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Python Programming

great Python your appetite is hard to swallow

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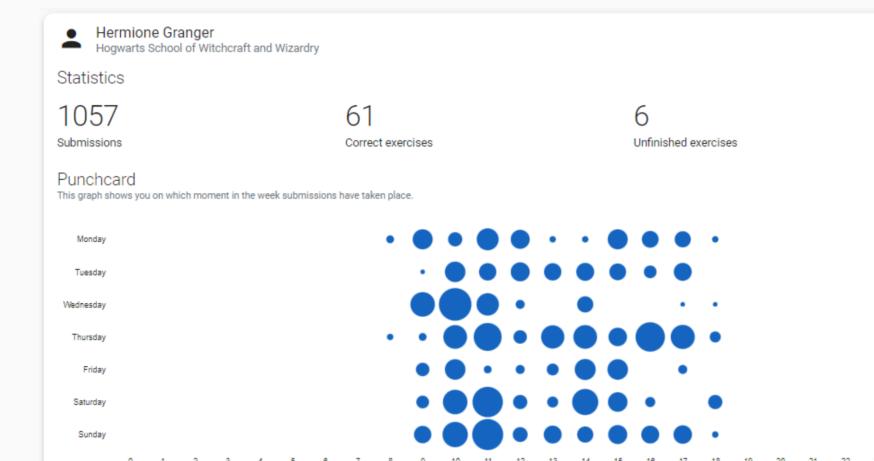
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	week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	week 5	week 6	week 7	week 8	week 9	week 10	week 11	week 12	extra week
reading material	course book CH0 course book CH1	course book CH2	course book CH3 course book CH4	course book CH6 course book CH7	course book CH7	course book CH8	course book CH7 course book CH9	course book CH9 course book CH10	course book CHS course book CH14	course book CH11	course book CH12	course book CH13	
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lectures	basic programming principles expressions and statements	conditionals	putting it all together strings	functions lists and tuples	lists and tuples	advanced functions	list comprehensions and modules	sets and dictionaries	text files	object oriented programming	object oriented programming	object oriented programming	
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hands-on session	expressions and statements	conditionals	sdool	strings	functions	functiios lists and tuples	evaluation	lists and tuples	advanced functions and modules	sets and dictionaries	text files	object oriented programming	evaluation



Heatmap

This graph shows you on which days most submissions took place.

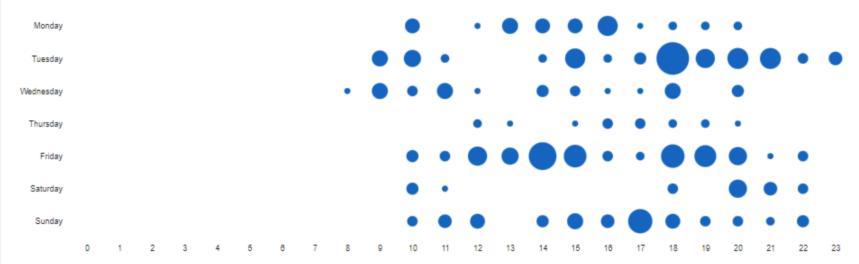




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Submissions Correct exercises Unfinished exercises

Punchcard

This graph shows you on which moment in the week submissions have taken place.



