Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503)

OS Integration

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Debugging

- print statements
- logging library
- pdb
- Extensions for IDEs (e.g. PyCharm)
- JupyterLab Debugger Support

Print Statements

- Just print the values or other information about identifiers:
- ```
  def my_function(a, b):
      print(a, b)
      print(b - a == 0)
      return a + b
  ```
- Note that we need to remember what is being printed
- Can add this to print call, or use f-strings with trailing = which causes the name and value of the variable to be printed
- ```
  def my_function(a, b):
      print(f"{a=} {b=} {b - a == 0}")
      return a + b
  ```

Logging Library

- Allows different levels of output (e.g. DEBUG, INFO, WARNING, ERROR CRITICAL)
- Can output to a file as well as stdout/stderr
- Can configure to suppress certain levels or filter messages
- ```
  import logging
  logger = logging.Logger('my-logger')
  logger.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
  def my_function(a,b):
      logger.debug(f"{a=} {b=} {b-a == 0}")
      return a + b
  my_function(3, 5)
  ```
  ```

Python Debugger (pdb)

- Debuggers offer the ability to inspect and interact with code as it is running
  - Post-mortem inspection (`%debug`, `python -m pdb`)
  - Breakpoints (just call `breakpoint()`)
- pdb is standard Python, also an ipdb variant for IPython/notebooks
  - `p` [print expressions]: Print expressions, comma separated
  - `n` [step over]: continue until next line in **current function**
  - `s` [step into]: stop at next line of code (same function or one being called)
  - `c` [continue]: continue execution until next breakpoint

Testing

- If statements
- Assert statements
- Unit Testing
- Integration Testing

Testing via Print/If Statements

- Can make sure that types or values satisfy expectations
- ```
  if not isinstance(a, str):
      raise Exception("a is not a string")
  ```
- ```
  if 3 < a <= 7:
      raise Exception("a should not be in (3,7]")
  ```
- These may not be something we need to always check during runtime

Assertions

- Shortcut for the manual if statements
- Have python throw an exception if a particular condition is not met
- `assert` is a keyword, part of a statement, not a function
- `assert a == 1, "a is not 1"`
- Raises `AssertionError` if the condition is not met, otherwise continues
- Can be caught in an except clause or made to crash the code
- Problem: first failure ends error checks

Unit Tests

- "Testing shows the presence, not the absence of bugs", E. Dijkstra
- Want to test many parts of the code, write functions
- Try to cover different functions that may or may not be called
- unittest, nose2, pytest, doctest
- `import unittest`

```
class TestOperators(unittest.TestCase):
    def test_add(self):
        self.assertEqual(add(3, 4), 7)

    def test_add_op(self):
        self.assertEqual(operator.add(3,4), 7)
unittest.main(argv=[''], exit=False)
```

unittest Options

- Run only certain tests
  - `argv=['']` # run default set of tests
  - `argv=['', 'TestLists']` # run all test* methods in TestLists
  - `argv=['', 'TestAdd.test_add']` # run test_add in TestAdd
- Show more detailed output
  - By default, one character per test plus listing at end
    - `F.`
    - `.` indicates success, `F` indicates failed, `E` indicates error
  - `verbosity=2`
    - `test_add (__main__.TestAdd) ... FAIL`
      `test_add_op (__main__.TestAdd) ... ok`

Startup and Cleanup for Tests

- `setUp`: instantiate particular objects, read data, etc.
- `tearDown`: get rid of unnecessary objects
- Example: set up a GUI widget that will be tested

```
- def setUp(self):
      self.widget = Widget(some_params)
  def tearDown(self):
      self.widget.dispose()
```

- Also functions for setting up classes and modules

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Mock Testing

- Sometimes we don't want to actually execute all of the code that may be triggered by a particular test
- Examples: code that posts to Twitter, code that deletes files
- We can mock this behavior by substituting the actual methods with mockers
- Can even simulate side effects like having the function being mocked raise an exception signifying the network is done

Mock Examples

- Can check whether/how many times the mocked function was called
- ```
  from unittest.mock import MagicMock
  thing = ProductionClass()
  thing.method = MagicMock(return_value=3)
  thing.method(3, 4, 5, key='value')
  thing.method.assert_called_with(3, 4, 5, key='value')
  ```

