

Modularity



Class outline:

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Modules

Python modules

A **Python module** is a file typically containing function or class definitions.

link.py:

```
class Link:
    empty = ()

    def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        assert rest is Link.empty or isinstance(rest, Link)
        self.first = first
        self.rest = rest

    def __repr__(self):
        if self.rest:
            rest_repr = ', ' + repr(self.rest)
        else:
            rest_repr = ''
        return 'Link(' + repr(self.first) + rest_repr + ')'

    def __str__(self):
        string = '<'
        while self.rest is not Link.empty:
            string += str(self.first) + ' '
            self = self.rest
        return string + str(self.first) + '>'
```

Importing

Importing a whole module:

```
import link

l1 = link.Link(3, link.Link(4, link.Link(5)))
```

Importing specific names:

```
from link import Link

l1 = Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))
```

Importing all names:

```
from link import *

l1 = Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))
```

Importing with alias

I don't recommend aliasing a class or function name:

```
from link import Link as LL  
  
ll = LL(3, LL(4, LL(5)))
```

But aliasing a whole module is sometimes okay (and is common in data science):

```
import numpy as np  
  
b = np.array([(1.5, 2, 3), (4, 5, 6)])
```

Running a module

This command runs a module:

```
python module.py
```



When run like that, Python sets a global variable `__name__` to "main". That means you often see code at the bottom of modules like this:

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    # use the code in the module somehow
```



The code inside that condition will be executed as well, but only when the module is run directly.

Packages

Python packages

A **Python package** is a way of bundling multiple related modules together. Popular packages are NumPy and Pillow.


Example package structure:

```
sound/                                Top-level package
  __init__.py                          Initialize the sound package
  formats/                              Subpackage for file format conversions
    __init__.py
    wavread.py
    wavwrite.py
    aiffread.py
    aiffwrite.py
    auread.py
    auwrite.py
    ...
  effects/                              Subpackage for sound effects
    __init__.py
    echo.py
    surround.py
    reverse.py
    ...
  filters/                              Subpackage for filters
    __init__.py
    equalizer.py
    vocoder.py
    karaoke.py
    ...
```

Importing from a package


Importing a whole path:

```
import sound.effects.echo  
  
sound.effects.echo.echofilter(input, output, delay=0.7, atten=4)
```



Importing a module from the path:

```
from sound.effects import echo  
  
echo.echofilter(input, output, delay=0.7, atten=4)
```



Installing packages

The [Python Package Index](#) is a repository of packages for the Python language.

Once you find a package you like, `pip` is the standard way to install:

```
pip install nltk
```



You may need to use `pip3` if your system defaults to Python 2.

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Modular design

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A modular component can be developed and tested independently.

Ways to isolate in Python:

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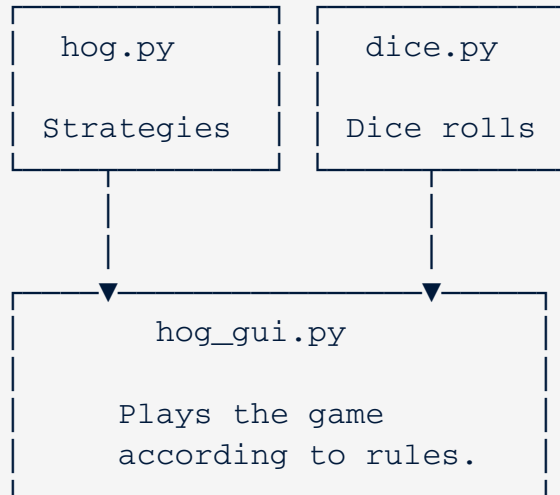
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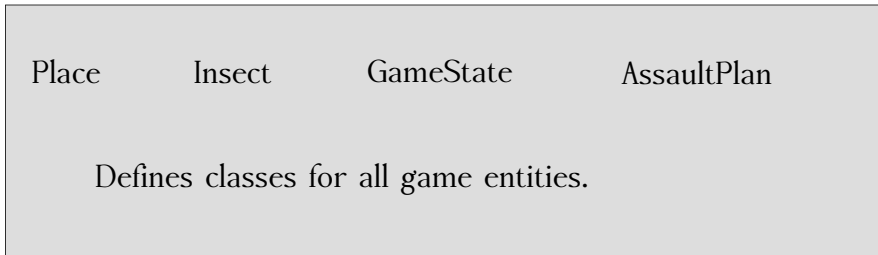
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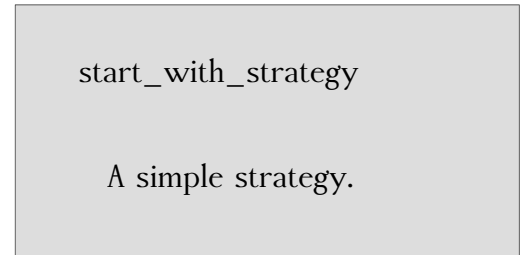


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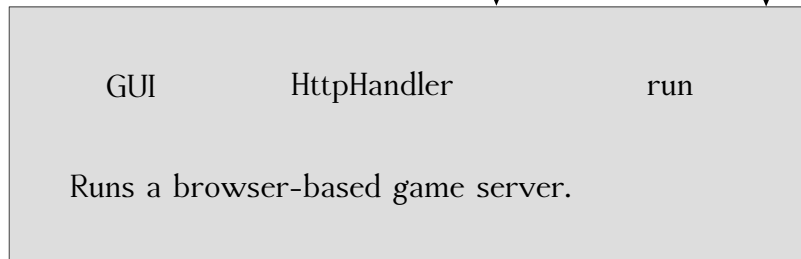
ants.py



ants_strategies.py



gui.py



See also: [Ants class diagram](#)

Scheme design

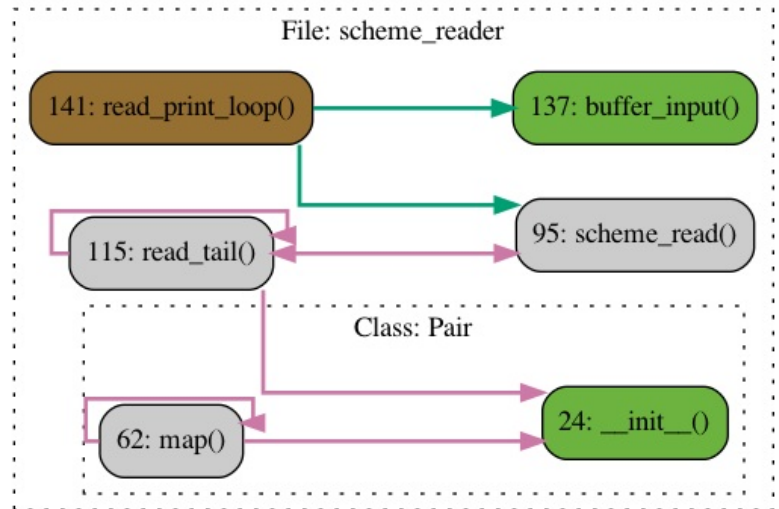
High-level overview

- `scheme_reader.py`: the reader for Scheme input
- `pair.py`: defines the `Pair` class and the `nil` object
- `buffer.py`: defines the `Buffer` class and related classes
- `scheme.py`: the interpreter REPL
- `scheme_eval_apply.py`: the recursive evaluator for Scheme expressions
- `scheme_forms.py`: evaluation for special forms
- `scheme_classes.py`: classes that describe Scheme expressions
- `scheme_builtins.py`: built-in Scheme procedures
- `scheme_tokens.py`: the tokenizer for Scheme input
- `scheme_utils.py`: functions for inspecting Scheme expressions

scheme_reader.py functions

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- `scheme_read(src)`
- `read_tail(src)`
- `buffer_input()`
- `buffer_lines()`
- `read_line()`
- `read_print_loop()`



Code2flow Legend	
Regular function	
Trunk function (nothing calls this)	
Leaf function (this calls nothing else)	
Function call	→

buffer.py classes

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C Buffer
current current_line lines token_gen
__init__() __str__() create_generator() end_of_line() has_more() pop_first()

C InputReader
prompt