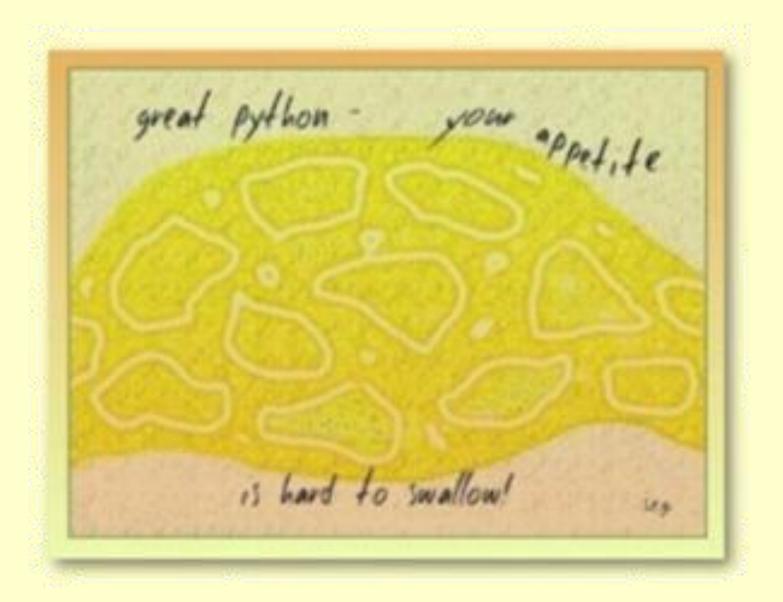
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Input and output





Input and output



- up until now ...
 - display what programs are doing: print() function
 - request information from users: input() function

"How can I save my data into a file?"

"How can I read data from a file?"

- Python's solution looks very much like C's
 - a file is a sequence of bytes
 - but it is often more useful to treat text files as a sequence of lines





how many characters are in this file?

bytes

haiku.txt

Three things are certain:
Death, taxes and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.

You step in the stream, but the water has moved on. This page is not here.

Having been erased,
The document you're seeking
Must now be retyped.

A crash reduces your expensive computer to a simple stone. assume for now:

1 character = 1 byte





```
>>> reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
>>> data = reader.read()
>>> reader.close()
>>> len(data)
286
```





how many characters are in this file ?

create a file object

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location of the file to connect to

