1.Compare Java & Python

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| **Criteria** | **Java** | **Python** |
| Ease of use | Good | Very Good |
| Speed of coding | Average | Excellent |
| Data types | Static typed | Dynamically typed |
| Data Science & machine learning applications | Average | Very Good |

**Explain how Python does Compile-time and Run-time code checking?**

Python performs some amount of compile-time checking, but most of the checks such as type, name, etc are postponed until code execution. Consequently, if the Python code references a user -defined function that does not exist, the code will compile successfully. In fact, the code will fail with an exception only when the code execution path references the function which does not exists.

**Explain Python’s zip() function.?**

zip() function- it will take multiple lists say list1, list2, etc and transform them into a single list of tuples by taking the corresponding elements of the lists that are passed as parameters. Eg:

list1 = ['A',

'B','C'] and list2 = [10,20,30].

zip(list1, list2) # results in a list of tuples say [('A',10),('B',20),('C',30)]

**As Everything in Python is an Object, Explain the characteristics of Python’s Objects.**

As Python’s Objects are instances of classes, they are created at the time of instantiation. Eg: object-name = class-name(arguments)  
• one or more variables can reference the same object in Python  
• Every object holds unique id and it can be obtained by using id() method. Eg: id(obj-name) will return unique id of the given object.  
every object can be either mutable or immutable based on the type of data they hold.  
• Whenever an object is not being used in the code, it gets destroyed automatically garbage collected or destroyed  
• contents of objects can be converted into string representation using a method

**Explain how to overload constructors or methods in Python.**

Python’s constructor – \_init\_\_ () is a first method of a class. Whenever we try to instantiate a object \_\_init\_\_() is automatically invoked by python to initialize members of an object.

**What is a Python module?**

A module is a Python script that generally contains import statements, functions, classes and variable definitions, and Python runnable code and it “lives” file with a ‘.py’ extension. zip files and DLL files can also be modules.Inside the module, you can refer to the module name as a string that is stored in the global variable name .  
A module can be imported by other modules in one of the two ways. They are  
1. import  
2. from module-name import or

**What is JSON? How would convert JSON data into Python data?**

JSON – stands for JavaScript Object Notation. It is a popular data format for storing data in NoSQL  
databases. Generally JSON is built on 2 structures.  
1. A collection of <name, value> pairs.  
2. An ordered list of values.  
As Python supports JSON parsers, JSON-based data is actually represented as a dictionary in Python. You can convert json data into python using load() of json module.

**How instance variables are different from class variables?**

**Instance variables:** are the variables in an object that have values that are local to that object. Two objects of the same class maintain distinct values for their variables. These variables are accessed with “object-name.instancevariable-name”.  
**class variables:** these are the variables of class. All the objects of the same class will share value of “Class variables. They are accessed with their class name alone as “class- name.classvariable-name”. If you change the value of a class variable in one object, its new value is visible among all other objects of the same class. In the Java world, a variable that is declared as static is a class variable.

**Does Python supports interfaces like in Java? Discuss.**

Python does not provide interfaces like in Java. Abstract Base Class (ABC) and its feature are provided by the Python’s “abc” module. Abstract Base Class is a mechanism for specifying what methods must be implemented by its implementation subclasses. The use of ABC’c provides a sort of “understanding” about methods and their expected behaviour. This module was made available from Python 2.7 version onwards.

**How would you define a protected member in a Python class?**

All the members of a class in Python are public by default. You don’t need to define an access specifier for members of class. By adding ‘\_’ as a prefix to the member of a class, by convetion you are telling others please don’t this object, if you are not a subclass the respective class.  
Eg: class Person:  
empid = None  
\_salary = None #salary is a protected member & it can accessible by the subclasses of Person  
….

**Name few methods that are used to implement Functionally Oriented Programming in Python?**

Python supports methods (called iterators in Python3), such as filter(), map(), and reduce(), that are very useful when you need to iterate over the items in a list, create a dictionary, or extract a subset of a list.  
filter() – enables you to extract a subset of values based on conditional logic.  
map() – it is a built-in function that applies the function to each item in an iterable.  
reduce() – repeatedly performs a pair-wise reduction on a sequence until a single value is computed.

**Python and multi-threading. Is it a good idea? List some ways to get some Python code to run in a parallel way.**

Python doesn't allow multi-threading in the truest sense of the word. It has a [multi-threading package](https://docs.python.org/2/library/threading.html) but if you want to multi-thread to speed your code up, then it's usually not a good idea to use it. Python has a construct called the Global Interpreter Lock (GIL). The GIL makes sure that only one of your 'threads' can execute at any one time. A thread acquires the GIL, does a little work, then passes the GIL onto the next thread. This happens very quickly so to the human eye it may seem like your threads are executing in parallel, but they are really just taking turns using the same CPU core. All this GIL passing adds overhead to execution. This means that if you want to make your code run faster then using the threading package often isn't a good idea.

