

# SI 506: Programming I

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### Lecture 10

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# Slide deck revisions

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# Class exercise

open file, read contents, write to file

## Canvas Files

lectures/lecture\_10/  
lecture\_10\_exercise.py  
lecture\_10\_warmup.py  
noaa\_whale\_data\_source.txt  
whale\_names\_source.txt

Upload to [pythonanywhere.com](https://pythonanywhere.com)

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# preliminaries

# working with files

old school (canonical)

# Files: read in data / write out data

using built-in `open()` function

```
source_path = 'whale_names_source.txt'  
target_path = 'whale_names_target.txt'
```

```
# Create a file handle, return list
```

```
file_handle = open(source_path, 'r')
```

```
lines = file_handle.readlines()
```

```
file_handle.close()
```

```
print(f"lines = {lines}\n")
```

```
# Create a file handle, write to target file
```

```
file_handle = open(target_path, 'w')
```

```
# Get whale names, write to file
```

```
for line in lines:
```

```
    file_handle.write(line)
```

```
file_handle.close()
```

# Files: read in data / write out data

using built-in `open()` function

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target_path = 'whale_names_target.txt'
```

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# Create a file handle, return list
```

```
file_handle = open(source_path, 'r')
```

```
lines = file_handle.readlines()
```

```
file_handle.close()
```

read mode

return list

```
print(f"lines = {lines}\n")
```

```
# Create a file handle, write to target file
```

```
file_handle = open(target_path, 'w')
```

```
# Get whale names, write to file
```

```
for line in lines:
```

```
    file_handle.write(line)
```

```
file_handle.close()
```

write mode

write to file

# Files: open, read lines, close

return a list of lines (note: includes trailing '\n')

assignment	operation	returns	notes
file_handle	= open(path_to_file)	file object	Built in function returns “file handle” that can be used to read data out of file.
lines	= file_handle.readlines()	list	Read in the data line by line
	file_handle.close()		Close the “file handle” to free up resources.



# Files: open, read lines, close

return a list of lines (note: includes trailing '\n')

assignment	operation	returns	notes
file_handle	= open(path_to_file)	file object	Built in function returns “file handle” that can be used to read data out of file.
	for line in lines:		Iterate over the list elements.
	file_handle.write(line)		Write line to target file.
	file_handle.close()		Close the “file handle” to free up resources.

# exercise I

# File: source file

whale\_names\_source.txt

```
lines = ['species,common_name\n',  
        'Balaenoptera musculus,Blue Whale\n',  
        'Eschrichtius robustus,Grey Whale\n',  
        'Eubalaena glacialis,North Atlantic Right Whale\n',  
        'Eubalaena japonica,North Pacific Right Whale\n',  
        'Physeter macrocephalus,Sperm Whale\n',  
        'Megaptera novaeangliae,Humpback Whale\n',  
        "Balaenoptera edeni,Bryde's Whale\n",  
        'Balaenoptera physalus,Fin Whale\n',  
        'Balaena mysticetus,Bowhead Whale\n',  
        'Balaenoptera acutorostrata,Minke Whale']
```

Note: Bryde's whale pronounced "Broodus" whale

# Q: write to file only the common name?

what expression do I write?

```
target_path = 'whale_names_target.txt'
```

```
# Create a file handle, write to target file
```

```
file_handle = open(target_path, 'w')
```

```
# Get whale names, write to file
```

```
for line in lines:
```

```
    common_name = ?
```

```
    file_handle.write(f"{common_name}")
```

```
file_handle.close()
```

# working with files

## with statement

# Files: with statement

anatomy

```
with open(path, '<mode>') as <name>:  
    for line in <name>:  
        # Do something with line  
        <statement(s)>
```

## Advantages

Handles opening and closing the file, including open/close exceptions raised in the inner block.