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for reading ...
```





```
now refers to
the file object
```

```
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286
```





```
reads entire content of file into a string
```

```
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>>> len(data)
286
```





how many characters are in this file ?

now has a copy of all the bytes that were in the file

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286
>>> print(data)
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```





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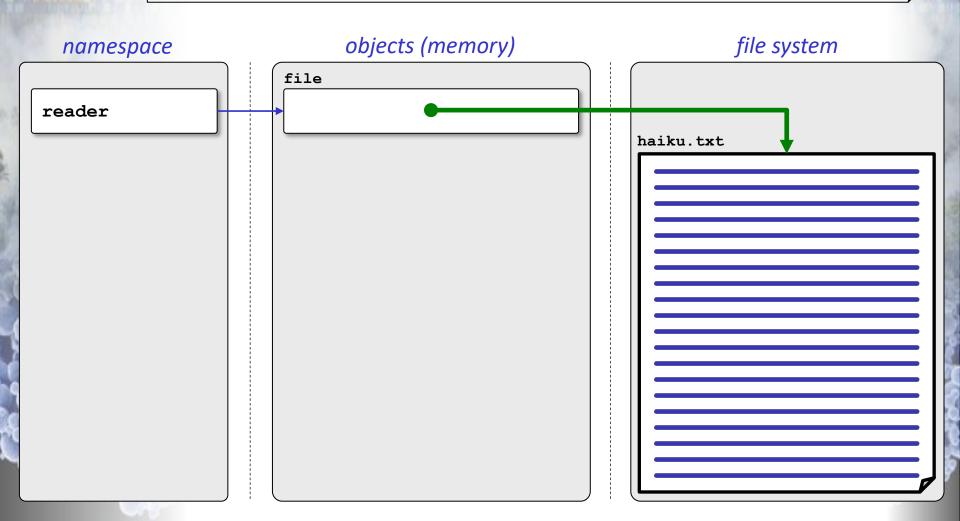
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Read all at once ...



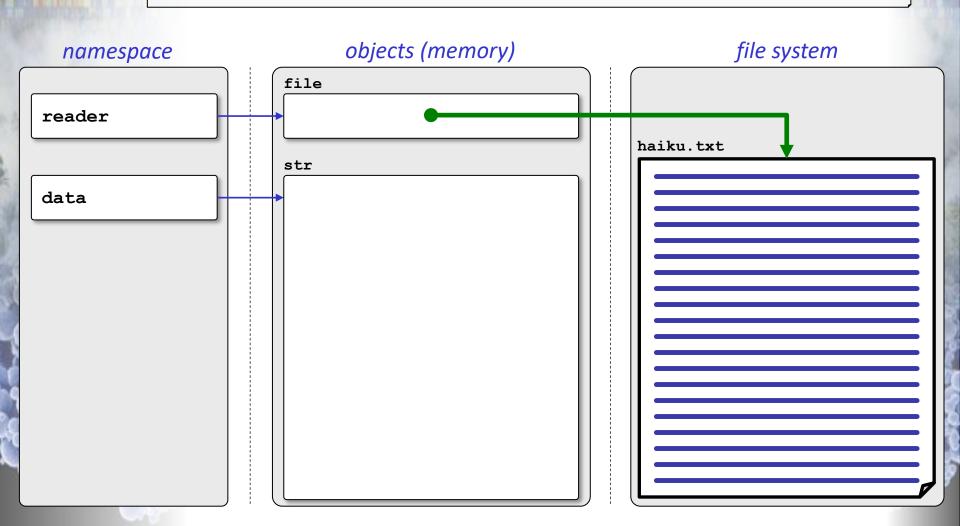
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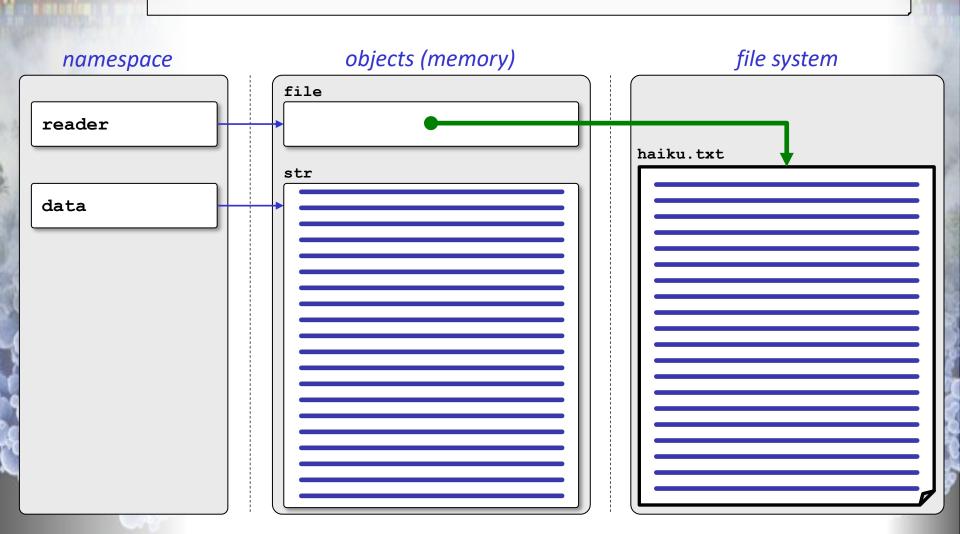
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>>> data = reader.read()
```



