

# Python for Practice

## NPRG067

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# Course information



- <https://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/teaching/nprg067/>
- 0/2 Z
- “Zápočet”
  - Active participation + 1 homework  
or
  - 2 homeworks

# Approx. time-line of the course



- GUI
- Web apps (REST)
- Machine learning
- Data analysis and processing

# Python recap



# About Python

- Dynamically-typed
  - *duck typing*
- Object-oriented language
  - there are classes but it is not a strictly class-based language
- Interpreted
  - no explicit compilation
  - “JIT” compilation to Python bytecode
- Started around 1990 by Guido Van Rossum
- Now in version 3.7
  - 2.7 – the last version of Python 2 still supported too
    - but only till January 1, 2020
- One of the most popular languages today
  - mainly for data analysis and machine learning

"If it walks like a duck and it quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck."



# Popularity

Worldwide, Sept 2019 compared to a year ago:

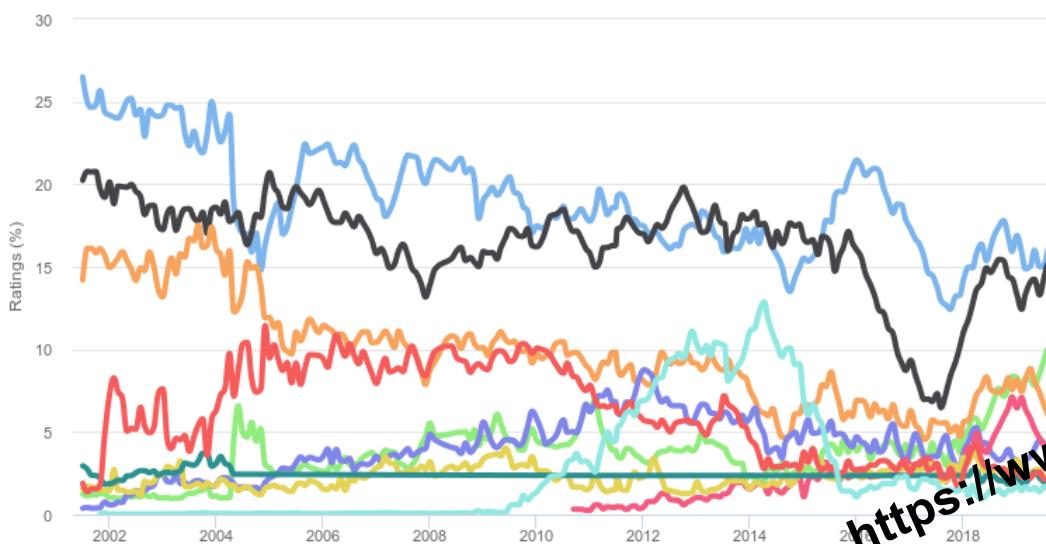
| Rank | Change | Language    | Share   | Trend  |
|------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|
| 1    |        | Python      | 29.21 % | +4.6 % |
| 2    |        | Java        | 19.9 %  | -2.2 % |
| 3    |        | Javascript  | 8.39 %  | +0.0 % |
| 4    |        | C#          | 7.23 %  | -0.6 % |
| 5    |        | PHP         | 6.65 %  | +0.0 % |
| 6    |        | C/C++       | 5.8 %   | -0.4 % |
| 7    |        | R           | 4.81 %  | -0.2 % |
| 8    |        | Objective-C | 2.63 %  | -0.7 % |
| 9    |        | Swift       | 2.46 %  | -0.3 % |
| 10   |        | Matlab      | 1.82 %  | -0.2 % |

Popularity Index  
<http://pypl.github.io/>

| Rank | Language | Type | Score |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| 1    | Python   | 🌐    | 100.0 |
| 2    | Java     | 🌐    | 96.3  |
| 3    | C        | 🌐    | 94.4  |
| 4    | C++      | 🌐    | 87.5  |
| 5    | Python   | 🌐    | 81.5  |
| 6    | Java     | 🌐    | 79.4  |
| 7    | C#       | 🌐    | 74.5  |
| 8    | Matlab   | 🌐    | 70.6  |
| 9    | Swift    | 🌐    | 69.1  |
|      |          | 🌐    | 68.0  |

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# About Python



- Name – why Python
  - Monty Python's Flying Circus ;-)
- Portable
  - Windows, Linux, \*BSD,..., anywhere
- Installation <https://www.python.org/downloads/>
  - on Windows – download installer
  - on Linux – use a package manager
- License
  - Python Software Foundation license
    - BSD style license, can be used for anything
- PyPI – <https://pypi.python.org/>
  - Python Package Index
  - the repository of python packages



- PyCharm
  - <https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>
  - Community edition – free
  - Professional edition – free for students/teachers
    - register via your university email
- Other IDEs

# Sources



- Scripts
  - **my\_script.py**
  - no explicit main – just start code
  - executable programs
    - **python my\_script.py**
    - or
    - **my\_script.py**
    - on unix systems
    - shebang line: **#!/usr/bin/env python3**

# Shell



- Interactive shell
  - immediate evaluation
  - history (like in bash)
  - ...
  - run just **python**

```
>>> 1 + 2  
3  
>>>
```

# GUI in Python



# GUI libraries for Python



- Many options

- Tkinter
- PyQt, PySide
- PyGTK
- wxPython
- Kiwi
- pygame
- ...