There are reasons to use Python's threading package. If you want to run some things simultaneously, and efficiency is not a concern, then it's totally fine and convenient. Or if you are running code that needs to wait for something (like some IO) then it could make a lot of sense. But the threading library wont let you use extra CPU cores.

Multi-threading can be outsourced to the operating system (by doing multi-processing), some external application that calls your Python code (eg, Spark or Hadoop), or some code that your Python code calls (eg: you could have your Python code call a C function that does the expensive multi-threaded stuff).

Why this is important

Because the GIL is an A-hole. Lots of people spend a lot of time trying to find bottlenecks in their fancy Python multi-threaded code before they learn what the GIL is.

**What is monkey patching and is it ever a good idea?**

A MonkeyPatch is a piece of Python code which extends or modifies other code at runtime (typically at startup).

from SomeOtherProduct.SomeModule import SomeClass

def speak(self):

return "ook ook eee eee eee!"

SomeClass.speak = speak

**What does this stuff mean: \*args, \*\*kwargs? And why would we use it?**

Use \*args when we aren't sure how many arguments are going to be passed to a function, or if we want to pass a stored list or tuple of arguments to a function. \*\*kwargs is used when we dont know how many keyword arguments will be passed to a function, or it can be used to pass the values of a dictionary as keyword arguments. The identifiers args and kwargs are a convention, you could also use \*bob and \*\*billy but that would not be wise.

Here is a little illustration:

def f(\*args,\*\*kwargs): print(args, kwargs)

l = [1,2,3]

t = (4,5,6)

d = {'a':7,'b':8,'c':9}

f()

f(1,2,3) # (1, 2, 3) {}

f(1,2,3,"groovy") # (1, 2, 3, 'groovy') {}

f(a=1,b=2,c=3) # () {'a': 1, 'c': 3, 'b': 2}

f(a=1,b=2,c=3,zzz="hi") # () {'a': 1, 'c': 3, 'b': 2, 'zzz': 'hi'}

f(1,2,3,a=1,b=2,c=3) # (1, 2, 3) {'a': 1, 'c': 3, 'b': 2}

f(\*l,\*\*d) # (1, 2, 3) {'a': 7, 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

f(\*t,\*\*d) # (4, 5, 6) {'a': 7, 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

f(1,2,\*t) # (1, 2, 4, 5, 6) {}

f(q="winning",\*\*d) # () {'a': 7, 'q': 'winning', 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

f(1,2,\*t,q="winning",\*\*d) # (1, 2, 4, 5, 6) {'a': 7, 'q': 'winning', 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

def f2(arg1,arg2,\*args,\*\*kwargs): print(arg1,arg2, args, kwargs)

f2(1,2,3) # 1 2 (3,) {}

f2(1,2,3,"groovy") # 1 2 (3, 'groovy') {}

f2(arg1=1,arg2=2,c=3) # 1 2 () {'c': 3}

f2(arg1=1,arg2=2,c=3,zzz="hi") # 1 2 () {'c': 3, 'zzz': 'hi'}

f2(1,2,3,a=1,b=2,c=3) # 1 2 (3,) {'a': 1, 'c': 3, 'b': 2}

f2(\*l,\*\*d) # 1 2 (3,) {'a': 7, 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

f2(\*t,\*\*d) # 4 5 (6,) {'a': 7, 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

f2(1,2,\*t) # 1 2 (4, 5, 6) {}

f2(1,1,q="winning",\*\*d) # 1 1 () {'a': 7, 'q': 'winning', 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

f2(1,2,\*t,q="winning",\*\*d) # 1 2 (4, 5, 6) {'a': 7, 'q': 'winning', 'c': 9, 'b': 8}

**What do these mean to you: @classmethod, @staticmethod, @property?**

These are decorators. A decorator is a special kind of function that either takes a function and returns a function, or takes a class and returns a class. The @ symbol is just syntactic sugar that allows you to decorate something in a way that's easy to read.

@my\_decorator

def my\_func(stuff):

do\_things

Is equivalent to

def my\_func(stuff):

do\_things

my\_func = my\_decorator(my\_func)

**What is pickling and unpickling?**

Pickle module accepts any Python object and converts it into a string representation and dumps it into a file by using dump function, this process is called pickling.  While the process of retrieving original Python objects from the stored string representation is called unpickling.

Pickle

# Save a dictionary into a pickle file.

import pickle

favorite\_color = { "lion": "yellow", "kitty": "red" }

pickle.dump( favorite\_color, open( "save.p", "wb" ) )

Unpickle

# Load the dictionary back from the pickle file.

import pickle

favorite\_color = pickle.load( open( "save.p", "rb" ) )

# favorite\_color is now { "lion": "yellow", "kitty": "red" }

**What are the built-in type does python provides?**

Mutable built-in types

* List
* Sets
* Dictionaries

Immutable built-in types

* Strings
* Tuples
* Numbers

## **What is a namespace?**

To simply put it, namespace is a collection of names.