# File: optional parameter modes

open()

```
file_handle = open(path, '<mode>')
```

‘r’: read

‘w’: write

‘x’: create, write (new file)

‘a’: append (existing file)

‘r+’: read, write (same file)

# File: source file

noaa\_whale\_data\_source.txt

**species**  
**common\_name**  
**type**  
**max\_lifespan\_years**  
**max\_length\_feet**  
**max\_weight\_tons**

species	common_name	type	max_lifespan_years	max_length_feet	max_weight_tons
Balaenoptera musculus	Blue Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	90.0	110.0	165.0
Eschrichtius robustus	Grey Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	70.0	49.0	45.0
Eubalaena glacialis	North Atlantic Right Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	70.0	52.0	70.0
Eubalaena japonica	North Pacific Right Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	70.0	64.0	100.0
Physeter macrocephalus	Sperm Whale	Odontoceti (Toothed)	60.0	52.0	45.0
Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	50.0	60.0	40.0
Balaenoptera edeni	Bryde's Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	70.0	55.0	45.0
Balaenoptera physalus	Fin Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	140.0	85.0	80.0
Balaena mysticetus	Bowhead Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	200.0	60.0	100.0
Balaenoptera acutorostrata	Minke Whale	Mysticeti (Baleen)	50.0	35.0	10.0



# Files: read in data

with statement (file object is an iterable)

```
source_path = 'whale_names_source.txt'  
target_path = 'whale_names_target.txt'
```

*# Create a file handle named source, return list*

```
with open(source_path, 'r') as source:  
    lines = source.readlines()
```

OR

*# Create a file handle named source, return list*

```
lines = []  
with open(source_path, 'r') as source:  
    for line in source:  
        lines.append(line)
```

← iterable

```
print(f"lines = {lines}\n")
```

# Files: loop over the file object

file object is an iterable

```
source_path = 'whale_names_source.txt'  
target_path = 'whale_names_target.txt'
```

```
# Create a file handle named source  
# the file object is an iterable so loop over it
```

```
lines = []
```

```
with open(source_path, 'r') as source:
```

```
    for line in source:  
        lines.append(line)
```

← iterable

```
print(f"lines = {lines}\n")
```

The `for line in source` treats the file object `source` as an iterable, which automatically uses buffered I/O (input/output) and memory management when processing large files.

# Files: read in data / write out data

with statement

```
source_path = 'whale_names_source.txt'  
target_path = 'whale_names_target.txt'
```

*# Create a file handle named source, return list*

```
lines = []
```

```
with open(source_path, 'r') as source:
```

```
    for line in source:
```

```
        lines.append(line)
```

```
print(f"lines = {lines}\n")
```

*# Create a file handle named target, write to file*

```
with open(target_path, 'w') as target:
```

```
    for line in lines:
```

```
        target.write(line)
```

# exercise II

# File data: headers and whales

list indexing, slicing, strings to lists

*# Return headers*

```
headers = lines[?].strip().split(',')  
print(f"headers = {headers}")
```

*# Get whales, append to whales list,  
# strip out trailing \n*

```
whales = []  
for line in lines[?]:  
    whales.append(???)  
print(f"whales = {whales}")
```

# File data: toothed whales

use index position to select the correct element

```
# Return toothed whale(s)
toothed_whales = []
for whale in whales:
    if whale[?] == 'Odontoceti (Toothed)':
        toothed_whales.append(whale)

print(f"toothed whales = {toothed_whales}")
```

# File data: baleen whales

use `headers.index()` to select the correct element

```
# Return Baleen whales
baleen_whales = []
for whale in whales:
    if whale[?] == 'Mysticeti (Baleen)':
        baleen_whales.append(whale)

print(f"baleen whales = {baleen_whales}\n")
```

# File data: whales by max length

use negative index position to select the correct element

```
# Return whales with max length >= 80 feet
long_whales = []
for whale in whales:
    if whale[?] >= 80.0: ← good enough?
        long_whales.append(whale)

print(f"whales max length >= 80 ft = {long_whales}\n")
```



# List data: gotcha

decimal values expressed as strings; what to do?