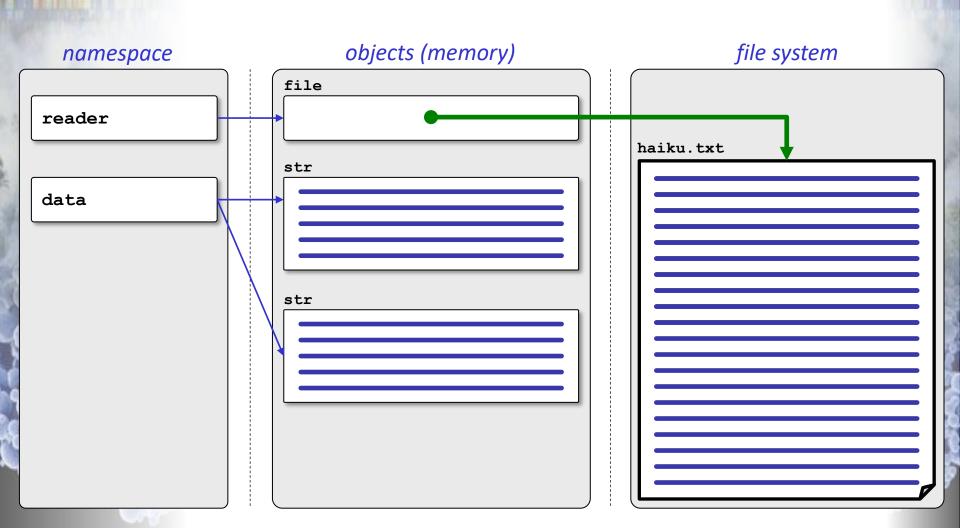
Read all at once ...



>>> reader.close()









```
>>> reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
>>> data = reader.read(64)
>>> while data:
... print(len(data))
... data = reader.read(64)
```













```
>>> reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
>>> data = reader.read(64)
>>> while data:
... print(len(data))
data = reader.read(64)
with the data
64
```





```
>>> reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
>>> data = reader.read(64)
>>> while data:
... print(len(data))
... data = reader.read(64)
64
64
                 try to read the
64
               next chunk of data
64
30
```





```
>>> reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
>>> data = reader.read(64)
>>> while data:
... print(len(data))
... data = reader.read(64)
64
64
64
                        quite unusual scenario
64
                         when working with
30
                               text files
>>> len (data)
0
>>> reader.close()
```





```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
bytes, lines = 0, 0
line = reader.readline()
while line:
    lines += 1
    bytes += len(line)
    line = reader.readline()
reader.close()
print(f'average: {bytes / lines}')
```







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it is more common to read text files one line at a time

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bytes, lines = 0, 0

line = reader.readline()

while line:

lines += 1

bytes += len(line)

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reader.close()

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```

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List of lines



- often more convenient to read all lines at once
 - if memory footprint is not an issue

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lines += 1

with for loop

bytes += len(line)

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reader5.py





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```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
bytes, lines = 0, 0
                           assign lines of text
for line in reader: ←
                           in file to the loop
    lines += 1
                          variable one by one
    bytes += len(line)
reader.close()
print(f'average: {bytes / lines}')
```





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```
bytes, lines = 0, 0
with open('haiku.txt', 'r') as reader:
    for line in reader:
        lines += 1
        bytes += len(line)
print(f'average: {bytes / lines}')
```

reader7.pv





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 - with-block makes the "end" explicit (= close file)
 - encoding cares about converting bytes into characters

reader8.py

```
bytes, lines = 0, 0
with open('haiku.txt', encoding='utf-8') as reader:
    for line in reader:
        lines += 1
        bytes += len(line)
print(f'average: {bytes / lines}')
```



Guaranteed file closure



open file → don't forget to close file

```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')

try:

bytes, lines = 0, 0

for line in reader:

lines += 1

bytes += len(line)

print(f'average: {bytes / lines}')

finally:

reader.close()
```



