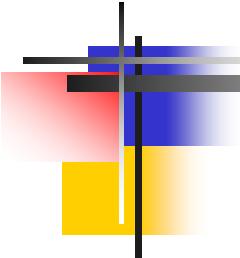


Python (& Jython) introduction

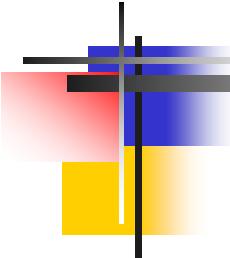
for C++ and Java programmers

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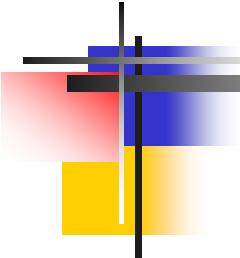
Python is... lots of nice buzzwords....

- a Very-High-Level Language (VHLL)
- clean, spare syntax
- simple, regular, orthogonal semantics
- **high-productivity**
- open-source, cross-platform
- object-oriented
- ...



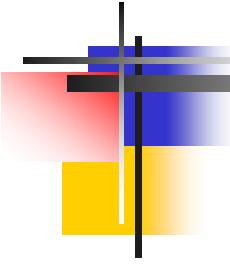
Python is... a lot like Java....:

- compiler to bytecode + VM/interpreter
 - however, compilation is implicit ("auto-make")
- everything (in 2.2) inherits from object
- consistent "**object-reference**" semantics
 - assignment, argument-passing, ...
 - applies to numbers too (immutable, like strings)
- large, powerful standard library
- introspection, serialization, threading...



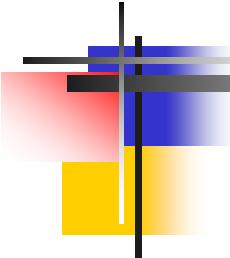
Python is... a lot like C++....:

- multi-paradigm
 - object-oriented, procedural, ...
- multiple inheritance
- operator overloading
- **signature-based polymorphism**
 - as if “everything was a template”... w/ clean syntax
- choices, choices everywhere
 - GUIs, Web server frameworks, COM/Corba/...



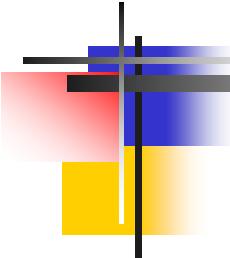
Python is... quite unlike either...:

- strong but dynamic typing
 - **objects** have (strong) types, **names** don't
 - no declarations -- only statements
- clean syntax, minimal "chart-junk"
 - blocks have no { } -- just indentation
 - if/while have no ()
- most everything is a first-class object
 - including classes, functions, modules, packages...



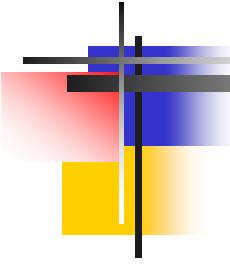
Python versions/releases

- **Classic Python:** currently 2.2 -> 2.3
 - implemented in 1990-level ISO C
- **Jython:** currently 2.1 -> (2.2/2.3)
 - implemented as 100% pure Java
 - deploy just like Java, on a JVM
 - **transparently** use/extend/implement arbitrary Java classes and interfaces / compile to Java / ...
- **Others:** experimental/research level
 - Python.NET , PyPy , Vyper (O'CAML), ...



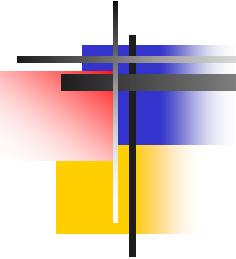
Python resources on the net

- [http:// www.python.org](http://www.python.org)
 - just about everything: downloads, docs, mailing lists, SIGs, pointers to [whatever], ...
 - <http://www.python.org/ftp/python/2.3/Python-2.3a2.exe>
- <http://www.jython.org>
 - mostly Jython-specific stuff
- <news:comp.lang.python>
 - any kind of question, request, discussion
- <http://www.google.com> (no, **really!!!**)