# Tkinter



- Available in the Python std library
- Python bindings to Tk toolkit
  - Tk – originally Tcl extensions
  - Now bindings to many languages
  - multiplatform

# Hello world

```
from tkinter import *
from tkinter import ttk
root = Tk()
ttk.Button(root, text=
            "Hello World") .grid()
root.mainloop()
```

See e01\_hello\_world.py

# Events

```
from tkinter import *
from tkinter import ttk
root = Tk()

def exit_app():
    root.destroy()

ttk.Button(root, text="Exit",
           command=exit_app).grid()
root.mainloop()
```

See  
e02\_hello\_world\_exit.py

# Widgets



- Common set of widgets
  - 18
  - buttons, entries,...
- tkinter.ttk
  - themed tk
  - added to tk later
  - better support for styling

# Widgets



- Frame
  - Button
  - Label
  - Canvas
  - Entry
  - ...
- Styling widgets
    - `ttk.Style()`

See  
`e04_themes.py`  
`05_widgets_themed.py`  
`06_style.py`

See  
`e03_widgets.py`

# Layout managers



- grid
  - widgets in a table
    - widget can spread through several rows/columns
- pack
  - arranging widgets side by side
- place
  - absolute layout

See  
e07\_grid.py

See  
e08\_pack.py

# Events and bindings



```
root = Tk()

def callback(event):
    print "clicked at", event.x, event.y

frame = Frame(root, width=100, height=100)
frame.bind("<Button-1>", callback)
frame.pack()

root.mainloop()
```

See  
e09\_bind.py

- `widget.bind(event, handler)`
- event format – `<modifier-type-detail>`
  - `<Double-Button-1>, <B1-Motion>, <Enter>, <Leave>, <Key>, <Return>, <Shift_L>, <Configure>, a, b, ...`

# Menus



- Menu

```
menu = Menu(root)  
root.config(menu=menu)
```

- Toolbar & status bar

- no direct support
- make own from the Frame

See  
e10\_menu\_and\_bars.py

- Own component – class extending Frame

- or different widget

See  
e11\_statusbar\_widget.py

# Message boxes



```
from tkinter import messagebox  
  
...  
  
messagebox.showinfo("About", "Demo  
application")
```

See  
e12\_messagebox.py

- showinfo
- showwarning
- showerror
- askokcancel
- askquestion
- ...

# More windows and dialogs



- Toplevel ~ window
- Modal dialogs
  - Toplevel + grab\_set() +  
widget.wait\_window(window)
- File choose dialog
  - from tkinter import filedialog
  - filename = filedialog.askopenfilename(initialdir =  
"/",title = "Select file",filetypes = (("jpeg  
files","\*.jpg"),("all files","\*.\*")))

See  
e13\_dialog.py

See  
e14\_choose\_file.py

# Tk variables



- For obtaining values from widgets
- BooleanVar, DoubleVar, IntVar, StringVar

```
name = StringVar()
```

```
ttk.Entry(win, width=12, textvariable=name)
```

See  
e15\_vars.py

# More on events



- `bind_class(className, event_descriptor, event_handler)`
  - binding to all widgets of the particular type
- `bind_all(event_descriptor, event_handler)`
  - binding to all widgets
  - e.g. <F1> for help
- **WARNING – tk is single threaded**
  - (as most of the GUI frameworks in any language)
  - do not sleep (or any perform long actions) in handlers
- Long running actions -> own thread

See  
`e16_sleep.py`

See  
`e17_text_tick.py`

# Images



- `img = PhotoImage(file="...")`
- `Button(image=img,...)`

See  
`e18_images.py`

# Tasks



- Implement text editor (ala Windows notepad)
- Implement URL downloader (like a web browser but without rendering html)
  - Entry for URL
  - ScrolledText for result
- Implement Minesweeper

# Help for tasks



- Manipulating text in ScrolledText
  - clean – `text.delete(1.0, END)`
  - get – `text.get(1.0, END)`
  - insert
    - `text.insert(INSERT, text)`
    - `text.insert(END, text)`

