

Topic 5

Files and Serialisation

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Module Objectives

On completion of this module the learner will/should be able to:

- Testing Files and Directories
- Writing to and Deleting files
- Reading from files
- Importing Structured Data
- Interact with Spreadsheets
- Apply Serialisation Protocols; YAML, JSON

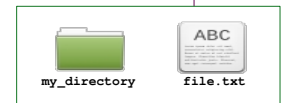


Testing Files and Directories



Testing if files or directories exist

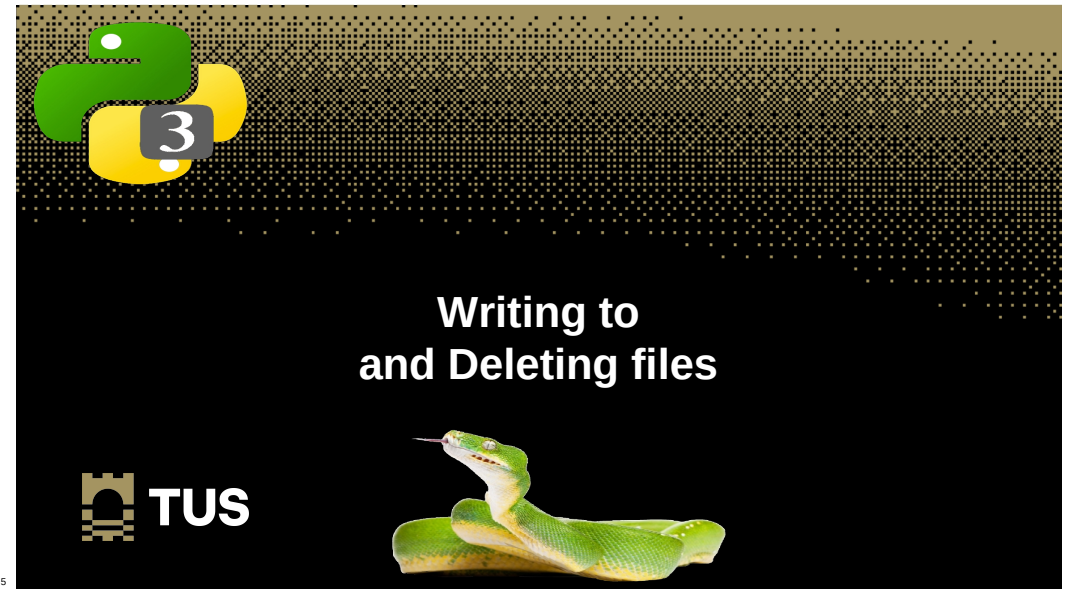
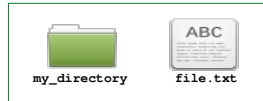
```
~$ cat exists.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3  # Do this in the shell first
4  # ~$ mkdir my_directory
5  # ~$ echo "FILE" > my_directory/file.txt
6
7  from os import path
8
9  import sys
10
11 my_dir = "my_directory"
12 my_file = "my_directory/file.txt"
13 other_file = "my_directory/file2.txt"
14
15 print(f'{my_dir}' exists: {path.exists(my_dir)}")
16 print(f'{my_file}' exists: {path.exists(my_file)}")
17 print(f'{other_file}' exists: {path.exists(other_file)}")
18 print(f'{my_dir}' is a directory: {path.isdir(my_dir)}")
19 print(f'{my_file}' is a directory: {path.isdir(my_file)}")
20 print(f'{my_dir}' is a file: {path.isfile(my_dir)}")
21 print(f'{my_file}' is a file: {path.isfile(my_file)}")
22
23 # // End //
24 sys.exit(0)
25
```



Testing if files or directories exist

```
~$ mkdir my_directory
~$ echo "FILE" > my_directory/file.txt

~$ ./exists.py
'my_directory' exists: True
'my_directory/file.txt' exists: True
'my_directory/file2.txt' exists: False
'my_directory' is a directory: True
'my_directory/file.txt' is a directory: False
'my_directory' is a file: False
'my_directory/file.txt' is a file: True
```