- ```
  from unittest.mock import patch
  with patch.object(ProductionClass, 'method',
                    return_value=None) as mock_method:
      thing = ProductionClass()
      thing.method(1, 2, 3)
  mock_method.assert_called_once_with(1, 2, 3)
  ```

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Test 2

- Monday, March 29
- Covers material from the beginning of course, emphasizing material since Test 1
- Similar Format to Test 1

Integration with the Operating System

- For now, focus on the filesystem
  - Listing & Traversing Directories
  - Creating Directories
  - Matching Files
  - Copying, Moving, Removing Files/Directories

- Using Material by Vuyisile Ndlovu:
  - https://realpython.com/working-with-files-in-python/

Modules

- In general, cross-platform! (Linux, Mac, Windows)
- `os`: translations of operating system commands
- `shutil`: better support for file and directory management
- `fnmatch`, `glob`: match filenames, paths
- `os.path`: path manipulations
- `pathlib`: object-oriented approach to path manipulations, also includes some support for matching paths

Directory Listing

- Old approach: `os.listdir`
- New approach: `os.scandir`
  - Uses iterators, object-based, faster (fewer stat calls), returns `DirEntry`
  -
```
with os.scandir('my_directory/') as entries:
    for entry in entries:
        print(entry.name)
```
- Pathlib approach:
  -
```
from pathlib import Path
path = Path('my_directory/')
for entry in path.iterdir():
    print(entry.name)
```

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Listing Files in a Directory

- Difference between file and directory
- `isfile`/`is_file` methods:
  - `os.path.isfile`
  - `DirEntry.is_file`
  - `Path.is_file`
- Test while iterating through
  -
```
from pathlib import Path
basepath = Path('my_directory/')
files_in_basepath = basepath.iterdir()
for item in files_in_basepath:
    if item.is_file():
        print(item.name)
```

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Listing Subdirectories

- Use `isdir`/`is_dir` instead

File Attributes

- Getting information about a file is "stat"-ing it (from the system call name)
- Names are similarly a bit esoteric, use documentation
- `os.stat` or use `.stat` methods on `DirEntry/Path`
- Modification time:

```
- from pathlib import Path
  current_dir = Path('my_directory')
  for path in current_dir.iterdir():
      info = path.stat()
      print(info.st_mtime)
```

- Also can check existence: `path.exists()`

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Making Directories

- Modify the filesystem
- Know where you **currently are** first
  - `os.getcwd()` or `Path.cwd()`: current working directory
- `os.mkdir`: single subdirectory
- `os.makedirs`: multiple subduers
- `pathlib.Path.mkdir`: single or multiple directories
- Can raise exceptions (e.g. file already exists)
- ```
  from pathlib import Path
  p = Path('example_directory/')
  p.mkdir()
  ```

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Filename Pattern Matching

- `string.endswith/startswith`: no wildcards
- `fnmatch`: adds * and ? wildcards to use when matching (**not** just like regex!)
- `glob.glob`: treats filenames starting with . as special
  - can do recursive matchings (e.g. in subdirectories) using `**`
- `pathlib.Path.glob`: object-oriented version of glob
- ```
  from pathlib import Path
  p = Path('.')
  for name in p.glob('*.p*'):
      print(name)
  ```

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Pathname Manipulation

- `os.path.split` returns tuple (dirname, basename)
  - can use `os.path.dirname/basename` to get these only
  - `os.path.split('/path/to/file.txt') # ('/path/to', 'file.txt')`
- `os.path.join`: inverse of split
- `os.path.splitext`: split filename and extension
- `pathlib.Path` has OOP versions:
  - `.parent/.name` == dirname/basename
  - `.stem/.suffix` ~ `splitext`, also `suffixes`
  - `joinpath` ~ `join`

Traversing Directories and Processing Files

- os.walk
- ```
  for dirpath, dirnames, files in os.walk('.'):
      print(f'Found directory: {dirpath}')
      for file_name in files:
          print(file_name)
  ```
- Returns three values on loop iteration:
  1. The name of the current directory
  2. A list of folders in the current directory
  3. A list of files in the current directory
- `topdown` and `followlinks` arguments
- pathlib algorithms exist but DIY

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Temporary Files and Directories

- tempfile knows system directories for storing temporary files
- deletes the file when it is closed
- ```
  from tempfile import TemporaryFile
  with TemporaryFile('w+t') as fp:
      fp.write('Hello universe!')
      fp.seek(0)
      fp.read()
  # File is now closed and removed
  ```
- Can also use in with statement (context manager)
- Can also create temporary directories

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Deleting FIles and Directories

- Files: `os.remove` or `os.unlink`, or `pathlib.Path.unlink`
- ```
  from pathlib import Path
  Path('home/data.txt').unlink()
  ```
- Directories: `rmdir` or `shutil.rmtree`
  - `rmdir` only works if the directory is **empty**
  - **Careful:** this deletes the entire directory (and everything inside it)
    - `shutil.rmtree('my_documents/bad_dir')`

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Copying Files & Directories

- `shutil.copy`: copy file to specified directory
  - `shutil.copy('path/to/file.txt', 'path/to/dest_dir')`
- `shutil.copy2` preserves metadata, same syntax
- Copy entire tree: `shutil.copytree('data_1', 'data1_backup')`

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Moving and Renaming Files/Directories

- Moving files or directories:
  - `shutil.move('dir_1/', 'backup/')`
- Renaming files or directories:
  - `os.rename`
  - `pathlib.Path.rename`
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```
data_file = Path('data_01.txt')
data_file.rename('data.txt')
```

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Archives

- `zipfile`: module to deal with zip files
- `tarfile`: module to deal with tar files, can compress (`tar.gz`)
- Easier: `shutil.make_archive`
  - Specify base name, format, and root directory to archive
  - `shutil.make_archive('data/backup', 'tar', 'data/')`
- To extract, use `shutil.unpack_archive`

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