Guaranteed file closure



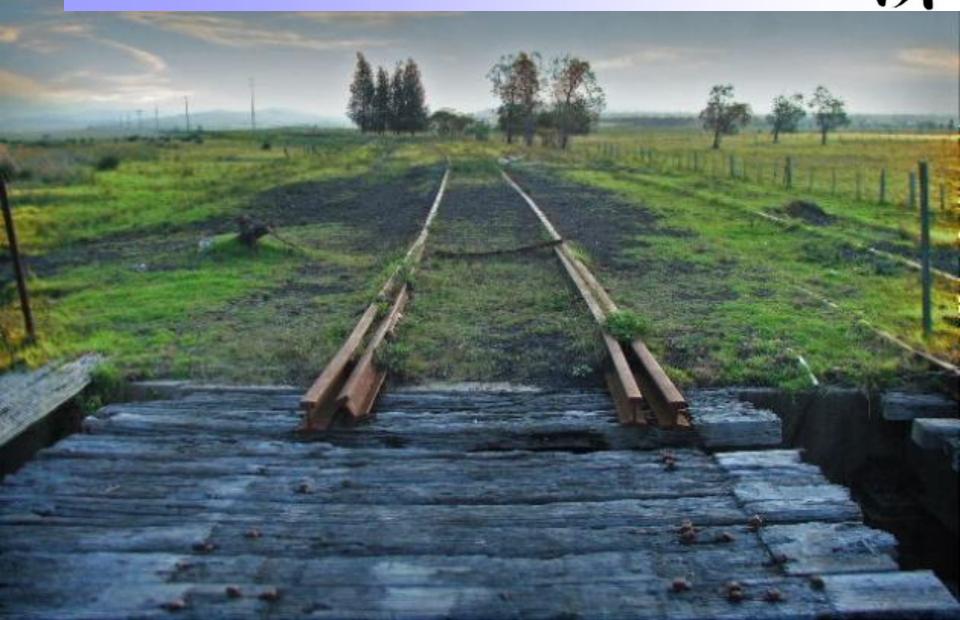
- open file → don't forget to close file
 - with: resource management + exception handling

reader10.py



```
with open('haiku.txt', 'r') as reader:
   bytes, lines = 0, 0
   for line in reader:
        lines += 1
        bytes += len(line)
   print(f'average: {bytes / lines}')
```







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- UNIX and MS Windows use different conventions to represent the end of line in text files
 - UNIX: line feed ('\n', newline, code 10)
 - MS Windows: carriage return ('\r', code 13) + line feed











- file objects can write data to files using their
 - write() method
 - writelines() method

```
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```

```
>>> writer = open('elements.txt', 'w')
>>> writer.write('elements')
>>> writer.writelines(['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr'])
>>> writer.close()
```



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same function

```
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for writing ...

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```
write a
single string
```

```
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>>> writer.write('elements')
>>> writer.writelines(['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr'])
>>> writer.close()
```





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write each string in the list

```
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```

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>>> writer.write('elements')
>>> writer.writelines(['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr'])
>>> writer.close()
```



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 - Python only writes what we tell it to
 - end-of-line characters must be written explicitely: '\n'
 - and we did not tell it to write any end-of-line characters

elements.txt

elementsHeNeArKr



```
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>>> writer.write('elements')
>>> writer.writelines(['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr'])
>>> writer.close()
```



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'elements\nHe\nNe\nAr\nKr\n'

```
elements
He
Ne
Ar
Kr
```

```
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```

```
>>> writer = open('elements.txt', 'w')
>>> writer.write('elements\n))
>>> writer.writelines(['He\n','Ne\n','Ar\n','Kr\n'])
>>> writer.close()
```



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 - end-of-line characters must be written explicitely: '\n'
 - often easier to use file parameter of print function

```
writer3.pv
```

```
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```

```
writer = open('elements.txt', 'w')
print('elements', file=writer)
for gas in ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']:
    print(gas, file=writer)
writer.close()
```



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```
writer3 n
```

```
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```

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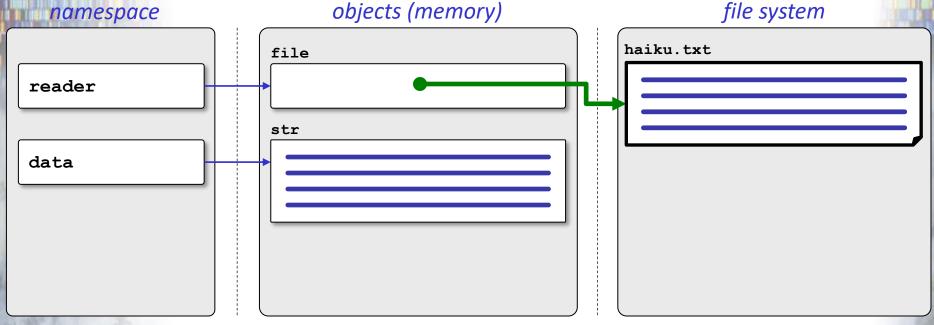




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reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
data = reader.read()
reader.close()
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
writer.write(data)
writer.close()
```