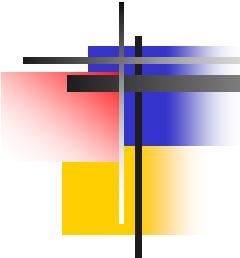
Python fundamentals

- **interactive interpreter (text and IDLE)**
 - mostly for trying things out, or as a calculator
 - prompts with `>>>`, shows expressions' results
- **program files (afile.py, afile.pyc, ...)**
 - for most uses; compilation is automatic
- **assignment** (simplest form):
 - `name = <any expression>`
 - creates name if needed, binds it to the value
 - names are not declared, and have no type per se



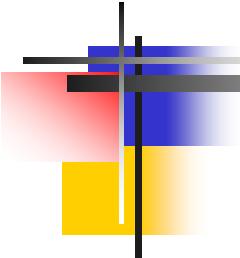
assignments, print

```
myvar = 'hello'      # creates a name
myvar = 23           # rebinds name
question = answer = 42
myvar, answer = answer, myvar
print myvar, answer, question
42, 23, 42
if myvar<20: myvar = 10  # not executed
if myvar>40: myvar = 50  # executed
print myvar
50
```



conditional statements

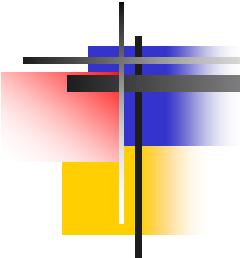
```
if question>30:      # 'if' guards a suite
    question = 20     #   the suite is shown
    x = 33            #   by its indentation
else:                  # optional 'else'
    x = 99            #   indentation again
if x<30: myvar = 10    # not met
elif x<40: myvar = 20   # met
elif x<50: myvar = 40   # not evaluated
else: myvar = 40        # this neither
print x, question, myvar
33 20 20
```



comparisons, tests, truth

equality, identity: == != is is not
order: < > <= >=
containment: in not in
comparisons **chain**: 5<x<9 a==b==c

false: any ==0, "", None, empty containers
true: every other value
in Python 2.2.1 and higher:
False==0, True==1
bool(x) gives True or False



short-circuit and/or; not

and/or short-circuit and *return either operand*:

`x = y and z` is like: if `y: x=z`
else: `x=y`

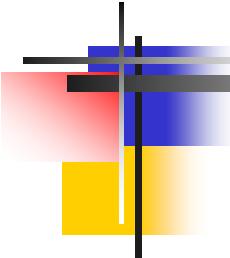
`x = y or z` is like: if `y: x=y`
else: `x=z`

`print 0 and 0j, 0j and 0, 0 or 0j, 0j or 0`
`0 0j 0j 0`

`x = not y` is like: if `y: x=0 # True (2.2)`
else: `x=1 # False`

`print not 0, not 1, not 0j, not 1j # 2.3`

`True False True False`



numbers

int (usually 32-bit) and long (unlimited precision):

```
print 2**100
```

1267650600228229401496703205376

float (usually 64-bit IEEE):

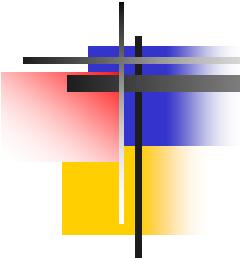
```
print 2**100.0
```

1.26765060023e+030

complex (float real and imag parts):

```
print 2**100.0j
```

(0.980130165912+0.19835538276j)



arithmetic

add, subtract, multiply, power: + - * **
division (true, truncating, mod): / // %
bitwise and shift: ~ & | ^ << >>
built-in functions: abs divmod max min
pow round
conversions: complex float int long

```
print 2**100%999, pow(2,100,999)  
160 160
```



loops

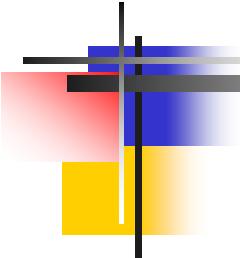
```
while myvar>10: myvar -= 7
print myvar
3
for i in 0, 1, 2, 3: print i**2,
0 1 4 9
for i in range(4): print i**2,      # "UBX"
0 1 4 9
```

while and for normally control suites (blocks)
may contain **break**, **continue**
optional **else** clause == "natural termination"



