Introduction to Python Programming

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Let’s digress for a moment discussing the language...
Python Language History

History

- Python was started in the late 80’s.
- It was intended to be both easy to teach and industrial strength.
- It is (has always been) open-source.
- In the last 10 years, it has become one of the most widely used languages (top 10).
The current versions of Python are 2.7 and 3.4
This class assumes you have 2.6–2.7
There are some small differences when compared to version 3.x
What is a Computer?

1. Memory
2. Processor
3. Magic
1. Objects
2. Operations on objects
3. Magic
print "Hello World"
Running Python

1. From a file
2. Interactively
helloworld.py

```python
print 'Hello World'
```
Running a Program

1. Shell
2. IDE
Let me show you a demonstration...
More Complex Example

What is 25 times 5?
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What is 25 times 5?

```python
print 25 * 5
```
name = 2
other = 3
yetanother = name + other
name = 5
print yetanother + name
Blackboard demonstration
if <condition>:
    <statement 1>
    <statement 2>
else:
    <statement 3>
print 'Before testing. . .'
if 3.3*9.2 > 30:
    print 'Greater than 30'
else:
    print 'Smaller or equal'
print 'After'
print 'Before testing.'
if 3.3*9.2 > 31:
    print 'Greater than 31'
elif 3.3*9.2 > 30:
    print 'Greater than 30'
else:
    print 'Smaller or equal'
print 'After'
print 'Before testing. . .'
v = 3.3*9.2
if v > 31:
    print 'Greater than 31'
elif v > 30:
    print 'Greater than 30'
else:
    print 'Smaller or equal'
print 'After'
Lists

students = [ 'Luis', 'Mark', 'Rita']

print students[0]
print students[1]
print students[2]
Loops

students = [ 'Luis', 'Mark', 'Rita', ... ]

for st in students:
    print st
Example

values = [0.11, -0.23, -0.16, 0.18, 0.23, 0.19]
Example

```python
values = [0.11, -0.23, -0.16, 0.18, 0.23, 0.19]

total = 0
for v in values:
    total = total + v
print total
```
Exercise

- How do you obtain the number of elements in a list?
- Use this to compute the mean of a list of numbers
Example

```
values = [0.11, -0.23, -0.16, 0.18, 0.23, 0.19]

total = 0.0
total2 = 0.0
for v in values:
    total = total + v
    total2 = total2 + v * v

mu = total/len(values)
mu2 = total2/len(values)
print 'Average: {0}'.format(mu)
print 'Std Dev: {0}'.format(mu2 - mu*mu)
```
values = [0.11, -0.23, -0.16, 0.18, 0.23, 0.19]

total = 0.0
total2 = 0.0
for v in values:
    total += v
    total2 += v * v

mu = total/len(values)
mu2 = total2/len(values)
print 'Average: {0}'.format(mu)
print 'Std Dev: {0}'.format(mu2 - mu*mu)
Example

```python
dimensions = [0.11, -0.23, -0.16, 0.18, 0.23, 0.19]

mu = 0.0
mu2 = 0.0
for v in values:
    mu += v
    mu2 += v * v

mu /= len(values)
mu2 /= len(values)
print 'Average: {0}'.format(mu)
print 'Std Dev: {0}'.format(mu2 - mu*mu)
```

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mu = 0.0
mu2 = 0.0
for v in values:
    mu += v
    mu2 += v * v

mu /= len(values)
mu2 /= len(values)
print 'Average: {0}'.format(mu)
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```python
values = [0.11, -0.23, -0.16, 0.18, 0.23, 0.19]

mu = 0.0
mu2 = 0.0
n = 0.0
for v in values:
    if v >= 0.0:
        mu += v
        mu2 += v * v
        n += 1

mu /= n
mu2 /= n
print 'Average: {0}'.format(mu)
print 'Std Dev: {0}'.format(mu2 - mu*mu)
```
Greatest Common Divisor (Euclid’s Method)

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gcd(a, b) = \begin{cases} 
  a & \text{if } b = a \\
  gcd(a - b, b) & \text{if } a > b \\
  gcd(a, b - a) & \text{o.w.}
\end{cases}
\]
Loops (II)

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\end{cases}$$

\[
a = 9344 \\
b = 6497
\]

```python
while a != b:
    if a > b:
        a, b = a - b, b
    else:
        a, b = a, b - a
print a
```

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Python So Far

Python

1. Basic types: int, float, list
2. Control flow: for, while, if, else, elif
List Indexing

students = ['Luis', 'Rita', 'Sabah', 'Grace']
print students[0]
print students[1:2]
print students[1:]
print students[-1]
print students[-2]
Tuples (I)

A = (0, 1, 2)
B = (1, )

print A[0]
print len(B)
Tuples are like immutable lists.
Dictionaries

- Dictionaries are **associative arrays**.

```python
gene2ensembl = {}
gene2ensembl[ 'SMAD9' ] = 'ENSG00000120693'
gene2ensembl[ 'ZNF670' ] = 'ENSG00000135747'

print gene2ensembl[ 'SMAD9' ]
```
gene2expression = {
    'SMAD9' : 12.3,
    'ZNF670' : 4.3,
}

print len(gene2ensembl)
print gene2ensembl.keys()