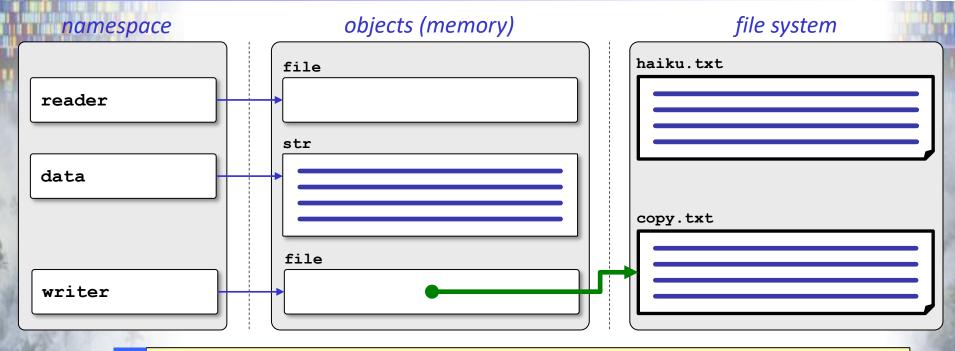




```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
                                     read entire
data = reader.read()
                                   file in memory
reader.close()
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
writer.write(data)
writer.close()
```

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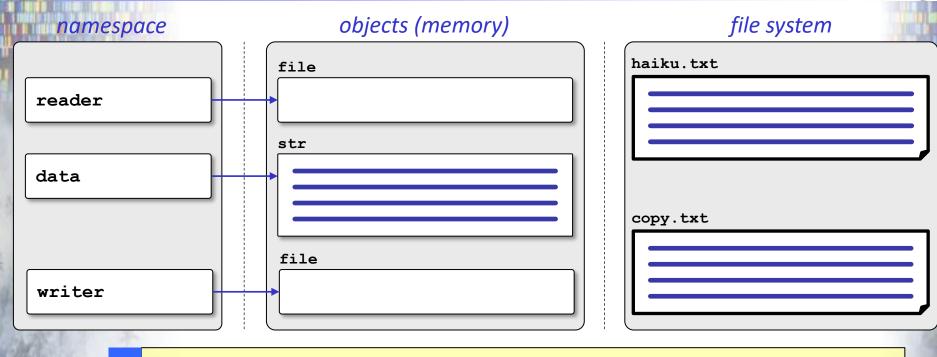




```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
data = reader.read()
reader.close()
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
                                  dump memory
writer.write(data)
                                   buffer to file
writer.close()
```







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```
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data = reader.read()
reader.close()
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
writer.write(data)
writer.close()
```





- this version will work terabyte-sized files
 - if it's a terabyte of text

```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
for line in reader:
    writer.write(line)
reader.close()
writer.close()
```



- this version doesn't make an exact copy of the original file
 - Python keeps newline characters when reading input
 - print automatically adds a newline when writing output

```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
for line in reader:
    print(line, file=writer)
reader.close()
writer.close()
```

copy3.py





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 - possible solution: string method rstrip()
 - print automatically adds a newline when writing output

```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
for line in reader:
    print(line.rstrip(), file=writer)
reader.close()
writer.close()
```



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 - possible solution: parameter end of print function

```
reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')
writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')
for line in reader:
    print(line, file=writer, end='')
reader.close()
writer.close()
```



- this version works for
 - files of any size
 - binary files and text files