Writing to files

```
~$ cat write2file.sh
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3  import sys
4
5  # // File for writing //
6  some_text = "Some more text"
7
8  # // Writing to a file //
9  fh = open("file.txt", mode="w", encoding="utf-8")
10 fh.write("This is a test file\nthat I want to write to")
11 fh.write("\n")
12 fh.write(some_text)
13 fh.write("\nfinished.")
14 fh.write("\n")
15 fh.close()
16
17 # // End //
18 sys.exit(0)
19
```

```
~$ ./write2file.py
~$ cat file.txt
This is a test file
that I want to write to
Some more text
finished.
```

Modes

r	Read	r+	Read & Write
w	Write	w+	Read & Write
a	Append	a+	Read & Write

Deleting files


```
~$ ls my_directory/file.txt
my_directory/file.txt

>>> import os

>>> if (os.path.isfile("my_directory/file.txt")):
...     print("File file.txt exists")
...     os.remove("my_directory/file.txt")
...     print("Deleted file.txt")
...
File file.txt exists
Deleted file.txt

>>> quit()

~$ ls my_directory/file.txt
ls: cannot access 'my_directory/file.txt': No such file or directory
```



Reading from files




Reading files as a string (read ())

```

~$ cat readfile_as_string.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3  import sys
4
5  # // File for reading //
6  file = "unstructured_data.txt"
7
8  print()
9
10 # // Read entire file //
11 print("** Reading entire file, this is the output **\n")
12 fh = open(file, mode="r")
13 print((type(fh), fh))
14 entire_file = fh.read()
15 print(entire_file)
16 print()
17
18 # // Closing filehandle //
19 fh.close()
20

```

Reading files as a string

```

~$ ./readfile_as_string.py
** Reading entire file, this is the output **
(<class '_io.TextIOWrapper'>, <_io.TextIOWrapper name='unstructured_data.txt' mode='r' encoding='UTF-8'>)
Port      Status  Vlan Duplex  Speed  Type
Gi0/1/0   connected  1    auto    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/1   connected  1    half-duplex 100    10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/2   notconnect 1    full-duplex 1000   10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/3   notconnect 1    auto    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX

```

Reading files as a string (read () , splitlines ())

```

21 # // Read entire file (alternative format) //
22 print()
23 print("** Reading entire file, this is the output **\n")
24 with open(file) as fh2:
25     print((type(fh2), fh2))
26     entire_file2 = fh2.read()
27     print(entire_file2)
28
29 try:
30     entire_file3 = fh2.read()
31 except:
32     print("\nfilehandle 'fh2' was closed with the indent closure\n")
33
34 print("** splitlines() for some structure **\n")
35 structured_list = entire_file.splitlines()
36 print(structured_list)
37
38 # // End //
39 sys.exit(0)
40

```

Reading files as a string (splitlines ())

```
~$ ./readfile_as_string.py
** Reading entire file, this is the output **
(<class '_io.TextIOWrapper'>, <_io.TextIOWrapper name='unstructured_data.txt' mode='r' encoding='UTF-8'>)
Port      Status  Vlan Duplex      Speed Type
Gi0/1/0   connected 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/1   connected 1    half-duplex 100     10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/2   notconnect 1    full-duplex 1000    10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/3   notconnect 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX

** Reading entire file, this is the output **
(<class '_io.TextIOWrapper'>, <_io.TextIOWrapper name='unstructured_data.txt' mode='r' encoding='UTF-8'>)
Port      Status  Vlan Duplex      Speed Type
Gi0/1/0   connected 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/1   connected 1    half-duplex 100     10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/2   notconnect 1    full-duplex 1000    10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/3   notconnect 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX

filehandle 'fh2' was closed with the indent closure

** splitlines() for some structure **
['Port      Status  Vlan Duplex      Speed Type', 'Gi0/1/0   connected 1    auto        auto
10/100/1000BaseTX', 'Gi0/1/1   connected 1    half-duplex 100     10/100/1000BaseTX', 'Gi0/1/2
notconnect 1    full-duplex 1000    10/100/1000BaseTX', 'Gi0/1/3
notconnect 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX']
```

Reading files line by line (readlines ())

```
~$ cat readfile_line_by_line.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3  import sys
4  from pprint import pprint
5
6  # // File for reading //
7  file = "unstructured_data.txt"
8  structured_list = list()
9
10 print()
11
12 # // Read unstructured data file line by line to list //
13 with open(file) as fh2:
14     entire_file_as_list = fh2.readlines()
15
16 # // Output less-structured data //
17 print(type(entire_file_as_list), entire_file_as_list)
18
19 # // Process data in list //
20 for line in entire_file_as_list:
21     structured_list.append(line.strip().split())
22
23 # // Output structured data //
24 print()
25 pprint(structured_list)
26
27 # // End //
28 sys.exit(0)
29
```