In Python, you can imagine a namespace as a mapping of every name, you have defined, to corresponding objects.

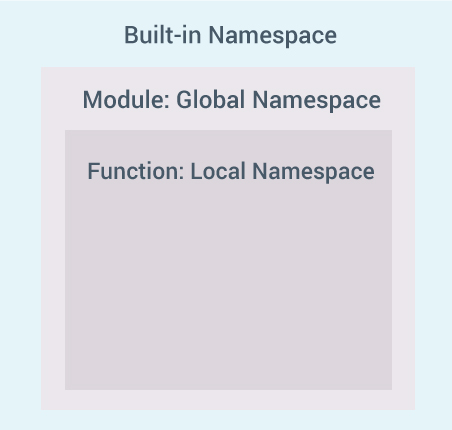
Different namespaces can co-exist at a given time but are completely isolated.

A namespace containing all the built-in names is created when we start the Python interpreter and exists as long we don't exit.

This is the reason that built-in functions like id(), print() etc. are always available to us from any part of the program. Each [module](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/modules) creates its own global namespace.

These different namespaces are isolated. Hence, the same name that may exist in different modules do not collide.

Modules can have various functions and classes. A local namespace is created when a function is called, which has all the names defined in it. Similar, is the case with class. Following diagram may help to clarify this concept.



**shallow copy and deep copy in python**

A shallow copy constructs a new compound object and then (to the extent possible) inserts references into it to the objects found in the original.

In case of shallow copy, a reference of object is copied in other object. It means that **any changes** made to a copy of object **do reflect** in the original object.  
In python, this is implemented using “**copy()**” function.

A deep copy constructs a new compound object and then, recursively, inserts copies into it of the objects found in the original.

In case of deep copy, a copy of object is copied in other object. It means that **any changes** made to a copy of object **do not reflect** in the original object.  
In python, this is implemented using “**deepcopy()**” function.

Here's a little demonstration:

import copy

a = [1, 2, 3]

b = [4, 5, 6]

c = [a, b]

Using normal assignment operatings to copy:

d = c

print id(c) == id(d) # True - d is the same object as c

print id(c[0]) == id(d[0]) # True - d[0] is the same object as c[0]

Using a shallow copy:

d = copy.copy(c)

print id(c) == id(d) # False - d is now a new object

print id(c[0]) == id(d[0]) # True - d[0] is the same object as c[0]

Using a deep copy:

d = copy.deepcopy(c)

print id(c) == id(d) # False - d is now a new object

print id(c[0]) == id(d[0]) # False - d[0] is now a new object

Another example:

# importing "copy" for copy operations

import copy

# initializing list 1

li1 = [1, 2, [3,5], 4]

# using deepcopy to deep copy

li2 = copy.deepcopy(li1)

# original elements of list

print ("The original elements before deep copying")

for i in range(0,len(li1)):

    print (li1[i],end=" ")

print("\r")

# adding and element to new list

li2[2][0] = 7

# Change is reflected in l2

print ("The new list of elements after deep copying ")

for i in range(0,len( li1)):

    print (li2[i],end=" ")

print("\r")

# Change is NOT reflected in original list

# as it is a deep copy

print ("The original elements after deep copying")

for i in range(0,len( li1)):

    print (li1[i],end=" ")

Output:

The original elements before deep copying

1 2 [3, 5] 4

The new list of elements after deep copying

1 2 [7, 5] 4

The original elements after deep copying

1 2 [3, 5] 4

**DEEP COPY**

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### How memory is managed in Python?

Memory is managed in Python in following way:

* Memory is managed in Python by private heap space. All Python objects and data structures are located in a private heap. The programmer does not have an access to this private heap and interpreter takes care of this Python private heap.
* Python memory manager is responsible for allocating Python heap space for Python objects.
* Python also have an inbuilt garbage collector, which recycle all the unused memory and frees the memory and makes it available to the heap space.

**OOPS:**

**Polymorphism**

there are two types of polymorphism: compile time polymorphism (overloading) and runtime polymorphism (overriding).

Mehtod overriding: Overriding occurs when a class method has the same name and signature as a method in parent class. When you override methods, JVM determines the proper methods to call at the program’s run time, not at the compile time.

Overloading: Overloading is determined at the compile time. It occurs when several methods have same names with:

Different method signature and different number or type of parameters.

Same method signature but different number of parameters.

