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Outline

Introduction to Python

ABAQUS Scripting (an example)

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Python

- Python is an open source scripting language.
- Developed by Guido van Rossum in the early 1990s
- Named after Monty Python
- Available for download from http://www.python.org



Outline

- Data
 - -strings, variables, lists, dictionaries
- Control Flow
- Working with files
- Functions
- Classes
- Modules

Strings

- A string is a single piece of text.
 - Strings are written '...' or "..."

```
>>> "the king of spain"
the king of spain
>>> 'the king said "hello."'
the king said "hello."
```

Spaces are significant

```
>>> ' the knights of ni '
the knights of ni
```

Backslashes mark special characters

```
>>>'hello\nworld' # '\n' is a newline
hello
world
```

Operations on Strings

```
>>> 'the' + 'king'
'theking'
>>> len('the df')
6
>>> 'the df'.count('the')
1
>>> 'the king'.replace('the', 'a')
'a king'
>>> 'the king'.upper()
'THE KING'
>>> ' hello there '.strip()
'hello there'
```

Variables

- A variable is a name for a value.
 - Use "=" to assign values to variables.

```
>>> first_name = 'John'
>>> last_name = 'Smith'
>>> first_name + ' ' + last_name
'John Smith'
```

- Variable names are case sensitive
- Variable names include only letters, numbers, and "_"
- Variable names start with a letter or "_"
- Any variable can hold any value (no typing)

Lists

- A list is an ordered set of values
 - Lists are written [elto, elto,..., elto,-1]

```
>>> [1, 3, 8]
[1, 3, 8]
>>> ['the', 'king', 'of', ['spain', 'france']]
>>> []
>>> [1, 2, 'one', 'two']
```

- 1st[i] is the ith element of 1st.
- Elements are indexed from zero

```
>>> words = ['the', 'king', 'of', 'spain']
>>> words[0]
'the'
>>> words[2]
'of'
```

Indexing Lists

```
>>> lst = ['a', 'b', 'c', ['d', 'e']]
                                    # 0th element
>>> lst[0]
'a'
>>> lst[-2]
                                    # N-2<sup>th</sup> element
1 C.1
                                    # sub list access
>>> lst[-1][0]
'd'
                                    # elements in [0, 2)
>>> lst[0:2]
['a', 'b']
                                    # elements in [2, N)
>>> lst[2:]
['c', ['d', 'e']]
      'a' , 'b' , 'c' , ['d', 'e'] ]
                      2
      0
      -4
```

Operations on Lists

```
>>> determiners = ['the', 'an', 'a']
>>> len(determiners)
3
>>> determiners + ['some', 'one']
['the', 'an', 'a', 'some', 'one']
>>> determiners
['the', 'an', 'a']
>>> determiners.index('a')
2
>>> [1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 4, 3, 6].count(1)
3
```

Operations on Lists

```
>>> determiners
['the', 'an', 'a']
>>> del determiners[2]  # remove the element at 2
>>> determiners.append('every')  # insert at the end of the list
>>> determiners.insert(1, 'one')  # insert at the given index
>>> determiners
['the', 'one', 'an', 'every']
>>> determiners.sort()  # sort alphabetically
>>> determiners
['an', 'every', 'one', 'the']
>>> determiners.reverse()  # reverse the order
['the', 'one', 'every', 'an']
```

Lists and Strings

Converting strings to lists:

```
>>> list('a man')  # get a list of characters

['a', '', 'm', 'a', 'n']

>>> 'a man'.split()  # get a list of words

['a', 'man']
```

Converting lists to strings:

```
>>> str (['a', 'man']) a representation of the list
"['a', 'man']"
>>> '-'.join(['a', 'man']) # combine the list
into one string
'a-man'
```

```
>>> i=2
>>> 'job-'+str(i)
'job-2'
```

Dictionaries

- A dictionary maps keys to values
 - Like a list, but indexes (keys) can be anything, not just integers.

```
- Dictionaries are written {key:val, ...}
>>> numbers = {`one':1, `two':2, `three':3}
```

- Dictionaries are indexed with dict[key]

```
>>> numbers['three']
3
>>> numbers['four'] = 4
```

- Dictionaries are unordered.

Operations on Dictionaries

True and False

if statement

```
if i > 3:
body {    del mdb.models['Model-1'].steps['load']
    print 'deleted the load step'
```

- Indentation is used to mark the body.
- Note the ":" at the end of the if line.

if-elif-else statement

```
if i == 5:
body1

del mdb.models['Model-1'].steps['preload']
    print 'deleted the preload step'
elif i == 6:
body2

del mdb.models['Model-1'].steps['load']
    print 'deleted the load step'
else:
body3{
    i
```

- Indentation is used to mark the body.
- Note the ":" at the end of the if line.

while Statement

```
while x < 1000:
x = x*x+3
```

- Indentation is used to mark the body.
- Note the ":" at the end of the if line.

for statement

```
for n in [1, 8, 12]:
    print n*n+n

range()

for n in range(0, 10):
    print n*n
```

- Indentation is used to mark the body.
- Note the ":" at the end of the if line.

Working with Files

To read a file:

```
>>> for line in open('corpus.txt', 'r').readlines()
... print line
```

To write to a file:

```
>>> outfile = open('output.txt', 'w')
>>> outfile.write(my_string)
>>> outfile.close()
```

• Example:

```
>>> outfile = open('output.txt', 'w')
>>> for line in open('corpus.txt', 'r').readlines()
... outfile.write(line.replace('a', 'some'))
>>> outfile.close()
```

Functions

- A function is a reusable piece of a program.
- Functions are defined with def

```
>>> def square(x):
... return x*x
>>> print square(8)
64

>>> def power(x, exp=2): #exp defaults to 2
... if x <= 0: return 1
... else: return x*power(x, exp-1)</pre>
```

Classes

- A class acts as the object which contains variables and operations (or methods)
- The simplest class:

```
>>> class Simple: pass
```

 Class objects are created with the constructor, which has the same name as the class:

```
>>> obj = Simple()
```

Variables are accessed as obj.var

```
>>> obj.x = 3
```

An Example Class

```
>>> class Account:
...     def __init__(self, initial):
...         self.balance = initial
...     def deposit(self, amt):
...         self.balance = self.balance + amt
...     def withdraw(self,amt):
...         self.balance = self.balance - amt
...     def getbalance(self):
...     return self.balance
```

- __init__ defines the constructor
- self is the object that is being manipulated.
 - It is the first argument to every method.

Using the example class

```
>>> a = Account(1000.00)
>>> a.deposit(550.23)
>>> print a.getbalance()
1550.23
>>> a.deposit(100)
>>> a.withdraw(50)
>>> print a.getbalance()
1600.23
```

Modules

- A module is a collection of useful operations and objects.
- Access modules with import

```
>>> import Odb # regular expressions
```

• Or use from...import

```
>>> from abaqus import *
```