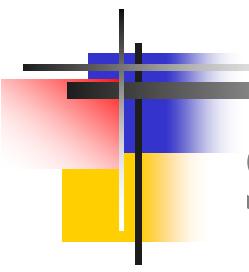
files (example: copying)

```
fin = open('in','r')    # or just open('in')
fou = open('ou','w')   # 'a', 'r+', 'wb'...
fou.write(fin.read())      # or:
data=fin.read(); fou.write(data) # or:
fou.writelines(fin.readlines()) # or:
for line in fin: fou.write(line) # 2.2/+
fin.close()      # good practice, but only
fou.close()      # "mandatory" in Jython
```



strings (example: file-listing)

```
# in 2.3:  
for lineNumber, lineText in enumerate(fin):  
    fou.write('Line number %s: %s'  
              % (lineNumber+1, lineText))  
  
# or, in 2.2:  
lineNumber = 0  
for lineText in fin:  
    lineNumber += 1  
  
    ...  
  
# or, in 2.1:  
lineNumber = 0  
for lineText in fin.readlines():  
    ...
```



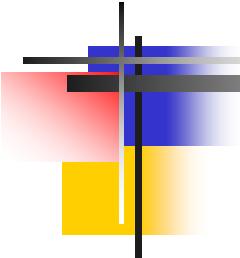
strings are sequences

```
for c in 'ciao': print c,  
c i a o
```

```
print len('cip'), 'i' in 'cip', 'x' in 'cip'  
3 True False # or 3 1 0 in 2.2  
# also: 'ia' in 'ciao' -- but, 2.3 only
```

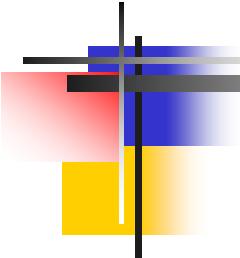
```
print 'Oxford'[2], 'Oxford'[1:4]  
f xfo
```

```
print 'ci'+ 'ao', 'cip'*3, 4 * 'pic'  
ciao cipcipcip picpicpicpic
```



lists are heterogeneous vectors

```
x = [1, 2, 'beoop', 94]  
  
x[1] = 'plik'      # lists are mutable  
print x  
[1, 'plik', 'beoop', 94]  
  
x[1:2] = [6,3,9]    # can assign to slices  
print x  
[1, 6, 3, 9, 'beoop', 94]  
  
print [it*it for it in x[:4]]  
[1, 36, 9, 81]
```



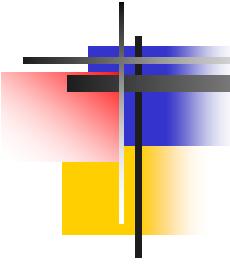
lists are also sequences

```
print x
[1, 6, 3, 9, 'beboop', 94]
for it in x: print it,
1 6 3 9 beboop 94

print len(x), 6 in x, 99 in x
6 True False # or 3 1 0 in 2.2

print x[2], x[1:5]
3 [6, 3, 9, 'beboop']

print [1]+[2], [3,4]*3
[1, 2] [3, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4]
```



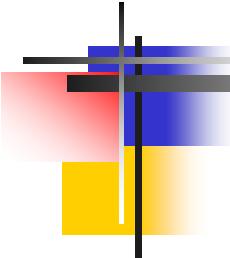
sequence indexing and slicing

```
x = 'helloworld'  
print x[1], x[-3]  
e r
```

```
print x[:2], x[2:], x[:-3], x[-3:]  
he lloworl d he llowo rld
```

```
print x[2:6], x[2:-3], x[5:99]  
llow llowo worl d
```

```
# step is only allowed in Python 2.3:  
print x[::-2], x[-3:4:-1]  
hloo l row
```



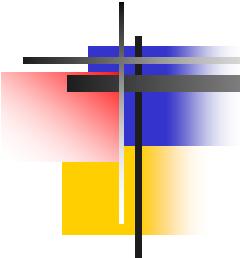
sequence packing/unpacking

```
x = 2, 3, 9, 6      # tuple (immutable)
print x
(2, 3, 9, 6)
```

```
a, b, c, d = x      # unpacking
print c, b, d, a
9 3 6 2
```