Same method signature and same number of parameters but of different type

class BookDetails {

String title;

setBook(String title){}

}

class ScienceBook extends BookDetails {

setBook(String title){} //overriding

setBook(String title, String publisher,float price){} //overloading

}

**Inheritance**

Inheritance allows a Child class to inherit properties from its parent class. In Java this is achieved by using extends keyword. Only properties with access modifier public and protected can be accessed in child class.

**class** Instrument(object):  
 **def** \_\_init\_\_(self, name):  
 self.name = name  
 **def** has\_strings(self):  
 **return True  
  
class** PercussionInstrument(Instrument):  
 **def** has\_strings(self):  
 **return False**guitar = Instrument(**'guitar'**)  
drums = PercussionInstrument(**'drums'**)  
  
print(**'Guitar has strings: {0}'**.format(guitar.has\_strings()))  
print(**'Guitar name: {0}'**.format(guitar.name))  
print(**'Drums have strings: {0}'**.format(drums.has\_strings()))  
print(**'Drums name: {0}'**.format(drums.name)

**abstraction**

Abstraction is a way of converting real world objects in terms of class. Its a concept of defining an idea in terms of classes or interface. For example creating a class Vehicle and injecting properties into it. E.g

public class Vehicle {

public String colour;

public String model;

}

**Encapsulation**

The encapsulation is achieved by combining the methods and attribute into a class. The class acts like a container encapsulating the properties. The users are exposed mainly public methods.The idea behind is to hide how thinigs work and just exposing the requests a user can do.

A single underscore indicates to the user of a class that an attribute should be considered private to the class, and should not be accessed directly.

A double underscore indicates the same, however, Python will mangle the attribute name somewhat to attempt to hide it.

class C(object):

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.a = 123 # OK to access directly

self.\_a = 123 # should be considered private

self.\_\_a = 123 # considered private, name mangled

>>> c = C()

>>> c.a

123

>>> c.\_a

123

>>> c.\_\_a

Traceback (most recent call last):

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

AttributeError: 'C' object has no attribute '\_\_a'

>>> c.\_C\_\_a

123

Wrapping data and methods within classes in combination with implementation hiding (through access control) is often called encapsulation. The result is a data type with characteristics and behaviors. Encapsulation essentially has both i.e. information hiding and implementation hiding.

**Emulation**

Python provides many special methods on classes that can be used to emulate other types, such as functions, iterators, containers and more.

Functions. In order to emulate a function object, a class must define the method \_\_call\_\_(). If the call operator () is used on an instance of the class, this method will be called behind the scenes.

class Adder(object):

def \_\_init\_\_(self, extra):

self.extra = extra

def \_\_call\_\_(self, base):

return self.extra + base

add2 = Adder(2)

add2(3)

5

add5 = Adder(5)

add5(3)

8

add2(1)

3

**Iterators**

When an object is used in a for ... in statement, the object’s \_\_iter\_\_() method is called and the returned value should be an iterator. At that point, the interpreter iterates over the result, assigning each object returned from the iterator to the loop variable in the for ... in statement.

class Lister(object):

def \_\_init\_\_(self, \*args):

self.items = tuple(args)

def \_\_iter\_\_(self):

return (i for i in self.items)

l = Lister('a', 'b', 'c')

for letter in l:

print(letter)

Here is the same example using a generator function instead of a generator expression.

class Lister(object):

def \_\_init\_\_(self, \*args):

self.items = tuple(args)

def \_\_iter\_\_(self):

for i in self.items:

yield i

l = Lister('a', 'b', 'c')

for letter in l:

print(letter,)

***Function and method arguments*:**

Always use **self** for the first argument to instance methods.

Always use **cls** for the first argument to class methods.

**classmethod and staticmethod**

A class method in Python is defined by creating a method on a class in the standard way, but applying the classmethod decorator to the method.

instead of self, the class method’s first argument is named cls

classmethod must have a reference to a class object as the first parameter, whereas staticmethod can have no parameters at all.

**classmethod**

class Song(object):

def \_\_init\_\_(self, title, artist):

self.title = title

self.artist = artist

def \_\_str\_\_(self):

return ('"%(title)s" by %(artist)s' %

self.\_\_dict\_\_)

@classmethod

def create\_songs(cls, songlist):

for artist, title in songlist:

yield cls(title, artist)

songs = (('Glen Hansard', 'Leave'),

('Stevie Ray Vaughan', 'Lenny'))

for song in Song.create\_songs(songs):

print(song)

The important difference is that static methods receive neither an instance object nor a class object as the first argument. They only receive the passed arguments.a

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self.artist = artist

def \_\_str\_\_(self):

return ('"%(title)s" by %(artist)s' %

self.\_\_dict\_\_)

@staticmethod

def create\_songs(songlist):

for artist, title in songlist:

yield Song(title, artist)

songs = (('Glen Hansard', 'Leave'),

('Stevie Ray Vaughan', 'Lenny'))

for song in Song.create\_songs(songs):

print(song)

GIL

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