

Chapter 9 and 10

Top-Down Design

Breaking down of a system to gain insight to its compositional sub-systems.

Bottom-Down Design

Piecing together of systems to give rise to more complex systems, this making the original sub-systems of the emergent system.

Black-Box

Device, system or object which can be viewed in terms of its input, output and transfer characteristics without knowing what is inside.

Glass-Box

Opposite of Black-Box. Inner components or logic are available for inspection.

Triple Quotes

Use Triple quotes when a strings spans multiple lines.

String Methods (string.method)

capitalize
startswith
endswith
find, rfind
upper, lower
swapcase
title
isalpha, isdigit

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Functions with Strings and Lists

len(aString),(aList)
max, min(aString)
max, min(aList)

List Methods (list.method)

append
remove
sort
reverse
count

Strings are immutable; lists are mutable

Opening Files for Reading and Writing and

Reading into a Variable

```
file = open("practicetext.txt", "w")
# wt is writing and rt is reading
```

```
file.write("a string\n")
# makes a new line
```

```
file.close()
```

```
data = file.read()
# Now you can use string methods on data
```

```
data.method()
```

Modules

The **OS Module** offers a number of powerful capabilities for dealing with files, e.g., renaming files, finding out when a file was last modified, and so on.

We start accessing the OS module by

typing:

```
import os
```

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The function that knows about directories is `listdir()`, used as `os.listdir()`
`listdir` takes a path to a directory as input.

Random Module

```
import random
for i in range(1,10):
    print random.random()
# math knows about sin() and sqrt()
```

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Modem

a combined device for modulation and demodulation, for example, between the digital data of a computer and the analog signal of a telephone line.

Packet

formatted unit of data carried by a packet mode computer network.

Ethernet

a system for connecting a number of computer systems to form a local area network, with protocols to control the passing of information and to avoid simultaneous transmission by two or more systems.

Internet

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The Internet is a global system of interconnected computer networks that use the standard Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) to link several billion devices worldwide.

ISP

Internet Service Provider

IP Address

a unique string of numbers separated by periods that identifies each computer using the Internet Protocol to communicate over a network.

Domain Names

the part of a network address that identifies it as belonging to a particular domain.

POP

Post Office Protocol *Used to retrieve email from a mail server*

SMTP

Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
Internet standard for electronic mail (e-mail) transmission

Big O Estimates

Array Access (Selecting a character from a string)	O(1)
Binary Search of a Sorted Collection	O(log s-ub2n)
Linear Search	O(n)

Big O Estimates (cont)

Better Sorts (Quick Sort, Merge Sort)	$O(n \log n)$
Slower Sorts (Bubble, Insertion, Selection)	$O(n^2)$
Traveling Salesmen (EX of NP-Complete problem) (Intractable Problem)	$O(n!)$
Halting Problem - Unsolvable (Proven by Alan Turing, 1936)	

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FTP

The File Transfer Protocol
standard network protocol used to transfer computer files from one host to another host over a TCP-based network, such as the Internet

URL (Web Address when used with HTTP)

Uniform Resource Locator
Specific character string that constitutes a reference to a resource

HTTP

Hypertext Transfer Protocol
Application protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems. HTTP is the foundation of data communication for the World Wide Web

HTML

Hypertext Markup Language
Standard language in the making of a web page

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Sound to Text

```
def soundToText(sound, filename):
    file = open(filename, "w")
    for s in getSamples(sound):
        file.write(str(getSampleRate(s)) + "\n")
    file.close()
```

Steganography

First: Make sure that all red values are even.

Second: For every pixel where the message picture is black, add one to the red value at the corresponding x,y.

```
def encode(msgPic, original):
    for pxl in getPixels(original):
        if (getRed(pxl) % 2) == 1:
            setRed(pxl, getRed(pxl) - 1)
        for x in range(0, getWidth(original)):
            for y in range(0, getHeight(original)):
                msgPxl = getPixel(msgPic, x, y)
                origPxl = getPixel(original, x, y)
                if (distance(getColor(msgPxl), black) < 100.0):
                    setRed(origPxl, getRed(origPxl) + 1)
```

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Simple WebPage

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
<head>
<title>The Simplest Possible Web Page</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>A Simple Heading</h1>
<p>This is a paragraph in the simplest possible Web page.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

Database

A structured set of data held in a computer, especially one that is accessible in various ways.

Query

A request for information from a database.

SQL

Structured Query Language
Special-purpose programming language designed for managing data held in a relational database management system.

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Jython is first translated into Java, which is both compiled and interpreted, every time a program is run. Thus one reason Photoshop operations are so much faster than our picture functions is that Photoshop's code has already been compiled and is ready to run at the click of a button.

There are some practical issues that determine the relative speeds of different computers. Some are: the clock speed of the processor, the number of cores of the processor, the amount of cache memory on board the processor (or nearby), the amount and speed of RAM, the size and speed of the hard disk, the system bus width and speed.