```
blocksize = 1024

reader = open('haiku.txt', 'r')

writer = open('copy.txt', 'w')

data = reader.read(blocksize)

while data:

writer.write(data)

data = reader.read(blocksize)

reader.close()

writer.close()
```



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```
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    with open('copy.txt', 'w') as writer:
        data = reader.read(blocksize)
        while data:
            writer.write(data)
            data = reader.read(blocksize)
```

Online files

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- direct input from remote files is possible
- only difference with local files: opening files
 - URL (uniform resource locator) instead of path name
 - function urlopen() in module urllib.request, not open()
 - decoding bytes to characters (character set encoding)

```
from urllib.request import urlopen

# download web page

url = 'http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/data/view/{}&display=fasta'

accession = 'JN698960'

fasta = urlopen(url.format(accession))

# display content of web page

for line in fasta:

print(line.decode('utf-8'), end='')
```

Online files



online_haiku.py

```
from urllib.request import urlopen
# download web page with random haiku
url = 'http://haikuguy.com/issa/random.php'
reader = urlopen(url)
# parse page until start of haiku is found
marker = ''
line = reader.readline().decode('utf-8')
while line and not line.startswith(marker):
    line = reader.readline().decode('utf-8')
# read three haiku lines and display them
if line.startswith(marker):
   print(line[len(marker):].strip()[:-6])
    line = reader.readline().decode('utf-8')
   print(line.strip()[:-6])
    line = reader.readline().decode('utf-8')
   print(line.strip()[:-4])
```



Alphabetic encoding



abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



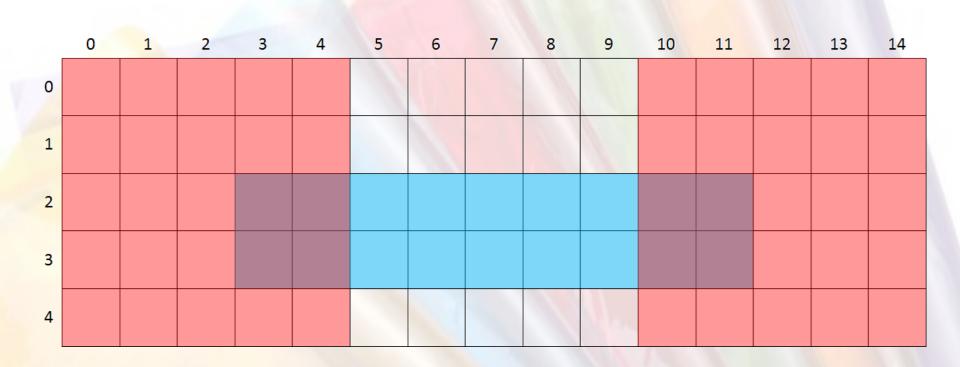
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Cellophane







World Cup soccer



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Homework (hands-on)



- course book
 - > read chapter 5 (files and exceptions)
 - > read chapter 10 (more program development)
 - > read chapter 14 (files and exceptions 11)
- · have a look at the modules os and csv
- series 9 (text files)
 - deadline mandatory exercises:
 Tuesday, December 10, 2024 (22:00)



Homework (next lecture)



- · course book
 - > read chapter 11 (introduction to classes)





Questions or remarks?

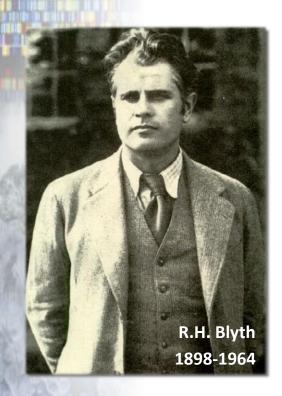






The sky is the limit ...





"A haiku... is a hand beckoning, a door half-opened, a mirror wiped clean. It is a way of returning to nature, to our moon nature, our cherry blossom nature, our falling leaf nature, in short, to our Buddha nature. It is a way in which the cold winter rain, the swallows of evening, even the very day in its hotness, and the length of the night become truly alive, share in our humanity, speak their own silent and expressive language."