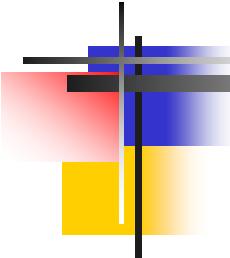
```
RED, YELLOW, GREEN = range(3) # enum-like
```

```
a, b, c, d = 'ciao' # unpacking
print c, b, d, a
a i o c
```



string methods

```
x = 'ciao'  
print x.upper(), x.title(), x.isupper()  
CIAO Ciao False  
  
print x.find('a'), x.count('a'), x.find('z')  
2 1 -1  
  
print x.replace('a','e')  
cieo  
  
print x.join('what')  
wciaohciaoaciaot
```

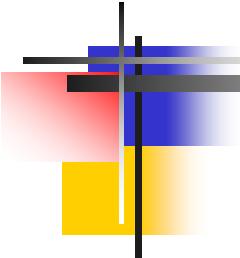


list methods

```
x = list('ciao')
print x
['c', 'i', 'a', 'o']

print x.sort()
None
print x
['a', 'c', 'i', 'o']
print ''.join(x)
acio

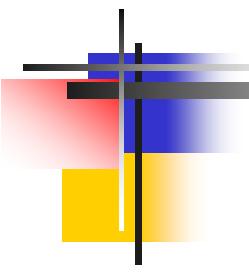
x.append(23); print x
['a', 'c', 'i', 'o', 23]
```



list comprehensions

```
[ <expr> for v in seq ]  
[ <expr> for v in seq if <cond> ]
```

```
# squares of primes between 3 and 40  
def p(x):  
    return [n for n in range(2,x) if x%n==0]  
print [x*x for x in range(3,40) if not p(x)]  
[9, 25, 49, 121, 169, 289, 361, 529, 841, 961, 1369]
```



reference semantics

```
x = ['a', 'b', 'c']
y = x
x[1] = 'zz'
print x, y
['a', 'zz', 'c'] ['a', 'zz', 'c']

# explicitly ask for a copy if needed:
y = list(x)           # or x[:], or...
x[2] = 9999
print x, y
['a', 'zz', 9999] ['a', 'zz', 'c']
```



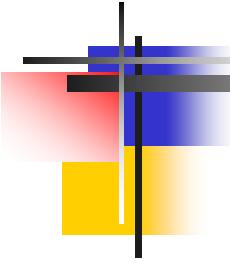
dicts are mappings

```
x = {1:2, 'beboop':94}
```

```
x[1] = 'plik'      # dicts are mutable
print x
{1:'plik', 'beboop':94}
```

```
x['z'] = [6,3,9]    # can add new items
print x
{1:'plik', 'z':[6, 3, 9], 'beboop':94}
```

```
print dict([(i,i*i) for i in range(4)])
{0:0, 1:1, 2:4, 3:9}
```



dicts keys

Must be *hashable* (normally: immutable)....:

```
x = {}
```

```
x[[1,2]] = 'a list'
```

TypeError: list objects are unhashable

```
x[{:1:2}] = 'a dict'
```

TypeError: dict objects are unhashable

```
x[1,2] = 'a tuple' # ok, tuple's hashable
```

```
x[0j] = 'a complex' # all numbers are OK
```

```
x[0.0] = 'a float' # **however**....:
```

```
print x[0]           # 0==0.0==0j, so....:  
a float
```



