

Advanced Python programming

Classroom or online training course 3 day course outline

This course covers the following topics (any items marked with a * will be covered if time allows):

Working with sets

- · Sets versus lists
- · Examples of set use

Dictionaries

- · Key/value pairs
- · Retrieving items
- · Looping over items

Functions

- · Defining functions
- · Passing arguments
- · Optional arguments
- · Modular programming

Comprehensions

- · List comprehensions
- Generators

Scraping websites

- Understanding HTML
- The REQUESTS module
- · Using BeautifulSoup

Working with CSV files

- · Reading and writing CSV files
- · Dictionaries using the CSV module

Working with Excel

- Using OPENPYXL
- · Workbooks, worksheets and cells
- Python for Excel or VBA?

Working with JSON

- The JSON module
- · Loading and dumping data

Working with databases

- The PYODBC module
- · Connections and cursors

Overview of Pandas

- · Dataframes and series
- · Reading/writing dataframes
- Filtering, sorting and renaming
- · Dataframe calculations

Overview of NUMPY (*)

- · Shapes, ranks and data types
- Slicing arrays
- · Array operations

Power BI and Python (*)

- · Getting Python data
- Python visuals using dataframes

Introduction to classes

- · An example class
- · Designing properties / attributes
- · Designing methods

Coding classes

- Simple classes
- · Instantiating objects

Attributes

- · Instance attributes
- · Setting attributes on the fly
- Class attributes

Methods

- · Instance methods
- · Different ways to instantiate
- · Class methods

Read/write properties

- · Getting and setting values
- · Private underscored variables
- Action propeties

Inheritance (*)

- · Designing for inheritance
- · Inheriting classes
- Overloading
- Using "super"

Dunder methods

- · Doc strings
- · String represenations of objects

Understanding existing classes

- Viewing definitions
- · Everything is a class

A case study (*)

- Aim of the program
- · Choosing the objects
- · Properties or methods?
- Implementing your classes

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