

Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503/490)

Testing & OS Integration

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Exception Locality

- Generally, want try statement to be specific to a part of the code

- `try:`

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        lines = f.readlines()
```

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```

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```

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Try Block Clauses

- `try`: the block of code the handling applies to
- `except`: handle an exception
 - Can be multiple `except` clauses, only first matching clause is executed
- `else`: executed if there are no exceptions
- `finally`: executed no matter what, even if exception is not handled
- Nesting is allowed
 - E.g., can have a `try-except` inside a `finally` clause

Raising Exceptions

- Use `raise` keyword (not `throw` like other languages)
 - `raise ValueError('a must be between 3 and 10')`
- Can also reraise an exception in an `except` clause
 - `except FileNotFoundError as e:`
 `print("Missing file", e.filename)`
 `raise e`

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
```

Debugging: 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)
```

Assignment 6

- Object-Oriented Programming
- Classes to create a university registrar
 - Inheritance
 - Representations
 - Property
 - Exceptions
- Due next Friday, best to complete **before** the second test

Test 2

- Wednesday, April 1, 9:30-10:45am, PM 203
- Emphasis on material covered since Test 1 (including string processing)
- Same Format:
 - Multiple Choice
 - Free Response
 - CSCI 503 Students will have an extra double-page

Python Debugger (pdb)

- Debuggers offer the ability to inspect and interact with code as it is running
 - Define breakpoints as places to stop code and enter the debugger
 - Commands to inspect variables and step through code
 - Different types of steps (into, over, continue)
 - Can have multiple breakpoints in a piece of code
- There are a number of debuggers like those built into IDEs (e.g. PyCharm)
- pdb is standard Python, also an ipdb variant for IPython/notebooks

Python Debugger

- Post-mortem inspection:
 - In the notebook, use `%debug` in a new cell to inspect at the line that raised the exception
 - Can have this happen all the time using `%pdb` magic
 - Brings up a new panel that allows debugging interactions
 - In a script, run the script using `pdb`:
 - `python -m pdb my_script.py`

Python Debugger

- Breakpoints
 - To set a breakpoint, simply add a `breakpoint()` call in the code
 - Before Python 3.7, this required `import pdb; pdb.set_trace()`
 - Run the cell/script as normal and `pdb` will start when it hits the breakpoint

```
> <ipython-input-1-792bb5fe2598>(3)divide()
  1 def process(a, b):
  2     def divide(c, d):
----> 3         return c / d
  4     return divide(a+b, a-b)
  5 result = []