Reading files line by line (readlines ())

```
~$ ./readfile_line_by_line.py
<class 'list'> ['Port      Status  Vlan Duplex      Speed Type \n', 'Gi0/1/0
connected 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX\n', 'Gi0/1/1   connected 1
half-duplex 100     10/100/1000BaseTX\n', 'Gi0/1/2   notconnect 1    full-duplex 1000
10/100/1000BaseTX\n', 'Gi0/1/3   notconnect 1    auto        auto    10/100/1000BaseTX']

[['Port', 'Status', 'Vlan', 'Duplex', 'Speed', 'Type'],
 ['Gi0/1/0', 'connected', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
 ['Gi0/1/1', 'connected', '1', 'half-duplex', '100', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
 ['Gi0/1/2', 'notconnect', '1', 'full-duplex', '1000', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
 ['Gi0/1/3', 'notconnect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX']]
```



Importing Structured Data



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Importing structured data

```
~$ cat structured_data_mod.py
str_intf = """Port      Name      Status      Vlan Duplex Speed Type
Gi0/1/0      connect  1          auto  auto  10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/1      connect  1          half-duplex 100 10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/2      notconnect 1          full-duplex 1000 10/100/1000BaseTX
Gi0/1/3      notconnect 1          auto  auto  10/100/1000BaseTX"""

list_intf = ["Gi0/1/0", "Gi0/1/1", "Gi0/1/2", "Gi0/1/3"]

dict_intf = {"Gi0/1/0": "connect", "Gi0/1/1": "connect",
             "Gi0/1/2": "notconnect", "Gi0/1/3": "notconnect"}
```

Importing structured data

```
~$ python3
>>> import structured_data_mod as sdm

>>> sdm.str_intf
'Port      Name      Status      Vlan Duplex Speed Type \nGi0/1/0      connect  1
auto  auto  10/100/1000BaseTX\nGi0/1/1      connect  1      half-duplex 100
10/100/1000BaseTX\nGi0/1/2      notconnect 1          full-duplex 1000
10/100/1000BaseTX\nGi0/1/3      notconnect 1          auto  auto  10/100/1000BaseTX'

>>> sdm.list_intf
['Gi0/1/0', 'Gi0/1/1', 'Gi0/1/2', 'Gi0/1/3']

>>> sdm.dict_intf
{'Gi0/1/0': 'connect', 'Gi0/1/1': 'connect', 'Gi0/1/2': 'notconnect', 'Gi0/1/3':
'notconnect'}
```

Importing complex structured data

```
list_of_lists = [['PORT_NAME', 'STATUS', 'VLAN', 'DUPLEX', 'SPEED', 'TYPE'],
['Gi0/1/0', 'connect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
['Gi0/1/1', 'connect', '1', 'half-duplex', '100', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
['Gi0/1/2', 'notconnect', '1', 'full-duplex', '1000', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
['Gi0/1/3', 'notconnect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX']]

dict_of_lists = {'Gi0/1/0': ['connect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
'Gi0/1/1': ['connect', '1', 'half-duplex', '100', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
'Gi0/1/2': ['notconnect', '1', 'full-duplex', '1000', '10/100/1000BaseTX'],
'Gi0/1/3': ['notconnect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX']}

dict_of_dicts = {'Gi0/1/0': {'STATUS': 'connect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'auto', 'SPEED': 'auto', 'TYPE':
'10/100/1000BaseTX'}, 'Gi0/1/1': {'STATUS': 'connect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'half-duplex', 'SPEED':
'100', 'TYPE': '10/100/1000BaseTX'}, 'Gi0/1/2': {'STATUS': 'notconnect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'full-
duplex', 'SPEED': '1000', 'TYPE': '10/100/1000BaseTX'},
'Gi0/1/3': {'STATUS': 'notconnect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'auto', 'SPEED': 'auto', 'TYPE':
'10/100/1000BaseTX'}}
```