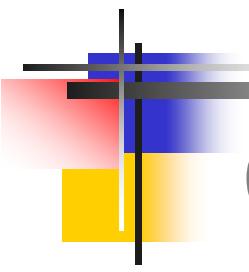
dicts are not sequences, but...:

```
print x  
{1:'plik', 'z':[6, 3, 9], 'beboop':94}
```

```
for it in x: print it, # in 2.2 / 2.3  
1 z beboop
```

```
for it in x.keys(): print it,  
1 z beboop
```

```
print len(x), 'z' in x, 99 in x  
3 True False # or 3 1 0 in 2.2
```



dict methods

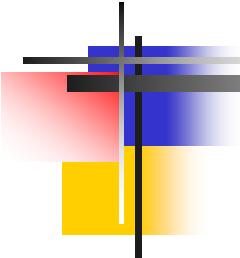
```
print x.get(1), x.get(23), x.get(45, 'bu')  
plik None bu
```

```
print x  
{1:'plik', 'z':[6,3,9], 'beoop':94}
```

```
print x.setdefault(1,'bah')  
plik
```

```
print x.setdefault(9,'w')  
w
```

```
print x  
{1:'plik', 9:'w', 'z':[6,3,9], 'beoop':94}
```



example: indexing a textfile (2.3)

```
# build a word -> line numbers mapping
idx = {}
for n,line in enumerate(open('some.txt')):
    for word in line.split():
        idx.setdefault(word, []).append(n)

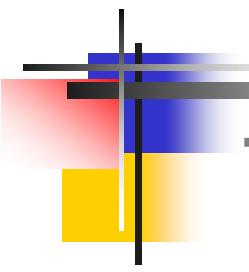
# display by alphabetically-sorted word
words = idx.keys(); words.sort()
for word in words:
    print "%s:" % word,
    for n in idx[word]: print n,
    print
```

example: C++ equivalent

```
#include <string>
#include <iostream>
#include <sstream>
#include <map>
#include <vector>
int main()
{
    std::map<std::string, std::vector<int> > idx;
    std::string line;
    int n = 0;
    while(getline(std::cin, line)) {
        std::istringstream sline(line);
        std::string word;
        while(sline >> word) {
            idx[word].push_back(n);
        }
        n += 1;
    }
}
```

```
for(std::map<std::string, std::vector<int> >
     ::iterator i = idx.begin();
     i != idx.end(); ++i) {
    std::cout << i->first << ":" ;
    for(std::vector<int>
         ::iterator j = i->second.begin();
         j != i->second.end(); ++j) {
        std::cout << ' ' << *j;
    }
    std::cout << "\n";
}
return 0;
}
```

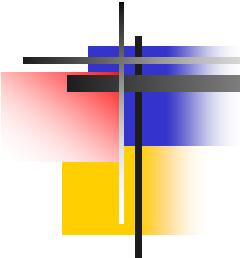
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functions

```
def sumsquares(x, y): return x**2+y**2
print sumsquares(1, 2)
5
def sq1(x, y=1): return sumsquares(x, y)
print sq1(1, 2), sq1(3)
5 10

def ssq(*args):      # varargs-like
    total = 0
    for arg in args: total += arg**2
    return total
```

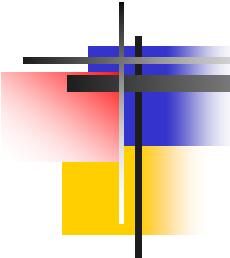


functions support lexical closure

```
def makeAdder(addend):  
    def adder(augend):  
        return augend+addend  
    return adder
```

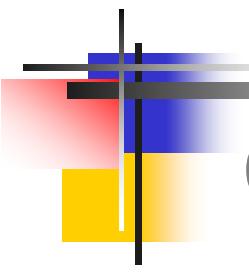
```
ad23 = makeAdder(23)  
ad42 = makeAdder(42)
```

```
print ad23(100),ad42(100),ad23(ad42(100))  
123 142 165
```



classes

```
class act:  
    cla = []          # class attribute  
    def __init__(self): # constructor  
        self.ins = {}   # inst. attribute  
    def meth1(self, x):  
        self.cla.append(x)  
    def meth2(self, y, z):  
        self.ins[y] = z  
  
# calling the class creates an instance:  
ex1 = act()  
ex2 = act()
```



