

# CS107 / AC207

SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT FOR COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

## LECTURE 8

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# RECAP OF LAST TIME

- The concept for consistency in the python language:
  - The python data model
  - Special class methods (also called "*dunder*" methods)
- A custom sequence: French deck of cards
- Software Licenses

# OUTLINE

- Class methods, static methods and instance methods
- python modules
- python packages and the python package index ([PyPI](#))

# **CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS**

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At this point you should feel comfortable with user-defined classes, special class methods and the python data model. You should develop an intuition for the *consistency* of the python programming language once you have understood these *key concepts*.

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

Recall the *decorator* design pattern discussed in Lecture 5:

- A decorator *wraps* hidden code around a function argument and returns a new decorated function object.
- python makes use of decorators to further specialize methods in a user-defined class.
- These decorators are available since python 2.2 (new-style classes, see previous lecture).
- There are two such decorators ([PEP318](#)):
  - `@classmethod`: transforms a *method* into a *class method*.
  - `@staticmethod`: transforms a *method* into a *static method*.

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

Let us revisit the `Complex` class from Lecture 6:

```
1 class Complex:
2     def __init__(self, real, imag):
3         """Default initialization of a complex number"""
4         self.real = real
5         self.imag = imag
6
7     @classmethod
8     def make_complex(cls, real, imag):
9         """Factory method for a complex number"""
10        return cls(real, imag)
11
12    def __repr__(self):
13        """String representation"""
14        return f"{type(self).__name__}({self.real}, {self.imag})"
15
16    def __eq__(self, other):
17        """Equality of two complex numbers"""
18        return (self.real == other.real) and (self.imag == other.imag)
```

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- `make_complex` is a special *class method*; a result from the `@classmethod` decorator.
- Note the difference in the *function signature*:
  - Regular methods take `self` as first argument (*reference to instance of class*).
  - Class methods take `cls` as first argument (*reference to class type*).
- The name `cls` is again *a convention* just as `self` is chosen by convention.
- The return value `cls(real, imag)` is the same as `Complex(real, imag)`. The `@classmethod` decorator *strips away* the reference to the *instance of the class* and returns a reference to the `Complex` class type instead.



# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

Example usage of our decorated class method:

```
1 >>> z1 = Complex(1, 2) # calls __init__
2 >>> z2 = Complex.make_complex(1, 2) # create an instance from the Complex type directly
3 >>> z3 = z2.make_complex(1, 2) # create an instance via another instance
4 >>> z1 == z2 and z2 == z3 # the three instances are all equal
5 True
```

The instances are all equal *but* they are separate objects in memory:

```
1 >>> id(z1); id(z2); id(z3)
2 140022962355792
3 140022964138048
4 140022964039344
```

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

## Takeaway:

- A `@classmethod` has access to *what is defined in the class itself*, but *no access to the **state** of a particular instance of the class*. (Note that `self` is a reference to **state**, this state is initialized only when `__init__` is called and may change over time. The `cls` reference *does not* have access to such state.)
- The main use case for `@classmethod` is to provide *alternate* ways of constructing an object of your class:
  - The original client only needed the Cartesian form to create complex numbers.
  - A new client requires complex numbers to be constructed from Polar coordinates (radius  $r$  and angle  $\varphi$ ). This new class feature is implemented with a `@classmethod`.

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

Construct complex numbers from Cartesian and Polar coordinates:

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 class Complex:
4     def __init__(self, real, imag):
5         """Default initialization of a complex number"""
6         self.real = real
7         self.imag = imag
8
9     @classmethod
10    def from_polar(cls, r, phi):
11        """Construct a complex number from Polar coordinates"""
12        return cls(r * np.cos(phi), r * np.sin(phi))
13
14    def __repr__(self):
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```

```
1 >>> z1 = Complex(np.cos(np.pi / 4), np.sin(np.pi / 4))
2 >>> z2 = Complex.from_polar(1, np.pi / 4)
3 >>> z1 == z2
4 True
```

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

The `@staticmethod` decorator is similar but *strips away* the first argument completely:

```
1 class MyClass:
2     def __init__(self):
3         """Default initialization of MyClass with reference to an instance"""
4         print(self)
5
6     @classmethod
7     def class_method(cls):
8         """Class method with a reference to MyClass"""
9         print(cls)
10
11    @staticmethod
12    def static_method(): # no first argument here!
13        """Static methods are just normal functions in the scope of the class"""
14        pass
```