__init__() __iter__()

C LineReader
comment lines prompt
__init__() __iter__()

C EOL_TOKEN
__repr__()

pair.py classes

C Pair
first rest
<code>__eq__()</code> <code>__init__()</code> <code>__len__()</code> <code>__repr__()</code> <code>__str__()</code> <code>flatmap()</code> <code>map()</code>

C nil
<code>__len__()</code> <code>__repr__()</code> <code>__str__()</code> <code>flatmap()</code> <code>map()</code>

scheme.py functions

- `read_eval_print_loop(next_line, env)`
- `add_builtins(frame, funcs_and_names)`
- `create_global_frame()`
- `run(*argv)`

scheme_eval_apply.py functions

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- `scheme_eval(expr, env)`
- `scheme_apply(procedure, args, env)`
- `eval_all(expressions, env)`

Also contains a class and some functions for the EC, tail call optimization.

- `Unevaluated` class
- `complete_apply(procedure, args, env)`
- `optimize_tail_calls(unoptimized_scheme_eval)`

scheme_builtins.py functions

- `scheme_equalp`
- `scheme_eqp`
- `scheme_pairp`
- `scheme_length`
- `scheme_cons`
- `scheme_car`
- `scheme_cdr`
- `scheme_list`
- `scheme_append`
- `scheme_add`
- `scheme_sub`
- `scheme_mul`
- `scheme_div`
- etc..

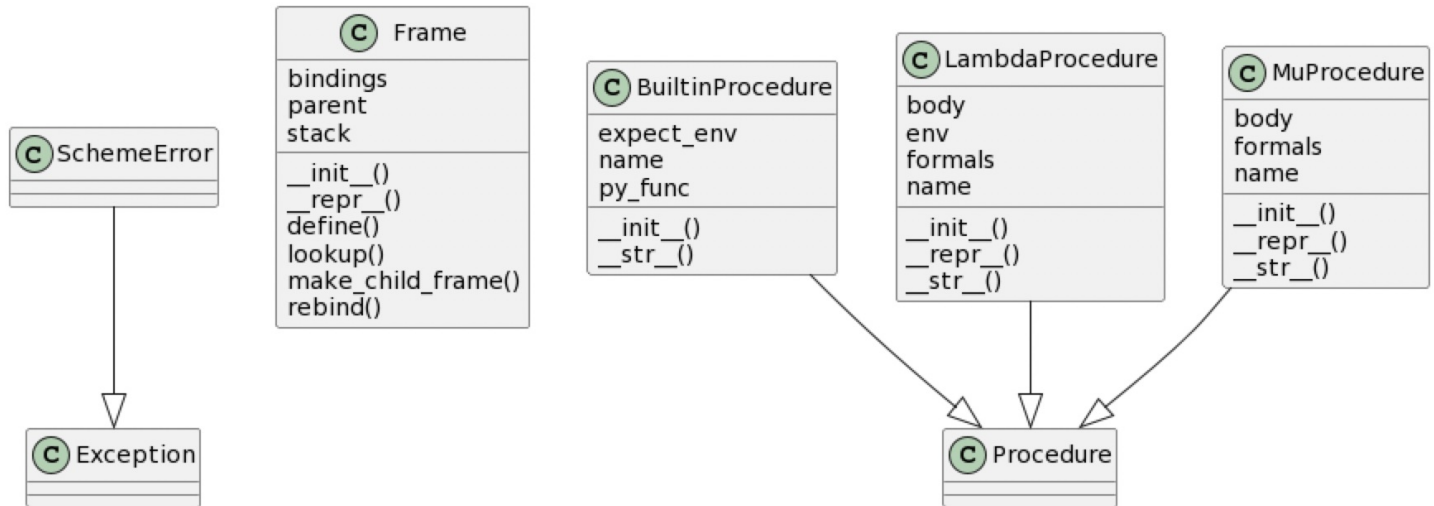
scheme_forms.py functions

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- `do_define_form`
- `do_quote_form`
- `do_begin_form`
- `do_lambda_form`
- `do_if_form`
- `do_and_form`
- `do_or_form`
- `do_cond_form`
- `do_let_form`
- `make_let_frame`
- `do_unquote_form`
- `do_mu_form`
- etc.

scheme_classes.py classes

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Appendix: Visualization tools

If you'd like to visualize the organization of your projects, try these tools:

- [Code2Flow](#): Visualize the flow of functions (what calls what) in a file.
- [PynSource](#): Generate UML diagrams of Python classes/subclasses.
- [PyDeps](#): Visualize the dependencies (imports) between Python modules.

More tools are mentioned in [this blog post](#).