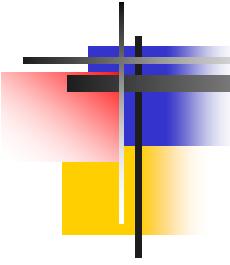
classes and instances

```
print ex1.cla, ex2.cla, ex1.ins, ex2.ins  
[] [] {} {}
```

```
ex1.meth1(1); ex1.meth2(2, 3)  
ex2.meth1(4); ex2.meth2(5, 6)
```

```
print ex1.cla, ex2.cla, ex1.ins, ex2.ins  
[1, 4] [1, 4] {2: 3} {5: 6}
```

```
print ex1.cla is ex2.cla  
True
```

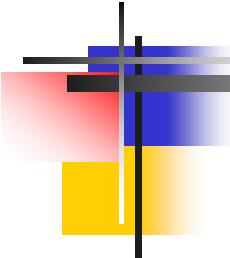


subclasses

```
class sub(act):
    def meth2(self, x, y=1): # override
        act.meth2(self, x, y) # supercall

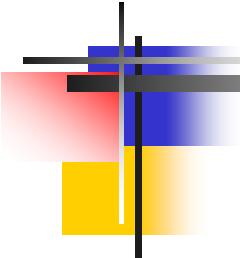
class stutter(list):          # 2.2/2.3
    def append(self, x):
        for i in 1,2:
            list.append(self, x)

class dataoverride(sub):
    cla = stutter()
```



new-style classes (2.2, 2.3)

```
class ns(object):
    def hlo(): return 'hello'
    hlo = staticmethod(hlo)
    def hi(cls): return 'hi,%s' % cls.__name__
    hi = classmethod(hi)
class sn(ns): pass
print ns.hlo(), sn.hlo(), ns.hi(), sn.hi()
hello hello hi,ns hi,sn
x = ns(); y = sn()
print x.hlo(), y.hlo(), x.hi(), y.hi()
hello hello hi,ns hi,sn
```



properties (2.2, 2.3)

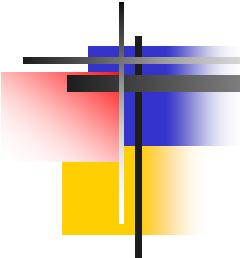
```
class evener(object):
    def __init__(self, num): self.x = num
    def getNum(self): return self.x*2
    def setNum(self, num): self.x = num//2
    num = property(getNum, setNum)
```

```
x = evener(23); print x.num
```

```
22
```

```
x.num = 27.12; print x.num
```

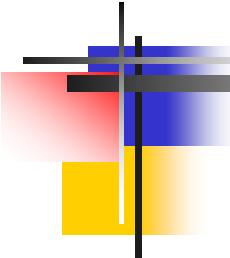
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```



operator overloading

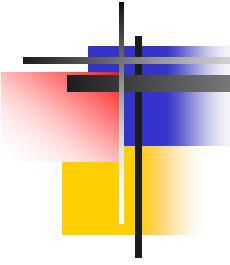
```
class faker:  
    def __add__(self, other): return 23  
    def __mul__(self, other): return 42  
x = faker()  
print x+5, x+x, x+99, x*12, x*None, x*x  
23 23 23 42 42 42
```

Can overload: all arithmetic, indexing/slicing, attribute access, length, truth, creation, initialization, copy, ...
but **NOT** "assignment of objects of this class to a name"
(there's no "assignment TO objects", only OF objects)



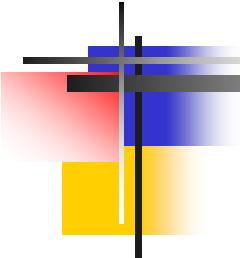
exceptions

- Python *raises an exception* for errors, e.g.:
`x=[1,2,3]; x[3]=99`
Traceback (most recent call last):
 ...
IndexError: list assignment index out of range
- You can define your own exception classes:
`class MyError(Exception): pass`
- You can raise any exception in your code:
`raise NameError, 'unknown name %s' % nn`
`raise MyError, 223961`
- You can re-raise the exception last caught:
`raise`