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```

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1 >>> c = MyClass()
2 <__main__.MyClass object at 0x7f06d0ce1b20>
3 >>> MyClass.class_method()
4 <class '__main__.MyClass'>
5 >>> type(MyClass.static_method)
6 <class 'function'>
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- Static methods are just *normal functions* inside the class scope (MyClass in this example).
- You can call them directly from the class type like `MyClass.static_method()` *or* from an instance like this `c.static_method()`.
- Static methods in python are the same as C++ methods declared with the `static` keyword.
- Can you use static methods to modify state?

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

Let's look at it from another perspective (*Fluent Python*):

```
1 class Demo:
2     def instance_method(*args):
3         return args
4
5     @classmethod
6     def class_method(*args):
7         return args
8
9     @staticmethod
10    def static_method(*args):
11        return args
```

```
1 >>> d = Demo()
2 >>> dummy_args = ('A', 'B', 'C')
3 >>> d.instance_method(*dummy_args)
4 (<__main__.Demo object at 0x7fec186bab80>, 'A', 'B', 'C') # fist arg: reference self
5 >>> d.class_method(*dummy_args)
6 (<class '__main__.Demo'>, 'A', 'B', 'C') # first arg: reference to cls
7 >>> d.static_method(*dummy_args)
8 ('A', 'B', 'C') # static methods: no implicit first argument like other methods do!
```



# CLASS VARIABLES AND INSTANCE VARIABLES

- Static methods are used for global class operations that *do not depend on state* (an instance of the class carries state).
- Just as there are *static* and *instance* methods for a class, there are also *static variables (class variables)* and *instance variables*.
- Class variables are *global* to the class itself (just like static methods), whereas instance variables are *local to the class instance* (they represent state and may hold different values for different instances of the class).

# CLASS VARIABLES AND INSTANCE VARIABLES

Recall the French deck class from the previous lecture:

```
1 from collections import namedtuple
2
3 Card = namedtuple('Card', ['rank', 'suit'])
4
5 class FrenchDeck:
6     """French deck of 52 playing cards"""
7     ranks = [str(rank) for rank in range(2, 11)] + list('JQKA')
8     suits = 'spades diamonds clubs hearts'.split()
9
10    def __init__(self):
11        """Initialize ordered deck of cards"""
12        self._cards = [
13            Card(rank, suit) for suit in self.suits for rank in self.ranks
14        ]
15
16    # skipping other methods shown in previous lecture
```

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9     suits = 'spades diamonds clubs hearts'.split()
10
11     def __init__(self):
12         """Initialize ordered deck of cards"""
13         # this is an instance variable, remember: `self` is a reference to an instance
14         self._cards = [
15             Card(rank, suit) for suit in self.suits for rank in self.ranks
16         ]
```

Note that *class variables* (global to the class type itself) do not have a `self.` prepended, because `self` is a reference to an instance of the class.

- `ranks` and `suits` are *global (class) properties*. The card deck will always consist of 52 cards.
- `self._cards` is a *state* that is local to the instance because the deck might be shuffled differently between two instances, hence their *state* is different.

# CLASS VARIABLES AND INSTANCE VARIABLES

*Class variable and instance variable example:*

```
1 >>> class Demo:
2 ...     class_variable = 1 # a class variable (global to the type Demo)
3 >>> demo = Demo() # create an instance of Demo
4 >>> demo.class_variable = 2 # this shadows Demo.class_variable
5 >>> demo.class_variable # the value 2 is now local to the instance!
6 2
7 >>> demo.__class__.class_variable # but the global class variable is still untouched
8 1
```

# CLASS VARIABLES AND INSTANCE VARIABLES

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4 >>> demo.class_variable = 2 # this shadows Demo.class_variable (duck-typing)
5 >>> demo.class_variable # the value 2 is now local to the instance!
6 2
7 >>> demo.__class__.class_variable # but the global class variable is still untouched
8 1
9 >>> demo.__class__.class_variable = 3 # change the class variable globally
10 >>> # Note that this is the same statement: Demo.class_variable = 3
11 >>> new_demo = Demo()
12 >>> new_demo.class_variable
13 3
```

Same example on [pythontutor](#)

**Note:** the reason the code in line 4 *shadows* the class variable is because of **duck typing** in python. The duck typing rules create a new `self.class_variable` attribute *for the instance*, you can see that in the pythontutor example above.

