data\ex_1_name.txt", header = 0, sep = " ")
x = text['CA1']

print(f_se(x))
```

2.1252450839060106

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### Saving Output to a Text File (1)

"CA1" is stored in "x" which is the list that we want to save to a text file.

```
In [117]:
          text = pd.read csv(r"C:\Data\ex 1 name.txt", header = 0, sep = " ")
          print(text)
          x = text['CA1'] # the list that we want to save to a text file
          print(x)
             Subject Gender
                              CA1
                                   CA2 HW
                   10
                               80
                                    84 A
          0
           1
                               85
                                    89 A
           2
                    4
                               90
                                    86 B
           3
                   20
                           Μ
                               82
                                    85 B
           4
                   25
                               94
                                    94 A
                   14
                               88
                                    84 C
               80
               85
           1
               90
               82
          4
               94
               88
          Name: CA1, dtype: int64
```

### Saving Output to a Text File (2)

The text file that we will save the output is named as "test.txt".

```
In [123]:
    f = open('test.txt','w')
    for i in x:
        f.write(str(i) + '\n')
    f.close()
```

Opening the file "test.txt" as "y".

```
In [124]: y = pd.read_csv("test.txt", header = None)
    print(y)
    y.columns = ['first CA'] #name the column
    print(y)
```

```
0
0 80
1 85
2 90
3 82
4 94
5 88
first CA
0 80
1 85
2 90
3 82
4 94
```