LING 300 - Topics in Linguistics:
Introduction to Programming and Text Processing for Linguists

Week 4

Basic Python 2
Notes from Assignment 3

Biggest thing:

*please* make sure your assignment runs all the way through on Quest!
Notes from Assignment 3

- Meaningful variable names!
- Core ways to read files:
  ```python
  for line in open(f):
    vs
  text = open(f).read()
  ```
- You can do operations in defining `for` loops, e.g.:
  ```python
  for word in s.split():
  ```
- `continue` statement in loops
Scope determines where objects are defined

# `print` is built-in
print('hi!')

# non-indented is global
my_var = 'helloooo'

def my_func():
    # only available
    # inside the function
    local_var = 'hey?'

    # gets NameError
print(local_var)

Sets are unordered collections of unique elements.

Analogous to sets in math, lists of unique items.

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Set Methods

s = set()  # create an empty set
s.add(val)  # add a value to the set
s.remove(val)  # remove a value from the set
s1 & s2  # set intersection
s1 - s2  # set difference
s1.issubset(s2)  # set operations
s1.issuperset(s2)
s1.union(s2)
s1.intersection(s2)

len(s)  # number of items in the set
Dictionaries define key-value mappings

Versatile mappings between whatever and whatever

https://developers.google.com/edu/python/dict-files
Dictionary Methods

d = {}  # create an empty dictionary and assign it to d

d[key] = value  # assign a value to a given dictionary key

d.keys()  # the list of keys of the dictionary

d.values()  # the list of values in the dictionary

if key in d:  # test whether a particular key is in the dictionary

for key in d:  # iterate over the keys of the dictionary

len(d)  # number of keys in the dictionary
Random Built-in Module

- We’ll use it a lot in this assignment!

random.random() with nested conditionals:

```python
randval = random.random()  # float between 0 and 1
if randval < 0.35:
    # 35% chance of entering here
elif randval < 0.6:
    # 25% chance of entering here
else:
    # 40% chance of entering here
```