# CLASS VARIABLES AND INSTANCE VARIABLES

## *Class variable and instance variable example:*

- We can further investigate this duck typing phenomenon with the `dir()` and `vars()` built-in functions.
- `dir()`: lists the names of the class attributes and recursively of its base classes:

```
1 >>> dir(demo)
2 ['__class__', '__delattr__', '__dict__', '__dir__', '__doc__', '__eq__', '__format__', '__ge__',
3  '__getattr__', '__gt__', '__hash__', '__init__', '__init_subclass__', '__le__', '__lt__',
4  '__module__', '__ne__', '__new__', '__reduce__', '__reduce_ex__', '__repr__', '__setattr__',
5  '__sizeof__', '__str__', '__subclasshook__', '__weakref__', 'class_variable']
6 >>> dir(new_demo)
7 ['__class__', '__delattr__', '__dict__', '__dir__', '__doc__', '__eq__', '__format__', '__ge__',
8  '__getattr__', '__gt__', '__hash__', '__init__', '__init_subclass__', '__le__', '__lt__',
9  '__module__', '__ne__', '__new__', '__reduce__', '__reduce_ex__', '__repr__', '__setattr__',
10 '__sizeof__', '__str__', '__subclasshook__', '__weakref__', 'class_variable']
```

- `vars()`: lists the contents of the `__dict__` attribute (local to instance):

```
1 >>> vars(demo) # affected by the duck-typing phenomenon (see line 4 in previous slide)
2 {'class_variable': 2}
3 >>> vars(new_demo) # we did not duck-type anything on this instance
4 {}
```

# CLASS, STATIC AND INSTANCE METHODS

## Summary:

- `@classmethod` is primarily used as a *factory* to create new class instances in different ways other than how you define it in `__init__()`. In the `@classmethod` you perform the desired transformation first and then create a new instance by calling `__init__` with the result of your data transformation.
- `@classmethod` does not need to return an instance of `cls` all the time, it is just often used this way.
- **Optional reading:** The factory pattern is further described in Chapter 3 of *Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software* by E. Gamma, R. Helm, R. Johnson and J. Vlissides, Addison Wesley Professional, 1995.
- `@staticmethod` are regular functions that are contained within the class scope. You can either call them via an instance `self.static_method()` (assuming `self` is an instance of `MyClass`) or via the class type directly `MyClass.static_method()`.

# python **MODULES**



# python MODULES

- We are now at a point where we can take our python knowledge one step further.
- You learned about the basic python language features such as defining functions, writing user-defined types (classes) all aligned with the consistency enabled by the python data model.
- This knowledge allows you develop large software projects already but when you are starting to scale up your code, ***structure is important***.
- Just like when you are cooking for a large party, you want your **mise en place** in the kitchen ( python modules and packages) and sharp knives (your dev environment, tools, editor or IDE).
- python *modules* contain subsets of your code project.
- python *packages* are a collection of modules. This collection is often *hierarchical* in the same way as your Linux filesystem is and they can form components of your software projects.

# python MODULES

- A python module most of the time is a simple python file with code inside, e.g. `my_module.py`. You could execute a module with `python my_module.py`.
- The more common use case is to `import` a module in your code where you need the *functionality* provided by that module:

```
1 import my_module
2 retval = my_module.some_function() # use a function implemented in my_module
```

**Note:** `some_function` is *inside* the namespace of `my_module`.

- You could have done this to *import into the current namespace* (**but you know it is bad practice!**):

```
1 from my_module import *
2 retval = some_function() # use a function imported from my_module
```

# python MODULES

## *Good practice:*

- Import only the functionality you actually need:

```
1 from my_module import some_function
2 retval = some_function() # use a function imported from my_module
```

*Importing into the current namespace does not prevent from name clashes*

- It is usually a better idea to keep the namespace of the module. We are lazy typists—use the **as** keyword to make your life easier:

```
1 import my_module as mm
2 retval = mm.some_function() # use a function implemented in my_module
```

- You may have seen this many times with more widely used packages: (these are again *conventions* that the python community sticks with)

```
1 import numpy as np # numerical python package (linear algebra, regression, etc.)
2 import pandas as pd # data analysis package
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # powerful plotting package
```