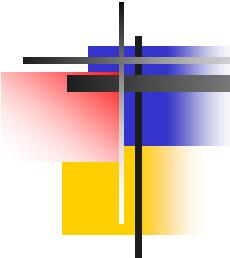
exception handling

```
try:  
    x[n] = value  
except IndexError:  
    x.extend((n-len(x))*[None])  
    x.append(value)  
else:  
    print "assignment succeeded"  
  
f = open('somefile')  
try: process(f)  
finally: f.close()
```



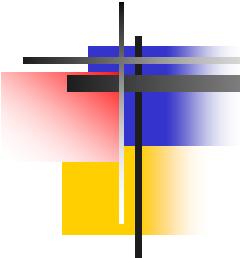
Iterators may be non-terminating

```
class fibonacci:  
    def __init__(self): self.i=self.j=1  
    def __iter__(self): return self  
    def next(self):  
        r, self.i = self.i, self.j  
        self.j += r  
        return r  
  
for rabbits in fibonacci():  
    if rabbits>100: break  
    print rabbits,  
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89
```



Iterators can terminate

```
class fibonacci:  
    def __init__(self, bound):  
        self.i=self.j=1  
        self.bound= bound  
    def __iter__(self):  
        return self  
    def next(self):  
        r, self.i = self.i, self.j  
        self.j += r  
        if r >= bound: raise StopIteration  
        return r  
for rabbits in fibonacci(100):  
    print rabbits,  
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89
```

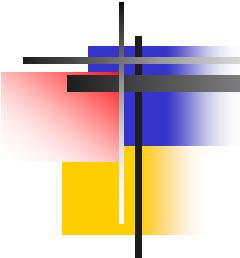


generators return iterators

```
from __future__ import generators # 2.2

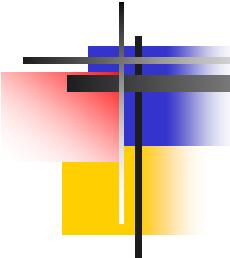
def fibonacci(bound):
    r, i, j = 0, 1, 1
    while r < bound:
        if r: yield r
        r, i, j = i, j, j+j

for rabbits in fibonacci(100):
    print rabbits,
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89
```



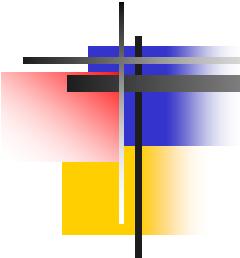
generator example: enumerate

```
# it's a built-in in 2.3, but, in 2.2...:  
from __future__ import generators  
  
def enumerate(iterable):  
    n = 0  
    for item in iterable:  
        yield n, item  
        n += 1  
  
print list(enumerate('ciao'))  
[(0, 'c'), (1, 'i'), (2, 'a'), (3, 'o')]
```



importing modules

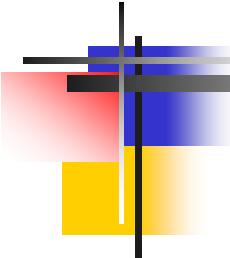
```
import math      # standard library module
print math.atan2(1,3)
0.321750554397
print atan2(1,3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
NameError: name 'atan2' is not defined
atan2 = math.atan2
print atan2(1,3)
0.321750554397
# or, as a shortcut: from math import atan2
```



defining modules

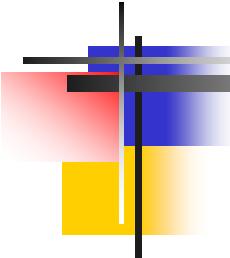
Even easier...:

- every Python source file **wot.py** is a module
- can be imported via ***import wot***
 - ...as long as it resides on the import-path
 - ...which is list ***path*** in standard module ***sys***
 - ***sys.path.append('/some/extropath')***
- a module's attributes are its top-level names
 - AKA "global variables" of the module
 - functions and classes are "variables" too



