

Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503/490)

OS Integration

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Debugging

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

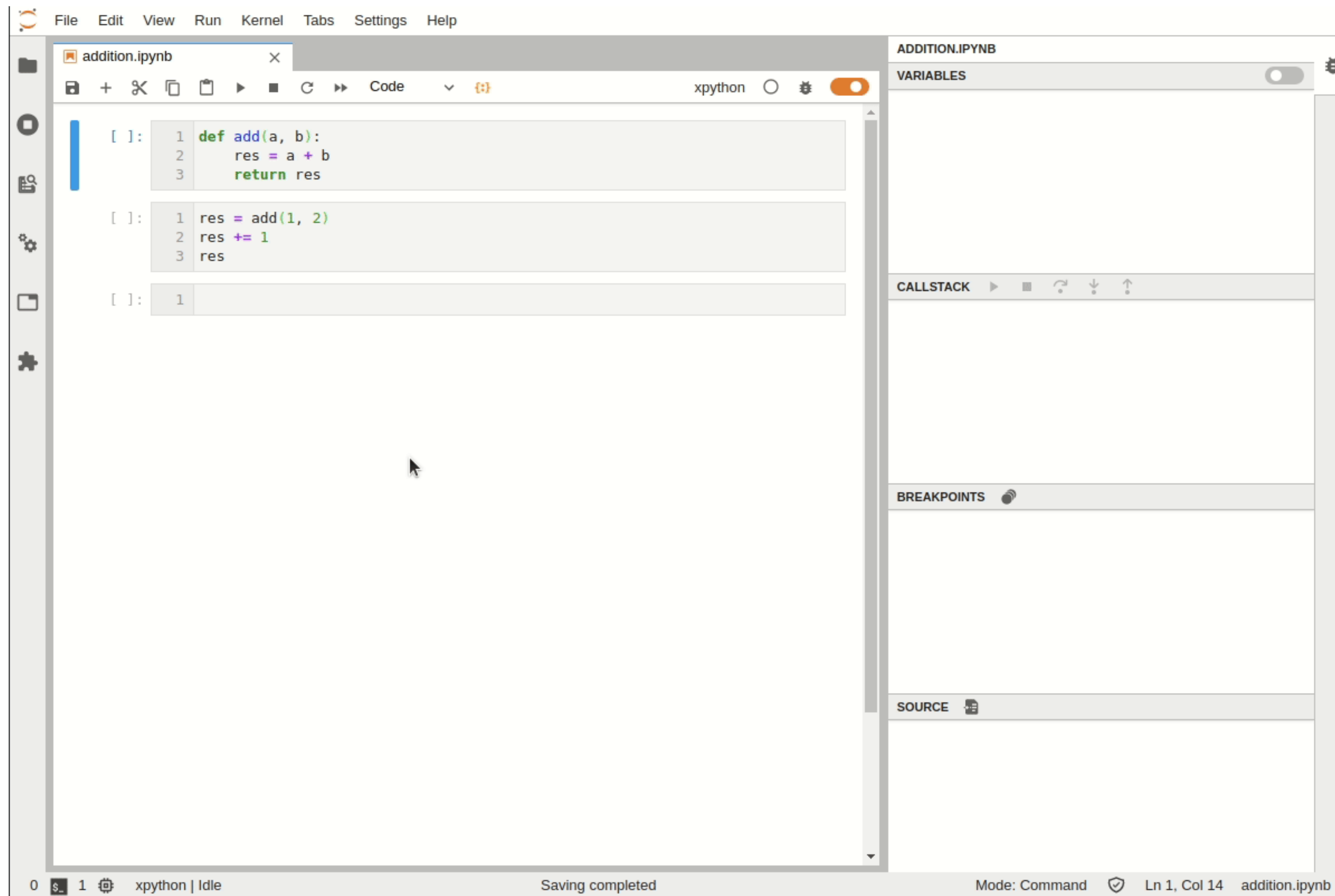
- Allows different levels of output (e.g. DEBUG, INFO, WARNING, ERROR, CRITICAL)
- Can output to a file as well as stdout/stderr
- Can configure to suppress certain levels or filter messages
- ```
import logging
logger = logging.Logger('my-logger')
logger.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
def my_function(a,b):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

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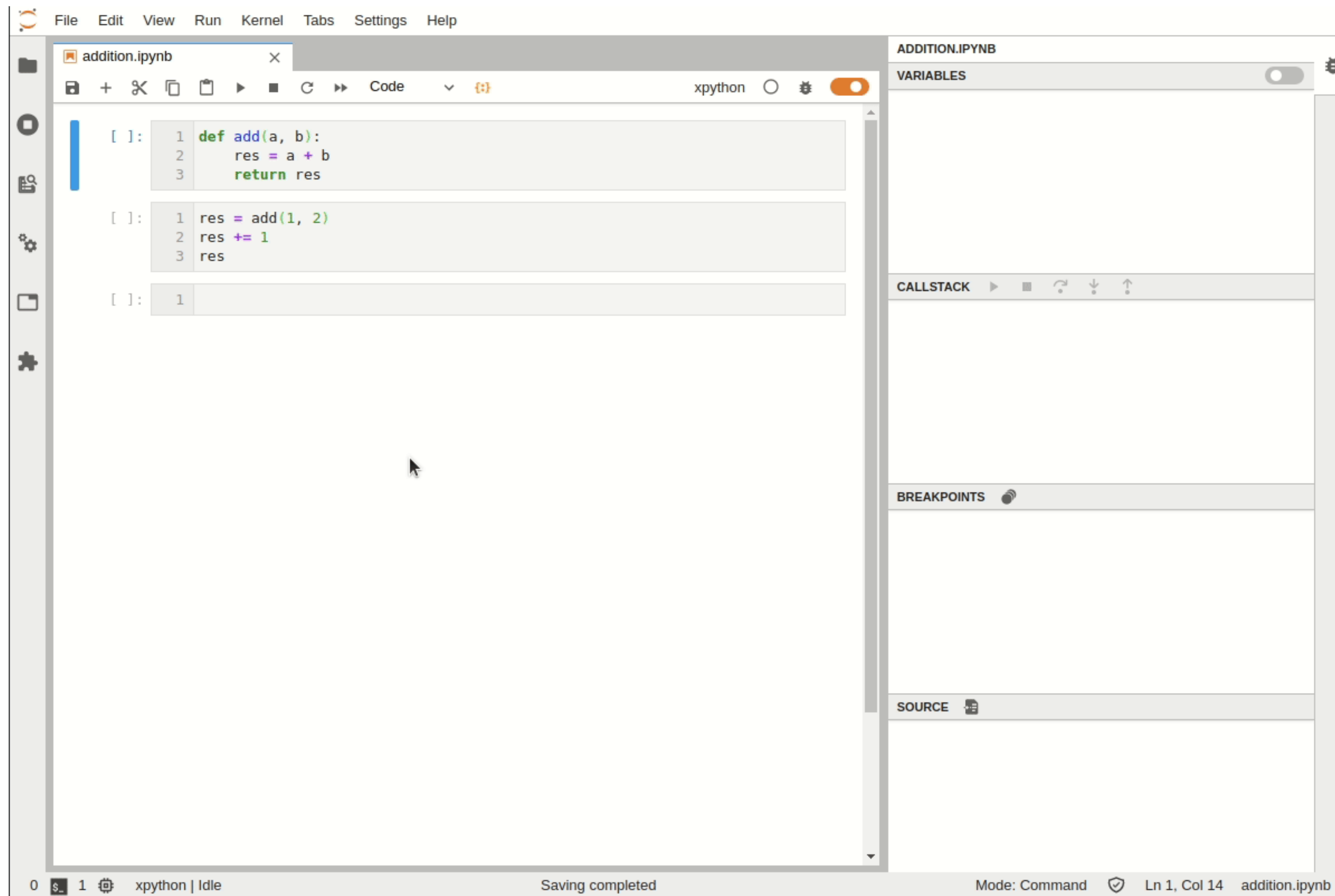
- Debuggers offer the ability to inspect and interact with code as it is running
  - Post-mortem inspection (`%debug`, `python -m pdb`)
  - Breakpoints (just call `breakpoint()`)
- pdb is standard Python, also an ipdb variant for IPython/notebooks
  - `p` [print expressions]: Print expressions, comma 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

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# Testing



# Testing via Print/If Statements

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- 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

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- 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

# unittest

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- Subclass from `unittest.TestCase`, write `test_*` functions
- Use `assert*` instance functions
- `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)
```