Importing complex structured data



```
>>> sdm.list_of_lists
[['PORT_NAME', 'STATUS', 'VLAN', 'DUPLEX', 'SPEED', 'TYPE'], ['Gi0/1/0', 'connect', '1',
'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX'], ['Gi0/1/1', 'connect', '1', 'half-duplex', '100',
'10/100/1000BaseTX'], ['Gi0/1/2', 'notconnect', '1', 'full-duplex', '1000',
'10/100/1000BaseTX'], ['Gi0/1/3', 'notconnect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX']]

>>> sdm.dict_of_lists
{'Gi0/1/0': ['connect', '1', 'auto', 'auto', '10/100/1000BaseTX'], 'Gi0/1/1': ['connect', '1',
'half-duplex', '100', '10/100/1000BaseTX'], 'Gi0/1/2': ['notconnect', '1', 'full-duplex',
'1000', '10/100/1000BaseTX'], 'Gi0/1/3': ['notconnect', '1', 'auto', 'auto',
'10/100/1000BaseTX']}


>>> sdm.dict_of_dicts
{'Gi0/1/0': {'STATUS': 'connect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'auto', 'SPEED': 'auto', 'TYPE':
'10/100/1000BaseTX'}, 'Gi0/1/1': {'STATUS': 'connect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'half-duplex',
'SPEED': '100', 'TYPE': '10/100/1000BaseTX'}, 'Gi0/1/2': {'STATUS': 'notconnect', 'VLAN':
'1', 'DUPLEX': 'full-duplex', 'SPEED': '1000', 'TYPE': '10/100/1000BaseTX'}, 'Gi0/1/3':
{'STATUS': 'notconnect', 'VLAN': '1', 'DUPLEX': 'auto', 'SPEED': 'auto', 'TYPE':
'10/100/1000BaseTX'}}
```



Spreadsheets

.CSV



Writing to a CSV file

```

~$ cat write_csv.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  """ CSV Write """
3
4  import csv
5
6  header = ["name", "model", "year"]
7  data = [
8      ["toyota", "corolla", "2016"],
9      ["ford", "escort", "2016"],
10     ["nissan", "yaris", "2019"],
11     ["seat", "leon", "2020"],
12     ["volvo", "xc60", "2021"],
13 ]
14 cars_csv = "cars.csv"
15
16 # // Open CSV file as a file-handle //
17 with open(cars_csv, mode="w", encoding="utf8") as fh:
18     writer = csv.writer(fh)
19     writer.writerow(header)
20     writer.writerows(data)
21
22 # // End //
23

```

```
~$ ./write_csv.py
```

```

~$ cat cars.csv
name,model,year
toyota,corolla,2016
ford,escort,2016
nissan,yaris,2019
seat,leon,2020
volvo,xc60,2021

```

	A	B	C
1	name	model	year
2	toyota	corolla	2016
3	ford	escort	2016
4	nissan	yaris	2019
5	seat	leon	2020
6	volvo	xc60	2021

Reading from CSV files

```

~$ cat orders.csv
Date,Region,Rep,Item,Units,Unit Cost,Total
10/5/2021,East,Ryan,Notebook,91,2.99,272.09
10/5/2021,South,Stephens,Folder,46,18.99,873.54
11/5/2021,South,Morgan,Notebook,32,4.99,159.68
11/5/2021,South,Gill,Biro,23,18.99,436.77
11/5/2021,West,Mitchell,Notebook,58,2.99,173.42
11/5/2021,East,Ryan,Folder,56,4.99,279.44
11/5/2021,South,Hogan,Notebook,71,2.99,212.29
11/5/2021,North,Smyth,Notebook,86,4.99,429.14
11/5/2021,West,Scully,Notebook,34,2.99,101.66
11/5/2021,East,Ryan,Folder,62,8.99,557.38
12/5/2021,South,Morgan,Notebook,86,4.99,429.14
12/5/2021,East,Howard,Folder,25,2.99,74.75
12/5/2021,North,Scully,Folder,33,18.99,626.67
12/5/2021,East,Ryan,Notebook,31,4.99,154.69
12/5/2021,South,Smith,Locker,4,435,1740