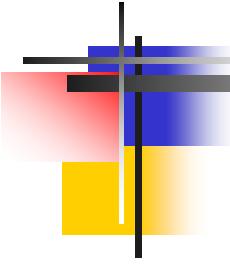
packages

- a package is a module containing other modules
 - possibly including other packages, recursively
- lives in a ***directory*** containing ***__init__.py***
 - ***__init__.py*** is the package's body, may be empty
 - modules in the package are files in the directory
 - sub-packages are sub-directories with ***__init__.py***
- ***parent*** directory must be in ***sys.path***
- imported and used with **dot.notation**:
`import email.MIMEImage`
or: `from email import MIMEImage`



batteries included

- standard Python library (round numbers...):
 - 180 plain modules
 - math, sys, os, sets, struct, re, random, pydoc, gzip, threading...
 - socket, select, urllib, ftplib, rfc822, SimpleXMLRPCServer, ...
 - 8 packages with 70 more modules
 - bsddb, compiler, curses, distutils, email, hotshot, logging, xml
 - 80 encodings modules
 - 280 unit-test modules
 - 180 modules in Demo/
 - 180 modules in Tools/ (12 major tools+60 minor)
 - compiler, faqwiz, framer, i18n, idle, webchecker, world...
 - byext, classfix, crlf, dutree, mkreal, pindent, ptabs, tabnanny...
- -- but wait! There's more...



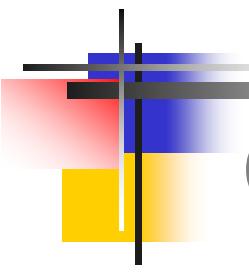
other batteries -- GUI and DB

■ GUIs

- Tkinter (uses Tcl/Tk)
- wxPython (uses wxWindows)
- PyQt (uses Qt)
- Pythonwin (uses MFC -- Windows-only)
- AWT and Swing (Jython-only)
- PyGTK, PyUI, anygui, fltk, FxPy, EasyGUI, ...

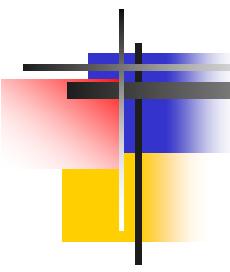
■ DBs (with SQL)

- Gadfly, PySQLite, MkSQL (uses MetaKit)
- MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, DB2, SAP/DB, Firebird...
- JDBC (Jython-only)



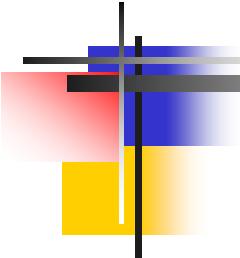
other batteries -- computation

- Numeric (and numarray)
- PIL (image processing)
- SciPy
 - weave (inline, blitz, ext_tools)
 - fft, ga, special, integrate, interpolate, optimize, signal, stats...
 - plotting: plt, xplt, gplt, chaco
- gmpy (multi-precision arithmetic, uses GMP)
- pycrypto



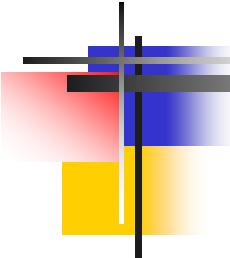
other batteries -- net servers

- integration with Apache:
 - mod_python
 - PyApache
- high-level packages:
 - WebWare
 - Quixote
- stand-alone (async, highly-scalable):
 - Medusa
 - Twisted



other batteries -- dev't tools

- development environments:
 - Free: IDLE, PythonWin, BOA Constructor, ...
 - Commercial: WingIDE, BlackAdder, PythonWorks, ...
- (GUI builders, debuggers, profilers, ...)
- packagers:
 - distutils, py2exe
 - McMillan's Installer



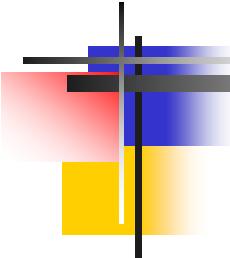
integration with C/C++/...

■ extending:

- Python C API
- SWIG
- Boost Python
- CXX, SCXX, sip, ...
- Pyfort, pyrex, ...
- COM (Windows-only), XPCOM, Corba, ...

■ embedding

- Python C API
- Boost Python (*rsn...*)



integration with Java

■ extending:

- transparent: Jython can import Java-coded classes
- from standard libraries, your own, third-party...

■ embedding

- Jython can implement Java-coded interfaces
- jythonc generates JVM bytecode
- the Jython interpreter is accessible from Java