**max\_lifespan\_years**  
**max\_length\_feet**  
**max\_weight\_tons**

```
[  
    ['...', 'Blue Whale', '...', '90.0', '110.0', '165.0'],  
    ['...', 'Grey Whale', '...', '70.0', '49.0', '45.0'],  
    . . .  
]
```

# List data: gotcha

use built-in functions to recast string/number values

```
[  
    ['...', 'Blue Whale', '...', '90.0', '110.0', '165.0'],  
    ['...', 'Grey Whale', '...', '70.0', '49.0', '45.0'],  
    ...  
]
```

**int()**: returns integer

**float()**: returns a floating point number

```
max_lifespan_years = float(whale[3])  
max_length_feet = float(whale[4])  
max_weight_tons = float(whale[-1])
```

# File data: whales by max length

use negative index position to select the correct element

```
# Return whales with max length >= 80 feet
long_whales = []
for whale in whales:
    if ???(whale[?]) >= 80.0:
        long_whales.append(whale)

print(f"whales max length >= 80 ft = {long_whales}\n")
```

# File data: whales by weight

use index position; recast value

```
# Return whales that weigh between 40 and 70 tons  
# (exclusive)  
mid_weight_whales = []  
for whale in whales:  
    if 40.0 < ???(whale[?]) < 70.0:  
        mid_weight_whales.append(whale)  
  
print(f"mid-weight whales = {mid_weight_whales}\n")
```

# File data: whales by lifespan

select open() parameter mode; use index position; recast value

```
target_path = 'noaa_whale_data_target.txt'
```

```
def format_max_lifespan_str(whale):  
    """ Return '<common_name> max lifespan = <max_lifespan> years\n' """  
    lifespan = f"{?} max lifespan = {str(?)} years\n"  
    return lifespan
```

```
# Write whales with a max lifespan >= 90 years to target file  
# Convert list back to string
```

```
with open(target_path, '?') as target:  
    for whale in whales:  
        if float(whale[?]) >= 90.0:  
            target.write(format_max_lifespan_str(?))
```

# File: target file

noaa\_whale\_data\_target.txt

Blue Whale max lifespan = 90.0 years

Fin Whale max lifespan = 140.0 years

Bowhead Whale max lifespan = 200.0 years

finis

# directors cut



# List slicing: problem 1

extract indices using range() and index position

```
regions = ['Eastern Africa', 'Western Africa', 'Southern Africa']
```

```
countries_regions = ['Botswana, Southern Africa', 'Kenya, Eastern Africa',  
                    'Ghana, Western Africa', 'Uganda, Eastern Africa',  
                    'Nigeria, Western Africa']
```

```
# PROBLEM 1
```

```
# Extract indices of Eastern African countries from  
# countries_regions list (source) and store in list  
# named eastern_african_indices (target)
```

```
eastern_african_indices = []
```

```
for index in range(len(countries_regions)):  
    if countries_regions[index].split(', ')[1] == regions[0]:  
        eastern_african_indices.append(index)
```

```
print(f"eastern_african_indices = {eastern_african_indices}\n")
```

# List slicing: problem 2

use indices to identify East African countries

```
countries_regions = ['Botswana, Southern Africa', 'Kenya, Eastern Africa',  
                    'Ghana, Western Africa', 'Uganda, Eastern Africa',  
                    'Nigeria, Western Africa']
```

```
eastern_african_indices = [1, 3] # derived from problem 1
```

```
# PROBLEM 2
```

```
# Use the indices in eastern_african_indices to identify  
# East African countries in the countries_regions list  
# and then store the country name (only) in the list  
# eastern_african_countries.
```

```
eastern_african_countries = []
```

```
for index in eastern_african_indices:  
    eastern_african_countries.append(countries_regions[index].split(', ')[0])
```

```
print(f"eastern_african_countries = {eastern_african_countries}\n")
```

# List slicing: problem 2

use indices to identify East African countries

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                    'Ghana, Western Africa', 'Uganda, Eastern Africa',  
                    'Nigeria, Western Africa']
```