```

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Date	Region	Rep	Item	Units	Unit Cost	Total
2	10/5/2021	East	Ryan	Notebook	91	2.99	272.09
3	10/5/2021	South	Stephens	Folder	46	18.99	873.54
4	11/5/2021	South	Morgan	Notebook	32	4.99	159.68
5	11/5/2021	South	Gill	Biro	23	18.99	436.77
6	11/5/2021	West	Mitchell	Notebook	58	2.99	173.42
7	11/5/2021	East	Ryan	Folder	56	4.99	279.44
8	11/5/2021	South	Hogan	Notebook	71	2.99	212.29
9	11/5/2021	North	Smyth	Notebook	86	4.99	429.14
10	11/5/2021	West	Scully	Notebook	34	2.99	101.66
11	11/5/2021	East	Ryan	Folder	62	8.99	557.38
12	12/5/2021	South	Morgan	Notebook	86	4.99	429.14
13	12/5/2021	East	Howard	Folder	25	2.99	74.75
14	12/5/2021	North	Scully	Folder	33	18.99	626.67
15	12/5/2021	East	Ryan	Notebook	31	4.99	154.69
16	12/5/2021	South	Smith	Locker	4	435	1740

Reading from CSV files

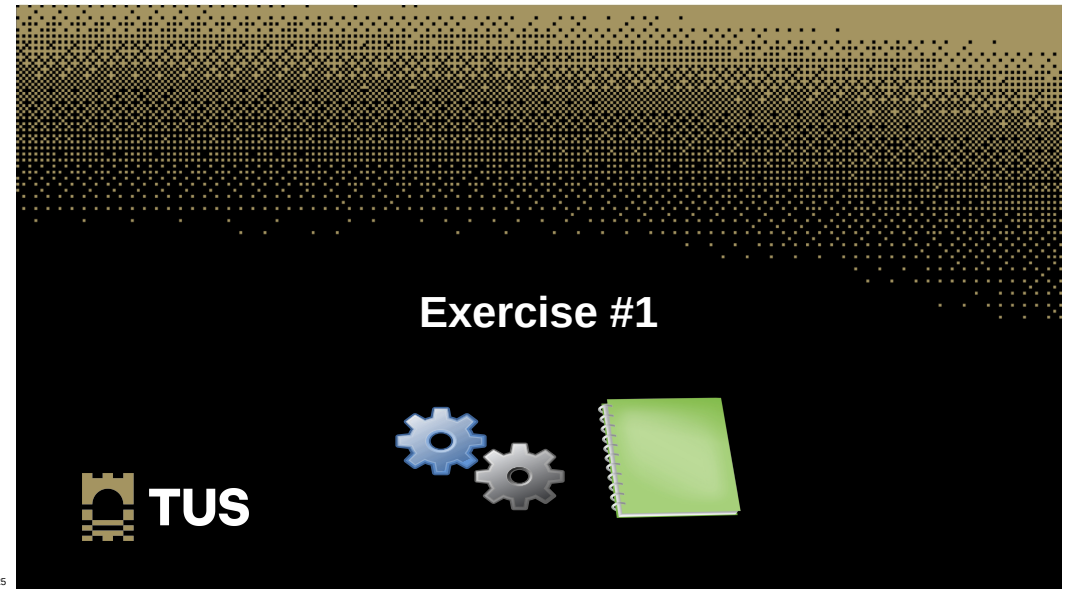
```

~$ cat read_csv.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  """ CSV Read """
3
4  import csv
5
6  header = list()
7  data = list()
8  orders_csv = "orders.csv"
9
10 # // Open CSV file as a file-handle //
11 with open(orders_csv, mode="r", encoding="utf8") as fh:
12     csv_read = list(csv.reader(fh))
13     header = csv_read[0]
14     data = csv_read[1:]
15
16 print(header)
17 print()
18 [print(x) for x in data]
19
20
21 # // End //
22

```


Reading from CSV files

```
~$ ./read_csv.py
['Date', 'Region', 'Rep', 'Item', 'Units', 'Unit Cost', 'Total']
[['10/5/2021', 'East', 'Ryan', 'Notebook', '91', '2.99', '272.09']
 ['10/5/2021', 'South', 'Stephens', 'Folder', '46', '18.99', '873.54']
 ['11/5/2021', 'South', 'Morgan', 'Notebook', '32', '4.99', '159.68']
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 ['12/5/2021', 'East', 'Howard', 'Folder', '25', '2.99', '74.75']
 ['12/5/2021', 'North', 'Scully', 'Folder', '33', '18.99', '626.67']
 ['12/5/2021', 'East', 'Ryan', 'Notebook', '31', '4.99', '154.69']
 ['12/5/2021', 'South', 'Smith', 'Locker', '4', '435', '1740']
```



Exercise #1

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The slide features a dark background with a halftone pattern. In the top right, the text 'Exercise #1' is displayed in white. Below the text, there are three icons: two interlocking gears (one blue, one grey) and a green notepad. In the bottom left corner, the TUS logo is visible.