# Lots of Assertions

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- `assertEqual/assertNotEqual`: smart about lists/tuples/etc.
- `assertLess/assertGreater/assertLessEqual/assertGreaterEqual`
- `assertAlmostEqual`: allows for floating-point arithmetic errors
- `assertTrue/assertFalse`: check boolean assertions
- `assertIsNone`: check for `None` values
- `assertIn`: check containment
- `assertIsInstance`
- `assertRegex`: check that a regex matches
- `assertRaises`: check that a particular exception is raised

# Test Options

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- 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

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- `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

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

- Wednesday, April 6
- 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)`

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

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- Use `isdir/is_dir` instead
  - ```
from pathlib import Path
basepath = Path('my_directory/')
files_in_basepath = basepath.iterdir()
for item in files_in_basepath:
    if item.is_dir():
        print(item.name)
```

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()`



# Making Directories

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


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('*.*'):
 print(name)
```

# Pathname Manipulation

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- `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
  - `/` operator (also `joinpath` ~ `join`)

# Traversing Directories and Processing Files

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- `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 subdirectories in the current directory
 3. A list of files in the current directory
- `topdown` and `followlinks` arguments
- `pathlib` algorithms exist but DIY

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

# Deleting Files and Directories

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- 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')`

# Copying Files & Directories

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- `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')`

# Moving and Renaming Files/Directories

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



# Archives

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- `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`