

The first lecture

- this module consists of two pieces of coursework
 - in the first term, [Missile Command/Marble Madness](#) ([CS2S566_CW1_missile.pdf](#)) implemented in Python and Pygame
 - in the second term, a game implemented in C#
- both pieces of coursework are worth 50%

Python

- Python is a scripting language

Python Gotha's

- blocks are defined by indentation!
- turn off tabs in your favourite editor
- in your own programs examples never create a name clash with a Python library module

Python verses similar tools

- Python is a scripting language
 - it can be compiled if necessary to increase speed

- is more powerful than many other scripting languages, Tcl
 - applicable to larger systems development (games, net admin)

- has a much cleaner syntax than Perl
 - easier to maintain

- does not compete head on with Java
 - Java is a systems language like C++

Python and games

- [examples of games which use Python](http://wiki.python.org/moin/PythonGames) `<http://wiki.python.org/moin/PythonGames>`

Python can be simple

- ```
#!/usr/bin/python
print "hello world"
```

# Python Modules allow for problem decomposition

- similar to Modula-2

- ```
#!/usr/bin/python  
  
title = "hello world"
```

- above is called `myfile.py`

- ```
#!/usr/bin/python

import myfile
print myfile.title
```

- when run prints hello world

## Alternative import

- ```
#!/usr/bin/python

from myfile import title
print title
```
- note that all python modules need to be saved as *name.py*
 - so in our example the module `myfile` was saved into a file called `myfile.py`

Python builtin types

- python contains many builtin types
 - use them..
- builtin objects make simple programs easy to understand
 - lists, dictionaries, exist, don't reinvent the wheel
- built in objects are more efficient than custom data types

Builtin objects



numbers	3.14159, 1234
strings	'spam', "fred's"
lists	[1, [2, 'three'], 4]
dictionaries	{'food':'spam', 'taste':'yum'}
tuples	(1, 'spam', 4, 'U')
files	text=open('/etc/passwd', 'r').read()

Expression operators



or, and, not	logical operators (short circuit)
<, <=, >, >=, ==, <>, !=	comparison operators
x y	bitwise or
z & y	bitwise and
x << y	shift left by y bits
x >> y	shift right by y bits
x[i]	indexing
x[i:y]	slicing
x.y	qualifying (imports)
x(y)	function calls

Strings

- concatenation via +
 - repeated via *

- ```
#!/usr/bin/python
print "hi " * 4
```

- yields

- ```
hi hi hi hi
```

Slicing

- given a string, `s = "hello world"`
 - can obtain portion of string via: `s[2:5]`
 - yields: `llo`

- first character has index 0
 - and also -11
 - last character index is 10 in this example
 - last character index is also -1

- negative values start at right and move to the left

- strings can be sliced using positive and negative values

Using dir

- often you may wish to see what methods a module provides
 - run python interactively

```
python
Python 1.5.2
>>> import string
>>> dir(string)
['capitalize', 'capwords', 'center', 'count', \
 'digits', 'expandtabs', 'find', 'hexdigits', \
 'index', 'index_error', 'join', 'joinfields', \
 'letters', 'ljust', 'lower', 'lowercase', \
 'lstrip', 'maketrans', 'octdigits', 'replace', \
 'rfind', 'rindex', 'rjust', 'rstrip', 'split', \
 'splitfields', 'strip', 'swapcase', \
 'upper', 'uppercase', 'whitespace', 'zfill']
```

- displays methods available

Methods and documentation

- [python online docs](http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/python/html/index.html) `<http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/python/html/index.html>`
 - under GNU/Linux

- tutorial/laboratory
 - read through the online tutorial under the web address above
 - read about functions and scope rules
 - name resolution, LGB rule
 - local, global, builtin scope

Statements

- assignment, calls, print, if/else/elif, for, while, break/continue
- try, except, raise,
- def, return
 - function definitions and returning values

Statements

- class
- assert
- exec
- del
- global

Example 8 times table

```
#!/usr/bin/python  
  
for n in range(1, 13):  
    print n, "x 8 =", n*8
```

Example 8 times table

```
python eight.py  
1 x 8 = 8  
2 x 8 = 16  
3 x 8 = 24  
4 x 8 = 32  
5 x 8 = 40  
6 x 8 = 48  
7 x 8 = 56  
8 x 8 = 64  
9 x 8 = 72  
10 x 8 = 80  
11 x 8 = 88  
12 x 8 = 96
```

Example of for loop

```
#!/usr/bin/python

for n in range(2, 10):
    print 'n is', n
else:
    print 'finished for loop, n is', n
```

Example of for loop


```
./py7.py  
n is 2  
n is 3  
n is 4  
n is 5  
n is 6  
n is 7  
n is 8  
n is 9  
finished for loop, n is 9
```

Tricky example code

```
#!/usr/bin/python

for n in range(2, 10):
    print 'n is', n
    for x in range (2, n):
        print 'x is', x
        if n % x == 0:
            print n, 'equals', x, '*', n/x
            break
    else:
        print n, 'is a prime number'
```

Tricky example code



```
./py6.py  
2 is a prime number  
3 is a prime number  
4 equals 2 * 2  
5 is a prime number  
6 equals 2 * 3  
7 is a prime number  
8 equals 2 * 4  
9 equals 3 * 3
```

Graphical hello world as an example of Python simplicity

```
#!/usr/bin/python

import Tkinter

def makebutton(message):
    w = Tkinter.Button(text=message, command='exit')
    w.pack()
    w.mainloop()

makebutton("Hello world")
```


Tutorial

- to undertake these tutorials you will need to refer to the [python online docs](http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/python/html/index.html) (`http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/python/html/index.html`)

- write a program using a while loop
 - to write out the nine times table

- write a program using a for loop
 - to write out the seven times table

- write a program using a function and if else statement
 - to write out the 3 times table