Exercise #1

- Write a program called "exercise_5.1.py".
- Read the CSV file, `orders.csv`, adding the following data to the retrieved data and writing a new `.csv` file, `orders2.csv`, with the complete dataset.

```
['14/5/2021', 'West', 'Duggan', 'Stapler', '5', '15', '75']
```

- The new file should look like this:

```
~$ tail -5 orders2.csv
12/5/2021,East,Howard,Folder,25,2.99,74.75
12/5/2021,North,Scully,Folder,33,18.99,626.67
12/5/2021,East,Ryan,Notebook,31,4.99,154.69
12/5/2021,South,Smith,Locker,4,435,1740
14/5/2021,West,Duggan,Stapler,5,15,75
```



Serialisation Protocols

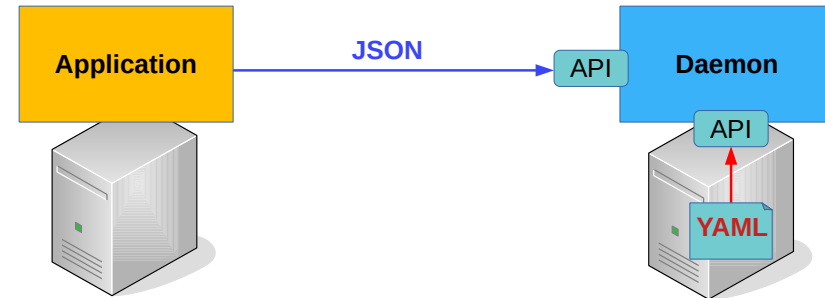
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The slide features a dark background with a halftone pattern. In the top left, there is a Python logo with a grey box containing the number '3'. In the bottom right, there is a photograph of a green snake. In the bottom left corner, the TUS logo is visible.

Serialisation Protocols

- Serialisation protocols converting data objects that exist within complex data structures into a byte stream for storage or transfer.
- There are a number of data serialisation protocols and their use varies depending upon factors such as data complexity, need for human readability, speed and storage space constraints.
 - JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
 - YAML Ain't Markup Language (YAML)
 - Extensible Markup Language (XML)

Serialisation Protocols



Yet Another Markup Language (YAML)



Processing YAML

```
~$ cat yam1_start.py
1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 """ Yam1 start """
3
4 import sys
5 import yaml
6
7 # Variables
8 file = "data.yam1"
9 file2 = "data2.yam1"
10
11
12 print()
13 # // Open a yam1 file for reading //
14 with open(file, mode="r") as fh:
15     head_ = fh.readline()
16     yam1_in = yaml.load(fh, Loader=yaml.FullLoader)
17     print(f"({type(yam1_in)})\n(yam1_in)")
18     print()
19
20 print("\n-----\n")
21
22 while True:
23     input("Press 'Enter' to continue")
24     print()
25
26 # // Open a multi-doc yam1 file for reading //
27 with open(file2, mode="r") as fh:
28     head_ = fh.readline()
29     yam1_in2 = yaml.load_all(fh, Loader=yaml.FullLoader)
30     print(type(yam1_in2), yam1_in2)
31     for doc in yam1_in2:
32         print(doc)
33     print("\n-----\n")
34
```

```
~$ cat data.yam1
1 ---
2
3 # List
4 - list 1
5 - list 2
6 - list 3
7 - list 4
8
9 ...

~$ cat data2.yam1
1 ---
2
3 # List
4 - list 1
5 - list 2
6 - list 3
7 - list 4
8
9 ...
```


Processing YAML - lists

```
~$ ./yaml_start.py
<class 'list'>
['list 1', 'list 2', 'list 3', 'list 4']
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue

<class 'generator'> <generator object load_all at 0x7f2d9befc120>
['list 1', 'list 2', 'list 3', 'list 4']
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue
```