- Other useful python packages: **scipy** (scientific library), **sympy** (symbolic math), **numba** (performance)

# python MODULES

## *Where does python look for modules:*

- python searches some system dependent locations for modules:

```
1 >>> import sys
2 >>> print(sys.path)
3 ['', '/usr/lib/python39.zip', '/usr/lib/python3.9', '/usr/lib/python3.9/lib-dynload',
4 '/home/fabs/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages', '/usr/lib/python3.9/site-packages']
```

- '' : current directory
  - /home/fabs/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages : version dependent user directory for packages on Linux. Everything you install with `python -m pip install --user` goes there. To find out the user base of your python installation run `python -m site --user-base`.
  - The others are system directories. Anything you install via your *package manager* or by `sudo python -m pip install` goes there.
- Use the `PYTHONPATH` environment variable to extend the search path to your own locations. This is also very useful for *development*: point the `PYTHONPATH` to the module/package you are developing in order to skip installing it into the default search path all the time! `PYTHONPATH` behaves the same as `PATH`, you know how that works.
  - If a module can not be found, you will get a `ModuleNotFoundError`.

# python MODULES

*When and in what order should you import modules:*

- If you need to import other modules in your module, you should import *after* your module's documentation.
- The order of imported modules should be as follows:
  1. Standard library modules
  2. Third-party modules: numpy , pandas , pytorch , etc.
  3. Your own modules

# python MODULES

*Example:* simple module in current directory – module\_1.py

```
1  """
2  Docstring for module_1
3  """
4
5  import numpy as np
6
7  # the __all__ attribute will be honored when somebody executes
8  #     from module_1 import *
9  # it will import only what you specify in the __all__ list
10 __all__ = ['foo']
11
12 pi = np.pi # \pi in module scope
13
14 def foo():
15     print(f"module_1.foo(): pi = {pi:.6f}")
16
17 def bar():
18     print(f"module_1.bar(): pi = {pi:.6f}")
```

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9
10 def bar():
11     print(f"module_1.bar(): pi = {pi:f}")
```

```
1 >>> dir()
2 ['__annotations__', '__builtins__', '__doc__', '__loader__', '__name__',
3  '__package__', '__spec__']
4 >>> from module_1 import *
5 >>> dir()
6 ['__annotations__', '__builtins__', '__doc__', '__loader__', '__name__',
7  '__package__', '__spec__', 'foo']
8 >>> foo()
9 module_1.foo(): pi = 3.141593
```

python **PACKAGES**



# python PACKAGES

- Modules are a great way to organize your code into *logical* units.
- This one-level organization is usually not deep enough for larger projects.
- python packages allow you to organize your project *hierarchically*, just like you would organize your code in your project directory on your file system (this is not a coincidence).

# python PACKAGES

*Example package hierarchy:*

```
1 cs107_package
2 |— __init__.py
3 |— subpkg_1 # sub-package
4 |   |— __init__.py
5 |   |— module_1.py
6 |   |— module_2.py
7 |— subpkg_2 # sub-package
8 |   |— __init__.py
9 |   |— module_3.py
10 |   |— module_4.py
11 |   |— module_5.py
```

# python PACKAGES

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6 |   |— module_2.py
7 |— subpkg_2 # sub-package
8 |   |— __init__.py
9 |   |— module_3.py
10 |   |— module_4.py
11 |   |— module_5.py
```

- The root of the python package
- You could also have modules on this level (there are none in this example).

# python PACKAGES

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3 |— subpkg_1 # sub-package
4 |   |— __init__.py
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6 |   |— module_2.py
7 |— subpkg_2 # sub-package
8 |   |— __init__.py
9 |   |— module_3.py
10 |   |— module_4.py
11 |   |— module_5.py
```

- A sub-package within your package. It again contains a number of modules.
- You could have another sub-packages inside here.

# python PACKAGES

## *The `__init__.py` file:*

- The `__init__.py` is used for package-level initialization either when your package is imported or a module within the package is imported.
- You write normal python code in that file which is then executed when the package is imported (once).
- You can use the `__all__` list inside `__init__.py` to define what should be imported when someone does `from cs107_package import *`.
- Often the file is empty. Since python 3.3 you do not need to have the file *if* it is empty.

# python PACKAGES

## *How to import nested packages:*

- You import a package or a nested sub-package just like a module:

```
1 >>> import cs107_package.subpkg_1.module_1
2 >>> cs107_package.subpkg_1.module_1.foo() # call a function inside that module, phew!
```

- ***This can be tedious!*** Use the `__init__.py` file to make the life your customer enjoyable.

# python PACKAGES

## *How to import nested packages:*

Let's assume we have this code in our modules:

- cs107\_package/subpkg\_1/module\_1.py :

```
1 # of course you can have classes in your modules
2 class Foo:
3     pass
4
5 def foo():
6     print("cs107_package.subpkg_1.module_1.foo()")
```

- cs107\_package/subpkg\_1/module\_2.py :

```
1 # note the '..': relative import in packages
2 from ..subpkg_2 import module_3 as mod3
3
4 def bar():
5     mod3.baz()
6     print("cs107_package.subpkg_1.module_2.bar()")
```

- cs107\_package/subpkg\_2/module\_3.py :

```
1 def baz():
2     print("cs107_package.subpkg_2.module_3.baz()")
```

You could then write your `__init__.py` files like this:

- cs107\_package/\_\_init\_\_.py :

```
1 # note the '.': relative import in packages
2 from .subpkg_1 import (foo, bar)
3 from .subpkg_2 import baz
4
5 __all__ = ['foo', 'bar', 'baz']
```

- cs107\_package/subpkg\_1/\_\_init\_\_.py :

```
1 from .module_1 import foo
2 from .module_2 import bar
3
4 __all__ = ['foo', 'bar']
```

- cs107\_package/subpkg\_2/\_\_init\_\_.py :

```
1 from .module_3 import baz
2
3 __all__ = ['baz']
```

# python PACKAGES

## *How to import nested packages:*

With this structure defined in our `__init__.py` files, we can use our package in a more natural way we are used to from other packages we work with:

```
1 >>> import cs107_package as pkg
2 >>> pkg.bar()
3 cs107_package.subpkg_2.module_3.baz()
4 cs107_package.subpkg_1.module_2.bar()
```

Compare to:

```
1 >>> import numpy as np
2 >>> dir(np)
3 # a lot of output...
```

We can use the `__init__.py` files to define what we want to export from our code and what should remain hidden in the package. The top-level `__init__.py` of [numpy 1.21.2](#) contains 429 lines of code.



# python PACKAGES

- Let us enter the python interpreter, and investigate the `__name__` attribute:

```
1 >>> dir()
2 ['__annotations__', '__builtins__', '__doc__', '__loader__', '__name__', '__package__', '__spec__']
3 >>> __name__
4 '__main__'
5 >>> import module_1 as mod1
6 >>> mod1.__name__
7 'module_1'
```

- The top-level environment in python is called `'__main__'`.
  - When we *import* a module, its name is set to the module filename without suffix.
- When we pass the module through the python interpreter directly, the module `__name__` attribute will be set to `'__main__'` by the interpreter. The difference to the example above is that *we do not import the module into another namespace*. It allows us to add functionality to modules when run by the interpreter. This is why you may have seen code like this at the end of a module:

```
1 if __name__ == "__main__":
2     main() # function to be run when module is passed to the interpreter
```

# python PACKAGES

- We can do the same with *packages*
- Because a package is a hierarchy of files and directories, we must implement this functionality in the `__main__.py` file.
- This file is then passed to the interpreter whenever we pass the `-m` option.

Assume this is our `__main__.py` file in our test package:

```
1 import datetime as dt
2 print(f"Hello from cs107_package! Today is: {dt.datetime.now()}")
```

We can then do this:

```
1 $ python -m cs107_package
2 Hello from cs107_package! Today is: 2021-09-21 19:45:15.069913
```

This is exactly what happens when you use the `pip` package, for example.