```
eastern_african_indices = [1, 3] # derived from problem 1
```

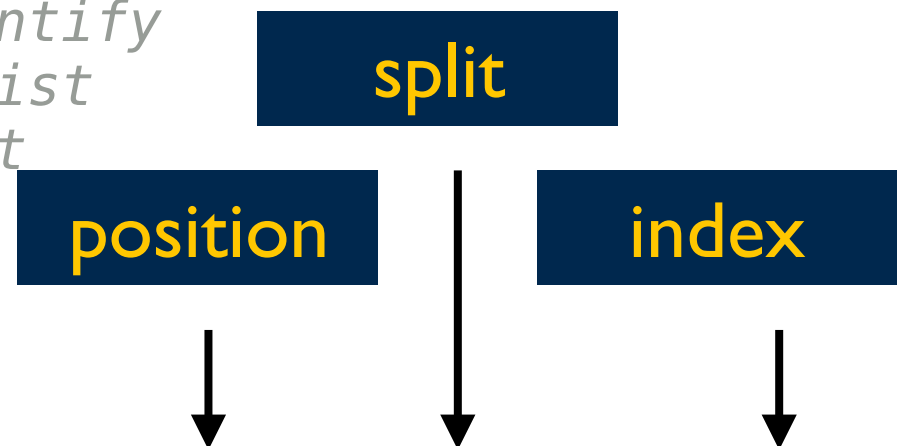
```
# PROBLEM 2
```

```
# Use the indices in eastern_african_indices to identify  
# East African countries in the countries_regions list  
# and then store the country name (only) in the list  
# eastern_african_countries.
```

```
eastern_african_countries = []
```

```
for index in eastern_african_indices:  
    eastern_african_countries.append(countries_regions[index].split(', ')[0])
```

```
print(f"eastern_african_countries = {eastern_african_countries}\n")
```



# Python console

write/execute Python code (only)



Python3.7 console 13351686

Share with others