ipdb>
```

Python Debugger Commands

- `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
- `l` [list code]: list source code (ipdb does this already), also `ll` (fewer lines)
- `b` [breakpoints]: list or set new breakpoint (with line number)
- `w` [print stack trace]: Prints the stack (like what notebook shows during traceback), `u` and `d` commands move up/down the stack
- `q` [quit]: quit
- `h` [help]: help (there are many other commands)

Jupyter Debugging Support

The screenshot displays the JupyterLab interface for a file named 'addition.ipynb'. The main editor area contains three code cells:

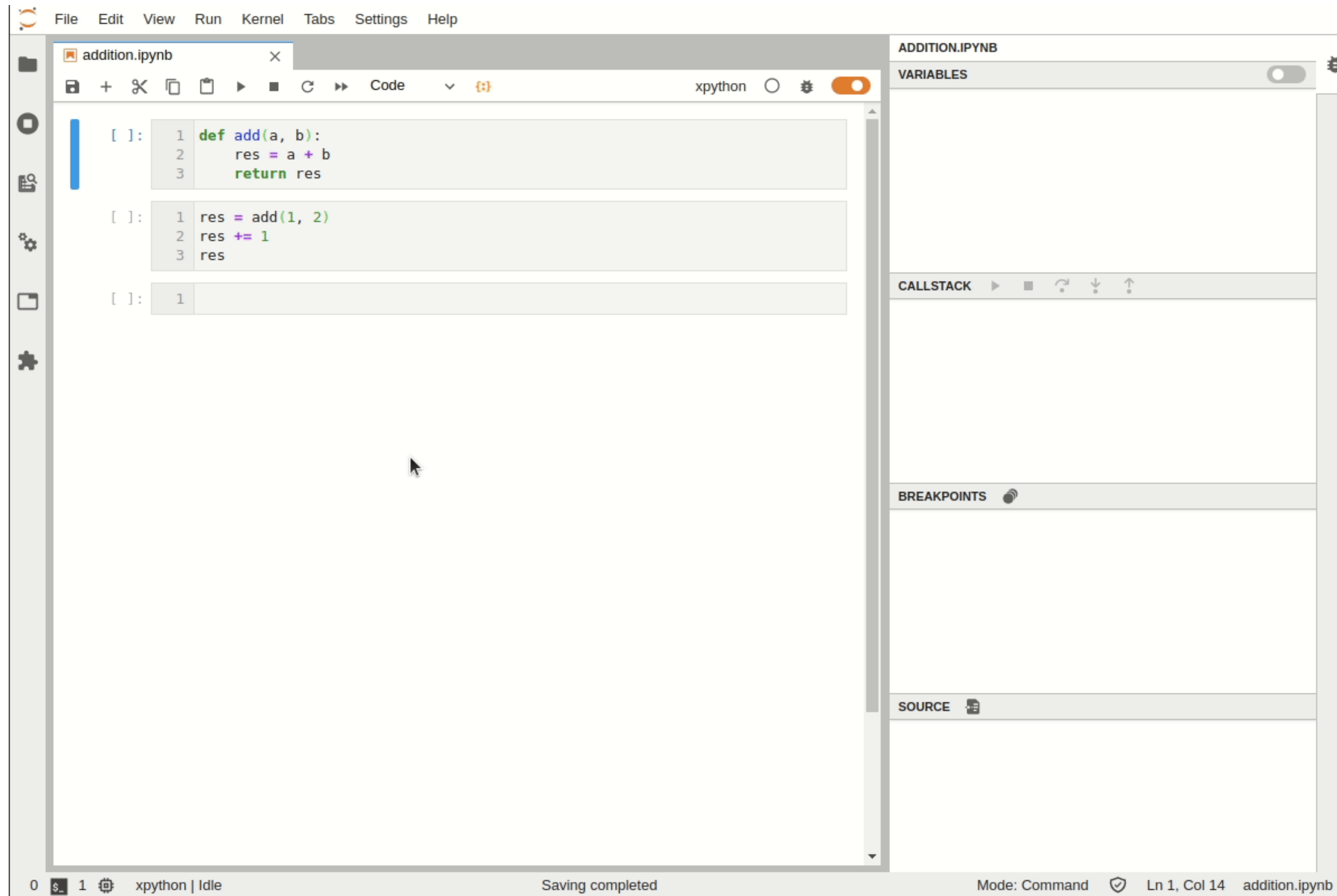
```
[ ]: 1 def add(a, b):  
      2     res = a + b  
      3     return res  
  
[ ]: 1 res = add(1, 2)  
      2 res += 1  
      3 res  
  
[ ]: 1
```

The right sidebar features several debugging-related panels:

- VARIABLES**: A panel for viewing the current state of variables, currently empty.
- CALLSTACK**: A panel for viewing the call stack, currently empty.
- BREAKPOINTS**: A panel for managing breakpoints, currently empty.
- SOURCE**: A panel for viewing the source code of the current function, currently empty.

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Saving completed' and 'Mode: Command'. The current cursor position is 'Ln 1, Col 14' in 'addition.ipynb'.

Jupyter Debugging Support



How do you test code?

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
- Try to cover different functions that may or may not be called
- Write functions that test code
- ```
def add(a, b):
 return a + b + 1
def test_add():
 assert add(3,4) == 7, "add not working"
def test_operator():
 assert operator.add(3,4) == 7, "__add__ not working"
```
- If we just call these in a program, first error stops all testing

# Unit Testing Framework

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- unittest: built in to Python Standard Library
  - nose2: nose tests, was nose, now nose2 (some nicer filtering options)
  - pytest: extra features like restarting tests from last failed test
  - doctest: built-in, allows test specification in docstrings
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- With the exception of doctest, the frameworks allow the same specification of tests

# 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)
```

# Running Unit Tests

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- Command-Line:
  - File: `python -m unittest list`
  - Class: `python -m unittest list.TestLists`
  - Method: `python -m unittest list.TestLists.test_append`
- Notebook (basically specifying arguments via a function):
  - Notebook: `unittest.main(argv=[''], exit=False)`
  - Class: `unittest.main(argv=['', 'TestLists'], exit=False)`
  - Method: `unittest.main(argv=['', 'TestLists.test_append'], 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)
```

[[Python Documentation](#)]

OS Integration

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

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- 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)
```

Listing Subdirectories

- 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

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- 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

- 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

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- `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

- `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

- `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

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- 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