```
1 $ python -m pip # runs the __main__.py file in the pip package
```

More reading on python modules and packages can be found in the [python tutorial](#).

**INSTALL AND DISTRIBUTE** `python` **PACKAGES**

# INSTALL AND DISTRIBUTE python PACKAGES

- You now know what python modules and packages are for.
- You are still missing the tools to properly *install* and *distribute* packages.
- Most python packages are available through the [Python Package Index \(PyPI\)](#). It is simply a remote server to fetch the software from.
- By default, `python -m pip install <package>` obtains the package from PyPI.
- Because PyPI is a *production platform* you should use the [PyPI testing](#) server when playing around with pip. Use it like this:

- Simple package without dependencies:

```
1 $ python -m pip install --index-url https://test.pypi.org/simple/ your-package
```

- If you need to resolve dependencies:

```
1 $ python -m pip install --index-url https://test.pypi.org/simple/ \  
2 --extra-index-url https://pypi.org/simple/ your-package
```

# INSTALL AND DISTRIBUTE python PACKAGES

There are many ways in python to create packages and distribute them. The main documentation you should consult is:

- Installing packages: <https://packaging.python.org/tutorials/installing-packages/>
- Packaging projects: <https://packaging.python.org/tutorials/packaging-projects/>

The main tool to install packages in python is `pip`. The classical way is through `distutils/setuptools` but `pip` can handle these cases as well and should be preferred. There are two parts to `pip`:

1. `pip` itself is a *frontend* for installing python packages.
2. It uses a *backend* to accomplish this task.

The backend is *modular*, it can be `setuptools`, for example, or anything else that conforms to [PEP517](#).

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The basics steps to create a release that is publishable on PyPI:

1. Add a `pyproject.toml` file to your project ([PEP518](#))
2. Install build: `python -m pip install build` (a [PEP517](#) package builder)
3. Build your next package release: `python -m build .`
4. Upload to PyPI: `twine upload dist/*` (use <https://test.pypi.org/>)

Steps 1 and 2 need to be done only once. To create a new release, this is sufficient (steps 3 and 4):

```
1 $ rm dist/* && python -m build && twine upload dist/*
```

([twine](#) can be installed via `pip`)

The `dist/` directory contains the built distributions. There are two distinctions:

1. Source distributions: contains source code only
2. Binary distributions: called *wheels*

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*Assume we have this project structure: file:*

```
1 python_project
2 |— LICENSE
3 |— pyproject.toml
4 |— README.md
5 |— setup.cfg
6 |— src
7     |— cs107_package
8         |— __init__.py
9         |— __main__.py
10        |— subpkg_1
11            |— __init__.py
12            |— module_1.py
13            |— module_2.py
14        |— subpkg_2
15            |— __init__.py
16            |— module_3.py
17            |— module_4.py
18            |— module_5.py
```

The `cs107_package` is our python package from the previous discussion.

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*Create a `pyproject.toml` file:*

- This file is used to specify the minimum build system requirements
- It is defined in [PEP518](#)
- For our example the `pyproject.toml` file looks like this:

```
1 [build-system]
2 requires = [
3     "setuptools>=42",
4     "wheel"
5 ]
6 build-backend = "setuptools.build_meta" # use setuptools for building
```



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*For `setuptools` we need to create a `setup.cfg` file:*

```
1 [metadata]
2 name = cs107_package
3 version = 0.0.2
4 author = Fabian Wermelinger
5 author_email = fabianw@seas.harvard.edu
6 description = A small example package
7 long_description = file: README.md
8 long_description_content_type = text/markdown
9 url = https://harvard-iacs.github.io/2021-CS107/
10 classifiers =
11     Intended Audience :: Developers
12     Programming Language :: Python :: 3
13     Topic :: Software Development :: Libraries :: Python Modules
14
15 [options]
16 package_dir =
17     = src
18 packages = find:
19 python_requires = >=3.6
20
21 [options.packages.find]
22 where = src
```

See <https://packaging.python.org/tutorials/packaging-projects/#configuring-metadata>

# INSTALL AND DISTRIBUTE python PACKAGES

*Building and distributing the project is now easy:*

```
1 $ python -m build # omitting output
2 $ ls -1 dist/
3 cs107_package-0.0.2-py3-none-any.whl
4 cs107_package-0.0.2.tar.gz
5 $ twine upload --repository testpypi dist/*
```

- The package is now available at <https://test.pypi.org/project/cs107-package/>
- Note that we published on the *testing server*
- Once you have published a release (version) you can not overwrite it if you found a mistake. You must create a new release for this.
- You can install the package with:

```
1 $ python -m pip install -i https://test.pypi.org/simple/ cs107-package
```

# RECAP

- Class methods, static methods and instance methods
- python modules
- python packages and the python package index ([PyPI](#))