Processing YAML – A basic dictionary

```
~$ cat <<EOM>> data2.yaml
---
# A basic dictionary

dict1: one
dict2: two
dict3: three
dict4: four

EOM

Press 'Enter' to continue

{'dict1': 'one', 'dict2': 'two', 'dict3': 'three', 'dict4': 'four'}
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue
```

Processing YAML – A more complex dictionary

```
~$ cat <<EOM>> data2.yaml
---
# More complex dictionary

dict_:
  dict1: one
  dict2: two
  dict3: three
  dict4: four

EOM

Press 'Enter' to continue

{'dict_': {'dict1': 'one', 'dict2': 'two', 'dict3': 'three', 'dict4': 'four', 'dict5': None}}
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue
```

Processing YAML – Dictionary in a List & null

```
~$ cat <<EOM>> data2.yaml
---
# Dictionary in a list

- dict_:
  dict1: one
  dict2: two
  dict3: three
  dict4: four
  dict5: null

EOM

Press 'Enter' to continue

[{'dict_': {'dict1': 'one', 'dict2': 'two', 'dict3': 'three', 'dict4': 'four', 'dict5': None}}]
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue
```

Processing YAML – List in a Dictionary

```
~$ cat <<EOM>> data2.yaml
---
# Lists in a dictionary

dict_:
  dict1:
    - sometimes: true
    - othertimes: false
    - eventimes: yes
    - goodtimes: no
  dict2: two
  dict3: three
  dict4: four
  dict5: null

EOM

Press 'Enter' to continue

{'dict_': {'dict1': [{'sometimes': True}, {'othertimes': False}, {'eventimes': True}, {'goodtimes': False}], 'dict2': 'two', 'dict3': 'three', 'dict4': 'four', 'dict5': None}}
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue
```

Processing YAML - Multiline

```
~$ cat <<EOM>> data2.yaml
---
# Other stuff

- dict1: |
  multi line can
  look exactly
  like this.

- dict2: >
  This looks easier
  to read here within
  the YAML file.

EOM

Press 'Enter' to continue

[{'dict1': 'multi line can \nlook exactly \nlike this.\n'}, {'dict2': 'This looks easier to read here within the YAML file.\n'}]
-----
Press 'Enter' to continue
```

Processing YAML

```
~$ cat /yaml_processing.py
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  """ Yaml processing """
3
4  import sys
5  import yaml
6  from pprint import pprint
7
8  # Variables
9  file = "network.yaml"
10 new_file = "network2.yaml"
11
12 # // Open a yaml file for reading //
13 with open(file, mode="r") as fh:
14     head_ = fh.readline()
15     net_list = yaml.safe_load(fh)
16
17 print(head_)
18 print(type(net_list), net_list)
19 print()
20 pprint(net_list)
21 print()
22
23 # // Print the 'ens160' interface //
24 print(f"ens160: {net_list['network']['ethernets']['ens160']}\n")
25
26 # Add static address on 'ens160'
27 # Address: '10.10.10.100/16
28 # Nameserver: '8.8.8.8'
```

```
29
30 new_addr = {"addresses": ["10.10.10.100/16"],
31            "nameservers": {"addresses": ["8.8.8.8"]}}
32
33 # // Update the 'net_list' dictionary //
34 net_list["network"]["ethernets"]["ens160"] = new_addr
35
36 print(f"ens160: {net_list['network']['ethernets']['ens160']}\n")
37
38 # // Write a new network yaml file //
39 head2_ = "# New network2.yaml file"
40 print(f"{head2_}\n")
41 with open(new_file, "w") as fh:
42     fh.write(f"{head2_}\n")
43     fh.write("\n")
44     yaml.dump(net_list, fh, default_flow_style=False)
45
46 # // End //
47 sys.exit(0)
48
```