```
Python 3.7.0 (default, Aug 22 2018, 20:50:05)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import json
>>> console = 'command line interpreter'
>>> purpose = 'accept user input in the form of Python code and attempt to execute it.'
>>> use = 'typically used for quick prototyping and exploration of the language (i.e., teaching).'
>>> data = {}
>>> data['console'] = console
>>> data['purpose'] = purpose
>>> data['use'] = use
>>> json_data = json.dumps(data)
>>> print(json_data)
{"console": "command line interpreter", "purpose": "accept user input in the form of Python code and attempt to execute i
t.", "use": "typically used for quick prototyping and exploration of the language (i.e., teaching)."}
>>> 
```

# Unix shell (Bash)

interact with operating system, issue commands, run scripts



Bash console 13351749

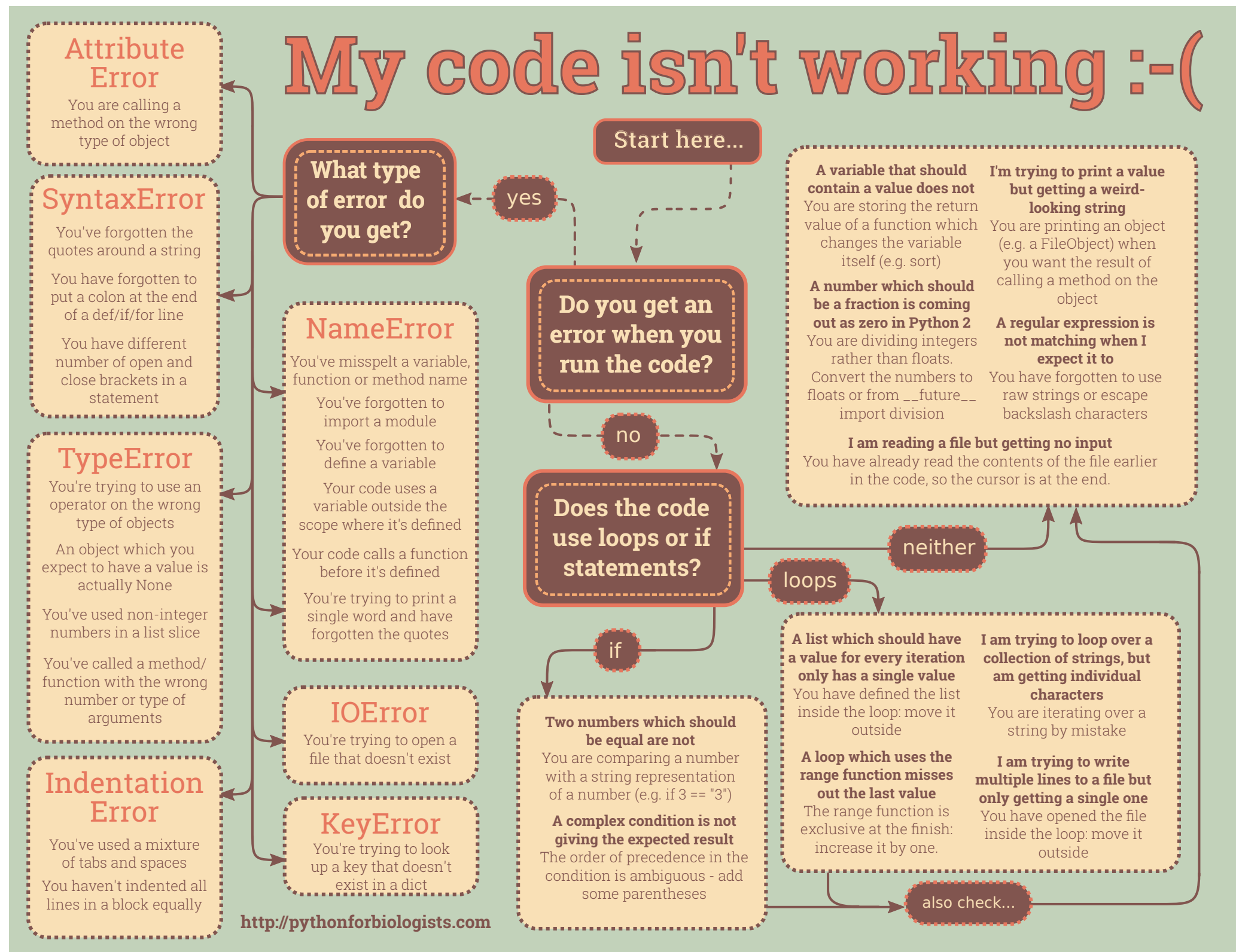
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```
01:43 ~ $ pwd
/home/arwhyte
01:43 ~ $ ls
README.txt  SI506
01:43 ~ $ cd SI506
01:44 ~/SI506 $ ls -la
total 16
drwxrwxr-x 4 arwhyte registered_users 4096 Sep  5 04:14 .
drwxrwxr-x 5 arwhyte registered_users 4096 Sep  5 22:01 ..
drwxrwxr-x 2 arwhyte registered_users 4096 Sep  5 02:28 lab_exercises
drwxrwxr-x 2 arwhyte registered_users 4096 Sep  2 00:43 problem_sets
01:44 ~/SI506 $ cd lab_exercises
01:44 ~/SI506/lab_exercises $ ls -la
total 12
drwxrwxr-x 2 arwhyte registered_users 4096 Sep  5 02:28 .
drwxrwxr-x 4 arwhyte registered_users 4096 Sep  5 04:14 ..
-rw-rw-r-- 1 arwhyte registered_users 1483 Sep  5 02:28 si506_lab_01.py
01:44 ~/SI506/lab_exercises $ python3 si506_lab_01.py arwhyte
Huzzah! arwhyte writes first Python program at 2019-09-11T21:44:51.572295-04:00
01:44 ~/SI506/lab_exercises $
```

# When your code misbehaves

## debug flowchart



# Midterm exam

## key concepts

files (read, write)

nested lists

functions

splitting and slicing

conditional statements

for loops (*not* while loops)

lists

strings

arithmetic, assignment, logical, identity, membership operators

built in functions()

objects, variables, variable assignment