Processing YAML

```
~$ ./yaml_processing.py
# network.yaml file

<class 'dict'> {'network': {'ethernets': {'ens160': {'dhcp4': True}, 'ens192': {'addresses': ['192.168.0.2/24'], 'nameservers': {'addresses': ['8.8.8.8']}}, 'ens224': {'addresses': ['192.168.1.2/24'], 'nameservers': {'addresses': ['8.8.8.8']}, 'routes': [{'to': '192.168.2.0/24', 'via': '192.168.1.3'}]}}, 'version': 2, 'renderer': 'networkd'}}

{'network': {'ethernets': {'ens160': {'dhcp4': True}, 'ens192': {'addresses': ['192.168.0.2/24'], 'nameservers': {'addresses': ['8.8.8.8']}}, 'ens224': {'addresses': ['192.168.1.2/24'], 'nameservers': {'addresses': ['8.8.8.8']}, 'routes': [{'to': '192.168.2.0/24', 'via': '192.168.1.3'}]}}, 'renderer': 'networkd', 'version': 2}}

ens160: {'dhcp4': True}

ens160: {'addresses': ['10.10.10.100/16'], 'nameservers': {'addresses': ['8.8.8.8']}}

# New network2.yaml file
```



JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)



Processing JSON

```
~$ cat data_set.json
{
  "firstName": "Tom",
  "lastName": "Clarke",
  "hobbies": ["sailing", "swimming", "hillwalking"],
  "age": 40,
  "children": [
    {
      "firstName": "Cian",
      "age": 12
    },
    {
      "firstName": "Conor",
      "age": 13
    }
  ]
}
```

```
~$ cat data_set2.json
{
  "firstName": "Tom",
  "lastName": "Clarke",
  "hobbies": [
    "sailing",
    "swimming",
    "hillwalking",
    "rugby"
  ],
  "age": 40,
  "children": [
    {
      "firstName": "Cian",
      "age": 12
    },
    {
      "firstName": "Conor",
      "age": 13
    },
    {
      "firstName": "Orla",
      "age": 1
    }
  ]
}
```



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Processing JSON

```
~$ cat json_processing.py
1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 """ JSON processing """
3
4 import json
5 import pprint
6
7 # Variables //
8 file = "data_set.json"
9 new_file = "data_set2.json"
10
11 # // De-serialise data from the file (read it) //
12 print(f"De-serialising data from '{file}'")
13 with open(file, mode="r") as fh:
14     data = json.load(fh)
15
16 print(f"\n[type(data)], {data}\n")
17
18 # // Add 'rugby' as a hobby //
19 print("Adding 'rugby' as a new hobby")
20 data["hobbies"].append("rugby")
21
22 # // Add a new child //
23 print("Adding a new child called 'Orla'")
24 _ = {"firstName": "Orla", "age": 1}
25 data["children"].append(_)
26
27 # // Serialise data to the file (write it) //
28 print(f"Serialising data to '{new_file}'\n")
29 with open(new_file, mode="w") as fh2:
30     json.dump(data, fh2, indent=(" "))
31     # json.dump(data, fh2)
32
```

```
~$ ./json_processing.py
De-serialising data from 'data_set.json'

<class 'dict'>, {'firstName': 'Tom',
'lastName': 'Clarke', 'hobbies':
['sailing', 'swimming', 'hillwalking'],
'age': 40, 'children': [{'firstName':
'Cian', 'age': 12}, {'firstName': 'Conor',
'age': 13}]}

Adding 'rugby' as a new hobby
Adding a new child called 'Orla'
Serialising data to 'data_set2.json'
```



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Processing JSON

- `json.dump()`
 - method can be used for writing to JSON file.
- `json.dumps()`
 - method can convert a Python object into a JSON string.

```
>>> import json
>>> dict_ = {'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'three': 3}
>>> print(type(dict_), dict_)
<class 'dict'> {'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'three': 3}

>>> json_obj = json.dumps(dict_)
>>> print(type(json_obj), json_obj)
<class 'str'> {"one": 1, "two": 2, "three": 3}
```



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Exercise #2



Exercise #2

- Add a shebang line and a document string "Exercise #5.2 in Python3".
- Import both `yaml` and `json` modules.
- Read from the `network.yaml` file already used.
- Print each interface and the IP address on it.
- Serialise the data to JSON format into a file called `network.json`.
- Output from the file should look like this:

```
~$ exercise_5.2.py
Reading the 'network.yaml' YAML file
ens192: 192.168.0.2/24
ens224: 192.168.1.2/24
Serialising data to 'network.json'
```



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Learning Objectives

- Testing Files and Directories ✓
- Writing to and Deleting files ✓
- Reading from files ✓
- Importing Structured Data ✓
- Interact with Spreadsheets ✓
- Apply Serialisation Protocols; YAML, JSON ✓



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